



# April 18 & 19, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

### Saturday, April 18:

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, April 19:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Returns

### Monday, April 20:

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 21:

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

### Wednesday, April 22:

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

6:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 23:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Friday, April 24:

### Saturday, April 25:

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, April 26:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

## 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.

## ✝ We Pray For... ✝

**The Sick:** Dave & Eileen Acker, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, 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, Lana Gast, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Randy LaBelle, Fritz Larson, Josie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, George Ohlogge, Diane Peotter, Joan Reinke, Randy Ross, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Roger Voigt, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Brad Borgen, Nathaniel Boss, Connor Clohessy, Kyah Clohessy, Kimberly Henrickson, Kari Lindner, Kyle Wittmann and Jean Zeinert.

*thank you*

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, visits and food during my recovery. It was greatly appreciated. Dianne Peotter

## Ascension Day Choir – Singers Needed

Practice starts Wednesday, April 22nd at Trinity in Oshkosh: 370 Bowen St. Any questions contact Nancy (920) 277-4388

## 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  
Lee and Elaine Weinig in celebration  
of their wedding anniversary.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“Rejoice” and “Alleluia”

## † Stewardship †

1 Peter 1:18-19 – *“You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”* Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

## 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.

## \$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship Services. Kwik Trip and Fleet Farm have increased their rebate. **This is for a limited time only!**

## 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**  
**10:30 AM** **Sunday School”** with  
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.*

## 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!

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

## **Daily Devotions Direct Link!**

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings’ Daily Devotion videos: <https://trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions> (dash is part of the address).

✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

**Saturday, 5:00 PM, April 18:**

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Robert Allen  
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert  
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer  
Greeter: Betty Allen  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

**Saturday, 5:00 PM, April 25:**

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard  
Communion Asst.: Vern Jahsman  
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer  
Greeter: Barbara Kester  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

**Sunday, 9:00 AM, April 19:**

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Lee Weinig  
Communion Asst: Josiah Nielsen  
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Greeter: Liz Kamprath  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

**Sunday, 9:00 AM, April 26:**

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann  
Communion Asst: Dave Collingwood  
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Greeter: Connie Henkel  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

**Fang's Reading Challenge**

And the winner is .... Roger Voigt who won the Timber Rattlers tickets to our Trinity School Game Day on May 28. Thank you to all the adults that participated in our Fang's Reading Challenge.

**LWML Zone 11 Spring Rally**

Saturday, April 25 • 9:30 am  
Good Shepherd in Oshkosh  
2450 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Theme:** "Reaching Out to Deaf People and Their Families"  
**Speaker:** Rev. Bud Palmer from Emmanuel in West Allis

**Big Thank You...**

to everyone (bakers, helpers, etc.) that made the Easter Breakfast happen. We served 75 people and raised \$307 for the General Fund.



**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!  
MAY 4TH THROUGH THE 8TH**



Trinity has been blessed with seven loving and dedicated teachers and five teacher aides. Please consider helping us honor our teachers and teacher aides with donations: monetary or in-kind, (i.e. SCRIP cards, etc.). Donation envelopes will be available in the narthex and included in our next weekend's bulletin. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office during office hours. The cut-off date is Sunday, May 3rd. Questions, contact Lori Gutzmann (262) 707-8630.



**Easter 3**  
**Psalm 116: 1–14**

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- <sup>1</sup>*I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.*
- <sup>2</sup>*Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as  
I live.*
- <sup>3</sup>*The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.*
- <sup>4</sup>*Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”*
- <sup>5</sup>*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.*
- <sup>6</sup>*The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.*
- <sup>7</sup>*Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully  
with you.*
- <sup>8</sup>*For you have delivered my soul from  
death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;*
- <sup>9</sup>*I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.*
- <sup>10</sup>*I believed, even when I spoke,  
“I am greatly afflicted”;*
- <sup>11</sup>*I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”*
- <sup>12</sup>*What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?*
- <sup>13</sup>*I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,*
- <sup>14</sup>*I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.*

As the disciples walk the Emmaus Road, their words reveal how they are still caught up in the sadness of Good Friday. They've heard the women's report at the tomb but have yet to believe it.

Maybe you know how the disciples are feeling; you, too, have been sad when someone close to you has died.

Our psalm today speaks of how someone may be scared to death. It speaks of being separated from God because of sin. But that's not the end of the psalm, nor is it the end of the story. Hear these comforting words from the psalm today, “For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living” (**Psalm 116:8–9**).

The words of the psalmist speak to how God delivers all believers in Christ from the pit of death. So, what is the opposite of death? It's life! The resurrection of Jesus gives all His believers everlasting life, and for this reason, our tears are wiped away. We know the end of the story — Jesus lives!

Now, after Jesus broke bread with the disciples, what happened to the eyes of the disciples? They were opened, and they believed in the resurrection. They believed in Jesus.

We need our eyes to be opened to Jesus too. For this reason, we need to read His story; we need to be in God's Word every day because in it we learn the greatest story of how He saved us from eternal death.

**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, open our eyes through the Scriptures and Your love for us. Turn our sorrow into joy as You assure us of Your Son's victory over death and the promise of everlasting life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**School Calendar**

April 20	9:00 am School Opening Dining Out Pizza Ranch
April 21	9:00 am School Opening
April 22	9:00 am School Chapel
April 23	9:00 am School Opening 5:00 pm PAC Educator Appreciation
April 24	9:00 am School Opening 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterms

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A**

**APPLETON  
WEST**



**APRIL 20TH**

**TO BENEFIT:**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**PIZZA RANCH WILL DONATE 10% OF YOUR GUEST CHECK TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**

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**DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE OFFICE AND  
PICK UP PIZZA RANCH SCRIP!**

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Irish Road Neighborhood Sales April 24 & 25

# Rummage Sale & Refreshments

## 1902 Mary Lane

### April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 9 – 5

Trinity, Menasha's Spring Cleaning:

## Lots of Treasures!

## Vintage & Antiques, & MORE

To Donate or ?? –  
contact Betsy



### 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 Trail 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 are in the Narthex.

Contacts are:

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

*Proceeds go toward maintenance projects.*