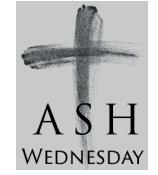


February 2026

Elder: Mike Bockelman
 Altar Guild: Annabel McKee
 Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek

EVERY SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 See Every Sunday Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Curt and Lycia Acolyte: Zander A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	2	3	4 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	5 10 AM Bible Study	6	7 4 pm Worship
8 See Every Sunday Sun Sch Kids sing in church Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Mike and Linda Acolyte: Ivette, Emmalee A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	9	10 Circuit Pastors Meeting	11 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	12 10 AM Bible Study	13	14  4 pm Worship*
15 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders mtg. Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Jon and Mindy Acolyte: Brynnly A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	16  7 pm LWML	17	18  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten service	19 No Bible Study	20	21 4 pm Worship
22 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Bill and Sharilyn Acolyte: Cooper, Lincoln Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	23	24	25 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten service	26 No Bible Study	27	28 4 pm Worship*



No **Thursday** morning Bible Class during the Lenten season. Lent starts February 18.
Sunday morning Bible Class is at 9:15 am every Sunday.

Youth Ice Skating
on Sunday, February 15
Leave church at 1:30 pm



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, February 15th.

LWML will meet on Monday, February 16 at 7 pm.



Sunday School kids sing on February 8.



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...>

The Prayer List vs. The Prayer Chain

The prayer list is printed in the weekly church bulletin. You can ask Pastor or Lycia to put names on this list, and let us know when to take them off the list. Call us at church 712-551-2743, or email trinityhawarden@gmail.com, or text Pastor or Lycia 712-551-7444. Pastor will include these names during the worship service when we pray. You can take the bulletin home and pray for these people during the week. Some names are on the prayer list for one Sunday, some are on for longer periods of time.

The prayer chain is a more immediate need for prayer. For example, an accident, a surgery or sudden hospitalization, a medical test, or any emergency/sudden need. Jean Toft is the person to call at 712-551-6990. (Or you can call Pastor or Lycia also, and we will tell Jean right away.) She will activate the prayer chain by calling the next person on the prayer chain list, then they call the next, etc. Very soon, there are many people praying "right now" for any need. You can be as specific or non-specific as you prefer. We can always use **MORE** people on the prayer chain! More people praying is a powerful thing! Let Jean Toft or Lycia know if you would consider praying for people.



If you see your neighbor's, friend's, or relative's offering envelope box still in the narthex, could you consider taking it to them? We might have to mail the rest and postage cost about \$6 each last year. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2026

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Bill Buryanek (2026)*

VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Murren (2027)*

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Lycia Anderson (2027)*

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Derek Allen (2028)* Hazel-Kooi

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Jon Burt (2026) Peters-Tepe

Justin DeBruin (2027) Thorpe-Z

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Nancy Buryanek (2026)

Cathie Brown (2026)

Jane Buryanek (2026)

BRD OF ED. & YOUTH

Heather Schurman (2026)*

Trevor Schelling (2027)

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



LENT

What do the 40 Days of Lent represent?

Lent's 40 days are set aside as a time of reflection, repentance and spiritual growth. 40 days are observed to represent the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert where he fasted and was tempted by the devil. At the end of Jesus' 40 days, this was when he started his public ministry."

During Lent, the word not said (or sung) in many Christian traditions, is "Alleluia" (or "Hallelujah"), meaning "Praise the Lord," because it's a joyous expression of praise that's reserved for Easter to celebrate Jesus's resurrection, while Lent is a solemn, penitential season of preparation and mourning for his Passion. This practice, sometimes called "**Burying the Alleluia**," emphasizes repentance and anticipation for Easter joy, with the word returning triumphantly at Easter.

Midweek Lenten services will be held at Trinity on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Ash Wednesday kicks off the Lenten season on February 18. Palm Sunday falls on March 29. Maundy Thursday is April 2, Good Friday is April 3, and Easter Sunday is April 5.

ANSWER THIS QUESTION:
IS MY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS TAKING A BACK
SEAT TO MY WORLDLY
PURSUITS?

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).





Update from Swaddling Clothes

Trinity Hawarden Swaddling Clothes held our first ever diaper distribution day! On Sunday, January 25 there were four families that came to receive a supplemental supply of diapers and wipes. We heard thankful words of gratitude for starting this mission of service. The steering committee would like to thank all that donated money and/or diapers and wipes! Without the community responding to our request, this would not be possible.

Now the task of keeping an inventory so that we can do these each month! Iowa District West did approve a Rural and Small Town Grant request for \$2500 and this will definitely help with maintaining the needed inventory. We also will continue to reach out to you, our congregation, and to other community members should our inventory need replenishing. Funds for this service come from donations and grants.

We will put out a call for donations when we are low on inventory, however, we are always accepting donations should someone want to give at any time. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Distribution day is the fourth Sunday each month from 3-5pm so please pass this on to any families that you think may benefit.

It is a blessing to be part of a congregation that cares about their community. We are looking forward to word-spreading and more families utilizing this service.



Storage room



Check-in

Blessings for Faithful Obedience

Connected to Christ as branches to the vine, we are enabled to live obedient lives. Scripture makes some exciting promises to those who love and obey Him. Our Savior declared, *"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 we lead will depend on our relationship with Jesus. When He lives within us, we receive His strength to serve and obey Him. When He abides in us, the love of the Lord will be seen through us. *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you"* (John 15:7). When Christ dwells within us, God will pour out His blessings upon us. Sometimes material blessings will be given along with the certainty of spiritual blessings. We will be blessed *"in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places"* (Ephesians 1:8).

The blessings of God are given to those who love and obey Him; the curse of God will be on those who are disobedient. Some of God's blessings or curses, depending on obedience or disobedience, are recorded in Deuteronomy, chapter 28: *"If you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God"* (Deuteronomy 28:1-2). The next twelve verses share God's blessings to the obedient. Verse fifteen is the first of fifty-three verses relating to God's curses for disobedience: *"But if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all His commandments and His statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you."*

As we face decisions, we need to remember the far-reaching consequences our choices will have. We can choose curses by disobedience, or we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, choose a blessed life by obedience. An old adage says, "We make decisions, and then our decisions turn around and make us."

We live in a broken and rebellious generation. The obvious question, of course, is why? Many think the answer is confusing, but it is not. It is found throughout the record of Scripture; it is disobedience. How can we be obedient? We must learn, by the Spirit's power working within us through Word and Sacrament, to be obedient to Christ in the details of daily life. We rely on Jesus' words, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness"* (2 Corinthians 12:9).



From Pastor's Desk...

Easter orients everything in the Church. Christmas is a set date: December 25, of course. But Easter moves around. Ever wondered why? The Western Church (Church this side of Istanbul/Constantinople (that old distinction), celebrates Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus, the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal (Spring) equinox. Because the date of Easter follows the moon cycle, it changes. That's why this year Easter is early (April 5).

More than just a calendar date, the resurrection of Jesus orients our lives every day. His resurrection is His victory over sin, death, and the grave. It is the joyous defeat of everything that hurts and harms us because of sin, brokenness, loss, pain, health, and age. It is the triumph of all triumphs. Christ's victory is His eternal "I won." And He gives us this victory to us- it's ours!

I know I'm jumping the gun a bit, but I think it's helpful to orient ourselves this way going into Lent. For many, Lent is a dark and sad time. Wrestling with your sinful flesh is. Seeing yourself in the mirror of God's perfect commandments yields a scary, embarrassing, and shameful picture of ourselves. We are always tempted to say, "If it hurts, don't do it. Just focus on the bright side." You can do that, of course, but the Church gives us Lent because it learned that Easter becomes a relief because we've been through the wilderness of self-reflection and repentance.

There is joy in putting in the work of exercising your faith through self-reflection, meditation on God's Word, and living in the rich and full forgiveness of sins and resurrection victory Christ gives. Like physical exercise and healthy diets the results produce something to be thankful for and the feeling the work paid off. The work God does on us every day- especially in Lent and Easter will pay off for our everyday good, too.

Join us for midweek services as we explore the life of Jesus through the hymn, "O Love How Deep." It'll be a new hymn for us, but worth learning. As we live again through Christ's Passion, trust that the Lord's work is good for you and believe that Christ's death and resurrection orients every day from now to eternity.

Happy February Birthdays!

- 1 Jordan Bultman, Ruth Holtkamp
- 4 Ashlyn Eilts, Cherry Reece, Angelica Topete
- 6 Pam Star
- 7 Kade Bultman
- 8 Emma McManaman, Addison Van Ballegooyen
- 9 Eric Heuer
- 12 Adam McVay
- 13 JP Breugem, Bill Buryanek, Janet Wakeman, Kyle Wilkens
- 14 Kylene Barker
- 15 Nick Strong
- 17 Stephanie Petersen
- 19 Nancy Jacobs, Mary Kleihauer, Larry Van Wyhe
- 20 Don Hugh
- 25 Mary Johnson, Jim McManaman
- 26 Joann Bauder, Annabel McKee, Cole Sperle
- 28 Dorothy Olson



Happy February Anniversaries!

17th Jett & Amelia Boyer (2 yrs)



Praying for our congregation this month...

Each week, we will pray for 7 or 8 families in our congregation (alphabetically, by last name). In the month of February, these are the families that we will pray for :

Feb 1 Justin & Tracy DeBruin, Brooke, Brady, Addilyn, Emmalee

Marge Dimmick

Clarissa & Reid Dreckman

John & Lynn Elts

Ashlyn Elts

Brian & Karen Engleman

Brenda Finch

Gloria Finch

Feb 8 Mitchell & Tara Gradert

LaCreasha Gray

Lois Greder

Dave Hamilton

Mark Hamilton

Carl & Tara Harry

Pam & Monte Harvey

Bud Hass

Feb 15 Marcia Hazel

Mark Hazel

Michalle & Kody Hedden

Stan Hendricks

Eric Heuer

Ruth Holtkamp

Dallas & Ardis Huebner

Dave & Amy Huebner, Levi, Luke

Feb 22 Don Hugh

Rhonda Huls

Craig Huls

Pet & Armando Hurtado

Karey Hurtado

John & Nancy Jacobs

Lester Janssen

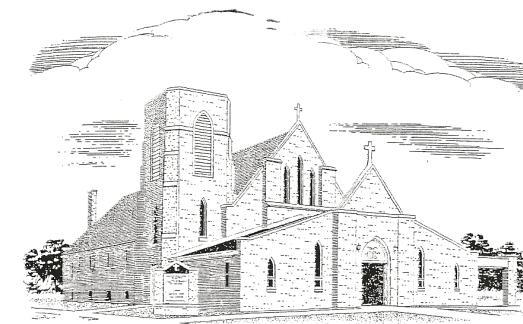
Marlin Janssen

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"For you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

Genesis 3: 19



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