



TRINITY  
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2024

**January Newsletter**

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# Note from Our Lead Pastor



It is called a teeter totter by some. Others call it a seesaw. As a kid, if you watched for splinters, it could be a lot of fun.

The New Year, just a few days away feels like we are on a seesaw. The old year is going down and the new year is rising. Since we face each other on a seesaw, let's look at a few things from 2023 and a few things for the next.

The most exciting and impactful gift of 2023 at Trinity was completing our staff. Amanda Lynn (Children's Minister), Chris Randall (Student Minister), and Morgahn Randall (Connections Minister) bring a deep heart for Jesus, new perspectives, unique creativity, and a drive to see Trinity thrive in serving God and people. Their hearts are clearly united with all our Trinity staff in Connecting People to Christ. We are already experiencing new ministry and enjoying the benefits of their leadership. They have combined their talents with the gifts and abilities of our entire staff to continue the blessing of strong ministry at Trinity. It is a privilege to experience growth in our worship and ministries. It is truly a joy and blessing to be part of the staff at Trinity.

As 2023 is going down on the seesaw, I am grateful for what we have accomplished and the foundation we have in place for a growing and meaningful 2024. I have great excitement for what is rising in the next year through the leadership of your Church staff.

With this exciting new year rising, Trinity's Call Team is recommending that Matt Pearson be called as Associate Pastor. We will hold a congregational meeting on January 7th following the 10:30 service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Call Committee's recommendation. We have known Matt for 18 years and experienced the blessing of his ministry in every area of church life. I am glad we have the opportunity to call Matt as our Associate Pastor, and I look forward to the possibility of serving with him in 2024.

Another exciting rising event is Vision Sunday. On January 28th, during each worship service, ministry leaders will share what is coming in 2024, we will enjoy breakfast together, and we will learn more about our annual theme. Mark the date on your calendar and bring your rising excitement to worship.

Most importantly as I look forward to 2024 rising, I see God working at Trinity through community building, faith deepening, worship uplifting, and people being transformed through Jesus Christ. It is going to be an incredible year as we partner in the Gospel and mission of Connecting People to Christ.

Your Pastor and Friend,

*Pastor Cliff*



## **BECAUSE OF JESUS: DIFFERENT**

What does it mean to be DIFFERENT in this world? As followers of Jesus, we know that we are called to live differently so that people can see Him in us. How do we do this? Throughout 2024, Trinity Church will focus our attention on this calling for God's glory and our good.

January 7 - Different FOUNDATION

January 14 - Different IDENTITY

January 21 - Different HEART

January 28 - Different VISION SUNDAY

February 4 - Different LIFESTYLE

**See you in worship!**

## **Vision Sunday & Annual Meeting Sunday, January 28**

**Come to celebrate where Trinity Church is going in 2024. There is excitement in every area of ministry as we believe God is calling us to live differently.**

**On this morning, we will enjoy breakfast together, vote for leadership, and learn more about our 2024 theme during each worship service. We will conclude the morning with our Annual Meeting and results of the vote. More details will be made later this month.**

# Little Miracles Makes a Difference with Your Help

Recently I received a card from a momma that Little Miracles (LM) has served. While pregnant, this mom was diagnosed with a serious cancer. This is hard news for a young family receive during such a joyful season. Their positive attitude has been an encouragement to our ministry. Baby was born last spring, and mom is getting treatment. Trinity Church is doing God's will through Little Miracles as we walk alongside families in whatever they are facing. LM couldn't function without the support of our leadership and congregation, so for that I say thank you to all of you!

Rachel Staab, Little Miracles Ministry Lead



## THE IMPACT

- 88 individuals from 18 families
- Approximately \$8K in presents for these families
- Nearly 400 total tags that also included some items for our regular Little Miracles inventory
- In addition, we received \$1,984 in cash and checks that covered ALL of the costs of extra gifts and to set some aside for regular inventory.



**Thank you Trinity Church for your support of this ministry to families during their child's first year of life.**

**Visit [trinitylife.org/missions](http://trinitylife.org/missions) to learn more about Little Miracles.**



## FIRST TIME GUEST EXPERIENCE

Welcome to the enhanced "First-Time Guests" area found in the entry to the Commons! This area is exclusively designed for individuals visiting Trinity Church for the first time. Here, guests will have the opportunity to feel welcomed and receive explanations about our various ministry areas. Additionally, we are happy to offer tours upon request. Each guest will receive a welcome card from Trinity Church, which includes a voucher for a complimentary coffee at the Trinity Cafe!

When you notice a First-time guest or you bring a friend to worship, please point them in this direction so they can feel welcomed, cared for, and invited into what God is doing here at Trinity church.



## NEXT STEPS EXPERIENCE

The new and improved Next Steps area is ready for you. This designated location is for all congregants to come with questions about ministries, the next step to grow faith, events and registrations, how to use the Church Center app, etc.

Generally hosted by council and staff, and in the same location that it has been, our purpose is clear - to offer support for those who come to worship on a Sunday morning. We look forward to serving you.

**Whether first time guest or one who is fully engaged in the life of Trinity Church, you can look forward to being welcomed and encouraged every Sunday!**

Morgahn Randall, Connections Minister  
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We are so excited to step into a new year at Trinity Kids! This past year, we have seen so many wonderful things in our ministry.

Since August, we have gained over 14 new volunteers, have had 15 new families join us, have raised over \$600 towards Mary Kamara in Sierra Leone & our local initiatives, gave more than 25 kids a bible, and have a handful of kids serving in their own classrooms each week. Wouldn't you agree that God has done some great things!

None of this could happen without your ongoing support, and especially not without our incredible leaders. They set aside time to pour into our families each and every week! I believe we have so much to offer all the families of our community. There is nothing like the kind of intergenerational, faith-based care & mentorship that a church can offer to not just a family's children, but to each and every member itself!

Starting in 2024, Trinity Kids will be launching a campaign called "We Are Your Village"! During this campaign, we will

- be resourcing families with invitation postcards to share with neighbors
- be growing TK's partnership with our Legacy members
- increasing support to our local schools: Trumble Park, Walnut Creek & Carriage Hill.

Please look out for more information on this campaign in early 2024!

Thank you for a great year!!



**Amanda Lynn**

Children's and Family Minister  
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**All kids are invited to TK!**

**Nursery: 3 mo to 3 years**  
**PreK: potty-trained 3s to age 5**  
**Elementary: age 5 - 5th grade**

**Sundays**  
**9:00 | 10:30 a.m**

Happy New Year Trinity Students!

We concluded the past year with a remarkable finish, and now it's time to bring that energy into the coming year. If you haven't joined us at Trinity Students yet, this is the perfect opportunity to come and explore what we have to offer! We look forward to welcoming you on a Wednesday night.

Trinity Students will kick off again on Wednesday, January 10th! Additionally, we have an exciting series of monthly events launching on Wednesday, January 31st!



**Chris Randall**

Students and Family Minister  
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# Women's Event

## IF:GATHERING

FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2024

[TRINITYLIFE.ORG/IF](https://trinitylife.org/if)



Early Bird Registration

Save \$5

Before January 15

### Favorites about IF:2023

— ...the feel of Jesus moving mountains around the world & the comfort of being in worship with all the women is so powerful...

— ...I loved getting to hear from Seasoned marriage experts about how when they argue they get on their knees in their hearts, and sometimes actually physically getting on their knees if needed!  
It was such a great conference!

— ...My biggest takeaway was the first night, the Holy Spirit felt thick in the room. I feel like God broke down a wall during that worship time that had been there for awhile! Such a powerful weekend...

Imagine if women from all over our community gathered in one place for two days to praise God, hear from His word and to connect with one another!

What could this do for our hearts, our relationships, our families, and our community? Who will you invite?

*Come and see!!*



# TRINITY M E N

[trinitylife.org/events](http://trinitylife.org/events)

## Get ready for ManCamp!!

June 12-16

Table in the Wilderness, Centennial, WY

Men love adventure!  
All men are welcome!

The mountains of Wyoming and this camp encourage men to

- get away from distractions
- encounter God in His creation
- lay down expectations
- set aside limitations
- be real and bond with other guys

LEARN MORE



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New Study: A Contrarians Guide to Knowing God

Sundays at 9 a.m. beginning Jan 7 in Trinity Students Wing

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## Axe Throwing

Sunday, January 21st

1-4 p.m.

Axe Games Omaha

11106 Q St.

Cost: \$25

- axe throwing
- friendly tournament
- archery tag
- connect with other guys

Friends and neighbors are welcome!

Share the invite.

Meet at Axe Games at 12:45 p.m. or grab some lunch as a group at Rasing Canes (108th & Q). at 12:15 p.m.

RSVP REQUIRED

Sign Up



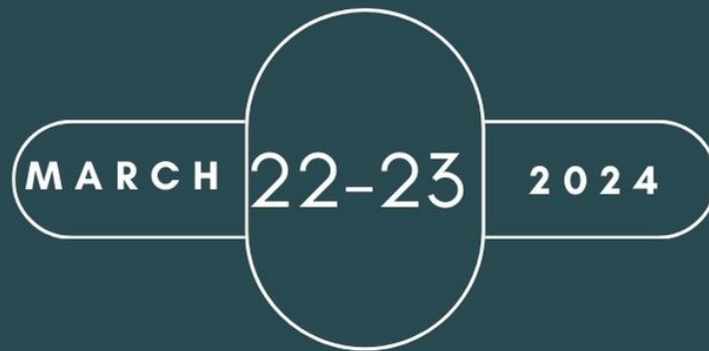


SAVE THE DATE

# *Marriage Conference*

TRINITY CHURCH

YOU'RE INVITED TO TRINITY  
CHURCH'S 2024 MARRIAGE  
CONFERENCE DETAILS TO COME.



848 GOLD COAST ROAD  
PAPILLION, NE 68046

# TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings  
Connect People to Christ!

## IN NOVEMBER

### Donation Offering Entries

From Planning Center	247
From Cash & Checks	167
# of Donors	214
# of New Donors	3
# of Recurring Donors	85
Offering:	\$135,918.78

### NOVEMBER ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -133,312

Building Fund: \$ 116,283

Endowment: \$ 363,549

Memorial: \$ 69,912

### GO Vision Initiative (Mortgage)

Received through print date \$978,756  
of our \$1,200,000 goal.

From our Contributions Manager, Carolyn Bestmann.

Please be sure to review your bi-monthly giving statements for accuracy and adjust your Electronic Funds Transfers to match the General Fund amount indicated on your Intention Card for 2024. Thank you. Direct questions to [cbestmann@trinitylife.org](mailto:cbestmann@trinitylife.org).

## AMONG OUR PEOPLE

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

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

### New Birth

- 11/02 - Navy Jay and Ayla Gray, twins born to Dillon Pickett and Rylee Grass

### Health and Healing

- Barb Grell, Rich Webb

### Sympathies

- to the family of Alice Bailey who went home to the Lord December 11.
- to the family of Elvera Hietbrink who went home to the Lord November 27.

**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**