

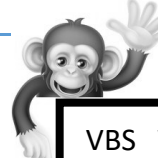



July 2025

Elder: Derek Allen
Altar Guild: Lynn Eilts
Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3		5
			7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship*
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
See Every Sunday Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Addilyn & Luci A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Peggy Christensen		VBS VBS VBS VBS 6 pm-8pm each night VBS VBS VBS VBS VBS VBS				
			No Bible Study			6 pm Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NO Bible Study See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Janissa & Aubrey A/V: Mary Ortnier Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	<div>7 pm LWML Work on Cook books</div>		7 pm Bible Study			No Worship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30 am Elders Mtg. 11:30 Catered Dinner 2 pm Service of Thanksgiving See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Paisley & Brynly A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman			7 pm Bible Study			6 pm Worship
27	28	29	30	31	EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS www.trinityhawarden.com trinityhawarden@gmail.com	
11:30 am Church Council Mtg See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Bockelmans Acolyte: Emmalee, Zander Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin			7 pm Bible Study			

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will **not** meet
in the month of July.



ELDERS meet on
Sunday, July 20 at 8:30 am.

LWML will meet on Monday,
July 14 at 7 pm to work on cookbooks.



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



NEW! "How We Got The Bible"

Starting Sunday, June 29 at 9:15 am in the church
sanctuary. (There will be no Sunday Bible Study
on July 13th. Pastor will be gone.)

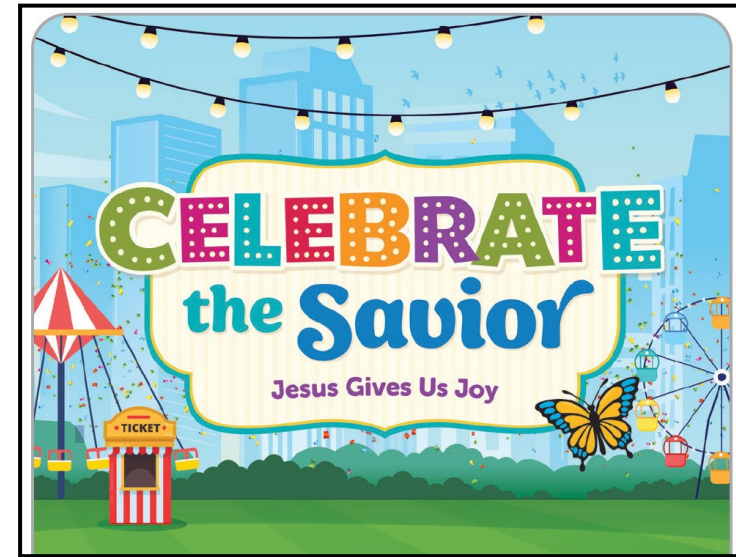
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY— A Study of
Zechariah! Join us every Wednesday at 7 pm.
(There will be no Bible Study on July 9 due to VBS.)



We are sparkling clean! The church clean-
ing chores are pretty much done before
the end of June!

BIG THANKS to EVERY one who helped in
any way! We will get the last minute little
things accomplished soon!

AND THANKS to Eric for getting the every-
day things handled well every week!



Vacation Bible School at Trinity

Runs July 7-11, 2025 at 6-8 pm

All kids in the community are welcome! It's free!

A light supper will be provided.

You can sign up online at

**[https://www.vbsmate.com/events/
trinityhawarden/30757](https://www.vbsmate.com/events/trinityhawarden/30757)**

**We need volunteers for lessons, music, crafts, and
food servers.**

**We are looking for donations of money to simplify
purchasing food for suppers.**

**We are in need of wrapping paper and bows dona-
tions.**

Information provided online or contact

Kara Vander Hamm with questions.



Trinity Lutheran Church

Hawarden, IA



Celebrating 125 years
1900-2025

Sunday, July 20, 2025

10:30 am Festival Worship

11:30 am Catered Meal

2:00 pm Public Service of Thanksgiving /

Historical Presentation /

Rededication of Church Basement

**PLEASE RSVP FOR THE MEAL by calling the
church office at 551-2743.**

Or email trinityhawarden@gmail.com



RaeAnna Wangerin was
confirmed on Sunday June
29 here at Trinity.

Congratulations and God's
Blessings to you, RaeAnna!



Molly Elizabeth Baas
was baptized here at Trinity
on Sunday, June 15.
Welcome to the family on
God, Molly!



**Happy 60th
Anniversary to
Lynn & Lorraine Thorpe!**
Their wedding anniversary is
July 30th!
God's Blessings to both of
you!



Kelan Utech joined the
Air Force on June 22 . He
will do basic training in
San Antonio. We pray for
Kelan and all our troops.



Chaplain Merlin E. Stephan is our guest speaker on Sunday, July 20 for our 125th celebration.

Chaplain Merlin E. Stephan is a native of Altura, MN. He is an Active-Duty Navy Chaplain assigned to Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Chaplain Stephan is a 2007 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO where he earned his Master of Divinity degree. Ordained on 05 AUG 2007, he served as Pastor at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Rushford, MN from AUG 2007 until FEB 2015 when he reported for Active Duty. Chaplain Stephan is a 2001 graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN and a 1983 graduate of Riverland Community College, Albert Lea, MN. He graduated from Lewiston-Altura High School, Lewiston, MN in 1981. He is Endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Chaplain Stephan enlisted in the US Navy Seabees in OCT 1983. He was Honorably Discharged in APR 1990 as a Construction Mechanic First Class. Chaplain Stephan completed Officer Development School in Newport, RI in MAR 2015 and US Navy Chaplaincy School at Fort Jackson, SC in MAY 2015. He served from JUN 2015 until JUL 2018, completing six patrols in the Indo/Pacific Region with the Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

Chaplain Stephan reported to Combat Logistics Battalion 24 (CLB 24) at Camp Lejeune, NC in AUG 2018. He deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit .

He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on 01 APR 2024. Chaplain Stephan is married to Renee' Karen (ne Schroeder) Stephan. They have no children, and currently live at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.



FEMA

Bill, Tracy and Pastor continued to meet frequently with FEMA in June. Money from three obligated projects totaling \$175,773.48 has been received. This money was used to pay off current bills.

Two projects remain. One is significant and it is our hope that this project will enable us to restore the elevator.

^{ESV} **Romans 6:3-4** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

^{ESV} **Titus 3:5-6** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Lord's Supper: ^{ESV} **Matthew 26:26-28** Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Creedal and Confessional

Lutherans (LCMS) bind themselves together through the historic Creeds of the Church: the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds, and the Lutheran Confessions contained in the *Book of Concord of 1580*. Not all Lutherans are "confessional." Why creeds and confessions?

They Define the Faith: The Confessions are Biblical- they say what the Bible says by helpfully arranging the Biblical witness into categories, e.g. God, Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper. When we want to know what the Bible teaches, we can handily go to the Confessions. The Small Catechism is part of the *Book of Concord*.

They Regulate the Faith: Because the Confessions are Biblical, they seek to keep the Church saying what Scripture says. In other words, they keep Lutherans aligned with a pure scriptural teaching.

They Norm the Faith: Because the Confessions are Biblical, they are also are authoritative. They provide a boundary for what our Church teaches and what it does not teach. We don't make it up as we go, nor do we change with the times. The Confessions bind us to Scripture and the Scripture to us.

In our next article, we will discuss how Lutherans also focus on the mission of the Church and how this mission carries the Word of Jesus into our community and to the ends of the earth.



From Pastor's Desk...

125 years by God's grace! Since 1900 we have had **thousands** of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals! What drew people to Trinity in the beginning was probably our German heritage and use of the German language, but what kept people was God's Word and being distinctively Lutheran.

What makes Trinity unique today? This question may initially sound a bit proud-which Lutherans hate. However, you are a member at Trinity for a reason and it's important you understand why Trinity or why The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Word Alone

As Lutherans we are familiar with the terms Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone. But Scripture is more than a book. We believe that the Bible is what it says it is: God's Word.

It also does something: ^{ESV} **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

It delivers faith and Jesus' life, death, and resurrection: ^{ESV} **Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ^{ESV} **John 20:31** but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

God's Word actually delivers and keeps you with Jesus: ^{ESV} **John 8:31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Sacramental

Since God's Word delivers Jesus, we believe that Jesus' life and work come through the Sacraments. Sacraments are those things which have a specific word in Scripture combined with a created thing. Baptism is God's Word and water; The Lord's Supper is Word and bread and wine.

^{ESV} **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Happy July Birthdays!

- 2 Joyce Boerma, Axel Ruhland
- 5 Aspen Ruhland
- 6 Ardis Huebner
- 7 Cory Aldrich, Mike Schurman
- 9 Coleen Riediger
- 10 Josh Wilkens,
- 11 Shelly Aldrich, Angie Van Wyhe
- 13 Katie Clarey, John Eilts, Breanne Noble
- 14 Quincee Reed
- 16 Eastyn Utech
- 17 Lester Janssen
- 19 Samantha Anderson, Cathie Brown
- 20 Bayne Phillips
- 24 Anna Pulfrey
- 25 Janie Murren
- 26 Rudy McVay, Norma Petry
- 28 Jamie Moothart
- 29 Jeff Petersen, Pria Utesch



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Happy July Anniversaries!

- July 7 Randy & Barb Ballard 21 yrs
- July 17 Tyler & Alyssa Van Wyhe 5 yrs
- July 19 Mike & Heather Schurman 17 yrs
- July 21 Michalle & Kody Hedden 35 yrs
- July 30 Lynn & Lorraine Thorpe 60 yrs



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

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

July 6: Rodney and Jan Matz

Jim and Annabel McKee, Dillon McKee

Jim and Tracie McManaman

Emma McManaman

Ian McManaman

Adam and Hannah McVay, Crew, Vale and Rudy

Emily and Kasey Mitchell and Jude

Jamie Moothart

July 13: Laura Mora, Lesley, Arlet and Ivette

Tom and Janie Murren

Ryan and Ashely Noble, Lincoln and Hudson

Doug and Breanne Noble, Theron and Tenley

Roger and Audree Olson

Dorothy Olson

July 20: Mary and Eric Ortner and Justin

Crystal Osterkamp, Alex and Andrew

Chris and Emily Parks and Erielle

Trudy Paul

Joyce Peck

Denny Peters

July 27: Jeff and Stepahanie Petersen, Austin and Braedon

Frank and Dee Petersen

Jim and Norma Petry

William and Kimberly Phillips, Bode, Boston, Bayne

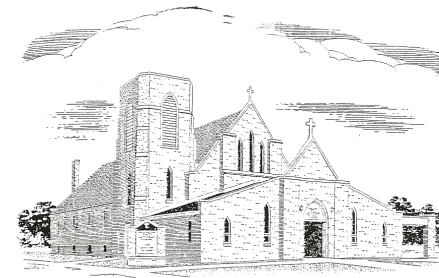
Jim Popken

Carolyn Puhl, Mike Tristen and Juliana

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS
THE LORD, THE PEOPLE WHOM HE HAS
CHOSEN AS HIS HERITAGE! PSALM 33:12



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