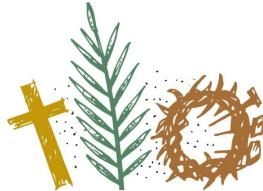


March 2026

Elder: Justin DeBruin
 Altar Guild: Derek & Mandie Allen
 Stewardship: Sonya Kruid

LENT 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Denny P. & Mary A. Acolyte: Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	2	3	4 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten service	5 No Bible Study	6	7 4 pm Worship
8 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mary K. & Audree O. Acolyte: Lydia Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	9	10 Circuit Pastors Meeting	11 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten service	12 No Bible Study	13	14 4 pm Worship*
15 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Lowe family Acolyte: Levi, Luke Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	16 7 pm LWML	17	18 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lenten service	19 No Bible Study	20	21 4 pm Worship
22 See Every Sunday Youth Roller Skating 1 pm Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Logan & Theron A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	23	24	25  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Lent Pie Night	26 No Bible Study	27	28 4 pm Worship*
29 Palm Sunday See Every Sunday Kids Sing in Worship Usher Team: Curt Anderson Greeters: Brenda Acolyte: Eastyn & Lukas A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist:	30	31		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		



No **Thursday** morning Bible Class during the Lenten season.
Sunday morning Bible Class is at 9:15 am every Sunday.

Youth Roller Skating on Sunday, March 22
Leave church at 1 pm



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

LWML will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7 pm. Our project will be hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train.



Sunday School kids sing on March 29 for Palm Sunday.



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...>



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: If you have 2025 Choice Dollars that have not been directed, you must direct them before March 31, 2026, 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.

On the Lighter Side

Q: Did Eve have a date with Adam?
A: No, just an apple.

Q: What's a miracle that can be done by a complainer?
A: Turning anything into a whine.

Q: How long did Cain hate his brother?
A: As long as he was Abel.

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
A: Cause Noah was standing on the deck.

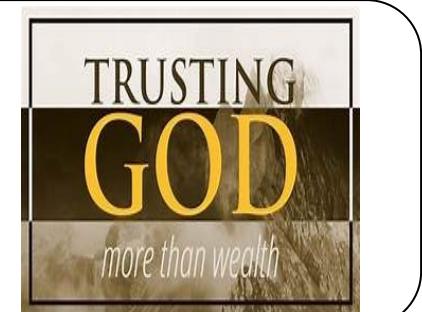
Q: How does Moses make his coffee?
A: Hebrews it.

Q: What types of boats do believers want to go on?
A: DiscipleSHIP & WorSHIP

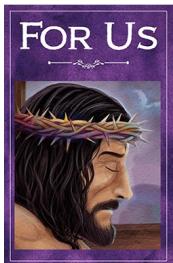
+++++

GOD WARNS THE WEALTHY THAT MONEY CAN CAUSE A SENSE OF SELF-IMPORTANCE AND CAN LEAD TO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

"Give me neither poverty nor riches...lest I be full and deny You and say, 'Who is the Lord?'" (Proverbs 30:8-9).



Our Lenten Services "For Us"



Ash Wednesday February 18

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

An introduction to "O Love, How Deep" (LSB 544) while examining ourselves so we can understand God's love *for us*.

Ephesians 3:14-19

Midweek 1– February 25

The Robe of Human Frame

Examine why Christ came as a human to redeem us as His own.

Hebrews 1

Midweek 2– March 4

Done for Us

An introduction to the phrase "for us" and how God's nature is self-giving love.

Mark 1:9-13

Midweek 3– March 11

For Us He Seeks

See how Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help and strengthen us.

Mark 1:35-39

Midweek 4– March 18

Healing from Demons

Hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon and how that work of healing continues today.

Mark 5:1-13

Midweek 5– March 25

For Us Betrayed

Understand how the way of salvation only comes through the path of suffering, and how Christ participates in this suffering with us.

Mark 8:31-9:1

Holy (Maundy) Thursday-April 2

For Many Means for You

Introduce the phrase "for many" and see how Christ gave His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins "for many."

Matthew 26:28

Good Friday– April 3

His Dying Breath

Salvation has been won *for us*. See how in Scripture while using *LSB* hymn 544.

John 19:28-30

This list of homebound and shut-ins in our congregation is published so we are reminded to remember them with prayers, letters, cards, etc.

The following are at **Hillcrest Care Center** and their address is
2121 Ave. L, Hawarden, IA 51023

Lois Greder
Marcella Brandhagen

Marlys Hendricks
Avis Sunderman
Sally Hantsbarger
Cassie Lachmann
Peggy Boyles

+++++++++

The following are at **Akron Care Center** and their address is
991 Hwy 3, Akron, IA 51002

Marge Dimmick
Lester Janssen
Jeanette Kircher
Gloria Finch

The following are homebound.

Joyce Boerma	Ron Klaus
2630 410th Street	1911 Avenue H
Sioux Center, IA 51250	Hawarden, IA 51023

Dorothy Olson	Larry & Linda Van
1004 Ave. O	Wyhe
Hawarden, IA 51023	1315 Ave. O
	Hawarden, IA 51023

Phone numbers are listed in the church directory.

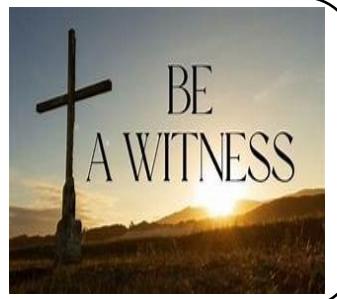


Update from LWML and Swaddling Clothes

- 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 the third Monday of each month at 7 pm.
- LWML will be serving snacks after Lenten services each Wednesday.
- LWML's February project was Camp Okoboji. A donation was sent.
- In March, LWML will be putting together hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train.
- Swaddling Clothes continues to serve moms and babies in need with diapers and wipes. The distribution date will be the 4th Sunday of each month. Swaddling Clothes is spearheaded by Nancy Buryanek, and they will accept diaper and monetary donations any time.
- We thank the Trinity congregation for their generous support of LWML and Swaddling Clothes. We appreciate it!

OUR PURPOSE IS TO GIVE GOD GLORY, TO POINT PEOPLE TO HIM SO THAT THEY CAN KNOW HIM, TOO.

"...you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8b).



Tithing: A Spiritual Decision and More

Giving is our response of faith to God's countless gifts especially the gift we need the most, which is a Savior. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are molded and transformed into stewards who become more Christ-like in our giving.

We were created in God's image to give, but, because of sin, we have lost that image and giving can be challenging and difficult. However, God exhorts us to give, and, by His grace, He enables our giving. In the Old Testament, God commanded His people to tithe. A tithe is giving to God a tenth of all that is received. As New Covenant Christians living under grace, tithing is not commanded, but it is an expectation and guide to our faithful giving. Tithing is more of a **spiritual decision** than a financial one. It has little to do with money, but it has to do with our devotion to Christ. When we tithe, it could be said that the heart takes precedence over the wallet. Tithers understand who they are and Whose they are. Tithing is a reminder that God is the creator and source of all that we are and have. Tithers are willing to forgo some of the pleasures and comforts of the world to please, honor, and worship God through their giving.

God's Word shares giving truths to guide our giving. We are encouraged to give to God first (Proverbs 3:9), regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2), proportionately (2 Corinthians 8:12), intentionally (2 Corinthians 9:7), and generously (Luke 6:38). It is important to note that these Biblical guides to our giving are all incorporated in the tithe. What is most beneficial is that tithing helps us answer the question, "What is a proportionate gift of our incomes that is God-pleasing?" For financial reasons, it may be difficult for some to become tithers immediately, whereas others will be in position to give much more than a tenth. The tithe is a guide or goal to strive for and then attempt to surpass.

The tithe is also a **spiritual discipline**. Tithing establishes an important priority in our lives, and our tithing helps us to stay connected to Jesus. In addition, tithing is **spiritual protection**. Jesus said, "*Where your treasure is there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:21). Giving helps align our hearts with the Lord. Through the joy of tithing and the extra measure of God's peace from faithful and obedient giving, tithers receive **spiritual blessings**. To summarize, tithing is a **spiritual decision** that leads to **spiritual discipline**, **spiritual protection**, and **spiritual blessings**. For these reasons, it is said that once a tither always a tither.

May God bless and keep us in His grace and joy as we give to Him!



From Pastor's Desk...

“He’s a real character.” I heard this from time to time growing up. I’m not sure if it’s a normal expression in Iowa, but it should be. A character, at least as my parents meant it, was a person who was a bit odd, peculiar, but enjoyable and, usually, entertaining. It wasn’t quite a dig, nor a compliment, but, nevertheless, the characters brought our life together more meaning and memorable.

Character is a quality that Christians should aspire to. Maybe not in the way I just described, but we are a peculiar people in today’s world. We are bit odd. I hope you bring meaning and memories to lives of people you encounter. But, first, let’s consider what Christian character is and how it is formed.

“Character is cumulative source of human actions...manifest in a person’s thinking, speaking, and doing” (Joel Biermann, *A Case for Character: Towards a Lutheran Virtue Ethics*, 13). Character is not natural, but formed in us individually by the communities’ unique “teaching, conversations, observation of rituals, and practices extending from infancy to death” (Biermann, 12). All of this working together forms our identity- it makes you, you.

For Christians, character is formed within the Christian community of our congregation. We worship together, learn and study together, you converse and socialize together, and gasp, even have fun together. For example, when we gather for worship, older people are teaching younger people how to sit and listen, how to stand up and pray, how to prioritize worship in your daily lives. Kids are learning in worship how to serve and mold them through compassion, admonishment, and practices. Christian character formation should be the goal of our congregation.

The way that God forms our character is by His Word which is the reason we gather and the means is operational in our community. Without the Word, our character will be no different than the world, which, by the way, works hard against God’s character formation.

In the next couple of months, we will discuss how God forms character and why character is important for the Christian life. We will also discuss habits, practices, and good works that Christian character produces and incorporates into our lives.

Happy March Birthdays

- 3 Sarah Van Ballegooyen
- 5 Levi Huebner
- 6 Barb Ballard, Karen Engleman
- 9 Joyce Peck
- 10 Aaron Boyer, Jane Buryanek
- 11 Carol Bolluyt
- 13 Evan Vander Feen
- 16 Peggy Boyles, Janice Kitchenmaster
- 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, Kary Hurtado



Happy March Anniversaries

- 16 Jim & Tracie McManaman (25 yrs)



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 :

Mar 1 Roger & Mary Johnson

Steve Johnson

Robert Keehn

Pete & Kristi Kingma

Jeanette Kircher

Janice Kitchenmaster

Mar 8 Randy & Becky Klaus

Michelle Klaus

Mary Klaus

Ron Klaus

Jeff & Jennifer Kooi

Rich Kratochvil

Deb Kratochvil

Todd & Anna Krug

Jonathan Krug

Mar 15 Erica Kruid, Myleigh, Brayton

Mike & Sonya Kruid

Cassie Lachmann

Jean Lemmermann

Hannah Lemmermann

Cheryl Lewison

Donna Lorenzen

Mar 22 Josh & Corinne Lowe, Lydia, Henry, Caroline

Zachary Lussier

Bill Marinsen

Rodney & Jan Matz

Jim & Annabel McKee, Dillon

Jim & Tracie McManaman

Emma McManaman

Ian McManaman

Mar 29 Adam & Hannah McVay, Crew, Vale, Rudy

Kasey & Emily Mitchell, Jude

Jamie Moothart

Laura Mora, Lesley, Ivette, Arlett

Tom & Janie Murren

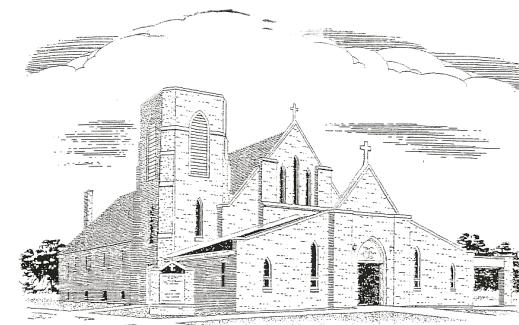
Ryan & Ashley Noble, Lincoln, Hudson

Doug & Breanne Noble, Theron, Tenley

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:13



Trinity Lutheran Church

1103 Central Ave.

Hawarden, IA 51023

(712) 551-2743

Email: trinityhawarden@gmail.com

www.trinityhawarden.com