

March 14 & 15, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, March 14: Lent 4

9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Divine Service (School Sings & Chimes)

Sunday, March 15: Lent 4

9:00 AM Divine Service (Ensemble Sings)
10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, March 16:

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, March 17:

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

Wednesday, March 18: Lent 4 Mid-Week

9:00 AM Lenten Morning Prayer
5:00 PM Confirmation Classes
5:15 PM Lenten Meal
6:30 PM Lenten Order of Compline

Thursday, March 19:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, March 20:

5:00-7:30 PM Academic Fair & Art Gallery

Saturday, March 21: Lent 5

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, March 22: Lent 5

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 Wendler, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

Those with Birthdays: Bonnie Brill, Gabrielle Callan, Margaret Dahms, Tim Jandrey, Darrell Krause and Jane Thoman.

Those Celebrating Anniversaries: Christian & Linda Kohler.

THRIVENT CHOICE \$

Thrivent Members - Important reminder that eligible Thrivent members have until March 31, 2026 to direct any remaining 2025 choice dollars. Simply logon to www.thrivent.com/Thrivent_Choice and log in to check your account balance, and to allocate your choice dollars. **Please take advantage of this opportunity prior to March 31st!**

Lenten Meal – March 18 • 5:15 PM

Hosted by the Board of Elders

Menu: Homemade Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup, Chicken & Rice Soup (homemade also!) Rolls, Oyster Crackers, Green Salad, Vege Tray, Fruit Tray, Desserts & Beverages

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
“Like” Us on Facebook.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by the Ladies Aid
to the glory of God.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Christ as a Light, Illumine & Guide Me” &
“People of God in the Word”

† Stewardship †

Psalms 142:5 - *“I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’”* The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

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 and a member of the Board of Properties will get back to you.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Saturday: School Children Sing &
Chime; Sunday: Ensemble

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School K4—4th Grade
10:30 AM with Elizabeth GeRue—3rd -4th
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.

\$ 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!**

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. **We are also in
need of plastic bags.** Thank you for all that you
do to support our Food Pantry!

† Serving the Lord This Weekend †

Saturday, 5:00 PM, March 14:

Elder on Duty: Robert Allen
Usher Team: Roger Voigt
Communion Asst.: Ian Thomas
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, March 15:

Elder on Duty: Michael Bekx
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith
Communion Asst: Dave Collingwood
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas
Greeter: Jane Nielsen
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wed. 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM, March 18:

EOD 6:30 PM: David Little
Both Services Usher Teams: Voigt/Sexmith
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

Lamb Cake Sale 2026



Handbell Fundraiser

Order YOURS TODAY!! Only \$20!!




Pound cake! Shaped like a lamb!

Order Forms available: on posters in the narthex, church office, and from Rose.

Fill out Order Form and return with payment BY 29 March, Palm Sunday!

Your cake will be ready Easter morning!

†♥ in the library (room off the Narthex) 
your name will be on your cake!

All proceeds will help to pay the purchase of 3rd Handbell Octave (due to ship 1 April)!!

Thank you for supporting the Handbell-3-octave purchase!!

Have you checked the Lost & Found box in the Narthex Coat Area? Maybe your long-lost Thing-a-ma-bob is there!

† Serving the Lord Next Weekend †

Saturday, 5:00 PM, March 21:

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

Sunday, 9:00 AM, March 22:

Elder on Duty: Michael Bekx
Usher Team: Lee Weinig
Communion Asst: Steve Sexmith
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wed. 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM, March 25:

EOD 6:30 PM: David Little
Both Services Usher Teams: Allen/Weinig
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

Easter Lily Orders

Lily orders will again be taken for Easter. More information will be available later in March when we can confirm prices.



Board of Worship

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Board of Properties would like to start a fund to purchase a new floor scrubber.

The current unit is 20 years-old, and the maintenance costs continue to increase.

Estimated purchase cost of a new unit is \$6,000. If you would like to contribute to

this fund, please mark your envelope with **Floor Scrubber Replacement Fund**.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

Is It What It Seems?

Psalm 142

¹*With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. ²I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.*

³*When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. ⁴Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.*

⁵*I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."⁶Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! ⁷Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.*

In Psalm 142, we pray, "Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!" (v. 7). But why are we in prison?

As we've mentioned, the season of Lent is a time when Christians examine their hearts and confess their sins. The sins of our lives, the ways we don't obey God's Commandments, bind us up like criminals and separate us from God. It's as if we are in a prison and cannot get out.

Truthfully, there is only one way out of the prison cell of sin: Jesus.

In our reading from St. John today, a blind man cannot see. In a way, the blind man is in prison; he cannot see the world around him, and there is no way to free himself from his blindness or regain his sight. Could you imagine such a prison?

But what do you believe caused the man to be blind? Did he do something specific to cause this loss of vision? No, but he was born sinful like you and me. Remember how Adam and Eve brought sin into the world in the Garden of Eden; that sin continues to be with us and manifests itself in many and various ways, like how some of us need glasses or hearing aids.

However, the one Man who could free the blind man and give him sight came to him, and His name is Jesus.

Jesus' death on the cross now frees you and brings you out of the prison cell of sin. As the pastor stands before you each Sunday and says, "by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins" (*LSB* p. 185). The cross and forgiveness won for you by Jesus are the keys that open the door to forgiveness.

But to be released from your sins, you must learn to confess them. To speak aloud and ask God for forgiveness. So learn to pray Psalm 142 this week and "cry out to the LORD" (**Psalm 142:1**). Because He will hear your pleas and release you, He will forgive you.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to unlock our chains and set us free from sin. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Events Around School

March 14 5:00 pm School Sings

March 16 Winter Break NO SCHOOL

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

9 am School Opening

Boys Volleyball @ Home 4:30 pm

March 18 9 am Lenten Chapel

March 19 9 am School Opening

9:30 am Don't Let the Pigeon

Drive the Bus PAC K4-K5

3:45 pm BVB Practice

March 20 9 am School Opening

2:30 pm Electives

5:00-7:30 pm Academic Fair

3rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home

LOCK-IN for 5th - 8th Graders

On Friday, March 27, 7:00 PM - Saturday, March 28, 7:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran School Contact Pastor GeRue by Friday, March 20th at (920) 886-1077 to reserve a spot. We will have Bible Study, Fun, Games, Pizza, Snacks, and Drinks. There is NO Cost to those who attend. All attendees are asked to bring a bag of snacks and a 2-liter bottle of soda.



1 I trust, O Christ, in You a - lone; No earth - ly hope a -
 2 My sin and guilt are plagu - ing me; O grant me true con -
 3 Con - firm in us Your Gos - pel, Lord, Your prom - ise of sal -



vails me. You will not see me o - ver - thrown
 tri - tion And by Your death up - on the tree
 va - tion. And make us long to hear Your Word



When Sa - tan's host as - sails me. No hu - man strength, no
 Your par - don and re - mis - sion. Be - fore the Fa - ther's
 And fol - low our vo - ca - tion: To spend our lives in



earth - ly pow'r Can see me through the e - vil hour,
 throne a - bove Re - call Your match - less deed of love
 love for You And show Your love in all we do.



For You a - lone my strength re - new. I cry to You!
 That He may lift my dread - ful load, O Son of God!
 And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Sav - ior, come



I trust, O Lord, Your prom - ise true.
 I plead the grace Your death be - stowed.
 And bear Your loved ones safe - ly home.

**Trinity Lutheran School
Academic Fair & Art Gallery
With Silent Auction**

(Silent Auction Benefitting gym/sport equipment)

**Friday, March 20
5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gym**

Pizza, Chips, and Water will be sold
at the concession stand from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
(Proceeds to go to Tuition Assistance)

**Please come support the students at Trinity
Lutheran School and enjoy a fun evening!**

(Donation at the door will be for Tuition Assistance)

The students have put a lot of time and effort into researching and creating all sorts of interesting subjects! **Students will be spotlighted during the following times, in which they will be at their display to explain their projects and answer questions.**

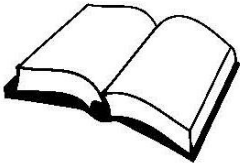
K5 at 5:30-5:45 p.m.

1st - 4th Grades at 5:45-6:15 p.m.

5th - 8th Grades at 6:15-7:00 p.m.

The Academic Fair, Art Gallery, and Silent Auction will be open the entire 5:00-7:30 p.m. for viewing and bidding. You may come and go as you please.

Please note that the Silent Auction will end at 7:30 p.m. but no items will be taken that evening. You will be notified if you have won something and you will need to make payment and pick it up on the following Monday or Tuesday during the school hours of 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Did you make a HOME RUN?

If you've been participating in the Adult Reading Challenge for the Fang's Reading Challenge, you should complete your HOME RUN by March 15!!



The Challenge: Read a total of 8 hours before March 15

If you complete that goal, fill out the form below to put your name in a drawing for a pair of ticket vouchers to our school game day, on **Thursday, May 28 @ 6:40 p.m.**

(If you want to do the challenge, but not be in the drawing—just write that on your entry form. We'd still like to know how many adults participated!)

Last Turn In Day: March 15th

Name: _____

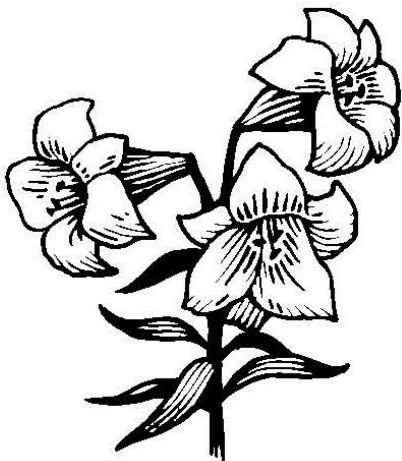
Phone # or Email: _____

I have read 2 hours for each of the four weeks for
The Fang's Reading Program.

Please fill out and put the form in the container
near the Scrip area. Drawing will be after March 15.

Orders Must Be Placed by Monday, March 30th.

Easter Lily Sale



We will be selling lilies to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Funds raised will be used to help our Organ Maintenance fund. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the Church office. **Payment is due at the time you order.** The cost is **\$14.00** for each Lily.

MEMORY: _____

MEMORY: _____

HONOR: _____

HONOR: _____

MEMORY & HONOR: _____

MEMORY & HONOR: _____

Total # of Lilies @ \$14.00 each _____

**I will pick up # ___ Lilies on Saturday, April 4th
between the hours of ___ and ___ for gifts.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Your Envelope # _____