



TRINITY
CHURCH

Hello

May!

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From the Pastor's Desk...

This article is not about finances. It is about capitalizing on the life God is giving you. It might best be understood using the concept of finances, so hang in there and read on!

If afflicted with the propensity to watch financial news, your head might be swimming. Highly respected financial gurus find themselves at opposite ends of the spectrum and everywhere in between. Wisdom is properly shared about starting to save as early in life as possible. Then diversity in opinion enters through the discussion of where to save, what your portfolio mix should be, the proper use of debt, choices around housing, and best places to live. There is an expert who agrees with what you think if you look hard enough. Likewise, there are experts who will tell you everything you are doing is wrong.

Every one of the financial wizards holds one concept in common: plan with intentionality. There is no such thing as one-size-fits-all financial planning so it can be confusing. As Jesus followers, we are blessed with an effective God-given plan to prioritize our life and finances. Here it is: God first. Self second. Everyone and everything else third. This is my idea; this is straight from Jesus in Matthew 22: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Remember, we must know how to love self before we understand how to love our neighbor.)

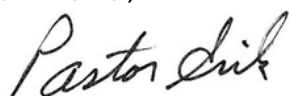
Here is the point: God gives us the opportunity to capitalize on what He has first provided financially, spiritually, faithfully, Capitalize on the resources and opportunities God has given you for maximum benefit.

The month of May opens the spiritual faith door for each one of us to capitalize on the blessings God offers. We are in a season where we can invest wisely. Think on these things:

1. **Vacation Bible School:** The first week in June, children grow in their faith with others. It will be a Stellar year (read the rest of the newsletter to see what I did there). Are your children, grandchildren, neighbor children, all registered?
2. **Sports Camp:** A week for kids to learn a sport and delve into the Good News of Jesus.
3. **Serving at VBS, Sport Camp or Trinity Kids:** Taste what it's like to serve kids choosing just two dates this summer. A little secret about serving with kids, you will get more out of it than they will!
4. **Man Camp:** Guys traveling to the wilderness to grow together with Jesus and one another. What is not to like there?
5. **Community Building:** Stay between worship services and capitalize on growing in faith with the body of Christ. Have fun dodging active children, and indulge in a donut.
6. **Worship:** God is our audience. Lift up your hearts to him!
7. **Finances:** All right, a little about finances... Our mission presses on through the summer. Capitalize on supporting the work we share Connecting People to Christ by exploring Financial Peace University online at ramseysolutions.com.

Roman poet Horace's Odes coined the phrase "carpe diem" over 2,000 years ago. This is the time to "seize the day", "capitalize for maximum benefit", and allow this season to deepen your love for God, yourself, and one another.

Your Pastor and Friend,





TRINITY KIDS

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

All Trinity Kids volunteers have passed a background check

Guess what time it is?! Time to plan for a GREAT summer!

There's nothing like sharing the love of Jesus with kids and you won't want to miss these fun opportunities to serve. Our summer needs include: 40+ volunteers for VBS-Stellar, 30+ volunteers for Papillion Sports Camp, and a whole bunch of volunteers for our summer edition of Trinity Kids (only during the 9am service from June 18th-August 6th).

Come experience what it's like to encourage kids in learning about Jesus!

Help with our planning; get signed up today!

trinitylife.org/VBS

trinitylife.org/sportscamp

trinitylife.org/summer-serve

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5 - June 9
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.



Ages 3* through Grade 5**

must be potty-trained

grade just completed

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**](http://www.trinitylife.org/sportscamp)

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



TRINITY STUDENTS

GRADES 6-12
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

SUMMER TRIPS - SAVE THE DATES

July 20-24 - High School

Current 8th - 12th graders

July 25-28 - Middle School

Current 6th - 8th graders

More details and registration coming soon

Welcome Chris Randall

We are excited to announce that on May 1, Chris Randall joins our Trinity Church family and our Staff Team in the role of Student and Family Minister.

Chris' primary responsibility will be for students in grades 6-12 and their families to have opportunity to connect to Christ. In addition to this, he will also take an active role within our discipleship ministry team to develop and implement intentional pathways for all ages to encounter and engage with Jesus.

To this role, Chris brings his student ministry experience, passion for God's word, and strong desire for people to be impacted through discipleship. He loves building relationships and creating a sense of belonging for students, leaders, and families.



When you see Chris, be sure to say hello.
Keep an eye out for a meet and greet
opportunity for students and parent
coming soon.

Take a Mission Trip to The Raining Season September 14-23

I have been on 8 trips and led several teams to Sierra Leone since 2011. It's exciting to finally get to go again, and I can tell you the kids at this Orphan Care Center are excited to welcome travelers. This is my invitation for you to travel with me.

I am Interested

What will we do on this trip? A lot! Our team will serve the kids, the staff, and the local community based on their needs and our unique gifts as a team. We will stay in a hotel called **THE HUB**. Great sleep awaits due to the hotel and the busy days playing with kids, holding babies, helping staff, and so much more. In the past, we have also visited local schools, war widows, and children's hospital. One day we take all the kids and staff to Beach #2 to play soccer, dig in the sand, swim, laugh, and have fun. Kids at the center don't get out a lot so this is a big deal simply letting kids be kids. If you're wondering how do we get there, our flight typically takes us through Western Europe and then south to Africa.

Details are still in the works.

Let me know if you have questions; I'm always open to talk about TRS.

<https://www.therainingseason.org/post/2023-travel-dates>

Email The Raining Season when you know you want to go: travel@therainingseason.org

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR

- White Water Rafting
- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- Hiking
- Hot Springs
- Connecting with God
- Low-key Relaxing
- High Adventure



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**Don't miss out!!
Register Today!**

Makes a great
Father's Day gift!

JUNE 21-25
CAMP WYOBA, WYOMING
TRINITYLIFE.ORG/MANCAMP

May 14, 2023



IF:TABLES

For Women

Currently Third Sundays

Noon - 2 p.m. | In the Commons

This is where women cut through the small talk, connect more deeply, and discover those God-intended relationships that we crave.

Come join a conversation!

www.trinitylife.org/iftables

Welcome Morgahn Randall

In case you hadn't heard, Morgahn Randall joined our Trinity Church family and staff team late last month in the new role of Connections Minister. In this role, Morgahn will lead Trinity's hospitality ministry including our Sunday morning experience. In addition, she will be an integral leader in the continued development and implementation of our membership and discipleship pathways.

Morgahn's love for Jesus and heart to connect others to Him, along with her proven relationship building and communication skills, will be a blessing to our mission and ministry.

Some of Morgahn's favorite things include being outdoors, time in prayer, and serving people.



GATHERING TO MEET MORGAHN

Sunday, May 7 | 11:45 - 12:45 p.m.

In the Commons

Hot dogs, chips and good conversation. A great opportunity for volunteers and the church family to get to meet Morgahn.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 05/11 - Eugene "Doc" Watson
- 05/18 - Bruce Fairchild
- 05/19 - Sandy Friesel
- 05/20 - Evelyn Kendall
- 05/23 - Jean Armitage
- 05/27 - Hubert "Don" Mitchell
- 05/31 - Sofiann Voorhes

Happy Anniversary to those Married 50+ Years

- 05/12/56 - John & Nancy Miller
- 05/15/65 - Bill & Ann Saarela
- 05/23/59 - Bill & Connie Leversee
- 05/28/72 - Doug & Paulette Pikop
- 05/31/69 - Gary & July McNew

Newly Married

- 04/22 - Zachary and Daniell (Pollak) Mathias

Baptized into our Faith Family

- 04/09 - Jackson David Bode, son of Matthew and Rebecca Bode
- 04/23 - Tristen John-Lloyd, Tatum Kathryn, and Camryn Marie Courtright, children of Riley and Kathryn (Glesmann) Courtright

Sympathies to the family of

- Trinity member, Farol Lofgren who passed away
- Jeff Kastens on the loss of his mother

Health and Healing

- Arlyn Montgomery

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

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 MARCH

Offering Entries = 410

of: Donors = 198 | New Donors = 6 | Recurring = 85

Source: Electronic Giving = 260 | Cash & Checks = 150

Total Received = \$75,165.14

General Fund: \$55,515.49

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$13,277.78

All other giving*: \$2,371.87

*includes: Lent, Little Miracles, IT Fund, Trinity Kids, TK - Mary Kamara (TRS), The Raining Season (Africa), Shalom Ministries (India), Stephen Center

MARCH ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -51,306

Building Fund: \$ 15,267

Endowment Fund: \$ 348,066

Memorial Fund: \$ 75,755

GO Fund May 2021- April 2024

Received as of 04/26/23 - \$796,255.60

66% of our \$1.2 million goal

has come in from 29592 donations

2297 from pledges | 662 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