

TRINITY CHURCH



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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

What are you thankful for? What are you most excited about as you look forward to the next three months, six months, one year, and three years?

I am excited to see our boys continue to grow while trying and experiencing new things, but to be honest, I also want to both speed up and slow down time. It's hard to believe we have a 16 year old junior in high school. Josiah is getting all sorts of college information in the mail. I'm both excited to start exploring college with him and dreaming about his future, while also saddened that in a year and a half he will be graduating and no longer home. Such is life. It moves forward and we often don't fully experience the here and now because we are so busy getting to the next thing. I am certainly prone to that as a dreamer who loves to look forward to what is coming and the possibilities of what could be.

November is a time, though, to pause and be thankful for all that the Lord has done.

Our Capital Campaign HERE FOR GOOD has us dreaming of our future while considering how we live and share the Good News of Jesus in Papillion, the wider community and to the ends of the earth today. This campaign also reminds us of our roots that have grown down deep over the last century. God has established faithful disciples at Trinity, committed to proclaiming the Good News while making a space for people to be Connected to Christ. So for the past and the present we thank God for His guiding hand, His movement through us, and for the future He has planned for Trinity Church. We can look forward with excitement because we know God has incredible Kingdom work in store for us to do. Galatians 6:9 is a great verse to keep in our minds during this season. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

In celebration of Trinity's past, present, and future, we cordially invite you to two events. The first, a Congregational Prayer Walk on Saturday, November 9th allows us to seek God in all that He has in store. The church will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. for this self-guided opportunity. And second, we're having a Congregational Luncheon on Sunday, November 10 at 12:00 p.m. Adults* will enjoy a meal, fellowship and inspiration as we celebrate our faithfulness in being Here for Good.

**Confirmed students are adult members of the church; they are invited, too.*

Childcare with lunch will be provided for children of registered adults. Please RSVP by November 1st with the number of adults and number of children who will be in attendance on this exciting day. Either email Claire Keogh at ckeogh@trinitylife.org or at www.trinitylife.org/events to let our planners know that you will be there.

I look forward to dreaming with you and sharing this meal together.

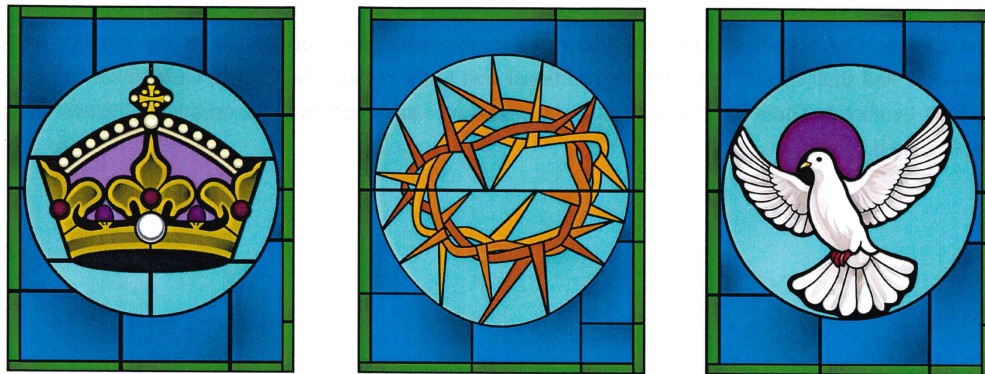
Matt Pearson
Associate Pastor

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hi Trinity Church,

Church life has been busy, there have been lots of things going on and I thought I would send an update about some of the happenings.

- As a council we are excited to announce that we have completed the steps to move forward on the stained-glass window project for the chapel. This project will replace three existing windows in the chapel with themed stained-glass windows, and was funded by donated memorial funds. The expected completion date for this project is the fall of 2025.



- As a church, we are in the midst of our generosity campaign, "Here For Good", and are excited to see what God can provide through YOU, our church family. There have been many moving parts to this and even more church members involved to make this happen. I am thankful to all of those who have been and are currently serving. Church staff and leadership have big dreams and goals to continue to connect people to Christ and see continued growth for Trinity Church. Our ministries and programs would not be possible without your partnership on this journey. Thank you for your generosity.

Church Council is planning to hold a "family meeting" in the future, as a means to keep you all informed about the happenings in leadership and in the church. So, keep your ears open for this coming soon!

Blessings,

Victoria
Trinity Church Council President

FROM THE LITTLE LIGHTS PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Teaching Children to Grow, Learn and Shine for Jesus

Theme: God Made the Seasons

Bible verse: "Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path" Psalm 119:105

Social Skill: Be a Helper

October was such a fun month at Little Lights! The changing of the seasons naturally adds to our teaching with fun stories, songs, and crafts. The children also learned about the especially important skill of being a helper and what that means in their life at school and at home. Our Bible verse for the month taught the children that God's word will light their way everywhere they go if they invite Him into their hearts.

Everyone had a fun time with our special events for the month. We hosted Donut Day for letter "D" week, had music time with Nathan Lynn, Storytime with Jill Pratt and we got to wear Halloween costumes to school for our Pumpkin parties.

We have a lot to look forward to in November as well! It is the perfect month to be thankful for all the wonderful children and families at Little Lights Preschool. We will teach the children of God's bountiful love for us through our theme "God Gives Me Food" and our Bible verse "Always give thanks for everything to God." Eph. 5:20. During this month we will learn about food groups and have fun tasting different foods.

Registration for 2025-2026 will be here before we know it! Put these dates on your calendar so that you don't miss out.

- Current Little Lights families may register online Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 8:15 am
- Registration will open to Trinity Church members on Monday, January 20, 2025
- Open House: Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm with registration open to the public. Come meet our teachers and explore our classrooms. If Papillion La Vista Schools cancel events due to inclement weather, our Open House will be Saturday, February 8th.
- If February 1 conflicts with your schedule please call me to schedule your private tour.

Stacy Denne

Director of Little Lights Preschool

littlelights@trinitylife.org

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FROM THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTER

This year our Trinity Kids and families are encouraged to participate in Operation Christmas Child! This ministry comes out of Samaritans Purse, and the goal is to send a shoebox stuffed with needs & wants to kids across the world so that they have gifts for Christmas!

Shoeboxes and information are available for pick up at the kids check in iPad station!

Feel free to reach out to Amanda at alynn@trinitylife.org for more information. And thank you SO much for all the support so far!



We are still looking for some more helpers for our Trunks! If you would like to sign up, head to trinitylife.org/events!

Candy will be provided for you!

Join us on October 26th for our whole community Fall/Halloween event, Boo Bash! This year we will be hosting several activities including Trunks & an array of Halloween themed desserts. It is a free event, from 6-8pm. All activities open during this time!

FROM THE STUDENT'S & FAMILY MINISTER



Rhythms

A 21-Day Challenge to Walk with Jesus

Hi Families!

I'm excited to share something special happening in our student ministry! At the end of our Elevate Retreat, I challenged students to participate in a 21-Day challenge called Rhythms. For 21 days, they will follow a daily guide filled with intentional practices to help them grow in their faith. The rhythms include three times of kneeling prayer a day, reading one chapter of John (since there are 21 chapters), reflecting on Psalm 23 daily, walking outside for 21 minutes without technology, and limiting social media and video games to 90 minutes a week.

You might be thinking, "There's no way students will do all that!" But I'm thrilled to share that many of them are fully embracing the challenge together. Would you join me in praying for them as they begin these rhythms to deepen their relationship with Jesus?

Chris Randall
Student and Family Minister
crandall@trinitylife.org

WHAT HAPPENS WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS?

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Program runs 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

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!



TRINITY
W O M E N

No matter where we are on the journey of life,
Trinity Women grow with Jesus and invite
all women to do the same.

A great time was had at our recent Weekend of Grace women's retreat. We traveled to Cantril, IA and experienced good food, good fun, and good conversations. The lodging and weather was wonderful. The best part was getting to know each other while resting in God's grace! Look for registration for **WEEKEND OF GRACE 2025 coming soon!!**



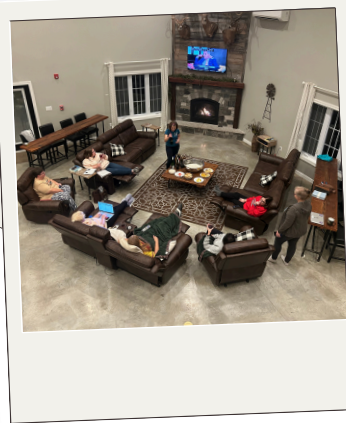
Beauty



Friend Fun



The Dutchman Outing



Chillin, devos, game time



Crafting



God's Goodness



GAME DAY
Trinity Women & Friends
Sunday, December 8th at 11:45am

Board games, card games,
interactive games, collaborative
games...it's **GAME DAY** and you
are invited!!

As always, bring a friend and
come ready for some fun!!

COME JOIN THE FUN CONNECTING WOMEN TO CHRIST AND EACH OTHER

GATHER

Worship | Trinity Cafe
Quarterly Parties
Retreats | Events

GROW

IF:Tables | Bible Studies
Connection Groups
Prayer Team

GIVE

Generosity|Tithes|Offering
Sunday Hospitality
Find Your Serve Team

GO

Reach One More Course
Mt 28:18-20 | Taking the
light of Jesus into the world.

REACH OUT TO JULI STAAB TO LEARN MORE. WE'LL HAVE A GREAT CHAT!

FROM THE CONNECTIONS MINISTER

A few weeks ago, we hosted an incredible hospitality luncheon for all our current volunteers, as well as those interested in joining the team. It was a wonderful opportunity to grow in our understanding of hospitality, reflect on all that God has accomplished through this ministry, and embrace its significance in the church. By fostering a welcoming heart, hospitality paves the way for everyone who walks through Trinity's doors to hear the message God has prepared for them.

Our office staff had an incredible time at our annual staff retreat, part of which we enjoyed a fun pottery class! It was a wonderful opportunity to relax, recharge, and encourage each other as we continue our work for Christ.

The final Kingdom Night is coming up on November 6th, and we have something special planned. Weather permitting, we'll be outside, and this year, we're introducing a new twist! Instead of our usual "Pie and Fellowship" event, we'll combine it with Kingdom Nights. So, we're inviting everyone to bring a favorite pie to share! It is important we know how much pie will be provided so please reach out to mrandall@trinitylife.org to share if you plan to bring a pie and what kind! We'll also have pre-ordered pizza available for purchase.

Haven't joined Kingdom Nights before? No worries, you are still welcome to register and join us for a night of pie & fellowship!

It's been incredible to witness over 160 people coming together outside, worshiping Jesus as one united body!

Joyfully,

Morgahn Randall
Connections Minister



FROM THE CAFE MANAGER



Thanksgiving

I'll bet at the first Thanksgiving they sat around the fire drinking steaming brewed coffee, lattes, and cappuccinos after dinner just like we do today. **NOT!!** Clean drinking water was hard enough to come by, so they had to improvise and use a brewing and fermentation process for their beverages. Using the sugars from pumpkins and crab apples from the groves, they brewed and fermented pumpkin beer and hard cider. We're going to go back to our roots and celebrate Thanksgiving at the Cafe in the same way they did over 400 years ago! NO, we won't have **HARD** cider or pumpkin **BEER** but we'll definitely have some drinks specializing in those flavors. Stop by the whole month of November to check it out.



VOLUNTEER IN THE CAFE!!

We would love to have you join our team! No, you don't have to like coffee! You just have to like people! Contact me today! jill@trinitylife.org



OPEN

MONDAY
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

8:00a - 12:00p



**SPECIAL
PROMO**

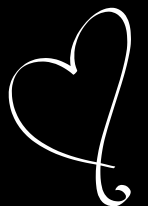
Nov & Dec
ONLY!

BUY A TRINITY LATTE GIFT CARD FOR \$20 AND GET A FREE DRINK

Give them as Stocking Stuffers or use it for yourself. Every time you use a gift card and not a credit/debit card we save an average of \$.16 per drink! YAY!!

Café & Play
Trinity Café
Every Tuesday

Legacy Mornings
Trinity Café
One Thursday Each Month



Jill Pratt

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 11/05 - John Miller
- 11/13 - Ken Peterson
- 11/17 - Judy Abels
- 11/25 - Davis Gerdes
- 11/29 - Janet Dobbs
- 11/29 - Karen Van Briesen
- 11/30 - Betty Capener

Happy Anniversary to those Married 50+ Years

- 11/07/64 - Ed & Carol Gates
- 11/25/66 - Ken & Mary Peterson

Welcome to our Church Family

- Matt and Christy Shuput and children, Audrey (17) and Emily (13)

Confirmed on Sunday, November 3

- Hailey Dietterle, Sophia Fox, Noah Galbraith, Erin Houser, Owen Houser, Henry Mott, Carter Nash, Cayden Preister, Caroline Reimer, Emma Seeger-Bonner, Taylor Tresemer, Beckham Willer

Health and Healing

- Cindy Miller, Mary Kreager, Rick Noda, Sheryl Kenworthy, Nancy Aken

All Saints Sunday, November 3 - The follow passed away between November 5, 2023 and October 31, 2024.

- Alice Bailey, Bernice Wisniewski, Blake Bochnicek, Lila Christensen, Paul Schroeder, Elvera Hietbrink, Richard Daniell, Eugene Ellefson, Ellen Nemec, Richard Webb, Nonie Robb, Doc Watson, Bobby Schechinger, Dee Somer, Gwen Walden, Otis Carr, Dorothy Mathwig, Sarah Wallis

Please keep their families in prayer. Eternal God, we thank you for giving new life in baptism and allowing us to know and love these precious people. We are grateful for the life we shared. Bring us all to that day when we shall stand in your presence with all your saints in light eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

- **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

SEPTEMBER OFFERING

Offering Entries	461
From Online Giving	314
From Cash & Checks	147
# of Donors	217
# of New Donor	5
# of Recurring Donors	106
Offering:	\$83,825.72

www.trinitylife.org/give

GENERAL FUND GENEROSITY APPEAL

Received 01/01/24 - 10/23/24

\$783,918.37 of the \$765,748
promised in 2024.

\$538,600.10 from pledged gifts
\$245,318.27 from non-pledged gifts

SEPTEMBER ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -119,289

Building Fund: \$ 6,283

Endowment: \$ 406,979

Memorial: \$ 64,835

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARD THE GO VISION APPEAL!!

In September we received 72 gifts totalling \$ 9,005.91

Trinity Church is a beautiful space to worship God, grow faith, and be equipped to take the love of Jesus into the world. This location also serves the community around us in great ways. In case you are not aware, our monthly mortgage payment is \$25,000.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the GO Vision Appeal.

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



Thanksgiving Meals

**Continuing our tradition
and partnership with
First Lutheran Church - Omaha
to share the love of Jesus
with their community**

Drop off your items at

Trinity Church

**848 Gold Coast Rd, Papillion, NE
Saturday, November 23**

**All details and registration at
www.trinitylife.org/events**