



TRINITY

C H U R C H

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

I had the pleasure of leading our Men's summer trip to the Snowy Mountain Range in Wyoming at Table in the Wilderness Camp. We experienced incredible adventures like white-water rafting, four wheeling, fishing, hiking, and so much more. One of the big things for many of the guys is also not simply the adventures but the moments of solitude and peace they experience by taking time to sit and listen to the wind, look at the stars, see flowers popping up through a rock, or finding a hummingbird that is buzzing about.

We considered Jesus' baptism and wilderness temptation experience from in Matthew 3 & 4. while contemplating temptations and their effects in our own lives. In James we noted that the Bible speaks of temptation as something not only experienced but even welcomed into our lives to grow and fester. "But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed." I recall my Midland College experience reading through the Odyssey by Homer and the desire of Odysseus to be tempted by the Sirens. He had the men tie him up so he wouldn't relent and sin but would be able to fully experience temptation.

We know we are all tempted yet the more we allow temptation to sit and take hold, the more likely we are to succumb to it. So how do we flee temptation like Joseph did when Potiphar's wife tempts him, instead of being like David. He embraced temptation lusting after Bathsheba and fell into it with everything he had. Maybe a better question is, how do we slay temptation? Rather than listening to the song of the Sirens like Odysseus, how do we cut those temptations out of our lives?

I invite you to take a listen to the song Sirens by Gray Havens. Here are a bit of the lyrics talking about how temptation draws us in and ultimately destroys.

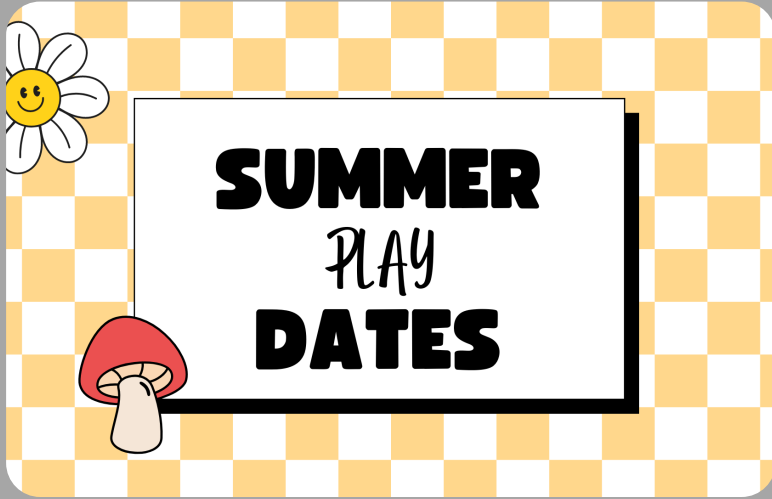
"One taste of the sound, From the sirens in the water
And I'm thinking I should get out, The sharpest sword and suit of armor
So I can be ready to strike, But I pause, one more time
One last taste of the sound, Then I'll cut these sirens down
But as they sang, I forgot, They were death, so I brought them my heart
To be filled, and I followed them"

Be encouraged by I Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Matt Pearson
Associate Pastor

SUMMER AT TRINITY KIDS!

FROM THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTER



Bring your kids and join us in our community over the Summer!

- July 11th: Looking Glass Splashpad
- July 15th: Picnic at Halleck Park Playground (RED)
- July 24th: Downtown Papillion Scavenger Hunt
- **Register online at trinitylife.org/events**

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THE SUPPORT OVER VBS!

We had an absolutely wonderful week, with 240 kids and 70 volunteers. The kids spent the week learning and contributing to Scatter Joy Acres, a local ministry that supports animals and assists people with therapy. Kids brought in over 500lbs of pet food and additionally made hundreds of toys and treats.

What really made VBS incredible was the life change that happened during the week. So many kids from our community heard about Jesus for the first time, and that He loves us, equips us and provides for us.

Another special part was watching the volunteers pour into these kids. They made special bonds and spent a great deal of effort ensuring each one was looked after and having the best time possible.

Some special people who were a TREMENDOUS help throughout VBS include: Janet Noddings organized ALL of the decoration, and a great portion of the snacks, Carrie Nash oversaw all of the missions planning and execution, Alex Shutte helped make Small Group time happen, and Kelsey Wilson helped with games! Thank you so much to this wonderful planning team and the SO many more who helped throughout the week!



THE HEART OF TRINITY KIDS
IS TO EQUIP PARENTS
TO WALK ALONGSIDE
THEIR KIDS AS THEY
LEARN ABOUT & EXPERIENCE
THE LOVE OF JESUS.



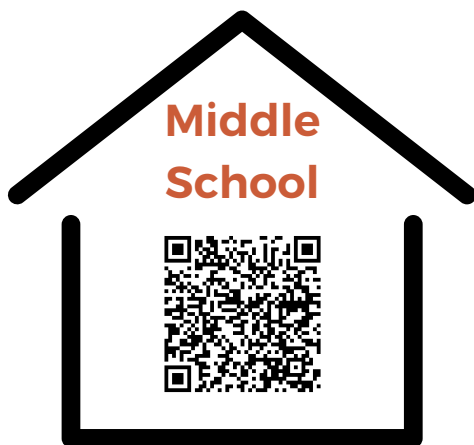
FROM THE STUDENT'S & FAMILY MINISTER



**Get ready for an exciting summer at Trinity Students!
This season, we're thrilled to announce the launch of our
Summer House Groups!**

**We have a Middle School and High School House Group
Option. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, June 5th!**

**Scan the QR Codes below to sign up!
Once you do, more details will follow!**



FROM THE CONNECTIONS MINISTER



I am thrilled to announce that this fall we will be launching a discipleship initiative called Kingdom Nights. This will be an incredible opportunity to build community and deepen our relationship with Christ. We will explore our church's discipleship values: Gather, Grow, Give, and Go. What makes Kingdom Nights truly special is that this will be a church-wide, multi-generational course.

Our Kingdom Night sessions will be held the first Wednesday of September, October, and November, from 6:30 to 8 PM. Doors will open at 5 PM, offering a variety of food trucks each week for us to enjoy meals together. Each session will feature worship, live speakers, and discussion groups. We hope to see you there!

Are you a recent high school graduate or in your mid-20s? We've got the perfect group for you. Trinity's Young Adults group meets this summer at Trinity Church every Thursday from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Bible study and community time are on the agenda. In addition to our studies, we engage in fun activities and foster a sense of community.

To get involved, contact mrandall@trinitylife.org.

Joyfully,

Morgahn Randall
Connections Minister



Join a Serve Team



Discover what it means to follow Jesus with Trinity Church
Includes lunch and childcare if requested.

FROM THE CAFE MANAGER



TRINITY
CAFE

A PLACE TO CONNECT

Gather with Friends
Play Area 5 Yrs & Under

Work with WiFi

Private Areas Available

Group Meetings

Call to Reserve

**Coffee|Lattes|Blenders
Smoothies|Revivers
Baked Items**



22:6 Story Time
Ages 2-5
2nd & 4th Mondays
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Little Miracles



CAFE & PLAY
Kids & Parents
Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Trinity Kids



LEGACY MORNINGS
One Thursday a Month
Trinity Cafe | 9-11 a.m.

Sponsored by Connections Ministry



TRINITY
CAFE

A PLACE TO CONNECT

PUNCH CARD

Coffee|Lattes|Blenders
Smoothies|Revivers

Buy 8 Drinks...
Get One FREE!

Did you get your Cafe punch card?

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER

TRINITY CHURCH ONLINE DIRECTORY

Do you miss those old paper directories that included names and contact information? While those days are gone, our need to remain connected are not. When you want to mail a greeting card, an address is helpful. If you want to call a church friend for whom you do not know a number, the online directory can be of great support.

Join our secure online directory. Trinity members, along with those active in the life of our church, can have access by request. Each person chooses how much contact info to include. Email addresses are never shown. If you choose to allow people to reach you in this manner, you may choose to show the “contact button” which will keep your email address secure.

Reminder: The directory is not to be used for solicitation purposes.

How do you access the Online Directory? From the church center app or from the web version at <https://trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com/home>, click on your profile in the top right corner. Then choose: “My profile & settings.” From there you will select the information and people in your household that you wish to be listed.

Let's grow our current online directory community:

- 352 people have chosen to be included in the directory
- 651 people have chosen view only the directory



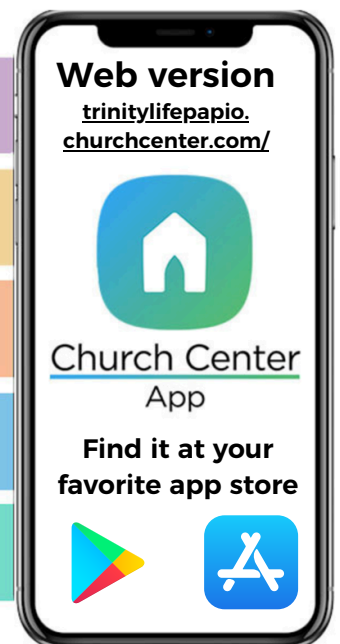
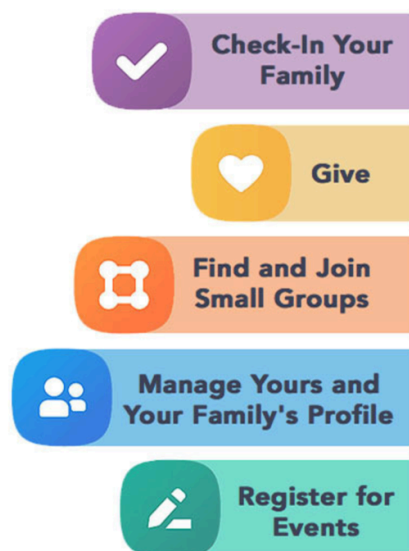
DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

On-the-go desserts are needed

Share your talents for this incredible community-wide summer event. Use the QR Code to let us know what you will make.



So many great reasons to use the Church Center app!!



FROM THE CALL TEAM FOR LEAD PASTOR

The Senior Pastor Call Team has been meeting regularly since our installation in late April. This six-member team plus one alternate had our first meeting in May where we appointed a chairperson and did an exit interview with Pastor Erik before he left. At the following meeting, we reviewed the Call Team Process handout furnished by the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. At our upcoming meeting in early July, we will receive an orientation from the Assistant to the Nebraska Synod Bishop, Pastor Greg Berger. The Synod is our partner in the senior pastor search and it is important to note that all candidates and referrals must go through the Synod for vetting before our team has the opportunity to interview them.

While we all want to find a new Lead Pastor as soon as possible, the Call Team warns the congregation that the process in place is intentionally deliberate and may seem slow at times. We are currently in the first phase of a three-phase process. In this Preparation Phase, our team is preparing the paperwork and completing transition projects that will lead to the next phase of contacting and interviewing candidates. Part of our preparation is drafting a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which will be filed with the Synod and gives potential candidates a description of our church and its ministries. The Call Team is currently working with the Church Council to complete that document. We are also working with the Council to set 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 forum will be in late July and will only be for church leadership and staff. Other forums will be scheduled in August for the entire congregation. We may also have questionnaires for those unable to attend the forums.

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Call Team with questions and concerns and include our team in your prayers as we search for the right person to create the future culture, vision and direction of our church. We will provide monthly updates to our search as necessary.

Call Team Members are: Barb Grell, George Madson, Kylie Scallon, Brittany Fahrenkrog, Nick Sassada, and Abby Tointon. HR Liaison and alternate team member if needed is Stephanie Wiese.

George Madson
Call Team Chairperson

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

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 07/05 - Kathy Bokelman Zeeb
- 07/08 - Art Armbrust
- 07/13 - Ellen Smith Smith

Happy Anniversary to those Married 50+ Years

- 07/21/57 - Glenn & Marcella Koca

Newly Married

- 06/08 - Jeff & Kylie (Adolf) Weander

Baptized into our Faith Family

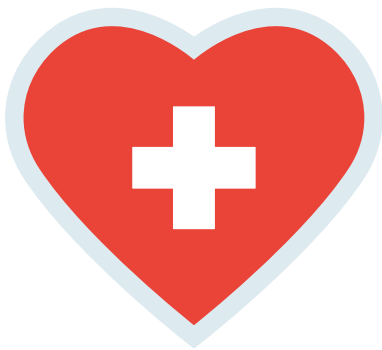
- 06/23 - Alice Charlie Roche, daughter of Andrew and Erin (Case) Roche. Alice's sponsor is Megan See.

Sympathies to

- the family of Trinity member, Eugene "Doc" Watson who died in June
- the family of Ron & Carlene Maeder and Steve & Tera Arquitte on the loss of Carlene's brother who is also Tera's uncle.

Health and Healing

- Cindy Miller, Dee Somer, Floyd Van Briesen, Louise Webb



Thank you to our Trinity Students for hosting the June 22nd blood drive. Thank you to all who donated. Thank you to those who provided baked goods. Thank you to the American Red Cross. Every one of you are appreciated!! The results: 47 units were collected and the American Red Cross gave another \$470 to our mission partner, The Raining Season.

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 CONNECTS PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Tithes and Offerings

MAY OFFERING

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| Offering Entries | 409 |
| From Online Giving | 260 |
| From Cash & Checks | 149 |
| # of Donors | 204 |
| # of New Donor | 1 |
| # of Recurring Donors | 93 |
| Offering: | \$89,681.48 |

www.trinitylife.org/give

GENERAL FUND GENEROSITY APPEAL

Received 01/01/24 - 06/26/24

\$471,356 of the \$765,748

promised in 2024.

\$346,665 came from pledged gifts

\$124,691 came from non-pledged gifts

MAY ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -127,950

Building Fund: \$ 92,637

Endowment: \$ 381,740

Memorial: \$ 66,809

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TOWARD THE GO VISION FUND FOR OUR \$25,000 MONTHLY MORTGAGE.

In May, we received 71 gifts of \$8,254

848 Gold Coast Road has become an important part of the Papillion landscape and community as well a beautiful space to worship God, grow our faith, and be equipped to take the love of Jesus into the world.

As you can see, this is shy of our monthly mortgage payment.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the GO VISION 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



God's Goodness this Summer

WORSHIP TEAM NIGHTS

1st Thursdays @ 6:30 PM

Enjoy your 4th of July and let's gather on July 11

Not on the team yet? Have musical gifts and talents to share? Reach out to Nathan at nlynn@trinitylife.org to talk about what it means to be on the Worship Team.

22:6 STORY TIME & CAFE

2nd & 4th Mondays @ 10 AM

Hosted by Little Miracles, kids are learning about God through Bible stories, play, and songs. Parents enjoy the cafe while your kids have fun.

SUMMER PLAY DATES FOR KIDS

July 11 from 10am-noon | Looking Glass Splashpad

Trinity Kids would love to spend time with our friends and family out in the community together!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CELEBRATE!

Sunday, August 11 from 11:30am to 3:30pm

Fun for the whole family! Fun for the whole church! Fun for the community! We have loads of goodness planned for the afternoon.



TRINITYLIFE.ORG/EVENTS

Or use the QR Code
for all the details and
registration, if needed.



SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 11

STARTING AT 11:45AM

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



Celebrate! is a fun-filled community event for everyone!

Savor delicious food from trucks like Dough and Co, Cheese Life, Game Time Philly, and The Laughing Boar. Participate in bingo with exciting prizes. Indulge in tasty desserts provided by Trinity Women. Cool off with water slides and inflatables. Maybe even compete in a game of laser tag. Enjoy the the live band ready to keep the energy high.

More surprises will be added!

Make a day of it. Invite your neighbors and friends to a Trinity Sunday service and join us for Celebrate! afterward. This is the perfect opportunity to share the love of Jesus with those who may not typically come to church. It will be so much fun to come together and end the summer on an amazing note. We can't wait for you to join us!

**848 GOLD COAST ROAD
PAPILLION, NE 68046**