



# May 2022

Elder: Jon Burt  
Altar Guild: Jon & Mindy Burt  
Stewardship: Ashley Bultman



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> See Every Sunday Usher Team: Rodney Matz Acolyte: Addilyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Social Club  7 pm Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6 pm Worship
<b>8</b> See Every Sunday <b>8:30 am Elders Meeting</b> Usher Team: Curt Anderson Acolyte: Jordan Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Grace Allen Accompanist: Peggy Christensen <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Circuit Meeting @ Faith Orange City	<b>11</b>  7 pm Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  6 pm Worship *
<b>15</b> See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Acolyte: Tessa Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Dakota Allen Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	<b>16</b> 7 pm LWML	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  7 pm Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  6 pm Worship
<b>22</b> See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Acolyte: Karlee Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  7 pm Bible Study	<b>26</b>  7 pm Ascension Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6 pm Worship *
<b>29</b> See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Acolyte: Jett Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mandie Allen Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	<b>30</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Bible Class <b>10:30 am</b> Worship <b>Communion</b> on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Website: <a href="http://www.trinityhawarden.com">www.trinityhawarden.com</a>		

### *More Ushers Needed*

The Elders have announced that we will begin passing the collection plate once again for Sunday services. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Pastor or an Elder. Due to passing the plate, we will need more ushers. Please sign up in the Narthex, or call the church office at 551-2743.



## News from the Pews

We have a NEW section for our newsletter called "News from the Pews". We want to include your family news like births, adoptions, baptisms, engagements, marriages, milestone birthdays, deaths, milestone anniversaries, cards of thanks, events, celebrations, card showers, open houses, new address, getting home from the hospital, etc. Anything you want to share with your church family.

### **To Pastor Lowe & our church family members:**

This is long overdue but we want to thank you all for the prayers while John was waiting for his life saving liver transplant. We know that it happened so fast, because our magnificent Lord heard you! We now know first hand the power of prayer.

Thank you for your continued prayers as he heals and gets stronger. Thank you Pastor Lowe for your Saturday evening services.

**Bless you all! John & Lynn Eilts**



## Hats off to our Trinity Lutheran Graduates!



Katrina Burt  
Ian McManaman  
Blake Van Ballegooyen  
David Weinmann  
**Congratulations!**  
**Class of 2022**



### *Welcome!*

Joining our congregation through transfer is Robert Upton. Robert grew up in the country south of Boyer, IA in Crawford County. He graduated from Odebolt Arthur. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. Robert currently works with Sioux County Conservation as a Park Ranger/Maintenance Tech and at Hawarden Regional Health in the maintenance department. Welcome to Trinity!



Please join Katrina Burt to celebrate her upcoming high school graduation on May 14 from 5-8 pm at her home, 1712 Ave. F Hawarden.



### New Member Directory

A new “casual” pictorial member directory is under construction. We will include pictures of individuals or families, along with names, address, phone numbers and email addresses. These will be printed and distributed to **only** Trinity members, one copy per household.

This directory will also be available for viewing on our church website ([trinityhawarden.com](http://trinityhawarden.com)) in a **password protected** file format. We will share the password with only the congregation when the directory is completed. Updates will periodically be made to keep information and pictures current.

Please submit a photo (to [trinityhawarden@gmail.com](mailto:trinityhawarden@gmail.com)) of yourself or your family and fill out the form below with your shareable information. The best photos would be digital ones from your cell phone. If you want, a picture can be taken by Pastor or Lycia on our phones, and approved by you to be used in the directory. **Deadline May 22.**

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### May at Trinity

#### *Social Club*

Trinity Social Club meets the first Wednesday morning of each month at 9:30 -11 am.

We meet for fellowship and a short devotion.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 4.

See you there!

#### *Sunday School*

Sunday May 8 will conclude our Sunday School for this year. There will be awards passed out during our worship service at 10:30 that day, and the kids will sing!



#### *Vacation Bible School in June*

VBS dates are June 20-24 from 6-7:30 pm each evening. Please sign up in the narthex to furnish snacks. Kids and volunteers can sign up online at <https://vbsmate.com/trinityhawarden>.



#### *New Wednesday night Bible Study Begins*

##### *May 4!*

**The Book of Exodus-** Exodus is full of memorable images and drama popularized by movies like the Ten Commandments, but Exodus is even more! We will learn how Exodus establishes the liturgical life of the Old Testament church and a pattern that continues in our lives today. It's a great time to join us!



#### *New Sunday morning Bible Study Begins May 15!*

##### **1 Corinthians**

If you think things are wild today, Corinth was just as bad. It was the Las Vegas of ancient world. What happened in Corinth stayed in Corinth. But the Apostle Paul went there and people were converted to the Gospel. How could they live as Christians in such a wild, wicked place? 1 Corinthians teaches us nothing is new, but God is faithful and He enables us to live our faith in this wild world. If you've been thinking about starting, now is a great time!

## **“Main Street Living” and “This Is the Life” programming information for April, 2022**

May 1

This is the Life – “No Place to Hide” – A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

Worship Service – Rev. James Travis of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message “When Everything is Going Bad: Advice from Heaven” based on Revelation 5:1-14.

May 8

This is the Life – “Dead End” – Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman.

Worship Service – Rev. Erik Christensen of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE, delivers the message “Staying Alive” based on Acts 20:17-35.

May 15

This is the Life – “The Main Event” – A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.

Worship Service – Rev. Ray Ohlendorf of Trinity Lutheran Church in Marcus, IA, delivers the message “The Only Savior for All Mankind” based on Isaiah 12:1-6.

May 22

This is the Life – “The Prisoners” – An elderly woman is attacked and terrorized by a teenage gang.

Worship Service – Rev. Trevor Freudenburg of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message, “A Vision of the Future” based on Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27.

May 29

This is the Life – “A Dream of His Own” – A father and son are at odds when the construction company will evict an Indian family.

Worship Service – Rev. Martin Hill of Trinity Lutheran Church in Martinsburg, NE, delivers the message “Still With Us” based on Acts 1:1-11.

For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)



## **Channels of God’s Amazing Love**

Because God is love, His nature is to love. Love is not merely an attribute of God; it is His character. *“God is love,”* (1 John 4:8), and His love to us is a gift. From the time that He created the world, God has never stopped pouring out His love. He gives us His complete and perfect love not because we are worthy or attractive people, but because He is a God of unfathomable love. That love moved Him to give His Son to rescue us from sin that entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. Out of obedience to His Father and love for us, Jesus gave His life for us. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection from that death, we through faith have received the forgiveness of our sins and life eternal.

We often find it very difficult to love someone we believe does not deserve our love or who does not reciprocate our love. God’s love overcomes those barriers that each of us has. He loves us even though we are unworthy of His love. He doesn’t love us because we please Him. He loves us simply because He is love. His love is unconditional. This is the difference between God and us. Since *“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8), we must realize that we, too, are undeserving. How can we withhold love from others when we ourselves have received such abundant, undeserved love from our Father in Christ?

God charges us to share His love. As the Holy Spirit leads and directs us, convicts and encourages us, the command to love others becomes a joy, not an obligation. It is God’s love flowing through us to others that makes loving others natural and joyful. Throughout God’s Word, He calls us to love everyone which includes not only our families and friends but our enemies, neighbors, and strangers. Jesus tells His disciples that, when they feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit those in prison, they are really doing it for Jesus (Matthew 25:35-40). When we love our neighbors, God’s love is perfected and shown in us and through us.

God’s love to us in Christ is that power that enables us to love Him and others. *“We love because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). By God’s grace, we become people responding out of love to serve those He places in our lives. When needs arise, Jesus opens our eyes and hearts so we can respond to those needs. The Apostle John wrote, *“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God love abide in him?”* (1 John 3:17). Are others seeing God’s love through us? May God help us all be channels of God’s amazing love.



From Pastor's Desk:

Easter is the big event in the life of Jesus. His work is finished on Friday and after the Resurrection on Sunday, Jesus has nothing left to do except to bring this work before His Father at the Ascension. For many, including me, after the climax of Easter, we may ask, "What's next?" What does Jesus do? In between His resurrection and ascension we find Jesus appearing to His disciples. He appeared to them on the road to Emmaus, to the disciples in the locked room and then the next week the same. Then Jesus goes fishing. How fun is that? Jesus actually has nothing better to do than to sit on the beach and fish. He cooks breakfast for the disciples and then continues His instructions before He departs (John 21). Is this an indication of what His followers should be doing?

Certainly, there should be rest, relaxation, and relief after Easter. Jesus is risen! That's the best news we could ever have. Our enemies are destroyed and joy has come into the world that never ends. But we often don't know how to rest properly. While we may enjoy certain activities, most of us are built to keep busy in some fashion. As summer approaches (if it ever will!), perhaps the focus is how do we keep busy in light of everything Jesus has given us. It's not meant to be a burden, but rather a joy. We are free now to take the work we have received from Jesus to live and serve those around us.

There's a difference between doing something because you "have to" versus "get to." For example, if you don't really like your job you may feel you have to do it because it pays the bills. But you get to do your hobbies- things you have chosen to do because you love doing it. The Christian life is living in the tensions- there are things we have to do, but there's so much more you get to do in Jesus. Discovering the freedom of getting to do things, because you can, brings joy to the Christian life. This life flows from Jesus to you. It's no longer a burden. Ask yourself this: What do I get to do for someone today? And do it. Live this resurrection life of getting from Jesus to give to others.

### **Happy May Birthdays!**

- 1 Alexander Hurtado, Randy Klaus
- 2 Corinne Lowe
- 4 Grace Allen, Kay Borchers, Chuck Marienau
- 5 Dan Tentinger
- 6 Rodney Matz
- 7 Luke Huebner, Lydia Lowe
- 8 Clarissa Hedden
- 9 Roger Olson
- 10 Logan Vander Hamm
- 13 Camden Star
- 18 Al Mace
- 19 Meghan Danielson, Dallas Huebner,
- 20 Jett Boyer, Darvin Boyles, Conner Van Ballegooyen
- 21 Nancy Buryanek, Opal Keiser
- 23 Jill Vander Feen
- 24 Bailey Ver Mulm
- 25 Brielle Aldrich
- 26 Jayden Burt
- 27 Sally Hantsbarger
- 30 Sara Graves, John Van Ballegooyen
- 31 Tucker Vander Feen



### **Happy May Anniversary**

- 7 Al & Julie Mace (28 yrs)
- 23 Jerry & Wendi Ruhland (41 yrs)
- 23 Brian & Kara Vander Hamm (13 yrs)
- 27 Jennifer & Jeff Kooi (5 yrs)
- 28 Ryan & Ashley Noble (17 yrs)
- 30 Armando & Pet Hurtado (35 yrs)
- 30 Pastor and Corinne Lowe (12 yrs)

## Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1. 1 Samuel 2:1-10  | Titus. Philemon       |
| 2. Psalm 121        | Hebrews 1-4           |
| 3. Psalm 122        | Hebrews 5-7           |
| 4. Psalm 123        | Hebrews 8-10          |
| 5. Psalm 124        | Hebrews 11-13         |
| 6. Psalm 125        | James 1-3             |
| 7. Psalm 126        | James 4-5             |
| 8. Psalm 127        | 1 Peter 1-2           |
| 9. Psalm 128        | 1 Peter 3-5           |
| 10. Psalm 129       | 2 Peter               |
| 11. Psalm 130       | 1 John 1-3            |
| 12. Psalm 131       | 1 John 4-5            |
| 13. Psalm 132       | 2 John , 3 John, Jude |
| 14. Psalm 133       | John 1-2              |
| 15. Psalm 134       | John 3-4              |
| 16. Psalm 135       | John 5-6              |
| 17. Psalm 136       | John 7-8              |
| 18. Psalm 137       | John 9-10             |
| 19. Psalm 138       | John 11-12            |
| 20. Psalm 139       | John 13-14            |
| 21. Psalm 140       | John 15-16            |
| 22. Psalm 141       | John 17-18            |
| 23. Psalm 142       | John 19               |
| 24. Psalm 143       | John 20-21            |
| 25. Psalm 144       | Acts 1-2              |
| 26. Psalm 145       | Acts 3-4              |
| 27. Psalm 146       | Acts 5-6              |
| 28. Psalm 147       | Acts 7-8              |
| 29. Psalm 148       | Acts 9-10             |
| 30. Psalm 149       | Acts 11-12            |
| 31. 1 Samuel 2:1-10 | Acts 13-14            |



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