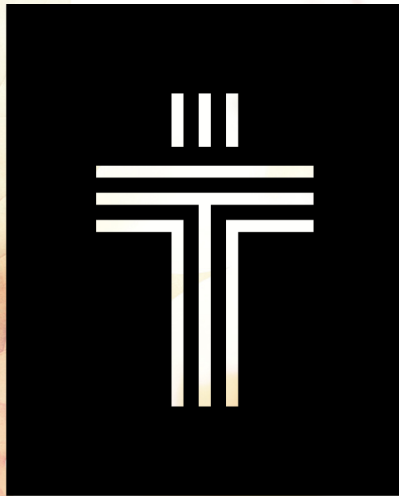


September Newsletter



TRINITY
C H U R C H

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From the Pastor's Desk

Why do we do it to ourselves? What goes on in our mind that causes it? And when we have done it to ourselves, why do we lament it? After all, we are responsible!

I'm talking about the transition from summer to fall where we allow our schedules to be filled to overflowing. We increase our hectic pace. We stress ourselves to the max. We increase our frustration. I'm sure you know what I'm talking about.

There are necessary changes with the seasons. I get that. Children are back in school. Vacation season is coming to an end. Favorite activities resume. Often, however, when we sit back and look at the weeks and months ahead, we come to the inevitable conclusion that we have done it to ourselves. We are overscheduled. We have squeezed family time, self-time, and one-on-one time with the most important people in our life. At times, we even squeeze God-time out of our schedule. On top of that, we even struggle with guilt because we are not tending to everything that we think is important.

Let me give you some new perspective, revisit old reminders, and share some considerations from God's Word.

I have found helpful insight and instruction from the writer of Hebrews: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

These words remind me that it is OK and encouraged to let some things go. Sometimes I struggle with letting something go, saying "no" or leaving something behind to follow a new direction. This scripture reminds me that surrounded by a cloud of the faithful, I can "lay aside every weight." So can you!

What is weighing you down? We keep adding activities, but do we let any of them go or "lay them aside?" Do you need to keep up with all those shows? Would it help to follow one less sport or sports team? (I know, it even counts for NCAA basketball....) Is there something in your life that could be simplified to reduce stress? Can you claim a day or a weekend a month to just be rather than do? You might find the respite helps you order your priorities.

Speak to Jesus about your "stuff" in prayer. Listen to His words spoken in your heart. And let Him show you how to "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely."

I share this with the hope it is more preventative than prescriptive. Enter the new season with a light step, joyful heart, and deep confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor and Friend,

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

Find Your People

A Church-Wide Course

Seven weeks beginning Sept 10



Sundays | 5-6:30 p.m.

Snacks for participants

Childcare with dinner provided

Sign up today

trinitylife.org/events

We Value Community

Just as God modeled community for us, He calls the church to connect with one another. We do this at Trinity Church through Groups. There are several options depending on where you are in your walk with Jesus.

Activity Groups | Connection Groups | Study Groups


FIND YOUR GROUP TODAY



[TRINITYLIFE.ORG/GROUPS](https://trinitylife.org/groups)

Celebrate!

at Trinity Church



Sunday, Aug 13 was so much fun!! Our church and yard were filled with people - from Trinity, from the neighborhood and from the community at large.

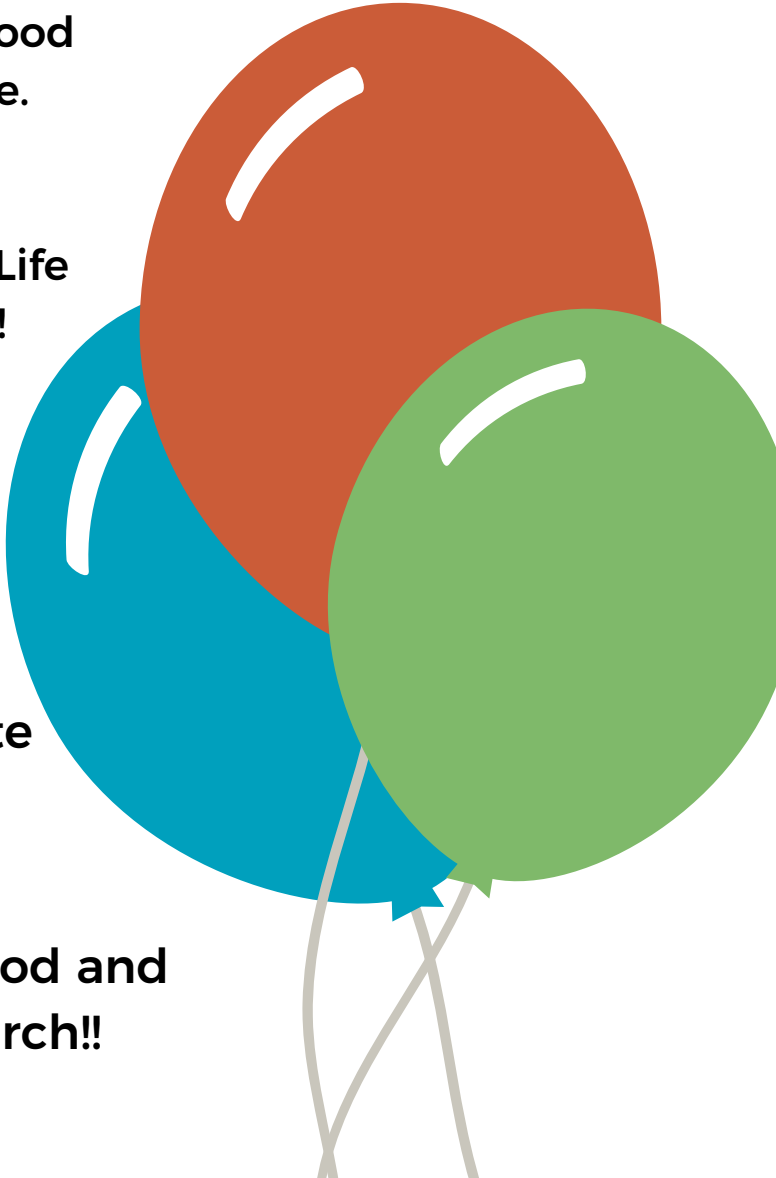
The joy was contagious.

New this year, Kona Ice and Wild Life Encounters. Both were big hits!

Raffle Winners

- Lowes - Sean Scallon
- Hobby Lobby - Lisa Myslinski
- Papio Fun Park - Tera Arquitte

Thank you to all who came to CELEBRATE! the goodness of God and what He is doing at Trinity Church!!



Blessed and Happy to be Back

Trinity Kids (TK) is back to full programming! We have had a great last few weeks and are so thankful for all the little lives entrusted to us during service times.

Our ministry continues using the GROW curriculum and have been learning about the life of Joseph in Genesis. Ask your kids about what they have been learning. In September, our new series is on Moses! More fun is coming! If your family has not been participating, this is a fantastic time to engage in Trinity Kids.

We are expanding our missions & offering. While our TK offering continues to go toward Mary Kamara from The Roots House in Sierra Leone, it is also being used to make winter care kits which will be distributed to homeless shelters around Omaha.

Additionally, we hope to further our relationship with the nearby elementary schools: Walnut Creek, Carriage Hill, and Trumble Park. Please pray for Trinity Kids as we learn together what it means to care for and appreciate the people around us!

Linked to Two Ministries

Little Lights Preschool has been a Trinity Church ministry for over 20 years. Directed by Stacy Denne, this preschool has a positive impact, connecting about 65 families a year to Christ. Trinity Kids hopes to communicate more of what is happening in our Little Lights Preschool, and to connect and engage with their families and kids midweek.

Trinity Church charters and hosts the Papillion group of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). This is a huge blessing to a substantial number of young mothers in our community, many of which don't call Trinity their church home. Kicking off in early September, they will host two meetings a month. Look for more information MOPS coming soon.

Pray for our TK ministry and these great relationships

Lastly, a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers at Trinity Kids. We had a break over summer, and all of them have returned with such open hearts and passion. Our kids are so fortunate to have these mentors to look up to weekly. Though Trinity Kids meets in a separate wing, their care doesn't go unnoticed! When you see a Trinity Kid's volunteer, make sure to thank them. Ready to join the fun and be part of our team? There are a variety of ways you can get involved! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or feedback! I am always up for a good conversation!!



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Grades 6-12

TRINITY STUDENTS

NEW SERIES

"God Has a Name"

Kicking off on September 6th!
You don't want to miss it!

For everyone who is trying to understand this God the Bible talks about, the church teaches about, and preachers preach about, this is the place to begin. Ground zero where God himself tells us who he really is.

God has
a name
by John
Mark
Comer

ALL REGISTRATIONS AT [TRINITYLIFE.ORG/EVENTS](https://trinitylife.org/events)



Are you ready for some competition?
We sure hope you are. Trinity Students
is excited to introduce our
**FIRST ANNUAL PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT**
Wednesday, September 27th
Registration coming soon!

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm | Use the Northeast entrance
Trinity Students Store | Pizza \$1 a slice



TRINITY W O M E N

WHAT DO WE DO?

Trinity Women grow in faith and invite friends to experience to grow with Jesus, too.

MOVE YOUR BODY

Morning Edition

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:15 a.m. - Devo

6:30 a.m. - Movement

7:00 a.m. - Out the door

JOIN THE FUN!!

trinitylife.org/groups

JOIN A WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVING TEAM

- Food Team
- Marketing and Promotions Team
- Celebrations Team
- Service Project Planning Team
- IF:Gathering 2024 Planning Team
- Quarterly Party Planning Team
- Annual Women's Retreat
- Bible Study Leader

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Get Plugged In
Survey



Join Women's
Ministry



Join
the fun

Follow us on Facebook:

facebook.com/groups/trinitywomensgroup

The Raining Season Travel Team

Please keep our travel team in prayer: Laura Beck, Brittany Friesen, Carrie Nash, Casey Hirschfeld, Nathan Lynn, and Matt Pearson.

Traveling September 14-25, this team will visit our mission partner in Sierra Leone, Africa. To fill their suitcases with much needed items at this orphan home, please see the list below and bring your items by September 3.

MEDICAL ITEMS FOR THE HOME CLINIC: Miralax, Sanitary Pads, Allergy Relief, Cotton Balls, Ibuprofen Tablet and/or Syrup, Ibuprofen Syrup, Hydrogen Peroxide, Strappin, Gloves, Children's Acetaminophen, Blood pressure monitor, Multi-Vitamin Gummies, Tylenol Tablets and/or Syrup, Rubbing Alcohol, Nurse's Scrubs, Whey Protein Powder, Strappin Tape to cover IVs, Mackintosh Sheets

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL AND HOME: Composition Books, Pens (Red, Blue & Black), Pencils, Erasers, Sharpeners, Crayons, Rulers, School Backpack, Dry Erase White Board Markers, Stapler & Staples, School Bell (Big Size), Drawing Papers, Bed Sheets, Roll-On Deodorant, Bathing Soaps, Boxes for Boys, Underwear for Girls, Tooth Paste, Socks, Bathing Towel, Bibles

Learn more about TRS

Specific prayers for our travel team include: smooth travel experience, health of the team, ministry opportunities with the TRS kids and staff, outreach opportunities into the community of Freetown, and for the TRS mission to provide a hopeful future with justice for vulnerable children.

Three-Year Year Discipleship Journey

Formerly known as Confirmation

Trinity Church loves to partner with parents. From Trinity Kids through Trinity Students, our Discipleship Team is often thinking about how best to encourage and support dads, moms and families in passing faith on to their child. This includes the milestones of faith like baptism, providing bibles, 1st communion, and confirmation.

In our Discipleship Journey, students, with the encouragement of their parents, learn and study God's word and the foundations of our faith. The end goal is that students are confident in their promises, confirming their faith on Confirmation Sunday.

Register



Email mpearson@trinitylife.org for more information or questions.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 09/15 - Joe Sylvester
- 09/17 - Doris Hammel
- 09/17 - Norm Schuessler
- 09/20 - Ed Gates
- 09/29 - Alice Bailey

50+ Anniversaries

- 09/08/67 - Allen & Carolyn Christensen

Health and Healing

- Deanna Rhoten
- Tammy Duyrea
- John Colombo

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

Sept 7



Church Outing

Sept 24



Baptism Basics

Oct 1



Hospitality Training

Stay up to date at all that's happening at Trinity Church

www.nextsteps.guide

TRINITY CHURCH IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings
Connect People to Christ!

GIVING IN JUNE

Offering Entries = 432

of: Donors = 191 | New Donors = 2 | Recurring = 83

Source: Electronic Giving = 274 | Cash & Checks = 158

Total Gifts Received = \$84,582

General Fund: \$63,956

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$19,193

All other giving*: \$1,703

*includes: Little Miracles, Trinity Students, Trinity Kids, IT Fund, Lent, TK Mary Kamara, Shalom (India), TRS (Africa) Food Pantry, Stephen Center

JULY ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -81,230

Building Fund: \$ 168,330

Endowment Fund: \$ 365,753

Memorial Fund: \$ 69,844

GO Fund May 2021- April 2024

Received as of 08/23/23 - \$855,107

71% of our \$1.2 million goal | 62% of pledged donations received

3353 donations | 2606 from pledges | 747 from non-pledged gifts

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