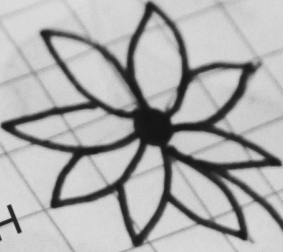




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From the Pastor's Desk...

In this season of Easter when the victory of Christ and new life for us is celebrated, I would like to celebrate five very important experiences for Trinity.

First, I want to celebrate the faithful service of Sheila Kendall leading Trinity Kids for 15 years. She has walked with us through several iterations of growth and transition for our kids at Trinity. Sheila led a high-quality Vacation Bible School each year. She has made a difference for many, many children and families in our Church and community. Now it is her time for a new chapter in her life.

Second, I want to celebrate the gifts of Nathan Carlton who led us through incredible change in our worship life. He came to Trinity Church the Sunday before the COVID shutdown. He walked us through the beginnings of online worship and transitions in worship to allow social distancing for in person worship. Moving into our new building, Nathan led the transition of a new worship space, technology, and mission focused worship. He has created worship lighting, video and sound that enhances worship. Now, it is his time for a new chapter in his life.

Sheila and Nathan are a personal blessing in my life, and their impact on Trinity will be felt well into the future. Now, it is also time for new chapter in Trinity's life. I believe God has perfect timing and leads us into the future with great intention. I am excited to see where God is leading us, confident that we are part of God's plan for Connecting People to Christ.

Third, I want to celebrate all mothers. I am grateful for the love, caring, and nurturing that our mothers bring into our lives. I watch our young mothers with their children here on Sunday mornings, at MOPS and other congregational events and I am amazed at the incredible skills, abilities and depth of love poured out. There are also many whose mothers have gone to be with the Lord. They too are remembered, especially in the ways they gave guidance into maturity. Godly mothers are an incredible gift for which I am deeply grateful in my own life and for others.

Fourth, I want to celebrate the numerous graduations around us. Graduation is a rite of passage, a new step in maturity, and a personal accomplishment that blesses the individual and the society. Congratulations all graduates! God has blessed you to be a blessing so I look forward to seeing how God unfolds His grace through your life.

Finally, know this: your leadership is prayerfully listening and looking for God's guidance. Join us as we pray for the right leader for our worship life. Pray for a manager for Trinity Café.' Pray with us as we pursue the most effective ways of Connecting People to Christ. Pray with us in celebration for all God is doing through Trinity.

Your Pastor and Friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page, below the typed name "Your Pastor and Friend,".

Happy Easter! Happy Spring! Happy end of the school year!

Just as we have new seasons to the year, we also have new seasons in life. Both bring changes. At Trinity Church there has been a good deal of preparing for and dealing with change over the last several years. As you likely know, we have some staff changes coming.

I wanted to share a big thank you to both Sheila and Nathan for their work and service at Trinity. Both have been pleasures to have on staff and both have been a privilege to know.

Sheila has overseen many years of Trinity Kids and many changes in how Kids ministry functioned. This has not been a small or easy task. She has also helped parents build faith in the home as she led confirmation. Her heart to connect kids and families to Christ is evident and we are grateful for all that she had accomplished these last 15 years.

Nathan has been with us for over two years and has overseen a lot of transition in his time as worship leader. He has done a fantastic job of helping us walk through the COVID shut down after only being on the job for 2-3 weeks. He helped transition so much of our technology and has done a great job of building up the worship team and providing deep and thoughtful discipleship along the way.

Both Sheila and Nathan will be missed. Information about their celebration events is included below.

I also want to note that our Campus Life Missionary, Jordan Kinstler, who has been a big part of student ministry over the last year, is leaving his role in mid-May. Jordan is the definition of an entrepreneur and has quite the adventure planned for a “mining” cryptocurrency out in North Platte at a giant building he recently purchased. If you have no idea what mining cryptocurrency means, you are in the same boat as me! Feel free to ask Jordan when you see him about his “mining” adventures!

Matt Pearson
Pastoral Intern

Celebrating Sheila

Sheila Kendall's leadership in Trinity Kids and our Confirmation program will be greatly missed. She has connected countless kids and families to Christ.

Sheila will be celebrated on Sunday, May 15 after the 10:30 service. If you are unable to be there, please send her a note of thanks and gratitude for how she impacted your life in the last 15 years.

Celebrating Nathan

Nathan Carlton's knowledge and abilities have helped us through many transitions. We have been blessed to experience his incredible talents and creativity as our Worship Minister.

Nathan will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5 after the 10:30 service. Please bring a note of encouragement to wish the Carltons well in their new endeavors.

At the spring internship retreat, sponsored by Luther Seminary, Matt and I were asked to think about the role curiosity plays in our ministries. Are we ever curious about how things came to be at our churches? Are we curious about what new ways God is revealing grace and goodness in the world? We were instructed that though curiosity might not have been good for the cat, it is a great attitude to have in ministry.

Curiosity is not only a great learning tool, but an important way to create connection and develop relationships with others. Asking questions and actively listening to the answers goes a long way to help us connect in meaningful ways with others. Why does she always leave the office at 3, even if we're not done meeting? Why is she so tired all the time? Why does he have tears in his eyes these days? Is it allergy season already? When we start from a place of curiosity instead of judgement, God can use it to open our minds and hearts towards deeper understanding of others. Deeper understanding creates more kindness, empathy and compassion. These qualities bring us closer to each other and to God.

Curiosity also helps bring new ideas and practices to ministry. The confirmation program at Trinity is a great example of how curiosity helped create something new and better. It started with someone asking the question, "Is there a better way to do faith formation with our youth?" This led to exploration and creating a new way of developing faith based in the home. Matt and I have been curious about how different prayers practices might be helpful for different people in different situations. You have seen the fruit of this curiosity in the visual prayers Matt led in worship in April.

Internship is a great time to be curious because it is a time of learning and growth. It is a time to explore new things and discover new ways of seeing and doing things. Asking questions and being curious about God is good and faithful work to do at any stage in life. We can always grow in our discipleship to Christ. What are you curious about that could lead you to a closer relationship with God or with others at Trinity? What ministry are you curious about that you could find out more about? What might be the benefits of following up on what your curiosity? Are you willing to give it a try?

May the gift of curiosity lead us all to grow in our capacity to appreciate and share God's love and grace, with others.

In Christ,

Pastor Ellen, Matt Pearson's Intern Sponsor

Do you have an hour a week to reflect on a Bible passage and share life with five or six other people? Then a **DISCIPLESHIP GROUP** may be for you. The format is simple. Participants read and reflect on a short passage of scripture for about thirty minutes and spend the rest of the hour discussing a life application question and praying for each other.

We currently have two groups that meet at Trinity Church, one over lunch on Tuesdays and the other on Friday from 6-7 a.m. It's a beautiful thing that groups can meet anywhere and any time, in homes, at a coffee shop, or in a park. Early birds could meet for breakfast. Night owls could meet to close out the day. The possibilities are limited only by your schedule and creativity.

Contact Pastor Dave (prdave@trinitylife.org) to start or join a group.

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



TRINITY
KIDS

End of year news!!

The 2021-2022 school year has been great at Trinity Kids. From joyful worship, to fun family activities and everything in between, kids connected to Christ. Thank you parents for allowing TK to be part of your child's faith development journey. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for your faithfulness and love for Jesus. You bring joy each week; the kids love that about you!! Lastly, thank you to the children. Without you, this ministry would not exist. Your smiles, your encouragement, even your feistiness, brings excitement from week to week. We know that God is doing good work in you!

Our last Sunday for Trinity Kids is May 22. Don't forget to register for VBS!

Trinity Kids Nursery continues throughout the year.

Volunteer support is needed!!

Please call the Church to share your interest (402-339-3788).

Dads, moms, aunts,
uncles, and adult
friends, Trinity Kids (TK)
asks for your support at
VBS 2022.

Please use the "Register
for VBS" link below to
let the TK ministry
team know where you
will serve. Your
assistance is greatly
appreciated.



Register for VBS today
www.nextsteps.guide



6th - 12th grades

TRINITY STUDENTS

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- May 04 - We're having guests!! Students from Abide will be joining us. Sloppy joes, chips and amazing games!
- May 11 - Celebrating seniors and incoming 6th graders.
- May 18 - End of the year party! Game show games. Snacks and food. Prizes!! Loads of fun!!

Middle School

ADVENTURE TRIP

July 24-28

High School

MISSION TRIP

July 24-31

All the details at www.nextsteps.guide

Summer Bible Study starts June 15

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 05/11- Eugene "Doc" Watson
- 05/18 - Bruce Fairchild
- 05/20 - Evelyn Kendall
- 05/23 - Jean Armitage
- 05/27 - Hubert Mitchell
- 05/31 - Sofiann Voorhes

50+ Anniversaries

- 05/12/56 - John & Nancy Miller
- 05/15/65 - Bill & Ann Saarela
- 05/23/59 - Bill & Connie Leversee
- 05/28/72 - Doug & Paulette Pikop
- 05/31/53 - Cal & Mary Jane Nelson

Newly Married

- 04/09 - Joseph & Kyla (Sullivan) Gentry

New Babies

- 04/04 - Cooper Harm born to Jack & Casey (Lenz) Harm
- 04/20 - Ruby Jai Tschudin born to Paul and Courtney (O'Neal) Tschudin

Baptized into our Faith Family

- Madeline Rae Sigmon, daughter of John and Lauren (Ketcham) Sigmon. Madeline's sponsors are Ryan and Katie Adler.

Health and Healing

- Sue Lauritsen, Carol Richey, Jacke Wood, Elaine Schreiber

Sympathies

- The family of Doris Haase who died on 03/21
- The family of Marjorie Rohrberg who died on 03/25 including her sister, Evelyn Kendall, and daughter, Durnae Schuetz and their families.

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

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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

TRINITY IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings
Connect People to Christ!

GIVING IN MARCH

Offering Entries = 478

of: Donors = 221 | New Donors = 6 | Recurring = 89

Source: Electronic Giving = 285 | Cash & Checks = 193

Total Gifts Received = \$75,054.55

General Fund: \$56,523.53

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$13,849.43

All other giving*: \$4,681.59

*includes Lent, apio Creek, Trinity Students, Memorials, Trinity Kids, TK - Mary Kamara, Little Miracles, Food Pantry, and Stephen Center

MARCH ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ 4,722

Building Fund: \$ 156,960

Endowment: \$ 931,830

GO Fund May 2021- April 2024

Received as of 04/28- \$500,254.96

42% of our \$1.2 million goal

has come in from 1639 donations

1245 from pledges/ 394 from non-pledged

General Fund 2022

Received as of 04/28 - \$269,308.74

31% of our \$878,584 goal

has come in from 1573 donations

635 from pledges / 938 from non-pledged

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



SCAN ME
to pledge to the
General Fund in 2022

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