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APRIL NEWSLETTER
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Celebrating Easter Unafraid

Sunday, April 20
8, 9 & 10:30 AM

Lenten Worship

Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesdays, April 2 & 9
6pm - Chapel

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
6pm - Chapel
Good Friday, April 18th
6pm - Worship Center

FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

Dear Friends,

On March 30th, Nathan and Amanda Lynn shared in worship that in the best interest of their family and their health, they intend to move back to Australia towards the end of May. This means they will soon be stepping away from their roles at Trinity as Creative Arts Minister and Children & Family Minister, respectively. With this news comes a mix of emotions: joy for their family's next steps, sadness that they will be leaving, but mostly a deep sense of gratitude for the ways they have impacted this community by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

As I've been getting to know folks here, I've often asked, "What gives you hope for the future for the Trinity community?" Frequently the first response has been the quality of the staff in general, but most people have specifically pointed to the start of Nathan and Amanda's tenure at Trinity as a significant positive turning point for the culture of this church. Even in my short time here, I completely understand why. It is not just that they are outstanding in their roles as worship leader and children's director, but that their love of Jesus and the people they minister to is absolutely infectious. They both bring an incredible spirit of joy and care for their volunteers, a spirit of welcome to those who are new, and a passion for sharing the Gospel with anyone and everyone. They will be dearly missed.

While you might be tempted to wonder, "what's next for Trinity?", I implore you to refrain from asking Nathan and Amanda about the future of their positions. Rest assured, we are already working to find dynamic individuals to assume their roles, which allows you the space to focus on cherishing the time we have left with the Lynns and for you to share your appreciation for all they've done. We have set aside time to celebrate them with a little going-away party on April 27th in the gym starting around 11:45am. We hope that you join us to say "goodbye" and "good luck". And in the meantime, I hope you keep their whole family (Nathan, Amanda, Ezra, and Judah) in your prayers.

God Bless,

Pastor Mike

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

As the grass begins to green, trees begin to leaf, and the warmth of the sun kicks us into a new season, we are reminded of new life and the approaching celebration of Easter. The beauty of this season gives us time to pause and consider new life springing forth within each of us. As followers of Christ, we have been joined to Jesus' death through the waters of baptism and received the assurance of new life, eternal life, as Jesus conquered death through His resurrection that we celebrate each year at Easter.

This journey toward Easter offers two more Wednesday Lenten worship opportunities. Join us for the Holden Evening Prayer on April 2nd & 9th at 6 pm in the Chapel.

As Lent winds down, we enter into Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday on April 13th. In worship we will experience the joys of Hosanna as Jesus is met with the cheer of the crowds but also the concerning jeers of the crowd shouting "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" that come only a few days later. On Maundy Thursday, April 17th, we consider Jesus' last supper with his disciples and on Good Friday, April 18th, we reflect that Jesus is crucified and buried. Come and worship to experience the full weight of Jesus' sacrifice for you.

On Easter morning, April 20th at 8, 9 & 10:30 am, we get to celebrate HOPE! We discover the tomb is empty! We proclaim "Jesus is Risen!" It is His victory over death that assures us of new life! May you experience God's abundant grace this Easter. Come and worship.

UPDATE: We are blessed as a congregation to live out the Gospel by partnering with incredible ministries. One of our international Mission partners is Pastor Pimpinan who has planted a church in North Sumatra, Indonesia. Pimpinan is not only a dedicated and faithful pastor but a good friend that Pastor Mike and I met in seminary in the same missions class. We are honored to support the him and his church in making disciples of Christ in Indonesia. Here is a quick note from Pastor Pimpinan.

This past year has been a blessing and a roller coaster for our ministry. God has allowed us to join in His mission to expand God's kingdom within our community. Moreover, He brought new people into our lives to minister to, and at the same time, He strengthened us through challenging times. As we run to our second year, we are eager to make a greater impact in the community, to be disciples and to disciple others, and to grow as a body of Christ. We believe that the church power is not its "Seating capacity" but rather in its "Sending Capacity". You are loved. You are sent.

--Rev. Pimpinan B Sijabat MA

The Missional Church HKI North Sumatra Indonesia

A closing encouragement I have is that you continue in our Year-in-the-Bible reading plan, and tune into our weekly podcast on YouTube. Following Easter we are excited to walk into Romans chapter 8 for our next sermon series as we consider - "If God is For Us... "

Pastor Matt

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Church Family,

Your Church Council has been discussing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for many years. This summer they are considering changes to the ELCA constitution that could have an impact on Trinity Church.

Over the last several weeks, your council invited the congregation to one of three meetings about these ELCA constitutional changes that include restricting who we can call as pastor, policing what our pastors are able to say, influencing how we spend up to 10% of our annual budget, and reserving the right to take control of our property if we do not meet their definitions of “compliance.” These meetings were well attended. We appreciate your participation and the thoughtful conversations we had during those sessions. If you were not able to attend one of these informational meetings, click the button below.

[March 19th Informational Meeting Recording](#)

After much research, prayer and discernment, your Church Council is recommending that Trinity Church disaffiliate from the ELCA and begin a new affiliation with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). We align with their faithfulness to scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, and we appreciate how they value congregational autonomy which will allow Trinity Church greater continuity in our mission and staff.

We will have two special meetings to vote on this proposal:

- April 13, 2025 - A vote to approve moving forward with the proposal to disaffiliate from the ELCA and affiliate with LCMC
- July 13, 2025 - A final vote on the resolution to disaffiliate from the ELCA and affiliate with LCMC

All active members* are able to vote; we encourage your participation. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of our congregation.

Please reach out to me or any council member with questions. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to Trinity Church. May God guide us all in these decisions.

Victoria Tomanek, Church Council President
victoria@trinitylife.org

***A voting member is defined by our Trinity Constitution as a confirmed member who, during the current or preceding calendar year, has communed in the congregation and made a contribution of record to the congregation. Voting members have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation, as well as other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of the constitution and its bylaws.**

Men's Ministry

Sunday Morning Men's Group | 9am in the Student Wing

We have a few weeks left in our study, "Your Story Has a Villain". You may know who this Enemy is, but you may not know what he is about, how he wages war, and how he targets you specifically. He's the villain who wants to change your story in the hopes that you live isolated, powerless, discouraged, and defeated. Want to change your narrative and live a different story today? Tired of feeling weary from the struggle? Ready to experience life as God intended? Then join us as we explore the tactics of Satan, and get equipped to overcome spiritual battles. You will be reminded of the victory already secured for you through Jesus.

New Series Begins | April 27th | "If God is for us...?"

Our study will be a walk through of the book of Romans which also coincides with our after-Easter Sunday Sermon Series that will focus on Romans 8.

ManCamp 2025 | July 30 - August 3

Just \$260 plus your choice of adventures.
Non-refundable \$75 deposit holds your spot.

Exchange your typical routine for a few days with God and friends in His magnificent creation at Table in the Wilderness, WY. It's time to unplug from the hustle and bustle of life!!



No matter where we are on the journey of life, Trinity Women grow with Jesus and invite all women to do the same.



What's on the agenda for this Weekend of Grace? Diving into our theme, "Shattering the Lies We Believe", our hearts will be encouraged from God's word, discussion, worship, prayer, play, getting away from distractions, and making great connections with friends.

Put this women retreat on your calendar and sign up today. You will find all the details at trinitylife.org/events.

VISIT [TRINITYLIFE.ORG/EVENTS](https://trinitylife.org/events) TO LEARN MORE OR TO RSVP. AS ALWAYS, FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

GATHER

Worship | Trinity Cafe
Game Days | Retreats
Various Events

GROW

IF:Tables | Bible Studies
Connection Groups
Prayer Team, Book Club

GIVE

Generosity | Tithes Offering
| Hospitality
Find Your Serve Team

GO

Reach One More
Evangelism Course
Being the Light in the World

FROM THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2025

We cannot wait for this years VBS,
STEP RIGHT UP!

VBS will be from June 2nd to
June 6th at Trinity Church, from 9-
11:30am each day.

*The 6th will be a whole family
carnival celebration.*

In these four teaching days, we'll
discover how Jesus invites us to
use the gifts God gave us, show
God's love to someone new, thank
God for forgiveness, and share
God's story with everyone!

If you are 3 years to 5th grade,
come join us to participate!
If you are incoming 6th grade or up,
come join us to serve!
Register at trinitylife.org/events



EASTER INFORMATION FOR TRINITY KIDS

Easter is quickly approaching us
and we cannot wait to celebrate
this special season as a whole
church, and as a children's ministry.

Here's the dates you need to know!

April 13th: PALM SUNDAY.

Our Elementary kids will be invited
into the service during worship to
walk through with Palm branches.

April 20th: EASTER SUNDAY.

We will have full programming at
the 9 & 10:30 for babies-5th grade.

Check out more about our
Easter Services on trinitylife.info



FROM THE STUDENT'S & FAMILY MINISTER

**Save The Date for our End of the Year Party!
Wednesday, May 7th**



Chris Randall
Student and Family Minister
crandall@trinitylife.org



WHAT HAPPENS WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS?

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Program runs 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Fantastic time of worship, teaching, and small groups

**This is an amazing opportunity to grow closer to Jesus
and connect with friends who share your faith.**

Don't miss out, See you there!

FROM THE CONNECTIONS MINISTER



Are you new to Trinity Church? Have you been here for awhile but aren't yet a member? We would love for you to come explore what that looks like at our upcoming Connection Course. This course offers an incredible opportunity to dive into the rich history of Trinity, explore our core values of discipleship, and engage in

meaningful conversations with our leadership team. We cannot wait to get to know you. Use the QR code below for all the details.

We recently hosted a Connection Course in February, and I invite you to join me in warmly welcoming Doug and Samantha Williams, along with their two children, Ames (4) and Eden (2).

[LEARN MORE >>](#)



Connection Course

April 6th
11:45am to 12:30pm
Lunch included

Ready to Serve?

We have several open opportunities on the Hospitality Team, and I'd love to help you get connected! If you have a warm smile and a heart for people, this is the perfect place for you. Creating a welcoming environment is more than just a greeting—it helps prepare hearts to fully receive the Word that God has for them.

One of the best things about serving in hospitality is that you can attend the same service you serve in. There are many ways to get involved, including communion, ushering, greeting, and welcoming first-time guests. If you're interested, reach out—I'd love to help you find the perfect fit!

[Share your serving interests >>>](#)



Joyfully,
Morgahn Randall
Connections Minister

CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU.

~1 PETER 5:7 NIV



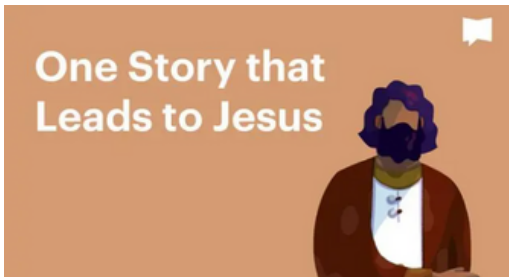
Care Card

Use this QR Code when you have or know of a need.

Jesus cares and Trinity does, too. From celebrating milestones to extending support during challenging moments in life, our church family, leadership, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry and Connection Groups are stepping in with care.

When you have a challenge or care that comes up, please let your church family know. First, we will pray for you. Then, based on need, we will do our best to connect you with support or possibly a solution. Use the QR Code to the left or trinitylife.org/care to share what's happening. A ministry team leader will reach out within 48 hours for further discussion if needed.

Trinity Church is in the Word



[YouVersion Bible Reading Plan](#)



[Follow us on YouTube @trinitypapillion](#)

How Trinity Connects

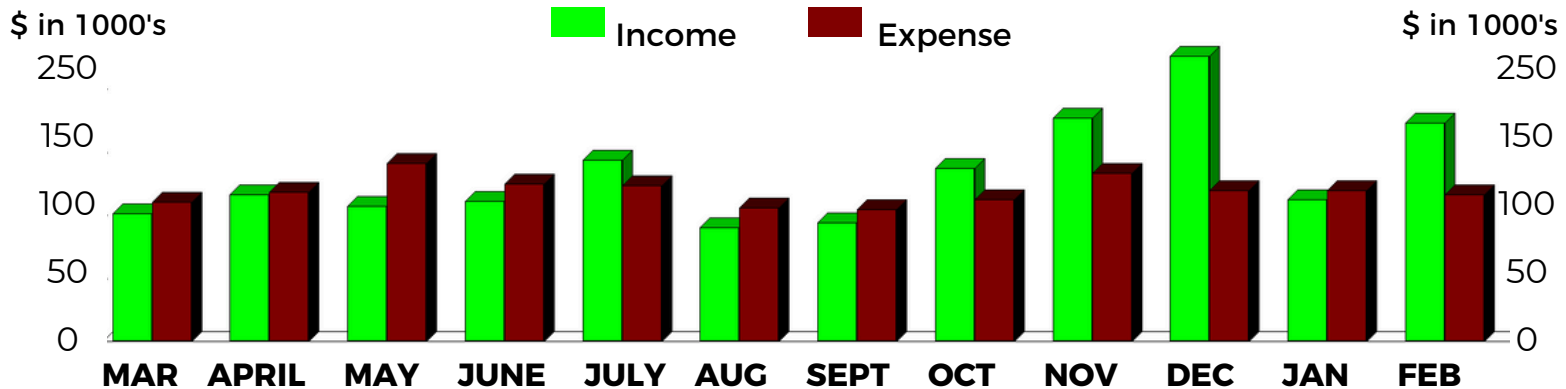


Easy steps to get started

- Download the Church Center app
 - Connect to Trinity Church by name or zip code (68046)
 - Enter your phone # to receive your secure code that will be texted to you.
 - Enter that code and you will be good to go.
- Open the app and check out all the awesome ways to engage with your church family.

If you have challenges or questions, reach out to Juli at jstaab@trinitylife.org.

INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR ALL FUNDS BY MONTH



DETAILS FROM FEBRUARY 2025

All Fund: \$126,129.16 **219 Donors** **4 New Donors** **114 Recurring Donors**
 General Fund Tithes and Offerings = \$105,217.90 Mortgage Fund Gifts = \$18,814.96

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE



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 GIFT TO CHURCH



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 USE THE GIVE BUTTON



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KEEP IN PRAYER

Global Missions

The Raining Season in Sierra Leone, W. Africa
 Pastor Pimipnan church planting in Indonesia

Local Missions

Little Miracles
 Stephen Center
 Youth for Christ
 Connection Group Service Projects

Have a prayer request?

trinitylife.org/pray

Want to serve?

trinitylife.org/serve

FROM THE CAFE MANAGER

SPRING

You know what **spring**s to mind when **Spring** gets here? **Spring** chicks. Yes, I'm a chicken lover. **AND** an egg lover. I don't mean to **spring** this on you, but eggs have gotten really expensive! So I "grow" my own. It puts a **spring** in my step every year when I get my new baby chicks. My coop gets a good **spring** cleaning, even dusting the pictures on their walls - yes my coop has actual decor in it. Some call it crazy, but they call it home. Stop by the cafe to tell me what **Spring** means to you!



Guess the Jellybeans



**WIN A \$20 GIFT CARD!
WINNER ANNOUNCED
EASTER SUNDAY!**

Things You Might Not Know About the Cafe...

**BUY A TRINITY CUP
-GET ONE FREE DRINK
-GET 20% OFF EVERY
TIME YOU USE THE CUP**

**BRING YOUR OWN CUP
GET 10% OFF**

**BUY A CAFE CARD
SAVE THE CHURCH
CREDIT CARD FEES**

**ALL TIPS GO TO
TRINITY MISSIONS
CURRENT RECIPIENT
-TRINITY STUDENTS**



TRINITY CAFE
MARKETPLACE & CRAFT FAIR
APRIL 5, 2025 10:00A-2:00P

Get Revived with our Spring Drinks

Vanilla Rose Cold Brew
Choose Milk/Water

Honey Lavender Latte
Hot, Iced, or Blended

April Showers Reviver
Blue Raspberry, Peach,
Strawberry Lemonade or
Sub Pink Lotus **or** Red Bull

May Flowers Reviver
Pina Colada Lemonade, or
Sub Pink Lotus **or** Red Bull

OPEN
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
8:00a - 12:00p



NOW OPEN
SATURDAYS
through April 12

**Volunteer's
Needed!**
Contact me today!
jill@trinitylife.org

Café & Play
Trinity Café
Moms Supporting Each Other
Kids Having Fun

Legacy Mornings
Trinity Café
EXCLUSIVELY FOR 55+
April 9th and 24th
9:00a-11:00a


Jill Pratt

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 04.02 - Mary Howe
- 04.05 - Donna Nichols
- 04.09 - Caryl Horton
- 04.24 - Janice Reed
- 04.25 - Jacke Wood

New Marriages

- 03.15 - Andrew and Casey (Hirschfeld) Nguyen

New Babies

- 03.03 - Caraline Lynn Duryea, daughter of Montana and Shae Duryea
- 03.09 - Asher Schuetz, son of Brock and Sarah Schuetz
- 03.11 - Ryan Adam to Adam and Jessica (Graham) Shull
- 03.21 - Amelia Ann Mae to Andrew and Josie (Willard)Kozol

Baptized into Our Family of Faith

- 03.09 - Navy Jay and Ayla Gray Pickett, children of Dillon Pickett and Rylee Grass.
- 03.23 - Ada James McGill, infant daughter of Michael and Alexandra (Leaver) McGill. Ada's sponsors are Kaylene Inama and Nathan McGill.
- 03.30 - Walker June and Vander James Meredith, children of Christopher and Abigail (Nelson) Meredith. Walker and Vander's sponsors are Sean and Raegan Bartholamew.

Health and Healing

- Mary Kate Martin
- Mark Montague
- Betty Capener
- Nancy Hypse

Sympathies to

- Karen Van Briesen, Trace, Kerri, Delaney and Sean Van Briesen, and Blair and Leslie Van Briesen on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather, Floyd.
- Rob and Connie Lamp and family on the loss of Connie's brother, Darrel

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

Connecting People
to Christ

OUR STRATEGY

Love Jesus
Transform Lives
Serve the Community