



# TRINITY C H U R C H

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## Note from Pastor Erik, Lead Pastor

The excitement is already building. You see it in the stores. You hear it buzzing around you. You'll discover it at Trinity Church, too. People are ready for a celebration and we have many opportunities to do that in November.

All Saints is Sunday, November 6th. On this day we remember those whose funerals have been conducted through Trinity, including an opportunity in each service to remember the special people in our lives who have guided us in faith and are now with the Lord. On the 6th we also have the privilege of witnessing 11 young people Affirm their Faith (be confirmed). It will be a great morning of worship.

Songs and Cider (details page 5). I can think of few greater joys than singing praise to the Lord, celebrating with my brothers and sisters in Christ, and being able to enjoy the richness of cider with the celebration. Trinity Café is sponsoring this special evening. Bring your family and friends, bring your One. Cider will flow and the joy of the Lord will be palpable.

Night of Gratitude (details page 5) We're getting together for a special evening of Thanksgiving and one of the richest experiences: PIE! We want to provide a deeper, richer time to encounter the gratitude we have in our hearts and know in faith the Author of all good things. It will be fun. It will be filling (did I mention PIE?) and it will be rewarding.

Advent. We launch our series, "Expected" on Nov 27. To enrich our Advent experience, I want to encourage you to purchase the devotional book "The Expected One", available from Trinity Café for \$10. Begin reading December 1st for guided reflections on the Biblical prophecy anticipating the coming of the Savior.

It is a full month. We have many ways to connect people to Christ and opportunities to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus. Our Ones can be included by inviting them into any of these encounters with God's people to build connections. Most importantly, there are many opportunities for you to continue your journey of faith and allow Jesus to transform your life, as well. Each day, we can become more of who we are called to be in Christ. November, here we come! Plunge in. Be transformed.

Finally, I am looking forward to Trinity taking another step toward normalcy as COVID restrictions have been removed. While I certainly recognize that it is not over, and likely never will be, our understanding of transmission and the effectiveness of vaccines is allowing us to take a transitional step in our communion practice. Beginning December 5th, Pastors, after using hand sanitizer, will distribute the Body of Christ and individual cups of wine to receive the Blood of Christ. If you are more comfortable receiving the sacrament through the communion sets we have been using, they will also be available.

*Pastor Erik*

Your Pastor and Friend

# A Note from Matt Pearson

## Pastor in Training

### TRINITY MEN NEW SERIES

Formerly known as Authentic Men

#### ONE AT A TIME

The Unexpected Way God Wants to  
Use You to Change the World

Nobody grows up dreaming of waking, getting ready, going to work, heading home, eating dinner, watching Netflix, scrolling through social media or the news, and then going to bed, just to repeat the same routine the next day.

We don't want to spend our lives as time-wasters, or space-takers, or binge-watchers, or game-players, or even just book-readers.

**We want to be difference-makers.**

Have you been asking the question: Am I making any difference in this world? Without a doubt, Jesus made the biggest difference in all of human history. But how? He modeled the how with His life. He calls us to put into practice how He modeled this one phrase...

#### ONE AT A TIME.

Want to make a difference and change the world? Follow Jesus' lead and focus on the one. That's it. That's the secret of the way of Jesus and becoming difference-makers.

**One at a time.**

**JOIN OUR CONVERSATION**

**SUNDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.**

MEETING IN THE TRINITY STUDENTS WING

### CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation at Trinity Church is a three-year discipleship journey that includes experiences to learn, grow, and study God's word. During this process, participants focus on three key areas: the Gospels, the Old Testament, and the New Testament letters all while learning the core beliefs of Christian faith, the Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, and what our reformation theology professes. Through study and conversation with other believers, parents, and peers, there is space for confirmation participants to consider what they think and believe.

If you would like more information about this Discipleship Journey, no matter your age, message Matt Pearson at [mpearson@trinitylife.org](mailto:mpearson@trinitylife.org) or by phone at 402-281-2125.

#### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**November 6th @ 10:30 a.m.**

We are excited for these 11 students being confirmed: Audrey Benson, Malaya Cockcroft, Joseph Covi, Jacob Feekin, Brayden Leising, Reese Lingle, Josiah Pearson, Meagan Petersen, Alexander Pudys, Maxwell Sivertson, Jackson Willer.

These students have completed their three-year discipleship journey, completed their faith statements and are ready to be confirmed. We look forward to celebrating their profession of faith and rejoicing as they take this next step as followers of Jesus. Please keep them in prayer as they become full members of the body of Christ at Trinity Church.

# Three-Week Message Series

Leadership is something that affects nearly every area of your life. Your job, your family, your church, and your community are all impacted by the quality of the leadership in each of those areas – for good or bad. You might think you know what a great leader is like. Maybe you even think you are a great leader.

The problem is, it's not usually easy to find a model of consistently great leadership. Not even in Scripture. The Bible is full of stories of smart, capable, fearless, and well-intentioned leaders whose time in power resulted in disaster.

In November, starting on the 6th, we will explore the leadership of King David, King Solomon, and King Jesus. Because in God's kingdom, leaders seek accountability, not power – peace, not revenge – and humility, not pride. The kings of Israel may have struggled with these things, but thankfully Jesus shows us how to lead His way.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO WORSHIP!**

**SUNDAYS AT 8:00, 9:00 AND 10:30 A.M.**

Can't be here in person?

We currently livestream the two later services.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel: Trinity Papillion

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TrinityPapillion>

**King of KINGS**



A first-ever fall event with hot apple cider, open café, fall food platters, campfire, acoustic music and YOU!

# Songs & Cider



**NOV  
6TH  
6PM**



## **NIGHT OF GRATITUDE**

November 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**We gather to praise God and**  
share life, connect with the body of Christ,  
enjoy good conversation and excellent pie,  
and learn how Trinity's Little Miracles impacts families.



*Bring diapers (size 1-4 are the most requested) and any brand of formula  
All offering received on Tuesday, November 22 will go to support Little Miracles*

**Games and activities for kids including a bounce house**

*Don't have time to eat dinner before we gather? Stop at the Trinity Kitchen  
for a peanut butter sandwich, fruit, and bottle of water.*

# Connection Groups

## WHY THEY MATTER

"Since we became part of a connection group about six years ago there have been good changes in our lives. Being part of a group has given us a better sense of connection within our church. The church became a home, a place of comfort, and a place we look forward to coming to every week just because we want to connect. We have developed some deeper friendships and through these relationships we have been given support to better our marriage, our children, and our personal lives-bringing us closer to God. Our connection group is the people we call when we need help or advice and the people we can count on. They are support when things go wrong and encouragement when things are going right. These are the people we want to spend time with and do life together with. They make us happy and feel whole. God wants us to be in community and with connection groups that community has developed and continues to strengthen."

~Victoria Tomanek

**Find your Group or Course**  
**[WWW.NEXTSTEPS.GUIDE](http://WWW.NEXTSTEPS.GUIDE)**

Should you have question or want to learn more, reach out to Pastor Dave, Associate Pastor, at [prdave@trinitylife.org](mailto:prdave@trinitylife.org) or by phone at 402-509-2492.



HELPING OUR FRIENDS

# Thanksgiving Baskets

Along with First Lutheran in Omaha, we are providing Thanksgiving meals for their North Omaha neighborhood. God has used Trinity Church over the years to answer their prayer for meals; we are blessed to do so again in 2022.

Trinity's goal is 100 meals.

Unable to shop? A financial gift option is available.

Shopping list and registration at

[www.nextsteps.guide](http://www.nextsteps.guide)

Click upcoming events.



# TRINITY KIDS

**Hey Church!**

**It's my hope that our families are diving into the word of God and having Christ-centered conversations throughout their day! If your child has attended Trinity Kids over the last four weeks, you have gone home with a simple family devotional to try each week. How are those going? Let me know, my email is below. I'd love to hear from you! If your child hasn't been to Trinity Kids, there is no time like the present to bring them. It's a great way to make friends, worship, pray, play and have a blast with Jesus!!**

**Additionally, check out the Trinity Kids Facebook page for videos to further those conversations on the topic we covered the previous Sunday. There is one for preschoolers and one for kids from kindergarten to fifth grade! They are posted every Monday!**

**One last thing! I believe worshipping with friends is one of the best things in life to experience! Take the opportunity to invite your child's friends and their families to participate at Trinity Kids events or Sunday mornings. You'll be glad you did and they will be happy for the invitation.**



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**Are you passionate about Jesus and kids? Join our awesome TK Team!!**

**REGISTER TO SERVE AT**

[www.nextsteps.guide](http://www.nextsteps.guide)

**Then click WE LOVE TO SERVE**

**Join Us!**

**Sundays @**

**9:00 and 10:30**



Grades 6-12



# TRINITY STUDENTS

## Hey Church! October was a great month for Trinity Students!

We had our Elevate Fall Retreat, Halloween Party, and Parent Leader Breakfast. It was so cool to see God work at Elevate this year. We partnered with Thanksgiving Church to take 80 students and leaders to Camp Rivercrest in Fremont. There, we learned about God's faithfulness, talked about how to deal with struggles, and what to do when we feel spiritually apathetic. It was amazing to me to see the relationships built through this trip. I truly believe the Elevate retreat experience is leading to better small groups, deeper relationships, and ultimately a fuller faith!

Thanks for supporting Trinity Students!

**Wednesdays\* 6:45-8:15 pm**

Enter through the NE door

Open gym, video & board games, Trinity Store, and food starts at 6 pm

*\*When Papillion LaVista school district is not in session, Trinity Students does not meet.*



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Registrations and event  
details are found at  
[www.nextsteps.guide](http://www.nextsteps.guide)





Budget  
meeting

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
**11:30 a.m. | Worship Center**

Church family, it's time to set the budget for 2023. We have been in prayer about how God is calling Trinity Church to connect people to Christ in the coming year. Sharing the love of Jesus in our community in life-changing ways is top of the list. To do this takes resources and wise planning. When all of us follow Christ together, the impact is magnified in this community and into the world!

On the 20th, your leadership looks forward to sharing what we believe God is setting in motion for Trinity Church and casting vision for how we can do this together. The 2023 budget has been compiled through the diligent efforts of Don Davern, Trinity's Finance and Property Manager, the Finance Team, Church Council, and Pastor Erik.

Please make plans to attend.



ADVENT BEGINS  
NOVEMBER 27

"The Expected One"

Copies available for \$10  
at Trinity Cafe.

# TRINITY CHURCH IS GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings  
Connect People to Christ!

## GIVING IN SEPTEMBER

**Offering Entries = 439**

# of: Donors = 216 | New Donors = 4 | Recurring = 84

Source: Electronic Giving = 261 | Cash & Checks = 178

**Total Gifts Received = \$82,768**

General Fund: \$62,646

Go Vision Appeal Fund: \$17,907

All other giving\*: \$2,215

\*includes Papio Creek, IT Fund, Trinity Kids, Memorials, TK Mary Kamara, Little Miracles, Stephen Center

## SEPTEMBER ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -13,199

Building Fund: \$ 92,408

Endowment: \$ 340,697

### GO Fund May 2021- April 2024

Received as of 10/26- \$648,547

54% of our \$1.2 million goal

from 2291 donations

1787 from pledges | 529 from non-pledged

### General Fund 2022

Received as of 10/26 - \$683,037

78% of our \$878,584 goal

from 3832 donations

1530 from pledges / 2302 from non-pledged

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



**SCAN ME**  
to pledge to the  
General Fund in 2022

God is doing great things.  
Join Him in His work for us through Trinity Church  
[www.nextsteps.guide](http://www.nextsteps.guide) and click **GIVE**

## **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

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

- 11/05 - John Miller
- 11/13 - Ken Peterson
- 11/16 - Marilyn Krueger
- 11/25 - Davis Gerdes
- 11/29 - Janet Dobbs
- 11/29 - Karen VanBriesen
- 11/30 - Betty Capener

### **Happy 50+ Anniversary**

- 11/07/64 - Ed & Carol Gates
- 11/25/66 - Ken & Mary Peterson

### **Newly Married**

- 09/24 - James & Schyler (Cruse) Tavener

### **Health and Healing**

- Brody Wilson

### **Sympathies to**

- 10/01 - Jacke Wood on the loss of her son, Scott Wood
- 10/11 - Jan Dagerman on the loss of her brother, Richard Bock

**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**

## **Congregational Meeting (10/09) Results**

Trinity voted unanimously to approve the sale of our corner lot to the Sarpy County Museum. The offer is for \$900,000. It is contingent upon approval of a Special Use Permit by the city of Papillion with closing in six months. We are excited for the potential partnerships this could provide for Trinity and our community. Artist's renderings of the proposed building will be shared when we receive them.