

April 2026

Elder: Dave Zierke

Altar Guild: Joann Boyer, Heather Schurmann

Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek



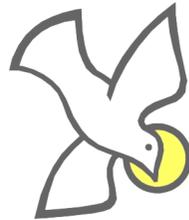
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				7 pm Maundy Thursday	7 pm Good Friday	No Worship
7 am Easter Sunrise Worship* 8 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Easter Worship* No Sunday Schl or Bible Class Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Curt & Lycia Acolyte: Everly, Lydia Camera: Derek Allen A/V: 7 Tom Murren, 10:30 Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	6	7	8	9	10	11
			5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	10 am Bible Study		5 pm Worship
12 See Every Sunday SS Kids sing Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Mike & Linda Acolyte: Kade Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Circuit Pastor's Meeting	5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	10 am Bible Study		5 pm Worship*
19 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders meeting Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Jon & Mindy Acolyte: Janissa, Paisley Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7 pm LWML		5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	10 am Bible Study 6 pm Confirmands pictures 6:30 pm Questioning 7 pm Confirmands Reception		5 pm Worship
26 Confirmation Sunday See Every Sunday Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn Acolyte: Arlett Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	27	28	29	30	EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS www.trinityhawarden.com trinityhawarden@gmail.com	
				10 am Bible Study		



Thursday mornings at 10:00, Bible Study begin with “Understanding Culture”.

Sunday morning Bible Class is at 9:30 am. We will be studying the book of 1 Corinthians.

Thursday April 23rd, Confirmands have pictures taken at 6 pm; followed by Questioning at 6:30 pm and a Reception for the Confirmands and families at 7 pm. Confirmation Sunday is April 26.



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, April 19th.

LWML will meet on Monday, April 20 at 7 pm. Our April mission is Mites.



Sunday School kids sing on April 12th.

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...>



Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30 AM

Understanding Culture?

Living as a Christian today is complicated because the world has changed. Change has brought all kinds of terms, attitudes, and belief systems which immerse us into things we don't understand. Words like “woke,” and concepts like Socialism and Communism are thrown around and we struggle to know what they mean. In this bible class we will consider how these ideas and systems run contrary to the Christian faith and how knowing what they mean can give us confidence in God and talking points with our neighbor.

Thursday Morning Bible Study @ 10 AM

1 Corinthians

We will explore the book of 1 Corinthians. Corinth was a complex city at the forefront of Greek cultural, political, and economic life. Paul writes to the Corinthians about key teachings of the Christian faith which we need to hold on to in our complex world. A special feature of 1 Corinthians is a whole chapter dedicated to the resurrection of the body. Come grow in God's resurrection comfort this joyful Eastertide.

Upcoming Sermon Series for the Easter season:

Resurrection of our Lord- Surprise! He's Risen as He Said

Easter 2- The Surprise of Peace

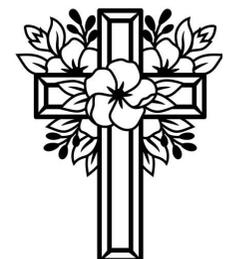
Easter 3- The Surprise of Comfort

Easter 4- The Surprise of Faithfulness

Easter 5- The Surprise of Joy

Easter 6- The Surprise of Hope

Easter 7- The Surprise of Belonging



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday April 2 at 7 pm
Good Friday April 3 at 7 pm
No Saturday Worship
Easter Sunrise April 5 at 7 am
Easter Breakfast April 5 at 8 am
Easter Worship April 5 at 10:30 am

Alleluia
He is
Risen



Congratulations Confirmands

April 26, 2026



Paisley Jane Anderson

Romans 15:13

Lukas Jon Burt

John 8:12

Brynnly Pearl Ann Ericson

Romans 12:12

Levi David Huebner

Psalm 28:7

Lydia Louise Lowe

Romans 8:38-39

Cooper James Steen

Joshua 1:9

Eastyn Clinton Utech

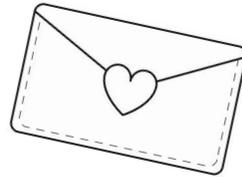
Psalm 25:5

Logan Robert Vander Hamm

2 Corinthians 9:10



LWML has really nice Christian greeting cards for sale in the lower narthex. Easter, Confirmation, and Graduation cards are available. \$1 per card, or some are sold by the box. Plus birthday, sympathy, etc. are always available too! Leave your payment in the box on top of the rack. Check them out!



Kelan Utech is officially an Airman with the United States Air Force, squadron 256 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas! Congratulations, Kelan! And THANK YOU for your service!





Update from LWML and Swaddling Clothes

- Each month, when LWML meets, Pastor leads a short Bible Study. We discuss/and do our upcoming mission projects. We have a snack and share some laughs. LWML is open to every woman in our congregation. We invite you to join us at our next meeting on Monday, April 20 at 7 pm.
- LWML's March project was Orphan Grain Train. A donation was sent.
- We are gearing up to furnish and serve Pie Night on March 25.
- We made a list of needs in the church kitchen that we can consider fulfilling.
- At our last meeting, we put together 21 hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train.
- **Cards for \$1** are for sale in the lower narthex. There are Easter, Confirmation, and Graduation cards available. Leave your payment in the box on top of the display rack.
- Swaddling Clothes continues to serve moms and babies in need with diapers and wipes. The next distribution date will be April 26 from 3-5 pm here at the church. If you know of any families, neighbors, friends, or anyone that has children in diapers that may need assistance, please direct them to the diaper distribution times. Thank you.

**THOSE WHO HEAR AND RESPOND TO
GOD'S WORD LIVE LIVES THAT BEAR FRUIT.**

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..."
(John 15:16).



Defining Christian Stewardship

Brief descriptions or definitions of Christian stewardship are easy to find. There are so many books or resources on the topic of stewardship that they could fill several bookshelves. Each book or resource offers its own special definition. In addition, Lutherans, Methodists, Baptists, Catholics and so forth offer their unique definition of Christian stewardship. The LCMS states the following: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's Purposes."

Books and resources on stewardship are helpful, but Christian stewardship is founded upon the Word of God. The Apostle Paul's letter to Titus, chapter two, verses 11-14, gives a wonderful summary of the foundation for Christian stewardship.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

In this text, God's grace revealed through Jesus Christ empowers us to reject ungodliness and live self-controlled and upright lives. God's grace makes our stewardship possible. Grace not only opens our hearts to receive the gift of faith leading to salvation. That same grace enables us to use our time, talents, and resources for God's purposes. Grace turns our minds and hearts to Jesus, and we can live the lives that He wants us to live. Rather than live lives driven by worldly passions, He enables us to live transformed lives that are "self-controlled, upright, and godly." In verse 14 of the passage above, Paul tells us that, since Christ has redeemed us from sin and its power, we are to have a zeal or passion to do good works. We are saved by grace through faith for good works.

From Paul's letter to Titus, we understand that Christian stewardship begins with the grace of God. Everything we are and do is the result of God's grace in Christ. Our stewardship impacts our relationship with God, with our neighbors, and with all of creation. May God help us use the resources that He has entrusted to us in such way that others come to know and trust in the Lord. God's blessings on your stewardship journey!



From Pastor's Desk...

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Surprise! True surprises are rare and sometimes beautiful things. A surprise birthday party, a paycheck bonus, an unexpected phone call from a long lost friend. Surprises can also be painful. The tragic news of a loved ones death, a terminal cancer diagnosis, the "today is your last day here... you're fired." Such surprises leave us wary and suspicious of surprises. Everyone was surprised at the first Easter. The women carrying spices, the guards at the tomb, the disciples Peter and John, the whole world, really. No one expected Jesus to rise. Jesus, of course had told them. ^{ESV} **Mark 8:31** "And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again." Jesus told them two more times. Speaking of the temple of His body Jesus said, ^{ESV} **John 2:19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Surprise! His Word is true. ^{ESV} **Mark 16:6** And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Surprise! That's the beautiful part that no one expected. He did what He said. He suffered for our sins, He died our death, He rested in our tombs, and He is risen from the dead! Just as He said! Surprise!

Throughout the Easter season we will explore what Jesus' Easter resurrection surprise means for us as we contemplate just the surface of what this surprise brings to us. And it's truly a surprise in the best way.

Happy April Birthdays

- 2 Ruth Benda
- 4 Molly Baas, Erica Kruid
- 5 Derek Allen, Austin Bultman
- 8 Larry Bauder, Marge Dimmick, Karlee Vander Hamm
- 9 Jerry Wakeman
- 10 Caroline Lowe
- 11 Jan Matz, Karen Weyen
- 12 Jack Borchers
- 15 Pam Van Ballegooyen
- 18 Mike Bockelman
- 20 Becky Klaus
- 21 Jane Reed
- 22 Ashley Noble
- 23 Clark Danielson, Rita Vander Feen
- 24 Jim Popken
- 26 Katrina Burt, Denny Peters
- 27 Robert Keehn, Myleigh Vos
- 28 Ryan Noble



Happy Birthday!



Happy April Anniversaries

- 2 Dave and Amy Huebner 21 yrs.
- 5 Jim and Norma Petry 62 yrs
- 6 Jon and Mindy Burt 24 yrs
- 11 Frank and Dee Peterson 28 yrs
- 16 John and Nancy Jacobs 55 yrs
- 21 Harlan and Ruth Benda 63 yrs
- 26 Roger and Mary Johnson 57 yrs



Happy Anniversary!

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

- April 5 Roger & Audree Olson
Dorothy Olson
Mary & Eric Ortner, Justin
Chris & Emily Parks, Erielle
Trudy Paul
Denny Peters
Jeff & Stephanie Petersen
- April 12 Frank & Dee Peterson
Jim & Norma Petry
Jim Popken
Carolyn Puhl & Mike Miller, Tristen, Juliana
Luci Ramos
Jane Reed, Kylee, Quincee
Doug & Coleen Riediger
- April 19 Lisa Ruhland
Lauryn Ruhland
Jerry & Wendi Ruhland
Shaun & Molly Ruhland, Axel, Aspen
Gary Salberg
Trevor & Kendra Schelling, Paisley, Kambrie, Asher
Scott & Shelly Schlumbohm
- April 26 Sherry Schuerkamp
Mike & Heather Schurman, Brooke, Alyssa, Makiya
and Tessa
Terra Spangler
Zain Spangler
Teresa & Duane Sperle
Cole Sperle
Pam Star
RaeAnna Wangerin

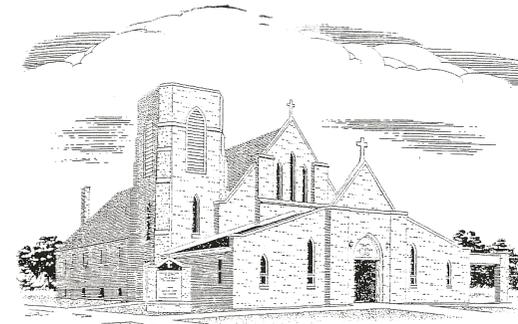


APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



*He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay.*

Matthew 28:6



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