

May 2024

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 Altar Guild: Jon & Mindy Burt
 Stewardship: Sonya Kruid



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS WEBSITE: www.trinityhawarden.com PRAYER CHAIN: Jean Toft 712-551-6990			1 7 pm Bible Class	2	3	4 6 pm Worship*
5 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mike & Linda B. Acolyte: Paisley Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	6	7	8 7 pm Bible Class	9 7 pm Ascension of our Lord service	10	11 8 am Band of Brothers Breakfast 6 pm Worship
12 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders mtg Last Sunday School Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Jon & Mindy Burt Acolyte: Lydia Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	13	14	15 7 pm Bible Class	16-30 Pastor Lowe and family on vacation from May 16-30		18 No Worship
19 Pentecost See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn B. Acolyte: kade Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	20 7 pm LWML	21	22 No Bible Class	23	24	25 No Worship
26 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Mary K. & Audree O. Acolyte: Addilyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29 No Bible Class	30	31	



**GREETING CARDS, SCRUBBIES
and DISHCLOTHS**

Exciting things are happening in the card and dish-cloth sales from LWML!

We are now offering single cards and small card multi-packs in addition to the boxes of cards which have been available. Single cards are \$1/each. Prices are marked on multi-packs and boxes.

New handmade dish scrubbies are now available, too! They come in a variety of colors and are priced at 2 for \$5. These are for sale in addition to the washcloths and Danny Duzits.

These products are available at the LWML racks, which are located in the narthex and in the display case in the basement next to the elevator. Please put your check or cash into the provided envelopes.

Proceeds from these sales continue to support LWML mission projects. We thank you for partnering with us in this work!



Happy Mother's Day!

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on
her tongue.*

Proverbs 31:26

OPEN HOUSE!

for Emma Breugem

Celebrating her graduation!

Saturday May 18

From 4-7 pm at her home,

1225 14th St.

The congregation is invited.



The Associated Church
is having an Omelet
Brunch on
Sunday May 5 from 11-
1pm.

Pastor Lowe and family will be on
vacation from May 16-May 30.
Please contact Pastor Boothby for
emergencies or pastoral care at
712-278-2324.



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.



**Confirmation was held at Trinity on Sunday, April 28.
Congratulations and God's Blessings to Trinity's
three confirmants!**

Justin Paul Ortner—Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

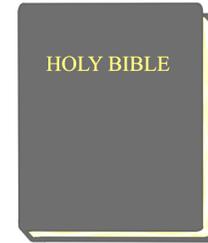
Makiya Fern Schurman—Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Tessa Mae Schurman—John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE
CLASS RESUMES**

Bible Class has resumed at 7 pm.
We will be studying 2 Timothy.
Join us!

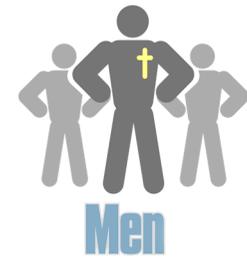


BE IN THE WORD

"The Chosen" Season 3 is shown on Sunday mornings at Bible Class. Join us as we watch and discuss this popular series. The coffee is on!

MENS GROUP

Band Of Brothers, will meet Saturday, May 11 at 8 AM for breakfast. Remember to bring your booklets.

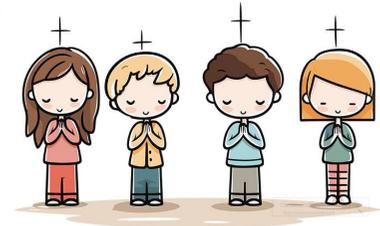


LWML

The next LWML meeting will be Monday, May 20 at 7 pm.
We are growing! Join us!

Sunday School

The last session of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 12. Recognition of students and teachers will be at the end of our worship service that day.



Kids' Summer Camp Information:

Dear students and parents,

The Thrivent Choice committee of Trinity Lutheran Church would like to help kids attend summer camp at Camp Okoboji.

Camp Okoboji has a long history with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Previous campers would be anxious to tell you how much they love it and can't wait for next year. Activities during the camps include bible study, music, crafts and sports. More info is available at

www.campokoboji.org

The church will provide \$100 per child in financial aid. We will also provide \$150 per child for week long camps and \$100 per child for shorter camps from our Thrivent Choice dollars. Additional financial aid may be available from Iowa District West for those with financial hardships. Talk to pastor if needed.

Our mission is to give every kid a chance to go to camp and every effort will be made to accommodate each family's financial needs.

Registering for camp and transportation to and from will be the responsibility of the parents.

Camp dates and costs are as follows:

Kids' Kamp is a weekend camp for kids in Kindergarten-2nd grade with a parent or other adult family member. Cost is \$140 for adult and \$90 for kid. Kids' Kamp is May 31-June 2.

2 options for Cub Week! Cub Week is for kids who have completed 3rd-5th grade.

June 23-27 (5 day option-pick up on Thursday) \$310

July 14-20 \$375

July 7-13 Junior High Week is for kids who have completed 6th-8th grade. \$375

July 21-27 Youth Week is for kids who have completed 8th-12th grade. \$375

Please contact Mary Ortner if you are interested in going to camp this summer.

Mary's contact info:

maryballard76@gmail.com

Phone# 712-635-2497

Thank you,

Trinity Lutheran Thrivent Choice Committee

"Embracing your Calling as a Disciple"

Let your Light Shine

Scripture: *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

Are you waiting for something that seems to be too long in coming? Maybe it's a job promotion or a raise. Maybe it's just employment of any kind! It's difficult to wait. People in Jesus' day were waiting for a Messiah. It seemed to many that His coming was long overdue. Our waiting is over! The Light has come into the world!

Simeon was one who knew that the time had fully come, and, in the temple, he saw the Christ Child Whose parents brought him there to fulfill what the Law required of them (Luke 2:27). Simeon knew Jesus was the light. He proclaimed, *"For my eyes have seen Your salvation...a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel"* (Luke 2:30, 32).

Unfortunately, not all who were waiting for the Messiah recognized Him when He came. In John 1:4-5 we read, *"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* Though those who are in the darkness misunderstand the Light, yet He continues to shine, and, as He shines, He dispels darkness.

And He calls upon us to shine also. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described a lamp that is put on a stand so that it lights up the whole house. Then He said, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

The only way to dispel darkness is to fill it with light. As Great Commission stewards, it is our joyous task to be reflections of Christ's light. We are always to be prepared *"to make a defense to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for the hope that is in [us]; yet do it with gentleness and respect"* (1 Peter 3:15). In this way we proclaim that the waiting is over! Jesus, the Light, has come into the world!

Dear Lord, thank You for bringing me out of darkness into Your light. Help me to reflect Your light to those around me. Amen.

From Pastor's Desk...

^{ESV} **1 Thessalonians 5:17** pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you

Prayer is a gift that God gives to His children. God has commanded us to pray and promised to hear us. ^{ESV} **Matthew 7:7** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. This gift enables us to communicate with Him our needs and wants, but, also, to offer our thanks and praise for His continuous giving. One of the gifts we give one another is the gift of praying.

Christians should have an intentional and regular prayer life. The Bible outlines three times a day to pray: evening (because that is when day begins), morning, and noon.

^{ESV} **Psalms 55:17** Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.

You probably pray in the morning, at bed time, and before meals. But what do you pray during those times? We are aided by prayers in catechism, hymnal, and Portals of Prayer- those are fantastic resources and Christians should use them. I also find keeping a list of people to pray for is an excellent way to make sure you are being faithful to your promise: "I'll pray for you." Human nature, being what it is, needs reminders, encouragements, and even set times and places to pray to keep us focused. These are good things, so don't feel bad if you find yourself needing to set aside a specific time to pray. If you've fallen out of the practice, there's always opportunity to start up again. Don't feel bad, just make it happen.

With this in mind, we are going to begin offering prayers for each family in the congregation during weekly services. We will divide up the congregation list so that each family is prayed for on a regular basis. This does two things: it commends to God the people of His Church, and it helps us stay connected to the people, our family, in the congregation. Please add your church family to your regular prayers.

^{ESV} **Psalms 19:14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Happy May Birthdays!

- 1 Alex Hurtado, Randy Klaus
- 2 Corinne Lowe
- 4 Grace Allen, Kay Borchers
- 5 Dan Tentinger
- 6 Rodney Matz
- 7 Luke Huebner, Lydia Lowe
- 8 Tenley Noble
- 9 Roger Olson
- 10 Logan Vander Hamm
- 19 Dallas Huebner
- 20 Jett Boyer, Darvin Boyles
- 21 Nancy Buryanek, Opal Keiser
- 23 Jill Vander Feen
- 24 Bailey Ver Mulm
- 25 Brielle Aldrich
- 26 Jayden Burt
- 27 Sally Hantsbarger
- 31 Tucker Vander Feen



Happy May Anniversaries!

- 14 Adam & Hannah McVay (8 yrs)
- 23 Jerry & Wendi Ruhland (43 yrs)
- 23 Brian & Kara Vander Hamm (15 yrs)
- 27 Jeff & Jennifer Kooi (7 yrs)
- 28 Ryan & Ashley Noble (19 yrs)
- 30 Armando & Pet Hurtado (37 yrs)
- 30 Pastor & Corinne Lowe (14 yrs)



Praying for our Congregation this Month

Starting Sunday, May 5, we will begin praying for the families in our congregation. Each week we will pray for 5 or 6 families (alphabetically, by last name). We will reach the end of the list towards the end of year.

In the month of May, these are the families we will pray for :

May 5: Duane and Carol Aldrich

Dave and Shelly Aldrich, Cory, Madison and Brielle

Mary Aldrich

Derek and Mandie Allen, tim, Haley, Trinity, Dakota, Grace and Dylan

Curt and Lycia Anderson

Brett and Samantha Anderson, Reed, Coty and Kaci

May 12: Carl and Shannon Baas, Janissa, Teagan and Micah

Randy and Barb Ballard

Kathy Barnes

Larry and Joann Bauder

Harlan and Ruth Benda

Bill and Karlinda Benda, Derek Benda

May 19: Mike and Linda Bockelman

Joyce Boerma

Carol Bolluyt

Jack and Kay Borchers

Rick and Joann Boyer

Boe Boyer

May 26: Jett and Amelia Boyer

Darvin and Peggy Boyles

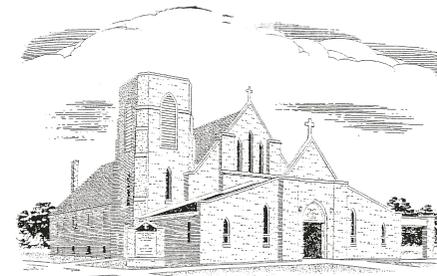
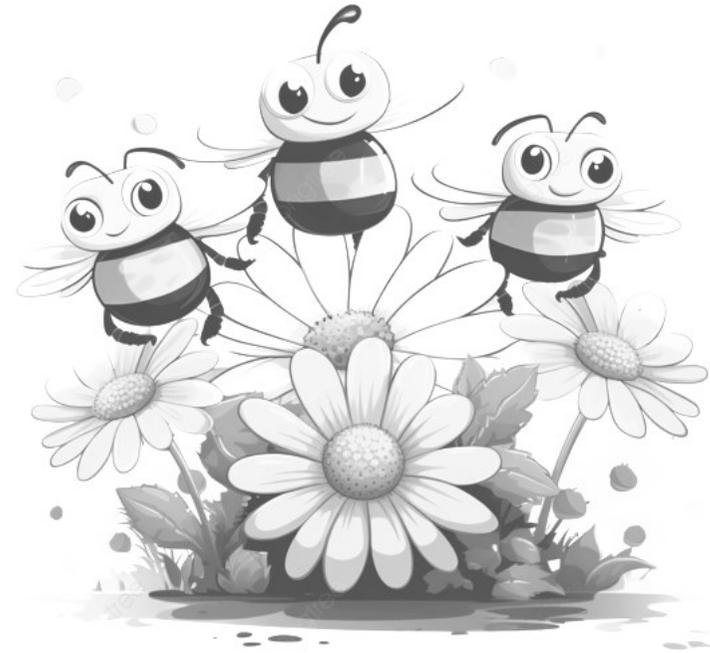
Betty Brandsma

Josh and Holly Breugem and Emma

Cathie Brown

Kurt and Deb Bultman

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