



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From The Pastor

HONORING OUR HOLY GOD

God created humans for relationships, families, the larger community wherein we find safety and nurturing friendships. Part of us wants to "fit in" so we tend to dress alike, talk alike, like the same activities etc. Go Cyclones! (oops I mean Hawks). At the same time there is a drive to be distinct, to be different enough that we stand out while still being a part of the group. This applies in the arts, politics, business...what makes us stand out?

In the Bible the word "Holy" speaks to this. In Hebrew "holy" means "completely different," not like anything or anyone else. It means to be "set apart" from the usual and "wholly or entirely distinct"

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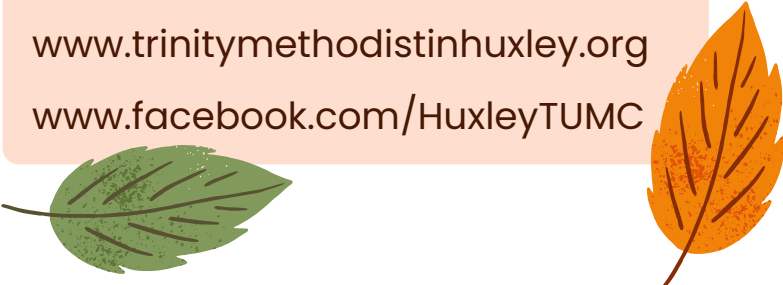
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from the common or ordinary. God refers to items used in the Temple this way. Similarly, the sacrifices were to be respected as 'set apart' for God, not grudgingly given as an obligation.

Amazingly God called the people of Israel to be a 'holy nation' set apart from all other nations, to be a light to the nations that will draw them to worship God as well. Peter uses this imagery in talking to Christians in his first letter

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Holy, distinct, set apart, God's people, followers of Jesus, Heavenly minded, filled with God's own Spirit, viewing all things, all activities and all people, from a Christ-inspired perspective. It is a high calling to be set apart for God's Family. It is to be intentional and only possible through God's loving, grace-filled presence.

How will you become more like Christ, while sharing your distinctive walk with Christ, so that others will want to be like Christ, too? The world needs someone just like you!

On the journey with you, Pastor Bobb



Upcoming Events

- October 4 - Trinity Family Fun Night at Kirtley's, 5:00 pm
- October 14 - Church Concil Meeting
- October 20 - World Food Prize Foundation food packaging event
- October 22 - Social Dinner at Red Lobster in Ames
- November 3 - Election Day
- November 7 - Annual Craft/Vendor Fair
- November 11 - Church Council Meeting
- November 15 - Blessings Breakfast
- November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service
- November 26 - Thanksgiving



World Food Prize Packaging Event



The NOW Committee would like to share the opportunity to participate in a fun mission project. The World Food Prize Foundation will attempt to break the world record of 530,064 meals packaged in one hour. This event will take place in conjunction with the 2026 Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue with the goal of packaging 600,000 hunger relief meals.

The packaging event will take place on October 20, at the Iowa Events Center's EMC Expo Center. We would like to put together a team of 16 (or two).

If you are interested please let the church office know or sign-up at the church by October 4th. We can plan to car-pool from Trinity if interested. Below is the schedule:

- 5:00 – 5:15 pm Arrive at Iowa Events Center Parking – free in the Green Lot
- 5:30 pm – Training
- 6:30 pm – Packaging Begins
- 7:30 pm – Packaging Ends

Half of the meals packaged will stay right here in Iowa, helping children and families in our own communities. The other half will be distributed to children and families in need around the world. Together, we could provide enough meals to feed 2,307 children for an entire year!

Lake Wobegon Brass Band Concert

Greetings from Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames!

We have been invited by Randy Ewing and I am one of the Co-Directors of Music at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. He is excited to announce that Bethesda will host the Lake Wobegon Brass Band in a FREE concert scheduled for 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 11, 2026. This concert will serve as a fundraiser for the Bethesda Food Pantry and feature an Americana-based theme to continue the celebration of America's 250th! A free will donation will be

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collected. All proceeds will go directly to support the Bethesda Community Food Pantry, which has been serving the Story County area since 1983 by demonstrating Jesus' love for others by providing supplemental food to all who ask.

Bethesda Lutheran Church
1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames, IA



Love Grows Here: Trinity Celebrates 50 Years!



On Sunday, September 20th, the Trinity church family celebrated a historic milestone: 50 years of faith, fellowship, and community. The landmark anniversary was marked by an inspiring Sunday worship service that beautifully connected the church's past with its present, followed by a joyful time of lunch and fellowship.

The morning worship service was deeply rooted in the church's history, utilizing the exact scripture and hymns from Trinity's very first church service. The theme of the celebration, "Love Grows Here," came alive through a powerful performance by a special choir directed by Cheryle Harmon, which welcomed back many former members to sing the title song. The congregation was also treated to special musical performances, including a moving vocal solo by Dick Fawcett and a beautiful piano duet by Brandon Weeks and Scott Keese.

A central highlight of the celebration was honoring the leadership and voices that shaped Trinity over the decades. Messages of encouragement and reflection were shared from former pastors Abel Roy, H.D. Mitchell, and Andrea Serverson, who was able to attend and share her message in person. Attendees also viewed a historical video produced by Barb McBreen, which chronicled the rich history of the church and featured interviews with Cheryle Harmon and Traci Kirtley.

The spirit of community took center stage during an open microphone session, where current and former members stepped up to share their personal experiences and favorite memories of their time at Trinity. Among the speakers, Craig Scott shared stories about the building of the fellowship hall that had the entire congregation in stitches. The service culminated in a special moment of gratitude as the founding members in attendance—Cheryle Harmon, Pat Cole, Nancy Nielsen, Gloria Lantz, and Ron and Gwen Laird—were formally recognized and honored for their foundational vision.

An event of this magnitude requires incredible dedication. Sincere thanks go out to everyone who attended, participated in, provided for, and planned the celebration. In particular, the church extends its deepest gratitude to the celebration committee—Cheryle Harmon, Jeannie Henry, Dixie Mosher, Kathy Parmenter, and Amber Weeks—for their tireless work.

It was a truly unforgettable Sunday—one that perfectly honored Trinity's past, celebrated its vibrant present, and placed its future firmly in God's hands.





Pictures of the Anniversay



Thank you

The SPRC Committee extends a special thank you to Eileen Lewis, our church secretary, and Dave Lewis, our church custodian.

Eileen assists Pastor Bobb and the council in making things run smoothly. The bulletins, newsletters, and slide shows are her most visible work.

Dave cleans our building and communicates regularly about property needs. Both are part-time employees and give 100% effort to their responsibilities. They are greatly appreciated.



Church Council Notes September 2026



August was a busy month, and the council appreciates all those helped with the float, parade, and ice cream social for Prairie Fest, cleaned up the church inside and out, and sorting cans. Special thanks to Gordy and Steve for painting lines in our parking lot. There will be more opportunities to get involved this fall.

Pastor Bobb participated in all our Prairie Fest activities. He also made hospital and home visits and Thursday evenings he helps with the Grief Share class. Charge Conference is 6:30pm, October 25 th , at the Sheldahl Methodist church and all are welcome to attend.

Council continues to evaluate the most economical property insurance options for coverage we require. See Craig if you have questions.

Building projects are getting done. The two bathrooms off the Narthex are being updated. Landscaping has started with replacing rotting landscape ties and clearing the areas. Folks can contact Cheryle Harmon to volunteer for the landscape committee to plan design for those areas.

See the NOW report for ways to get involved in upcoming events and mission projects to support.

The Next Steps have started with a nominations committee being formed and tentative plans for a town hall meeting later this fall.

Summer meals program is considering different options for prep and distribution site.

Financial Report as of September 9, 2026: Year-to-date we have taken in \$1760 more than we have spent. A delay in billing required two lawn care payments and another month's apportionments were paid to keep us one month ahead of schedule.

Account balances as of September 9th:

Checking - \$3,601.79; Money Market - \$23,053.49

(Trustee's - \$7,284.65, Memorial - \$7,284.65, Heifer - \$83.19, NOW - \$1,500.00);

Investments - \$112,433.22 (parsonage fund).

Sidewalk Loan remains at - \$3,758.00.

Our next meeting is October 14, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Loa Christensen

word bank: sweater, bonfire, orange, acorns, halloween, leaves, Thanksgiving, gourd, hayride, corn, red, scarecrow, football, cider, yellow, apples, harvest

1C, 2G, 3D, 4A, 5B, 6E, 7F





NOW Committee Minutes



THANK YOU to everyone that helped in any way with the Prairie Festival Float or the Ice Cream Social.

****Our October Mission Focus Project is the collection of items for the Ames Warming Center at First Methodist Church. You can leave items on the table outside the Pastor's office. Items needed include fitted twin sheets, waterproof pillow covers, bath towels, wash cloths, or a monetary donation (checks to Trinity with Warming Center in the memo).**

****Come join the fun at the Trinity Family Fun Night October 4, 5:00 pm. Roast a hot dog or marshmallow, share a good picnic dish, and sing around the campfire.****

- The Noisy Offering and Brown Bag collections will take place on October 18th. Our current Heifer Project is the Milk Menagerie. This project will provide two goats, a water buffalo and a heifer, plus farmers will also learn to care for the animals. The project goal is \$1,000.
- The World Food Prize Foundation is attempting to break a world record for the most Hunger Relief Meals packaged in one hour on Tuesday, October 20th. We would like to put together a team (or two) of 16 people to take part in this packaging event. If you would like to join a team for this event please let the church office know by October 4.
- Our October Social Dinner location will be at Red Lobster in Ames, at 5:30 pm on October 22nd. You can sign-up at the church or send a note to the church office to add your name to the list. You are always welcome to join at the last minute as the list just gives us a general idea of how many to plan for.
- October 25th will be the next Did You Know Sunday. Let us know if there is something that should be announced.
- On-going projects: Plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, stuffed animals for the Huxley PD, yarn for baby blankets, school supplies, personal hygiene items, and paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Blank Park Zoo Trinity Kids Mission Project.
- We are still collecting cans and bottles. Monies from the project have been spent on a Church Camp Scholarship, new Sunday School Room furniture, repairs to the trailer, a young families bowling social, a donation last year to the Ballard Summer Meal Program, and curriculum materials for Sunday School. Thanks to all who have helped sort and bag the cans/bottles.





NOW Committee Minutes continued



Future events for your calendar:

- + October 4th, Trinity Family Fun Night at Kirtley's, 5:00 pm – bring hot dogs, roasting sticks, a dish to share, drinks, table service and chairs. (56145 307th Lane, Cambridge)
- + October 20th, World Food Prize Foundation food packaging event; Iowa Events Center's EMC Expo Center (we can car-pool to Des Moines)
 - 5:00 – 5:15 pm Arrive at Iowa Events Center Parking – free in the Green Lot
 - 5:30 pm – Training
 - 6:30 pm – Packaging Begins
 - 7:30 pm – Packaging Ends
- + October 22nd, Social Dinner at Red Lobster in Ames at 5:30 pm. All are welcome.
- + Annual Craft/Vendor Fair – Saturday, November 7, (will need all-hands-on-deck to help with this event)
- + Blessings Breakfast – November 15 (more info to come)
- + Hanging of the Greens – November 29 (more info to come)

Puzzles

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- WOLYEL _____
 - SALPPE _____
 - VARHETS _____
 - DICRE _____
 - TOLALFOB _____
 - ACRESWORC _____
 - DRE _____
 - ROCN _____
 - GINKSATVIHGN _____
 - DOURG _____
 - YRDHAIE _____
 - OARCNS _____
 - EEVSAL _____
 - WOLAHLENE _____
 - FOBREIN _____
 - NGORAE _____
 - RWESATE _____

Match the vocabulary words to their description.

1 foliage	a fun wagon adventure
2 harvest	b harvesting fruit in orchards
3 pumpkin	c colorful tree leaves
4 hayride	d orange Halloween symbol
5 apple picking	e big outdoor fire
6 bonfire	f lost in tall grass
7 corn maze	g gathering crops in fall





3RD ANNUAL Fall Craft & Vendor Show

All indoor spaces are 6x8 and \$30. Includes 1 table.

Outdoor spaces are \$25.

Electricity not guaranteed.

Saturday, November 7th

9:00-2:00

Huxley Trinity United Methodist Church

102 Lynwood Dr.

Huxley, IA 50124

Lunch and bake sale will be held.

Fill out the Google Form to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/yxxLXbqS7t4V2VeL9>



More Pictures of the Anniversary events

