



TRINITY
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April
Newsletter

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Note from Our Lead Pastor

Hope! We are in the season of Easter when we celebrate the dynamic truth that Christ is Risen from the dead. Death could not hold Him, and through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, death cannot hold us. In Jesus, we have an abundant life today, tomorrow and forever. Hope!

Do you see the hope of new life all around? Songbirds are joyfully singing each day. Grass is turning green and trees are beginning to bud. Flowers are blooming giving hope for the beauty that is to come. The darkness and cold of winter are giving way to spring rising. Hope.

Hope is all around our Church, too. Hope has inspired the faithfulness of Trinity for generations. Most importantly, I see the power of hope for Trinity in a new season. Trinity has served the Papillion community for 116 years. In the last 40 years, this church has been served by only three Lead Pastors in a culture where the average length of service for a protestant congregation is four years. We have experienced stable leadership through times of radical change. Some who have been at Trinity for decades can speak more eloquently of the changes but let me highlight a few. First, there have been changes in buildings. One church building was moved off the Halleck site. Another was built and added onto several times. Land was purchased on Lincoln Street and the Family Life Center was built. Eventually, both Halleck and Lincoln Street locations were sold to purchase land and build our current Church where we worship every Sunday. More importantly, our ministry has changed over the years. We have experienced bold transformation in Kid's Ministry, Student Ministry, worship, Connection Groups, Men's and Women's Ministries and missions. Every change has continue to meet the needs of people around us and serve God by Connecting People to Christ. Pressing into the changes, transitions, and transformations the hope we have in Christ allows Trinity to continue to do "a new thing".

The greatest prediction of future behavior is past behavior. Trinity's history was boldly hopeful. Trinity's future will also be boldly hopeful. Trinity is clearly blessed by an awesome staff of highly skilled, capable, and passionate leaders whose hearts for Jesus shine. Our Council leadership provides insight, policy and passion for our mission of Connecting People to Christ. Staff and Council together are an incredible force for the Gospel and reaching people in Papillion and beyond.

We are also blessed by a Succession Team that is strategically developing plans for Trinity's future. They have developed a clear process for identifying and calling Trinity's next Lead Pastor. My goal has always been that when I transition out of Trinity as Lead Pastor it will have the impact of pulling a hand out of a bucket of water. I believe the staff and Council leadership of Trinity will be able to make that happen.

Hope abounds! The present is hopeful. The future is hopeful. God is in charge. All is well.

Your Pastor and Friend,

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

First Communion Class

- April 7th: Learning the basics and foundational truths of Communion.
- April 14th: Baking bread together answering questions, and having fun.

Kids who have completed the two classes receive First Communion on April 21st Recommended for 4th & 5th graders. If you have a younger child that you feel is ready for this milestone, register them for the first class and we can go from there!

www.trinitylife.org/events



Trinity's VBS is a fantastic place to invite friends. It's most fun to learn about Jesus, together!

Ahoy! Come learn how to follow Jesus-together!



Join Us VBS 2024!
June 3-6th,
Trinity Church,
3yrs-5th grade,
9-11:30am.

Register now at
trinitylife.org/events



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KIDS

Amanda Lynn

Children and Family Minister
alynn@trinitylife.org

A Sunday Experience for Kids
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

- Nursery 3 months- potty trained.
- Preschool 3 years - 5 years old
- Kindergarten- 5th grade

Secure Check-In in the Commons
All Trinity Kids volunteers have passed a background check



TRINITY STUDENTS

Chris Randall | Students and Family Minister | crandall@trinitylife.org



Hey there! ☀️ Easter Sunday brought something extra special to our church community this year! If you were with us, you might have seen our amazing students joyfully serving breakfast around our Easter services. We're thrilled to announce that the free will offering collected during those times will be directly supporting our students' summer camp expenses. Your generosity truly makes a difference, and we're deeply grateful for your support.



We are excited to announce that House Groups are coming to Trinity Students this Summer! All Summer long we will be gathering together in homes, sharing a meal, and opening God's Word together.

More details coming soon!

Note from Our Associate Pastor

“Man Camp is a life changing experience. I know men from church and interact with them every Sunday, but on the trip I get to know them on a deeper, more personal level. We have a lot of fun while growing closer to each other and to God. It's hard to fully describe unless you've experienced it.”

--Ken Hirschfeld

“Come to ManCamp and get closer to Jesus. Go rafting and you may get a chance to see Him.”

-Will Isham

ManCamp!!
An adventure for all the men!!
June 12-16, 2024
Table in the Wilderness, Centennial, WY



Frequently Asked Questions about ManCamp:

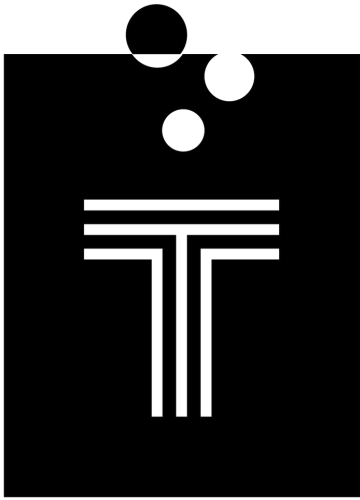
- Where is Table in The Wilderness Camp? In the Snowy Mountain Ranges, this camp is just outside of Centennial, Wyoming, minutes from the Snowy Mountain Ski Resort, and about 30 minutes from Laramie, Wyoming. Altitude 8,000 FT at Camp.
- What will we be doing? You can be as adventurous (White Water Rafting, ATV's, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking) or as chill as you want to be (campfire sitting, hummingbird watching, mountain lake resting, Flyfishing). This is your getaway and chance disconnect from the norm to engage with God, His creation, and friends.
- Where will we be sleeping? With great facilities, we stay in comfortable cabins with beds. Normally 5-7 guys are bunking together. With the cool mountain air you can get great sleep!
- What will we be eating? Camp provides breakfast and supper, we just get to show up and enjoy great meals provided by their fantastic staff. Lunch time typically find us in Laramie at a Bar and Grill or in one of the small mountain towns, enjoying a sit down restaurant with whomever we are adventuring with for the day.
- What if I don't know anyone going? Perfect! You will have great opportunity to connect with other guys. While enjoying an eight-hour car ride together (singing Journey songs and Tim McGraw) to adventures and just hanging out. This trip is a great way to connect and get to know other guys.
- What does a day look like? It's pretty simple. Wake up. Eat Breakfast. Choose your Adventure. Eat lunch somewhere great. Adventure or relax. Watch the hummingbirds. Drive up the mountain to spot a moose or if your lucky a black bear. Eat Supper. Worship with the guys around campfire. Go have a conversation about life with a small group. Hang out around campfire some more. SLEEP. Repeat.

Men's Group meets Sunday mornings at 9am

New study begins April 14th | God's Uncommon Man

Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach in this RightNow Media series what it means to be an "uncommon man" — a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Join us at this study, **God's Uncommon Man.**

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CAFE

Trinity Church has greatly valued the leadership of Mindy Grass and all the ways she shared her gifts and talents in our Cafe. The marketplace and craft fair is one of the gifts she brought to Trinity. Mindy stepped down from her role as Cafe Manager in February to focus on her grandbabies and family, a role in which she is exceptionally gifted. Please thank Mindy for her service when you see her in worship.

Welcome our new Cafe Manager, Jill Pratt. Jill comes to the Cafe with her joyful heart, creative ideas, and expanded hours. This will be a tremendous blessing to our church family and the local community. Our Cafe and Commons offers a space to work, play, and connect while enjoying delicious beverages and goodies.

Cafe Hours

Sundays - Thursdays

8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE CAFE EVENT!!



TRINITY CAFE MARKETPLACE & CRAFT FAIR

April 20th, 10am-2pm

Come shop and enjoy the day!!

All proceeds go to Little Miracles, a ministry for moms from pregnancy through baby's first year of life.

Trinity Cafe and concessions will be available.

Trinity Church

848 Gold Coast Rd, Papillion

- A great day to meet up with friends, shop, enjoy the cafe, and support a number of our local and Trinity Small Business Owners and Crafters!
- All proceeds support [Little Miracles](#), a ministry for moms from pregnancy through their baby's first year of life.
- Up to 40 vendors [Reserve your booth](#).

Can't wait to see you!!



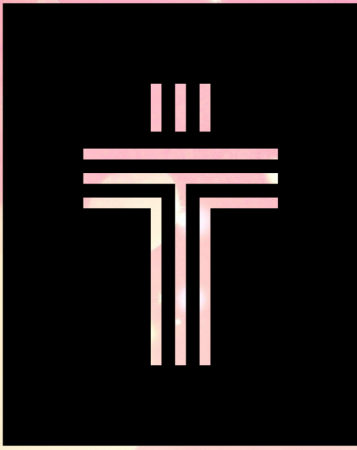
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Legacy Social

Join us for a devotional and time
of fellowship with our legacy
members.

Monday, April 8th 9:30am-11:00am





TRINITY W O M E N

This month, we celebrate one year as an organized ministry!!

What do Trinity Women do?

We grow in our walk with Jesus and we invite our friends to experience the love of Christ with us, no matter where any of us are on this faith journey.

We have room for you!

We love to learn about each other, our friends, and but most importantly get to know Jesus better. We do this in many ways. Use the QR Code to learn about the things that we do.



Connecting 581 Women to Jesus

Yup, you read that right.

There are 581 women connected to Trinity church as members (492) or the part of our worshipping body. It's a joy to serve them well.

Our Celebrations team sends all kinds of greeting cards during the year so that each woman knows they are cared for and loved!

Women's Ministry needs you!

Your personality, presence, and participation are valuable.

- Join an [IF:Table](#)
- Join a [Serve Team](#)
- Join our [Women's Ministry group](#)
- Join [Move Your Body](#), a Tue, Th morning workout.
- Join a [Connection Group](#)

YOU ARE INVITED!!

One Group's Generosity Story

"She sat on the thrift store shelf and stared at me. I wandered around and I just kept coming back to her. She has a broken wing and was grungy. She said Miracle and suddenly I thought of our "Little Miracles" ministry. She had a little pocket and the thought came--obviously the Holy Spirit--that perhaps the members of my bible study group would like to send her around every time we met and just pin some coins.

The members of our group are loving, generous women and they said yes to this. Each woman in the group gave with love and concern for our Little Miracles Ministry. On March 11th, this group gave the results of their generosity."



Little
Miracles



Little Miracles serves local families in need. From pregnancy through their baby's first year of life, Trinity Church is here with kind and caring support

Each month, dads and moms (or primary care givers) may select from a variety of staples for their baby and receive gifts to bless them and their family, too.

Our Trinity Church family has done a beautiful job loving like Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference. Thank you.

Learn more:

[Little Miracles Facebook Group](#)

Trinity Church continues to charter a MOPS International group. For many years, this ongoing relationship has been a blessing to our church family, mothers who call Trinity Church home, and mothers in our community.



MOPS

MOPS International is rebranding to include moms with children beyond kindergarten. Their new name will be. We are excited for these changes and our continued support of this powerful ministry.

Moving forward, Trinity's Women's Ministry is partnering with MOMCo. We will offer prayer support, encouragement, partnership with their groups, and more. Please pray for God's guidance as this relationship unfolds.



THE MOMCO
BY MOPS INTERNATIONAL

Night of Worship
April 4 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Calling all Trinity Women!

Please join the Trinity MOPS Group for a cozy, come-as-you-are, relaxed night of worship. Using only voices and piano, this simple night of praise songs will help you come back to the heart of worship alongside others in the Trinity community. Feel free to bring a friend and get ready to unwind in this MOPS-led evening of music.

This event is for all women and their guests, regardless of age or stage in life.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 04/02 - Mary Howe
- 04/05 - Donna Nichols
- 04/09 - Caryl Horton
- 04/24 - Janice Reed
- 04/25 - Jacke Wood

Congratulations on New Babies

- 02/26 - Lyra Autum Weber born to Lane & Maddie (Ahlers) Weber
- 03/08 - Marcus Stephen Hartzell born to Jonathan and Kerye Hartzel

Health and Healing

- Cindy Miller, Jean Armitage, Jodee Reed, Betty Capener, Doc Watson

Sympathies to

- Ken and Tracy Hirschfeld and family on the loss of Tracy's father, Denny Carnell
- Louise Webb on the loss of her husband, Rich Webb.

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

OUR MISSION: Connecting People to Christ

OUR STRATEGY: Love Jesus | Transform Lives | Serve the Community

CONNECTION COURSE | APRIL 7 | 11:45 A.M.

Come explore what it means to partner with God's mission at Trinity Church. At this 45-minute, one-session, we will enjoy lunch, conversation and learning about the following values and how we express them in day-to-day life.

- Gather: Who We Are
- Grow: Get on the Path
- Give: Your Time, Talent, and Treasures Make a Difference
- Go: Living out Our Mission of Connecting People to Christ

Childcare if requested. Meal included. Register at trinitylife.org/events.

We look forward to sharing how Trinity Church connects people to Christ.

**Already a Trinity Church member but curious about the direction God is calling us? This time will be beneficial to you, too.*

- GOD IS AT WORK -

QR Codes to full details or RSVP

04.07.24

Connection Course

Discover Trinity Church in one session. Perfect for the curious & those looking for a church home.



04.07 &
04.14

First Communion instruction

Two-session class to prepare, equip & encourage kids on the importance & meaning of communion.



04.08.24

Legacy Social

Enjoy a delicious brunch, wonderful community and an inspiring message about God's gift that we are an intergenerational church. You matter!



04.20.24

Marketplace & Craftfair

Trinity Cafe is hosting this community-wide gathering for vendors, shoppers, & friends!



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TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings
Connect People to Christ!

IN FEBRUARY

Offering Entries	439
From Planning Center	273
From Cash & Checks	166
# of Donors	217
# of New Donor	8
# of Recurring Donors	91
Offering:	\$105,759.88

www.trinitylife.org/give

FEBRUARY ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ **-82,532**
Building Fund: \$ 141,020
Endowment: \$ 375,290
Memorial: \$ 68,883

GO Vision Initiative (Mortgage)

Received through print date
\$1,047,919

\$875,456 of \$1,200,000 promises
\$172,463 from non-pledges

General Fund Generosity Appeal

Received through print date
\$229,394

\$181,190 of our \$765,748 promises
\$48,204 from non-pledges

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KEEP IN PRAYER

GLOBAL MISSIONS

The Raining Season
Pastor Pimipnan church plant in Indonesia

LOCAL MISSIONS

Little Miracles
Stephen Center
Connection Groups Service Projects

Have a prayer request?

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Ready to serve?

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