CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT, 11/28	6:00 PM | Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 11/29	9:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM | Adult Catechesis *(main fellowship hall)*
MON, 11/30	- - - - - - - - - -
TUE, 12/1	* Church Directory Photos (9am-1pm, 5-8pm) 6:30 AM | Men's *Lutheran Witness* Discussion 10:00 AM | Special Needs Communion Service 12:15 PM | Church Staff Mtg *(library)*
WED, 12/2	8:30 AM | School Chapel *(Rev. Mueller, St. Paul's, Marion)* 9:30 AM | Women's Bible Study *(library)* 12:00 PM | Advent Worship Service 12:45 PM | Advent Lunch 5:00 PM | Advent Dinner 6:00 PM | Advent Worship Service 6:45 PM | Confirmation *(fellowship hall)* 6:45 PM | H.S. Youth Group *(youth room)*
THU, 12/3	* Church Directory Photos (9am-1pm, 5-8pm) 9:15 AM | Early Childhood Chapel *(Rev. Bahn)* 12:00 PM | Home Missionary & Fellowship Club PotBless
FRI, 12/4	- - - - - - - - - -
SAT, 12/5	* Church Directory Photos (1-4pm, 7:30-9pm) 6:00 PM | Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUN, 12/6	9:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM | Special Voters' Mtg *(main fellowship hall)* 10:30 AM | Adult Catechesis *(main fellowship hall)* 10:30 AM | Sunday School

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

Principal: Dr. Karen Bahn
School Secretary: Tanya Cross
Maintenance: Brian Wright
Director of Music: Dr. Susan Benya
Associate Organist: Marilyn Mark
Forgiven Director/Keyboardist: Joy Ernst

Forgiven Musicians: Caity Monahan, Keith & Ava Olsen, Jana Pownell, Aaron Rowland

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

Service of Lessons & Carols | Sun, Dec. 20 | 3 PM

Join Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha on December 20 for a special Service of Lessons and Carols! Through Scripture readings, beloved Christmas hymns, vocal choir selections, and handbell music, we will celebrate the wonderful story of God's promise of a Savior fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Services | December 24 & 25

Celebrate the birth of Christ with us during our worship services on Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM and on Christmas Day at 9:00 AM. Candles will be lit during our Christmas Eve services as we sing "Silent Night." All services will include Holy Communion.

Portals of Prayer

The January–March *Portals of Prayer* is now available on the tables at each sanctuary entrance. Feel free to take a copy home with you.

Stewardship Campaign

Please give prayerful consideration to how God is leading you to use your resources in 2027. Stewardship information and the 2027 pledge form are available in the campaign email sent in October. Hard copies are available in the church office on the secretary's desk.

Life Thought in the Church Year

November 29 – Advent 1: Isaiah reminds us that every person is created by God. We are all the work of His hands: "we are the clay and He is our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). Not only does this teach us that each life is precious, it instructs us that our lives and our bodies are not ours to do with as we please. It is God alone who determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him. Thankfully, we can rest securely in His care, upholding His gift of life, because "God is faithful" and "sustains you to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8).

Servant Recognition

A special thank you to Pastor Bahn, Zach Rowley, Lindsey Rowley, and Lea Hepworth for sharing their time and talents to create our updated church directory, from the photography, organization, layout, and production. We are so grateful for all your hard work and can't wait to see the finished directory!

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28-29, 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 on 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

Midweek Advent Services | Weds, Dec. 2, 9, 16

Take a moment this December to pause, worship, and prepare your heart for Christmas. Join us for midweek Advent services as we journey through the story of David and the hope found in Jesus. Worship is at noon and 6:00 PM, with meals served at 12:45 PM and 5:00 PM. On Dec. 2, Fellowship Club is serving a baked potato bar.

Advent Devotions

Pick up your copy of *Jesus—Son of David, Son of God*, our new Advent devotional written by Pastor Bahn to guide you alongside this year's Advent sermon series. Printed copies are available to take home on the tables at each sanctuary entrance! Digital copies are available in the weekly E-News email and at www.trinitycr.org under Church → Special Events.

Home Missionary & Fellowship Club | Thurs, Dec. 3 | Noon

Please join us in a combined Home Missionary & Fellowship Club Christmas potluck at noon in the west fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share. Spouses and friends are invited for a meal, installation of officers, and entertainment.

Special Voters' Meeting | Sun, Dec. 6 | 10:30 AM

Please join us for a special voters' meeting following our worship service (around 10:30 AM) on December 6. Purpose: to call a teacher.

Outdoor Light Show | December 4-27

King of Kings Lutheran Church invites families to their *Christmas in His Light* Outdoor Light Show, December 4-27, Sunday—Thursday 5:00-9:00 PM and Friday & Saturday 5:00-10:00 PM. Stay warm inside your vehicle while enjoying synchronized lights & music through your FM radio.

Special Night | Sat, Dec. 12 | 6-8 PM: After watching the Light Show, join us inside for cocoa, cookie decorating, crafts, bingo, Christmas music and more! Invite your friends, load up the family, and make Christmas in His Light part of your Christmas tradition!

Cookie Walk | Saturday, December 5 | 9-11 AM

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (2301 East Court Street, Iowa City) invites you to its Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00–11:00 AM. Shop a delicious assortment of homemade cookies and candies, selecting your favorites for just $9 per pound. Unique crafts will also be available for purchase. Come stock up on holiday treats and goodies!

Youth Christmas Party | Sunday, December 13 | 4-7 PM

All middle and high school youth are invited to celebrate Christmas together with dinner, games, and a White Elephant gift exchange on Sun, Dec. 13.

Photo Directory Pictures

There are a few days left to have your photo taken for the church directory! Help us put faces with names as we celebrate our church family.

- Tuesdays: December 1 | 9am–1pm & 5–8pm
- Thursdays: December 3 | 9am–1pm & 5–8pm
- Saturdays: Nov. 21 & Dec. 5 | 1–4pm & 7:30–9pm

Use the QR code to sign up for a time slot or see Lindsey Rowley.

Christmas Chapel | Wed, Dec. 16 | 8:30 AM

Join us in the school gym on December 16 for Christmas Chapel, led by our 4th grade class with special music by the 7th & 8th grade band. All are welcome as we gather to praise God for the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Confirmation Christmas Caroling | Sat, Dec. 19

All 6th-8th grade confirmation students and their families are invited to join us for Christmas caroling on December 19. We'll meet at church at 11:30 AM for pizza, then visit Hiawatha Care Center and Heritage Specialty Care. Students must ride with a parent/guardian or make arrangements to ride with another parent. Please RSVP to Pastor Groth by Wednesday, December 16!

Those serving the Lord on November 28-29	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Steve Bruzek, Jayson Swyers
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Lenora Fagenbaum 9:00 AM – Makenzie Scranton & Addison Kula
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 3: Carl Gloe 9:00 AM – Team 7: Bob Heyer
Altar Guild:	Kay & Gerry Lenaburg and Bob & Gail Horne
Fellowship Treats: Board of Fellowship	

Those serving the Lord in Advent: Wednesday, December 2	
Elder:	Matt Sprengeler
Acolyte:	6:00 PM – Benji Groth
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM -- Team 7: Bob Heyer

Those serving the Lord on December 5-6	
Elder:	Steve Bruzek
Comm. Assts:	9:00 AM – Carl Gloe, Jon Benya, Mark Freeze
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Chris Lemke 9:00 AM – Xuxa Zangerle & Atley Johnson
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats: Last names beginning with M, N, O	