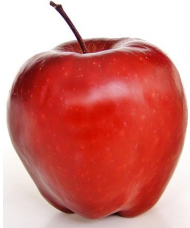


September 2026

Elder: Justin DeBruin
Altar Guild: Teresa Sperle
Stewardship: Sonya Kruid



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 am Bible Class 10:30 AM WORSHIP, SATURDAYS at 5:00 PM COMMUNION ON 1ST, 3RD & 5TH SUNDAYS www.trinityhawarden.com trinityhawarden@gmail.com		1	2	3 10 am Bible Study	4	5 5 pm Worship*
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Pastor Lowe at Concordia Seminary Symposium in St Louis, MO.
Lycia on vacation this week. Church office closed.



NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

THE STORY OF EVERYTHING: Bible Overview

Join us for this journey through the Bible story. Learn or relearn bible stories that connect the one message of God together in Jesus Christ. This is for everyone- those who are new to reading the bible and those who know it well. You can never go wrong reading Scripture.

Thursday morning Bible Study continues in the book of 1 Corinthians. Join us for coffee at 10 AM on Thursdays.



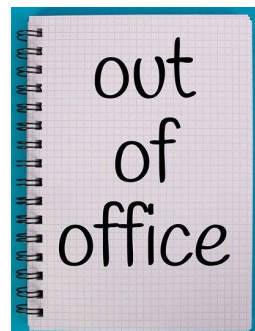
LWML will meet on Monday, September 21 at 7 PM. Our September mission is Love INC.



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, September 20.

Pastor Lowe will be out of the office from Monday September 21 till Thursday September 24. He will be attending the Concordia Seminary Symposium in St Louis. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please call Pastor Boothby in Ireton at 278-2324.

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Lycia will be out of the office the same week on vacation. Email trinityhawarden@gmail.com or leave a voice mail on the church's phone 551-2743.



FILLED WITH GOD'S GIFT OF FAITH PRODUCED BY THE WORD, WE BECOME ENERGIZED AND EQUIPPED TO DO GOOD WORKS.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).





From Pastor's Desk continued....

2. Be Thankful: I am thankful because of Jesus' death and resurrection. I have peace with God. Because I don't fear death and punishment for me sin since Jesus paid for that, I can rejoice. I am thankful for the privilege to come before God and to share with Him my cares, concerns, failures, uncertainties, thanksgivings and joys.

3. Confess: Sometimes I don't rejoice; life is at times hard and busy. I don't make time to pray. I show I'm ungrateful for God's gifts by complaining and wasting the things He gives. I want to do what I want to do, and not what God wills.

(Example Prayer) *Lord Jesus, thank you for your life and love. I rejoice that you are with me, love me, and forgive- thank you. Help me to use this gift of prayer because you want me to and have promised to hear me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**THROUGH FAITH, WE UNDERSTAND
THAT OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO
SERVE AND GLORIFY GOD.**

"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well"
(Psalm 139:14).



Trinity is always looking for volunteers to help with many small jobs. If you are interested in greeting people before services, ushering on an usher team, setting up for communion, helping with catechism, or providing meals for the catechism kids, etc. There are so many ways to help out! Just write it on your worship registration card or mention it to Pastor or Lycia. You can help!



Trinity's annual Labor Day Hamburger Stand will be in our church parking lot on Monday, Sept. 7 from 11-1:00. Proceeds benefit our Sunday School and Youth.



Do you know people use larger print materials? Are you starting to struggle to read small print? You can help someone you know get a bible they can see and read. Trinity is in the process of prayer and deliberation about the possibility of establishing a Large Print workshop that will produce large print bibles and send them to individuals who desire to read God's Word. More information is coming, but consider how you might be able to be lead and serve this important at a Lutheran Braille Workers workshop at Trinity.



Catechism Information 2026-2027

Meals

We will offer supper prior to catechism class beginning at 5:15. Parents, family, friends, and congregation members are encouraged to sign up to furnish and serve meals. Link for Meal Train sign-up

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/q2v7rr>

Start Date and Time

Classes begin Wednesday, September 9

-Meals are served prior to class at 5:15. Classes will begin with a group opening at 5:45 and conclude at 6:50.

All-Grade Expectations

- Be in worship/Sunday School regularly.
- Attend and participate in class weekly. (If sick, or unable to attend, please let Pastor know).
- Submit 20 sermon summaries. (8th Graders **MUST** complete these prior to confirmation).
- Students must participate in catechism to receive congregation scholarships to youth events (Gatherings) and Camp Okoboji.

8th Graders

- Pastor Lowe and the Board of Elders are asking 8th grade parents to attend catechism classes. Last year's parents report that this went very well for them and their families. If a parent cannot attend, please speak to pastor. He is willing to work with you.
- Confirmation is based on
 - Worship/Sunday School attendance
 - Class attendance
 - Examination
 - Sermon summaries (20).

Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, April 25th.

5th/6th Grades

Mrs. Corinne Lowe will teach 5th/6th grades this year. Due to the large numbers of kids, it is helpful for additional parents to be in the room. Please consider helping.

In God We Trust

Reading the Bible, you have likely noticed that there are many references to money, wealth, riches, or possessions in God's Word. In fact, they are referenced more than 2300 times. About 15 percent of Jesus' recorded words relate to money and possessions. Our heavenly Father is interested in how we view, manage, and give the money that He entrusts to us. Scripture gives a clear warning about problems that money can cause. Jesus tells us, "*You cannot serve God and money*" (Matthew 6:24). The United States' official motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" is inscribed on our money. Is your trust in God or in money?

In our daily lives, money plays a huge part. When we consider the time we spend working to earn money, the time planning on how to spend it, the actual time spending it, and then the time we worry about it, money plays a key role in our lives.

In his 1999 book *Neither Poverty nor Riches*, Craig Blomberg finishes with the following five conclusions:

Material possessions are a good gift from God meant for His people to enjoy. God's creation of the material world is good, and He desires that all people have some assets so there is fairness.

Material possessions are a primary means of turning hearts away from God. Possession of, or desire for, too many material goods can lead to rejection of God.

A sign of a redeemed life is the transformation in stewardship. A life following and serving Jesus includes receiving our money from God thankfully, managing it faithfully, and giving it generously.

There are certain extremes of wealth and poverty which are in themselves intolerable. Those with a surplus are to help support those in need.

The Bible's teaching about material possessions is intertwined with spiritual matters. Financial decisions are spiritual decisions. Our long-term happiness and security can be found only in trusting and following Jesus.

With these conclusions, we can consider some applications. Because money is good, it is right and proper to work hard and to be compensated with a fair income. Understanding that money is a gift from God and owned by Him, we will want to share with those in need. In addition, the giving of our money is a wise and prudent way of preventing money from becoming overly important. Our ultimate gift from God is the gift of salvation through Jesus, and we have the privilege and the joy in using some of our money to help finance churches and ministries that share the Good News of the Gospel. Through our faithful giving, we can help people hear about Jesus.



From Pastor's Desk...

Struggling to pray? Prayer is simply to talking to God with words and thoughts. But sometimes we get stuck. Below is a method of praying using Scripture. Try it out.

A Simple Way to Pray

(Example Bible Verse- You can do this with almost any verse) ^{ESV} **1 Thessalonians 5:16** Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1. Prayer begins with God and His Word

a. Use the Word of God in Your Prayers

Find a verse or passage to consider or meditate on.

2. Ask: What is God **teaching** me in this text?

a. What does He want me to know about Himself?

b. What does He want me to know about me?

c. What does He say about how am I am to live toward my neighbor?

d. What part of this text convicts me (Law)?

What part of this text brings me comfort through Jesus' work (Gospel)?

3. Ask: What does this text give me to **be thankful** for?

a. How can I see God working in my life?

b. What blessings have I received from Him?

What gifts does He provide to help me love and serve others?

4. Ask: What sins should I **confess** in light of this text?

a. How I have failed to do what God has said?

b. How have I not loved God completely?

How have I failed to love my neighbor?

Conclude with a prayer to God for grace and faith to trust and live according to God's Word.

^{ESV} **1 Thessalonians 5:16** Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. For example:

1. **Teaching:** God is teaching me to rejoice at all times, to pray and give thanks whatever happens. This is God's will for me to do in His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Because Jesus has died and rose for me. Because I'm baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, I can rejoice, pray, and give thanks. He gives me forgiveness, life, salvation, hope, comfort, and peace whatever life brings. **Continued on page 3.**

Happy September Birthdays!

- 1 George Hugh
- 3 Cason Strong
- 4 Cheryl Lewison, Chris Waterman
- 6 Randy Ballard
- 7 Amy Cason, Mike Kruid
- 8 Cooper Steen
- 9 Jennifer Kooi
- 10 Jeanette Kircher, Ashley Strong
- 12 Erielle Parks, Asher Schelling
- 13 Petricia Hurtado
- 15 Kassy Boyer
- 16 Makiya Schurman, Tess Schurman, Brenden Weinmann
- 18 Boe Boyer, Lisa Danielson
- 20 Arlett Mora, Frank Peterson
- 21 Tyler Van Wyhe
- 22 Jean Toft
- 23 Kara Bultman, Zachary Lussier
- 24 Phil Van Wyhe
- 25 Mary Aldrich, Micah Baas, Betty Brandsma, Trevor Schelling
- 27 Lynn Eilts, Alexa Star
- 28 Roger Johnson
- 30 Justin DeBruin

Happy Birthday!



Happy September Anniversaries!

- 3 Larry & Linda Van Wyhe (35 yrs)
- 5 Jerry & Sharon Wakeman (34 yrs)
- 6 Randy & Becky Klaus (51 yrs)
- 7 Dave & Shelly Aldrich (30 yrs)
- 11 Jack & Kay Borchers (64 yrs)
- 13 Trevor & Kendra Schelling (12 yrs)
- 14 Carl & Tara Harry (13 yrs)
- 26 Rick & Joann Boyer (34 yrs)
- 29 Carl & Shannon Baas (8 yrs)
- 29 Clark & Lisa Danielson (25 yrs)

Happy Anniversary!



IOWA DISTRICT WEST
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

UNSHAKABLE LIGHT

"I am the light of the world..." - John 8:12



October 3-4, 2026
CAMP OKOBOJI
OPTIONAL EARLY ARRIVAL: OCTOBER 2

MAIN SPEAKERS	WHO	COST	PAYMENT
Pastor Ryan Roehrig & DCE Hailey Jo Miller	Senior High Youth (Grades 9-12)	\$90 (1 night) \$120 (2 nights)	One check per church payable to Iowa District West

Save the Date!
MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

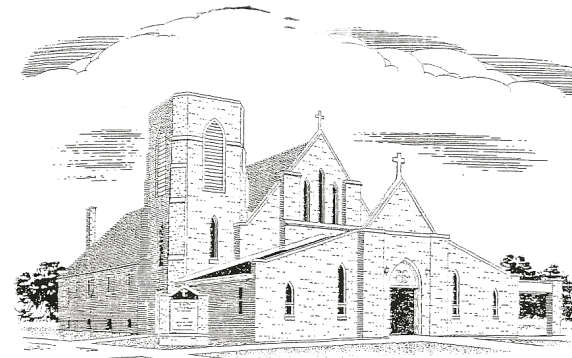


Prayer Chain

God has called us to pray and promised to hear. Need a prayer? Please call Jean Toft at 551-6990 and she will pass your prayer requests to those who will pray. There is always room for more to join this prayer group. Give Jean a call.

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

"He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."
Deuteronomy 32:10



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