



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS www.trinityhawarden.com			1	2
3 See Every Sunday NO Bible Class 11:30 am Voters Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Jon & Mindy Burt Acolyte: Logan, Wyatt Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	4	5	6	7	8	9
			No Bible Study			6 pm Worship*
10 See Every Sunday NO Bible Class Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek Acolyte: Lukas, Eastyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Pastor Lowe and family at Camp Okoboji this week through August 17				
		Church office closed this week. Lycia gone on vacation.				No Worship
			No Bible Study			
17 See Every Sunday NO Bible Class Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Mary K, Audree O Acolyte: Levi, Luke Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	18	19	20	21	22	23
			No Bible Study			6 pm Worship
24 See Every Sunday NO Bible Class Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Corinne Lowe & family Acolyte: Jordan, Cooper Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	25	26	27	28	29	30
			No Bible Study			6 pm Worship*
31 See Every Sunday NO Bible Class Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Bailey, Lesley	Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Peggy Christensen					



HAPPY 102 YEARS!

Lester Janssen turned 102
years young on July 17!

Birthday Blessings to you,
Lester!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will meet after
services on August 24.



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on
Sunday, August 24.

LWML will meet on Monday,
August 18 at 7 pm.



No Bible Study in the month of Augst. This
includes Wednesday nights and Sunday
mornings. We will pick up again after
Labor Day, in September.



July 20, 2025 at 10:30 am

Trinity congregation celebrating our 125th Anniversary!



Sunday, July 20, 2025
Fellowship Hall filled with people
to enjoy the catered dinner!



Guest preacher, Chaplain Merlin Stephan
and Pastor Lowe



VBS was a success at Trinity July 7-11!
 "Celebrate the Savior" had 36 kids attend.



St John's Lutheran Church in rural Ireton, IA will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on Sunday, September 14. They would like to invite everybody to help them celebrate. They are having a 2 pm service. The service will start with a hymn sing, followed by the worship service. Around 3 pm they will serve coffee and desserts in the parish hall located next to the church. They are asking for an RSVP. You can email bjasper@premieronline.net or text 712-541-3170. Include your name and the number of people planning to attend. RSVP deadline is September 1st. Pass the word around to your friends and relatives.

St John's Lutheran Church
4755 Fir Ave.
Ireton, IA 51027

**ARE YOU SPENDING TIME WITH
 JESUS, OR ARE YOU LIKE MARTHA
 IN BETHANY WHO WAS DISTRACTED
 BY THE DEMANDS OF THE DAY?**

"But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her'" (Luke 10:41-42).





Thanks to everyone who helped make Trinity's 125 a success. Especially, LWML who planned the meal, those who set up tables and chairs, and all who came to celebrate! A special thanks to Brian Vander Hamm, Bill Buryanek and Tracy DeBruin who ensured renovations happened and the funds were collected.

We are grateful to Chaplain Stephan and his wife making the trip and preaching the Word. It was a beautiful day!

It's a relief to have our renovations complete! Now it's time to get to work using the gifts God has given.

5th Sunday Communion

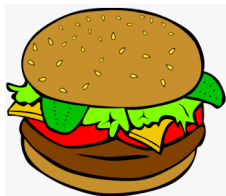
The Elders have voted to try communion at the altar again. People can kneel or stand. Those who can't make it up the steps will receive communion in the pew. This will only be done on the 5th Sundays. The first 5th Sunday is August 31.



Pastor at Camp Okoboji

Pastor will chaplain at Camp Okoboji April 11-17. Pastor Michael Wolfram from Lutheran Family Service will be here to preach on August 17.

The church office will be closed from Aug. 11-16. Lycia will be on vacation.



Hamburger Stand

Volunteers Needed! It's that time of year! Please consider helping in this project which aides the youth programs at church. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Go and Bear Fruit

Fruit trees are one of the many wonders of God's creation. To see the beauty of the tree and its fruit, to enjoy its taste, and to realize that it all came from a tiny seed is beyond our comprehension. An apple seed is planted in the ground, and, with water and sun as nourishment, miraculously a seedling surfaces that develops into a fruit tree. After a period of time, the apple tree fulfills its mission by bearing apples.

We, as Christians, are like that apple tree. We, too, have been fed and nourished by God so we can bear fruit. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..."* (John 15:16). Jesus tells us *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). The life and power of any plant is found in its vine. The vine uses the branches to produce its fruit. The branch is simply a growth of the vine, produced by it and appointed to bear fruit. The branch exists only because the vine makes it possible.

Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. When we stay connected to Jesus, we are told that we *"will bear much fruit."* Christ has given us the task of ministering to the needs of others and spreading the Gospel. As we stay connected to Him through His Word and Sacraments, we discover God's perfect will for us, and we are empowered to please Him by bearing fruit (Colossians 1:9-10). God has created us to bear fruit (Ephesians 2:10), but only through Christ is it possible for us to do so.

"If we live by the Spirit," Paul exhorted, *"let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another"* (Galatians 5:25-26). As children of God, we have this fruit because His Spirit lives in us, not as a result of our own efforts. We do cease to bear fruit when we give in to our sinful natures, becoming, in Paul's words, *"Conceited, provoking one another."* We are to *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness"* (Ephesians 5:11a), but are to *"Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:8b-10).

Go and bear fruit!



From Pastor's Desk...

Where do we go from here? I'm sure you've asked yourself that question. Over the past year, we at Trinity have asked ourselves this question. First, it was clean-up, then planning, then renovation work in the church basement! But now... IT'S DONE! Hallelujah! Literally, praise the Lord! But what do we do with the renovated space?

Certainly, it will continue to be used for Sunday School and congregational gatherings. But what else? God has saved us in Christ, God has saved us and rebuilt our building for His purpose. Part of that purpose is to grow in faith through teaching and fellowship. However, our neighbors, our community has needs this space could serve.

What are those needs? Here's some possibilities for us to pray about and research.

Swaddling clothes ministry- We are Pro-Life. God loves babies and families. Swaddling Clothes is a ministry of the LCMS that supports women and families through diapers/baby wipes, and other birthing needs. This ministry has benefited many throughout Iowa. You can learn more at: swaddlingclothes.org.

ESL (English as a Second Language) classes- English is a hard language to learn. This program operates through Iowa District West Hispanic Missionary Rev. Pedro Lopez. Many of our neighbors want to learn English or speak it better this program helps them to do that. The Hispanic population in Hawarden is huge. They are our neighbors. How can we serve them?

What else could we do to serve our neighbor?

We are blessed to have neighbors at St. Paul's, Ireton. Pastor Boothby and I have been in conversation with Rev. Dr. Keith Haney, Missionary Executive for Iowa District West, about ways our congregations can work together. We need each other. We have each other!

Let's get to work!

Happy August Birthdays!

- 2 Mary Klaus, Calen Strong
- 7 Rich Kratochvil
- 8 Terra Spangler
- 11 Shannon Baas, Gary Salberg
- 12 Cathy Peck, Morgan Utesch
- 14 Emrie Van Ballegooyen
- 15 Karlinda Benda
- 17 Luci Ferge
- 19 Lesley Mora, Hudson Noble
- 20 Michalle Hedden
- 21 David Weinmann
- 22 Bill Boyer, Kirsti Kingma
- 23 Duane Aldrich
- 24 Dakota Allen, LaCreasha Gray
- 25 Dee Peterson
- 28 Brian Bultman, Joshua Curiel
- 29 Katie Van Ballegooyen
- 30 Tamara Steen
- 31 Jessica Coffelt, Bud Hass



Happy August Anniversaries!

- 7 Mike & Sonya Kruid (15 yrs)
- 10 Jeff & Stephanie Petersen (34 yrs)
- 14 Monte & Pam Harvey (44 yrs)
- 18 Pete & Kristi Kingma (24 yrs)
- 18 Rodney & Jan Matz (62 yrs)
- 20 Brett & Samantha Anderson (14 yrs)
- 20 Larry & Joann Bauder (56 yrs)
- 20 John & Lynn Eilts (42 yrs)
- 20 David & Erika Weinmann (9 yrs)
- 23 Justin & Tracy DeBruin (6 yrs)
- 23 Calvin & Anna Pulfrey (22 yrs)
- 23 Nick & Ashley Strong (11 yrs)
- 30 Bill & Karlinda Benda (34 yrs)



Families in our congregation that we will be praying for in August:

Aug 3: Eric and Mary Ortner and Justin
Crystal Osterkamp, Alex and Andrew
Chris and Emily Parks and Erielle
Trudy Paul
Joyce Peck
Denny Peters

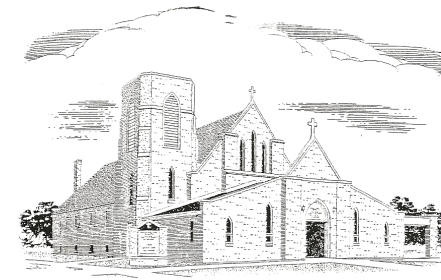
Aug 10: Jeff and Stephanie Petersen, Austin and Braedon
Frank and Dee Petersen
Jim and Norma Petry
William and Kimberly Phillips, Bode, Boston, Bayne
Jim Popken
Carolyn Puhl, Mike Tristen and Juliana

Aug 17: Tara & Luci Ramos
Jane Reed, Kylee and Quincee
Doug & Colleen Riediger
Lisa Ruhland
Lauryn Ruhland
Jerry & Wendi Ruhland
Shaun & Molly Ruhland, Axel, and Aspen

Aug 24: Gary & Carolyn Salberg
Trevor & Kendra Schelling, Paisley, Kambrie, Asher
Scott & Shelly Schlumbohm
Mitch Schlumbohm
Sherry Schuerkamp
Matthew & Shautelle Schuller, and Owen
Mike & Heather Schurman, Brooke, Alyssa, Makiya and Tessa

Aug 31: Terra Spangler
Zain Spangler
Duane & Teresa Sperle
Cole Sperle
Pam Star
RaeAnna Wangerin
Cody & Adrianna Star, Camden and Alexa
Chance & Tamara Steen, Cooper and Weston

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