

January 2022

Elder: Derek Allen
Altar Guild: Dave and Shelly Aldrich
Stewardship: Ashley Bultman



EVERY SUNDAY: 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Website: www.trinityhawarden.com						1
						No 6 pm Worship
2 No Sun Sch or Bible Class Installation of Officers 11:30 am Council Mtg. Usher Team: Denny Peters Acolyte: Tessa Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	3 Sun. Jan. 2 3-5 pm Open House @ Parsonage	4	5 9:30 am Social Club 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	6	7	8
						6 pm Worship
9 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders Mtg. 11:30 Voters Mtg. Usher Team: JP Breugem Acolyte: Karlee Camera: Katrina A/V: Dan Tentinger Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	10	11	12	13	14	15
			5:15 pm Cat. Supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship *
16 See Every Sunday 3:00 Youth Group Swim Usher Team: Mike Bockelman Acolyte: Jett Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Derek Allen Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	17 Pastor at Preaching Workshop, Carroll, IA	18	19	20	21	22
			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship
23 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Rodney Matz Acolyte: Bailey Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mandie Allen Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	24	25	26	27	28	29
			No Catechism No Bible Class			No 6 pm Worship
30 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Acolyte: Tristen Camera: Katrina A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	31					

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 GeneralFund.

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.

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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.

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

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2022

PRESIDENT

Bill Buryanek (2022)*

VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Murren (2023)*

SECRETARY

Deb Kratochvil (2023)*

ELDERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Dave Zierke (2024) A-Burt*
Mike Bockelman (2024) Buryanek-Hass
Derek Allen (2022) Hazel-Kooi
JP Breugem (2023) Kool-Peck
Jon Burt (2023) Peters-Tepe
Denny Peters (2022) Thorpe-Z

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Ashley Bultman (2022)*
Sharilyn Buryanek (2022)

TREASURER

Tracy DeBruin (2023)*

TRUSTEES

Brian VanderHamm(2022)*
Brett Anderson (2022)
Boe Boyer (2023)
Mike Kruid (2023)

FINANCE BOARD

Holly Breugem (2022)*
Mindy Burt (2023)
Tracie McManaman(2023)
Mandi Allen (2022)
Dave Aldrich (2022)
Linda Bockelman (2022)

BRD OF ED. & YOUTH

Samantha Anderson (2023)
Kara VanderHamm (2022)*

All the officers have 2 yr. terms under the constitution except Elders, which is a 3 yr. term. No officer can serve more than 3 consecutive terms.

Church council consists of chairmen of all boards and committees, and presidents of all auxiliary organizations. Year listed after the name is the expiration of term.

*Indicates Council member

January Schedule

Sun. Jan. 2, No Sunday School or Bible Class
Sun. Jan. 2, Installation of Officers during worship service 10:30 am
Sun. Jan. 2, Church Council meeting at 11:30 am
Sun. Jan. 2, 3-5 pm Parsonage Open House
Wed. Jan. 5, 9:30 am Social Club
Wed. Jan. 5, 5:15 pm Catechism supper & Catechism classes begin
Sun. Jan. 9, 8:30 am Elders Meeting
Sun. Jan. 9, 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class starts again
Sun. Jan. 9, 11:30 am Voters Meeting



New
Offering
Envelopes

Please pick up your 2022 offering envelopes. We are grateful for all the generous giving in 2021. Through your gifts, the Gospel goes out to our congregation, the community and the world. Please continue the good work the Lord is doing in our midst through your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

ESV 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

NEW Wednesday Bible Class

Why Are Lutherans Weird? We will discuss the aspects of the Lutheran church that make us unique among Christian confessions. Please join us for this engaging class every Wednesday evening at 7 pm.



January 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. In January, we will meet on Wednesday the 5th. See you there!

Youth Group will go swimming at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center on Sunday, January 16. Please let Pastor know if you can go or drive kids.



LWML will not be meeting in January and February.

Parsonage Open House

Pastor, Corrine and the kids invite you to come over for festive treats and conversation on Sunday, January 2 from 3-5 pm.



Thank you to all who helped with the Children's Christmas Program. It's always a joy and a blessing to hear the Good News of Jesus' birth from the children!

Poinsettias 2021

Poinsettias on the Altar

Deb Kratochvil

Jon, Mindy, Katrina,
Jayden & Lukas Burt
Shirley Cain

Don & Stacia Hart
Phyllis Heuer
Shari & Fred Koopmans &
Randy & Pam Heuer
Mike & Sonya Kruid

Curt & Lycia Anderson
Roger & Audree Olson
Mike & Linda Bockelman

Dallas & Ardis Huebner
Grace Boyles

Carol Bolluyt

Duane & Carol Aldrich
Jane Buryanek
Rick & Joann Boyer families
Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek
Pete & Kristi Kingma
Justin & TracyDeBruin&family

Denny Peters

Joyce Boerma

Merry Landenberger

Frank & Dee Peterson
Peggy & Darvin Boyles

Betty Brandsma

In loving memory of Tyler Kratochvil
and Norman Timm by Deb Kratochvil
In celebration of my family

In loving memory of Fred and Jeanne Wood
In loving memory of John and Fern Van Wyhe
In loving memory of Erlyn Cain
In celebration of Jesus' Birthday
In loving memory of Clarence Heuer

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In loving memory of Melvin Kruid &
In celebration of our Grandchildren
In celebration of our family
In honor of Pastor Lowe and family
In loving memory of loved ones who
have passed

In celebration of Christmas
In loving memory of Ferrell Boyles
& In celebration of the birth of our Savior
In loving memory of Dean Bolluyt & all
family members who are gone

In celebration of Christmas
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In loving memory of John and Fern Van Wyhe
In celebration of our grandchildren
In loving memory of Don & Millie Bultman

In loving memory of John DeBruin
In loving memory of Natalie Sheveland
In loving memory of Randee Peters &
In celebration of our family

In loving memory of Dale Boerma
In loving memory of Gerrit and Esther Boerma
& Julies & Elsie Anderson

In loving memory of Joyous & William Ramsey
In loving memory of Mark Landenberger

In celebration of Christ's birth
In loving memory of Ferrel Boyles
In loving memory of Larry Green
In loving memory of Russ Brandsma

Stewards Living with Purpose

In the book of Psalms, King David wrote, *"The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me"* (Psalm 138:8). In spite of David's sinful life and the difficulties he had with Saul and Absalom, the Lord fulfilled His purpose for David. Just as God had a purpose for David, so He has for us as well. Have you given much thought to what purpose God may have for your life? By grace, we understand that we were created for God's purpose, not ours.

One important purpose God gives His people is to care for His creation and His people. We are given the honor to be His stewards. Stewards care for all that God entrusts to us according to His will. As His stewards, we understand that He is the creator and owner of all things. When we responsibly care for the earth and provide for His people both physically and spiritually, we honor God as His stewards,

God's Word reminds us that by nature we are sinful fallen people who are spiritually dead and unable to accomplish the purpose that God has designed us to do. The Apostle Paul tells us that *"We once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us...made us alive together with Christ..."* (Ephesians 2:3-5). The only way we can do anything to please Him and to live with a God-pleasing purpose is to be recreated by the Holy Spirit and to be converted into new people in Christ (2 Corinthians 5).

As people of faith, our purpose is not to live for ourselves but for Jesus Who *"died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised"* (2 Corinthians 5:15). In our lives as stewards, we can, with God's help, put Him first in all things. *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31). When we serve, let us serve *"by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 4:11).

Thomas Carlyle, an historian and author, wrote, *"The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder—a waif, a nothing a no man."* We need purpose in order to have meaning for our lives. We are blessed because in Christ we have purpose for living. May we all thank God that He has given us faith and wisdom to understand that our purpose in life is to give Him glory, honor, and service.

From Pastor's Desk

Several years ago, a seminary friend of mine, now a pastor in Texas, began writing notes on Facebook to whoever reads them. He signed each one "a concerned Pastor." Those notes come from the heart of a man who desires people to have the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ while still walking in a world of distraction, confusion, busyness, sickness and death. It's hard sometimes, despite preaching for a living, for pastors to convey to their congregation exactly what his concerns are for fear people will be upset, misunderstand, or ignore the words he says. So, I'd like to take the opportunity in the next several newsletter articles to write some of my "concerns" to you. Know that Jesus loves you, that's most important, and He wants you to have everything He has. Know that I love you very much. Sometimes saying hard things needs to happen for us to grow and move forward. Know that whatever I say comes from a concerned heart and always out of love. If you are confused, concerned, or even upset by what I say, come talk to me.

Dear members of Trinity, I am concerned that our worship attendance is dropping. Each Saturday night and Sunday morning I come hoping that our sanctuary will be full of people who want to receive the gifts of Jesus. That's what worship is about- receiving Jesus' gifts and responding to Him with thanks and praise. God has commanded us to "Remember the Sabbath Day" and He means it. This means coming to church to gather together to "gladly hear and learn" the Word of God. I'm concerned that it's so easy for you not to come or that you're filling your lives with the wrong things. I am concerned that you're letting work, busyness, other activities, and even laziness replace your "hearing and learning" together as God's people. And this puts you in a danger of rejecting the gifts of Jesus. True, our calendars fill up fast and there's always lots going on, but you make the choices for your families. No one makes it for you. You are responsible. We also go to church to encourage each other in our walk with Jesus through this life. ^{ESV} **Hebrews 10:24** *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* The day of Jesus' return is drawing near, and we need what He gives. We need what we share together as a family of believers.

Some of you, of course, will read this and say, "I'd like to be there, but..." I'm not talking about if you're sick or elderly or concerned about the weather. I'm more concerned if you're not coming for some other reason. We've attempted to broadcast services online, these are helpful for sharing with those who can't be there, but the Lord wants us to meet together in person. Online worship is not meant to replace being there in person. As Lutherans, we believe the Lord is present with us in worship- it's His Divine Service. It's especially important for Jesus that we receive His Word together with our fellow Christians and for us to receive His body and blood in His Supper. "Do this..." is His Word. Jesus wants you to have it. If you can't be there because of illness, physical challenges, etc., to arrange me to bring communion to you.

Again, the Lord loves you, and I love you. In the new calendar year consider the importance of being in worship weekly for your eternal good and the good of your family in Jesus. You need to do something five times to make it a habit. This is a good habit. This needs to be a concern that all of us at Trinity have for each other. Each of us matter to the Lord and each of us need to matter to one another. Consider how you can encourage your fellow members to be active in worship and how important it is for you. Your Concerned Pastor

January Birthdays

2 Teagan Bass, Bennett Ruhland
4 Addilynn Huls, Shaun Ruhland, Linda Van Wyhe, Ray Van Wyhe
5 Amanda Huls
6 Nic Engleman
8 Brady DeBruin, Brooke DeBruin, Bruce Wakeman
9 Kara Vander Hamm
11 Jan Daggett, Craig Huls
12 Lynn Thorpe
13 Shelly Schlumbohm
15 Linda Wohlman
16 Jerry Ruhland
17 Ian McManaman
18 Jessica Ver Mulm
19 Robert Ballard
23 Emma Breugem, Brian Vander Hamm
24 Bill Benda, Pam Harvey
25 Kelan Utech
26 Joann Boyer, Marcia Hazel, Kambrie Schelling
27 Jon Burt, Tom Murren, Lauryn Ruhland
28 Ron Klaus
29 Scott Schlumbohm



January Anniversaries

8 Darvin and Peggy Boyles (60 years)
20 Mike and Linda Bockelman (29 years)

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

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| 1. Luke 1:68-79 | Mark 1-2 |
| 2. Psalm 30 | Mark 3 |
| 3. Psalm 31 | Mark 4 |
| 4. Psalm 32 | Mark 5 |
| 5. Psalm 33 | Mark 6 |
| 6. Psalm 34 | Mark 7 |
| 7. Psalm 35 | Mark 8 |
| 8. Psalm 36 | Mark 9 |
| 9. Psalm 37 | Mark 10 |
| 10. Psalm 38 | Mark 11 |
| 11. Psalm 39 | Mark 12 |
| 12. Psalm 40 | Mark 13 |
| 13. Psalm 41 | Mark 14 |
| 14. Psalm 42 | Mark 15-16 |
| 15. Psalm 43 | Genesis 1-3 |
| 16. Psalm 44 | Genesis 4-6 |
| 17. Psalm 45 | Genesis 7-9 |
| 18. Psalm 46 | Genesis 10-12 |
| 19. Psalm 47 | Genesis 13-15 |
| 20. Psalm 48 | Genesis 16-18 |
| 21. Psalm 49 | Genesis 19-21 |
| 22. Psalm 50 | Genesis 22-24 |
| 23. Psalm 51 | Genesis 25-27 |
| 24. Psalm 52 | Genesis 28-30 |
| 25. Psalm 53 | Genesis 31-33 |
| 26. Psalm 54 | Genesis 34-36 |
| 27. Psalm 55 | Genesis 37-39 |
| 28. Psalm 56 | Genesis 40-42 |
| 29. Psalm 57 | Genesis 43-45 |
| 30. Psalm 58 | Genesis 46-48 |
| 31. Luke 1:68-79 | Genesis 49-50 |



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