

# February 2021

Elder: Derek Allen

Altar Guild: Terry Zierke, Annabel McKee

Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek



| Sun  | Mon | Tue | Wed   | Thu | Fri                       | Sat            |
|--|-----|-----|---|-----|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b><br><b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class<br><b>10:30 am</b> Worship<br><b>Communion</b> on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays<br>Website: <a href="http://www.trinityhawarden.com">www.trinityhawarden.com</a><br>Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church Hawarden, Iowa |     | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5                         | 6              |
| 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                        | 13             |
| See Every Sunday<br>Usher Team: Mark Weyer<br>Acolytes: Brielle, Jessen<br>Camera: Dakota Allen<br>A/V: Mandie Allen<br>Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin   |     |     | 5:45 pm Catechism<br>7:00 pm Bible Study  |     | Family/ Parents Night Out | 6:00 Worship * |
| 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19                        | 20             |
| See Every Sunday<br>8:30 am Elders Mtg<br>Usher Team: Rodney Matz<br>Acolytes: Jayden, Karlee<br>Camera: Katrina Burt<br>A/V: Dan Tentinger<br>Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman   |     |     | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br><i>Worship</i><br>11:00am Ash Wed. Svc<br>5:45 pm Catechism<br>7:00 pm Ash Wed. Svc |     |                           | 6:00 Worship * |
| 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26                        | 27             |
| See Every Sunday<br>Usher Team: Curt Anderson<br>Acolytes: Tessa, Makiya<br>Camera: Dakota Allen<br>A/v: Derek Allen<br>Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman<br>YOUTH GROUP SKATE   |     |     | 11:00am Lenten Svc<br>5:45 pm Catechism<br>7:00 pm Lenten Svc   |     |                           | 6:00 Worship   |
| 28   |     |     |   |     |                           |                |
| See Every Sunday<br>Usher Team: Bill Buryanek<br>Acolytes: Justin, RJ<br>Camera: Derek Allen<br>A/V: Tom Murren<br>Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin  |     |     |   |     |                           |                |

Treasurer's Report: Tracy presented her report (see attached report) with the General fund of \$84,451.76. There are 7 CD'S for a total of \$85,424.59. Tracy reports that we did not qualify for the PPP loan this year. Bill Buryanek motioned to approve Treasurer's report and Gerald Toft seconded. Motion carried.

Endowment Report: Tracy presented her report (see attached report) with a balance of \$654.00.

Other or New Business: Pastor reported to the Voter's that the Synod and District are concerned with COVID and as a result request that the Convention be moved to 2023. Dave Zierke motioned that our Congregation was in favor of moving Convention to 2023. Jon Burt seconded. Motion carried. Discussion regarding upgrading of the video equipment. Derek Allen has received a quote for the cost to upgrade our video equipment. Curt Anderson motioned to move forward with the bid. Tracy DeBruin seconded. Motion carried. Discussion on the vandalism to the Nativity set.

Pastor would like to publicly acknowledge our thanks for the time and effort of our Police Department on solving this case. Research into the cost to replace or refurbish pieces are underway. Discussion on what consequences there should be and what message our Congregation would like to send.

Pastor's Report: See attached report. Months October-December 2020. 8 Sunday worship services. 1 Thanksgiving, 3 Advent Midweek, Christmas Eve 2 services, and 1 Christmas Day. Average Attendance: October 83, November 124, December 83.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Randy Klaus and seconded by Tracy DeBruin. Meeting Adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

Endowment Report: none

Memorial Fund Report: none

Other or New Business: Pastor provides update on the Nativity thefts. Discussion on looking into the security/lighting of the outside of the Church looking forward. Pastor would like to commend the Police Department on their handling of the situation. Updates to video equipment ongoing with Derek Allen researching options. Discussion brought by Pastor on the motion to move back the LCMS National Convention one year. This will be brought to the Voter's meeting next week.

Pastor's Report: Statistics will be reported during the voter's meeting next week.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

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### TRINITY LUTHERAN VOTERS ASSEMBLY – Sunday, January 17, 2021

Pastor Lowe opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Present: Pastor Lowe. Roll call taken with 29 Voter's present. Two new Voters signed in: Justin DeBruin and Mindy Burt. Larry Bauder motioned to accept these new voting members. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: none

Trustees Report: none

Elders Report: Curt Anderson states they have been going through the membership and making phone contact with absent members.

Board of Education and Youth Report: none

Stewardship and Memorials Report: see attached report submitted by Tracy DeBruin showing a balance for the Memorial fund as \$3,950.80.

Finance Report: no report

Building Fund Report: Tracy DeBruin presented the report showing a balance on hand of \$26,683.20 as of 1/11/21.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML): Report from Janice Kitchenmaster reports that the LWML will not be meeting in January or February.

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The Lenten season starts with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Trinity will hold Lenten services each Wednesday at 11:00 am (socially distanced; masks recommended) and 7:00 pm.

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN VOTERS ASSEMBLY- Sunday, January 3, 2021**

Pastor Lowe opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Pastor Lowe and 21 voting members. One new voter signed in: Tom Murren. Bill Buryanek motioned to accept member. Larry Bauder seconded. Motion carried.

This meeting was held for the purpose of approving the 2021 Church budget.

After Pastor highlighting several areas of the Budget and discussion, Rodney Matz motioned to accept the proposed budget for 2021. Dave Zierke seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

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### **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Pastor Lowe opened with a prayer.

Present: Pastor Lowe, Bill Buryanek, Deb Kratochvil, Curt Anderson, Tracy DeBruin, Kara Vander Hamm, Holly Breugem.

President Buryanek called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished Business: none

Trustees Report: none

Elders Report: Curt Anderson reports that the Elders will be updating the membership/absentee roll and reaching out where needed.

Board of Education and Youth Report: none

Stewardship Report: none.

Finance Report: none

Building Fund Report: none

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Report: Report provided from Janice Kitchenmaster that the LWML will not be meeting in January or February.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy DeBruin reported that we did not qualify for the second round of PPP loan from the government. Discussion regarding a credit card or debit card to complete electronic payments. Tracy will reach out to the bank on process.

## *February at Trinity*

### Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on February 21 and will hopefully go skating!



### Family Group

We will have a couples evening out on Friday, February 12. Babysitting will be provided. Please RSVP with Pastor by February 5.

### NEW Social Distance Social Club

Need human companionship? Miss seeing people? Come to the Social Distance Social Club now meeting Wednesday, February 10 from 9:30-11:00am. Bring something to share or come and eat what others brought. Wear a mask (except while eating and drinking, cause that doesn't work well) and sit "apart," but enjoy some Christian social interaction. Tell others.

### Lent

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" This Lenten Season we will focus on prayer. If 2020, taught us anything, there are moments when all we have left is God's Word and prayer. Jesus teaches His disciples to pray by giving them the Lord's Prayer. When you pray that prayer you are using His Words. Come focus on prayer this Lent as we follow with Jesus to the Cross. Lenten services start Feb. 17 at 11:00 am (socially distanced; masks recommended) and 7:00 pm.



### Hymn of the Month

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

LSB 702

This is an American hymn; both the tune and the text were composed by Americans living in the 1800s. The author, Ray Palmer was a Congregational pastor in New England, and Lowell Mason was prominent music teacher. This hymn speaks of the Christian's life of trust in Christ through whatever may come.



**“Main Street Living”** and **“This Is the Life”** programming information for February, 2021

February 7

This Is the Life – “The Point of No Return” This color presentation discusses God’s limitless grace.

Worship Service – Rev. Timothy Geitz of Grace Lutheran Church in LeMars, IA delivers the message “Healer or Preacher” based on Mark 1:29.

February 14

This Is the Life – This week’s episode is “Mr. Big”.

Worship Service – Rev. Lucas Booher of Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, IA delivers the message “The Lifted Veil” based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6.

February 21

This Is the Life – Social responsibility and Christian witness is the topic in “The Day We Lost Ella Mae”.

Worship Service – Rev. Jeffrey Bloom of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE delivers the message.

February 28

This Is the Life – “Out of Bondage” examines the Christian approach to alcoholism.

Worship Service – Rev. Christopher LaBoube of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton, IA delivers the message “The Peace of God Gives Us Hope” based on Romans 5:1-11.

Additional information is available on the web site:

[www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**GOD HAS CREATED EVERYTHING,  
AND THEREFORE HE HAS TOTAL  
AUTHORITY AND IS IN COMPLETE  
CONTROL.**

“The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore” (Psalm 121:7-8).



## Grow in the Grace of Giving

We are now a few weeks into a new year. At the beginning of a new year, we often take stock of the previous year and possibly take steps to change what needs to be changed, improved, or eliminated. Many of us make new year resolutions that involve diet, exercising, reading, or other activities. For your consideration, what about making 2021 a year that you focus on being a better steward of the blessings that God out of His goodness and mercy entrusts to you? Through faith, we understand that all we are and have are gifts from God, and He gives us opportunities to show our gratitude by being faithful stewards of His gifts to us.

An important part of being a faithful steward that we could focus on in this new year is our giving. Giving honors God and expresses our thankfulness to Him for all of His blessings, especially the gift of His Son, Jesus. As Rev. Stephen Olford, a 20<sup>th</sup> 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 the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he tells them and us that we are to give *“on the first day of every week...as [we] may prosper”* (1 Corinthians 16:2). As our incomes increase so should our giving. Through faith, our giving changes from a “must give” to a “want to give” attitude. If it is our desire to grow in the grace of giving, we know that our heavenly Father will hear and answer our prayers seeking His help.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *“It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy”* (1 Corinthians 4:2). God has made us His stewards, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word, He equips us to be God-pleasing stewards. In his second letter to the church in Corinth, Paul wrote, *“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God”* (2 Corinthians 9:11). Paul is telling us that the Lord will provide for whatever we need in order to be generous so that the work of the church here and around the world can go on. Through this work that God is doing through us, we will be enriched and blessed in every way, and, through this work, we will be producing thanksgiving to God.

As we honor God through our giving, we will experience the blessings and joy that come from giving. May God grant us all the resolve to put Him first with the money that He entrusts to each of us.

## From Pastor's Desk

"Lord, teach us to pray..." The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to talk to God as John the Baptist taught his disciples. Prayer is something that doesn't come natural. It must be taught. Who taught you to pray? I remember being taught to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." Many of you were taught that prayer and still pray it. I remember my Granny telling me to always pray, "Lord, in your mercy hear my prayer" because it was only out of God's mercy that our prayers were heard. Delta Koontz, subbing for the pastor in catechism class said to us, "It's best to pray out loud because it helps us focus on the words." All of these things form what we say and how we pray. Jesus has much to teach us about prayer. This Lententide we will focus on the words of the most famous prayer ever taught, The Lord's Prayer. We will also contemplate ways to make our prayer life richer and more regular in our prayer life to God.

How do you define prayer? Prayer is usually defined as talking to God in words and thoughts. That's helpful. To see prayer as a conversation with God. One way to focus this conversation is to pray written prayers from Christian authors, or perhaps even better is to use the psalms, the prayer book of the Bible. The psalms capture a myriad of human emotion while, at the same time, they are God's own words. Perhaps you find the best prayers to be short and to the point, "Lord, help me. Lord, bless..." It doesn't have to be over complicated, but it does need to be done.

Jesus has commanded us to pray and promised to hear us. Seeing prayer as a commandment of God with the promise that God is going to hear it for Jesus' sake, brings us confidence that, sinner though we are, the Almighty God has the time and desire to hear from us. ESV Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Jesus commands us to ask! He promises we will receive! What a generous and gracious God we have!

Let's enjoy a Lent centered in Jesus' gift of prayer, and let's make good use of it all the time.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Jordan Bultman, Phyllis Heuer, Ruth Holkamp
- 2 Jett Van Wyhe
- 4 Ashlynn Eilts, Cherry Reece, Angelica Topete
- 6 Nikki Frye, Braedon Petersen
- 7 Kade Bultman
- 8 Emma McManaman, Addison Van Ballegooyen
- 9 Eric Heuer
- 10 Tom Opdahl, Dorothy Van Wyhe
- 12 Adam McVay
- 13 Josh Bruegem, Bill Buryanek, Janet Wakeman
- 14 Kylee Barker
- 17 Stephanie Petersen
- 19 Nancy Jacobs, Mary Kleihauer, Larry Van Wyhe
- 20 Don Hugh
- 25 Jim McManaman, Mary Johnson
- 26 Joann Bauder, Annabel McKee, Cole Sperle
- 27 Mark Weyer
- 28 Charlie Frye, Dorothy Olson



## February Anniversaries

- 12 Ray & Dorothy Van Wyhe  
(61 years)





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

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| 1. Luke 2:29-32  | Exodus 1-3      |
| 2. Psalm 59      | Exodus 4-6      |
| 3. Psalm 60      | Exodus 7-9      |
| 4. Psalm 61      | Exodus 10-12    |
| 5. Psalm 62      | Exodus 13-15    |
| 6. Psalm 63      | Exodus 16-18    |
| 7. Psalm 64      | Exodus 19-21    |
| 8. Psalm 65      | Exodus 22-24    |
| 9. Psalm 66      | Exodus 25-27    |
| 10. Psalm 67     | Exodus 28-30    |
| 11. Psalm 68     | Exodus 31-33    |
| 12. Psalm 69     | Exodus 34-36    |
| 13. Psalm 70     | Exodus 37-38    |
| 14. Psalm 71     | Exodus 39-40    |
| 15. Psalm 72     | Leviticus 1-3   |
| 16. Psalm 73     | Leviticus 4-6   |
| 17. Psalm 74     | Leviticus 7-9   |
| 18. Psalm 75     | Leviticus 10-12 |
| 19. Psalm 76     | Leviticus 13-15 |
| 20. Psalm 77     | Leviticus 16-18 |
| 21. Psalm 78     | Leviticus 19-21 |
| 22. Psalm 79     | Leviticus 22-24 |
| 23. Psalm 80     | Leviticus 25-27 |
| 24. Psalm 81     | Numbers 1-3     |
| 25. Psalm 82     | Numbers 4-6     |
| 26. Psalm 83     | Numbers 7-9     |
| 27. Psalm 84     | Numbers 10-12   |
| 28. Luke 2:29-32 | Numbers 13-15   |



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