


September 2025

Elder: Justin DeBruin

Altar Guild: Ardis Huebner & Teresa Sperle

Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Hamburger Stand 11-1:00	2	3 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	4	5	6 6 pm Worship*
7 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Lincoln, Kade Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	8	9 Circuit Pastors Meeting	10 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	11	12	13 6 pm Worship
14 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Logan, Wyatt Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	15 7 pm LWML	16	17 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	18	19	20 6 pm Worship*
21 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders Mtg. Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mike & Linda Bockelman Acolyte: Lukas, Eastyn Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	22	23	24 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Class	25	26	27 6 pm Worship
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Starting a NEW Bible Study on
September 14 at 9:15 am on the
book of Romans.

Starting a NEW Bible Study on
Wednesday evenings beginning
September 3 at 7 pm on the book
of Revelation.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will meet after
services on September 21 .



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on
Sunday, September 21.

LWML will meet on Monday,
September 15 at 7 pm.



**GOD'S LOVE FOR US TRANSFORMS
US INTO PEOPLE WHO ARE CARING
AND LOVING, AND WE SHOW IT
THROUGH OUR ACTIONS.**

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy
and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and
patience" (Colossians 3:12).



5th Sunday Communion The Elders have voted to
try communion at the altar again. People can
kneel or stand. Those who can't make it up the
steps will receive communion in the pew. This
will only be done on the 5th Sundays. The next 5th
Sunday is November 30.



Catechism Information 2025-2026

Meals

We will offer supper prior to catechism class beginning at 5:15. Parents, family, friends, and congregation members are encouraged to sign up to furnish and serve meals. Talk to Kara Vander Hamm about the Meal Train Sign up.

Start Date and Time

Classes begin Wednesday, September 3

Meals are served prior to class at 5:15.

Classes will begin with a group opening at 5:45 and conclude at 6:50.

All-Grade Expectations

Be in worship/Sunday School regularly.

Attend and participate in class weekly. (If sick, or unable to attend, please let Pastor know).

Submit 20 sermon summaries. (8th Graders **MUST** complete these prior to confirmation).

Students must participate in catechism to receive congregation scholarships to youth events (Gatherings) and Camp Okoboji.

8th Graders

Pastor Lowe and the Board of Elders are asking 8th grade parents to attend catechism classes. Last year's parents report that this went very well for them and their families. If a parent cannot attend, please speak to pastor. He is willing to work with you.

Confirmation is based on

Worship/Sunday School attendance

Class attendance

Examination

Sermon summaries (20).

Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, April 26th.

5th/6th Grades

Mrs. Corinne Lowe will teach 5th/6th grades this year. Due to the large numbers of kids, it is helpful for additional parents to be in the room. Please consider helping.



We would like to thank Randy & Barb Ballard for donating 5 matching tables for our fellowship hall.

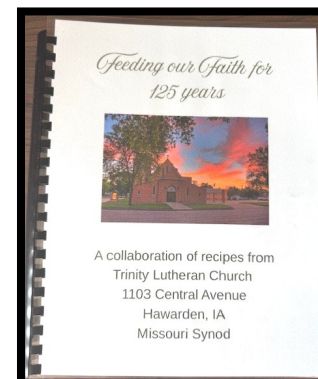
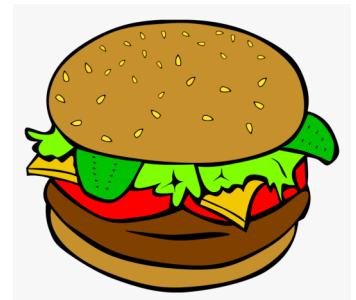
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We would like to also thank Anna Krug for donating 5 tables, 80 chairs and numerous kitchen supplies.

BIG THANK YOU's to you all!

*We are still in need of a baby changing table for the Family Room.

Thank you to ALL who donated or helped work or organize the Labor Day Hamburger Stand! The proceeds will go to the Youth programs in our church.



Please sign up in the narthex to purchase the new cookbooks! They will be ready for pickup in October. Deadline for payment is **September 12**. Please make out checks to Trinity LWML. Mail or drop off at the church. There is a QR code to scan if you want to Venmo Heather Schurman with your payment. Sneak Peak somewhere in this newsletter!

SNEAK PEAK!



Recipes stolen from the pages of the new church cookbook! Shh!

Crockpot Christmas Crack

in memory of Marita Pederson by Sharilyn Buryanek

16 oz. unsalted Planters dry peanuts

16 oz. salted Planters peanuts

12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips

12 oz. milk chocolate chips

10 oz. peanut butter chips

1 lb. white almond bark

Layer all ingredients in a large crockpot. Put on low. Cover with lid and leave for 2 hours. Remove the lid and stir to combine. Replace lid and leave for 30 minutes. Stir again. Then spoon mixture onto wax paper or non-stick aluminum foil. Hardens in 1 hour.



Quick Chicken Pot Pie

By Hannah McVay

2 Lg. cans chicken

1 can corn (drained)

1 can green beans (drained)

1 can sliced white potatoes (drained)

1 can cream chicken

8 oz. sour cream

Salt & pepper

1 tube Crescent rolls

8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese

Mix all together. Put in a sprayed 9x13 pan, top with cheddar cheese.

Layer crescent rolls over cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30

minutes or until crescent rolls are golden brown and inside is hot.

Giving Cheerfully

In the Old Testament, the people knew what God expected them to give because He commanded the people to tithe, which required the people to give one-tenth of their harvest or produce (income) to the Lord. As New Covenant Christians, we have the freedom to decide what to give, but we are expected to give cheerfully. *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). Giving is not to be based strictly by the percentage we give to the Lord but by the largeness of our hearts toward God. God appreciates big-hearted people who give their money to Him cheerfully. It's not always easy to give cheerfully, because we need to spend money on rent or mortgages, food, and clothing, and we would like to take some nice family vacations or drive newer cars, etc. It is tempting to scrimp on generosity or to give with a frown.

Our human spirit has been profoundly twisted by Adam's sin, and this present world is a hard place to live. There is only one way that we can rise above those circumstances to live a new life where generous and cheerful giving is the norm and not the exception. In order for us to do this, we must have a personal faith relationship with Jesus Christ and day after day tap into God's rich supply of life-changing grace. The only power that can consistently overcome the sin nature that still clings to each of us is the cross of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul declared this Gospel truth in Galatians 2:20. He emphasized, *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."* If we believe in Jesus as our Savior and Lord, then our sinful flesh has been nailed to the cross with Christ, and the self-absorbed and fearful human ego no longer has any right or power to direct how we as Christians live. We can take this truth and apply it to the way we give. Through faith, we are empowered to withstand our flesh and the world who wants us to spend more of our money on things of this world and to give less to God. When we place our trust in God, we can honor Him by giving cheerfully.

As new covenant Christians, we give under grace so we are free to decide in our hearts and minds how much to give. Cheerful givers experience giving as a privilege. Giving changes from a "got to" give to a "want to" give. Cheerful giving comes from new hearts that God through His Holy Spirit has changed. Giving is to be inspired and voluntary, not an obligation or only out of necessity or possible recognition. Giving is an outward expression based on an inner conviction. Through faith, we understand that we are God's instruments through whom He works to help people in need, to support His Church, and to extend His kingdom. May God find us willing and cheerful to use our time and money to do His work.



From Pastor's Desk...

In June I wrote a newsletter article about what makes Trinity Lutheran and LCMS Lutherans unique in our teaching and practice. In this article I want to focus specifically on the Lord's mission in this place. And, specifically, how God's Word and Sacrament fill our lives with a yearning to share that Word and life with those around us.

Global Mission

The LCMS has sent of 200 missionaries across the globe. Working together with 35 partner churches which share the same confession of faith, the LCMS sends missionaries, not only to unserved areas, but also to support a global network of churches.

One of the biggest supporters of this work is Mission Central in Mapleton, IA. Millions of dollars are raised annually to fund our global missionaries.

Iowa Mission

Mission work is happening throughout Iowa District West (there are two LCMS districts in Iowa; a district is a geographical area in which the church works together to carry out the Lord's work).

Immigrant/Ethnic Ministries: Currently, the LCMS has a missionary to the Hispanic people, Rev. Pedro Lopez. Mission work is done among the African immigrant people in West Des Moines, Ankeny, and even among the Sudanese in LeMars.

Campus Ministry: Work is done at Iowa State, Drake, and other colleges in western Iowa.

Work is also done in local congregations through Swaddling clothes, food banks, English as a Second Language classes, David's Harp, which raises up new church musicians, and many more.

Trinity Mission

Divine Service is where God's mission of saving us is made real "for you." Jesus gives faith, forgives sins, and equips us for life in the world to live by faith as God's children.

Home: You carry the work done in the Divine Service home. Through Scripture reading, prayer, meal times prayer, moral instruction you are equipping your families to live as Christians in a fallen world.

Sunday School for youth and adults teaches us God's Word to give and strengthen faith and ensures we learn God's Word. It should only supplement work done at home.

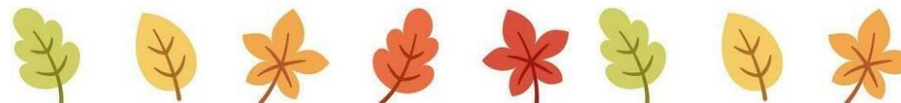
Catechism is the formal training for lifelong learning and preparation to receive the Lord's Supper.

We also support two missionaries sent to carry the Gospel to the world.

God is at work here and for that we are grateful. He calls us to continue this work and there is much more work to do. He's going to use you to do it.

Happy September Birthdays!

- 1 George Hugh
- 3 Cason Strong
- 4 Cheryl Lewison
- 6 Randy Ballard
- 7 Amy Cason, Mark Hazel, Mike Kruid
- 9 Jennifer Kooi
- 10 Jeanette Kircher, Ashley Strong
- 12 Erielle Parks, Asher Schelling
- 13 Petricia Hurtado
- 16 Makiya Schurman, Tessa Schurman
- 17 Boe Boyer
- 20 Arlett Mora, Frank Peterson
- 21 Tyler Van Wyhe
- 22 Jean Toft
- 23 Kara Bultman, Zachary Lussier
- 24 Phil Van Wyhe
- 25 Mary Aldrich, Micah Baas, Betty Brandsma, Kezden Huls, Trevor Schelling
- 27 Lynn Eilts
- 28 Roger Johnson
- 30 Justin DeBruin



Happy September Anniversaries!

- 3 Larry & Linda Van Wyhe—54 yrs
- 5 Jerry & Sharon Wakman —33 yrs
- 6 Randy & Becky Klaus—50 yrs
- 7 Dave & Shelly Aldrich—29 yrs
- 11 Jack & Kay Borchers—63 yrs
- 13 Trevor & Kendra Schelling—11 yrs
- 14 Carl & Tara Harry—12 yrs
- 17 Dustin & Miranda Huls—14 yrs
- 26 Rick & Joann Boyer—33 yrs
- 29 Carl & Shannon Baas—7 yrs



Families we will pray for in the month of September:

Sept 7 Terra Spangler
 Zain Spangler
 Duane & Teresa Sperle
 Cole Sperle
 Pam Star
 RaeAnna Wangerin
 Chance & Tamara Steen, Cooper, Weston



Sept 14 Nick & Ashley Strong, Cason, Calen, Cora
 Avis Sunderman
 Dan Tentinger
 Lynn & Lorraine Thorpe
 Jean Toft
 Robert & Jill Upton, Jaden, Analiese

Sept 21 Corey & Jodi Utech, Kelan, Eastyn
 Morgan Utesch, Zander, Tatum, Rooney, Pria
 Michael & Tara Van Ballegooyen, Blake, Addison, Emrie
 Sarah Van Ballegooyen,
 Connor Van Ballegooyen
 John & Pam Van Ballegooyen
 Katie Van Ballegooyen
 Casey & Amanda Van Baochove, Lindsey, Destiny

Sept 28 Phil & Angie Van Wyhe
 Tyler & Alyssa Van Wyhe, Clara
 Larry & Linda Van Wyhe
 Evan & Jill Vander Feen
 Tucker & Emilee Vander Feen, Mauer
 Rita Vander Feen



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While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Genesis 8:22



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