

June 2025

Elder: Ryan Noble
Altar Guild: Curt & Lycia Anderson
Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Bockelmans Acolyte: Levi & Luke A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	2	3	4 7 pm Bible Study	5	6	7 6 pm Worship
8 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Burts Acolyte: Jordan, Cooper A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	9	10	11 7 pm Bible Study	12	13	14 6 pm Worship*
15 Father's Day See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Buryaneks Acolyte: Bailey, Lesley Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	16 LWML 7 PM	17	18 7 pm Bible Study	19	20	21 6 pm Worship
22 See Every Sunday NO Bible Class Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Mary K, Audree O Acolyte: Lincoln, Kade Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	23	24	25 7 pm Bible Study	26	27	28 6 pm Worship*
29 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Lowes Acolyte: Arlet, Ivette A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	30		EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM BIBLE CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS www.trinityhawarden.com trinityhawarden@gmail.com			



Congratulations to our own
Reverend Doctor Joshua Lowe!
Reception on Sunday, June 1 at
11:30 in the church fellowship
hall. He's **Ph-inishe-D!**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will meet on
Sunday June 15, after worship.

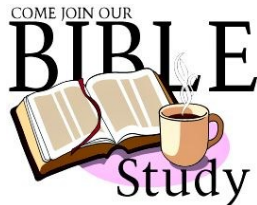


ELDERS meet on
Sunday, June 15 at 8:30 am.

LWML will meet on Monday,
June 16 at 7 pm.



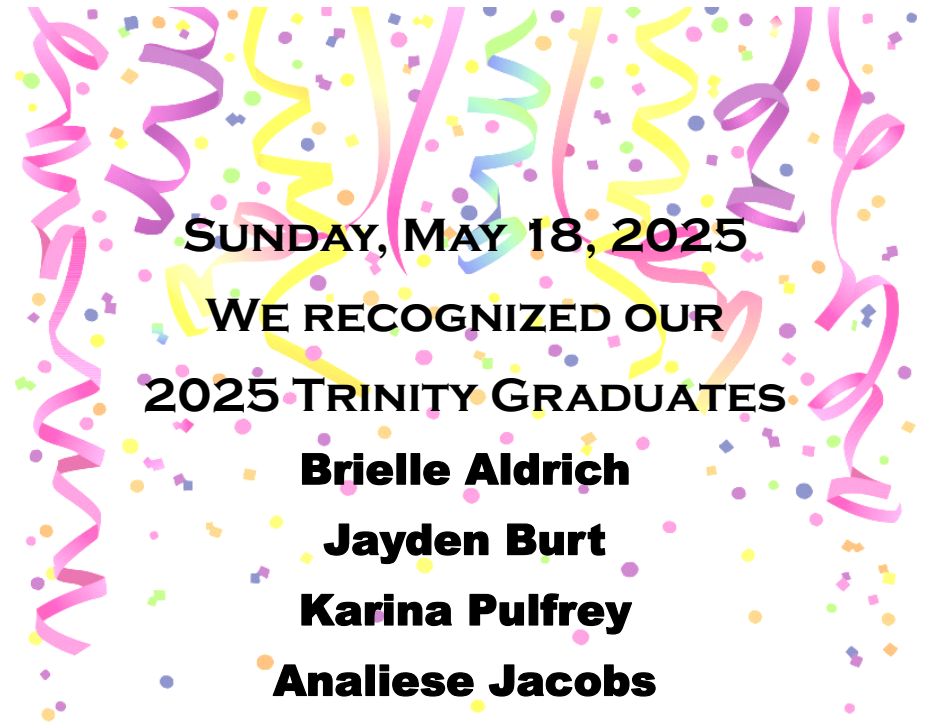
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY- New! A Study of
Zechariah! Join us!

The second offering on all fifth Sundays will go to
FLOOD RELIEF. Thank you!



SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

**WE RECOGNIZED OUR
2025 TRINITY GRADUATES**

Brielle Aldrich

Jayden Burt

Karina Pulfrey

Analiese Jacobs

Kelan Utech

RJ Ver Mulm

Addison Van Ballegooyen

Lindsey Van Bochove

Congratulations and God's Blessings on your
future endeavors!



Trinity Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary



Our guest speaker for the big celebration day of **July 20th** is Navy Chaplain Merlin Stephans. Pastor Stephans was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander at his home congregation, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elgin, MN in April 2024.

Stephan has served on Active Duty with the US Navy since 2015 and his previous duty stations include the USS Ashland (LSD 48), Sasebo, Japan; 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, NC; and the Naval Service Training Command at Great Lakes, IL.

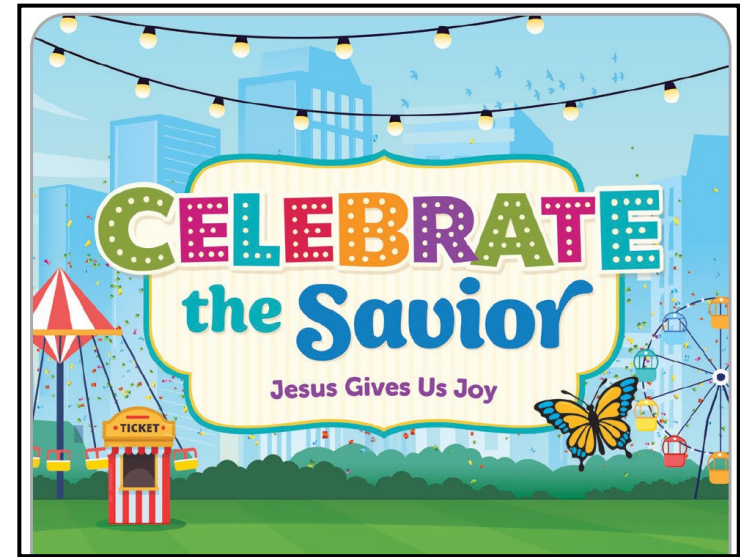
He is currently assigned to the US Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

There will be a **congregational dinner** after worship on **July 20**. More details to come.

The new cookbook should be ready for sale in July.



A new Great-Grandson was born on May 7 to Mike and Linda Bockelman. His name is Camden and his parents are Jace and Dana Martins of Brookings, SD. His siblings are Alania, Hudson and Maren. God's blessings!



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>

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 donations.

Information provided online or contact

Kara Vander Hamm with questions.



Let's Get Ready to SPARKLE!



LWML is organizing **church deep cleaning** for a couple Saturdays in June! We are asking **everyone** to pitch in and help. Chores will be written on cards and placed on the kitchen counter. You can come and pick up the chores you wish to volunteer for. If you can't help on a Saturday, get it done at your convenience. Let's get our church shiny clean before the July and our 125th celebration! Dates will be announced.



FEMA

Bill, Tracy, and Pastor continued to meet frequently with FEMA in May. We are still waiting for a response on reimbursement. Two of our projects are in the final stages of being obligated. There are no new developments.

**CHRIST'S WORDS OF COMFORT,
ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF FEAR
AND UNCERTAINTY, GIVE US
HOPE AND JOY.**

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
Matthew 6:33



A New Command

Jesus, speaking to His disciples, said, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:34-35).

"A new command." Yet it is an old one. It was Moses, way back in the book of Leviticus, directed by God to speak His commands to His people, who said, *"You shall not take vengeance...but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord"* (Leviticus 19:18).

Jesus amplified His command, however. We are to love, He said, *"as I have loved you."* How did Christ love us? At the time, the disciples did not know the depth of Christ's love. They hadn't heard the angels announce the birth of their Savior in Bethlehem. They had not yet been to Calvary and couldn't comprehend Jesus' references to His impending death. They had no idea that the Resurrection, Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost were ahead.

We do have that knowledge. We understand what Jesus is talking about for we know how He loved us. He has loved us enough to leave the glories of Heaven. He has loved us more than earthly power and status and honor. He has loved us more than He loved His own life.

Jesus further said that love for one another would be the mark of members of the Family of God. Just as He gave sight to the blind, made the lame man walk, healed the sick, and preached the Gospel to eager ears, so did His followers. So should we today. With the love of Christ in us, we visit the lonely, provide food for the hungry, and share our financial resources in order that the Word of God might be preached and bring many to salvation. Loving others as Christ has loved us means that we should be willing to lay down our lives for them.

Sinful beings that we are, we are not prone to love others as Christ has loved us. The apostle John tells us how it is possible: *"Beloved,"* he wrote in 1 John 4:7, *"let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."* We are born of God, and, by His grace, we can carry out His command to love one another through all the opportunities He gives us with all the gifts He gives us.



From Pastor's Desk...

Remembering- Memories often include good and bad experiences. A year ago, June 22, 2024, our community and congregation experienced a catastrophic flood that will likely forever mark our history. Our congregation has been engaged a full year's recovery from the flood. It has cost approximately \$800,000, tremendous amounts of time and talents to get us from destroyed to renewed. This cost doesn't even speak to the emotional weight we all have felt over the past year. It is important that we reflect on what happened, and what, by the grace of God, we experienced and accomplished.

Whether good or bad, memories compel us to reflect, but, hopefully, launch us into the future. Having experienced, suffered, laughed, cried, worried, prayed, hoped, we now are faced with a bad memory that God has turned into a moment of gratitude and an opportunity to move forward by His grace.

In 125 years, Trinity has endured. God is with us now as He was with us during major historical events in our nation: two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan. He was with us through droughts, plagues, and epidemics. He was with us through sicknesses, suffering, and deaths; funerals and weddings.

God's presence with us is not merely a feeling or sentiment. When He is with us, He acts. He acts through His Word. ^{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. God is present with us "according to His Word (Psalm 119:25).

When God is with us He acts, and it affects us. Jesus, the Word made flesh, says: "abide in my word" (John 8:36). The Word of Jesus is the living presence of Jesus. God's presence in the reading, hearing, preaching, and meditating on Scripture delivers what it says and sustains us in the promises it makes. The Word binds us to Christ and in Christ to one another.

The greatest remembrance is when God acted to give us the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Christ's body and blood in the sacrament are done "in remembrance of Me." God is remembering the sacrifice of His as we participate in the giving and shedding of Christ's body and blood shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Memories, acting, participating, and giving. That's how we will carry on as Trinity Lutheran in the years to come. And, by the way, how do you think we should use this new building?

Happy June Birthdays!

- 1 Mandie Allen
- 2 Jill Upton
- 3 Ashley Bultman
- 4 Kim Waterman
- 5 Amy Huebner, Doug Noble
- 6 Dave Aldrich
- 7 Analiese Jacobs
- 8 Madison Aldrich
- 11 Coty Anderson
- 12 Brenda Finch, Antonio Topete
- 13 Jim Petry, Avis Sunderman
- 14 Deb Kratochvil, Sherry Schuerkamp
- 15 Donna Lorenzen
- 16 Kessler Ratzsch
- 17 Mindy Burt, Znder Utesch, RaeAnna Wangerin
- 20 Michelle Klaus
- 21 Mia Danielson, Emily Parks, Robert Upton
- 22 Calvin Hurtado, Tracie McManaman, Hannah McVay, Corey Utech, David Weinmann
- 24 Crew McVay



BIRTHDAYS



Happy June Anniversaries!

- 2 Brian & Karen Engleman (46 yrs)
- 7 Roger & Audree Olson (39 yrs)
- 8 Chris & Emily Parks (6 yrs)
- 11 Scott & Shelly Schlumbohm (37 yrs)
- 13 Eric & Mary Ortner (16 yrs)
- 16 Duane & Teresa Sperle (24 yrs)
- 20 Doug & Breanne Noble (16 yrs)
- 20 Evan & Jill Vander Feen (38 yrs)
- 21 Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek (45 yrs)
- 22 Mitchell & Tara Gradert (1 yr)
- 26 JP & Holly Breugem (21 yrs)
- 27 Duane & Carol Aldrich (61 yrs)
- 27 Tom & Janie Murren (10 yrs)
- 29 Jim & Annabel McKee (29 yrs)



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

Summer Camps at Camp Okoboji 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 \$200 per child for week long camps and \$150 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 \$145 for adult and \$95 for kid. Kids' Kamp is May 30-June 1.

2 options for Cub Week! Cub Week is for kids who have completed 3rd-5th grade.
June 22-26 (5 day option-pick up on Thursday) \$315
July 13-19 \$380

July 6-12 Junior High Week is for kids who have completed 6th-8th grade. \$385

July 20-26 Youth Week is for kids who have completed 8th-12th grade. \$400

Please contact Mary Ortner if you are going to camp this summer and want to take advantage of the financial aid from church and Thrivent Choice dollars.

Mary's contact info:

maryballard76@gmail.com

Phone# 712-635-2497

Thank you,

Trinity Lutheran Thrivent Choice Committee

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

Psalm 119:103



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