



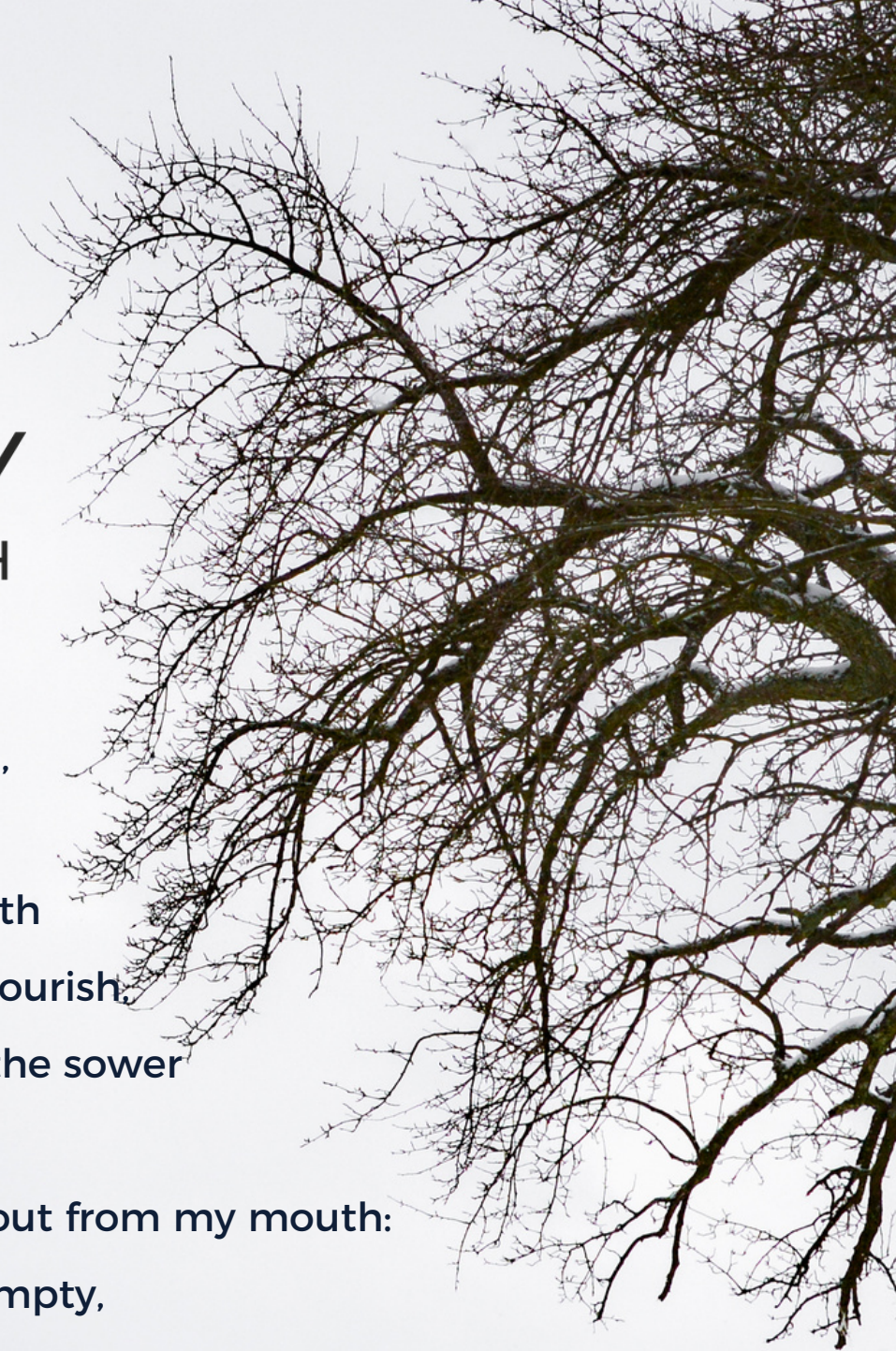
TRINITY C H U R C H

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower
and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

~Isaiah 55:10-11

February 2022

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“ULTIMATELY, MEN DON'T NEED BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION—MEN NEED JESUS. RESEARCH REVEALS WHEN THE FATHER IS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS THAT 92% OF THE TIME THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD WILL BE. WHEN IT'S JUST THE MOTHER, THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD FOLLOWING JESUS DROPS TO 23%. AS THE MEN GO, SO GOES THE FAMILY, THE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD. WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF THOUSANDS OF MEN FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, RACES, AND SEASONS OF LIFE STARTED GATHERING IN CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON A JOURNEY TOWARD AUTHENTIC MANHOOD? WHAT IF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN AROUND THE WORLD WERE EXPERIENCING MANHOOD AS IT WAS DESIGNED TO BE? WE KNOW HOW TO CREATE ENVIRONMENTS WHERE MEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT REAL MANHOOD AND DISCOVER GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN AND PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIFE.”

[~Authentic Manhood Initiative \(https://authenticmanhoodinitiative.com/\)](https://authenticmanhoodinitiative.com/)

Men, wherever you are on the journey of life and faith, we have space and place for you. When you engage in any of the following, you will find connection and support.

EASY INVITE, EASY CONNECT OPPORTUNITIES.

Be encouraged, be challenged, enjoy conversation, and activity.

Basketball Mondays @ 6:30pm.

All adult guys are welcome!

Axe Throwing & Archery Tag at Axe Games

February 6 from 1-4 p.m.

No experience necessary. Cost: \$25/person

GROW YOUR FAITH & DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

Sunday Men's Group at 9:00 a.m.

Through a video scripture study, men are encouraged to live out faith in every area.

From family, to neighborhood, to workplace and throughout your personal life,

in this group you'll be surrounded by other guys sharing the battle with you.

Whether new to the Bible or a long-time bible reader, this group will welcome you.

Men's Discipleship Small Group

Take the next step in your faith. Contact Pastor Dave).

Man Camp July 14-17 in the Snow Range Mountains near Laramie, WY

Your choice of adventure: White Water Rafting, mountain biking, fishing, canoeing, and so many others!

**Men, we have a place for you to grow, learn,
and live the life God has called you to live!**



TRINITY

LITTLE LIGHTS

PRESCHOOL

Trinity Church's preschool offers classes for children from 3-5 years of age. Our dedicated and experienced staff truly cares for children, encouraging curiosity, friendship, and a love for learning in our students. We teach Christ's love through daily prayer, Bible verses and Bible stories. Our active schedule keeps the students engaged through hands on activities, field trips and parent involved events.

COME AND BE PART OF THE TRINITY LITTLE LIGHTS FAMILY!

Registration for Trinity Church members is underway.
Contact Stacy Denne, Little Lights Preschool Director to register your child.

If you are new to Little Lights, please make plans to attend our Open House on Saturday, February 5, 2022. For the safety and health of all families, we are asking open house visitors to sign up for a time to attend the open house.

Select a time here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4AF2AAAF8C25-little1>

Those new to Trinity Little Lights will be able to register at the open house.

**Do you know of anyone looking for a great preschool?
Point them to Little Lights!!**

Tuition Rates for the 2022-2023 school year:

Non-refundable registration fee - \$75

Three-Year-old classes- \$125/month, Sept-May

- Must be 3 on or before July 31, 2022, and potty trained

Four-Year-old classes - \$150/month, Sept-May

- Must be 4 on or before July 31, 2022

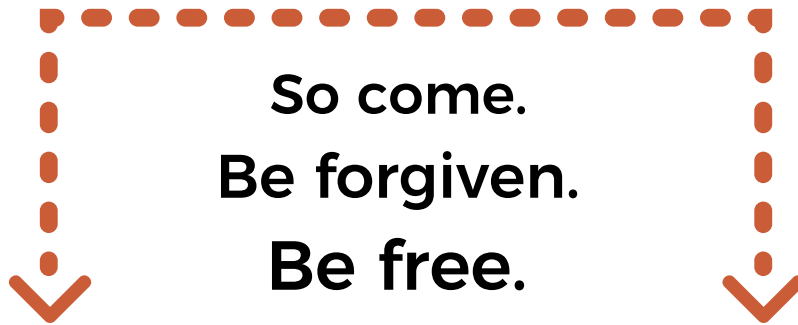
***There will be a 5% discount for families who pay in full**

With any questions, please reach out to
Stacy Denne, Preschool Director
littlelights@trinitylife.org | 402-339-3788 ext 1720

Starting Sunday, March 6

FORGIVING CHALLENGE

This six-week Lenten series takes us on a life-changing journey to experience the gift of God's grace so that each of us can share it with others. The forgiveness that Jesus has already won for you assures you of eternal life with Him. It also offers you an opportunity to live with purpose today.



And watch how God works through you
to change the world.

Order your Forgiving Challenge book (\$20) at

NEXTSTEPS.GUIDE

There's a book for kids, too.

Wednesdays during LENT our 6:00 p.m. service will focus
on how we actually live forgiven.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Sunday, February 13

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone who comes through the doors at
Trinity Church is special.

God says that's true! And we believe it!
Discover how to use your joy and heart to serve
to make our guest's experience amazing!!

Count me in!





THE RAINING SEASON MISSION

We strive to provide a hopeful future and seek justice for vulnerable children, in an effort to raise up a new generation, that will in turn bring hope for generations to come.





Jason & Erica Rust
Founders

We are excited to have The Raining Season (TRS) Co-Founder, Jason Rust, and Executive Director, Lori Pyle in town the weekend of February 13th. Trinity and TRS have been mission partners since around 2010 when they came to share with us the mission of TRS in Sierra Leone West Africa. I'd encourage everyone to take a look at a map and familiarize yourself with Sierra Leone. Nearly every of the last 10 years, we have sent mission teams to TRS to visit with the orphans, and to do ministry projects and outreach into the community. The only things that have stopped us from travel were Ebola several years ago and Covid the last two years.

On February 13th, Jason and Lori will be joining us for worship and to share the heart of TRS. They will explain what's been happening in country, at the orphan center, and also at the ROOTS house (transitional housing for kids aging out of the orphan center). TRS has been the central orphan care support for special needs kids in Sierra Leone. To learn more about our partnership and how you can be involved in what God is doing at TRS, be in worship on February 13th and stay for a luncheon with Q&A at 11:30 a.m.



Lori Pyle
Executive Director

About
THE RAINING
SEASON

About
TRS
SPONSORSHIP

Sharing is Worship
Sunday, Feb 13





TRINITY KIDS

THE HEART OF TRINITY KIDS IS TO EQUIP PARENTS TO WALK ALONGSIDE THEIR KIDS AS THEY LEARN AND EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS.



Trinity Kids' Jingle Jars for Jesus gathered and delivered 116 jars of peanut butter to Heartland Hope Mission in South Omaha which meets the needs of the working poor. Thanks for your help in sharing Jesus' love with families in need!



January at Trinity Kids kicked off with action packed games and lessons on self-control using 2nd Peter 1:3a as our foundational memory verse.

"God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life."

➔ 2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

Compassion is at the heart of February's lesson theme, On the Block, with stories of Jesus showing love and compassion to others as an example of how we can respond to the world around us. Our Trinity Kids volunteers are tremendously kind, caring and compassionate people who are living out Jesus' call to love each week with your kids and grandkids!



Speaking of compassion, March is Undie Sunday month at Trinity Kids. We collect new socks and underwear for children served by Heartland Family Service's domestic abuse shelter.

Often kids are removed from their homes with only the clothes they are wearing. The focus of Undie Sunday is to supply these necessities for kids amid very difficult life circumstances. So, get your undies in a bunch and bring them to Trinity Kids starting March 6th!



GRADES 6-12

TRINITY STUDENTS

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



A Trinity Students
Service Project

Blood Drive

Feb 26

www.nextsteps.guide

to register



I want to share something super cool from Trinity Students last month. Our January series was "Distinct". Students worked through their spiritual gifting devo book and explored how God has gifted them differently than their peers. They also discovered what it looks like to use their distinct gifts to serve others. So that they could practice implementing what they learned, we gave them a challenge to look for ways they can serve others in their personal lives and circles of influence. For example, a student in show choir may watch for opportunities to serve in unique ways, maybe by being the one who stays to help set up the risers, or to help assemble music. The goal of this pilot program is to help students explore how they can truly use their gifts to make an impact on the world around them. Ask your student about where they will put their gifting into practice. I'm so excited and will share the results with you in a couple months!

Chase Florom, Youth and Family Minister

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

8 Sundays beginning 02/20 - 6 to 8 p.m.

What was most valuable at EHS?

- "This course taught me to reach out to God instead of talking to Him. Things don't always happen in our time."
- "The conversations with other course participants was valuable. It's always interesting to hear how others think and process topics."
- "The focus on Sabbath and quiet time were valuable . . . it's a gift from God to slow down and enjoy his blessings."
- "All of it! The questions and devotions from the daily office led to great reflection. The workbook asked great questions for deep group discussion."

As a result of this course, I'm realizing . . .

- "Just how much God loves me - each and every day."
- "I did not have a strong relationship with God. Now we have great talks and prayers."
- "Being with God and learning how to be more self-aware can bring you closer to God and others."
- "I enjoy sitting with God and having that time - no pressure, no guilt."
- "Topics in this course can be applied at any moment in life."

**Register ASAP so materials
will be ready for you.**

To register, visit www.nextsteps.guide and click upcoming events.

Greetings People of Trinity Church,



As winter settles in around us, life turns to more indoor activity as we seek to stay comfy and warm. It is a time God blesses us with a different kind of growth - more inner than outward. Winter is a time of both rest for the soil and preparation to plant the seeds that will eventually grow and blossom in spring.

In terms of Matt's internship, his work is on his project which focuses on helping people do the inner work of discovering their gifts and calling in service to God. It is a good project to help plant seeds and develop the talent and leadership that will grow the community at Trinity. Matt and I are also exploring the ministry of life transitions in terms of what it means to walk with people through preparing for marriage as well as the loss of a loved one. This, too, is seed planting for future pastoral ministry.

New this month, Matt and I are beginning to read a book together that offers a different lens on ministry in the church. We will discuss what we read and both of us will learn and grow from our conversation together. Perhaps this month is as good time to encourage you, too, to pick up a new book and read something that will challenge and encourage you to live your gifts and faith more intentionally. Perhaps you can even find a partner to discuss your discoveries. It is as good way to share your faith with someone and find out what God is doing in their life.

Growing in our faith and calling is something that God is always encouraging us to do. Thankfully, God walks with us in every season, providing the opportunity and inspiration we need to grow in faith and life. Thank you for your continued support of Matt during his internship year. God is blessing us all as we continue to grow and wait in anticipation for the beauty of spring that God promises will come.

Pastor Ellen Stelzle
Pastoral Intern Mentor



MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE WORKPLACE

JOIN THOUSANDS OF WORKING CHRISTIANS FROM
EVERY VOCATION FOR A LIVESTREAM EVENT ABOUT
CONNECTING FAITH AND WORK.

FEBRUARY 17, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS



CAREY NIEUWHOF

Bestselling author, and
founding pastor of
Connexus Church



JON ACUFF

New York Times bestselling
author of *Finish, Do Over,*
and *Start*



NONA JONES

Pastor, business executive,
author and entrepreneur

In the context of work, we can worship God in a variety of ways: through obeying God's command to steward his creation; through our attitude, ethic, and excellence in our job; through leveraging resources to generously serve those in need; through sharing our faith with coworkers.

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AN EVENT FOR WOMEN

AT IF:2022, WE ARE GOING TO

COME TOGETHER

AROUND THE GLOBE, BECAUSE

FAITH GROWS

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER.

Save the Date

March 4 & 5

Details and registration @ www.nextsteps.guide

*Little
Miracles*



A Trinity Church ministry serving moms in need during the first year of their baby's life. Moms MAY request up to five staple items and make a special request for larger items. To live out our mission, we also include a Bible (if desired), a devotional book, a gift bag with items to spoil mom, and words of encouragement for this season of life.

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 19 FROM 1-6 P.M.

FUNDRAISER & CRAFT FAIR

All admission donations (suggested \$2) and concession sales directly support Little Miracles. Shopping the craft fair supports small business & home-based entrepreneurs.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 02/02 - Connie Leversee
- 02/02 - Ruby Hinrichs
- 02/03 - Jack Lofgren
- 02/12 - Glenn Koca
- 02/13 - Karen Snead
- 02/14 - Marjorie Rohrberg
- 02/19 - Shelly Petersen
- 02/25 - Janice Lind
- 02/17 - Jane Haffke
- 02/27 - Bill Saarela

Happy Anniversary 50+ Years

- 02/01/64 - Dean & Judy Abels
- 02/09/69 - Patrick & Carol Seek
- 02/12/66 - Jack & Lois Andres
- 02/14/50 - Jack & Farol Lofgren
- 02/21/70 - Bill & Nancy Aken

Baptized into Our Faith Family

- 01/02 - Vivienne Shafer, daughter of Dwight & Natalie Shafer. Sponsors are Andrew & Sarah Moores and Michael Shafer

Health and Healing

- Betty Tollander

Sympathies

- Steve and Tera Arquitte family on the loss of Steve's mom.
- Garry & Judy McNew family on the loss of Judy's mother, Dee Wagner
- Angie Armstrong family on the loss of her husband, Drew
- Bob Bowne on the loss of his mother, Mary
- Tracy Allgood family on the loss of her father, Leonard
- Linda Weiss family on the loss of her brother, Dave

TRINITY'S VISION

**A place to belong and become
who God is calling us to be**

TRINITY'S MISSION

Connecting People to Christ

TRINITY'S STRATEGY

**Love God | Grow Community
Serve Others**

TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings
Connect People to Christ!

GIVING IN DECEMBER

Offering Entries = 598

of: Donors = 281 | New Donors = 28 | Recurring = 87

Source: Electronic Giving = 305 | Cash & Checks = 293

Total Received = \$233,514.16

General Fund: \$157,203.15

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$54,808.41

All other giving*: \$21,502.60

*includes Christmas, memorials, IT, Missions, The Raining Season, Little Miracles, Food Pantry, Stephen Center, Trinity Kids TRS sponsored child

DECEMBER ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ 17,520

Building Fund: \$ 212,369

Endowment: \$ 411,424

GO Fund May 2021- April 2024

Received as of 01/27 - \$436,354.75

36% of our \$1.2 million goal

has come in from 1235 donations

973 from pledges/ 262 from non-pledged

General Fund 2022

Received as of 01/27 - \$51,842.75

6% of our \$878,584 goal

has come in from 328 donations

143 from pledges / 185 from non-pledged

We have good work
to do as we follow
God's lead into 2022.



SCAN ME
←
to support the
General Fund in 2022

Join God in what He's doing in and through Trinity Church
www.nextsteps.guide and click **GIVE**