

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN	
11	6:00 PM   Divine Service with Holy Communion (Guest Pastor Mick Wolfram, Lutheran Family Svcs)
12	9:00 AM   Divine Service with Holy Communion (Guest Pastor Michael Wolfram, Lutheran Family Svcs) 10:30 AM   Lutheran Family Svcs Presentation (fellowship hall) 10:30 AM   Sunday School (at school)
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14	6:30 AM   Men's Lutheran Witness Discussion
15	8:30 AM   School Chapel (Rev. Groth) 9:30 AM   Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM   Church Staff Meeting 5:45 PM   Confirmation & High School Youth Group
16	9:00 AM   Early Childhood Chapels 9:30 PM   Good Samaritans
17	11:30 AM   Fellowship Club at 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave Grill
18	4:00 AM   TLS Alumni Social Hour (music room) 5:45 PM   Fellowship Event - Guest Speaker with Songs (gym) 6:00 PM   Divine Service with Holy Communion
19	9:00 AM   Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM   1 Corinthians Adult Bible Study (fellowship hall)

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius

Business Director: Pat Powell

Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman

Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root

Maintenance: Isaac Meister

Cover Art: Bill Godecke

Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya

Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

Forgiven Dir/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst

School Secretary: Dana Freymark

Interim Principal: Jan Doellinger

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[trinitycr.org](http://trinitycr.org)

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

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday | January 25 & 26

Trinity is celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday during our worship services on January 25 & 26. The Lutherans For Life theme this year is "Life Shines in Darkness" based on John 1:4-5: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it". For more information about the importance of protecting human life, visit the Lutherans For Life website at [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org).

### Thank You from the Groths

We give thanks to God for you, our dear church family! This Christmas you showed us your love through many words of kindness, and through many thoughtful and very generous gifts. We also give thanks to God--and to you--for the care you show our family not just at Christmas but throughout the year. God bless you, our friends in Christ!

### 2025 Offering Envelopes

There are still a few boxes of 2025 offering envelopes waiting to be picked up. If you haven't taken yours home yet, please do so today. They're located on the bench in the west wing of the church sanctuary by the windows behind the piano.

### Building Healthy Families

Parents, grandparents, and pew buddies! Our church families are made up of many people with different roles and gifts. With your child(ren), take note of and count the many ways individuals and families are serving. Maybe you observe ushers welcoming people and handing out bulletins, musicians playing and leading our singing, acolytes and crucifers lighting candles and carrying the cross in a procession, or members of the altar guild setting up for the Lord's Supper and caring for the altar area. And don't forget those who clean and tend to the building, so we have a nice space to gather for worship! As a family, consider how you might serve together and ask your pastor or other church leaders how to get involved!

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

### A Life Thought in the Church Year

**January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord:** With the sacrament of Baptism, the Lord Jesus makes childbirth central to the Christian Gospel. The coming forth of new life always provides cause for celebration because the Savior has sanctified it. Human beings as helpless and dependent as gestating babies have His blessing: "You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known*



THE BAPTISM  
OF OUR LORD

**January 11-12, 2025**

**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

### Guest Pastor from LFS | January 11 & 12

We're excited to have Rev. Mick Wolfram from Lutheran Family Service (LFS) preaching during the Saturday 6:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM services. He'll tell us more about the great things LFS is doing in Iowa during the Adult Bible Study hour on Sunday at 10:30 AM. We will also be taking a special door offering for Lutheran Family Service. You may also give by mail (see insert) or online using the QR code.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Projects | January 11-23

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at TLS have been working hard over the past few months creating models for their history projects. They're on display for all to view downstairs in the west fellowship hall! Please look, but don't touch. Thank you!

### Chick-fil-A Night | Tuesday, January 14 | 5:00-7:00 PM

Come support Trinity Lutheran School at Chick-fil-A Blairs Ferry! 20% of sales will be donated when you say you're with Trinity! (For Mobile orders, use code TRINITY at checkout.)

### Unused Functioning Tablets Needed | By: Tues, Jan. 14

Do you have an unused but still functioning tablet? Consider donating it to Kibos Hope Academy in Kenya! This is a school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, a partner church of the LCMS. They are in need of tablets, especially iPads. Pastor Tim Eckert will be visiting there at the end of January and can deliver the tablets in person. Please notify him by phone, 563-508-5040, or by e-mail, [iowaeastdeaf@yahoo.com](mailto:iowaeastdeaf@yahoo.com), no later than Jan. 14 if you have a tablet to donate.

### Fellowship Club | Friday, January 17 | 11:30 AM

Fellowship Club is meeting at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Grill, 3130 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids! Join us for delicious food, good conversation, and devotions. All are welcome. Call Sandy Pooch with any questions at 319-842-2424.

### 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Basketball Tournament | Jan. 17-19

Save the dates for this year's Mid-Winter Basketball Tournament and cheer on our Trinity Trojans! Details about the tournament can be found in your weekly E-News email. To sign up for the E-News, go to [www.trinitycr.org/e-news/](http://www.trinitycr.org/e-news/).

### Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Event | Sat, Jan. 18 | 4:00 PM

Trinity Alumni, join us for an Alumni Social Hour during the 60th Mid-Winter Tournament in the TLS Music Room. We'll meet before the start of the 5:45 PM Fellowship Event with Guest Speaker and Songs that is being held in the gym. Alumni will be recognized during that Fellowship Event. (Note that Trinity Lutheran Church's regular worship services will take place as usual at 6:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM on Sunday in the sanctuary. All are invited.) For the Alumni Reunion, please RSVP to [schooloffice@trinitycr.org](mailto:schooloffice@trinitycr.org).

## Nominations for Iowa District East Officers and Boards Due: Tuesday, January 21

The Nominations Committee for the 2025 District Convention invites pastors, teachers, laypersons, and congregations of the District to submit suggestions for nominees. Forms are available in the church office on the back counter. Please return the forms to the church office by January 21.

### Good Samaritans | Thursday, January 23 | 9:30 AM

All with a caring heart are invited to join the Good Samaritans! Good Samaritans pair up and visit Trinity's homebound members, usually on the last Thursday of the month, but you can visit people when it fits your schedule. We have a short meeting each month for the Samaritans at 9:30 AM. For more info, call Sandy Pooch at 319-899-3825.

### Granny Basketball Jamboree | Saturday, January 25

It's time for Granny Basketball Jamboree! During the Jamboree, Home Missionary serves lunch and hosts a bake sale — this is one of our biggest mission projects. We need your help, whether it be working in the kitchen, selling baked goods, bringing sandwiches, or making something for the bake sale. If you are able to help us in any way, please call Dori Stanek at 319-558-9773 or Gerry Lenaburg at 319-573-3587. Thank you very much.

Fun Fact: There are 52 Granny Basketball teams spread throughout Arizona, California, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Toronto (Canada), and Wisconsin.

### Those serving the Lord on January 11 & 12

<b>Elder:</b>	Jeremy Burkett
<b>Comm. Asst:</b>	Steve Bruzek, Bill Godecke, Mike Pownell
<b>Acolytes:</b>	6:00 PM – Rose Steffens 9:00 AM – Ava Manthe & Claire Kistler
<b>Usher Leader:</b>	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel 9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Teri Burkett and Emily Root
<b>Fellowship Treats:</b> Last names beginning with D, E, F	

### Those serving the Lord on January 18 & 19

<b>Elder:</b>	Mike Pownell
<b>Comm. Assts:</b>	Carl Gloe, Steve Bruzek, Jeremy Burkett
<b>Acolytes:</b>	6:00 PM – Genevieve Wilkin 9:00 AM – Roen Boehmke & Oliver Kistler
<b>Usher Leader:</b>	6:00 PM – Team 1: Gary Widdel 9:00 AM – Team 5: Larry Acord
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Teri Burkett and Emily Root
<b>Fellowship Treats:</b> Last names beginning with G, H, I	