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TRINITY  
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From the Pastor's Desk....

One modern worship song that has captured my heart and imagination is Way Maker by Nigerian gospel singer Sinach. The chorus repeats this phrase twice: "Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness, My God, that is who you are." Day after day at Trinity Church, we encounter the "Way Maker" lifting lives that are low and healing the broken.

Our God continues to make a way for us. God performs miracles around us all the time. His promises are real and true. When we walk through the darkness, our God shines the light of Jesus Christ into our lives giving us hope.

Way Maker - God has set a path in front of us. He has given us direction that we faithfully follow. That direction is the unique and specific mission: Connecting People to Christ. As we connect people to Christ, we are providing that awesome opportunity for God to form us, shape us, and grow us. Our vision as a congregation is to be a place to belong and become who God is calling us to be. Connection Groups, Trinity Kids, Trinity Students, worship are all laboratories where we are being transformed by a gracious God who makes a way for us to navigate through the challenges and become more like Jesus.

Miracle Worker - I believe we look too often for those huge miracles, when God is working special miracles around us all the time. We have just become so sophisticated we don't see miracles for what they are. Precious babies are born. People face challenges with confidence because they know God is with them. Lives are transformed. We are forgiven. All miracles!

Promise Keeper - One of the most meaningful and powerful realities of God revealed in the Bible is that our God keeps every promise. Let me just share a few. God promises to be with us: And I will be with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20) God promises us rest: Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28) God promises forgiveness: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) God's faithfulness: The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Hebrews 13:5)

Light in the darkness - Life is truly beautiful. Life also has its challenges. Our world is a mess right now. People are hurting. Some walk through the "valley of the shadow". Depression, anxiety, and PTSD are rampant. Relationships are struggling. Fear, uncertainty, concern, they are all driving people to their knees. Into every situation, our God shines the eternal light of hope. In John 1:5 NIV we read, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

That is who our God is: Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness. He is there for you. Take hold. Hang on. Be blessed.

Your Pastor and Friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dick".

# The Mom Event

October 22

6:30-10:00 pm

In the Trinity Students Center

A simulcast event for moms  
& their friends.

Laughter will be abundant  
and hearts will be  
encouraged!!

*Cost \$20 to RightNow Media*

# Pizza with Pastor

October 24 @ 11:45 am

In the Commons

One hour dedicated to  
those interested in learning  
more about Trinity Church.  
Join the conversation.

*Child care upon request.*

*Meal included.*

*Please RSVP*

## Save the Dates

**11/21: Annual Budget  
Meeting**

**11/23: Thanksgiving  
Eve Eve Worship  
Service**

## Registrations

**(when required)**

**plus details for all**

**Trinity Church**

**events are found at**

**[trinitylife.org/events](http://trinitylife.org/events)**



**TRINITY**  
KIDS

THE HEART OF TRINITY KIDS IS TO EQUIP PARENTS TO WALK ALONGSIDE YOUR KIDS AS THEY LEARN AND EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS.

**WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN**

**OCTOBER!**



**TRINITY KIDS**

**SUNDAYS AT 9:00 & 10:30 A.M.**

God created only ONE you and that's exciting! We're exploring what it means to be God's custom creation.

Dads and moms, Trinity Kids is more than just Sunday School.

Your kid(s) will experience worship designed with kids in mind, plus engaging Bible stories and games sure to please! See you Sundays!!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Bring your friends!

Wear your costumes!

Pumpkin decorating, pumpkin launching, and candy in abundance! It's an afternoon sure to please!

Will you provide a trunk?

[Visit trinitylife.org/events](http://trinitylife.org/events)  
[to learn more.](#)

Find us on Facebook at [fb.com/trinitykidspapio](https://fb.com/trinitykidspapio)



**TRINITY**  
STUDENTS

**Wednesdays**

**6:00 - 8:15 p.m.**

**Grades 6 - 12**

**Follow us on Instagram @**  
**[trinity.students.ministry](https://www.instagram.com/trinity.students.ministry)**

# Parent Breakfast

**Sunday, Oct 3**  
**9:00 to 10:00 am**

Connecting parents to  
the leaders who pour  
into students. Enjoy a  
meal and great  
conversation.

# Elevate Fall Retreat

**October 15-17**

**Camp Rivercrest**

**A get-away designed  
for students**

# Blood Drive

A Trinity Student service project  
to help the larger community

**Donors Needed**

**October 30**

**7:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**[Full details and registration at trinitylife.org/events](https://trinitylife.org/events)**

**Chase Florom, Youth & Family Director**

**[cflorom@trinitylife.org](mailto:cflorom@trinitylife.org)**

## **A Message from Matt Pearson's Internship Supervisor**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! My name is Pastor Ellen Stelzle, and I currently serve at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Omaha. My husband, Michael, and I have lived in Omaha for the last 17 years, and we have 2 grown children. For 5 years, I served as chair of the Nebraska Synod Candidacy Committee, which helps raise up new leaders for the church. Now I am blessed with the opportunity to serve as Matt Pearson's internship supervisor as he continues his journey towards becoming an ordained pastor. This means that in addition to the guidance Matt receives from his work supervisor, Pastor Erik, I will help guide Matt through his internship experience.

Internship is designed to be a yearlong process of learning and growth in all areas of ministry. It involves trying new things as well as digging deeper into the familiar, all while reflecting on how God is forming Matt for future ministry in the church. You will see Matt continue in many of the roles in which he currently serves. You will also see Matt doing new things, and familiar things in new ways. This is all part of exploring his call to ministry and developing his vision and voice as a leader.

As a teaching site, you, the people of Trinity, play a crucial role in Matt's internship experience. I know you already value him as an effective and beloved leader. That he is! It will be important to continue to support him in this next chapter of his formation through your participation in the life of the congregation and in your honest and faithful feedback. Internship is a time to be curious about what God is up to - how God is calling both Matt and the congregation to witness and minister in the world. It is a time to celebrate all of God's gifts for ministry. It is also the time for Matt to make his best mistakes so he can learn from them and grow into a more wise, seasoned, and gracious leader.

Matt will also be supported by an Internship Committee of people from Trinity, led by Jay Cruse, that will provide Matt additional feedback, support and perspective. The committee will be a trusted sounding board for Matt as he processes his learning and growth.

Internship is time for Matt to integrate what he is learning at seminary with the practice of ministry in the congregation. It is his time to learn by doing. I have already seen the Holy Spirit alive and active at Trinity, providing fertile ground for the seeds of Matt's leadership and pastoral identity to grow. I look forward to seeing you from time to time as we journey this path together. May God bless us along the way and lead us all to deeper faith and trust in Jesus, the risen Christ.



In Christ,

Pastor Ellen Stelzle

# **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

## **Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years**

- 09/29 - Alice Bailey (correction from last month)
- 10/03 - Marlene Syas
- 10/03 - Lorraine Stanfield
- 10/05 - Dale Horton
- 10/07 - Doris Haase
- 10/07 - Janis Dagerman
- 10/07 - Lila Christensen
- 10/09 - Ray Bottrell
- 10/16 - Marcella Koca
- 10/19 - Rudy Krueger
- 10/26 - Marlene Carr
- 10/28 - Charlotte Dietze

### **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**

## **Happy 50+ Anniversary**

- 10/29/71 - Gary & Gerry Cordes

## **Congratulations on Marriage**

- 09/11 - Brian and Rachel (Kendall) Wallish

## **Congratulations on New Baby**

- 08/21 - Ezra Schuetz born to Brock and Sarah Schuetz

## **Baptized into our Faith Family**

- 09/05 - Prescott Hugo Richards, son of Nick and Haleigh (Smith) Richards. Prescott's sponsors are Brock and Alissa Smith.
- 09/26 - Summer Ivy Sasada, daughter of Nick & Amanada (Fuchs) Sasada. Summer's sponsors are Derek & Missy Westerman.

## **Sympathies**

- The families of Marsha Braddock (sister) and Liz Evers (daughter) on the loss of Terri Lynn Pitzer
- The family of Lois Schreck

## **Health and Healing**

- Leon Timmerman

# TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings to  
Connect People to Christ!

## IN AUGUST

Donation Offering Entries	533
From Planning Center	322
From Cash & Checks	211
# of Donors	224
# of New Donors	4
# of Recurring Donors	93
Text to Give	0

### AUGUST ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ - 25,549

Building Fund: \$ 269,369

Endowment: \$ 406,948

#### GO Vision Initiative

Received Jan to print date

\$311,164 of our \$1,200,000 goal.



ONLINE AT  
[TRINITYLIFE.ORG](http://TRINITYLIFE.ORG)



TEXT ANY AMOUNT  
TO 84321



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### THINGS TO NOTE:

- Set up online giving from [trinitylife.org/give](http://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.
- To join the GO! Vision Initiative, please visit [www.trinitylife.org/go](http://www.trinitylife.org/go) and click the orange button to make your pledge.

Thank you for your faithfulness and love for 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

