

TRINITY

CHURCH



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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

This summer our staff has enjoyed walking through different chapters in the Psalms as we preached the Summer in the Psalms series. We hope that this experience in Psalms has been as much of a blessing to you. As we end summer and kick off into the school year we CELEBRATE together and start a new sermon series entitled “Different Church”.

During 2024 we have been using the word Different a lot understanding that as God’s people we are transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are made different when we follow Christ.

In “Different Church” we are going to look at “The Church” which is the bride of Christ. The bride of Christ is set apart for Him. The Church was Different from its inception, from the moment Jesus gave the command to go make disciples and the Holy Spirit fell upon the Disciples at Pentecost. The book of Acts and the writings in the New Testament show us the acts of the Disciples and how the Church was given a mission and purpose to be different than the world. We will explore what that means for us at Trinity Church. During this series we will consider what that means for us individually and collectively. How Jesus impacts our values and how we live that out as God’s people. We will explore what it means to be multigenerational, intentional with connection, prayerfully God-confident, unoffendable, grace-filled, and unity focused, not rivalry focused.

The struggle is we live in a broken and fallen world; it’s easy to live and learn from the world and interact and live like the world. Yet we are the church, the body of Christ, and we are meant to be different. Interact different, Love different, respond different, think different, and be different for the sake of the Gospel for the world.

I look forward to exploring how we at Trinity are called to be a Different Church.

Matt Pearson
Associate Pastor



**We are a
Different Church**

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As Church Council President, I wanted to share some updates and happenings in our church life. First of all, we are working closely with the Call Team to continue to push the process forward on the search for a new lead pastor. We have full confidence in the Call Team and continue to pray for them on this journey and the search they have ahead. I ask that you join us in prayer, have patience in the process and wait during this season of Trinity Church.

We also wanted to share that our church staff are working very hard, taking on extra duties, roles, and responsibilities to help fill in the gaps to keep our ministries and Sunday mornings going. As leaders, we are working to support our staff in their extra workload but we are asking you, our church family, to help us as well by filling in volunteer roles. Not sure where to plug in or how to help? You can reach out to any staff member or council member by asking how you can help and be a part of the ministry here at Trinity Church. Whether that is within kids or student ministry, Trinity Cafe, worship, or hospitality, there is room for you! God gave us all gifts and talents so let's share those with each other. There are many places to get plugged in and join in the joy and passion we have here at Trinity Church to connect people (of all ages!) to Christ. It takes a lot of time, work, and people to make our Sunday mornings as joyous as they are, and we are one family united under Christ supporting each other!

Finally, with the lead pastor role being vacant Church Council is empowering Pastor Matt with lead pastor decisional authority, with the Council President and the staff Business Manager being available for difficult or complex solutions when needed. The Council Executive Team will continue to evaluate this arrangement to make sure it is flowing and functioning appropriately. We hope to continue to work together to get through this season. This plan would be effective immediately.

At any time if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out and I am happy to meet with you. God is good ALL the time!

Blessing to you and yours,

Victoria Tomanek
Trinity Church Council President

FROM THE CALL TEAM FOR LEAD PASTOR

The Lead Pastor Call Team has continued to meet regularly in July. At our July 9th meeting we received a call process orientation from the Assistant to the Nebraska Synod Bishop, Pastor Greg Berger. As the Synod's call process designee, Pastor Greg is our "head hunter" for contacting and interacting with potential pastor candidates.

Our team has completed the preparation phase of the call process and is ready start to the next phase of contacting and interviewing candidates. Part of our preparation was to assist the Church Council to draft a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which gives potential candidates a description of our church and its ministries. Once the MSP has been received by the Synod, Pastor Greg will start sharing names and profiles of interested candidates. Our team is also looking to add a video to the MSP which will show off our congregation and community in ways the MSP is not designed to.

The Call Team is setting up a series of forums where members of the congregation can express to the Call Team what they are looking for in a Lead Pastor. The first forums were held on July 22nd for church staff and council. Forums for the entire congregation will take place in the Chapel on August 25 and September 8 at 11:30 a.m. and during or after the Legacy Group on September 5th. Please choose to attend ONE. We will also have questionnaires for those unable to attend the forums.

The Call Team also welcomes your suggestions for possible candidates to call to be our next pastor. A form is available for the congregation to submit nominations which will be forwarded to the Nebraska Synod. (Use the QR Code or link below) The synod will contact nominees in Nebraska and will contact the bishops of nominees in other synods. Receipt of this nomination form, however, does not guarantee an interview by our call team.

George Madson
Call Team Chairperson



**Submit Your
Nomination**

Please keep our Call Team in prayer as they diligently seek out the candidate God is preparing to lead Trinity Church.

FROM THE LITTLE LIGHTS PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Teaching Children to Grow, Learn and Shine for Jesus

MEET THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

After a summer off we are gearing up for another fun filled year of learning at Little Lights Preschool! The staff at Little Lights is excited to teach our students during the 2024-2025 school year. In August we will welcome our new students to preschool with an Open House called "Sneak Peek" where they can meet their teachers and see their classrooms; classes will begin Monday, August 26, 2024.

We are looking forward to all the things God has in store for our preschoolers this year. Please keep our students, their families and our staff in your prayers for a successful school year!



STACY DENNE

Preschool Director
4-yr-old Assistant
Teacher
12 years teaching
at Little Lights



JENNIFER CARLSON

4-yr-old Lead Teacher
11 yrs teaching
at Little Lights



ROBYN MARSHALL

3-yr old Lead Teacher
18 yrs teaching at
Little Lights



CHRIS MAYFIELD

3-yr old Assistant
Teacher
7 yrs substitute
teaching at Little
Lights and 1st yr
teaching at
Little Lights

Little Lights offers two three-year-old and two four-year-old classes. All classes are currently full, however, we do maintain a waiting list for all classes. Please contact Little Lights Preschool for more information or to schedule a tour of the preschool.

Stacy Denne
Director of Little Lights Preschool
littlelights@trinitylife.org
402-281-3133

FROM THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTER



Sunday August 5th

9 & 10:30am

Community Centre (GYM)

Come along and find out more about Trinity Kids! We will also have a bounce house, activities and food in the gym for your kids!

Sunday August 18th

12:15pm- 1:pm | Commons | Lunch included.

All current volunteers, new and interested people are welcome to come and find out more about our childrens ministry and our plans for this school year!

You can either just turn up, or you can register at trinitylife.org/events so we can get an idea of numbers for food. Kids welcome!!



Thank you!
Amanda Lynn

FROM THE STUDENT'S & FAMILY MINISTER



Trinity Students Returns
Wednesday, August 28th!

Join us for Trinity Students on Wednesday Nights! Doors open at 6:00 PM, and our program runs from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. You can look forward to a fantastic time of worship, teaching, and small groups. This is an amazing opportunity to grow closer to Jesus and connect with friends who share your faith.

Don't miss out, See you there!



FROM THE CONNECTIONS MINISTER

I want to invite you to our KINGDOM NIGHTS, September 4t, October 2nd, and November 6th. These are going to be great evenings to invest in your faith. Here's the nightly schedule.

- 5:30 PM - Doors open. Food trucks. Crustables for kids from the kitchen window. Enjoy conversation and a meal.
- 6:30 PM - Check-in time at Trinity Kids. From Nursery to 5th grade for fun age-appropriate activities. Older students and adults head outdoors for live worship, followed by inspiring speakers and discussion groups.
- 8:00 PM - Dismissal

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the warmth of fire pits scattered around the area. This will be a great opportunity to get to know your church family.

We can't wait for Kingdom Nights and to see how God works through your faith, family, and community!

At our recent Connections Course participants had the opportunity to learn more about Trinity's discipleship values, mission, and how to join God's mission through Trinity. Please join us in welcoming Bradley and Anne Arnolde, Dick and Terri Clyde, Jenniffer Haster, and Steven, Jane, and Alyssa Kahl. We are so excited that they decided to make Trinity their home church. Please make sure to say hi to them on a Sunday morning!

Joyfully,
Morgahn Randall
Connections Minister



Register Today!



FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER



TRINITY
W O M E N

What do Trinity Women do? We grow with Jesus and invite others to do the same. No matter where on our journey we find ourselves, everyone is invited!

Growing with Jesus, Each Other and Friends

- August 11 - Celebrate - This is a community-wide event for which our ministry has been tagged to provide grab-and-go desserts. Will you bake up two dozen of your favorite goodies for this fun afternoon? [Click here](#) to let us know and thank you to the 12 ladies who have already shared what they are bringing. Because this is a well-attended event, we want to be sure to have enough for everyone!
- September 22 - Let's play BINGO!! Every quarter Trinity Women and their friends gather for good old-fashioned fun. Laughter abounds, a delicious lunch is enjoyed, great conversation ensues, and fun prizes awarded. As always, [RSVP](#) so that we have enough food and the right amount of gifts.
- October 18-20 - Are the distractions of life getting in your way? Ready for encouragement, peace, and hope? Our Weekend of Grace Retreat will be the perfect get away. We have room for 36, so don't delay in registering. Invite a friend. All the details can be found [here](#).
- October 27 - Hosted by Trinity Women, this congregation-wide Chili Cookoff Fundraiser made for many happy children last year. The goal is to raise awareness and funds for food-insecure children at three local elementary schools. Learn more [here](#).

FINDING CONNECTION AT IN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"So good!" is how one woman described her first IF:Table experience. These gatherings of six women meeting for two hours once a month is the perfect way to find deep connection. In these settings you will cut through the small talk and get to the heart. Are you ready for God-designed relationships? An IF:Table is for you. Reach out to me when you are ready. We will have a great chat about what it looks like and how an IF:Table will enrich your life and the lives of others.

Juli Staab

Communications and Discipleship Minister

GATHER

Worship | Trinity Cafe
Quarterly Parties |
Events

GROW

IF:Tables | Bible
Studies | Connection
Groups

GIVE

Tithes | Sunday
Hospitality | Find Your
Serve Team

GO

Take the light of Jesus
into the world. Disciple
others to love Him, too!

FROM THE CAFE MANAGER

This is the last month for our summer drink specials!

If you haven't tried one, get on over today!

There's a colorful selection with lots of flavor!



Ever wonder where coffee came from? Coffee grown worldwide can trace its heritage back centuries to the ancient coffee forests on the Ethiopian plateau. There, legend says the goat herder Kaldi first discovered the potential of these beloved beans. The story goes that Kaldi discovered coffee after he noticed that after eating the berries from a certain tree, his goats became so energetic that they did not want to sleep at night. Kaldi reported his findings to the abbot of the local monastery, who made a drink with the berries and found that it kept him alert through the long hours of evening prayer. The abbot shared his discovery with the other monks at the monastery, and knowledge of the energizing berries began to spread. As word moved east and coffee reached the Arabian peninsula, it began a journey which would bring these beans across the globe.

(National Coffee Association)

Jill Pratt
Cafe Manager

Want to Volunteer in the Cafe?
Let me know! jill@trinitylife.org

With a Grateful Heart



Lily



April



Jada



Ellie

These four recent high school grads have served Trinity Cafe well. We will miss seeing their faces on Sundays, but we know their journey must go on. Keep them in prayer as they take the light of Jesus to their colleges and everywhere they may go.

FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM



THE RAINING SEASON continues to be a Trinity Church Global Mission Partner. TRS is an orphanage in Sierra Leone that cares for children in the most vulnerable time of their lives. Recently TRS took in a little girl who had been in an accident and lost her foot. She is doing well and is still in need of a \$45/month sponsorship.

Trinity is beginning to discuss sending a Missions Team to Sierra Leone again, likely in summer of 2025. If you would like more information about what that trip entails or to join the team, reach out to Pastor Matt, at mpearson@trinitylife.org.

Pastor Pimpinan reports on our second Global Mission Partner, the NORTH SUMATRA INDONESIA CHURCH PLANT. "Currently, we have four full-timers in our church specializing in different areas such as worship service, discipleship, social media, youth services, and evangelism. These individuals brought their unique talents and passions to the table, ensuring our church community thrived in every aspect. Together, this dedicated team worked harmoniously to nurture and expand our church family, making it a beacon of hope and love in our community. We are preparing to launch the third English Club session next month."

<https://themissionalchurch.id/> is Missional Church website in North Sumatra

Exciting things are happening with LITTLE MIRACLES!! We recently expanded our services to serve families in need from 20 weeks of pregnancy through their child's second year! This change has been so beneficial, and we have had many families share with us how it has blessed them. Trinity's ministry is impacting families throughout the Omaha Metro area in meaningful ways. In July, we helped 24 children, which is the most we have supported in a single month so far. You may be asking yourself what this actually means. It means that we gave out over 2,400 diapers, 4,800 wipes, 112 containers of baby food, 40 toddler plates and bowls, 28 spoons and forks, 12 canisters of formula, 14 clothing gift certificates, 14 blankets, 98 bags of toddler snacks, 8 bibles, 8 devotionals, 3 cribs and



mattresses, 4 pack-n-plays, 4 high chairs, and much more. It also means that we were able to ask 24 families how we can be praying for them and walking alongside them. Little Miracles is doing big things through the generosity of Trinity Church. If you would like to join us in our mission of meeting families where they are with the love of Jesus, please contact us at littlemiracles@trinitylife.org.

Thank you for your prayers and support of these missions!

AUGUST 11, 2024

STARTING AT 11:45AM

Celebrate!



TRINITY CHURCH

**AN AFTERNOON FOR
THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!!**

**FOOD TRUCKS, FOAM PARTY, INFLATABLES,
WATERSLIDES, LASER TAG, LIVE BAND, & MORE!!**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 08/06 - Audrey Niemann
- 08/11 - Karen Gerdes
- 08/19 - Ruth Schuessler
- 08/20 - Jake Reibold
- 08/28 - Bill Leversee

Happy Anniversary to those Married 50+ Years

- 08/16 - Craig & Donna Scherzberg
- 08/17 - Floyd & Karen Van Briesen
- 08/25 - Dave & Karen Gerdes
- 08/25 - Randy & Linda Hrebik

Sympathies to

- the family of Mary Schechinger on the loss of her son, Robert "Bobby" Schechinger
- the family of Dee Somer who went home to the Lord in July.

Health and Healing

- Gerry Cordes, Cindy Miller, Jean Armitage, Mary Kreager, and Floyd Van Briesen, Mary Peterson

OUR VISION

A place to
belong and
become
who God is
calling us to be.

OUR MISSION

Connecting
people to
Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

Love Jesus.
Transform
lives.
Serve the
community.

Trinity Church is seeking additional members for our volunteer Human Resources Team. This team supports and partners with our staff and leaders in matters of employment, organizational structure, policies, performance, and compensation, ensuring staff are equipped to do the ministry they are called to do through resources, development, and strategic partnership. The purpose of this team is to support and empower church staff and leaders by guiding, advising, and providing recommendations. The background needed to be considered for this team includes:

- Current active member of Trinity Church
- Minimum of 3-5 years HR-related experience, preferably in employee relations, as a generalist, or as an HR Business Partner
- Ability and commitment to maintaining confidential/sensitive information
- Training and Leadership Development experience is a plus
- SHRM-CP or HRCI certification preferred

Hours required in this role vary based on church and staff needs, but typically average one hour per month. Team members should not currently serve on Church Council, as there are also times when it is necessary to partner with Council on HR-related matters.

If you are interested or to learn more, please call the church office (402-339-3788) to be put in touch with Stephanie Wiese, Trinity Human Resources Volunteer Team. Thank you.

TRINITY CONNECTS PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Tithes and Offerings

JUNE OFFERING

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Offering Entries | 435 |
| From Online Giving | 274 |
| From Cash & Checks | 161 |
| # of Donors | 204 |
| # of New Donor | 7 |
| # of Recurring Donors | 93 |
| Offering: | \$125,428.45 |

www.trinitylife.org/give

GENERAL FUND GENEROSITY APPEAL

Received 01/01/24 - 07/25/24

\$566,494 of the \$765,748

promised in 2024.

\$394,309 came from pledged gifts

\$172,185 came from non-pledged gifts

JUNE ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -126,209

Building Fund: \$ 67,354

Endowment: \$ 381,740

Memorial: \$ 65,445

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

TOWARD THE GO VISION FUND FOR OUR

\$25,000 MONTHLY MORTGAGE.

In June, we received 69 gifts totalling \$8,845

We can all agree that 848 Gold Coast Road is a beautiful space to worship God, grow our faith, and be equipped to take the love of Jesus into the world. This location also serves the community around us. With the end of our last capital campaign, we are short of our \$25,000 monthly mortgage payment each month.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this fund.

PARTNER IN THE GOOD WORK GOD IS DOING THROUGH TRINITY CHURCH

Ways to Give toward Our Mission

BY CHECK

Checks payable to Trinity Church
848 Gold Coast Rd, Papillion NE 68046

DURING WORSHIP

Locate the black offering boxes in the back
of the Chapel and Worship Center.

ELECTRONICALLY

- Use this QR Code
- Use the [Church Center App](#)
- Online at trinitylife.org/giving





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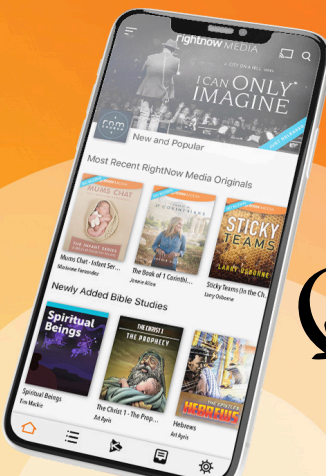


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