

July 2021



TRINITY
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From the Pastor's Desk...

Albuquerque New Mexico holds a balloon festival each fall. The skies are filled with hundreds of colorful, bright hot air balloons. They float and drift on the tides of the wind. Balloons move at different speeds based on the wind currents. Rise and fall are determined by wind temperature, balloon temperature, elevation, and a host of other factors. We do not necessarily need to know all of that to enjoy them. Watching these beautiful and majestic objects move across the sky in their colorful splendor is enough.

If **my** life were characterized by a hot air balloon, I wonder what the color(s) would be? Would I be bright and cheerful? Would the pattern send a message consistent with what I would like to portray from my heart? I would like to see the colors of passionate outreach, effective leadership, and transformational preaching. I would want my balloon to express a desire to reach people for Jesus in every way possible (I have no idea what colors would express this, but you get the point.) I wonder if my travel speed would be rapid or slow? Would I take the time to be a model of beauty for others? Or would I skim through the skies, never really taking it all in?

Let me refocus this. If **your** life were characterized by a hot air balloon, what color(s) would it be? Would it be colored with passion for Christ? Reaching "one" with the Good News of Jesus? Transformation? Authenticity? Depth? Would it be a beautiful balloon? Would it need refreshing?

Trinity Church is in the business of restoring and refreshing balloons to the beauty of God's intention. Vibrant colors. Invitationally attractive to the world around us. Authentic.. Consistent. Innovative. Inspiring. .Awesome!

We have experienced this type of awesome and vibrant color these last months. Our Vacation Bible School floated some beautiful balloons engaging kids and their families with Jesus. So did reaching our goal for the GO Initiative. Our mission is supported by this congregation. We are reaching people all over our community to make a difference in their lives through Jesus Christ. That is beautiful. That is majestic.

In the months ahead, I invite you to stay connected to Christ. Our summer worship series, God Speaks, lifts up critical insights from the minor prophets. Each message will add vibrancy and loft to the balloons of our lives. Come worship. Soar in the skies with the beautiful life God has designed for you.

Your Pastor and Friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

An Ancient Modern Aesthetic

Some of you may have noticed that recently, there has been a bit of a haziness in the worship center on Sunday mornings. If you happen to walk into the room between the 9:00 service and 10:30 service, you will most likely see me attempting to distribute more of this haze with a fan. This has been one of my favorite elements we have begun to incorporate in terms of creating an engaging and immersive aesthetic for worship.

Now, just to be clear, it is not smoke! It is not harmful to inhale and should not agitate preexistent conditions such as asthma. It is a water-based liquid that, when it is heated to a certain temperature, becomes a gas. Its purpose is to create an environment where the full effect of our awesome lighting can be clearly seen. Without this haze, the lighting would still be present and visible to a degree, but it would lack any sort of distinctness and clarity.

There is actually a very unique precedent in church history for utilizing haze in modern worship spaces. Hundreds of years ago, cathedral and cathedral style architecture was incredibly popular. These vast, open spaces of worship were crafted to highlight the glory and power and majesty of God. Included in many of their designs were stained glass windows. These served several purposes. Many of these windows contained renderings of famous stories from the Bible, specific Biblical characters, or saints, which served to help those who were illiterate to learn more about their faith and its history. In addition, many of these cathedrals were made out of stone. With that came a lot of dust particles. As these floated through the air in the morning or evening light, the air naturally became more thick. When sunbeams shone through the stained glass, it created beautiful beams of light that only added to the atmosphere of wonder and awe experienced by worshipers. By utilizing haze in our worship center, we are seeking to recapture that ancient aesthetic in a fresh, modern way.

I hope that this has helped you to understand why it is that we have begun to use haze in our times of worship together. Every service element that we incorporate, from songs to creeds to Scriptures to sacraments to lighting, is intentionally incorporated with the goal of facilitating an environment which highlights who God is, who we are, how He is speaking to us as a Church, and how He is inviting us to participate in the restoration and renewal of all things. Let this ancient modern aesthetic inspire you to worship!

~Your Worship Minister

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EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

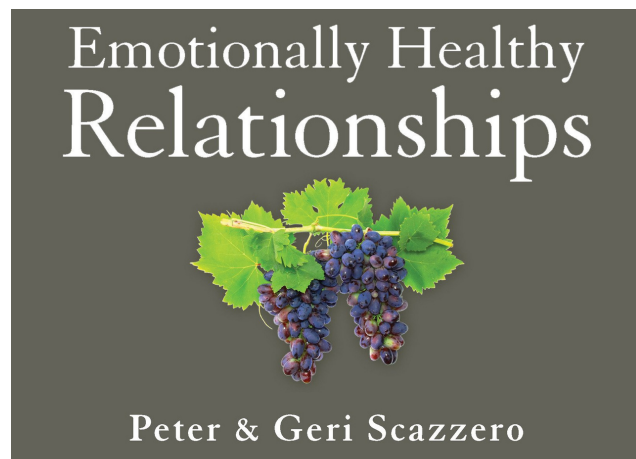
Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

September 12-October 24 plus November 7

Cost: \$18 for materials

Have you ever wondered why we recycle the same relationship problems year after year? Broken and shallow relationships, unresolved conflicts, inability to speak the truth, pretending things are fine because we're concerned about being nice. Week after week we want to love better, but little changes in our lives. The Emotionally Healthy Discipleship courses were designed to give the necessary tools to mature us as followers of Jesus Christ who love God, ourselves, and others well.

www.trinitylife.org/events



[Sign me up!](#)

Preschool Openings 2021-2022 School Year

We currently have openings in the 3-year-old classes and the afternoon 4-year-old class for the upcoming year.

Little Lights is Trinity's Christ-centered preschool where children grow academically, socially and spiritually. Our dedicated and experienced staff is committed to creating a loving and secure environment where children can develop a solid foundation for life. With a very active schedule, children experience hands on learning, fun field trips and parent-involved events.

TO SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR

contact Little Lights Director, Stacy Denne at 402-339-3788 or littlelights@trinitylife.org, or use the button to the right.



TRINITY
LITTLE LIGHTS
PRESCHOOL

[Schedule your Tour](#)

KEEPING OUR PROPERTY BEAUTIFUL

SERVE ON THE

GROUND'S TEAM

- Spring/Fall cleanup
- sweeping curb line
- weed control in islands
- watering trees & shrubs
- exterior window washing

Call the Church office for more details.

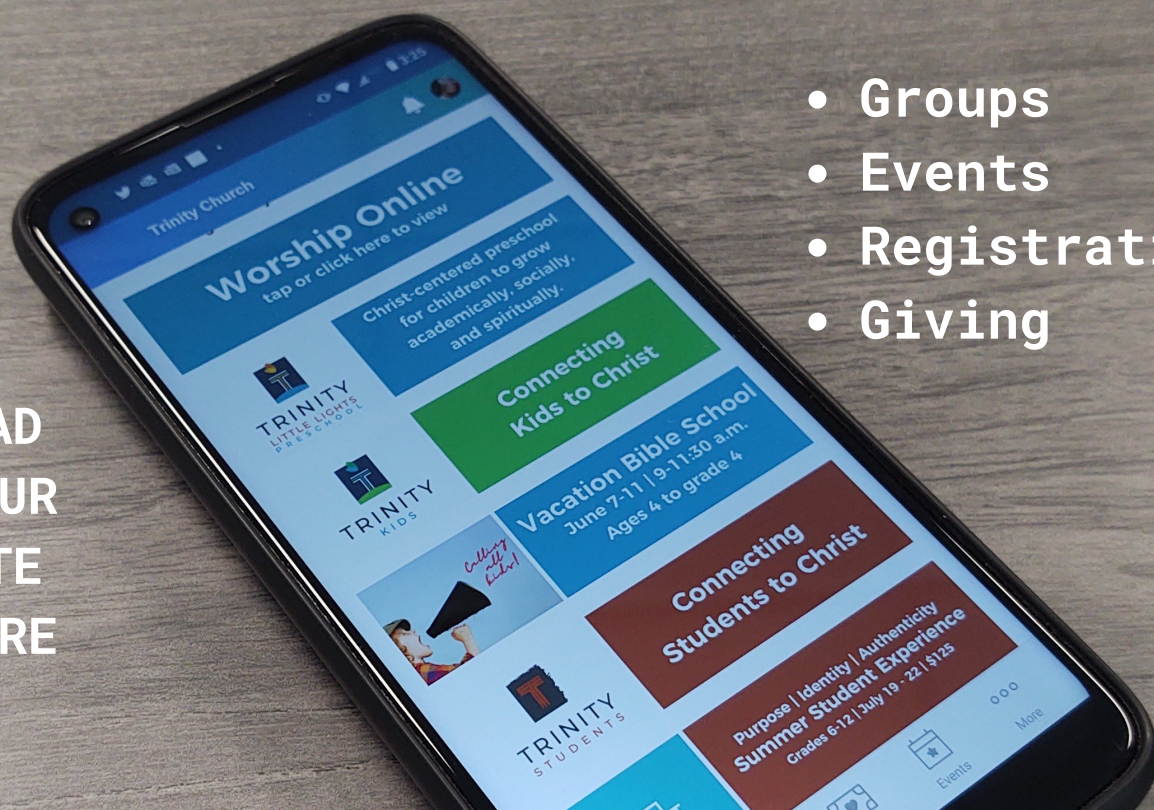
Tasks are assigned as needed and will be shared among the team.



CHURCH LIFE MADE EASY

CHURCH CENTER APP

DOWNLOAD
FROM YOUR
FAVORITE
APP STORE
TODAY



- Groups
- Events
- Registrations
- Giving



TRINITY KIDS



New online
worship & lessons
are available
each week
on the website!



Trinity VBS
by the Numbers

130 kids learning about Jesus

54 adults helping to
grow children's faith

394 boxes of Mac & Cheese donated to
Heartland Hope Mission

531 dollars donated to The
Raining Season orphanage



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AMAZING WEEK!



Summer
Nursery is
available
EVERY
Sunday.
Ages 0-4 years

**SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 1**

Trinity Kids is on
summer break
through June & July.
In-person TK worship
resumes with a brand
new series in August!

Find us on Facebook
at fb.com/trinitykidspapio

Little Miracles

CARING FOR
NEW MOMS IN NEED

Know a mom with a new
baby that could use some
encouragement?

We would love to be a
blessing!

Follow us
on Facebook
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littlemiracles.tc



New Moms
REGISTER
HERE

Email littlemiracles@trinitylife.org with questions.

Women's Retreat

Take a break to refresh

JULY 23 - 25
LONGPINE, NE

TRINITYLIFE.ORG/EVENTS



Summer-Time

Bible Study

Grades 6-12

We're in the book of
ACTS

Open Gym at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

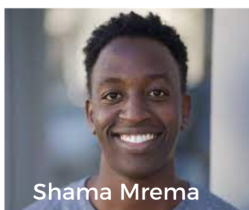
We've got a sweet new
Nintendo switch!!

**ALWAYS INVITE
YOUR FRIENDS!!**

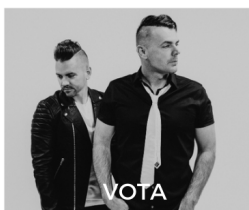


TRINITY
STUDENTS
Grades 6 - 12

Summer Student Experience



Shama Mrema



VOTA



Andy McGowan



- MUSIC | WORSHIP | MESSAGES
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- MISSION OUTREACH
- LIFE TRANSFORMATION
- FRIENDS/LAUGHTER/ACTIVITIES

July 19 - 22 | \$125

<http://www.trinitylife.org/reset>



**American
Red Cross**

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
www.redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive

**Trinity Church
Hosted By Trinity
Students**

Community Room

**Saturday, July 31, 2021
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

When you donate you could win gas for a year
www.rcblood.org/fuel

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 07/08 - Chere Schroeder
- 07/13 - Betty Tollander
- 07/19 - Elaine Schreiber
- 07/21 - Elvera Hietbrink

Happy 50+ Anniversary

- 07/21/57 - Glenn & Marcella Koca

Congratulations on Marriage

- 06/12 - Nick and Lindsey (Vesley) Myslinski
- 06/26 - Charles and Jill (Fulfs) Benish

Baptized into our Faith Family

- 06/27 - Piper Grace Mills, daughter of Joseph and Amanda Mills. Piper's sponsors are Kelsey Allen and Scott Mecone.
- 06/27 - Willa Brienne Pyatt, daughter of Eric and Katlynn Pyatt. Willa's sponsors are Alexa Schoen and Maggie Essink.

Health and Healing

- Philip Maas
- Julie Johnson
- Lila Christensen

TRINITY'S VISION

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

TRINITY'S MISSION

Connecting People to Christ

TRINITY'S STRATEGY

Love God, Grow Community, Serve Others



TRINITY CAFE

SUMMER HOURS

Sundays

8:00 a.m. to noon

Wednesdays

8:00 a.m. to noon



Enjoy a beverage,
gather with friends,
bring a book and
enjoy some time
alone, use a
connection room to
meet, study or work.
There are so many
possibilities at
Trinity Café.

All proceeds to support Trinity Missions

TRINITY IS GENEROUS

**Our Tithes and Offerings to
Connect People to Christ!**

IN MAY

Donation Offering Entries	563
From Planning Center	322
From Cash & Checks	241
# of Donors	227
# of New Donors	14
# of Recurring Donors	87
Text to Give	0

MAY ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ 43,814

Building Fund: \$ 400,064

Endowment: \$ 393,587

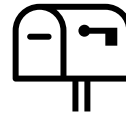
Thank you for your generosity
and love for connecting people
to Christ.



ONLINE AT
TRINITYLIFE.ORG



TEXT ANY AMOUNT
TO 84321



TRINITY CHURCH
848 Gold Coast Rd
PAPILLION, NE 68046

THINGS TO NOTE:

- The Bold Faith Capital Campaign has been replaced with the three-year GO Vision Initiative. Visit www.trinitylife.org/go and click the orange button to [make your pledge](#).
- Set up online giving from trinitylife.org/give.
- Fee structures for giving by credit/debit card vs giving through ACH.
 - Credit/Debit Card: 2.15% of donation + \$0.30 per transaction.
 - ACH Bank Transfer: \$0.25 per transaction.

Thank you for your faithful generosity to the mission of Trinity Church.

"How to Give Online" video

Get in the driver's seat with online giving.
Manage donation methods, set up/adjust
recurring donations, view giving history from
your phone or computer.

