

OCTOBER 2024

Elder: Ryan Noble

Altar Guild: Lynn Eilts & Audree Olson

Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>October is Pastor Appreciation Month</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship *
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>11:30 am Church Council Mtg See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Paisley & Brynnly Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin</p>			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>8:30 am Elders Mtg. Kids Sing in Worship 11:30 am Voters Meeting See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Emmalee & Lydia Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Peggy Christensen</p>			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship *
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mike & Linda Bockelman Acolyte: Logan & Wyatt Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman</p>	7 pm LWML		5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship
27	28	29	30	31	<p>EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & 9:30 BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS WEBSITE: www.trinityhawarden.com EMAIL: trinityhawarden@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Reformation Sunday See Every Sunday Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Jon & Mindy Burt Acolyte: Lukas & Eastyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin</p>			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study			

Bible Studies in Full Swing

Sunday Bible Study is held **in the sanctuary** at 9:30 am. We are studying typology or foreshadowing.

AND

Another Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm **in the library**. We are studying the book of Job.



Turning the World Upside Down

Scripture: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

A king is born in a stable to less than affluent parents. Instead of press releases and television coverage, the news is announced by an angelic host to shepherds who probably could neither read nor write. No heads of state send greetings or gifts, but Magi from The East follow a star in the sky that leads them ever nearer to the Baby until it stops right over the place where He lies. They open their treasures and present Him their gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. A king rages through the land, killing all male children under the age of two, because he fears that this new king is a danger to his throne.

Jesus, even at His birth, was turning the world upside down. Nothing would ever be the same again. He taught us to turn the other cheek, to love our enemies, and to forgive without limit. He said that is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter Heaven. He told us that the last shall be first and the first, last.

He announced that it is better to give than to receive, and He spent His life in giving—giving, in fact, His own life that we might receive eternal life. Now we respond. We love as He loves; we forgive because we are forgiven; we give because He has given and continues to give to us. And through us, as we follow His command and example, He continues to turn the world upside down.

Dear good and gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for all of our blessings especially the gift of Your Son, Jesus, Who came to suffer and die so that I can live as a forgiven and redeemed child of God. Help me to use my life in service to You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



**LWML meets on Monday,
October 21 at 7 pm
in the church library.**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let your Pastor know you care by sending him an encouraging thank you note, or record a video and send it to your Pastor and also share on Facebook. And last but not least, always remember to pray for your Pastor!



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.



NEW!

FAMILY AND FIELD MEALS



Welcome back everyone! The last few months have been rough on our church and our town. There is a group of ladies in our church that want to help raise funds for repairs. I know, who isn't? We got together and came up with some ideas that we think can help us raise a little bit to help. First, we are starting off by having our Sunday school students sell boxed cards. If you're interested in ordering, find one of the fantastic kids or teachers and they can help you with that. We also have decided to do *Family and Field Meals*, Tuesdays in the month of October. The plans are to have a Google form to fill out with one of the two choices for that Tuesday which will need to be submitted by 8pm on the Sunday before. You can either pick up or have the meal delivered to your location, which you will need to give us directions and a contact number so we can follow our Google or Siri assistant. That way we don't get lost (hopefully). The meals will consist of either a casserole, dinner roll, cookie, and a drink or a sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink.

Here is the list of the meals we have thought of:

Tato Tot Casserole	Meat Ball Subs
Taverns	Walking Tacos
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham	Spaghetti Bake
Ham and Cheese Sliders	Baked mac & cheese
Goulash	Chicken Pot Pie

With that being said, we are looking for donations of ground beef, dinner rolls, hamburger buns, cookies, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa, chicken, or anything you would feel would help us out. The proceeds from these two fundraisers will go to help the kids get heat in the Sunday school wing.

These are just a few of the ideas we have come up with. We also know that times can be tough for everyone, but every little bit helps. We are working on ideas throughout the year that also includes something during the Holiday Express and Trinity's 125th Anniversary next summer. Information for the fundraising events will be in the newsletter and on the Trinity Facebook page.

For any questions or to donate feel free to reach out to me and I will help you.

Happy October, and safe harvesting!!

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Trinity Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary



July 17, 1900 was the year that started it all for Trinity Lutheran Church, Hawarden. 2025 will mark our 125th Anniversary and we want to plan a celebration to mark the milestone!

Yes, it's 9 months in the future, but we need to assemble a group to plan and carry out how we would like to commemorate the anniversary.

Please talk to Pastor or Lycia if you are interested in helping plan the celebration.





Cavan Charles Parsons was baptized here at Trinity on Saturday, September 21. His parents are Clint and Megan Parsons. His sponsors are Grandpa Stan Hendricks and big brother, Kessler Ratzsch.

Welcome to God's Family, Cavan!



Trinity Lutheran Church is a new Hawarden Chamber of Commerce member! The membership fee was covered by an anonymous congregation member. Being a Chamber member will help us to get information out to the citizens of Hawarden in our fundraising efforts post-flood.



Hymn Sing at Calvary to benefit us!

A flood fundraiser is being held for our own Trinity Congregation! Calvary Lutheran Church Sioux City will feature the Concordia University Male Chorus and will hold the Hymn Sing on Saturday, November 2 at Calvary Lutheran Church, at 4400 Central Street in Sioux City. *Praise the Lord!*

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In the midst of all that we have suffered, despite what we have lost, there is only gratitude to God. Day after day volunteers showed up immediately to help. People brought generators, pumps. People came to clean out; members, friends, strangers. People have sent tremendous gifts. Each day we receive the generous gifts in the mail. Some huge financial gifts. Many from strangers. Congregations, pastors, your relatives, but so many more people we don't know.

People from Ohio, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa; from Iowa, Hawarden and throughout the state. Lutherans, Methodists, Reformed, and unknown have called, sent gifts, and showed up to help. Help has come. Help is coming. And now it's our turn to help, our turn to continue to give, to show up, to offer time, talent, and treasure. Everything is God's already, and everything God is using to serve us and those in our midst. It's God working through us to bring help to our congregation and the families in our community who are in need.

Jesus has come, Jesus is here. He hears our cry, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" And He does.

New Sunday School

Fund Raiser!

The Sunday School students are selling boxes of cards to raise funds for heating units for the Sunday School rooms. There are 5 different box options. Boxes cost \$30 and include 30 cards. \$13 of the price comes directly back to the Church! Orders need to be placed by October 13, and orders will be delivered October 27. Examples of the card boxes can be found in the Upper Narthex. Please see a Sunday School student to place an order.





From Pastor's Desk...

^{ESV} **Luke 17:13** and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

We have prayed this prayer, too, throughout our lives. We pray it nearly every week in the liturgy. "Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy!" Jesus, Master have mercy on us is a prayer for Jesus to have compassion, to come to our aid, to do what no one else could do. Jesus, Master have mercy on us is a cry for help.

There have been many cries for help these last months. June 22 people cried for help to sandbag, to stop the water coming. Help was called to rescue people when the water got to high. Help was needed when people watched helplessly when water entered their homes not knowing how bad it would be, but fearing the worst. Help was called for to God when I saw water filling the parking lot of our church and our home. Help was called because there was nothing we could do. Jesus, savior have mercy upon us.

Helplessness marked the life of the leper. No treatments, no relief of pain, no cure was possible. Once you were infected, you were exiled from the community, your family, and even the worship of God. There was no one to have mercy on them. They were completely helpless. But Jesus came. Jesus came in their complete helplessness to have mercy. He sends them to the priest because that was what the Law of God demanded. But one leper... one realized, he was healed. He couldn't help himself; He came back to Jesus praising God, He fell at Jesus' feet and worshipped Him.

In our helplessness Jesus has come to have mercy on us. He has mercy by taking our sins as His own. He has mercy by dying in our place. He has mercy by rising from the dead and destroying the wrath of God and punishment of death. He has mercy by giving us this life, this forgiveness, this mercy in His Word and in His body and blood. How can we not be thankful. How can we not come back to Jesus. Jesus has done it all. He's done. It. All. Without Him there is no help, no mercy.

But with Him we have everything. We have cried for help, for mercy! And help and mercy have come from Him! Having received help and mercy, our life with Him is lived in gratitude.

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Happy October Birthdays!

- 1 Bruce Bultman
- 2 Merry Landenberger
- 8 Vale McVay
- 9 Liam Clarey, Remi Clarey,
Bode Phillips
- 10 Chris Parks
- 11 Brett Anderson
- 13 Teresa Sperle
- 14 William Phillips, Tatum Utesch
- 15 Brian Engleman, Jaden Jacobs, Amanda Van Bochove,
Sharon Wakeman
- 16 Anna Krug
- 18 Asher Ferge, Dave Zierke
- 19 Tara Harry, Brayton Kruid
- 20 Ada Waterman
- 21 Heather Schurman, Erika Weinmann
- 22 Mikah McVay
- 24 Trinity Stevens
- 25 Reed Anderson
- 30 Destiny Van Bochove
- 31 Deb Bultman, Emmalee Van Wyhe



**Happy
Birthday!**

Happy October Anniversaries!

- 3 John & Pam Van Ballegooyen (44 yrs)
- 5 William & Kimberly Phillips (11 yrs)
- 8 Cody & Adrianna Star (8 yrs)
- 20 Curt & Lycia Anderson (45 yrs)
- 24 Brice & Amanda Buryanek (9 yrs)
- 28 Robert & Jill Upton (1 yr)
- 29 Dan & Peggy Christensen (54 yrs)



**Happy
Anniversary!**

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 October, these are the families that we will pray for :

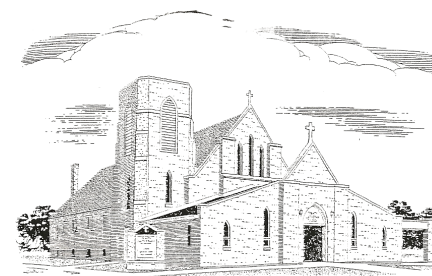
- Oct. 6** Steve Johnson
Scott Jungers, Jaxton Jungers
Robert Keehn
Pete & Kristi Kingma
Jeanette Kircher
- Oct. 13** Janice Kitchenmaster
Randy & Becky Klaus
Mary Klaus
Ron Klaus
Mary Kleihauer
Jeff & Jennifer Kooi
Rich Kratochvil
- Oct 20** Deb Kratochvil
Todd & Anna Krug
Jonathon Krug
Erica Kruid, Brayton, Myleigh
Mike & Sonya Kruid
Cassie Lachmann
Merry Landenberger
- Oct 27** Cheryl Lewison
Tom & Donna Lorenzen
Joshua, Corinne, Lydia, Henry, Caroline Lowe
Zachary Lussier
Al & Julie Mace, Amanda, Emma
Bill Martinsen

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Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful.

Joel 2:23



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