



TRINITY
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january

Newsletter

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REACH ONE MORE

EVANGELISM COURSE

REACH ONE MORE | A SIX-WEEK COURSE

Wednesdays @ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

January 11 - February 15

We are on mission to reach one more. In reality, God is on a mission to reach one more. Since Jesus lifted off into the heavens after his resurrection, his followers have been commissioned to bring the good news to one more person. That makes sharing faith our mission.

But can we just be honest for a minute? This can be weird, awkward, and uncomfortable. Likely, you've set up some barriers that keep you from it.

This Reach One More course is perfect for you!

In six sessions we will identify and remove those barriers, take the pressure off, and create solutions to make sharing your faith something you look forward to. Sharing Jesus is among the most rewarding and life-giving adventure you can embark. Don't delay; let's do this!!

[Register at www.nextsteps.guide](http://www.nextsteps.guide)

Note from Our Lead Pastor

The ending seems stark, abrupt. We started celebrating Christmas in July and August (you saw the displays in big box stores and advertisements online). Now it is over.

We have celebrated the most incredible and dynamic birth in human history. And BOOM! Trees are taken down. Furniture is being moved back into place. Frozen fingers are removing outdoor lights, wreaths, and decorations from the frigid landscape. Toys are sorted to find places for the new, discard the broken, and find new homes for those aged out. Routine is settling once again in the new year.

A doldrum shows up during these cold months. Even though days are getting longer, it is still dark more time than we would like. We view the beauty of God's creation through windows rather than feeling it for ourselves in the great outdoors. After the rush of holiday excitement, we are subdued, withdrawn by the weather, and longing for spring.

Having said all these things, I am incredibly excited about our Church and ministry including our next message series. In the book of Revelation, Jesus supplies critical messages to seven early-church locations. Being intrigued by these letters, I have studied them, but never preached on them and rarely focused on teaching them. Until now.

These letters have profound revelation (see what I did there?) for today. They apply to the Christian Church on earth with implications for the local congregation (read: Trinity) today. They challenge and inspire each individual follower of Christ to experience authentic transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit. They confront and bless our lives on both a macro and micro level. I am deeply excited to preach on these letters; I prayerfully anticipate their impact on the people of God.

In preparation for this powerful series, let me encourage you to read all seven letters. You will find them in chapters two and three of Revelation. Read one of these letters a day. Read them all several times. Sit in quiet contemplation, allowing the message to infiltrate your soul. Make space for the work of the Spirit. Be prepared!

I am excited about the goodness of God pouring from the scriptures into our hearts. It is a new year and a new opportunity to grow with Christ. Join your Church family on Sunday mornings. Experience the warmth of the Body of Christ. Grow together. Be engaged in community. When we do this, we encounter God at every corner of life and overcome the doldrums of winter. Looking forward to the new year with you.

Your Pastor and Friend,

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

Happy New Year

Worship on January 1, 2023

One in-person service @ 10 a.m.



Growth and change happen through intentional living. What do you want to be different a year from now?

MISSIONS APPRECIATION

What a joy it was to see so many take part in our Angel Tree to support Open Door Mission and Little Miracles!

It is truly a blessing to see what we have done in the past two months, ending the year with Thanksgiving Baskets and Angel Tree donations. So many people joined in with a heart of giving; many were blessed. Thank you!

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Curious about Trinity Church?

Connection Courses are for you!

ON HIATUS IN JANUARY,
COURSES RESUME FEB 5

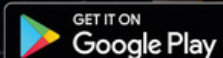
Each week's 25-minute course stands alone. Attend all four and you will have a grasp of what it means to be a member and the opportunity to say "yes" to Trinity Church.

- 101 - Welcome: Who we are
- 201 - Growth: Get on the path
- 301 - Serving: People matter
- 401 - Commitment: Join the mission

Starting with 101 on the first Sunday of the month, courses meet weekly in Connection Room 2 at 10:05 a.m.

Lectio 365

pause and pray the Bible every day



Note from Our Associate Pastor

The start of a new year is a great time to plan for your spiritual growth. Here are some ways to develop your relationship with God and Trinity in the New Year.

New Year's Day Worship – Many people start the new year with a resolution they won't keep. Why not start 2023 in worship, exploring who you can become in the next year? For followers of Jesus, life ultimately comes down to loving God and loving other people. What can you do now to become a more loving person? Trinity will have one New Year's Day service at 10:00 a.m. During the service, we'll consider how our lives could be different one year from now if we focus on God's priorities for ourselves and our life together.

Individual or Family Spiritual Growth – Spending time with God and reflecting on scripture are great practices for spiritual growth. Not sure where to start? There's an app for that! One for individuals and another one for adults and children. Lectio 365 and Lectio for Families are companion apps that will help you listen to God and talk to him, too. Both apps follow a similar format, helping you to PRAY (Pause, Reflect, Ask, and Yield). Both apps also follow a similar daily theme. As we start a new year, why not connect with others at Trinity Church with a new daily devotional habit? Download the "Lectio 365" and the "Lectio for Families" apps today! Beginning January 1, look to interact with others through regular questions from the daily reflections on [Trinity's Facebook page](#).

Membership Courses – New to Trinity? We're offering three 90-minute opportunities in January for regular attenders to join God's mission by becoming members of Trinity. Each session will offer an overview of Trinity's ministry, explore ways to grow, provide opportunities to serve, and identify what Trinity expects from members. We're offering the course on three days to accommodate your schedule: Sunday, January 15 from 11:45 a.m. (lunch included), Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 a.m., and Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.. Choose to attend the date that works best for you.

Visit [nextsteps.guide](#) for full details and to register for events.

Growing with you,

Pastor Dave

TRINITY MEN

Men's Group News

New study begins: SEVEN
Sunday, January 8th | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Students Wing

Following our Sunday message series, this group will discuss the letters written to the churches of Revelation. What do they mean for us today? Come join the discussion.

All men are welcome!

What do we do when the seas of culture become stormy? Sixty years after Jesus' resurrection, the young Church feared it would flounder in the rising waves: idol worship, false teachers, immorality, persecution, and more. In the midst of the storm, Jesus speaks through the pen of the apostle John, with urgent and practical words-words that remain full of application for us today. This seven-week small group series takes us on a voyage into the Book of Revelation, and the Seven Letters to Seven Churches.

LEARN MORE



Axe Throwing

Sunday, February 5th
1-4 p.m.

Axe Games Omaha

11106 Q St.

Cost: \$25

- axe throwing
- friendly tournament
- archery tag
- connect with other guys and the Trinity Men's Group

Friends, neighbors and ONEs are welcome! Share the invite.

Meet at Trinity Church at noon to carpool. We'll grab lunch on the way.

Or meet at Axe Games. Limited to the first 60 guys (18 and older)

RSVP REQUIRED

Sign Up

SAVE THE DATE

Man Camp

Near Casper, WY

June 21-24



IF: Papillion

March 3-4, 2023

Hosted by Trinity Church

**An amazing simulcast
gathering for women!**

A weekend to remind each other that God is who we need. God is who provides. And God's means to change the world is through discipleship.

In our time together we will...

- **connect with God through worship.**
- **be inspired and encouraged from incredible speakers.**
- **open our Bibles to hear what God has to say.**
- **ask God to move in our community through us.**

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS



IF: Tables Conversations for women

3rd Sundays at noon

TRINITY WOMEN

**All event details at
www.nextsteps.guide**



TRINITY KIDS

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

2022 was an amazing year full of hope and growth for Trinity Kids. We had passionate volunteers, amazing events like Trick Shots and Treats, and the Christmas Campout, and an average of 78 kids on any given Sunday that learned about Jesus and how to be in relationship with Him daily!

My hope for 2023 is that kids and their families would be confident followers of Jesus, taking time out of life to spend with him. If you are a parent seeking ways to establish routines to include Jesus, I would love to support you. We have some great resources available to help you succeed in having consistent devotions with your family.

Let's pray together to see Trinity Kids and their families be a people lead by the Holy Spirit and prioritize Jesus this year.



Kayla Florom

Children's and Family Minister
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Trinity Kids
Sundays
9:00 | 10:30 a.m
Use our secure
check-in.

Grades 6-12



TRINITY STUDENTS

Dear Church Family,

It has been such a joy to see our students get involved in the various student ministry teams over the past few months. Their energy and enthusiasm has been a blessing to us all.

One of the teams that has seen a lot of growth recently is the games team. It has been so fun to see this team come up with creative and engaging activities. They have a real heart for making sure everyone feels included and has a great time.

The teaching team has also had a lot of student involvement. We're training up a couple of students and anticipate having them give a message to the group in the Spring. It has been inspiring to see them grow in their leadership skills and in their understanding of the Bible.

Also benefitting from student involvement is the Hospitality Team. This crew has done an excellent job greeting people at the door, helping with sign-ins, and generally making everyone feel welcome. Their kindness and friendliness are a huge asset to our youth group.

Finally, the worship team has been amazing. I value seeing their musical talents and passion for worship grow. They have added so much to Wednesday night youth group and we are grateful for their contribution.

Overall, it has been such a blessing to see our students get involved and use their gifts to serve the church and student ministry. We are so thankful for each and every one of them and look forward to seeing all that God has in store for them in the future.

Hope your holidays were great,



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**Registrations and event
details are always found at**
www.nextsteps.guide

Wednesdays*

6:45-8:15 pm

Use the NE door

At 6 - Games, Gym, Trinity Store, & Food

**When Papillion La Vista School District
is not in session, Trinity Students does not meet.*

TRINITY CHURCH IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings
Connect People to Christ!

GIVING IN NOVEMBER

Offering Entries = 439

of: Donors = 213 | New Donors = 1 | Recurring = 81

Source: Electronic Giving = 254 | Cash & Checks = 185

Total Gifts Received = \$104,441

General Fund: \$82,413

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$18,392

All other giving*: \$3,636

*includes Thanksgiving Baskets, Papio Creek, Little Miracles, Memorial, IT Fund, Trinity Kids, Shalom, TK Mary Kamara, Stephen Center, Thanksgiving, Memorials

NOVEMBER ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -74,720

Building Fund: \$ 40,711

Endowment: \$ 343,462

GO Fund May 2021 - April 2024

Received as of 12/21 - \$691,498

58% of our \$1.2 million goal

from 2525 donations

1954 from pledges | 571 from non-pledged

General Fund 2022

Received as of 12/21 - \$841,229

96% of our \$878,584 goal

from 4562 donations

1824 from pledges / 2738 from non-pledged

Partner in the good work God is doing through Trinity Church

Give in person or by mail:

Checks payable to Trinity Church at
848 Gold Coast Rd, Papillion NE 68046

Give in worship:

Locate the black offering boxes in the
back of the Chapel and Worship Center.



Give electronically

- Use this [link](#)
- Use the QR Code
- Use the Church Center App
- trinitylife.org/giving

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 01/05 - Nancy Miller
- 01/05- Paul Schroeder
- 01/06 - Bernice Wisniewski
- 01/12 - Jack Butler
- 01/15 - Mary Jane Nelson
- 01/26 - Hugh Cappen

New Birth

- 12/13 - Lyla Robin Myslinski, born to Nick & Lindsey (Vesely) Myslinski

Baptized into our Faith Family

- 12/11- Colson Hansen, son of Joseph & Kelsey (Abels) Hansen. Colson's sponsors are Michael McGill and Amber Hansen.

Sympathies to

- the Pat Jensen family on the loss of Pat's husband, Larry
- the Mark and Debbie Erikson family on the loss of Debbie's mother
- the Les & Robin Lenz family on the loss of Les' brother, Dennis

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

OUR MISSION: Connecting People to Christ

OUR STRATEGY: Love God | Grow Community | Serve Others

Trinity's Church Council and Church Staff celebrate all who have served in 2022. Whether behind the scenes or in ways that your efforts are known, we are grateful for your hearts to make Jesus known through your acts of service in and through Trinity Church.

- For those who set up or clean up before and/or after baptisms, communion, and funerals
- For those who decorate our spaces for holidays and the day-to-day
- For those who usher, greet, and host as Next Step Guides
- For those who share your love for Jesus with children through Trinity Kids or teens through Trinity Students
- For those who share their love of music and/or technology skills at our worship services
- For those who provide food for special events, funerals, or classes
- For those who connect with the body of Christ through notes, cards, and phone calls

THANK YOU!! Each one of you matter and each is very much appreciated!



church center

the app to make church life simple

 nextsteps.guide

 directory

 events

 check-in

 give

 groups

 messages

 calendar

DOWNLOAD FROM YOUR FAVORITE APP STORE TODAY!

web-based option available <https://trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com>

CHECK INTO WORSHIP

Whether online or in person, checking into worship helps our church family care well for one another.



Step 1

Open the Church Center app

Step 2

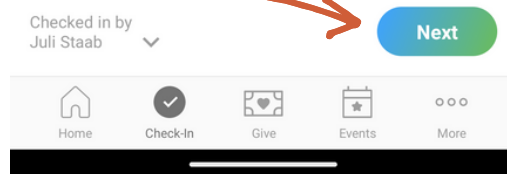
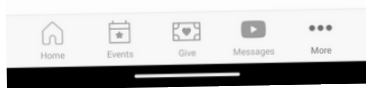
Click the three dots at the bottom of your screen, and then click Check-In

Step 3

Select the people in your household worshipping with you

Step 4

Click 'Next'



That's it! You are a check-in expert!!