



April 2023

Elder: Denny Peters
Altar Guild: Joann Boyer & Heather Schurman
Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek

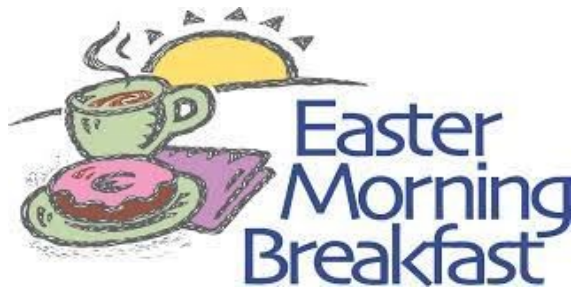


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6 pm Worship*
2 Palm Sunday See Every Sunday Usher Team: Rodney Matz Acolyte: Makiya Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	3	4	5 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	6 7 pm Maundy Thursday 	7 7 pm Good Friday 	8 No Saturday Worship
9 Easter He Is Risen! 7 am & 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Curt Anderson Acolyte: 7 am Addilyn, 10:30 Jordan Camera: Derek Allen A/V: 7 and 10:30 Larry Bauder Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	10	11 Circuit Pastors meeting	12 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	13	14	15 6 pm Worship*
16 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders Meeting 11:30 am Church Council Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Acolyte: Emrie Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	17	18	19 Lycia on vacation 19th—26th 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	20	21	22 6 pm Worship
23 See Every Sunday 11:30 am Voters Assembly Youth Bowling Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Acolyte: Tristen Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Grace Allen Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	24	25	26 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	27 Confirmands 6:30 pm pictures 7 pm Questioning 8 pm Reception	28	29 6 pm Worship*
30 Confirmation Sunday See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Acolyte: Justin Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	EVERY SUNDAY: 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays. Website: www.trinityhawarden.com					

Holy Week Schedule

Worship Services at Trinity

Palm Sunday, April 2	10:30 am	Worship service
Maundy Thursday, April 6	7 pm	Worship with Communion
Good Friday, April 7	7 pm	Worship
Easter Sunday, April 9	7 am	Easter Sunrise Service
	8 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30	Easter Worship
		(No Sunday School or Bible Class)



Easter Breakfast will take place immediately following the 7:00 a.m. sunrise service.

All donations go to support youth programs!
See Kara Vander Hamm to assist in this.

News from the Pews



Happy 60th Anniversary!

Harlan and Ruth Benda will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on April 21. As you celebrate your anniversary, may God continue to bless you in every way.



Ian McManaman has graduated from Air Force Basic Training! His next step is tech school for tactical aircraft maintenance on F-15's.

Here is Emma, Tracie, Ian and Jim at Ian's graduation.



Questioning and Reception for the Confirmands

Thursday, April 27
at 7 pm

Confirmation
Sunday, April 30

Confirmands:
Tristen Miller
Emrie Van Ballegooyen





LWML stands for **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**. Our focus is on missions. We send mission money all over the world with our MITEs. We will be putting out a MITEs Bucket once per quarter in the back of the church, so members can donate on their way out to help raise mission money.

At our last meeting we discussed some new ideas for projects and fund raising. Some ideas brought up were: making freezer meals for individuals/couples/families that could use a meal after a hospital stay, or disruptive event. Maybe a game or trivia night open to all, using Thrivent action cards for service projects, maybe a Pampered Chef party where proceeds get donated for missions, and continuing to furnish Lenten and Advent goodies after services for donations to go to missions also.

Now would be a great time to join! Our next meeting is at 7 pm on Monday, April 17. We have a Bible Study, very short business meeting and plan our next "project". And lunch and fellowship, of course!

Hawarden Food Bank

Trinity has received a letter from American Lutheran Church notifying us that the Hawarden Food Bank will no longer be located at American Lutheran after 2023. They have asked the food bank to form its own board and find another location. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to their church council. Denny Peters from Trinity is also serving on the Food Bank board and understands its operations.

April 2023 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, April 5. See you there!

Be in The Word

Please join us for Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:15! We will be watching "The Chosen" videos and discussing them. The coffee is always on!

Wednesday night Bible Classes will begin again after Easter, on April 12 at 7 pm.



Youth Families

Activity for April

Bowling!

On April 23rd

Watch for more information soon!



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held here at Trinity June 19-23. The theme is GOD'S LIVING WATER. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kara Vander Hamm for more information. Registration will be online.



Another trip to **Brown's Theater in LeMars!**

On Tuesday, June 27 at 7 pm

Jeff and Sheri Easter will be performing Gospel Songs. The Easters have appeared with the Gaithers and have 2 Grammy nominations and 9 dove Awards.

Ticket costs: Adult **show only** price is \$22.

Youth 13-18 **show only** is \$14

Youth 3-12 **show only** is \$9.99

Adult **Dinner and Show** \$37

Youth 18 and under **Dinner and Show** is \$18

The buffet meal will start serving at 5:30 pm

Plus there is usually a \$5 "service fee, handling charge" tacked onto each ticket. These tickets will sell out quickly. Please call Lycia at the church 551-2743 or email trinityhawarden@gmail.com to order your tickets. Turn payments into Lycia at church, or she is in her office Mondays-Thursdays from 8 am to 12 pm. Or mail in your check to Trinity Lutheran, 1103 Central Ave, Hawarden, IA 51023. We can car pool if some don't want to drive.



**WHEN WE HAVE GOD'S WISDOM,
WE WILL SHOW IT IN HOW WE
LIVE.**

"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom" (James 3:13).



Enjoying God's Gift of Money

"God...richly provides us with everything to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). Of all the wonderful gifts that God gives us, the one we struggle with the most is money. In order to enjoy money, we need to control it rather than letting it control us. Controlling our money requires spending some time and effort in planning how we are going to save, spend, and give it. If we fail to control and plan how we are going to manage our money, our financial lives will be filled with disappointment, frustration, and chaos, rather than the enjoyment of the money God enables us to earn (Deuteronomy 8:18). God's Word gives us wisdom on the importance of saving, spending, and giving money so money can be a blessing that we can enjoy.

Saving: It is not easy to save money because our sinful nature is always craving for more and more possessions, as luxuries become, in our minds, necessities. The Bible tells us that saving for the future and investing what we save is a wise thing to do. In Proverbs 21:20 we read, "*Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.*" We are also told to observe the ant who gathers food for the winter (Proverbs 6:6-8). Saving money will help us make better decisions and ensure that we will have money to pay for things we need without incurring interest charges. Saving will enable us to enjoy our money because we won't always be in a financial crisis.

Spending: Televangelist John Hagee wrote, "Since my money is God's money, every spending decision I make is a spiritual decision." In Matthew's Gospel, we are warned, "*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy...*" (Matthew 6:19). Only by controlling our spending on luxuries for ourselves will we be able to save and to give in ways that lay up treasures in Heaven. In order to use wisely and enjoy the money God gives us, we need to have a spending plan.

Giving: By God's grace, we will live wisely in order to give generously. Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35). Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we will be able and willing to give money through our church on the first day of every week according to the blessings that we receive from Him (1 Corinthians 16:2). As Rev. Stephen Olford, a 20th century Christian leader, aptly stated, "Giving satisfies the soul, edifies the church, and magnifies the Lord." God's Word exhorts us to give cheerfully and generously (2 Corinthians 9:7). In giving, we emulate God's nature of giving, which enables us to experience the joy of giving.

From Pastor's Desk:

“I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!” (LSB 461, 1). I can't wait to sing that on Easter morning! Christians live every day in the sweet comfort of Jesus' resurrection! But, at the same time, we go through suffering. And that's the hard and confusing part. “Why do we have to suffer even when we believe that Jesus is risen from the dead?”

Suffering is hard no matter what form it takes. Cancer, diabetes, loneliness, loss, divorce, lack of satisfaction at your job; all of these things and so much more bring us the reality that the world is not right yet, and we are suffering. Many dear Christians I know put on a brave face and point to realities beyond themselves for strength and comfort, but it's still hard. Years ago a dear member was suffering with heart failure and her body was unable to process the fluids so she was seeping fluid from her body which had grown double and triple her normal size. Yet she cried out in faith, “My Jesus suffered more. Nothing compares to what He suffered for me!” Admittedly, very people have ever said that to me, though I am confident people believe that.

Paul encourages us in our suffering to see that the Lord is at work bringing us closer to Jesus. ^{ESV} **Romans 5:3** *More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.* While we hold on to the hope God brings through our suffering we are only human and sometimes we cry out, “Enough is enough!”

The sweet comfort of the resurrection only comes because Jesus suffered for us. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are especially important for us as Christians to see that Jesus truly took upon Himself everything we endure and more. He bears not only our sin and wretchedness before God and owns the punishment we rightfully deserve before God, but He also becomes one with us in our sufferings. What culminates on Good Friday is what Jesus has been enduring as He encouraged the sick and possessed, grieving, and suffering children of God. Jesus' suffering gives meaning and hope to our suffering because He has overcome our greatest loss, and is risen from the dead.

We live in a world that naturally wants to avoid the bad, while, at the same time, we immerse our lives in violent sports, video games, Netflix series, and newscasts. What these things can't bring is hope. Hope is only for Jesus. The sweet hope of the resurrection is that Jesus lives conquered from the dead. He has literally bought you back from sin and death, from rebellion and rejection. And you have a place in Jesus always. And you have a Savior who continues to give you hope and remains with you no matter what kind of suffering you endure. Even in our death we rest securely with Jesus. And you will live even though you die. What sweet comfort, indeed!

Happy April Birthdays!

- 2 Ruth Benda
- 4 Erica Kruid
- 5 Derek Allen, Austin Bultman, Ethan Schurman
- 6 Easton Frye
- 8 Larry Bauder, Marge Dimmick, Karlee Vander Hamm
- 9 Jerry Wakeman
- 10 Caroline Lowe
- 11 Jan Matz, Karen Weyen
- 12 Jack Borchers
- 13 Shauntelle McInnes, Laraine Thorpe
- 15 Pam Van Ballegooyen
- 18 Mike Bockelman, Gloria Green
- 20 Becky Klaus
- 21 Jane Reed
- 22 Ashley Noble
- 23 Clark Danielson, Rita Vander Feen
- 24 Jim Popken
- 26 Katrina Burt, Denny Peters
- 27 Robert Keehn, Myleigh Vos
- 28 Ryan Noble
- 29 Grace Boyles



Happy April Anniversaries!

- 2 Dave & Amy Huebner (18 years)
- 5 Jim & Norma Petry (59 years)
- 6 Jon & Mindy Burt (21 years)
- 11 Frank & Dee Peterson (25 years)
- 16 John & Nancy Jacobs (52 years)
- 21 Harlan & Ruth Benda (60 years)
- 24 Lee & Merry Landenberger (38 years)
- 26 Roger & Mary Johnson (54 years)



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

1. Isaiah 25:1-9	Romans 1-3
2. Psalm 114	Romans 4-6
3. Psalm 115	Romans 7-9
4. Psalm 116	Romans 10-13
5. Psalm 117	Romans 14-16
6. Psalm 118	1 Corinthians 1-3
7. Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 4-6
8. Psalm 119:9-16	1 Corinthians 7-9
9. Psalm 119:17-24	1 Corinthians 10-11
10. Psalm 119:25-32	1 Corinthians 12-14
11. Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 15-16
12. Psalm 119:41-48	2 Corinthians 1-4
13. Psalm 119:49-56	2 Corinthians 5-7
14. Psalm 119:57-64	2 Corinthians 8-10
15. Psalm 119:65-72	2 Corinthians 11-13
16. Psalm 119:73-80	Galatians 1-3
17. Psalm 119:81-88	Galatians 4-6
18. Psalm 119:89-96	Ephesians 1-3
19. Psalm 119:97-104	Ephesians 4-6
20. Psalm 119:105-112	Philippians 1-2
21. Psalm 119:113-120	Philippians 3-4
22. Psalm 119:121-128	Colossians 1-2
23. Psalm 119:129-136	Colossians 3-4
24. Psalm 119:137-144	1 Thessalonians 1-3
25. Psalm 119:145-152	1 Thessalonians 4-5
26. Psalm 119:153-160	2 Thessalonians 1-3
27. Psalm 119:161-168	1 Timothy 1-3
28. Psalm 119:169-176	1 Timothy 4-6
29. Psalm 120	2 Timothy 1-2
30. Isaiah 25:1-9	2 Timothy 3-4



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