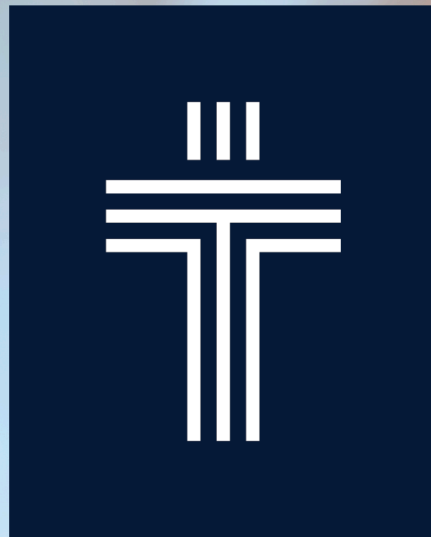


TRINITY
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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
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IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN YOUR FAITH

EVENINGS FOR ALL AGES

5:30 - 8:00 PM


Food Trucks

Worship

Live Speakers

Group Discussion

Childcare IF NEEDED



KINGDOM NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 4TH

OCTOBER 2ND

NOVEMBER 6TH

Hey Church Family,

Our first Kingdom Night is finally here, and we couldn't be more excited! We're thrilled to welcome our guest speaker, James Tetuchmann, who will be diving into our discipleship values of "Gather" and "Grow."

A few reminders:

- This is an event for ALL ages!
- Bring a lawn chair or outdoor blanket to stay comfortable.
- Bring \$\$ for the food trucks. They will be here from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Crustable sandwiches will be available for kids.
- The course begins at 6:30 PM.
- Trinity Kids will be open for littles during the course and discussion group time. There will be discussion groups for Trinity Students.
- T-shirts are on sale beginning Sunday, September 1st—grab one before they sell out!

Joyfully,

Morgahn Randall
Connections Minister

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

What a joy it has been to see so many new faces coming through the doors on Sunday and during the week. At Trinity Church we love seeing people enter into relationship with Jesus and we also love to see people enter into life-giving Christian community. Now granted the hope and goal is always a beautiful picture of what God is calling us to be and what we hope to live into. But... as with anything, the ideal is never the reality because life is messy. Yet we do our best to live into what God calls us into.

Throughout our Different Church series we have been wrestling through who we are called to be in Christ as the body of Christ. God's desire is that we are united together to worship, serve, and live. We know that as we attempt to live into this, though, that we will often fail and not live up to the ideal. Yet by God's grace go you and I. We live in the grace and mercy of our Lord both in our failures and in the times we succeed.

As people enter into Trinity Church what will our posture be to those coming into "our" church? Will we treat them with generous and radical hospitality? Will we express grace to them? Will we who have been present express entitlement since we have been here a long time, or will we make them feel at home? Will we invite them into our circles? Will we have eyes to see those who need to be "welcomed", "invited", and "walked with"? How do we bring people into the family of God and also into Trinity's family? May we people of grace willing to live into God's calling to welcome people into His fold.

Things to note:

- We are working on a new men's group series. More details coming soon.
- Our Confirmation Discipleship Journey is getting underway. If your student has been curious about Jesus, asking questions about faith, or you feel they are ready to embark on this three-year journey, please attend our [parent/student informational meeting](#) on Sunday, September 8 from noon - 1 pm. This session is also for those in years one, two and three, as well as those who will be confirmed this fall. Confirmation Sunday is November 3.
- Basketball for men resumes Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm
- 2025 travel to our mission partner, The Raining Season on Sierra Leone is in the works. If this is of interest to you, please reach out to me at mpearson@trinitylife.org.

Matt Pearson
Associate Pastor

trinitylife.org/events

FROM THE CALL TEAM FOR LEAD PASTOR

The Senior Pastor Call Team hosted the first of three congregational forums on August 25th in the Chapel. The forums allow members to express to the call team what traits and qualities they want the team to consider in selecting a senior pastor to call. The first forum was well attended and many good inputs were received. There are two more opportunities to attend forums in September. The next opportunity will be during the second half of the Legacy Mornings gathering on Thursday, September 5th. Call team members will be in the Commons starting at 10 am to confer with the 55+ crowd. The second opportunity will be after services at 11:30 am on Sunday, September 8th also in the Chapel. We hope to also have online surveys for those unable to attend the forums.

Once the forums are complete, our team will start the process of setting up interviews with potential candidates. The team has received two nominations from the congregation for possible candidates to call. The names of the nominees have been forwarded to the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA for consideration. For confidentiality reasons, we cannot release the names of those candidates, but once the synod has vetted the candidates, we will set up interviews with them.

The call team will continue to accept your suggestions for possible candidates to call to be our next pastor. There are both paper and electronic forms available for the congregation to submit nominations. Receipt of this nomination form, however, does not guarantee an interview by our call team.

We are making a video of our church to attach to our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which is visible on the ELCA's website. The purpose of the video is to show off our congregation and community in ways the MSP is not designed to. While this "recruiting" video is optional, we want to use it to help make Trinity Church stand out to candidates who may be considering multiple congregations. We need volunteers to be interviewed on camera about such topics as Papillion, our building, Trinity Students, Connection Groups, Raining Season, etc. If you are interested, see me or one of the call team members

George Madson
Call Team Chairperson



**Submit Your
Nomination**

Please keep our Call Team in prayer as they diligently seek out the candidate God is preparing to lead Trinity Church.

FROM THE LITTLE LIGHTS PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Teaching Children to Grow, Learn and Shine for Jesus

BACK TO SCHOOL

On August 26th Little Lights Preschool kicked off the 2024-2025 school year. The children were excited to start, however, there were some tears from both kids and parents, but we know once we fall into a routine those tears will turn into smiles! Every year we are so thankful for the families who send their children to our program. We have the privilege of being at the very beginning of their school journey and at the start of their relationship with God. We invite the congregation to pray for the staff, children and families involved in this ministry.

September is such a fun time in our classrooms with lots of new experiences for the students!

What we will be learning:

- The creation of the world
- What makes families special
- The five senses
- All about apples
- How to be kind

Fun events:

- Visit from the Papillion Fire Department
- Gifford Farm field trips- 3 year old classes
- Schramm Education Center field trips- 4 year old classes

Little Lights offers two three-year and two four-year-old classes. All classes are currently full, however, we do maintain a waiting list for each one. Please contact Little Lights Preschool for more information or to schedule a tour of the preschool.

Stacy Denne

Director of Little Lights Preschool

littlelights@trinitylife.org

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FROM THE CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTER



Thank you all for so much support over the summer, it was fantastic, and we are happy to now be back into our regular routine! We have seen so many new kids come through our doors over the past few weeks, the Open House was a great starting point for many families.

Our kids have also spent the last few months supporting Little Miracles, as well as our ongoing sponsorship of Mary Kamara in Sierra Leone. This Sunday, our kids will put together care packages for new parents in need.

Please remember to bring cash with your child if you would like to support these missions, alternatively you can give online!



PARENT MEETING TRINITY KIDS

September 7th
Commons
10-11am
Kids welcome!
trinitylife.org/events

We have our annual Trinity Kids Parent meeting on Saturday September 7th in the commons, from 10am-11am! We will also have brunch available. Please sign up at trinitylife.org/events for our food count.

FROM THE STUDENT'S & FAMILY MINISTER



We had an unbelievable time this Summer during our Summer camps to Estes Park, CO & Centennial, WY! We were able to see God move in the life of our students in incredible ways. As we get ready to settle into our Fall rhythms, please join us in praying that students would grow deeper in love with Jesus this Fall at Trinity Students!

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!



TRINITY
W O M E N

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

Excitement abounds as women and friends gather. Check out what's in the works:

- **BINGO Fun** - Sunday, September 22 - 11:45 AM - 1 PM. Fun, food, and friends! Prizes, too!!
- **Fall Marketplace and Craft Fair** - Saturday, September 28 - 10 AM - 2 PM. Come shop a variety of unique items while supporting small local businesses and crafters. A great time to pick up Christmas gifts, shop with friends, enjoy conversation and a good coffee! All proceeds support our Little Miracles Ministry which helps families through their baby's 2nd birthday
- **Weekend of Grace Retreat** - October 18-20 - Relax, unwind, explore and enjoy the company of friends! We traveling to Van Buren County in south-eastern Iowa. Our lodging is limited to 36 - sign up TODAY! Cost is \$75.
- **Chili-Cookoff & Fundraiser** - Sunday, October 27. Make and enter your best chili recipe or come be a taster, either way, fun will be part of the experience! All proceeds go toward providing food-packed backpacks for food insecure kids at three of our local grade schools.

As always, invite your friends! All of the details for these opportunities are available at trinitylife.org/events



M O M C O

MomCo is a faith-based community for moms with kiddos in all ages and phases of life, from newborns to driving teenagers, and every combination in between!

Trinity MomCo (formerly MOPS) is a Trinity-chartered organization that sits under our Women's Ministry umbrella. This means we get to pray for moms and offer support as we are able. Their new year begins Wed., Sept. 4th. Meeting a few times a month, this ministry connects moms to Jesus and to each other for faith growth and encouragement.

One way to support this year's MomCo needs is by providing items for their ministry. On Sept. 8th or 15th, visit the giving "tree" in the Commons near the Chapel. WILD HOPE is their theme. Let's help moms grow. Simply pick a wildflower from the display and return the listed item by Wed., Sept. 18.

This group is also in need of childcare help (both paid and volunteer positions) for children ages six months to elementary age. If interested in learning about MomCo or serving in childcare, please contact Jordan (912) 507-5647 or see the Facebook page: Trinity MomCo of Papillion.

You are invited to join in and connect with Jesus, too.

Here's how Trinity Women do this.

GATHER

Worship | Trinity Cafe
Quarterly Parties
Retreats | Events

GROW

IF:Tables | Bible Studies
Connection Groups
Prayer Team

GIVE

Tithing
Sunday Hospitality
Find Your Serve Team

GO

Reach One More Course
Mt 28:18-20 | Take the light
of Jesus into the world.

FROM THE CAFE MANAGER



Yes! It's that time when the colors are rich, the air is crisp, the smells of spice linger in the air, and the warmth of an outdoor campfire put us in the mood for the taste of something warm & cozy.

Fall flavors coming soon.

Don't pass it by!!

Stop by on your way to work to get your day going. Or bring your laptop to work and relax in any of our cozy areas. Free refills on brewed coffee keep you going all afternoon!



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

8:00a - 12:00p



Have you gotten your punch card yet?!

**Get one NOW!
Buy 8 Drinks,
Get One FREE!**

Café & Play
Trinity Café
Every Tuesday

Legacy Mornings
Trinity Café
One Thursday Each Month



Jill Pratt

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Trail Blazers (80+) Years

- 09/15 - Warren Sylvester
- 09/17 - Doris Hammel
- 09/17 - Norman Schuessler
- 09/20 - Ed Gates

Happy Anniversary to those Married 50+ Years

- 09/01 - Bob & Bindy Frederick
- 09/08 - Allen & Carolyn Christensen

Baptized into our Faith Family

- Maximus Hausman, son of Jacob & Kendra Hausman

Sympathies to

- the family of Gwen Walden who went home to the Lord on August 1

Health and Healing

- Cindy Miller, Mary Howe, Ann Saarela, Dale Horton, Gerry Cordes, Erick Martin

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.

USING YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS IN THE CHURCH

Do you have Human Resource experience? Join our volunteer HR team.

This team guides, advises and provides recommendations to assist in matters of employment, organizational structure, policies, performance, etc so that our staff is equipped to do the ministry to which they have been called or hired.

To be considered for this team:

- Currently an active member of Trinity Church
- Minimum of 3-5 years HR-related experience, preferably in employee relations, as a generalist, or as an HR Business Partner
- Ability and commitment to maintaining confidential/sensitive information
- Training and Leadership Development experience is a plus
- SHRM-CP or HRCI certification preferred
- Hours based on church and staff needs; typically average about one hour per month.

If interested in this volunteer role, please call the church office (402-339-3788) to be put in touch with Stephanie Wiese, Trinity Human Resources Volunteer Team. Thank you.

TRINITY CONNECTS PEOPLE TO CHRIST

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JULY OFFERING

Offering Entries	408
From Online Giving	268
From Cash & Checks	140
# of Donors	204
# of New Donor	3
# of Recurring Donors	94
Offering:	\$91,496.46

www.trinitylife.org/give

GENERAL FUND GENEROSITY APPEAL

Received 01/01/24 - 08/28/24

\$598,548 of the \$765,748

promised in 2024.

\$419,321 came from pledged gifts

\$179,226 came from non-pledged gifts

JULY ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ -105,973

Building Fund: \$ 46,714

Endowment: \$ 394,061

Memorial: \$ 65,520

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARD THE GO VISION APPEAL!!

In July, we received 68 gifts totalling \$10,463

Trinity Church is a beautiful space to worship God, grow faith, and be equipped to take the love of Jesus into the world. This location also serves the community around us in great ways. In case you are not aware, our monthly mortgage payment is \$25,000. Please prayerfully consider giving to the GO Vision Appeal.

PARTNER IN THE GOOD WORK GOD IS DOING THROUGH TRINITY CHURCH

Ways to Give toward Our Mission

BY CHECK

Checks payable to Trinity Church
848 Gold Coast Rd, Papillion NE 68046

DURING WORSHIP

Locate the black offering boxes in the back
of the Chapel and Worship Center.

ELECTRONICALLY

- Use this QR Code
- Use the [Church Center App](#)
- Online at trinitylife.org/giving



Join Us for "Learn to Serve: Hospitality"

September 15th | 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Are you ready to make a difference on the front lines of our church? Come be a part of our special event where we celebrate the vital role hospitality plays in our community. This is a time to be encouraged, connect with others, and deepen your understanding of how your service truly matters.

Whether you're already part of our hospitality team or just curious about joining, we invite you to come and learn more. And don't forget—bring along anyone you think would be a great addition to our team. We're always in need of more friendly faces to help us welcome and serve others!

Join the hospitality team!
trinitylife.org/events



TRINITY CAFE MARKETPLACE & CRAFT FAIR

September 28th, 10am -2pm

Come shop and enjoy the day!!

All proceeds go to Little Miracles, a ministry for families from pregnancy through baby's 2nd Birthday.

Trinity Cafe and concessions will be available.

TRINITY CHURCH | 90TH & HWY 370

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