

**TRINITY**  
**C H U R C H**

**August Newsletter**

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Do-overs. Kids talk about them often. Adults do, too. We just use words like remake, remodel, recreate, restore. In golf, it is a Mulligan. When I play golf I make liberal use of the Mulligan, often carrying extra golf balls in my pocket so I can have a do-over with my typical poor shots. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Do-overs are important.

I can easily look back on my life and identify events or circumstances where a do-over would have been a benefit. Parenting, marriage, relationships, sermons, emails, and letters are among the circumstances. Sometimes the way we use our words, or the tone we use them to deliver a sentiment, could benefit from a second chance. Unfortunately, life doesn't always provide the opportunity for do-overs. However, God does!

God gives us a do-over every day, sometimes multiple times a day. No accounting for the past, God's do-overs give us an eye to the future and hope for a tomorrow freed from the burden of the past. God continues to guide, equip, forgive, and lead us into a blessed and God-honoring future.

Where in your life do you need a do-over? It is never too late to start, to engage, to allow God's grace to wash over you and restore your life. A relationship with Jesus means we can confess our sins; we can lay bare our soul and open our heart to the cleansing and renewing grace of Jesus Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read, "In Christ you are a new creation, the old is cast away and the new is come." The truth of this verse is real every day, in every moment. You are forgiven. You are cleansed. You are loved. You are restored. Every. Single. Time. You. Ask. All these truths are gifts from a gracious God. Receive His gifts!

As Christians, it is vital for us to share the gifts we get from God. We get to help others with their do-overs. Life can be hard. We may make mistakes that cause us to fall flat on our face or look up from a deep hole. Reach out to those who need a do-over. Be an instrument of grace for others. Pick them up. Lower a ladder. Speak the words of forgiveness and restoration that are ours in Christ. There is no limit. There is a never-ending supply of God's grace-filled do-overs for us.

Shortly, I'm going to be part of a different type of do-over. Last August, I had surgery to repair a bunion. The surgery failed and I need a do-over. Same drill as the last time, four weeks of non-weight-bearing activities, and using crutches or the kneeling roller bike, followed by four weeks in a surgical boot. Finally, four weeks of limited activity so the bones can be well healed. Honestly, I'm not looking forward to this. It will be a pain (literally). But a successful do-over will mean the pain will eventually fade. The swelling will go away. I will be able to walk, run and bike ride without pain. Do-overs have their blessings in health and in life.

Live the blessings of God's grace and His do-overs for your life.

Your Pastor and Friend,

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

# TRINITY KIDS KICK OFF!



August 6th @ 9 and 10:30 | Full Programming

## Welcome Back!! August 6th is the day!!

We are so excited to welcome back all ages & grades to Trinity Kids (TK) on Sunday, August 6th, as we kick off the new school year!

This year we will be continuing with curriculum from Grow and will be starting the month of August with the theme "In Your Dreams", taking a look at stories from heroes in early Genesis through to Joseph. Along with curriculum, you can expect your kids to partake in worship, activities, small-group time and games.

We can't wait to see your kids and continue to partner with you in teaching them how to live and love like Jesus. If you are new to Trinity or have not experienced Trinity Kids, this is your invitation. Our Sunday morning groupings include: NURSERY through age two. PRESCHOOL ages three to five. SCHOOL-AGE for kids in kindergarten through grade five.

On Sundays, use the secure check-in in the Commons before bringing your child to TK. All of our teachers and volunteers have passed a back-ground check and are ready and excited to welcome your family. This is going to be a great year!!

Please keep an eye out for parent resources being sent to you online and in person, and don't forget to talk with me if you'd like to join our volunteer team or have any questions!



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# Celebrate!

at Trinity Church

FUN & FREE family-friendly event  
for the whole community!

**TOWEL & SUNSCREEN SUGGESTED**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**  
11:00am-3:00pm  
848 Gold Coast Rd  
402-339-3788

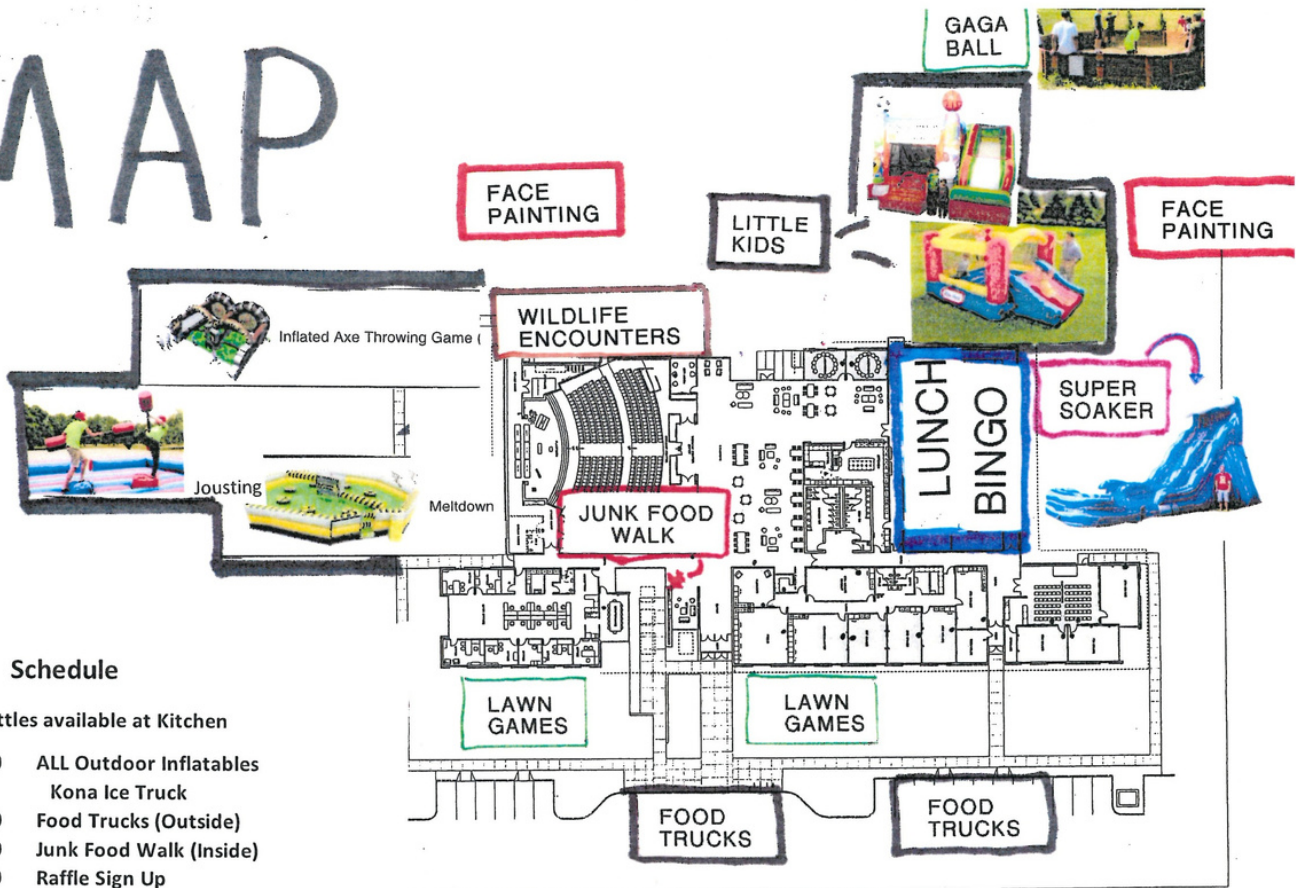


## **FOOD TRUCKS**

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE MEALS & TREATS

**Streetside Foods, Kona Ice Truck,  
The Cheese Life, & Papillion Taco Guy**

# MAP



### Schedule

Water Bottles available at Kitchen

- 11:30-3:00 ALL Outdoor Inflatables  
Kona Ice Truck
- 11:30-1:30 Food Trucks (Outside)
- 11:30-1:30 Junk Food Walk (Inside)
- 11:30-1:30 Raffle Sign Up

*Winner announced at 2:00 during BINGO*

- 12:00-2:00 Face Painting/tatoos  
(2 stations out back)
- 12:30-1:15 Wildlife Encounters (Inside...Chapel)
- 1:30-3:00 BINGO (Inside...Gym)
- 1:30 Kitchen starts serving desserts



Grades 6-12

# TRINITY STUDENTS



We are so excited for Trinity Students to be back this Fall! We are kicking things off with a party on Wednesday, August 30th!

Join us for some food, fellowship, and competition from 6:30-8:00pm!

Our Kick-off event will begin our rhythm of meeting on Wednesday nights!

Can't wait for our super awesome year to begin!!

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Student and Family Minister  
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Adults, are you interested in becoming a leader at Trinity Students? Check out our student's page @ [trinitylife.org/students](http://trinitylife.org/students). Scroll down to Get Involved.

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



TRINITY  
W O M E N

What do Trinity Women do? We grow and invite our friends to experience the love of Jesus with us no matter where they (or we) are on this faith journey.

# ALL OUR FRIENDS ARE INVITED



August 20 | Noon-2:00

## IT'S OUR Q3 PARTY

Each quarter, women will meet up for connection and fun. These parties make a great happening in which to invite friends. Who will you bring to our upcoming BUNKO party?

Follow Trinity Women on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/groups/trinitywomensgroup](https://facebook.com/groups/trinitywomensgroup)

Join  
the fun



Hi Trinity Family,

As you've heard in recent announcements or seen in publications, we are embarking on a season of transition here at Trinity Church. Two things will be happening in the next few years. Matt Pearson will receive his ordination and Pastor Erik has shared that he plans to retire. These two things mean that as a church body there is some preparation to be done.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their applications to be part of our Succession Planning Team. This work will occur over the next several months in preparation for a smooth transition for the Lead Pastor role in a few years. This date has not yet been determined.

In addition to the Succession Planning Team, we have another, more near-term need. The Church needs to form a Call Committee. Made up of six people from the congregation, the responsibility of this team is to consider candidates for the Associate Pastor role. The full duties of the Call Committee are spelled out in our [current constitution](#). As Matt Pearson, Pastor in Training, wraps up his seminary education, and becomes an ordained minister, he will likely be one candidate applying for this role along with applying at other churches as recommended by the Synod for newly ordained pastors.

The Call Committee's goal is to determine the best Associate Pastor candidate to recommend to the congregation. When they have identified this person, Trinity members will attend a Congregational Meeting to vote as to whether or not a call should be extended to the selected candidate. More details about this process will be shared at the appropriate time in the process, but for now, we are looking for volunteers to be part of the Call Committee.

If you are interested in being considered, please [submit your application](#) by scanning or clicking the QR Code below. Those who have applied to be part of the Succession Planning Committee, may also apply to be part of the Call Committee team, too!



Use this CALL TEAM qr code

Thank you for prayerfully considering serving your church family in this way.

Your friends in Jesus,

Church Council

P.S. Please continue to pray for our leadership, candidates, and church family as we joyfully follow after Jesus together.

# 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)

*Save the Date*

## Find Your People

Course begins Sept 10

**SEVEN-WEEKS**

Sundays | 5-6:30 p.m.

Childcare provided

Snacks available



# Traveling Soon

Hard to believe but we are nearing the time for our Mission Team to head to our mission partner, The Raining Season located in Sierra Leone, West Africa. From September 14th- 25th, six people from Trinity Church will be joining with seven team members from around the Midwest. Once at TRS we will serve the staff and children, even reaching out into the community with the love of Jesus.

Please keep this whole team in prayer and particularly our Trinity Church family which includes: Laura Beck, Brittany Friesen, Carrie Nash, Casey Hirschfeld, Nathan Lynn, and Matt Pearson.

Each traveler is allowed two checked bags (up to 50 pounds per bag) for this trip. Our goal is to fill them with supplies to benefit and bless the orphanage. With six travelers, this means we will have 12 bags between us. In addition to prayer, we invite the congregation to help us fill these bags.

Please see the list below for items needed.  
We want to prioritize the medical items.

## Learn more about TRS

### **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**  
**Boxers for Boys, Underwear for Girls**  
**Tooth Paste**  
**Socks**  
**Bathing Towel**  
**Bibles**

6:30  
PM



# TEAM NIGHT AUGUST 17TH



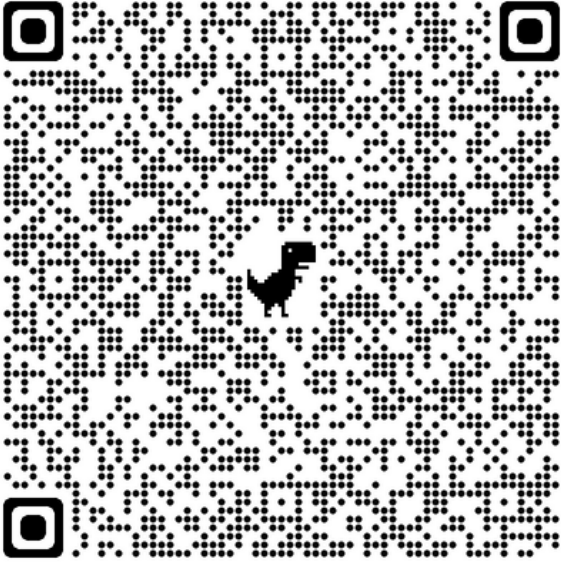
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JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM  
FOR A NIGHT OF  
FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD!



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## **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

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

- 08/11 - Karen Gerdes
- 08/13 - Dee Sommer
- 08/19 - Ruth Schuessler
- 08/20 - Theodore Reibold
- 08/28 - Bill Leversee
- 08/30 - Jo Brong

### **50+ Anniversaries**

- 08/15/54 - Paul & Chere Schroeder
- 08/15/67 - Dan & Karen Rowe
- 08/16/70 - Craig & Donna Scherzberg
- 08/17/63 - Floyd & Karen Van Briesen
- 08/25/62 - Davis & Karen Gerdes
- 08/03/63 - Randy & Linda Hrebik

### **Newly Married**

- 07/01 - Joel and Courtney (Rhoten) Hathaway

### **Sympathies**

- To the family of Alan and Simone Kennedy on the loss of Alan's father, Alan Kennedy, Sr. on July 16.
- To the family of Lyle and Cheryl Hamrick on the loss of Cheryl's father.

**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**

Stay up to date at all that's happening at Trinity Church  
[www.nextsteps.guide](http://www.nextsteps.guide)

# TRINITY CHURCH IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings  
Connect People to Christ!

## GIVING IN JUNE

**Offering Entries = 367**

# of: Donors = 182 | New Donors = 3 | Recurring = 86

Source: Electronic Giving = 242 | Cash & Checks = 125

**Total Gifts Received = \$76,243**

General Fund: \$58,883

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$16,665

All other giving\*: \$695

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

## JUNE ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -90,188

Building Fund: \$ 177,541

Endowment Fund: \$ 359,052

Memorial Fund: \$ 76,436

## GO Fund May 2021- April 2024

Received as of 07/24/23 - \$841,423

70% of our \$1.2 million goal | 61% of pledged donations received

3254 donations | 2530 from pledges | 724 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](https://trinitylife.org/giving)