



December 2024

Elder: Jon Burt
 Altar Guild: Mary Ortner
 Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 See Every Sunday 11:30 am Voters Election mtg Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Arlet & Ivette Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	2	3	4 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	5	6	7 LWML & volunteers help at Holiday Express 6 pm Worship *
8 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders meeting Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Curt & Lycia Acolyte: Addilyn & Luci Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	9	10	11 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	12	13	14 9:30 am Sunday School program practice <hr/> 1 pm LWML Christmas party 6 pm Worship
15 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Mike & Linda Acolyte: Janissa & Aubrey Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	16	17	18 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	19	20	21 9:30 am Sunday School program practice 10:30 am Jesus' Birthday Party 6 pm Worship *
22 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Jon & Mindy Acolyte: Paisley & Brynly Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	23	24 4 pm Candlelight service 6:45 pm Special music 7 pm Christmas Eve Children's program	25 10 am Christmas Day Worship 	26	27	28 6 pm Worship
29 See Every Sunday No Sun. Sch. Or Bible Class Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn Acolyte: Lukas & Eastyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	30	31	EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL no Bible class in Dec. 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS WEBSITE: www.trinityhawarden.com EMAIL: trinityhawarden@gmail.com			



No Bible Study

There will be no Sunday morning Adult Bible Study class for the month of December. The sanctuary will be in use by the Sunday School, practicing for their Christmas Eve program, and Pastor playing parts of the program. No Wednesday night Bible Class due to Advent Services.



High School Youth Bible Study

High School Youth will meet for Bible Study following worship on December 8! All High School Youth are welcome. As promised, we will also eat pizza. High School Bible Study will be held monthly on the second Sunday of each month.



PRAYER CHAIN

God has called us to pray and promised to hear. Need a prayer? Please call Jean Toft at 551-6990 and she will pass your prayer requests to those who will pray. There is always room for more to join this prayer group. Please consider joining.

LWML meets on Saturday,
December 14 at 1 pm for the
annual Christmas party meeting!



Poinsettias

As the Christmas season approaches, we will be taking orders for poinsettias for our Christmas decoration here at Trinity. If you would like to order a poinsettia, please fill out this form and hand it to an usher as you leave church or put it in the collection plate. **ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY DECEMBER 17th.** The cost is \$12.00 each and checks may be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. You may order a poinsettia but please pay for it as soon as possible.

How many plants are you ordering? _____

*****Please provide the following information, which will be printed in the bulletin.*****

YOUR NAME _____

Please check **ONE** box below:

- Given in loving memory of...
- Given in celebration of...
- Given in honor of...



Name of person(s) to remember, celebrate or give honor to:

Thank you!

Trinity Flood Donations, Fundraisers and Grants

Grants:

Iowa District West \$90,000.00
City of Hawarden \$1,500.00
Iowa District West \$43,781.62
TOTAL Grants \$135,281.62

Fundraisers:

Putt Putt Golf Tournament \$10,103.00
Sunday School Cards \$2,893.00
Field Meals \$2,925.00
St. Paul's, Ireton Fundraiser \$15,331.00
TOTAL Fundraisers \$31,252.00

Donations:

Various Donations Through 11/18/24 **\$237,910.89**

Insurance:

Insurance Payout **\$10,000.00**

GRAND TOTAL \$414,444.51

GRAND TOTAL PROJECTED NEEDED: \$987,000.00

FEMA Update:

Pastor, Tracy and Bill met with our FEMA Program Delivery Manager and Emergency Management Specialist on Monday, November 18. They will continue to meet with FEMA

We have been approved to work with FEMA. This does NOT mean we automatically approved to receive funds from FEMA.

Each project needs to be submitted and approved through FEMA.

These projects, if approved, will be funded as follows:

FEMA: 75%

State of Iowa: 10%

Trinity Lutheran: 15%

Trinity is organizing some fundraisers in conjunction with **Hawarden Holiday Express on Saturday, December 7th.**

There are sign up sheets in the narthex for the following:

- * Donate Christmas goodies or crafts that will be sold at our vendor booth at Calliope Village
- * Volunteer to work a 2 hour shift at our booth at Calliope (selling goodies and crafts and serving hot cocoa)



We will also be offering rides from the high school to Calliope Village because of limited parking at Calliope Village. This will be for free-will donation. We are looking for volunteers with a chauffeur's license to take shifts to drive a small bus. Please contact Mary Ortnier if you are able to help.



Thank you for volunteering!

Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight "Lessons and Carols" at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day- The Nativity of Our Lord with the Lord's Supper at 10:00 a.m.

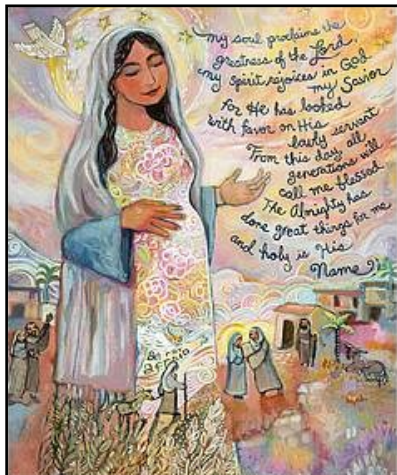
No Adult Bible Study in December due to using the Sanctuary and Pastor playing parts of the Children's Service.



Trinity Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary



There is a **NEW cookbook** in the works to celebrate our 125th Anniversary! You can share your recipes, and family stories about recipes by submitting them on the recipe forms located in the narthex, or email them to Heather Schurman at pamperedheather3657@gmail.com. There will be fun sections in the cookbook for kids, and for our ancestor's recipes, etc.



Advent Midweek Services

Magnificat! This year we will focus on Mary's words in Luke 1 called the Magnificat. Magnificat tells the story of God's people, but also gives voice to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. It speaks to what kind of people we are and what kind of people Christ enables us to be. A special feature of these services will be singing different settings of the Magnificat found in Lutheran Service Book.

Advent services will start Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm. There are three Advent services this year: Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

^{ESV} **John 3:16-21** ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.

Our life as Christians is lived in the light of God which comes to us in Jesus Christ. This light touches both the outside and inside of our lives. As you journey into Advent and Christmas journey in that light of Christ which exposes ourselves to His presence, compassion, and enduring love for us- where we are. He meets us where we are on promises to be there, and carry us through until eternal day.

^{ESV} **Revelation 22:1** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF
THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN –
GOD COMING TO EARTH IN THE FLESH
TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS!**

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4).





From Pastor's Desk...

"What?! You can't tell from the outside! This is unbelievable." That was the response from the State of Iowa Elevator Inspector when I told him that the elevator no longer was in use because of the flood. With his mouth gaped he walked into the lower basement bewildered by the flood damage. That's how many of you have responded, too. From the outside things look fairly normal, even the sanctuary looks the same. You wouldn't know anything unless you went in the basement. Underground you really see the damage; a true picture of how bad things are.

The Church Year ends and begins in Advent with a similar message- Jesus is coming. At the end it is the coming of Christ at the end of time, at the beginning it is the promise of Jesus coming in the flesh at Christmas mixed with the promise that He will return in all His God-man glory. This message combined with the lights and trees and decorations of the Advent-Christmas season give a traditional, if not normal, picture of this time of year.

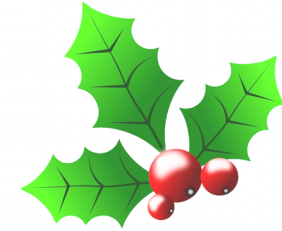
That's just the outside- inside there's a lot more. More brokenness, more heart-ache, more loneliness, more fear. There will be those celebrating Christmas with the first time without mom or dad, their spouse, a child, or old friends. There will be those who hear the news that they need treatments for cancer, new medicine, or possible surgery. There will be those who build themselves up in holiday sins of gluttony, greed, selfishness, and pride. Emotions may rage, beat down, and crush any holiday cheer. All of this may not be observed by most of us, but they will be there underground, behind the "everything looks ok from the outside."

Jesus comes as the light who illuminates our darkness- darkness on the inside and darkness on the outside. He draws us to the light like a moth. His light exposes what is on the inside and outside in order to give us Jesus. John says it this way:

^{ESV} **John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Happy December Birthdays!

- 1 Wendi Ruhland
- 2 Dave Huebner
- 3 Curt Anderson
- 4 Carol Coffelt
- 5 Brooke Klemme, Trudy Paul
- 6 Dan Christensen, Mary Ortner
- 7 Peggy Christensen, Brenda Watkins, Blake Van Ballegooyen
- 8 Sonya Kruid
- 9 Tara Van Ballegooyen
- 11 Tracy DeBruin, Bill Martinsen, Juliana Miller
- 13 Barb Halseth, Adrianna Star
- 14 Sharilyn Buryanek
- 15 Paisley Anderson
- 17 Carl Baas, Lisa Ruhland
- 18 Dave Hamilton, Jean Lemmermann, Lora Mora
- 19 Dana Curiel
- 20 Carol Aldrich, Marlin Janssen, Kolin Vander Feen
- 21 Mitch Schlumbohm
- 22 Carter Bultman, Jude Mitchell,
- 23 Emily Mitchell
- 25 Diego Hurtado, Casey Van Bochove
- 27 Lycia Anderson, Lois Greder, Addilyn Van Wyhe
- 28 Henry Lowe
- 29 Lukas Burt, Steve Johnson



Happy December Anniversary!

- 1 Rick & Kim Waterman (8yrs)
- 5 Angel & Amy Topete (30 yrs)
- 30 Casey & Amanda Van Bochove (19 yrs)



Praying for our Congregation this Month

Each week, we will pray for 5 or 6 families in our congregation (alphabetically, by last name). In the month of December, these are the families that we will pray for :

- Dec. 1** Dezi Reece, Dustin Endleman
Jane Reed
Kylee Barker, Quincee
Doug & Colleen Riediger
Lisa Ruhland, Lauryn Ruhland
Jerry & Wendi Ruhland
Shaun & Molly Ruhland, Axel and Aspen
- Dec. 8** Gary & Carolyn Salberg
Trevor & Kendra Schelling, Pailsey, Kambrie, Asher
Scott & Shelly Schlumbohm, Mitch Schlumbohm
Sherry Schuerkamp
Shauntelle & Matthew Schuller, and Owen
Mike & Heather Schurman, Brooke, Alyssa, Makiya, Tessa
- Dec. 15** Jeff & Shelly Schurman, Joe, Lucas, Ethan, Aaron
Terra Spangler, Zane Spangler
Teresa & Duane Sperle, Joe, Jacob, Cole
Pam Star, RaeAnna Wangerin
Cody & Adrianna Star, Camden, Alexa
Tamara & Chance Steen, Cooper, Weston
- Dec. 22** Nick & Ashely Strong, Cason, Calen, Corah
Avis Sunderman
Dan Tentinger
Lynn & Laraine Thorpe
Jean Toft
Robert & Jill Upton, Jaden, Analiese
- Dec. 29** Corey & Jodi Utech, Kelan, Zander,
Morgan Utesch, Zander, Tatum, Pria, Rooney
Mike & Tara Van Ballegooyen, Blake, Addison, Emrie
Sarah Van Ballegooyen, Connor
John & Pam Van Ballegooyen,
Katie Van Ballegooyen
Casey & Amanda Van Bochove, Lindsey, Destiny

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¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:
¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill^{le} toward men!"



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