



THE TORCH

March 2026
Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

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**Why kids & parents
LOVE CAMP EWALU**

Bible study at the grotto

"Camp is the only place where I have ever felt like myself. Going there feels like God is telling me that this is where I belong."
— Ewalu camper

Kids and parents love Ewalu for lots of reasons. **Camp is a great place to have fun, try cool new things, make new friends, and grow in faith** — all while having an awesome adventure! Both kids and adults will love our highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors.

A week in Christian community at Ewalu provides campers with a **positive, safe, and life-changing faith experience**. Allow your child to experience this fun way to develop their confidence and faith.

DAY CAMP WILL SOON BE HERE

Trinity will again partner with other churches to make this a positive experience for as many children as we can. The details will come soon and you will be able to sign up online or paper forms in the TLC office. Please watch for the updates, and in the meantime spread the word about camp to others.

Trinity Office Hours Tues, Wed, Thurs - 9AM-1PM
Pastor Stephen's Office Hours Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs -10AM - 2PM

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DESK...

The Lenten Season is upon us, a time for inward reflection and prayer. Soon, many activities will be ramping up around church. Easter preparation, garden planning and planting, mowing and landscaping, cleanup day, and the work of the church will continue. I urge you all to join me in prayer as we continue to ponder how to share our talents and gifts with one another and our community.

We can soon celebrate having Pastor Stephen back from paternity leave. He has been missed, but we are happy to have given him time with his growing family. I would also like to thank so many of you for the support you have given me lately while I have been stretched thin to cover many responsibilities. Your patience and support gives me strength to do what I do for the congregation on a regular basis.

We currently have many members dealing with many health issues and upcoming surgeries. Please keep them in your prayers and offer a helping hand while they recover. I look forward to working side by side with you in the coming months.

Blessings,
Dane



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you are reading the March Torch you will notice there are many "volunteers needed" on the calendar. It is becoming more difficult to find people to fill these positions. We have had many with health issues and so some simply can't help the way they used to. So please if they are any of you that would like to become one of the volunteers please let me know.

Paula



WANT TO CONNECT THE WITH WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY?

Sign up for our weekly email bulletin that will let you know what's happening in the week ahead and have other great upcoming announcements, as well as the weekly bulletin for worship. Call (332-5188) or email Paula (office@trinitylcpv.com) in the office to sign up!

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL INFO THROUGH DECEMBER 2025

Collections to date	\$9,224.00
Expenses to date	\$17,243.66
Net to date	(\$8,019.66)
No funds have been transferred from Stewardship Reserves year to date.	

ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

February	1	61
February	8	41
February	15	Calamus
February	22	39

BIRTHDAYS

1 Arnold Kaufmann
 1 Owen Paul
 1 Neal Schroder
 5 Marcia Brunsvold
 6 Dawn Brick
 7 Diana Mayes
 8 Collin West
 11 Joshua Paul
 14 Diane Cook
 14 Chase Smiley
 17 Chris Stubbe
 17 Tim Wright
 20 Conor Smith
 21 Pam Glynn
 31 Linda Stubbe



ANNIVERSARIES

8 Jan & Mitch Sussex
 10 Andi & Christian Naab
 27 Ed & Carol Kaufmann



Worship & Fellowship Volunteers

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29 Palm Sunday
Altar Guild	Sally Morrow	Linda Busch	Volunteer Needed	.Diane Kaufmann	Volunteer Needed
Communion Assistant	Sally Morrow	Mary Shelton	Marcia Brunsvold	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Ellen Opperman	Henry Marquard	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Claudia Neumann
Usher Greeter	Jo Ann Hogenson Ron Morrow	Brandi & John Ahlers	Travis Brunsvold Don Cordts	Diane Cook Arnie Kaufmann	Volunteers Needed
Worship Video Livestream Producer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Michelle & Dane Crist	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

If you would like to help us in our Sunday Gathering by doing any of the above tasks, please contact the church office to be added to the list of volunteers.

If you are unable to fulfill your duties, please find a replacement and call or email the church office (332-5188 or office@trinitylcpv.com) with your replacement. Thank you.

Pastor Stephen on Parental Leave through Mid-March

Pastor Stephen is very gracious for the generous parental leave that has been granted to him for bonding with his new daughter, Ida. For the first 10 weeks of 2026, Pastor Stephen will be at home with them, while the life of our congregation continues on. A few different pastors will fill in for Sunday morning worship, but in the event of an emergency, you can contact the office (563-332-5188) or any of the four pastors listed below:



Pastor Stephanie Wood, Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport
402-659-3427

Pastor Kirsten Lee, Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport
405-248-0586

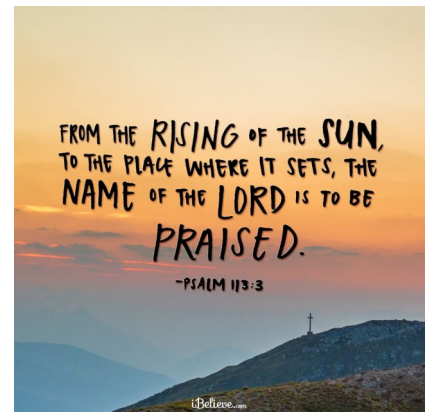
Pastor Art Blegen, First Presbyterian Church, Le Claire
910-354-8540

Pastor Annabell Blegen, First Presbyterian Church, Le Claire
563-554-9160

50th Anniversary Celebration



Ed & Carol Kaufmann are celebrating this milestone anniversary. March 28 from 1:00-4:00 PM in the TLC Fellowship Hall. A luncheon will be served and all are invited.



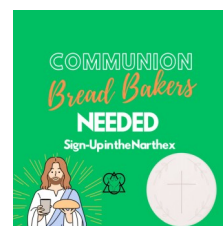
Trinity Blood Pressure Ministry *After worship on March 1*

Trinity will be offering this ministry the first Sunday of each month by our qualified congregational nurse members. There are several stories of health monitoring, helping the lives of those who have joined in this ministry.



What's Baking? Communion Bread *Sign-Up in the Narthex*

Each week's Communion Bread is baked by volunteers from around our congregation, bringing forth the bread of life from the shared community we have here at Trinity. If you'd like to sign-up to bake the bread, there is a sheet in the narthex, and a recipe available there as well as online.



Lenten Midweek Worship: Sing with All the Saints in Glory Wednesday's at 7 PM March 4 through March 25

Our Lenten Midweek Worship services will return this year: after beginning the Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday (February 18, worship at 7 PM), we will be reminded of the rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition at brief services for prayer and reflection. This year's Lenten midweek series, Sing with All the Saints in Glory, honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent in 2026. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith. The Worship & Music Committee would appreciate any help with readings, so if you've ever felt called to share some of your voice in worship, please reach out to someone from that committee.



LENTEN GIFTS TO OUR COMMUNITY



"Do for others what you want them to do for you: this is the meaning of the Law of Moses and of the teaching of the prophets."

(The Golden Rule) - Matthew 7:12

Please notice the display on the table in the Narthex. Each of the 6 weeks during Lent, our church will collect a specific food that is desperately needed for those in our community facing food insecurity. These food items will be distributed by the Trinity Food Pantry and the Central Community Circle Food Pantry on W 6th St. in Davenport. All work accomplished at these food pantries is volunteer-driven.

Each week those items will be taken to the distribution center. Please bring your gifts Sundays + Wednesdays during worship times or whenever you visit Trinity during Lent.

SCHEDULE FOR FOOD COLLECTION

Week 1: 2/18-24 - *"Many gifts, but same Spirit"* – 1 Cor. 12:4
Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup (or other soups)

Week 2: 2/25-3/3 - *"Fisherman Story"* - Matthew 4:18-22
Canned Tuna, Salmon, Sardines

Week 3: 3/4-10 - *"Grains of Wheat"* - John 12:22-28
Instant Oatmeal Packets

Week 4: 3/11-17 - *"Anoint my head with oil"* - Psalm 23:5
Vegetable Oil

Week 5: 3/18-24 - *"All the grains and fruit"* - Genesis 1:29
Granola Nut/Fruit Bars or Single Wrapped Cup Cakes

Week 6: 3/25-31 - *"Give me this water"* - John 4:11-15
16.9 ounce bottles of water

Always needed: small jars of peanut butter & jelly

Lenten Devotional Booklets Available!

***Love Outpoured*, from
Augsburg Fortress, in
Narthex Now**

Love Outpoured focuses on portions of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. In words that continue to speak to us today, Paul lays out foundational beliefs for a life of faith in Christian community.

The daily devotions for each day, from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord / Vigil of Easter, begin with evocative images and brief scripture texts. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.



Trinity Food Pantry Continues Feeding Our Neighbors

Pantry Hours: Mondays, 9-11 AM and Thursdays, 4-6 PM

Our community food pantry continues to serve our neighbors, and we are blessed with many volunteers, but more are always welcome. We welcome volunteers for other aspects of the food pantry beyond the times when we are open, such as organizing the food in the pantry and sorting new donations. If you would like to help out, please reach out to Dane Crist or Pastor Stephen or email pantry@trinitylcpv.com.

If you are looking to buy something in particular, our annual Lenten Gifts drive is starting soon. Share the good news of our Food Pantry with others in our community.

Thanks so much for your support!

Trinity Food Pantry Team
pantry@trinitylcpv.com. 563 332-6432



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Most needed items needed for the Food Pantry.

Jelly, fruit juice, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper and feminine products.

As the needs change we will add a list of the most needed items each month in the Torch.

The donations to the Food Pantry are very appreciated.

Join Trinity Prayer Chain to Connect with Community



A community that prays for one another is transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have been praying for and with each other for a long time here at Trinity Lutheran Church, but often we don't know exactly what we are praying for in those instances. If you would like to share in brief emails when there are prayer requests sent in to the office or to Pastor Stephen (at the times when permission is given), please email [Pastor](mailto:Pastor@trinitylcpv.com) or the [office](mailto:office@trinitylcpv.com) to be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain. These will likely be brief emails to provide a notice when an emergency has happened or when someone is requesting prayers for a family member. Prayer requests will be asked, whether they would like any details shared with the prayer chain, when they make those requests.

Trinity Card Crafting Ministry Spreading Joy

Thursday, March 12 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Trinity's card ministry meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be March 12 from 1:00-3:00 PM. All are welcome to join us with no experience necessary!

Each month we make and deliver cards to the residents of Aspire of Pleasant Valley Nursing and Rehab (Formerly River Manor). We also make and mail greetings to members and friends of Trinity. In addition, the committee has been working to replenish the supply of greeting cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall. All cards are \$2.00.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kaul, Linda Busch, Claudia Neumann, Cathy Newman, Marcia Brunsvold or Pastor Stephen.



Trinity Card
Crafting
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Winter Scott County Library's Bookmobile Stops

The Scott County Library Bookmobile will be back again for you to stop by the church parking lot through the spring on Tuesday afternoons every three weeks. Anyone with a library card from a library in

Scott County can check out books and other media. We'll have snacks and drinks available in Fellowship Hall. More stops will be coming in the spring too! No stop in March due to Spring Break.

We hope to see you there!

Tuesdays, April 7 & 28, May 19. 4:40-5:10 PM

For more info, visit: Scottcountyiowa.gov/library/bookmobile



New Living Lutheran Website Launches

We're excited to pass along a little early good news this Advent season: the new LivingLutheran.org is live! Set up a **free digital membership** for perks like a personalized dashboard that prioritizes the stories that interest you, access to members-only content and the ability to save and "like" articles — all with a welcoming, easy-to-access format.

Living Lutheran tells the stories of the ELCA, bonding us as a church across congregations, synods, states, regions and countries. Get informed, inspired and equipped with perspectives to deepen your faith and connect with the broader Lutheran community!



Crossroads Youth Ministry

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 PM

TLC youth from 6th through 9th grades will be joining together with First Presbyterian Church's youth (and any friends that the youth would like to bring along) for a fun, faith-filled youth group meeting each Sunday through the school year. Each meeting will include a simple dinner, games, and discussion of the developing faith of the youth. March 1 and 8 will be held at First Presbyterian in Le Caire. The rest of March at TLC.

Join the PPALs

Bible Study

Saturdays 8 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church

Join together in a new Bible Study with Christians from around the PV, Princeton, Argo, and Le Claire area that make up PPALs. We encourage you to grab a coffee or beverage and join in for readings and discussion of the Bible. For more information, see [Randy Goslin](#).



WEEKLY READINGS

- 03/01** Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17
- 03/08** Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42
- 03/15** 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23,
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
- 03/22** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130,
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45
- 03/29** Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54



Greetings,

Each day at LSI, we witness the power of compassionate care in action families finding relief, individuals discovering belonging, and communities growing stronger together. None of this happens alone.

Your prayers, generosity, and partnership make this ministry possible. Because of you, LSI can continue walking alongside Iowa children, adults, and families with services that bring stability, dignity, and hope.

We are grateful to serve together in this shared mission. As needs continue to arise across our state, your support helps ensure that Christ's love is not only spoken, but lived out in meaningful and practical ways.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrea Maschka, LSI's Chief Development Officer at AndreaMaschka@LSIowa.org

We are so grateful for your partnership in sharing our mission.

Church Update March/2026

Your SUPPORT makes these stories possible...

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Brain Injury Awareness Month and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month making it the perfect time to highlight LSI's services for individuals with disabilities.

LSI provides respite care for those caring for loved ones with mental and developmental disabilities along with 24-hour care, hourly options and host homes. In total LSI provided over 366,000 hours of services to those living with disabilities last year.

For families caring for a child or adult with disabilities, the demands of around-the-clock care can be overwhelming. That's where respite support makes a meaningful difference. Respite care offers caregivers a personalized break while ensuring their loved one continues to receive quality care. A trained respite provider can step in for a few hours or up to an entire weekend to support children and adults with disabilities. Services can be provided in the individual's home, the provider's home, or within the community.

As one parent put it, "Respite helped me step back and rethink things, breathe and start over again with a better mind set! I truly believe that respite has changed my family and my life."

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LSI's thorough matching process and ongoing oversight help ensure the success and quality of respite services. One of our respite providers, met her client and his family when they moved into a new neighborhood. This provider and client had an instant connection during this visit, and the provider knew that she wanted to provide respite services to him. The family worked with LSI, after being introduced to our respite program by the provider, to enroll the client in services. They started out with small amounts of time, and as the years went by, the amount of respite increased.

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This provider has now been providing respite services to this client for over 10 years. Their relationship has continued to grow, and is stronger than ever, as the provider has supported both the client and his family.

This client has become a part of his provider's expended family, and sees her at least once a week. The client enjoys spending weekends once a month at his provider's home. This also allows the client's parents to have a scheduled break each month. One of this client's favorite activities during his weekends at his provider's home is to visit his provider's parents, and discuss the latest book that he has read with them.

"I became a respite provider because it offered me an opportunity to earn some extra income around my family's busy schedule. What I was not expecting was the learning opportunities that occurred for both my children and the respite children on our home. It has been an amazing experience to see the children grow. I love when I run into them out in the community and they come over and tell me everything they are now doing. Through respite care you are able to make a difference!"

-Respite Provider



LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM Worship 10 AM Property 10 AM <i>Blood Pressure Clinic</i> 5-7 PM Crossroads	2 9 - 11 AM Food Pantry	3	4 3:30 PM Social Ministry Lenten Worship 7:00 pm	5 3:30 PM Education 4 - 6 PM Food Pantry	6	7 8 AM - PPALS Bible Study
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