

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
JAN		
27	10:00 AM	Saturday Games Day
	6:00 PM	Divine Service
28	9:00 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Sunday School <i>(at school)</i>
	10:30 AM	1 Corinthians Adult Bible Study <i>(in fellowship hall)</i>
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30	6:30 AM	Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion
31	8:30 AM	School Chapel <i>(Rev. Hartwig)</i>
	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>(Pentateuch)</i>
	12:35 PM	Church Staff Meeting
	5:45 PM	Brief Service of the Word and Confirmation
	5:45 PM	High School Youth Group
FEB		
1	9:20 AM	Early Childhood Chapel <i>(Rev. Dolde)</i>
	1:00 PM	Home Missionary <i>(Rev. Groth leads Bible study)</i>
2	12:30 PM	First Friday Lunch (TLS 7 <sup>th</sup> Graders)
3	6:00 PM	Divine Service with Holy Communion <i>(Sanctity of Life)</i>
4	9:00 AM	Divine Service <i>(Sanctity of Life)</i>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School <i>(at school)</i>
	10:30 AM	1 Corinthians Adult Bible Study <i>(in fellowship hall)</i>

Those serving the Lord on January 27 & 28	
Elder:	Steve Bruzek
Comm. Assts.	Carl Gloe, Bill Godecke, Matt Sprengeler, Jon Benya
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Maleeah Adams
	9:00 AM – Adayln Thorstenson & Kaelyn Erickson
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel
	9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
Altar Guild:	Lea Hepworth, Teri Burkett, Danika Burkett
Fellowship Treats:	Last names starting with J, K, L

Those serving the Lord on February 3 & 4, 2024	
Elder:	Carl Gloe
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Henry Steffens
	9:00 AM – Roen Boehmke & Henry Kistler
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 2: Kreutner & Kiracofe
	9:00 AM – Team 6: Darwin Pooch
Altar Guild:	Darrell & Diane Peterson, Heidi Baumert
Fellowship Treats:	Last names starting with M, N, O

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

(1 COR. 1:18-25)

LENT & EASTER WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 | 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

A Lenten meal will be served at 5:00 pm only.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, Feb. 21 & 28, Mar. 6 & 20 | 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Meals will be served each Wednesday following the Noon service and at 5:00 PM.

(Note: No meals will be served on March 13.)

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24 | 9:00 AM

Also observed Saturday, March 23 at 6:00 PM.

Holy Thursday, March 28 | 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29 | 12:00 PM\* & 6:00 PM

\* The Noon Good Friday service will be held in the Trinity Lutheran School gym.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30 | 6:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31 | 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Easter breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM by Trinity’s youth.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27 & 28, 2024

6:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

<b>Senior Pastor:</b> Rev. Theodore Groth, 720-737-1283 <b>Associate Pastor:</b> Rev. John Dolde, 260-579-6604	
Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius	Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Business Director: Pat Powell	Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark
Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman	<i>Forgiven</i> Dir/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst
Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root	School Secretary: Dana Freymark
Maintenance: Mark Owen	
<b>Church:</b> 319-366-1569   <b>School:</b> 319-362-6952   <b>Emergency:</b> 319-350-2498 <b>1363 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405</b> <a href="http://trinitycr.org">trinitycr.org</a>	
<b>Church Office Hours:</b> Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM & Fri, 8:00 AM - Noon	

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

Worship Service Location Change | Starting Wed, Jan. 31

While the sanctuary is being painted, ALL worship services will be moved to the school gym, including the 10 AM Ash Wednesday service. The only exception will be noon mid-week Lenten services which will be held at church, in a location to be announced. Painting should take 2-3 weeks. We will let you know when we move back to the sanctuary.

Home Missionary | Thursday, February 1 | 1:00 PM

Happy 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Home Missionary! Pastor Groth will lead us in a Bible study on February 1. Please plan on attending and bring a friend!

Sanctity of Life Weekend | February 3 & 4

On February 3 & 4 we’ll be celebrating God’s precious gift of human life! Join us during worship at 6:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM on Sunday. For more resources, visit Lutherans for Life at [lutheransforlife.org/](http://lutheransforlife.org/).

Infant Loss Support Group | Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27 | 1:00 PM

Dr. Mark Vande Braak from Lutheran Family Service is leading an online grief/loss support group for anyone who has dealt with the death of a very young child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, and beyond. This is a free event. For more info & to register go to [lutheranfamilyservice.org/support-childloss/](http://lutheranfamilyservice.org/support-childloss/).

Friday Fellowship | February 9 | 8:15-9:30 AM

Trinity Church and School parents are invited to join us for coffee and conversation in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Voters’ Meeting | Tuesday, February 13 | 6:00 PM

Save the date for our next Voters’ Meeting on February 13. More info to come.

Ash Wednesday | February 14 | 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

On February 14, we will begin the season of Lent with worship and the Imposition of Ashes at 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM, both in the school gym. A Lenten meal will be served at 5:00 PM only in the church fellowship hall. The complete Lent and Easter worship schedule can be found on the back of the announcements.

Fellowship Club | Friday, February 16 | 11:30 AM

Fellowship Club is meeting at Leonardo’s on February 16 for delicious food, good conversation and devotions. Come one, come all! Call Sandy Pooock at 319-842-2424 with any questions. (*Leonardo’s, 2228 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids*)

HyVee Receipts Needed by March 31

Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$200 worth of receipts to the school! Drop off receipts in the blue bin outside of the main school doors or at church in the green canvas bin to the right of the men's restroom downstairs. Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024 to qualify for the Cash for Student’s Program.

Help Paint Our Sanctuary! Matching Funds Needed



Both the original and west addition of the sanctuary will be painted. Trinity voters approved funds to paint the ceiling and walls up to \$40,000. The total bid for the painting was less than expected; therefore, the additional funds raised will be used for other needed updates in the sanctuary. Half of the money will come from a special fund. We need your help with the other half. So far, we have raised \$14,525. We are almost to our \$20,000 goal! To contribute, make your gift by check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate it as: *“painting project”* on the memo line OR give online using the QR code.

This project will honor the 140th anniversary of Trinity. Thank you for your help “matching-the-dollars.” If you have questions or would like more information, contact a trustee: Jeremy Scranton, Carl Cloe, Mark Freeze, Brandon Slaymaker, Randy Oxley, or Chris Heck.

Giving Statements

2023 Giving Statements are available on the table in the west entrance. If you requested to have your statement emailed and did not receive it, please contact the office because we may have an outdated email address for you.

TLS Principal Call Update

On January 16th, the Trinity call committee evaluated ten Commissioned Minister Information Forms (CMIFs) from the Iowa District East, identifying more potential candidates for the principal position. Out of these, five individuals were chosen for further consideration. These candidates will soon be contacted to assess their interest and possibly schedule interviews. Additionally, we have an upcoming visit from a candidate to Trinity Church and School. This informal visit will include interactions with pastors, teachers, and school administrators, allowing the candidate to familiarize themselves with our facilities and the people of Trinity.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they thoughtfully consider any decisions. We also ask for your prayers and patience as we wait faithfully for God to guide the right individual to this position.

LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR

**January 28 – Epiphany 4:** Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures and the Savior have graciously made clear – with “shalls” and “shall-nots” – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1 Corinthians 8:12).