

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 7/25	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 7/26	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Hope Muehler Farewell Reception (<i>fellowship hall</i>) 10:45 AM Adult Catechesis (<i>main fellowship hall</i>)
MON, 7/27	6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting (<i>school</i>)
TUE, 7/28	6:30 AM Men's <i>Lutheran Witness</i> Discussion 9:00 AM Ruth Guild
WED, 7/29	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (<i>library</i>)
THU, 7/30	6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (<i>library</i>)
FRI, 7/31	-----
SAT, 8/1	6:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 8/2	9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Adult Catechesis (<i>main fellowship hall</i>) 10:30 AM Bible Study (<i>west fellowship hall</i>)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Theodore Groth, 720-737-1283
Associate Pastor: Rev. Daryn Bahn, 319-304-0184

Church Secretary: Stacy Brusius
Business Director: Pat Powell
Asst. Business Dir: Shannon Sherman
Youth & Family Ministry: Evan Root
Worship Art: Bill & Karen Godecke
Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst
Forgiven Musicians: Caity Monahan, Keith & Ava Olsen, Jana Pownell, Aaron Rowland

Principal: Dr. Karen Bahn
School Secretary: Tanya Cross
School Dev. Director Jodi Jonasson
Maintenance: Brian Wright
Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark

Church: 319-366-1569 | **School:** 319-362-6952 | **Emergency:** 319-350-2498
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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM & Fri, 8:00 AM – Noon

Elder Groups are Here!

In an effort to encourage communication, spiritual well-being, and fellowship, every member of our congregation has been partnered with an Elder. Over the course of the next year, each Elder will reach out to his member group -- whether in person, via phone, text, email, letter, etc. — as an informal way to initiate a discussion. Be on the lookout as your Elder reaches out!

CLHS Start-Up Facility Secured

We've reached a major milestone! Christ Lutheran High School (CLHS), together with Zion Lutheran Church – Hiawatha, is proud to announce that they have finalized an agreement to allow CLHS to launch classes at Zion. For more information, please see our full blog post at www.christlutheranhigh.org/updates.

Keep Saving your HyVee Receipts

Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$200 worth of receipts to the school through the Cash 4 Students program. To donate your receipts, simply drop them off in the blue storage 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, 2026 - March 31, 2027 to qualify.

Stewardship Note

Matthew 13:45–46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

Building Healthy Families

What are some of your best childhood memories? Psychologist Mary Pipher says there are three things that most people usually remember with great happiness from childhood -- time spent outdoors, vacations and family meals. During these long summer days, spend time with your children or grandchildren outdoors. Take some time off work...plan a picnic...explore a new park or hiking trail. Let your children or grandchildren help choose the spot. You don't have to go far from home or spend a lot of money to create forever memories! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 25-26, 2026
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+. 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

Farewell Reception for Hope Muehler | Sunday, July 26

Join us for a farewell reception for TLS teacher Hope Muehler after the 9:00 AM worship service this Sunday, July 26. Hope has accepted a called teaching position at Concordia Preparatory School in Maryland. Come and share refreshments and well wishes as we thank Hope for all she has done for us at Trinity.

Singles Group

Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha has a singles group for ages 18-100. Join them for their next outing at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center this afternoon, July 26, at 1:00 PM. Bowling is \$4.50/game and \$4.00 for shoes. RSVP to either Zion at 319-393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319-929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event. RSVP for notification in case of event cancellation or change of venue.

Teacher Dedication & Installation | Sunday, August 9 | 9 AM

Join us for worship as we recognize, encourage, and pray for our Trinity Lutheran School teachers and staff at the start of the 2026-2027 school year. We will also be installing TLS teacher Kimberly Engebrecht during the service. We are very thankful for these faithful servants who share God’s Word and love with our students.

Confirmation Meeting & Acolyte Training | Wed, Aug. 26 | 6 PM

A parent and student Confirmation Meeting for those going into grades 6-8 will be held on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00 PM in the west fellowship hall. Acolyte training will take place at the end of the meeting. All incoming 7th & 8th graders are required to purchase their workbooks for \$36.40 by September 2. Scan the QR code to pay online, bring a check (payable to Trinity Lutheran Church), or cash. Youth Group and Confirmation classes begin on Wed, Sept. 2:



- 5:00-5:45 PM – Middle & High School students (school gym)
- 5:45-6:00 PM – Snack (fellowship hall)
- 6:00-7:00 PM – Middle School Confirmation (fellowship hall) & High School Youth Group (youth room)

Used Eyeglass Collection

We continue to collect used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. No sunglasses please. Eyeglasses may be placed in the white/clear bin on the counter in the west fellowship hall. Thank you.

Greeting Card Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has donated greeting cards to share Christ’s love and brighten the days of our homebound members. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are a wonderful blessing. At this time, we are only collecting Christmas cards. If you have any to donate, please leave them on the church secretary’s desk in the office. If you have any questions, contact Heidi Baumert at 319-389-8809.

Servant Recognition

A heartfelt thank you to the chaperones who accompanied our youth to Walcamp Retreat Center in Kingston, IL: Evan Root, Hope Muehler, and Faith Muehler. Thank you for generously sharing your time, encouragement, and faith, and for helping make this mission trip such a meaningful experience for our nine students. We look forward to hearing about the service projects they completed and the memories they made during a special presentation this fall.

Egg Carton Thank You

We are grateful for the many egg carton donations we have received at church. We have been blessed with an abundant supply and are no longer accepting additional donations. Thank you for your support!

Life Thought in the Church Year

July 26 – Pentecost 9: God does not love us because of any quality in us, such as our age, physical ability, potential, wisdom, race, etc. (Deuteronomy 7:6-7). God chose to love us from His own good grace and mercy and gave all He had, His own dear Son, to purchase the world from sin and have us as His own possession (Matthew 13:44). In doing so, God reveals that every person—regardless of their age, size, or condition—is a precious treasure to Him and is worthy of our love and protection.

Those serving the Lord on July 25-26	
Elder:	Bill Godecke
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Jon Benya, Jayson Swyers
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Lincoln Smith 9:00 AM – Hunter Beyelia & Jack Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 3: Carl Gloe 9:00 AM – Team 7: Bob Heyer
Altar Guild:	Darrell & Diane Peterson and Bob & Gail Horne
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with J, K, L	

Those serving the Lord on August 1-2	
Elder:	Chris Kistler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Elders
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Kylie Riha 9:00 AM – Benjamin Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Brad Rhein, Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with M, N, O	