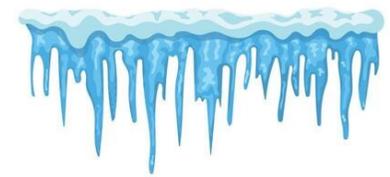


January 2026

Elder: Derek Allen
 Altar Guild: Dave & Shelly Aldrich
 Stewardship: Sonya Kruid



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS </div>				1	2	3 4 pm Worship*
4 See Every Sunday Installation of Officers 11:30 am Church Council mtg Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Mary K, Audree O Acolyte: Everly, Lydia A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	5	6	7 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	8 10 AM Bible Study	9	10 4 pm Worship
11 See Every Sunday Kids Sing in Church 11:30 am Voters mtg Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Corinne & family Acolyte: Riley, Wyatt Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	12	13	14 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	15 10 AM Bible Study	16	17 4 pm Worship*
18 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders mtg 1 pm Youth Swimming Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Janissa & Paisley Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	19 7 pm LWML	20	21 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	22 10 AM Bible Study	23	24 4 pm Worship
25 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Arlett & Aubrie Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	26	27	28 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	29 10 AM Bible Study	30	31 4 pm Worship*



Bible Study picks up again on **Thursdays at 10 am in January**. We are studying the book of Revelation. Sunday morning **Bible Class** resumes **January 4 at 9:15am**.



We wish to **thank all of you** for your continuous love and care for our family year-round, but especially this Christmas. Your generosity to us is heaven-sent. We are especially thankful for the time you allowed us to be away with Pastor's mom. Your prayers and words of concern for her and our family mean so much. Never underestimate how your words and actions (just showing up to worship and bible class, meetings and duties) mean to your pastor.
-The Lowes

Youth Swimming in Sioux Center on Sunday, January 18.
Leave from church at 1 pm.



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, January 18th.

LWML will meet on Monday, January 19 at 7 pm.



Sunday School is back in full swing in January! Sunday School kids will be singing during worship on Sunday, January 11th.

MEALS NEEDED

Please sign up to help supply meals for the Catechism classes each Wednesday. Food or monetary donations accepted. Use Meal Train online at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/q2v7rr...>



Celebrating 125 years at Trinity Lutheran Church!

We have red star Christmas ornaments celebrating our 125th anniversary here at Trinity! Please help yourself to one free ornament per family. They are in a box at the back of the church



New Envelopes for 2026

New 2026 envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex.



FEMA

Schumacher Elevator hopes to install the new elevator in February (as of now). There is a delay in parts. We know many of you anxiously waiting for this. The completion of the elevation will be the last of the flood renovations. Tracy, Bill, and Pastor continue to meet with FEMA. We are about 3 steps away from receiving funding that will be used to pay for the elevator installation. Please pray for a successful (\$\$\$\$) end to the FEMA process. It has been a long, tedious, and confusing road.

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.

All loose plate contributions on regular Sundays also go to general fund. Easter also goes into the general fund.

NEW: This year you will notice the offering envelopes only have one option: **General Fund**. In past years, people found the extra option: **“Mission”** confusing. This **“Mission”** option did not go to support the **Second Offering**, but **District Missions**. The **District Mission**, (**Camp Okoboji**, and **Lutheran Family Service offering**) will now be taken from the **General Fund**.

General Fund

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

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 Hansen family, our overseas missionaries, and mission projects of our own LWML, are collected and dispersed separately in the **second offerings**.



Christmas Poinsettias 2025

Altar Poinsettias given by

Deb Kratochvil	In loving memory of Tyler’s heavenly birthday
Deb Kratochvil	In celebration of my family
Sandy Marienau	In loving memory of Chuck Marienau
Sandy Marienau	In honor of Viet Nam Veterans
Corey & Jodi Utech	In loving memory of Karen Watterson
Tom & Jane Murren	In loving memory of Ann Waterman & Anne Gabel
Mike & Linda Bockelman	In loving memory of all our loved ones who have passed
Carol Bolluyt	In loving memory of Dean Bolluyt, and our family who have passed away
Dallas & Ardis Huebner	In celebration of Jesus’ birth
Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek	In celebration of our grandchildren
Don & Stacia Hart	In loving memory of Erlyn & Shirley Cain
Sara Ratzsch & family } Sarina Talich & family }	In loving memory of Erlyn & Shirley Cain
Betty Brandsma	In loving memory of Russ Brandsma
Curt & Lycia Anderson	In celebration of our family
Jared & Kassy Boyer	In loving memory of Benton & Lois Boyer
Jared & Kassy Boyer	In loving memory of Joyce Boyer
Jared & Kassy Boyer	In loving memory of Ashley Vreeman
Justin & Tracy DeBruin	In loving memory Wayne & Natalie Sheveland
Justin & Tracy DeBruin	In loving memory of John DeBruin
Joyce Boerma	In loving memory of Dale Boerma
Joyce Boerma	In loving memory of Gerrit & Esther Boerma and Julius & Elsie Anderson



Trinity Is NOW a Swaddling Clothes Center!

Our Swaddling Clothes Center will open this month! Sunday, January 25 from 3:00-5:00 will be our first distribution day for families that need help to supplement diapers and wipes for the care of their small children. A parent must attend to register and pick up diapers/wipes. There is a monthly allotment allowed to each family.

So, we still need diaper/wipe donations to fill our shelves so that we will be able to supply families in need!! Please share with family, friends and co-workers that we are having a **Diaper Donation Drive-Thru. On January 10th or 18th, anyone can drive through the Trinity parking lot between 1:00 and 3:00 and drop off their diaper, wipes or monetary donation. Volunteers will come to their vehicle to take their donation.**

Keep up to date with our new mission program by following us on **Facebook: Trinity Hawarden Swaddling Clothes Center**

If you have questions please email:

hawarden@swaddlingclothes.org

Sammy Anderson, Kassy Boyer, Amanda Buryanek, Nancy Buryanek and Breanne Noble are serving as the steering committee for this program. They can also help answer questions.

Swaddling Clothes is a program run by various congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, throughout several states, with a mission to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.



Stewardship: Faith in Action

God has given His people the high honor and great privilege to be stewards of His wonderful creation. We care for His creation as well as the gifts that our gracious God has entrusted to each of us individually. Through faith, we understand that all we are and have are gifts from Him. What we do as stewards is governed by His Word, and we use the time, talents, and resources He entrusts to us according to His will and for His purposes. Stewardship is our response as believers to what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He wants us to use the resources that He has provided us in such a way that people come to know and trust in Him.

In his book, *Stepping Stones of the Steward*, Ron Vallet wrote, "Stewards are not simply born. We are created and molded as stewards by the Holy Spirit in a life-long process that includes conversion to the shape of the life we see in Jesus Christ and many experiences of losing and finding our way in the Lord." Despite our unworthiness, God has chosen us in Christ to become His stewards. By our own reason or strength, we are unable to be faithful in our stewardship, but, through the Holy Spirit working within us through Word and Sacrament, we can be faithful stewards. Our stewardship becomes a joy rather than an obligation. It is our connection to Christ which enables us to be stewards each and every day. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Him Who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). God equips us to do whatever He calls us to do.

Because of God's goodness, He thinks so highly of us that He trusts us to administer what belongs to Him. As God's stewards, we understand the privileges and responsibilities that we have in all the relationships of life. Our stewardship impacts our relationships with our families, neighbors, co-workers, and with all of creation. As His stewards, we receive His gifts thankfully, manage them responsibly, and give them generously.

Christian stewardship puts our faith into action. It is our wholehearted response to God's redeeming love. Faith gives us access to God's endless source of power, and faith produces the works of love that we do in Christ. May God help each of us become the stewards who tap into His strength, seek to do His will, and attempt to fulfill His purposes. Blessings on your stewardship journey!



From Pastor's Desk...

^{ESV} **Luke 2:16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

The Christmas season in the Church continues until the Transfiguration in February. Don't put your Christmas away yet!

The Shepherds found Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Much is made of these swaddling clothes, but really, not much is known about them. They were clothes fit to wrap a newborn in, of course, but hardly fit for the Son of God! That's ok- Jesus has come to serve and be served.

As we continue in this Christmas season, Trinity begins a new endeavor. Giving away diapers and wipes to those in need. It's called Swaddling Clothes. You can read more about it in this newsletter. As Christ served us by becoming human wrapped in swaddling clothes, now we serve in His name, too. Contributing to Swaddling Clothes is one way you can serve either by donating or volunteering. Talk to Nancy Buryanek.

There are other ways to serve, too. A new calendar year usually comes with new goals, ambitions, or resolutions. The best and most fruitful resolution you can do is to do what St. Paul resolved: ^{ESV} **1 Corinthians 2:2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Knowing Christ crucified means receiving what Christ gives in His Word and Sacraments. It means living our your life as God's child. Children hear and learn from their parents, so you hear and learn from your Father's Word in Scripture. Children eat and have fellowship at their Father's table. So you have fellowship, life and salvation from eating and drinking your Savior's body and blood. We share Christian fellowship studying the Word together and serving our neighbor in a variety of ways. It seems like the same old message, but the new year always comes with much of the same things.

As you think of the new this year, think of ways to live as a Christian in whatever you do. On the sports field, classroom, on your phone and social media, among your coworkers, in your family, wherever you are put. People are looking for Jesus- He's found you just like He found the shepherds. He's right where He promises to be- Word and Sacraments- and in your care and love for others in His name.

Happy January Birthdays!

- 2 Teagan Baas
- 4 Shaun Ruhland, Linda Van Wyhe
- 5 Briggs Buryanek
- 6 Nic Engleman
- 8 Brady DeBruin, Brooke DeBruin
- 9 Kara Vander Hamm
- 11 Craig Huls
- 13 Shelly Schlumbohm
- 14 Jonathan Krug
- 16 Jerry Ruhland
- 17 Ian McManaman
- 21 Jerad Boyer, Mitchell Gradert,
- 23 Emma Breugem, Brian Vander Hamm
- 24 Bill Benda, Pam Harvey
- 25 Kelan Utech
- 26 Joann Boyer, Marcia Hazel, Kambrie Schelling, Corah Strong
- 27 Jon Burt, Tom Murren, Lauryn Ruhland, Weston Steen
- 28 Ron Klaus
- 29 Scott Schlumbohm, Clara Van Wyhe



Happy January Anniversaries!

- 8th Darvin & Peggy Boyles (64 yrs)
- 15th Don & Donna Hugh (33 yrs)
- 20th Mike & Linda Bockelman (33 yrs)



Praying for our Congregation this Month

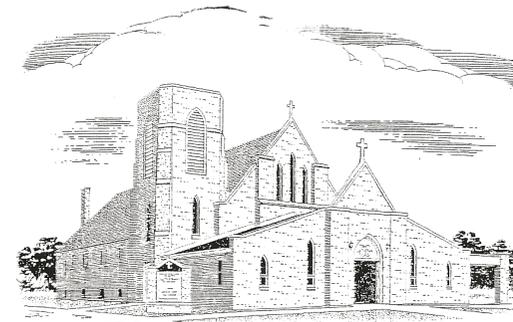
Each week, we will pray for 6 or 7 families in our congregation (alphabetically, by last name). In the month of January, these are the families that we will pray for :

- Jan 4 Joyce Boerma
 Carol Bolluyt
 Jack & Kay Borchers
 Rick & Joann Boyer
 Boe Boyer
 Jared & Kassy Boyer and Beckett
 Jett & Amelia Boyer
 Darvin & Peggy Boyles
- Jan 11 Betty Brandsma
 JP & Holly Breugem, Emma
 Cathie Brown
 Kurt & Deb Bultman
 Brian Bultman, Jordan
 Austin Bultman
 Ashley Bultman, Carter, Kade
- Jan 18 Bruce Bultman
 Kara Bultman, Mikah McVay
 Jon & Mindy Burt, Katrina, Jayden, Lukas
 Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek
 Jane Buryanek
 Brice & Amanda Buryanek, Boston, Bode, Briggs
 Nancy Buryanek
- Jan 25 Amy & Jimmy Cason
 Dan & Peggy Christensen
 Cole & Katie Clarey, Liam, Remi, Hazel
 Carol Coffelt
 Jessica Coffelt
 Dana Curiel
 Joshua Curiel

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“Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:2



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