



# April 4 & 5, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

### Saturday, April 4: EASTER VIGIL

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Divine Service

### Sunday, April 5: EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Divine Service

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast

8:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 AM Easter Sunday Divine Service

### Monday, April 6:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Men. Pub. Lib)

### Tuesday, April 7:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (see location p. 2)

6:30 PM Board Meetings

### Wednesday, April 8:

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

### Thursday, April 9:

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Friday, April 10:

### Saturday, April 11:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, April 12:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour



## ✝ We Pray For... ✝

**The Sick:** Dave & Eileen Acker, Miley Anderson, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Mark & Jean Becker, Elisabeth Billings, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Alex Kamprath, Alice Kircher, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Rev. Ronald Meier, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Phyllis Moran, George Ohlrogge, Diane Peotter, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Randy Ross, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wandler, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Judi Drum, Marc Guiley, Phyllis Moran, Diane Peotter, & George Raleigh.

**Those with Anniversaries:** Claire & Zac Bellman and Richard & Nancy Burrows.

## MUSICAL OFFERINGS:

**Saturday:** Ensemble

**Sunday:** Ensemble & Handbell Choir

## PIZZA RANCH DINE OUT FUNDRAISER

Monday, April 20, 2026

Pick up your Pizza Ranch SCRIP cards!

**\$ SCRIP News \$**

**SCRIP will not be sold on Easter Sunday weekend.**

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
“Like” Us on Facebook.

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were donated by members of the congregation in memory, or honor of loved ones.

### This Weekend’s Banners “REJOICE”

### † Stewardship †

John 20:16 – “*Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’*” Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

### HOLY COMMUNION

Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

### FACILITY ISSUES – CONTACT:

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about facility issues in the church and school buildings, please send an email to [Property@TrinityMenasha.com](mailto:Property@TrinityMenasha.com) and a member of the Board of Properties will get back to you.

### Trinity Veteran’s Plaque

Trinity has a plaque for men and women who have served in our Armed Services. If you would like to add your name and branch of service to the plaque, contact All-Sport Trophy & Engraving, Jon Vanderheyden at (920) 722-0146. The cost is \$8.00. Jerry Maynard will affix your plaque to the board.

## BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School K4—4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**10:30 AM** with Elizabeth GeRue—3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom
- SUNDAY:** “*Ezra*” and “*Nehemiah*”  
**10:30 AM** with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** “*What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School*” with  
**10:30 AM** Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
- MONDAY:** Women’s Bible Study  
**6:30 PM** “*Leaning on Jesus*” A Study of God’s Strength by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study  
**6:30 AM** 3485 Thornberry Dr., Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus  
All are welcome!
- THURSDAY:** Men’s Bible Study  
**6:00 AM** “*Titus*”  
Contact: Steve Reinke  
Conference Room

*For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or the church office.*

## VOTERS MEETING

Congregational Voter’s Meeting  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 • 6:30pm

A copy of the agenda is in the Narthex.

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

## FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, 64 oz. Bottled Juice, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Large Soups and Dish Soap. If you have questions, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

## ✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 7:30 PM, April 4: EASTER VIGIL

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams  
Communion Asst.: TBD  
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert  
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### Sunday, April 5: EASTER SUNDAY

#### **6:30AM Easter Sunrise & 9:00AM Easter Sunday**

EOD 6:30 AM: TBD  
EOD 9:00 AM: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood  
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig  
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Greeter: Rosemary Collingwood  
Acolyte 6:30 AM: Robbie Kohler  
Acolyte 9:00 AM: Richie Sprouse

## ✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 7:30 PM, April 11:

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Roger Voigt  
Communion Asst.: Ian Thomas  
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer  
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### Sunday, April 12:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith  
Communion Asst: Paul Collingwood  
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Greeter: Jane Nielsen  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

## Upcoming April Events Volunteers and Supplies will be Needed!

**It's that time of year again...**

### **Brat Fry Season!**

Our first brat fry and bake sale will be April 24 & 25 during the Irish Road Rummage Sales at 1031 Antelope Train Ct. in Neenah. The Boss's will host this event.

The second will be May 1 & 2 during the High Cliff Rummage Sales at Jerry and Ellie Maynard's home.

Please prayerfully consider how you may use your Time and Talents to help with one or both events. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex after Easter Sunday.

Contacts are:

Paula & Brian Reichert (920) 460-1225, or  
Ron & Dottie Kraus (920) 991-2705.

*Proceeds go toward maintenance projects.*



## **It must be Spring!!**

It's time to plan for the Irish Road Rummage sale April 25th & 26th. Betsy Meverden will again be hosting a "Spring Cleaning" rummage sale on Mary Lane. All profits will be for the Boiler fund. Helpers to sort, tag and organize clean sellable items will be needed. Collectables, crafts, household & workshop items, nicknacks, clothing, etc. will be welcome. You may contact

**Betsy @ 920-585-1845**

for more information and drop off times.  
Cookies will also be needed for refreshments.



**Easter**  
**Psalm 19:1 - 11**

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*<sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

*<sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

*<sup>4</sup>The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

*<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

*<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

*<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.*

*<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Have you ever had a feeling of dread that took over your whole body? An enormous sadness that made you feel like never getting out of bed again? One might imagine this was how the two Mary's felt as they approached the tomb of Jesus that first Easter morning.

Just a couple of days ago, they had great hope that Jesus was their Savior, but now He's dead. He died on the cross, and His body lay in the tomb. There's no room for joy and happiness, is there?

However, what if Jesus' death wasn't the end of the story? What if His death was a means to victory? That sounds silly, doesn't it? But that's precisely what had to happen; Jesus had to become the sacrificial lamb to die in your place

upon the cross, to rest in your grave, so that you can be forgiven and given everlasting life.

And so, as the Mary's approach the tomb of Jesus, the angel's words turn their sorrow into joy. He says, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said" (**Matt. 28:5-6**).

Returning to our original question, have you ever had one of those feelings of dread that took over your whole body? But in an instant, your dread and sadness were instead turned into joy? Because this is what happened for the Mary's! It's also what our psalm today looked forward to as the psalmist wrote, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure" (**Psalm 16:9**). Meaning your body, soul and life can rejoice because Jesus lives, and because He lives, you live not only today, but you will live with Him and be in His presence forever.

If you ever have one of those dreadful days of sadness, remember the joy of today. Remember how Jesus died on the cross for your sins, and then permit these words to turn your sadness into joy: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

**PRAYER**

Risen Lord Jesus, thank You for defeating sin and death, through Your death on the cross and in Your resurrection. When our hearts feel heavy, comfort us with Your promises of victory over the trials and tribulations of this world. In Your name we pray. Amen.

**School Calendar**

April 6 - 12	No School – Easter Break
April 13	School Resumes 9:00 am School Opening
April 14	9:00 am School Chapel
April 15	9:00 am School Opening 9:30 – 3:00 pm Career Day Trats
April 16-19	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip
April 16	9:00 am School Opening
April 17	9:00 am School Opening 9:00 – 2:00 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> EAA Museum
April 20	Dining Out Pizza Ranch



**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**

**"Thank You!" to our members that donated Easter Lilies that adorn God's altar this weekend:**

**Donor:**

Karen Edwards  
Carol Evensen  
Scott & Lori Gutzmann  
Todd & Dawn Henrickson  
Barbara & Tom Kester  
Ronald & Dottie Kraus  
Roy & Ruby Mehl  
JoAnn Schultz  
Roger & Mary Voigt

**In Memory of:**

Husband Dave and their parents  
Lloyd & Lorraine Hagen and Richard Evensen  
Gerald Gutzmann  
Mary Howden & Laurel Wirth  
Brothers Bruce & Bob Becker  
Our Dear Sister Mary Howden  
Parents & Siblings  
Kenneth & Marion Waldburger, Clayton & Sylvia Schultz  
Nyal & Doris Voigt and Clarence & Claricy Wendler



*while we were  
STILL SINNERS,  
Christ died  
for us.*  
ROMANS 5:8

**Donor:**

Dehne, Val & Pastor Jim  
Todd & Dawn Henrickson

**In Honor of:**

Glory of God  
Grandson Luke's 1st Birthday &  
Friend Don's 1st Year Anniversary of Kidney Transplant

