

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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13	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
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LENT & EASTER WORSHIP

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, Mar. 13 & 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

(NOTE: different readings and sermons at 7 & 9)

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(Lutheran Family Services, www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 9 & 10, 2024

6:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

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

Associate Pastor: Rev. John Dolde, 260-579-6604

Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius

Business Director: Pat Powell

Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman

Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root

Maintenance: Jeremy Davis

Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya

Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

Forgiven Dir/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst

School Secretary: Dana Freymark

Church: 319-366-1569 | School: 319-362-6952 | Emergency: 319-350-2498
1363 1st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
trinitycr.org

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

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Limited Church Staff | March 11-15

We will have limited staff in the church office during Spring Break, March 11-15. Please call before coming to make sure someone will be here to let you in.

GriefShare | First Session: Monday, March 11 | 10:00 AM

GriefShare is a Bible-based support group that gives emotional and spiritual guidance as you walk through life without a loved one. This support group consists of 11 weekly sessions, about two hours per session. Each week we watch a 40-minute video with presenters who are pastors, counselors, psychologists, and lay people. Every presenter has experienced the death of a loved one. They share how they dealt with their grief and give advice on how to manage your life and feelings after your loss. Contacts: Darlene Wood, 319-270-1276, darlenewood42@gmail.com, and Peggy Liske, 319-350-2550. Location: King of Kings in the Fireside Room.

Midweek Lenten Services | March 13 | 12 PM & 6 PM

Our next midweek Lenten services will be held on March 13. The noon service will take place in the church fellowship hall. The 6:00 pm service will take place in the school gym. Please note that no Lenten meals will be served March 13. Our final Lenten meal will be served on March 20.

Fellowship Club | Friday, March 15 | 11:30 AM

Fellowship Club is meeting at 16th Avenue Grill on March 15! Join us for delicious food, good conversation and devotions. New faces are always welcome! Call Sandy Pooch with any questions at 319-842-2424.

Game Day | Saturday, March 23 | 10:00 AM - Noon

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Life Thought in the Church Year

March 10 – Lent 4: Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with risks and costs. But as with the ancient Israelite serpent infestation, the real enemy is neither one’s neighbor nor the Maker (Numbers 21:8). Only impaling the snake (not terminating each other) brought deliverance, and the antidote called for faith instead of death. Christians insist God has sent us His Son for extending lives and not ending them (John 3:17).

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Those serving the Lord in Lent: Wed, March 13, 2024	
Elder:	6:00 PM – Joe Younge
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Those serving the Lord on March 16 & 17, 2024	
Elder:	Carl Gloe
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20	8:30 AM Chapel (<i>Rev. Zellers, Zion, Hiawatha, in school gym</i>) 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM Lenten Worship Service & Lunch (<i>fellowship hall</i>) 5:00 PM Lenten Dinner 6:00 PM Lenten Worship Service (<i>school gym</i>) 6:45 PM Confirmation & High School Youth Group
21	9:00 AM Dorcas Guild 9:20 AM Early Childhood Chapel (<i>Rev. Groth</i>)
22	-----
23	10:00 AM Saturday Game Day 6:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Comm. (<i>Palm Sunday</i> , <i>in school gym</i>)
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March 16 & 17, 2024

6:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday

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Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg

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