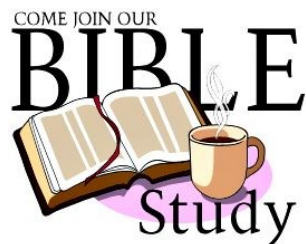


# February 2025

Elder: Mike Bockelman  
 Altar Guild: Annabel McKee  
 Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS						1  6 pm Worship*
2 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Arlet & Ivette Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	3	4	5  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 Meeting Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Mike & Linda Bockelman Acolyte: Addilyn & Lucy Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	10	11	12  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	13	14 	15  6 pm Worship*
16 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Jon & Mindy Burt Acolyte: Janissa & Aubrey Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	17 7 pm LWML	18	19  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	20	21	22  6 pm Worship
23 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek Acolyte: Paisley & Brynly Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	24	25	26  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	27	28	



**Sunday Bible Study** meets in the church sanctuary at 9:15 am.  
**Wednesday night Bible Study** is at 7 pm. Meet in the church narthex. We will study the minor prophet, Zechariah. Zechariah proclaimed God's Word following the return of the exiles from Babylon. Zechariah's preaching worked and people listened. Come hear what he said.

High School & Middle School Youth

Youth will be going Ice Skating on Sunday afternoon, February 9. Meet at 1:00 in parking lot to car pool.



Sunday School to resume...

God willing, Sunday School will return February 2 at 9:15. We will keep you posted!

**Volunteers/Ushers/AV/Greeters/Camera/Organists and Altar Guild-**

**THANK YOU!** We give thanks to God for all of you. Trinity is blessed with so many who help make our services happen in good order. Praise God for all of you! If YOU would like to help out, please let Pastor or Lycia know!



LWML will meet on Monday, February 17th at 7 pm.

*Being a Committed Steward*

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we become committed stewards, who use our time, talents, and resources to help and serve others, build God's Church, and expand His kingdom. Even though you and I are undeserving, God honors us with the privilege of being His stewards.

- In Genesis 1:28, we learn that God gives us dominion over all His creation.
- In Genesis 2:15, we are given the task of tending and caring for what He has created.

In Psalms 8:6, we read that God has made us overseers and rulers over the works of His hands.

God's Word gives us our authority, responsibility, privilege, and duty to be stewards of His creation. Our stewardship is to reflect the same love and concern that God has for all He has created.

As stewards, we are managers or caretakers, not owners of all that God entrusts to us. He has created and still owns and sustains all things. Everything we have is His. Faithful stewards remember that all we have and all we are is because of God. In Psalm 24:1 we read, "The earth is the LORD's..." We are God's stewards entrusted with the management of the world. On our own, we are incapable of becoming stewards, but we have been reconciled to God through Christ's life, death, and resurrection making us new creations. God becomes the source of our strength. We become His hands, feet, and mouth, as He works through us in our stewardship. As faithful stewards, our acts of stewardship are efforts that always seek to praise God.

By God's grace, we become committed stewards who are faithful, prayerful, grateful, generous, and service-oriented. Being committed stewards implies that our stewardship is not a part-time position. It is our whole life response to God's grace and love. It is much more than helping our neighbors occasionally or placing an offering in the collection plate. Living with the perspective of being stewards changes our lives. Being stewards is what we are, which determines what we do. "And whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). We are called to be stewards in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. God wants us to use our time, talents, and resources for His glory. Blessings on your stewardship journey!

**Continued "From Pastor's Desk" inside front page...**

Pastor O.F. Pittack, of much renown, was installed in 1952 and continued to serve the congregation until his death in 1975. 1967 saw the breaking of ground and the laying of the cornerstone of a new education wing, which was completed in 1968. Pastor Dwight Rengstorf came in 1975 and served until 1986.

During his tenure the "new" parsonage was built in 1976. Rev. Loren Vogler came in 1986 and served until his retirement in 2002. Pastor Todd Bunge was called in 2002 serving until 2016. Since 2017 Pastor Joshua Lowe has served Trinity.

On June 22, 2024 devastating flood destroyed the basements of both the church fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, and the parsonage along with the homes of several members, as well as the West end of Hawarden. Since that time, God has blessed Trinity with tremendous generosity and the faithful service of members and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to restore the damage. The parsonage was rededicated in January 2025 and we anticipate the fellowship hall and Sunday School wing will be rededicated in the summer.

Throughout this history God has been faithful by calling, gathering, enlightening, sanctifying, and keeping His people in Jesus Christ and His one, holy, Christian, and apostolic church. While much of Trinity's history is documented through the service of pastors and the building of buildings, it is God's faithful people who have served, given, shared, nurtured, and carried out the great work of God in Christ throughout the Hawarden community. This is our history, but is the Lord's work. With the Psalmist we say: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23). Thanks be to God!

**ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE GIVE TO THOSE WE LOVE. LOVE PROMPTS US TO GIVE.**

"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that you love also is genuine" (2 Corinthians 8:8).



**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2025**

PRESIDENT

Bill Buryanek (2026)\*

TREASURER

Tracy DeBruin (2025)\*

VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Murren (2025)\*

TRUSTEES

Brett Anderson (2026)\*

Rick Boyer (2026)

Boe Boyer (2025)

Mike Kruid (2025)

SECRETARY

Lycia Anderson (2025)\*

ELDERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Denny Peters (2025) A-Burt\*

Mike Bockelman (2027) Buryanek-Hass

Derek Allen (2025) Hazel-Kooi

Ryan Noble (2026) Kool-Peck

Jon Burt (2026) Peters-Tepe

Justin DeBruin (2027) Thorpe-Z

FINANCE BOARD

Tracie McManaman (2025)\*

Mindy Burt (2025)

Mary Ortner (2026)

Nancy Buryanek (2026)

Cathie Brown (2026)

Jane Buryanek (2026)

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Vacant

BOARD OF ED & YOUTH

Heather Schurman (2026)\*

Samantha Anderson (2025)

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



# FEMA

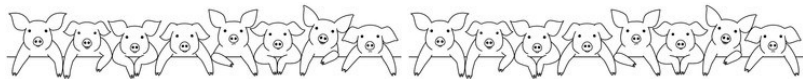
Bill Buryanek and Tracy DeBruin and Pastor continue to meet weekly with FEMA. We are working hard to comply with FEMA's requirements. FEMA inspectors will be at Trinity February 10-11. Please pray this visit goes well and that we are able to receive something from them. Please also thank Bill and, especially, Tracy for all her hard work on our behalf.

## 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 leaving them in the drop box under the narthex table or email them to Heather Schurman at [pamperedheather3657@gmail.com](mailto:pamperedheather3657@gmail.com).

There will be fun sections in the cookbook for kids, and for our ancestor's recipes, etc. Deadline for submitting recipes will be May 4, 2025.



### Catechism Meal Sign Up

Please sign up to serve or provide a meal for catechism classes. Sign up at [MealTrain.com](http://MealTrain.com) - <https://mealtrain.com/oy6nyl> or contact Kara Vander Hamm.



## 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 Okobojo and Lutheran Family Services.

If you do not indicate your choice, your contribution will go to the General Fund.

**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.



### Trinity 125

**Trinity moves into our 125th year of God's grace by reviewing our history in this newsletter edition. Please look forward to upcoming events currently in the works throughout this year.**

History is important because it tells the story of people and places. Throughout the Bible God's story is told through people and places. His story in the Bible had a purpose, one purpose- to save a fallen world from their sins through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But this one purpose resulted in God's family formed in creation, redeemed in Jesus, to now live in this world hearing and doing His Word while anticipating the new world to come. History teaches us man's ambitions, achievements, and failures, and God's continual, providential hand at work always moving creation forward to eternity.

125 years ago history happened when German immigrant farmers from St. Paul's, Ireton decided they needed a church of their own, closer to home in Hawarden. In 1900 five members left Ireton established Trinity Lutheran Church on July 17, 1900. They were Wilhelm Uffken, Herman Witt Sr, Carl Johnson, John Rehmsted, and Adolph Witt. They enlisted Rev. Hugo Grimm from Ireton conducted services in various venues until members purchased the Calliope Methodist Church and moved it to what is now the north end of the current parking lot. Trinity called its own, first pastor in 1905- Walter C. Rehwaldt, a graduate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Trinity's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was a big event with neighboring congregations all gathering together for one big service under the care of Trinity's second pastor, Rev. George Steinkamp who came to the congregation in 1915 and remained 1937. In 1937 Charles A. Burkhart was installed. Pastor Burkhart served until 1947 when he died of a heart attack. Two years later in 1949 a new pastor was called, Rev. H.E. Sieving who led the congregation through the building of the current church in 1950. On February 25, 1951 the congregation celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by dedicating its new house of worship.

### Happy February Birthdays!

- 1 Jordan Bultman, Ruth Holtkamp
- 4 Ashlyn Eilts, Cherry Reece, Angelica Topete
- 6 Braedon Petersen, 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 Kylee 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



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### Happy February Anniversary!

- 17 Jett & Amelia Boyer (1 yr.)



Quiz Answers:

- 1. C, 2. C, 3. A 4. ACFG



## Renovation Update

The upper Education Wing is insulated, dry walled, painted, and mini-splits (heater A/C units) installed. Work continues downstairs and in the Fellowship Hall. Please continue to pray for and, as you're able, to donate to this project. Thank you!



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### BIBLE QUIZ JUST FOR FUN

**1. Who wrote the Bible?**

- A. Bunch of dead guys
- B. Martin Luther
- C. God spoke through prophets
- D. Pastor Lowe

**2. How many books are in the Old Testament?**

- A. 37
- B. 38
- C. 39
- D. 40
- E. 72

Answers on the bottom of  
the birthday &  
anniversary page.

**3. How many books are in the New Testament?**

- A. 27
- B. 28
- C. 29
- D. 30
- E. 37

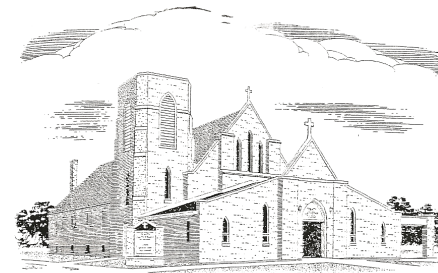
**4. What are the first 5 books of the New Testament?**

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|------------|---------------|
| A. Matthew | B. David      |
| C. Mark    | D. Derek      |
| E. Mary    | F. Luke       |
| G. John    | H. Revelation |
| I. Acts    |               |

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*We love because He first loved us.*

*1 John 4: 19*



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