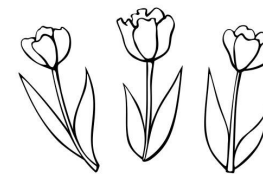





May 2025

Elder: Jon Burt

Altar Guild: Jon & Mindy Burt

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 trinityhawarden@gmail.com				1	2	3 6 pm Worship*
4 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Corinne Lowe & family Acolyte: Paisley & Brynly Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	5	6	7 NO Bible Study	8	9	10 No Worship
11 See Every Sunday LAST Sunday School till fall Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Tom & Jane Murren Acolyte: Emmalee & Zander Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	12	13	14 NO Bible Study	15	16 Pastor Lowe's PhD graduation St Louis	17 No Worship
18 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Brenda Watkins Acolyte: Logan & Wyatt A/V: Tom Murren Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	19 LWML 7 pm	20	21 7 pm Bible Study	22	23	24 6 pm Worship
25 See Every Sunday Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Curt & Lycia Anderson Acolyte: Lukas & Eastyn A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	26 	27	28 7 pm Bible Study	29 7 pm Ascension Service	30	31 6 pm Worship*

Easter Lilies 2025

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of...

Erlyn & Shirley Cain

by Don & Stacia Hart

Our Grandparents, Erlyn & Shirley Cain

by Sara Ratzsch & Sarina Talich

Peter Miller

by Petricia Hurtado

Dawn Anderson

by Petricia Hurtado

Myron Riediger

by Terra Spangler

Verle & Mary Marienau

by Jerry & Sharon Wakeman

Alexander Zaragoza Sr.

by Ada Waterman & family

Frank & Marlene Buryanek

by Nancy Buryanek

Dale Boerma

by Joyce Boerma

Gerrit & Esther Boerma and

by Joyce Boerma

Julius & Elsie Anderson

All Our Loved Ones who have passed

by Mike & Linda Bockelman

Rita Pierce, Joe Hedden,

Wayne & Bernice Hedden

by Don Hugh

Dean Bolluyt

by Carol Bolluyt

My Dad and oldest Sister

by Rhonda Huls

Given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of...

Our Risen Lord

by Deb Kratochvil

Our Grandchildren

by Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek

Randee and our family

by Denny Peters

Celebration of Easter

by Dallas & Ardis Huebner

Our family

by Curt & Lycia Anderson

Jesus Resurrection

by Rhonda Huls

The Resurrection of Our Lord

by Roger & Audree Olson

Given to the Glory of God and In Honor Of...

Brielle Aldrich & her graduation

by Duane & Carol Aldrich

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE EASTER LILIES!

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 start up again on May 21.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will not be meeting in the month of May.



ELDERS meet on
Sunday, May 4 at 8:30 am.

LWML will meet on Monday,
May 19 at 7 pm.



Last session of Sunday School will be May 11 for this school year. Awards will be handed out after the May 11 church service.

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





Congratulations to our 2025 Confirmands!

Jordan Michael Bultman

Lesley Yessenia Mora

Luci Lynn Ramos

Addilyn Alma Van Wyhe

Bailey Joy Ver Mulm



BIG THANKS to Justin Ortner for reading on Good Friday, Tom Murren and Coilcraft for fixing the microphone, Curt Anderson for taking care of the lilies, Levi Huebner and Lydia Lowe for playing the trumpet for Easter, all of our organists, and the LWML ladies who served Lenten lunches. We appreciate all of you and all your work and help!



Dates for VBS are

July 7-11, 2025

Plan now to come and "Celebrate the Savior" this summer and invite your friends!

Pastor Lowe and family will be on vacation from May 5-19. They will be in St Louis for Pastor's PhD graduation on Friday, May 16 at the seminary.

Congratulations,

Pastor Lowe!



Ph*inished***D**

He is risen



FEMA

Bill, Tracy, and Pastor continued to meet frequently with FEMA in April. We are still waiting for a response on reimbursement. Two of our projects are in the final stages of being obligated.

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**. Cookbooks will be available for purchase in July.



Turn your ears on- everyone, including me, as a listening problem.

Parents tell their kids, "turn your ears on!" We need that, too. Listening takes work- you actually have to force yourself to do. You are hearers of God's Word. That means going to reading the bible, bible class, listening to sermons (maybe take notes, or watch sermons again if you didn't get much out of it) is your priority.

Living life by preparing to meet Jesus face-to-face. Unless Jesus returns (Come, Lord Jesus!), you're going to die. How are you preparing to do that? Active participation in the Divine Service, praying, giving/serving/sharing is how Christ dwells in you and you dwell in Christ.

All of these things bear witness to the resurrected Jesus at work in your life. You need what He gives, and so does your neighbor, and the world.

Flood Relief Update

Trinity fundraisers held since last fall for flood relief and how much they've raised:

Field Meals	\$3,014.02
Putt Putt Golf	\$10,103.00
Holiday Express	\$3,536.91
Greeting Cards	\$3,133.00
Carnival	\$3,408.00



The word from FEMA is we have two projects in the final stages of being obligated. Meanwhile, the bank account for flood relief is dwindling and the bills keep coming for all our reconstruction. We may need to take out a loan if our donations run out. We are expecting FEMA money that can be used to repay a loan and/or pay for the work that has been done; however, we do not know how much to expect or when to expect it!



From Pastor's Desk...

Life Together in the Risen Jesus!

There is an impression among people that life in the Church slows down after Easter. But I don't think the Bible speaks that way. In fact, it seems that the people of God get to work. Sure, the disciples go fishing for a few weeks, but at Pentecost the Church through the Spirit's gift sends out the Apostles to fulfill Jesus words to, "Go, and make disciples baptizing and teaching."

Our life together after Easter should have that kind of energized momentum- Christ has conquered sin and death- He has sent the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News through Word and Sacraments to the ends of the earth. Rather than feeling our life is at a lull now, maybe it's best to see our life in Christ as ones that full of opportunities.

A couple of human observations that are important post-resurrection

Change of identity- Jesus' word and work in your baptism transforms faith and life. Now we see ourselves as the Father's beloved children. Yes, you're naughty at times, you fail to meet His expectations, you need to change, and you may wrestle with issues, but He loves you- Jesus' death and resurrection is that certainty. You have the Holy Spirit working through Word to always remind you of whose you are.

Change of thinking- God's word forms our thoughts. It informs how we think about ourselves (God's children; redeemed by Jesus; hearers and doers of the Word). This means the way you make human decisions every day must run through this Word-formed thinking. For example, you ask: "Is this good for me, my neighbor? How can I help? How can I learn to be more faithful? I should pray about that!"

Change of speaking/doing- Words and actions go together. In Christ, you now look, speak, and do differently. This is a struggle all our lives. We will always revert to "old me" and sin is never surprising. That's why "putting on the new-self" is important. It's a choice.

You are the Father's kids, redeemed by Jesus, given the Holy Spirit- you have no other option *because* that's who you are.

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Happy May Birthdays!

- 1 Alex Hurtado, Randy Klaus
- 2 Corinne Lowe
- 4 Kay Borchers
- 5 Dan Tentinger
- 6 Rodney Matz
- 7 Luke Huebner, Lydia Lowe
- 8 Clarissa Dreckman, Tenley Noble
- 9 Roger Olson
- 10 Logan Vaner Hamm
- 13 Camden Star
- 19 Dallas Huebner
- 20 Jett Boyer, Darwin Boyles, Conner Van Ballegooyen
- 21 Nancy Buryanek
- 23 Jill Vander Feen
- 24 Bailey Ver Mulm
- 25 Brielle Aldrich
- 26 Jayden Burt
- 27 Sally Hantsbarger
- 30 Hannah Lemmermann, John Van Ballegooyen
- 31 Tucker Vander Feen



Happy May Anniversaries!

- 14 Adam and Hannah McVay (9 yrs)
- 23 Jerry and Wendi Ruhland (44 yrs)
- 23 Brian and Kara Vander Hamm (16 yrs)
- 27 Jennifer and Jeff Kooi (8 yrs)
- 28 Ryan and Ashley Noble (20 yrs)
- 30 Armando and Petricia Hurtado (38 yrs)



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

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The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8



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