

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV

- 16 6:00 PM | Divine Service with Holy Communion (*Rev. Francik*)
- 17 9:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion (*Rev. Francik*)
10:30 AM | Continental Breakfast & Presentation by
Missionaries from Lutheran Bible Translators
10:30 AM | Sunday School (*school*)
- 18 6:00 PM | Evangelism Meeting
- 19 6:30 AM | Men's *Lutheran Witness* Discussion
6:00 PM | Elders Meeting
- 20 8:30 AM | School Chapel (*Led by TLS 4th Grade*)
9:30 AM | Women's Bible Study
12:00 PM | Church Staff Meeting
5:45 PM | Confirmation & High School Youth Group
- 21 9:00, 9:15 | Early Childhood Chapel
9:00 AM | Dorcas Guild
- 22 -----
- 23 6:00 PM | Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 24 9:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:30 AM | *1 Corinthians* Adult Bible Study (*fellowship hall*)
10:30 AM | Sunday School (*school*)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Senior Pastor: Rev. Theodore Groth, 720-737-1283

Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius

Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya

Business Director: Pat Powell

Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman

Forgiven Dir/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst

Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root

School Secretary: Dana Freymark

Maintenance: Isaac Meister

Interim Principal: Jan Doellinger

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM & Fri, 8:00 AM - Noon

Principal Call Update

On November 3, Trinity members voted to extend a call to Gregory Johnson for Trinity Lutheran School's principal position. Please keep Mr. Johnson in your prayers as he deliberates our call.

Christ Lutheran High School Update

The Christ Lutheran High School workshop hosted Sunday, November 10 by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Atkins was attended by over 50 individuals representing several congregations as well as Central Lutheran School and Trinity Lutheran School.

Daniel Sanchez from the Iowa District East office led the workshop during which attendees had the opportunity to share what they would like to see Christ Lutheran High School be about and provide verbal and written input on the vision and mission for the school. It was a blessed and positive gathering of people who have a strong interest in and desire for a Lutheran high school that will serve families in Benton, Iowa, Johnson, and Linn counties.

Information and updates will be posted on our newly established website, lcmiside.org/christ-lutheran-high-school/. Questions? Contact Mark Mueller at themarkmueller56@gmail.com.

Stewardship News

PLEDGE CARDS: We are currently collecting 2025 pledge cards from church members to help us with budgeting. If you have already turned in a pledge card, thank you! If you haven't returned yours yet, please do so this weekend. Extra cards are available on the ushers' tables and in the church office. For those not attending worship this weekend, pledge cards may be placed in the offering plate at any upcoming worship service through the end of the year or returned to the church office by mail or in person. Pledge cards are only viewed by Business Office staff (Pat & Shannon). If desired, use the return envelope sent with the pledge card or a blank envelope found in the pew card slots to ensure privacy.

SIMPLY GIVING: Some Trinity donors choose to automate their giving through the Simply Giving Program. Enrollment in this program is easy and ensures that contributions are regularly scheduled (per the giver's choice) and not overlooked with the distractions of life. For these reasons, the Simply Giving Program is also a significant aid in budget planning and convenient for participants. Simply Giving enrollment forms are available at the display by the sanctuary grand piano.

ILSTO & TRINITY DONATIONS: Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) donation forms as well as printed information on how to donate to Trinity online, through our QR code, or with the Vanco Mobile app are also available at the display.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 16 & 17, 2024

6:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD!

Did you know that heaven meets earth here at Trinity Lutheran Church? It truly does as our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Living Word, joins us to wash us at His font, preach to us from His pulpit, and feed us at His altar. It is our prayer that you would experience with us His lavish grace as we encounter Him through His holy Word and Sacraments.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DIETARY NEEDS

If you require a gluten-free Communion wafer, please hold out your hand with a closed fist rather than an open palm during the Sacrament.

Alcohol-removed wine is available during the Sacrament as well in the rose-colored cups in the center of the tray.

LARGE PRINT & HEARING DEVICES

Large print bulletins & hymnals as well as assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

ATTENDANCE CARDS

We ask that guests and members fill out an Attendance Card found in the pew in front of you. During the Offering, please place your completed card in the offering plate.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS AND QUIET ROOMS

Two different children's bulletins are available from the ushers: one for ages 3+ and one for ages 7+. In addition, note the insert in the bulletin, with a section for kids. We also have two quiet rooms – one in the back of each wing of the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCASTS

Trinity's Worship Service is aired with IMON Channel 4 at 2:00 PM on Thursdays and on Mediacom Channel 4 at 8:00 PM on Fridays. The service is also available on YouTube: youtube.com (The Trinity Lutheran Church—Cedar Rapids).

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids Sing, Breakfast, & Guest Missionaries | Sun, Nov. 17

9:00AM – Worship: Welcome to Trinity Lutheran School's kindergarten and 1st grade families! Their students will sing during our worship service this weekend.

10:30AM – Breakfast & Missionary Presentation: You're invited downstairs to the fellowship hall after worship for a continental breakfast and a special presentation by missionaries from Lutheran Bible Translators, Nathan & Sarah Federwitz. Read more on your blue insert.

Panera Fundraiser | Tuesday, November 19 | 4-8 PM



Enjoy dinner from Panera! 25% of sales will benefit Trinity School. Purchase in café, drive-thru, pick up or delivery. Bring the printed flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier using the QR code when ordering at the café, OR enter promo code FUND4U at checkout on panerabread.com or in the Panera app. Edgewood Rd location only.

Dorcas Guild | Thursday, November 21 | 9:00 AM

Dorcas Guild is meeting on November 21. We plan on quilting until 2:30 PM, so bring a sandwich or something for lunch. If you can tie a knot, we need you. Come and check us out as we make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Just show up; you do not need to bring any supplies. Any questions, please call Shirley McCord, 319-365-4961, or Gerry Lenaburg, 319-396-2245.

Help Us Thank Our "Snow Removal Engineer"

Randy Oxley is retiring as Trinity's volunteer "Snow Removal Engineer" after 20 years of faithful service, frequently on dark and bitterly cold mornings. We want to thank Randy for ensuring that worship services and school activities continued during the winter months despite the weather. To do this, an assortment of thank you notes with envelopes are available at the display in the church fellowship hall downstairs. Church members are encouraged to write a note of appreciation to Randy on one of the cards and place it in the completed cards basket. Cards will be presented to Randy on Sunday, November 24. Thank you for your participation!

Thankful Hearts Concert | Sunday, November 24 | 7:00 PM

Enjoy an evening of music featuring the Bethany Praise Team as we celebrate the work God is doing at Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the food pantry. Location: Bethany Lutheran Church, 2202 Forest Dr SE, Cedar Rapids.

Thanksgiving Worship Services | Tuesday, November 26

YOUNG CHILDREN'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE: 8:30 AM

(This service is for families with young children & students through 1st grade.)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION: 1:30 PM

Advent & Christmas Worship Services

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18 at Noon and 6 PM. *Meals will be served at 12:45 PM and 5 PM.*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 4 PM and 6 PM.

Holy Communion and candle lighting at both services.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: 9 AM with *Holy Communion.*

Parents' Day Out | Sunday, December 15 | 12-3 PM

Save the date! Christmas shopping, relaxing lunch, silence in the house...oh, the possibilities! Parents can enjoy a few hours on their own. Kids will have a great time with crafts, snacks, games, and a movie – all Christmas themed. No cost. Free will donations requested to benefit Trinity's youth attending the July 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Location: Church Fellowship Hall.

140th Anniversary Photos Available

Prints of the photo taken for Trinity's 140th Anniversary are on the back counter in the church office in an envelope. Please help yourself to a copy if you would like one. If we are out, please let the office know. A link to a digital copy is available in your weekly E-News.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Holiday Assistance fund. We're excited to help 23 families this year with Walmart gift cards! Your generosity is truly appreciated. – *Board of Human Care*

Resurfacing the Parsonage Driveway Project

So far we've raised \$6,630 to resurface the parsonage driveway. Thank you! Approximately \$9,999 is needed for the project. To help cover some of the remaining costs, please consider giving online using the QR code or by check – write 'Parsonage Driveway' in the memo line.



Youth and Family Ministry

We are proud to announce that we have officially registered 18 students and four chaperones for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering, which will be held in New Orleans this coming July. Stay tuned for various activities and fundraisers leading into the summer. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

- *Evan Root, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator*

A Life Thought in the Church Year

November 17 – Pentecost 26: The heart broken by abortion may be sitting beside us in church. This one desperately longs for the relief and healing only God's forgiveness affords (Hebrews 10:22). We have no right to refuse them this Word because we fear political controversy. Instead, we have the privilege to proclaim abortion as sin and explicitly identify it as atoned for in Christ.