

March 2025

Elder: Justin DeBruin
 Altar Guild: Derek & Mandie Allen
 Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6 pm Worship*
2 See Every Sunday Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Mary K. & Audree O. Acolyte: Emmalee & Zander Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	3	4	5  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 6 pm Worship
9 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Corinne Lowe & Family Acolyte: Logan & Wyatt Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	10	11	12 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten Worship	13	14	15 6 pm Worship*
16 8:30 am Elders Meeting 11:30 HS Youth Bible Study See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Lukas & Eastyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	17	18	19 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten Worship	20	21	22 6 pm Worship
23 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Levi & Luke Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	24	25	26 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten Worship	27	28	29 6 pm Worship*
30 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Jordan & Cooper Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	31	EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS WEBSITE: www.trinityhawarden.com			 LENT	



NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Life Together- We will explore what it means to live in this world following Jesus. Following Jesus influences us personally, but, also, our lives together. We will explore scriptural concepts found in Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book by the same name, *Life Together*.

Wednesday night Bible Study will be paused during Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday on March 5. We will start again after EASTER.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

High School youth will meet for Bible study after church on March 16.



ELDERS meet on
Sunday, March 16 at 8:30 am.

LWML will meet on Monday,
March 17 at 7 pm.



Life Together Lent Midweek Series 2025

The words of Jesus from the Cross form how we view our life with God and one another. This Lent we will hear Jesus' words together as God's people and in those words be shaped by what they say. Ash Wednesday kicks off the Lenten season on Wednesday, March 5. LWML will again be serving a light snack after each Lenten service. Pie night will be the last regular Lenten night of April 9.

Abiding Produces Fruit

God calls us to live lives of abundant fruitfulness (good works— thoughts, attitudes, or actions that glorify God). The key to bearing fruit is found in the 15th chapter of John's Gospel where Jesus tells us that He is the Vine and we the branches. As the Vine provides nourishment to its branches, Jesus fills, sustains, and empowers us. It is the connection we have with Jesus, the Vine, that makes our fruit possible. Jesus said, *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit..."* (verse 5). By God's grace, we understand that, through our own power, we are unable to bear fruit. Because it is Jesus Who enables us to be fruitful, we can bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit in our lives, thus bringing glory to our Heavenly Father (verse 8).

God's Word refers to the connection between the vine and branches and our connection with Jesus as "abiding." Through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus abides in us, stays with us, and makes Himself at home with us. Through His holy Word and Sacraments, we stay in touch with Him, remain attached to Him, and receive life and power from Him. His life-giving Word abides in us, making us fruitful, like healthy branches on a good vine. If our connection with Jesus is severed, it is because we have caused the separation. Jesus will *"never leave [us] nor forsake [us]"* (Hebrews 13:5).

The fruit that we bear is not only made possible by our abiding in Jesus, it indicates that we have been and are in union and communion with Jesus. Our fruit is Jesus working in and through us. Our fruit is seen as we share the Gospel with others and introduce neighbors, friends, and co-workers to Jesus. Through faith we understand that our efforts to advance the Gospel are both a responsibility and privilege. The more we "abide" in Jesus, the more we will share our time, talents, and money with God by serving and witnessing and giving to others. Each and every day we are given opportunities to bear fruit. Some acts of service may be as small as opening the door for others or they may be as big as spending the entire day or several days helping someone in need. It may be giving money sacrificially to help others in need. Through faith, by God's grace, we can be ready and willing to bear fruit, bringing glory to God through our faithful and fruitful lives.

Emma Breugem is a member of the University of South Dakota chamber Choir, which is the premier vocal ensemble at USD. Over spring break they will tour the Midwest performing at various churches and schools. The final performance of their tour will be in Sioux Falls, and we are sure she'd love to see some familiar faces! Here is the info:

Friday, March 14 at 7pm
At the 1st Congregational Church
300 S. Minnesota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD



Thank You...



Thank you to everyone who remembered me on my 95th birthday! I had a wonderful day and I appreciate all your greetings. God Bless, Janet Wakeman

Thank you for all your prayers and well wishes the last few months. I am doing very well now! Answered prayers!

Edith (Burkhart) Tyau

Life Together Life Together **A Lenten Series from Concordia Seminary**

Ash Wednesday March 5 Hand your life over to someone else? No way! "Life is better in my hands." Hmmm... Jesus teaches us, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Wednesday, March 12 "I'm being true to myself!" But do you really know who you are? Really? Jesus says, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Can we know what we're doing if we don't know who we truly are?

Wednesday, March 19 Jesus promised the thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." Pie in the sky? Since life is short, and all roads lead to heaven, shouldn't we expect the best here and now?

Wednesday, March 26 Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, here is your son," and to John, "Here is your mother." Do you bristle when people make claims on your life? Claims on your life can help you answer the question, "Who am I?"

Wednesday, April 2 Did you ever wonder, "How can I believe in a God who would..." and fill in the blank with something terrible? Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Will you be vindicated for believing in God?

Wednesday, April 9 Jesus said, "I thirst." What do you need? Why do you need it? What do you do when what you think you need doesn't quench your thirst?

Maundy Thursday, April 17 One critic dismisses church talk: "Blah, blah, Christian, blah, blah." Is there something in our church's life together that will make critics think twice?

Good Friday, April 18 Gathering in solemnity, the words "It is finished!" come down to us from the cross. Because "It is finished," the Spirit now works into our hearts the confidence of a wonderful future.

Easter Sunday, April 20 How can you tell people outside church that Jesus is alive in your life? "Tell the story with your 'I's."



FEMA

Bill, Tracy, and Pastor met with FEMA in February. At that time, FEMA inspectors evaluated our building and took down information. They will evaluate the work we have already done and determine if we will receive reimbursement. They will also review our future work and determine what will be required for their reimbursement. No decisions on reimbursements have been made to Trinity so far.

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. 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](https://mealtrain.com/oy6nyl) - <https://mealtrain.com/oy6nyl> or contact Kara Vander Hamm.



What is Ash Wednesday all about?

You may see something strange happening in church on Ash Wednesday. You'll see your family and friends go forward to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads. The strange part about all of this is that it will be done with the ashes from last year's Palm Sunday palm branches.

Why do we do this?

Usually when someone gets dirty they know they need water to get clean. The ashes that are put on our foreheads remind us that in sin we are dirty and need to be cleaned. It also helps us to remember the first time the sign of the cross was made on us at our Baptism. In the waters of Baptism, we are cleaned and the dirt of sin is washed away. Ash Wednesday helps to remind us of this.

Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!

We celebrate Lent for 6 weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There Jesus was with out food for 40 days.

We remember the temptation of the Israelites in the desert after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.

Finally, we can remember the story of Noah and his family. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be; in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



From Pastor's Desk...

Life Together

In this anniversary year I hope for many of you who've been members for a long time, maybe your whole life, reflect on the many people and relationships that were brought together and nurtured at Trinity. God said to Adam, "It is not good for you to be alone." Adam was given Eve and marriage became the foundation of life together for the all of human creation. But along with marriage came the gift of life together in God.

Over the years our life together became connected with confirmation. Having been instructed together, confirmands confess the faith they have received from God together. I suppose that confirmands probably don't have "class reunions," but I have often heard people say, "I was confirmed with her or him." Perhaps you continued to go to church together and maybe some of you still do. Looking back at the confirmation classes and pictures, which were sadly lost in the flood, you could see vast numbers of people that God has called, gathered, enlightened, sanctified, and kept in Christ through the Holy Spirit. You can also see how fashions and customs have changed over time. Yes, Lutherans do change.

Another way that we see our life together is through Sunday School, Bible class, and church organizations like Ladies Aid and LWML. These organizations gather for the purpose of prayer, study of God's Word, and the commitment to support the Gospel's work here at Trinity and throughout the world. In the past there were roast beef dinners, soup suppers, potlucks (obviously not enough of these), and there are junior and senior high youth groups, catechism meals and class. All of these built a fellowship, a life together by extending the Lord's work done in worship in our own personal lives and relationships.

Early on I witnessed firsthand how Trinity sticks together. Through thick and thin we know who the Lord has made us to be and we know what He teaches and it changes us. It changes us and it impacts the lives we share together. It is this special characteristic that makes our congregation special and unique. And the good news is there's always room for more in our life together.

Happy March Birthdays!

- 3 Sarah Van Ballegooyen
- 5 Levi Huebner
- 6 Timothy Allen, Barb Ballard, Karen Engleman
- 9 Joyce Peck
- 10 Aaron Boyer, Jane Buryanek
- 11 Carol Bolluyt
- 13 Boston Phillips, Evan Vander Feen
- 16 Peggy Boyles, Janice Kitchenmaster, Jacob Vander Hamm
- 19 Justin Ortner
- 21 Harlan Benda, Rooney Utesch
- 26 Rhonda Huls
- 28 Linda Bockelman
- 29 Brice Buryanek, Theron Noble
- 30 Lindsey Van Bochove
- 31 Kathy Barnes, Karey Hurtado



Happy March Anniversary!

- 16 Jim & Tracie McManaman (24 yrs)





Are you and the kids tired of the winter blues? Join **Trinity Lutheran Church** for a

Family Fun Carnival at

The West Sioux High School from

11am –3 pm on Saturday March 15

There will be carnival games, a silent auction, and walking tacos if you're hungry! All proceeds go to flood renovations for the church. There will be a \$5 entry fee for ages 6 and up. 5 and under will be free. If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, please contact Heather Schurman at 712-550-1043. More details to come. We are also looking for volunteers to help with games and serving food.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS THRIVENT®

If you have 2024 Choice Dollars that have not been directed, you must direct them before March 31, 2025, or you will lose them. They do not carry over! You have more Choice Dollars to direct after each quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31).

To direct your Choice Dollars, call the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836, or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com.



Looking Ahead...

Confirmation Questioning on Thursday, April 24.

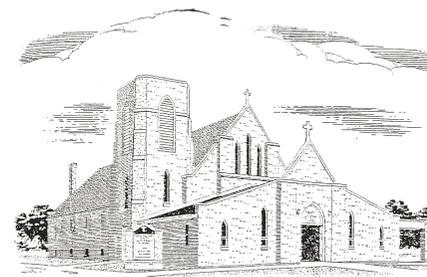
Confirmation Sunday on April 27.

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



*“for dust you are
and to dust you will return.”*

Genesis 3:19



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