

TRINITY

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

I hope you were able to join us for the first Kingdom Night! What a fun night to gather, sing, talk, and play. We have another Kingdom Night coming up on October 2nd and I'm already looking forward to it. I'm really hoping it will be around 50 degrees so that those new fire pits can get some good use and I can start considering drinking a nice Hot Chocolate as well.

Here at Trinity things seem to be rolling along beautifully. Every week several new families enter through our doors. I pray they find us here at Trinity to be different as a church. My hope is that each person experiences the warmth of our radical hospitality and a community that is marked by a posture of grace, as well as the uniqueness of being a truly multigenerational community.

There is a lot coming up so here are a few highlights of things I'm excited for!

- **New Sermon Series:** On September 29th we begin a series, Death to Life, based on the book of Ephesians. We invite you to read a chapter a day. With just six chapters you can read one chapter a day Monday-Saturday and take a break on Sunday. Then re-read a chapter a day each week while we walk through this series in worship. After 4 weeks in Ephesians we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday on October 27th .
- **November 3rd** we celebrate the Confirmation of students who have completed all three years of our Discipleship Journey. These students will Affirm and Proclaim their faith in Jesus. This will be an exciting day for each one.
- **October 27th** Trinity Women hosts a service project for the whole church! We are raising funds to fill backpacks for food insecure kids in our local area to get through the winter break. Enter you best chili recipe or come be a taster at our Chili Cookoff!
- In November, we will be jumping into a four-week sermon series on the books of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians called Kingdom Come. You won't want to miss this one as we are learning what God says about Christ's return.

Mission News:

We are excited to share that Trinity is supporting from our Benevolence Fund, Schyler (Cruse) Taverner who works for the Navigators Ministry at the University Nebraska, Lincoln. She is a former student of our student ministry and was married at Trinity to James. They have a daughter named Blaire. Schyler works with freshman girls to share the good news of Jesus on campus and to disciple them on their journey of faith. Please keep Schyler and the students she is working with in your prayers.

Matt Pearson
Associate Pastor

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL TREASURER

Dear Church Family,

As we move into the fourth quarter of 2024 there are financial matters I would like to highlight and ask you to prayerfully consider.

August congregational contributions were almost 50% short of budget, but it should be noted that looking back over the past six years shows August to be the lowest month for giving. Trinity stewardship historically picks up as we move into the calendar fourth quarter and by December that gap is erased. Let us finish strong in Q4!

This is the time of year when Trinity initiates the budgeting process. Our Business Manager, Don Davern, is working closely with church staff developing input for the 2025 budget. During this budgeting process the church council and finance committee reviews and oversees Trinity's 2025 needs and will recommend adjustments as we approach the congregational budget meeting in November.

Your generous giving is the fuel we run on, which supports Trinity staff that are engaged in our children and student ministries, connection groups and adult ministries, worship, care and counseling, mission's, etc. Trinity depends on your stewardship to provide the facilities and infrastructure used by all ministries to "Connect People to Christ" We recognize that economic challenges are faced by many, but your giving is a form of worship and you have been a church body that has always responded abundantly, for which we are extremely grateful.

Mark Frerichs
Trinity Church Council Treasurer

FROM THE LEAD PASTOR CALL TEAM

The Lead Pastor Call Team hosted the final congregational forum on September 8th in the Chapel. All three forums were well attended and many good inputs were received. If you missed the forums, we have a survey available for the congregation to share their thoughts on what traits and characteristics the call team should be looking for in a lead pastor. There is a link to the survey below. All responses will be kept strictly confidential. The survey is scheduled to end on October 5th, so if you have not completed the survey and still wish to do so, please do so as soon as possible.

Survey Link

With the forums complete, our team has started the process of setting up interviews with potential candidates. For confidentiality reasons, we cannot release the number of candidates or their names. We must all honor the confidentiality of the call process for the sake of the candidates and their current congregations. The call team is still accepting your suggestions for possible candidates to call. If you wish to submit a name, please give it directly to me or a member of the call team. Please do not submit the name to the Nebraska Synod. There are both paper and electronic forms available for the congregation to submit nominations. Receipt of this nomination form, however, does not guarantee an interview by our call team.



Submit Your Nomination

The call team is still looking for volunteers to be interviewed on camera for our “recruiting” video about such topics as Papillion, our building, Trinity Students, Connection Groups, Raining Season, etc.,. If you are interested, see me or one of the call team members:

George Madson
Call Team Chairperson

Please keep our Council and Call Team in Prayer for the work they are doing,

FROM THE LITTLE LIGHTS PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Teaching Children to Grow, Learn and Shine for Jesus

We were very busy in September! The children are settling into their new routines and having fun along the way. One of the highlights of the month was having the Papillion firefighters visit. Thank you to the Papillion Fire Department for coming and teaching the preschoolers the importance of fire safety. We feel blessed to have them protecting us!

Other highlights of the month were apple day, playing on the playground and doing fun art projects. Matt Pearson also started his chapel time visits with the students. Thank you Matt for supporting our teaching and for helping the children know how much God loves them.

We have some very exciting events happening in October!

- “Donut Day” during the letter “D” week
- Music time with Nathan Lynn
- Storytime with Jill Pratt
- Pumpkin parties for Halloween
- Loving Hands Campaign- students and their families are encouraged to donate new gloves and mittens to support Sarpy County’s Holiday Assistance Program. This is a wonderful way for our families to help those in need in our community.

Little Lights offers two 3 year and two 4 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

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FROM THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTER

This year our 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 accross the world 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



We invite you to pray with us for our annual Fall Retreat at Camp Rivercrest! We're excited to partner with First Lutheran Church for a weekend packed with fun and worship. This year's theme is "The Way," where we'll spend the weekend exploring the rhythms of Jesus and how to live them out in our daily lives.

Elevate Retreat Trinity Students

October 11-13, 2024

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.



Oct 18th-20th

Women are getting away to the Villages of VanBuren County, IA. This relaxing weekend will be full of fun, friendship, relaxation and a big dose of grace to come back home filled and inspired! Invite a friend and register today!

LOVE TO COOK? LOVE TO EAT?
CONGREGATION-WIDE CHILI COOKOFF
Oct 27 from 11:30 to 1:30
Register your chili or get your taster ticket @ trinitylife.org/events



All proceeds go to provide food-filled backpacks for local food-insecure students over winter break.

Fundraiser hosted by



COME JOIN THE FUN CONNECTING WITH CHRIST AND EACH OTHER

GATHER

Worship | Trinity Cafe
Quarterly Parties
Retreats | Events

GROW

IF:Tables | Bible Studies
Connection Groups
Prayer Team

GIVE

Tithing
Sunday Hospitality
Find Your Serve Team

GO

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Men's Group

9:00 a.m. in the Trinity Students Area

This group is a great encouragement for guys!! It's a space to connect on a deeper level about faith and life. Currently we are walking through a study on 1 Samuel and we encourage men of all ages to come. In addition to our study you'll enjoy great conversation on faith, football, and with this crew, several rabbit trails of randomness!

FROM THE CONNECTIONS MINISTER

I've been asked, "What is hospitality, and what does it entail?" So I'd love to share!

Hospitality within the church is such a vital ministry. It includes everything from ushers, greeters, and communion servers to welcoming first-time guests, coordinating events, providing meals, and more. It's all about creating an environment of warmth and welcome.

Here's a fun stat: from August 2023 to August 2024, we welcomed 857 new families to Trinity! And that's just counting those who filled out the form. Each one of those families had their first experience with us through the lens of hospitality.

In my opinion, hospitality is one of the most underrated yet impactful ways to love others. It has the power to shape someone's entire church experience by preparing their hearts to receive the message meant for them. A heart of welcome is crucial, and it's a beautiful way for us to live out the Great Commission.

Looking ahead to this next year, the hospitality team will focus on Romans 12:9-21 as our key passage of the year. The main theme of these verses is 'Love in action'. No individual has the capacity to express love to a whole community, but the body of Christ does as one body!

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in serving the church in this way, please reach out to me. We'd love for you to join the team!

Joyfully,

Morgahn Randall
Connections Minister

OCTOBER KINGDOM NIGHT



IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN YOUR FAITH

EVENINGS FOR ALL AGES
5:30 - 8:00 PM

Food Trucks
Worship
Live Speakers
Group Discussion

Childcare IF NEEDED

KINGDOM NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 4TH OCTOBER 2ND NOVEMBER 6TH

We cannot wait for our second gathering on October 2nd. This will once again be a great evening of worship fellowship, and connection with Jesus and each other! Bring your lawn chair

FROM THE CAFE MANAGER

It's my *favorite* time of year!! It's not just the *sweater weather* or the **ViBraNt** colors falling from the trees.

It's the CELEBRATION AND ANTICIPATION of past and future memories made with family and friends. A time when the earth changes before our eyes with a **harvest** of **goodness**, the **closeness** of **relationships**, and the **heart** of **Jesus** everywhere. Some of my favorite memories are walking through leaves hearing the sounds of crunching and crackling as I step and kick them along, picking the perfect pumpkin or apple from the orchard, and playing "movie quotes" by the campfire while eating sunflower seeds and spitting them into the flames. What is your favorite fall memory?



Dreamy Fall Drinks are now available. Stop by soon to try something new and cozy up with a good memory.



MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
8:00a - 12:00p



Have you gotten your punch card yet?!
Get one NOW!
Buy 8 Drinks,
Get One FREE!



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

- 10/03 - Lorraine Stanfield, Marlene Syas
- 10/05 - Dale Horton
- 10/07 - Jan Dagerman
- 10/09 - Ray Bottrell
- 10/16 - Dan Rowe, Marcella Koca, Roger McCauley
- 10/17 - Lyle Hamrick
- 10/24 - Mary Kreager
- 10/26 - Marlene Carr
- 10/28 - Charlotte Dietze

Happy Anniversary to those Married 50+ Years

- 10/06 - Rick & Nancy Wilson
- 10/29 - Gary & Gerry Cordes

Sympathies to

- the family of Marlene Carr on the loss of her husband, Otis Carr on 09/04

Health and Healing

- Cindy Miller
- Connie Leversee



*Kindness is
in your blood*

Blood Drive **Trinity Church**

Community Room

Saturday, October 19, 2024
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



American
Red Cross

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

AUGUST OFFERING

Offering Entries	412
From Online Giving	276
From Cash & Checks	136
# of Donors	204
# of New Donor	8
# of Recurring Donors	104
Offering:	\$68,967.46

www.trinitylife.org/give

GENERAL FUND GENEROSITY APPEAL

Received 01/01/24 - 09/25/24

\$690,696 of the \$765,748

promised in 2024.

\$481,310.61 from pledged gifts

\$209,385.66 from non-pledged gifts

AUGUST ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -112,832

Building Fund: \$ 23,461

Endowment: \$ 400,618

Memorial: \$ 54,835

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

In August we received 66 gifts totalling \$8,573.20

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

