



January 2025

Elder: Derek Allen
 Altar Guild: Dave & Shelly Aldrich
 Prayer Chain: Jean Toft



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 EMAIL: trinityhawarden@gmail.com			1 	2	3	4 No Worship
5 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Mary K. & Audree O. Acolyte: Levi H. & Luke H. Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	6	7	8 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	9	10	11 6 pm Worship
12 See Every Sunday 8:30 am Elders Meeting Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Corinne Lowe & family Acolyte: Jordan B. & Cooper S. Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	13	14	15 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 6 pm Worship*
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Bible Study Resumes

Bible Study resumes Sunday, January 12th. Meet in the church sanctuary at 9:15 am.

Wednesday night Bible Study also resumes on January 8 at 7 pm. Meet in the church library.

High School & Middle School Youth

Youth will be going Ice Skating on Sunday afternoon, January 19, in Sioux Center.

All middle school and high school youth are invited to attend.



Sunday School On Hold

Sunday School is on hold until windows are replaced and heating is installed in the Education Wing. Return date will be posted on Facebook and announced in church.

Bible Study is still on for Sunday mornings in the sanctuary and families are welcome and encouraged to come to that.



LWML will NOT be meeting in the month of January.



Opportunities Abound in the New Year

Each new day brings promise of a fresh start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there is something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the JANUARY calendar on the wall. This is the year we will accomplish great things.

God does not necessarily call us to do great things. However, He asks that we be trustworthy in small things. Jesus said, *“One who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much”* (Luke 16:10). To that end He gives us gifts, both small and big, to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet – and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesperson, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we have been given, not in having the greatest number.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compared to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God’s praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church. You may not be a wealthy corporate CEO, but you can use some of your funds to help those in need and to extend God’s kingdom.

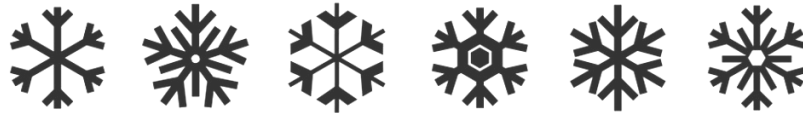
That is why God gives us gifts and abilities so we may be equipped to serve others. *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”* (1 Peter 4:10). The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God’s glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One Who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

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Catechism Meal Sign Up

Please sign up to serve or provide a meal for catechism classes beginning January 8. Sign up at MealTrain.com - <https://mealtrain.com/oy6nyl> or contact Kara Vander Hamm.



LORD, IN THIS NEW YEAR, HELP US TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF ALL THAT YOU ENTRUST TO US.

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2).



Parsonage Open House and Rededication

Epiphany is the season of miracles. This Epiphany we will gather at the parsonage for our annual open house for food and fellowship and to rededicate the parsonage following restoration after the flood. Open house/luncheon will be on **January 12** following Sunday worship.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2024

Altar Poinsettias given by

Deb Kratochvil

In loving memory of Tyler's heavenly birthday

Deb Kratochvil

In celebration of my family

Sandy Marienau

In loving memory of Chuck Marienau

Sandy Marienau

In honor of Viet Nam Veterans

Petricia Hurtado

In loving memory of Peter Miller

Tom & Jane Murren

In loving memory of Ann Waterman,

Anne Gabel, Marv Waterman

Chris Waterman

In loving memory of Myron Waterman

Chris Waterman

In celebration of Granddaughter, Alana

Chris Waterman

In honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Duane & Carol Aldrich

In celebration of Christmas

Mike & Linda Bockelman

In loving memory of all our loved ones who have passed

Carol Bolluyt & family

In loving memory of Dean Bolluyt, Bert & Susie Bolluyt, and Louis & Ila Kemner

Dallas & Ardis Huebner

In celebration of the birth of Jesus

Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek

In celebration of our grandchildren

Marcia Hazel

In loving memory of Ray Hazel, Angie Hazel

Mike & Sonya Kruid

In loving memory of Melvin Kruid & Grandparents

Don & Stacia Hart

In loving memory of Erlyn & Shirley Cain

Sara Ratzsch & family

In loving memory of Grandpa & Grandma Cain (Erlyn & Shirley Cain)

Sarina Talich & family

Betty Brandsma

In loving memory of Russ Brandsma

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Given in honor of my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, & all spouses

Roger & Audree Olson

In loving memory of Alberta Frerichs

Don Hugh

In loving memory Rita Pierce, our daughter and sister of Sue Hendricks

Jean, Aaron, Hannah

In loving memory of Pastor Scott Lemmermann

Curt & Lycia Anderson

In celebration of Micah, Aron, Annika, Teagan Reed, Aubrey, Wyatt, Isaac, Elena, Benjamin Coty, and Kaci

Joyce Boerma

In loving memory of Dale Boerma

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In loving memory of Gerrit & Esther Boerma and Julius & Elsie Anderson

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PROVIDED A POINSETTIA!



FEMA

Tracy DeBruin, Bill Buryanek, and Pastor Lowe continue to meet with FEMA every Monday. Work has begun to replace Ed Wing windows and install heating. It is hoped to recoup some of the damages lost and possibly receive assistance from them to repair the elevator and some work completed. This process is very complicated and detailed. Please pray this goes well. Also thank God for the extensive work Tracy and Bill have done. Our trustees also deserve a great deal of recognition. Brian Vander Hamm will remain project manager. Special shout out to Dave Zierke for his tireless efforts coordinating LERT. Dave also rescued the dishes. For those who complained about their alleged loss, you will receive your own commemorative plate.



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.

Thank you



Thank you to the congregation for all your love, cards, gifts, and support this Christmas and throughout 2024. Your support and generosity are true gifts from God. We are truly blessed! Merry Christmas! The Lowes

I want to thank everyone for the Christmas bonus I received this year. I thank you for your appreciation of me playing the organ for our church services. I thank God for being blessed with this talent and I can use it to serve the Lord. May God bless you all in the New Year . Peggy Christensen

Thank you for the Christmas bonus I received this year. I enjoy this job! I can't wait to get my *healed* broken ankle back to work in my newly heated church office. It's been a long six months, hasn't it?! Thank you for remembering me. Lycia Anderson

I want to thank the congregation for the Christmas bonus and for the support you give us organists throughout the year. It is very appreciated. Sharon Wakeman

Thank you to everyone at Trinity for the Christmas bonus I received. I really appreciate it. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Tracy DeBruin

Happy New Year 2025



From Pastor's Desk...

Calendar year 2025 will be a significant year for Trinity Lutheran Church. It marks the 125th anniversary of our charter here in the Hawarden community. It marks 125 years of telling the Good News of Jesus Christ and making His disciples through baptism and teaching. 125 years of growing and training Christians to love and serve their neighbors in our homes, families, work places, and whoever is in need. Because of this, 2025 will be a year of thanksgiving and praise to God for His endless grace and mercy in sending His Son to be our Savior and Lord.

The bible verse I have chosen to be our theme and meditate upon this year is:

ESV Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

While historical anniversaries tend to focus on the past- people, pastors, and buildings, it my hope that we don't get caught up in once was, but, instead, see our history as part of a living tradition a living witness to what God has done and continues to do in our midst. The year will be marked by 4 special services and other activities which will include people and recognition from Trinity's past and present, but also an emphasis on moving into the future with a God-given faith that no matter what, Jesus has conquered sin and death and everlasting life is before us.

Trinity has much to be thankful for and excited about in 2025. God -willing we will see the completion of our flood recovery. This means that we will enjoy a total overhaul of our education and fellowship hall facilities. With this gift comes the joy and responsibility to ask God how we might use our building to further His Gospel-work in Hawarden. It is my prayer, and I hope yours, too, that God will use this new chapter to equip us to reach out so that others may hear and believe what Jesus is doing among us.

May God grant this year be full of rejoicing, patience, and prayer give thanks for His blessings past, present, and future.

Happy January Birthdays!

- 2 Teagan Baas
- 4 Shaun Ruhland, Linda Van Wyhe
- 5 Briggs Buryanek
- 6 Nic Engleman
- 8 Brady DeBruin, Brooke DeBruin
- 9 Kara Vander Hamm
- 11 Jan Daggett, Craig Huls
- 12 Lynn Thorpe
- 13 Shelly Schlumbohm
- 14 Jonathan Krug
- 16 Jerry Ruhland
- 17 Ian McManaman
- 23 Emma Breugem, Brian Vander Hamm
- 24 Bill Benda, Pam Harvey
- 25 Kelan Utech
- 26 Joann Boyer, Marcia Hazel, Kambrie Schelling, Corah Strong
- 27 Jon Burt, Tom Murren, Lauryn Ruhland
- 28 Ron Klaus
- 29 Scott Schlumbohm, Clara Van Wyhe



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- 8 Darvin & Peggy Boyles (63 yrs)
- 15 Don & Donna Hugh (32 yrs)
- 20 Mike & Linda Bockelman (32 yrs)

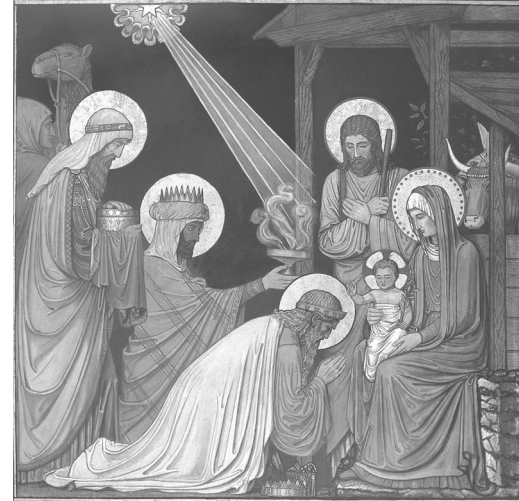


Praying for our Congregation this Month

Each week, we will pray for 5 or 6 families in our congregation (alphabetically, by last name). In the month of January, these are the families that we will pray for :

- Jan 5: Phil & Angie Van Wyhe
Tyler & Alyssa Van Wyhe, and Clara
Larry & Linda Van Wyhe
Evan & Jill Vander Feen
Warren & Joey Vander Feen
Rita Vander Feen
- Jan 12: Chase & Kylie Vander Feen, and Flynn
Brian & Kara Vander Hamm, Karlee, Logan, Jacob
Robert & Jodi Ver Mulm, RJ, Bailey
Dan & Jessica Ver Mulm, Brinlee, Brayden
Jerry & Sharon Wakeman
Kelcie Wakeman
Janet Wakeman
- Jan 19: Bruce Wakeman
Kim & Rick Waterman
Brenda Watkins
David & Erika Weinmann, David , Brenden
Karen Weyen
Kyle Wilkens
Josh Wilkens
Dave Zierke

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¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2:11-12



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