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The **Trinity Connection** informs the members of Trinity Lutheran Church and the people of north Iowa about the church's mission, and people, helping them to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.



Front Page: Trinity's Lectern banner for the season of Pentecost

I remember Esther's 100th birthday. She lived at the care center where I was the chaplain in Norwich, NY. I asked Esther if she had gotten to do everything she wanted to in life. She replied, "No. It went by so fast."

"The older I get..."—how would you finish that sentence for yourself? The older I get, the more I recognize how fast time flies. The more I recognize how fast time flies, the more I realize the importance of choosing well how I spend my time. My dad, even up in his upper 80's, would often say, "I want to make good use of my time."

Whatever our goals are for this year, this month, this week, this day, this hour, when we seek to live in the center of God's will for us we will be "making good use of our time."

The author, Thomas R. Kelly, in his book, *A Testament of Devotion*, quoted Meister Eckhart: "There are plenty to follow our Lord half-way, but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves." Kelly goes on to say, "It is just this astonishing life which is willing to follow {Christ} the other half, sincerely to disown itself, this life which intends complete obedience, without my reservations, that I would propose to you in all humility, in all boldness, in all seriousness. I mean this literally, utterly, completely, and I mean it for you and for me — commit your lives in unreserved obedience to {Christ}."

Kelly encourages us with these words: "Begin where you are. Obey now. Use what little obedience you are capable of, even if it be like a grain of mustard seed. Live this present moment, this present hour as you now sit in your seats, in utter, utter submission and openness toward {Christ}."

This is not just a one time commitment. Kelly writes: "I find this internal continuous prayer life absolutely essential. It can be carried on day and night, in the thick of business, in home and school. Such prayer of submission can be so simple. It is well to use a single sentence, repeated over and over and over again, such as this: 'Be Thou my will. Be Thou my will,' or 'I open all before Thee. I open all before Thee,' or 'See earth through heaven. See earth through heaven.'"

Of course, this is not a new concept. The Apostle Paul invites us to place our whole selves before God: "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering...Fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out." (Romans 12, The Message, selected verses).

May we take August as an opportunity to live more purposefully in the center of God's will!



Pastor Beverly Butler

PASTOR OF
SPIRITUAL CARE

Pastor Beverly



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

Senior Summer Luncheon

Thursday, August 7, 2025

12:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall / Age 80+

Lunch and Worship with Holy Communion

The Senior Summer Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 7, at noon in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. All members who aren't able to participate in the life of the church the way they want to are invited to attend. This group includes persons that are limited by health issues or depend on someone to get them to church, homebound, those living in elderly housing facilities and members over 80 years of age. Guests are also welcome. Please call the church office to RSVP. We are also in need of volunteers to help with transportation, set-up, serving, and clean up for the luncheon. If you would like to help in some way, please sign up or call the church office at 641-423-0536.

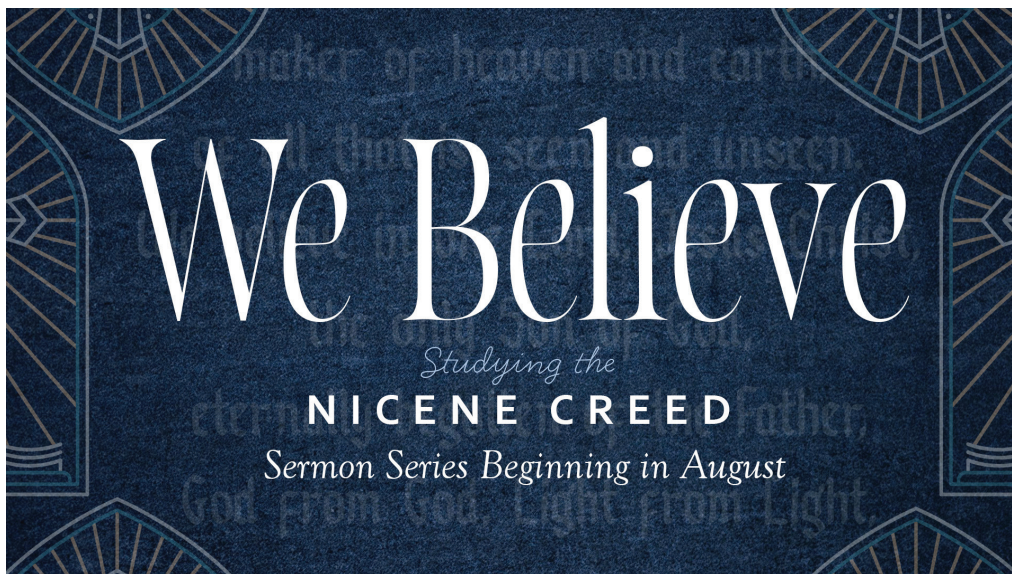


Colby Gochanour Joins Trinity Staff

Hello! My name is Colby Gochanour and I am excited to be the new Director of Music Ministries here at Trinity Lutheran Church. You'll normally find me in the background planning, organizing, and scheduling the music for our services! I've got 10 years of church service experience, including organ, hand bells and choir directing, and my biggest excitement is to help elevate our musicians to bring out their talents.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading thriller novels, and solving Sudoku puzzles. I am so excited to be a part of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran!

- Colby Gochanour, M.M.



August Sermon Series

We believe... What is it that we believe? In what do we put our faith and trust? To be human is to wrestle with old and new questions about our faith and God. This August our sermon series looks in ancient places to answer today's questions. 1,700 years ago, Christian leaders gathered to ponder deep questions about faith and God. Their confession, the Nicene Creed, is rich soil to plant our own questions about faith and God. Like these Christians did centuries ago, we gather as a community to ponder: What do we believe?

August 2-3: We Believe...

August 9-10: In God, the maker of all that is seen and unseen

August 16-17: In one holy catholic and apostolic church

August 23-24: In one Lord, Jesus Christ

August 30-31: In the Holy Spirit and the life of the world to come



Wednesday Night Alive -- Back in September 2025!

Adult Education is available throughout the year at varied times. One such opportunity for large groups & small groups is offered at Wednesday Night Alive starting September 10, 2025. Classes are 6:30-7:30 PM, with a meal prior; serving starts at 6:00 PM. WATCH FOR SCHEDULE OF TRINITY FALL CLASSES IN THE SEPTEMBER CONNECTION!

CONFIRMATION

7th & 8th Grade

CLASS LEADER:

PASTOR DANIEL HANSON

CAROL DETTMER

Grounded in scripture, theology, and Christian community, Confirmation is a communal education journey for 7th and 8th grade middle schoolers to explore and grow in their faith. New students, contact Pastor Daniel (at daniel.hanson@trinity-mc.org) to sign up!

CONFIRMATION

Orientation

Wed., August 27, 2025

6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

EVENT LEADER:

PASTOR DANIEL HANSON

CAROL DETTMER

We will host Confirmation Orientation for all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents on Wednesday August 27 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, we will go over everything you need to know about the upcoming Confirmation year!

Trinity Kids & Friends
Camp Attendees

August 2025

Agnes Mwambalaswa
Israella Frederick

Please pray for a safe and exciting time at camp in August!

Sunday School

Sunday School Registration:

If your child was in Sunday School last year, he/she will automatically be registered for the next year. If your child turns three by September 15, 2025 or is new to Trinity, please pick up a registration form in the church office or you can register for Sunday School online at www.trinity-mc.org. NOTE: IF YOUR PRESCHOOLER IS GOING TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL YEAR BEFORE MOVING ON TO FIRST GRADE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO HE/SHE WILL BE IN THE RIGHT CLASS. If you have registration questions, email marty.greder@trinity-mc.org or call 423-0536.

Shepherd & Teacher positions are available for the 2025-2026 Sunday School year. Team teaching is a great option. If interested or have questions, call Marty Greder, Director of Christian Education at 423-0536 or email at marty.greder@trinity-mc.org.

Flame Youth Group Update

School supplies are already out in the stores which makes many of us think fondly of fall. As we're wrapping up the 104 days of summer vacation that Phinneas and Ferb sing about, we're looking forward to our fall programming for our 7th-12th graders here at Trinity. We are going to make a shift with our high school youth meeting time for the fall. With events that meet on Wednesday nights, and after school work schedules, we're going to experiment with a new time slot for our high school youth group. Youth will meet from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM(ish) weekly at Trinity, kicking off with a simple meal, before our time together. We're hopeful that shifting our schedule can allow for more of our high school students to attend. This also gives us more space to move about the cabin so to speak. We are looking for volunteers that would like to donate meals for this group. We'd be feeding 10-15 people weekly for this. Simple, high school friendly meals.

Our 9th grade Confirmation students will continue their faith journey on Wednesday nights in September and October from 6:30-7:45 PM. This group will meet in the Youth Room on those nights.

We are also looking for dedicated volunteers that would like to serve with 7-12th grade youth Sunday school, confirmation, and high school youth group. Please contact Dani Vogel for more details about volunteering at dani.vogel@trinity-mc.org.



Bash at the Lake

Saturday, August 9, 2025

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Trinity Parking Lot Meet Up

EVENT LEADER: CAROL DETTMER

Middle schoolers are welcome to attend the Clear Lake BASH with Carol Dettmer! This gathering takes

place in the main bandshell park and features great Christian music. There is no fee to attend, but students may want a bag chair and money for vendors. Parents please email Carol at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org so she knows how many to expect.

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY	FUND
Mavis & Ann Espinosa	Leman/Tana Olson	Camp Schlrshps
Jeanette Gerrietts	Friends	T150
Jeanette Gerrietts	Friends	Undesignated
Ann Espinosa	Harlan/Marge Baack	Dutcher Schlrshp
Steve Rye	Harlan/Marge Baack	Undesignated
Amy Moon	Gary/Vicki Wattnem	T150
Mavis & Ann Espinosa	Arlene Roberts	Welfare
Honor of Baack's Anniv	Colleen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Ann Espinosa	Lynne Meyers	T150
Steve Rye	Kathy Pitcher	Camp Schlrshps
Jeanette Gerrietts	Kathy Pitcher	Van Ministry
Honor of Harlan Baack's Bday	Colleen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Clarence/Ethel Thorpe	Steve/Dee Lambert	Undesignated
Alida Baack/Marie Neuhring	Harlan/Marge Baack	Dutcher Schlrshp
Dorothy Mayfield	Friends & Family	Undesignated
Roger Roberts	Arlene Roberts	Undesignated
Donna Rourick	Collen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Avis Jensen	Alyce Bailey	Music
Bobbie Benjegerdes	Alyce Bailey	T150
Bobbie Benjegerdes	Friends & Family	Undesignated
Donna Rourick	Mary Lou Britven	Camp Schlrshps
Arlyn Picken	Lorette Kroneman	Music
Bonnie Ogaard	Friends & Family	Undesignated
Our Fathers	Harlan/Marge Baack	Dutcher Schlrshp
Robert Dutcher	Colleen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Gerald/Viola Jurasek	Brenda Smeby	World Hunger
Bonnie Ogaard	Cliff/LouAnn Rossler	T150
Lainey Baker	Cliff/LouAnn Rossler	T150
Bobbie Benjegerdes	Darrel/Marilyn Lind	Columbarium
Avis Jensen	Darrel/Marilyn Lind	Columbarium
LaVonne Willford	Friends & Family	Sr Summer Luncheon
Lainey Baker	Gary/Vicki Wattnem	T150



Mid-Age Adult Fellowship

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Home of Jeremy and Angela Peters

3315 12th St. NE, Mason City

Join us for a evening of food and fellowship at the Peter's home! All Trinity folks age 30-55(ish) are invited to attend! We will bring food to share, e.g. appetizers, big cobb salads, and desserts. If you'd like to attend, please visit the link below to sign up your food contribution. We'll see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054DACA-E22A6F94-57563679-trinity>



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, August 24, 2025

11:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Trinity Courtyard

Food, fellowship and fun!

Yard games, Gaga Ball, inflatables for kids, and more!

Bring a dish to share - main course, drinks and table service provided. Join us as we celebrate with our neighborhood and each other!

MINISTRIES COMMITTEE:

Serving Up More than a Cup of Coffee

BY MICHELLE MURRAY



MINISTRIES COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK

Stroll through the Gathering Space just before, in between, or after a worship service (depending on which time you go), and you'll see some friendly people offering coffee, donut holes and other snacks. Chances are good that they're either part of the Ministries Committee or a volunteer coffee server for the day.

Why coffee? Why not?!? Lutherans love their coffee, and great fellowship can happen around a nice hot cup of it. "It's amazing how much coffee we go through each Sunday!" Committee member Cynthia Zach exclaimed. "And there are always earlybirds!"

Zach became involved in this committee "because Craig Remmen asked me!" she said. "I've known Craig for over 30 years and we've been good friends forever." She said she has served on this committee two times, and although her term ends in January, she doesn't want to leave! That speaks volumes for how serving coffee can indeed feed your own soul.

The time commitment isn't huge, either. Zach mentioned a little baking time at home when necessary, but usually donut holes and pretzels are the main fare. And then there's the coffee. Potfuls of coffee... Sunday mornings usually require about 2.5 hours of assistance, Zach explained. One of her favorite memories that happened over coffee was when she was serving with another Trinity member, Sandra Willis. Zach said she appreciated getting to know Willis better. Had it not been for serving coffee together, the two might not have had the opportunity to become acquainted with each other.

Another Ministries committee member, Mindy Farland, used to be a volunteer where she and her husband, enjoyed serving coffee together. Now she serves in a different role and has a new perspective. "There are a lot of regulars each week, pretty devoted people!" she said. "When I come in at 8 AM to make coffee, a few of the regulars are

already waiting...and the church staff!" she laughed.

As a committee member, Farland made sure coffee was flowing during the busy times and kept everything stocked and cleaned up as the second service began. She was a great example of what goes on "behind the scenes."

One Ministries committee member and a volunteer always work together each Sunday, and the volunteer of this past Sunday was Liz Fitzgerald and her daughter, Sophie. The mother/daughter duo can often be found volunteering at Trinity in many capacities. "I'm a very go with the flow person," Sophie said. "Wherever she goes, I go." The two were very diligent about their job, chatting with people and filling the atmosphere with laughter and smiles. Why volunteer in this way? Their smiles said it all...

Kevin Hendrikson, another Ministries committee member, also weighed in on the importance of this ministry. "It gives an opportunity to be in front of people and provide a welcome to the church...a ministry that everyone enjoys." He added, "Look around. People are still here eating donut holes! If you didn't have coffee here, they'd pass right on out the door after the service. This provides a sense of community."

Penny Bennett is the head of the Ministries committee, and she stressed, "We try to welcome everyone on Sunday mornings and have meaningful conversations. Everyone is important at Trinity!" She also learned that this committee does so much more than just serve coffee. Other services include Easter baskets, the Giving Tree, New Member Receptions, Welcome and Farewell Receptions, and other events as needed. "I feel like we are making a difference," she said. Bennett loves the fellowship of the other members as well as the congregation, but if she had to choose a favorite part of this ministry, it would probably be "when the kids come up to get donuts and pretzels!"

If you are interested in volunteering by being a coffee server, reach out to anybody on the Ministries committee or check with Denise in Trinity's office. Hendrikson said, "This doesn't take a lot! There's no heavy physical part... just bring your smiley face!"†



CYNTHIA ZACH AND
MINDY FARLAND

NEW SANCTUARY SEATING IS WELCOME TO ALL

BY MICHELLE MURRAY



BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE WORKING ON INSTALLATION OF PEWS

who uses a wheelchair and sits in the pews directly off the elevator ramp. Not only does he have a job helping other agencies with accessibility issues, but he lives it daily. "I asked him how it was sitting over here [on the side]," Elsbernd said, "and he said, 'You can't see well...you have the post here.'" She also talked to Karen Squier, who was using a wheelchair after an accident, who said, "You don't have the greatest view over here!" Through the efforts of Elsbernd and in conjunction with Warner, different seating was arranged in the 4th and 5th rows of the center seating in Trinity's sanctuary.

The Building and Grounds committee (along with other volunteers) happened to be on hand this past week to move a couple half-pews into place to provide space large enough for two wheelchairs or walkers. "Want a bigger hammer?" "Will it line up?" "It's close!" These were some of the comments overheard as many hands made light work.

Elsbernd said, "This is the 'main' and ideal part of the sanctuary. We're saying, 'We value you and you are welcome here!' When we force people to sit in a place that's not optimal or preferable, we aren't being as accommodating as we can be." This simple tweak of a couple of pews will "show everyone they're valued and important," Elsbernd said.

I chimed in, "Oh, I wish we would've had this done about four years ago!!" My mom was in a wheelchair for our older son's wedding and she had to sit by herself in front of the first row since the other option was in the back or on the side where she wouldn't have been able to see much

If you use a wheelchair or perhaps have a family member who does, you may be familiar with accessibility issues. This occurred to Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse, as she observed Trinity members with mobility issues. One person she talked to was Brian Warner

of anything. My husband and I sat directly behind her...but it would've been so much nicer to sit next to her. Elsbernd agreed that this seating will be better... especially for weddings and funerals, when people need to be closer to their family and feel more a part of the event.

Pastor Dan Gerrietts said, "This is something we have needed probably longer than most of us realize!" He also pointed out, "Some very careful work was done talking to people in the congregation who could help us understand what location would be the most helpful for the worship experience."



NEW SPACE FINISHED



BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Now at least there are more options. The "older" options include the space in the back in front of the sound booth, the space on the left side farther back, and the space right off the elevator, down the ramp and on the left side. The new option will allow people to sit next to their loved ones, especially when they need that extra support, the kind that is given by just sitting next to them.

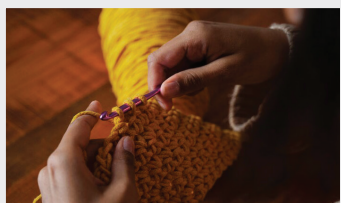
Thanks to all who were involved in making this happen... and especially to Becky Elsbernd for seeing a problem and coming up with a solution for it! All really ARE welcome here! †

BASES Returns

BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Class returns September 2nd. This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. BASES will meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM in the Gathering Space at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Centering Prayer

1st and 3rd Mondays
(August 4 & 18) at 9:00 AM
Room 322 and on Zoom
Centering Prayer is a practice of letting go of our thoughts and returning to our intent to simply be with God's presence and open to God's action within. We sit in silent prayer for 20 minutes, read a few pages from a book about contemplation, and then openly discuss what was read. Join us as we learn to simply be.



Learn to Crochet

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
10:45 AM | Trinity Room 307
Come and learn how to crochet with help from the Prayer Shawl Ministry volunteers. All ages welcome. Yarn and crochet hooks provided for beginners. Join us to see what you can create!



honey lemonade, and water provided. Farm tour, kittens, Kubb (Viking chess) and cornhole will be available. Rain location is the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

Psalms and Smoothies

Monday, August 11 & 25, 2025

6:00 PM | Elsbernd Farm

19050 Thrush Ave, Mason City

Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

The Psalms are a collection of poetry that describe the nature of God. You are invited to come and sit with the Psalms this summer as we listen to how the Spirit is speaking to us personally. We will meet at the Elsbernd Farm, 19050 Thrush Ave in Mason City, on the second and fourth Monday of the month (August 11 and 25) at 9:00 AM, rain or shine. Come to the backyard where we will be meeting with a Psalm and a smoothie!

Celebrate the Harvest Potluck

Wednesday, August 3, 2025

6:00 PM | Elsbernd Farm

19050 Thrush Ave, Mason City

Together we gather to celebrate God's blessings of fresh produce, friends and fun! Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass from your garden harvest or purchased local produce. Table setting,



Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:00 PM | Trinity Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us on Wednesday, August 20, as we learn about the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders through camp-style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Journey Groups

Monday, August 25, 2025

Women 50-60 Yrs

6:30 PM | Trinity Room 322

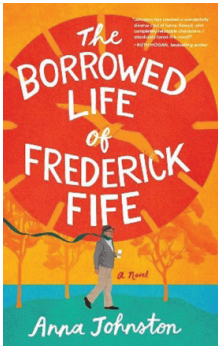
Women 60-70 Yrs

6:30 PM | Trinity Library

Journeying into the second half of life brings its own challenges and joys....

launching children, retirement, caring for aging parents, rediscovering your purpose, just to name a few. The journey is not meant to be taken alone but instead be an opportunity to cultivate friendships and foster faith. To help you connect with others and navigate this new phase of life, two Journey Groups are meeting once a month this summer.





Book Discussion

Monday, September 8, 2025

1:00 PM | Trinity Gathering Space

Our next book, *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston, tells the story of an 82-year-old named Fred, who is down on his luck and facing homelessness after a series of unfortunate events. A case of mistaken identity at a nursing home offers him a chance at a new life when he's mistaken for a resident named Bernard Greer. Fred embraces this second chance, bringing his natural kindness and positive outlook to

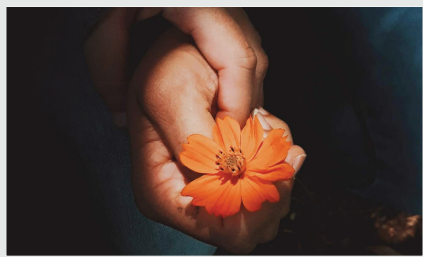
the nursing home, transforming the lives of those around him while also uncovering the secrets of Bernard's past. Multiple copies are available to check out from Trinity's Church Office.

Bike Ride on the High Line Trail

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 PM | Trinity Parking Lot

Join us for our August bike ride on the High Line Trail out to Georgia Hanford Park and back. The surface is paved with an approximate distance of 5 miles but you can turn around whenever you choose. Meet in the Trinity parking lot at 6:00 PM. **Weather permitting.**



Caregiver Support Group Summer Gathering

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:30 AM | Old Borealis Station

The Caregiver Support Group will be meeting in person in August for some refreshments and fellowship. Individuals providing

care for loved ones in any capacity (whether it is at home, in a care facility, or from a distance) are welcome to attend to receive support and information. The facilitators are Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse at Trinity Lutheran Church, and Pundee Kaur, Family Caregiver Specialist at Elderbridge. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at the old Borealis Station, 826 East State Street on August 26 at 9:30 AM. There will still be a Zoom option if you need that please call the church office at 641-423-0536.

Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

2:00 PM | Trinity 300 & Zoom

Individuals currently treating cancer or those who are in remission, along with family and loved ones, are encouraged to attend the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in Trinity Room 300. The facilitators are cancer survivors Roger Schlitter and Linda Stine. This group has a Zoom option! If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please call the church office at 641-423-0536.



Rotating Art Exhibit

Rotating Art Exhibit

July-September

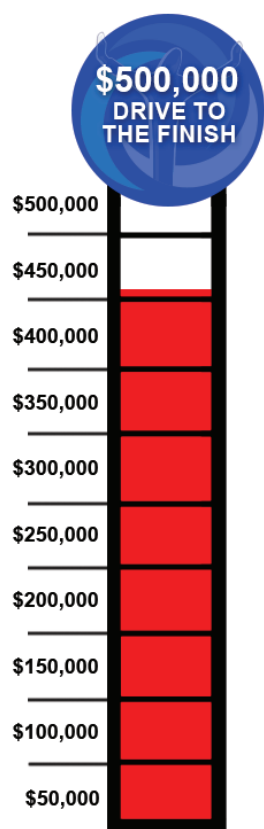
features the work of the late Richard Leet. Richard was a founding director of the Charles H MacNider Art Museum and taught high school art in Oelwein. His artwork was exhibited in numerous museums or venues, especially across Iowa. Leet's main passion was his artwork. From early cartoons and sketches to oil paintings, pastels, and especially watercolors, Leet loved to look at life with brush in hand.

Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry

(HTSM) is a sacred healing art that integrates prayer, the laying-on of hands, and anointing with oil found within our Christian tradition to enhance the body's capacity for healing. It is a safe, complementary therapy to regular and ongoing medical care. HTSM is provided by trained team members. Sessions available at Trinity or from a distance. There is no fee, but free-will donations are appreciated. For additional information or to schedule a Healing Touch Session, please contact the church office at 423-0536.

T150 Construction Loan

Trinity continues to pay on the remaining construction loan for the T150 building renovations, technology upgrades, and our mission project. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, we have been able to make loan payments from special gifts alone and not the general budget. Trinity's mission and outreach continue to be blessed by this \$4.5 million project. To make a gift, go to trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150 or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



TOTAL \$ RECEIVED TO DATE

\$4,141,129

LOAN BALANCE

\$92,296

LOAN INTEREST PAID TO DATE

\$166,024

T150 Matching Challenge

Thanks to another Matching Gift Challenge, we have the opportunity to double all new gifts made to the T150 Capital Campaign through the end of September 2025! That's right – if we receive \$50,000 in new cash gifts before September 30, 2025 – that amount will be matched dollar for dollar! If you haven't yet donated or if you are considering an additional gift, now is the perfect time to double your contribution and help us pay down the remaining \$145,000 on the T150 loan. Every gift helps! If you'd like to give online, please visit trinity-mc.org/give.



Area Churches at Mason City Pride

Several area churches were represented at the Mason City Pride event held on July 19. Shown in this picture taking a shift at the booth are (left to right) Teri Elsbury, First Presbyterian; Pastor Beverly Butler, Trinity Lutheran; and Pastor Jane Harris, St. Paul and Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

those who have lost loved ones, homes and property. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and other partners to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery. To make a gift toward this work, go to ELCA.ORG/FLOODING/DONATE or write "Texas Floods" on your check or envelope.

Flood Response in Texas

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. Please pray for

New Member Class

Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 PM **OR**

Sunday, September 14 at 1:30 PM

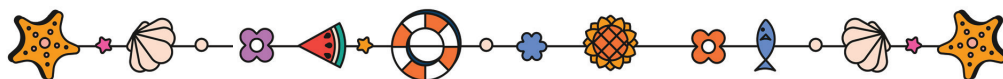
(Choose one session)

Looking for a church home? A place to belong?

Interested in learning more about Trinity's life and mission, or whether this might be the place to

connect and grow? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity Lutheran Church is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people! Please call the church office to register for the class, or visit trinity-mc.org/membership/ to register online!

**Belong
and
Grow**

**Friday, August 1, 2025**

8:00 PM Softball Game FHC

Saturday, August 2, 2025

5:00 PM Worship** TS

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship** TC

10:30 AM Worship** TS

6:00 PM Celebrate the Harvest Potluck EF

Monday, August 4, 2025

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom

9:00 AM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study FH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

Thursday, August 7, 2025

12:00 PM Senior Summer Luncheon FH

Saturday, August 9, 2025

11:00 AM Bash at the Lake TEE

5:00 PM Worship TS

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship TC

10:30 AM Worship TS

Monday, August 11, 2025

9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for GH TFH

9:00 AM Psalms & Smoothies EF

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 PM Mid-Age Adult Fellowship PH

Saturday, August 16, 2025

5:00 PM Worship** TS

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship** TC

10:30 AM Worship** TS

Monday, August 18, 2025

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

10:00 AM Healing Touch Exchange TR321

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:45 AM Learn to Crochet TR307

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

2:00 PM Cancer Support Group TR300/Zoom

5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits TFH

Saturday, August 23, 2025

5:00 PM Worship TS

Sunday, August 24, 2025

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship TC

10:30 AM Worship TS

11:45 AM TLC Block Party TC

Monday, August 25, 2025

9:00 AM Psalms and Smoothies EF

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

6:30 PM Journey Group (Women 50-60 Yrs) TR322

6:30 PM Journey Group (Women 60-70 Yrs) TL

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group BS/Zoom

6:30 PM Trinity Council Meeting TR300

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

4:00 PM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation FH

Saturday, August 30, 2025

5:00 PM Worship++ TS

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship++ TC

10:30 AM Worship++ TS

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CALENDAR KEY

TLC - Trinity Lutheran Church (Various Locations in the Building) / **TFH** - Trinity Fellowship Hall / **TR** - Trinity Room (Number)

TGS - Trinity Gathering Space / **TS** - Trinity Sanctuary / **TPL** - Trinity Parking Lot / **TEW** - Trinity Education Wing

CK - Community Kitchen / **YTFB** - YouTube & Facebook / **TC** - Trinity Courtyard / **TEE** - Trinity East Entrance

FHC - Fredrick Hanford Complex / **EF** - Elsbernd Farm / **PH** - Peters' Home / **BS** - Old Borealis Station

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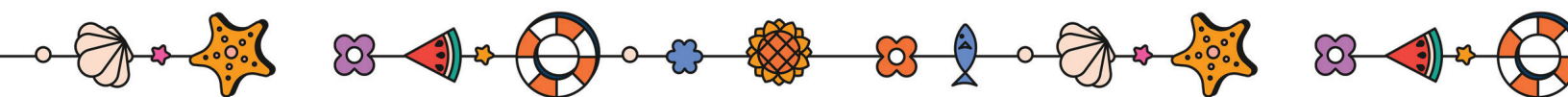
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