



FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

# HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES: 5 p.m. on Saturday. 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. on Sunday.

## WELCOME HOME

On behalf of Pastors Golter and Schilling, Trinity Lutheran would like to welcome you home — to God’s House. If you would like to learn more about Trinity, please include any questions you might have on your attendance card which can be found on the tables as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Attendance cards can be placed in the baskets on the tables as you enter the Fellowship Hall or in the offering plate. We would love to hear from you.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are in need of prayers, please fill out the green Prayer Card on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Cards can be placed in the baskets on the table. If you would like to meet with one of our pastors, contact the church office (563-323-8001) to set up an appointment.

## LIVE-STREAMS

Trinity live-streams its 8 a.m. Sunday worship service. You can watch the live-stream by going to YouTube and searching Trinity Lutheran Davenport Iowa. Our Trinity School chapel service also is live-streamed on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Just go to YouTube.com and search Trinity Lutheran Davenport Iowa.

## FOLLOW US

Stay up to date with all things Trinity—including all the updates to our campus — by following us on Facebook (facebook.com/trinitydavenportia). If you would like to join our email communication list, contact Tim Leibold at timothy.leibold@trinitydavenport.org.

## NUMBERS GAME

The numbers aren’t adding up.

For Trinity, and the rest of the Lutheran schools around the world, it’s been a growing concern.

Lutheran schools are struggling to fill their classrooms with synodically trained teachers.

The Concordia University systems, which is comprised of six colleges and universities affiliated with the LCMS, was established to develop Christian leaders, including teachers who would supply higher education to accomplish the mission of the church.

The pool of synodically trained teaching candidates from the Concordia universities is dwindling.

“We are in need of at least three teachers for next year,” shared Central Lutheran (Newhall, Iowa) principal Frank Parris. “Of the 56 potential candidates I have looked through, only two have agreed to an interview.”

Other Iowa District East schools are feeling the same pain.

Trinity Lutheran and Valley Lutheran both are seeking to fill four teaching positions for the 2024-25 school year, while LIS Williamsburg is seeking to fill its principal position.

Last year, there were 33 Concordia University graduates seeking placement in elementary education. This year - there’s 21.

“As a ministry, I don’t think we’ve encouraged people enough about church work,” shared James Ullman, who is a first-grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran and a Concordia Ann Arbor grad.

There’s hope. Globally, LCMS congregations operate more than 800 elementary schools with approximately 78,000 students.

The opportunities are ripe.

## GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. James Baneck will serve as Trinity’s guest preacher on Feb. 3-4. Dr. Baneck, who will be leading a Sunday morning Bible study on Feb. 4 in the Fellowship Hall, serves as the executive director of pastoral education for the LCMS.

## STUDIES

Check out more Sunday Bible studies on the back page of the Highlights.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENT	DAY/TIME	PLACE
No school	Monday	Teacher in-service
Women's Bible study	Tues./9:30 a.m.	Church Library
Lectionary Bible study	Tues./6:30 p.m.	Church Library
PTL meeting	Tues./6:30 p.m.	School Library
Prayer Team	Wed./9 a.m.	Church Library
Zechariah Bible study	Wed./9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Confirmation	Wed./6:30 p.m.	
Choir practice	Wed./6:30 p.m.	
High School Youth	Wed./8 p.m.	Youth Room
Bell choir practice	Thurs./6 p.m.	
Elder Ministry	Thurs./6:30 p.m.	Church Library

### GOD'S WORKMANSHIP CLASS

Are you interested in the learning the basics of the Christian faith? Then why not attend God's Workmanship class beginning February 13 at 6:30 p.m. This class is also the way to become a member of Trinity. We go over the basics, but it also adds depth, stability and joy to your life. The teacher is Pastor Golter. If you're interested, please let Pastor Golter know or the church office.

### ASH WEDNESDAY, LENTEN SERVICES

Trinity will be having an Ash Wednesday worship service on Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday Lenten services will be at noon (once we return to the sanctuary) and 6:30 p.m. There also will be Wednesday Lenten Dinners. If you are interested in hosting a dinner, contact the church office.

### LOVE OFFERING

Trinity's Mission Team is beginning a Love Offering during the month of February. The purpose of the offering is to purchase four laptop computers for the Escuela Luterana la Concordia in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic. The new technology will allow teachers to better serve their students. Love Offering donations can be placed in an envelope with DR Computers written on the front of the envelope. Donations can be placed in the offering plates during weekend worship services or turned into the church office.

### GREEN FOOD BOX

Trinity's green Free Little Food Pantry is still in operation. The box—located in the lower parking lot off Marquette Street, has been established for a "take what you need, leave what you want."

### COMING SOON

Trinity will be sending contribution statements, along with a message from Trinity's pastoral staff, in the next couple of weeks.

### ONLINE GIVING



Did you know that Trinity Lutheran has a safe and secure way to give online? While in camera mode, scan your electronic device over the QR code, and it will take you to Trinity's online giving page.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE STUDIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:** A laughable promise.

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM LOCATIONS

Age level	Meeting space
2-year-olds	Nursery
Preschool-kindergarten	Room 141
First-second grade	Room 142
Third-fourth grade	Room 144
Fifth-eighth grade	Science room
High School	Youth Room

### BIBLE STUDY ROOM LOCATIONS

Study	Leader	Meeting space
Woke study	Pastor Golter	Fellowship Hall
Hymnody study	Riley Sindt	School library
Anxiety study	Julie Abramowski	Room 204

### THANK OFFERING

Trinity is having a sanctuary re-entry celebration on Feb. 17-18. Please consider a special expression of thanks to Him for what He's doing here at Trinity. "Let's Go...On!" Thanksgiving envelopes will be provided...an opportunity to thank our Lord for His continued kindness and mercy. He continues to open doors here at Trinity to have His Gospel preached.

### SEEKING A PIANO

Trinity is seeking a gently but lovingly used baby grand piano for our choir loft. We are looking for something between 5-7 feet long, preferably a Yamaha, Kawai, or other Asian made model, in sound mechanical condition. If you have one or know of anyone who is selling one, please let Riley Sindt or Pastor Golter know.

### FLOWERS

Flowers for this weekend are provided by Marty Riese and family in loving memory of Lois Riese.

# SANCTUARY RE-ENTRY

Join us on Feb. 17-18 for a celebration as we re-enter our new-look sanctuary. Worship services, which will include hymns, homilies choirs and instrumentalists, will be at 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 and at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Feb. 18. Each service will begin in the Fellowship Hall.