

From the Pastor's Desk...

Easter is coming! In Revelation chapter 21, Jesus gives a promise that helps us understand the victory and joy of Easter. He said, "Behold, I am making all things new." This promise comes after the turmoil. It comes after the battles. It follows the upside-down world that results from Jesus' teachings. This promise speaks of heaven. I believe it is a promise for each of us every day. Jesus is making all things new. Jesus is making you new.

Spring is also a reminder that Jesus makes all things new. There are some green blades of grass out there. Birds are singing together in the morning. As I write this on the first day of spring, there is promise of warmer weather today and ahead. The season of spring is a paradigm of Jesus making all things new.

I am reminded of how we are made new as I open my dresser drawer every day. I still have the bedroom furniture I had as a child. It is solid maple, and very well made. Over thirty years ago, I refinished it and stained it with dark mahogany. Since it was refinished, I have moved it across the country twice, into three different homes, and various bedrooms. This furniture has been used, abused, and keeps on ticking! While it shows a few scratches, a few dents, and needs some new drawer slides, it is worth repairing because it is a solid, almost lifetime companion.

"Behold, I am making all things new." I wonder if the metaphor of solid furniture that has seen life is how Jesus sees us. We start out new and shiny at birth. Then it happens. Life. We get a few gouges and a few scratches. We get moved around. The slides in our lives wear out. Life changes, challenges come, and we bear the brokenness. Our lives need to be refinished, restored, rebuilt.

Easter is the promise that we are worth being made new. We are created in the image of God. We are solid, made of fine materials, and beautiful in God's eyes. Life happens. We have moments of great joy and times of great sorrow. We have times of hurt and times of healing. We have times of separation and times of unity with God. We have our gouges and scratches. Through it all, God in Christ is with us, making all things new. Christ's work in us is a process that is regular, consistent, and persistent. His restoring power heals us and reconnects us to God and to one another. We are refurbished, refinished, and rehabilitated.

Easter is the promise that we are restored. We are made new in Christ. Easter is a fantastic time to worship with your Church family, your loved ones, and even your "one". Come to hear a message of victory and joy in Christ. Experience transformation as you are restored. Celebrate the joy and hope of being made new in Christ.

Your Pastor and Friend.

Pastor dick

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURDSAY, APRIL 6TH AT 6PM

# GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 6PM

# EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 8, 9, & 10.30AM



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

- Nursery 3 months- 2 years old
- Preschool 3 years 5 years old
- Kindergarten- 5th grade

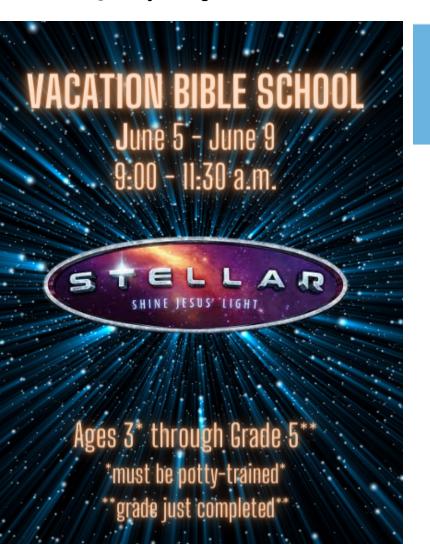
When you arrive, stop in the Commons to use our secure Check-In All Trinity Kids volunteers have passed a background check

Summer is quickly approaching and we have some amazing opportunities for your kids to have fun as they learn about Jesus! I am so passionate about watching kids explore their faith through tangible experiences and these two weeks will capture it all. From creative crafts, to interactive sports and games, we will spark kids interests in activities and relationship with Jesus and others.

So grab a friend and get signed up today!

#### **Kayla Florom**

Children and Family Minister kflorom@trinitylife.org



## MORE SUMMER FUN Cheer | Soccer | Flag Football

kindergarten through 6th grade grades just completed



June 12-15, 2023 9:00am - 12:00pm Papillion Landing

All details & registration @ www.trinitylife.org/sportscamp

Sponsored by the following local churches









Do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Hebrews 10:35 (NLT)



Wednesdays 6-8:15 p.m. Use the Northeast Entrance

Pizza, student store, pop and snack machine (cash only), open gym, games, worship, message, small groups

### **No Trinity Students April 5**

CONNECTING WITH GOD I CONNECTING WITH OTHERS
FELLOWSHIP | OUTDOORS | ADVENTURES
MAN CAMP 2023

TRINITY
CHURCH

JUNE 21-25
CAMP WYOBA, WYOMING

## IF:TABLES

For Women

Currently Third Sundays | Noon - 2 p.m. | In the Commons

Looking to connect in a real way with other women? IF: TABLES are for you!!
With four thoughtful questions, we are cutting through the small talk to connect more deeply creating
God-intended relationships.



On April 16, we will have slight detour, to launch our women's ministry! All women are invited! Bring your fun event ideas. Your input matters!!

### www.trinitylife.org/iftables

Somen's Ministry
LAUNCH PARTY!!

Your presence is vital!!

WHEN: Sunday, April 16 | Noon - 2:00 p.m. WHERE: Trinity Church Commons

WHAT: An afternoon of connection, dreaming, and FUN!!

www.trinitylife.org/launchparty

#### **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

#### **Baptized into our Faith Family**

- 03/12 Palmer Ann Czaplewski, daughter of Mike & Cassandra Czaplewski
- 03/19 Aaron and John Essumang, sons of Louis Essumang & Mary Pinamang

#### Sympathies the family of

- Randy and Linda Jensen on the loss of Linda's father, Dale Hoge
- Pastor Vijay of Shalom Ministries (India) as he went home to the Lord.
- Chuck and Kathy Johnston on the loss of Kathy's father and mother.
- Billy and Candy Williams on the loss of Billy's mother.

#### **Health and Healing**

- Sue Lauritsen
- Shelly Petersen

#### **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.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING**

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. | Connection Room 2

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." ~Jesus Come near to God and he will come near to you. James 4:8

#### TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our tithes and offerings are Connecting People to Christ!

### **GIVING IN FEBRUARY**

Offering Entries = 430

# of: Donors = 203 | New Donors = 5 | Recurring = 85 Source: Electronic Giving = 272 | Cash & Checks = 158

**Total Received = \$99,200.18**General Fund: \$59,749.78

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$37,207.06

All other giving\*: \$2,243.34

\*includes: Lent, Memorials, Little Miracles, IT Fund, Trinity Kids, TK - Mary Kamara (TRS), The Raining Season (Africa),

Shalom Ministries (India), Stephen Center

#### **FEBRUARY ENDING BALANCES**

General Fund: \$ -42,207.29 Building Fund: \$ 27,148.67

Endowment Fund: \$ 343,566.87 Memorial Fund: \$ 75,754.56

#### **GO Fund May 2021- April 2024**

Received as of 03/29/23 - \$786,375.66 66% of our \$1.2 million goal has come in from 2872 donations 2229 from pledges | 643 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