



December 2021

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Altar Guild: Jennifer Kooi & Mary Ortner

Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Website: www.trinityhawarden.com			1 9:30 am Social Club 11 am Advent 5:15 Cat. Supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Advent	2 Brown's Theater Christmas Show	3	4 10:30 am LWML Christsmas Party 6 pm Worship *
5 See Every Sunday 11:30 am Election of Officers Usher Team: Rodney Matz Acolyte: Makiya Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	6	7	8 11 am Advent 5:15 Cat. Supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Advent	9	10	11 9-10 am SS Program Practice 6 pm Worship
12 8:30 am Elders Mtg. 9:15 am Sunday School No adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Curt Anderson Acolyte: Emrie Camera: Katrina A/V: Dan Tentinger Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	13	14	15 11 am Advent 5:15 Cat. Supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Advent	16	17	18 9-10:30 am SS Pro- gram Practice & Jesus' B-day Party 6 pm Worship *
19 9:15 Sunday School No adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship* 3:00 Youth Group Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Acolyte: Addilyn Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Derek Allen Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	20	21	22 No Catechism No Advent	23 	24 6:30 pm Special Music 7 pm Children's Christmas Pro- gram 9 pm Christmas	25  10 am Christmas Worship No 6 pm Worship
26 No Sun School, No Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Acolyte: Jordan Camera: Katrina A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	27	28	29 No Catechism	30	31	No 6 pm Worship On January 1st

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?????

The Initial Offering envelope goes to the general fund to help pay for contribution envelopes.

Regular offering envelopes go to the church general fund or missions.

All loose plate contributions on regular Sundays also go to general fund. Easter also goes into the general fund. You can indicate on your regular offering envelope if you wish to contribute to: Salaries and current expenses or missions.

Salaries & Current Expenses

Salaries and current expenses are the "Home" expenses. They include salaries for pastor, secretary and custodian, church and parsonage maintenance and upkeep, utilities, insurance, worship supplies etc.

Missions

Mission expenses are the dollars we send to Iowa District West, Camp Okoboji and Lutheran Family Services.

If you do not indicate your choice, your contribution will go to the General Fund.

Special Offering Envelopes go to Missions – they include: Reformation, Advent, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Lent Services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and Thanksgiving. The Children's Christmas Program contributions goes to the Sunday School Department and the Candlelight Service contributions goes to the youth. All loose plate offerings go to Missions on the above holidays.

Special Offering such as Building Fund, Lutheran Witness etc. go to the fund marked on the envelope.

You **must** use **your current year's numbered envelope if you want your contribution recorded for your statements**. If you have any questions, please call the office for clarification.

Please note: Hawarden Community Food Pantry and offerings for the Hoechs, Hansons and Siouxland Hispanic Ministries are collected and dispersed separately.

News from the Pews

We are trying 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.

*Thank
you*

From Dan and Peggy Christensen:
"Dan and I want to thank everyone for the best wishes and coming to our open house. We are thankful for family and friends who have made our lives very special."



Congratulations to our member
West Sioux Football players on their
awesome season! Blake Van Ballegooyen,
Connor Van Ballegooyen, Carter Bultman,
Jessen Graves, Jayden Burt,
RJ Ver Mulm, & Kelan Utech



**"THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND
MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US."
HAVE YOU MADE ROOM IN YOUR
HEART FOR HIM?**

"She gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She
....placed Him in a manger, because there
was no room for them in the inn"
(Luke 2:7).



Worship Schedule for December

Advent Services on Wednesdays:

December 1 at 11 am & 7 pm "Resilience in the Word"

December 8 at 11 am & 7 pm "Resilience in Worship"

December 15 at 11 am & 7 pm "Resilience in Attitude and Action"

Wednesday, December 22—No Advent service, No catechism,
No Bible Class

Friday, December 24 — 6:30 pm Special Music
7 pm Children's Christmas Eve Program
9 pm Christmas Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 25— **10 am**— Christmas Day Worship
No Saturday evening service

Sunday, December 26— No Sunday School or Bible Class.
10:30 am Worship

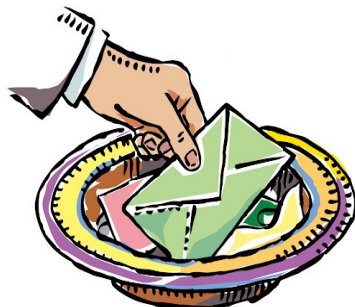
Wednesday, December 29 No Catechism, no Bible Study

Saturday, January 1, 2022 No Saturday evening service

**A Voter's Meeting for the Election of Officers for 2022 will be held
on Sunday, December 5 at 11:30 am.**

Giving

You support and take care of the things you love. There's so much to love about what the Lord is doing at Trinity. In these last months of 2021 help us complete our budget by adding an extra \$5, 10, 20 or more dollars to giving. This ensures we can keep doing the things the Lord has given us to do here. And it takes all of us! Please help out as you are able.



December at Trinity



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 "Outing" is Thursday evening, December 2, at the Brown's Theater in LeMars to see their Christmas show. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. We will car pool from the church parking lot. Watch the bulletin for more information soon!

Youth Group Christmas Party will be

Sunday, December 19. We will have games and activities and hopefully do some caroling.



LWML Christmas party is Saturday, December 4 at 10:30 am. Taverns and chips will be furnished. Please bring a treat to share and your Red Stockings.

Hymn of the Month

"O Sing of Christ" LSB #362

This is a new Christmas hymn in our hymnal by Pastor Stephen Starke. Starke wrote many hymns for *Lutheran Service Book*. This hymn speaks of the promise of Christ made way back in the Garden of Eden fulfilled in the Christ child. It paraphrases the words of John 1, which is the Gospel for Christmas Day, concerning the great mystery that God sends His Son and some reject Him, but for us He is our Emmanuel, our Savior. The tune is a 19th century English tune, which is sometimes paired with O Little Town of Bethlehem.



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

December 5

This is the Life – “Stable Boy” – A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

Worship Service – Rev. Michael Buchhorn of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE, delivers the message “Comfortable or Comforted?” based on Luke 3:8.

December 12

This is the Life – “Red Boots Christmas” – A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

Worship Service – Rev. Klaus Raab of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hinton, IA, delivers the message “We Are Celebrating Gaudete” based on Zephaniah 3:14-20.

December 19

This is the Life – “Christmas Is” – The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

Worship Service – Rev. Joshua Keinath of Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, IA, delivers the message “Rejoice in the Lord Always” based on Philippians 4:4-7.

December 26

This is the Life – “Puzzle Club Christmas” – The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.

Worship Service – Special Christmas Message delivered by Rev. Scott Snow of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS.

Additional information is available on the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com.



Who Is Jesus?

Some couples expecting a baby are eager to know the sex of the child beforehand for obvious reasons – like appropriate nursery décor, blue or pink clothing, even choosing names. Others like to wait till the baby is born to find out if they are parents of a baby boy or a baby girl.

Joseph and Mary had no such dilemma. An angel appeared to each with the same message: *“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel’ (which means God with us)”* (Matthew 1:21-23).

Thirty plus years later, this Jesus rode into Jerusalem as people shouted, *“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!”* but some asked, *“Who is this?”* After all Jesus had done throughout His three-year ministry, people still didn’t know who He was! Even those who answered the question gave an insufficient reply: *“This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee”* (Matthew 21:9-11).

The same terrible reality is ours today: Not everyone knows who Jesus is. Some, like those in Jesus’ triumphal path that day, say He was a great prophet or teacher. Others say He was a fake, an imposter. How would you answer the question, *“Who is Jesus?”* We, like Peter, have the only true answer: *“[He is] the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (Matthew 16:16). Not only did Peter have the answer, he directs us, *“In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”* (1 Peter 3:15 NIV).

As stewards of the Gospel, we must be prepared. We must be studying God’s Word and be in prayer that we might be empowered by the Word and equipped by His Spirit to give answers to those who ask and to use the wonderful, natural opportunities that the Christmas season affords to speak about the Savior, the reason for our Christmas joy.

May God empower us all to spread the wonderful news that Jesus Who is the Savior of the world has come to redeem us and to give us an abundant life now and life with Him in eternity.

From Pastor's Desk

Resilience is the ability to overcome difficult situations. We have heard repeatedly that Covid was unprecedented. In some ways, that's true. We have not had a global pandemic for a while and many saw for the first time the implications the pandemic had on their lives. But we've had other situations in life that personally challenging: cancer, loss of loved ones, financial troubles, job loss... You fill in the blank. How did we overcome this? As a new pastor I had the privilege to serve a generation that's almost completely gone. They were born or grew up during the great depression. Dust storms, economic tragedy, loss of life were a daily part of their lives. This childhood was followed by World War II where many of their brothers went off to war and never came home or came home and weren't the same. This generation didn't miss church and they knew the importance of the Christian faith, prayer, and life together. Through this suffering God had made them resilient to overcome situations with faith, prayer, and weekly worship of the God who saved them in His Son.

While times have changed, the situations of life haven't. We still suffer, struggle, get sick, and the future is unknown. We need what Jesus gives- the ability to endure and meet the challenges with faith. This week I heard some downright scary statistics. Last weekend in a mid-sized town in a state near us, 5 teenagers attempted suicide. The district reported that 26% of seniors and 23% of sophomores had attempted suicide. They called in local clergy to help. Guys we have the hope the world needs. Jesus has the hope we need! It is the strength of His presence in His Word and Sacraments, and the fellowship that creates in weekly worship and study of the Word to endure. We need the resilience He gives and maintains.

This Advent, God's Word focuses us on the people of the bible who have dealt with adversity, sometimes by their own doing. God's Word teaches and delivers Jesus who has overcome every barrier, even ourselves, to build resilience in Him. He makes us tough. And we need that. And the world needs that. Come be made tough this Advent.



1 Wendi Ruhland
2 Dave Huebner
3 Curt Anderson
4 Carol Coffelt, Kristi Pies
5 Brooke Klemme, Trudy Paul
6 Dan Christensen, Mary Ortnier
7 Blake Van Ballegooyen, Brenda Watkins
8 Carson Frye, Sonya Kruid, Emma Mace
9 Tara Van Ballegooyen
11 Tracy De Bruin, Juliana Miller, Amber Van Wyhe
13 Adriana Star
14 Sharilyn Buryanek
15 Paisley Anderson, Joyce Boyer, Roxanne Topete
17 Carl Bass, Lisa Ruhland
18 Dave Hamilton
19 Dana Curiel
20 Carol Aldrich, Marlin Janssen
22 Carter Bultman
25 Diego Hurtado, Casey Van Bochove
27 Lycia Anderson, Lois Greder, Addilyn Van Wyhe
28 Henry Lowe
29 Lukas Burt, Steve Johnson
30 Jule Schoellerman



1 Rick & Kim Waterman (5 years)
5 Angel & Amy Topete (27 years)
30 Casey & Amanda Van Bochove (16 years)

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

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| 1. Exodus 15:1-18 | Hosea 8-10 |
| 2. Psalm 122 | Hosea 11-14 |
| 3. Psalm 123 | Joel |
| 4. Psalm 124 | Amos 1-5 |
| 5. Psalm 125 | Amos 6-9 |
| 6. Psalm 126 | Obadiah, Jonah |
| 7. Psalm 127 | Micah 1-3 |
| 8. Psalm 128 | Micah 4-7 |
| 9. Psalm 129 | Nahum |
| 10. Psalm 130 | Habakkuk |
| 11. Psalm 131 | Zephaniah |
| 12. Psalm 132 | Haggai |
| 13. Psalm 133 | Zechariah 1-5 |
| 14. Psalm 134 | Zechariah 6-10 |
| 15. Psalm 135 | Zechariah 11-14 |
| 16. Psalm 136 | Malachi |
| 17. Psalm 137 | Matthew 1-2 |
| 18. Psalm 138 | Matthew 3-4 |
| 19. Psalm 139 | Matthew 5-6 |
| 20. Psalm 140 | Matthew 7-8 |
| 21. Psalm 141 | Matthew 9-10 |
| 22. Psalm 142 | Matthew 11-12 |
| 23. Psalm 143 | Matthew 13-14 |
| 24. Psalm 144 | Matthew 15-16 |
| 25. Psalm 145 | Matthew 17-18 |
| 26. Psalm 146 | Matthew 19-20 |
| 27. Psalm 147 | Matthew 21-22 |
| 28. Psalm 148 | Matthew 23-24 |
| 29. Psalm 149-150 | Matthew 25-26 |
| 30. Exodus 15:1-18 | Matthew 27-28 |



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