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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:Wartburg's Symphony Kammerstreicher plays during worship September 14, 2025

It's been a remarkable couple months for our congregation.

The T150 Capital Appeal – a \$4.6 million mission and building project begun in 2018 – is finished! The final \$140,000 was raised in about two months. Four summers in a row we held matching gift challenges of \$50,000 or more, and each time, you responded with extraordinary generosity. Not a dollar of general or mission offerings were used. And the spaces, technology and global missions the T150 provided have been transformative. Thanks be to God!



Pastor Dan Gerrietts SENIOR PASTOR

Our Summer Block Party was a wonderful event! The goal was to get out of our building and invite our immediate



BLOCK PARTY PARTICIPANTS EATING LUNCH

neighbors with personal invitations. About 175 people attended. The weather was perfect. We met dozens of new people - some of whom came back the next weekend. And the food! I had never seen a 40 ft potluck. Thanks be to

Fall Ministries are off to a fantastic **start**. Wednesday Night Alive has been lively and packed. Rally Sunday was a blast – the Ministry Fair, Sunday School

kickoff, youth bible blessing, etc. Last Sunday, we welcomed new members. Our music ensembles are back. People are learning, growing, and sharing Christ's love in our building and around the community. Thanks be to God!

Sometimes we just need to celebrate. We need to recognize, amid the very real challenges in our lives, that we are also blessed. It's not about numbers. It's about God's grace and how Jesus frees us to be different. To seek joy in serving. To practice unity and compassion. To be healers, as we are being healed. To be grateful.

I am grateful for each of you and for this calling we share together. Thanks be to God!

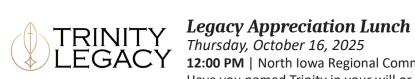


Coffee with Bishop Tamas Fabiny

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

9:30 - 11:00 AM | Trinity Fellowship Hall

Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church to engage in conversation with Bishop Fabiny of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary.



12:00 PM | North Iowa Regional Commerce Center Have you named Trinity in your will or estate plans?

Have you made a gift to the TLC Legacy Fund, or want to learn more about this opportunity? Join us for this special luncheon and presentation on how the Legacy Fund and other memorial gifts are helping Trinity live out its mission in 2025. Meal catered by Cynthia Lewerke. To register, go to www.trinity-mc.org/events/ legacy-appreciation-lunch-2025/.



GENEROSITY SERIES 2025

We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame or guilt. Or a story that our actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves?

This October at Trinity, we are going to explore our money stories in light of God's money story of liberation and justice. It's a bold theme – and one that makes many of us uncomfortable. We often try to avoid it. But what if we reframe this? Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is really a spiritual story. Better understanding God's money story can set us free and transform our lives. Join us as we remember, release, reimagine and restore our money stories this month in worship.

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Remember

OCTOBER 4 & 5 Luke 22:1-23 Exodus 16:1-18

Reimagine

OCTOBER 18 & 19 Mark 12:38-44 Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

Release

OCTOBER 11 & 12 Matthew 19:16-22 Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Restore

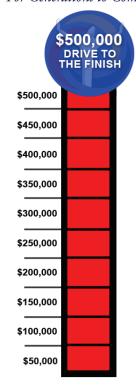
OCTOBER 25 & 26 John 21:1-14 Genesis 33:1-17

Faith Promise Form Response Weekends

NOVEMBER 1 & 2 Week One NOVEMBER 8 & 9
Week Two

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WE DID IT! T150 Loan Retired

Not only did we surpass the \$50K summer matching gift goal for the T150 mortgage - our remaining balance of \$145K has been received. The T150 loan is retired! This \$4.6 million project, launched in 2018, has provided so much to TLC's ministry. Watch for more details on how we will celebrate this milestone in the coming months!

Fellowship Coffee Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall Join us to enjoy a time of coffee and treats, and to hear Kim Pang share highlights from his life story!

ALIVE ALICE AND ALICE AND

is Alive and Well for the 2025-26 Season!

BY MICHELLE MURRAY

Anyone who has grown up Lutheran knows that Wednesday nights have always been "church nights," whether they were reserved for Confirmation, Bible study, church choir, or a plethora of other activities. Trinity Lutheran Church is no different...or are we?!? Trinity is a place that offers something for everyone of every age...and is a welcoming space for one and all. The first Wednesday Night



ATTENDEES EAT DINNER

Alive (or WNA) of the 2025-26 season was on September 10, and the comments heard from the crowd echoed one another. "I've never seen it so FULL!" and "Isn't this GREAT?!?" Of course, we're talking about the meal that is served for a free-will donation every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

The menu for the night included Walking Tacos, which were a huge hit. In fact, the food is so good that a handful of people start to gather around 5:30 for the meal that begins a half hour later. Sometimes it's pizza. Sometimes a casserole. Whatever it is, it's made with love and people appreciate it. And the meal is only the beginning of the

night that is packed with activities for all ages...



*The Gathering Space features a different speaker every week, with topics geared toward adults. (Dr. Kevin Orcutt talked about Faith at the Frontlines of Oncology.)

DR. ORCUTT AND ATTENDEES

*The Fellowship Hall has activities and fellowship

time for Confirmation-aged kids in grades 7-8. (A "Get to Know Daniel and Carol" game started out the evening.)

*The Choir room welcomes singers who love to harmonize with others. (All vocalists, high-school aged and older are welcome!)

*The Library is sometimes a starting point for a Prayer

Walk around the neighborhood. (No conversation allowed...just walking and praying for homes and businesses in the area!)

*And last, but not least, the 2nd floor offers school kids in

grades 1-6 (Campfire Kids) a Bible lesson and fun activity...and the nursery offers a place for really young ones to play with parental supervision. (Campfire Kids even made pickles and flatbread!)

Every nook and cranny of the church has something going on! Marge and Harlan Baack, long-time Trinity members, say they come to all of the WNAs because of the delicious food and the opportunity to meet new people.



CAMPFIRE KIDS GATHER

"Besides that, they're lots of fun!" Marge said. She commented that they try to sit at different tables every week so they can meet different people. "We always like the programs that they have after the meals, too. We learn a lot from them!"

Dee Matton and her family also love coming to WNA. Dee's favorite thing? "Getting out of the house and not having to cook!" Their favorite menu items are walking tacos and tator tot casserole. Since she is in nursing school, this little break provides some much-needed sustenance for body and soul.

Kathy Pitcher took a minute to sit down to have a bite before clearing tables with the rest of the Adult Ministries committee who was in charge of the supper. "It's very busy," she said. "Each committee takes a turn to serve the WNA supper." She commented on how busy it was this first



OUR YOUNGEST ATTENDEES

night of the new season as well. "We don't usually run out of food...but tonight we almost ran out of Doritos!" From all three Trinity pastors chatting with people at various tables to heading up the table prayer (this time a "campy" Superman prayer led by Pastor Daniel Hanson), everyone was on board to make sure this first WNA was a success and a welcome for the year ahead. Pastor Dan Gerrietts said, "WNA meals have become this beautiful

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Come to the Gathering Space and hear how North Iowa medical professionals spend their days, practice their health care specialties, and integrate their medical vocations with their faith journeys as members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Q & A will follow each presentation.

October 1 - Dentistry, Wellness and Faith: Decisions in dental care can be stressful. We will explore together how we care for our oral health at home and in the clinic. We will look at how oral health affects total wellness. We will also discuss the impact of faith on healthcare providers in the military and the civilian sector presented by Matthew Hansen, DDS, Central Park Dentistry, former officer in the United States Air Force

October 8 - What if science and innovation aren't enough? presented by Tim Becker, Lead Pharmacist; Registered Pharmacist; Certified Geriatric Pharmacist; Fellow, American Association of Consultant Pharmacists

October 15 - Challenges in Nursing: Filling in the Gaps, Extending Support and Helping Clients Thrive, presented by Amie Otto, ARNP, DNP, District Nurse, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

October 29: Musings of a country doctor after 40 years of medical practice, presented by Sam Hunt M.D., retired family physician

How Should Christians Remember 250 Years of U.S. History?

October 22 - Next summer the USA will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. While such anniversaries have brought Americans together around a shared past, this one will take place in the middle of fierce political debates about U.S. history. In this talk, historian Dr. Chris Gehrz (Bethel University) will suggest strategies for how to think historically about our contested national past — and what role Christians can play in that remembering.

Choir

Trinity's choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Choir practice is held in the Choir Room.

Youth Programming / 6:30 PM

NURSERY is UNSTAFFED but is available for preschoolers and their parents from 6:30-7:30 PM each week.

CAMPFIRE KIDS

We're continuing our new Wednesday Night Alive programming with *Campfire Kids*! Campfire Kids is a program for students in Grades 1-6 on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Education Wing. Join us for energetic and creative explorations of faith. Collect a badge for each adventure. This fall, Nate Ruge will be our fearless guide as we embark into the unknown.

continued from page 4... embodiment of God's inclusive love. Everyone is welcome - member or not. Everyone gets to enjoy these great meals and the joy of being together. Our kitchen crew, committees and staff are so hospitable and welcoming. None of this would be possible without the remarkable volunteers who are so committed to this wonderful, slightly chaotic, gathering each week. It's a glimpse of the kingdom of God – where all are fed and valued and have a home."

Next Wednesday...come to Trinity and be **ALIVE**!†

Confirmation Class

Wednesday Nights GRADES 7 & 8

Confirmation students will gather 6:30 – 7:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Nights and experience small group and large group learning as they study for their Confirmation.

Confirmation Day

Sunday, November 2, 2025
10:30 AM | Sanctuary
Confirmation Sunday will be
celebrated on November 2
at the 10:30 AM service.
Come and support our 9th
grade class as they affirm
their faith and say yes to the
promises God made to them
in Baptism.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S

SCANDINAVIANTE TREATS

Lunch at the 20th Annual Ethnic Fair

BY MICHELLE MURRAY

Two favorite foods that Trinity serves at the annual Scandinavian Bazaar dinner also happen to be the ones served at the Ethnic Fair. This year marked the 20th year this popular lunch event happened in Central Park. Of course, anyone who has lingered near Trinity's kitchen in the fall could guess the two delicacies...Swedish meatballs and Almond Bars (also known as "Scandinavian Brownies"). How do they "magically" appear every year? The Adult Ministries Committee makes it look fun and easy, but they put a great deal of time and energy into making this delicious food each year for the Trinity booth. Meatball prep starts two weeks before the event. Kathy Pitcher, chairperson of the Adult Ministries Committee, said that all 11 members participated in making 40 pounds of Swedish meatballs and 15 pans of Almond Bars this year.

She explained, "We added ten extra pounds of meat this year because we ran out of them last year."
Craig Remmen, committee member, explained the process: "The meatballs took pretty much the whole committee about 4 hours. They are made in 5 pound batches with the spice, bread crumbs, milk and eggs. Next, they are shaped

into uniform balls, baked,



SCANDINAVIAN MEATBALLS

cooled, counted, bagged and frozen. There are some of us who have helped make them for the Bazaar, so we didn't go into the process blind. About two days prior to use they are moved to the fridge to thaw. The gravy is made (with the secret ingredient added) and is put on the meatballs in roasters to heat and cook."

Both Remmen and Pitcher mentioned that they have to apply for a temporary license from the State of Iowa Department of Inspection to sell food. Of course, there are rules and regulations and someone from the agency comes around to see that they are being followed. This includes checking the temperature of the meatballs that are being served.

And oh, are the meatballs a hit with the crowd! Remmen overheard comments from the crowd such as, "Oh good, this is where we get the meatballs!" Susan Schlitter, another committee member, said that she definitely sees a lot of the same customers every year at the Ethnic Fair. "People come because they love the meatballs and bars. We hear people say, 'We look forward to these every year!'" Pitcher added that even many Trinity members stop by for these well-loved delicacies. "Who knows? Maybe they're getting their tastebuds ready for the Trinity Bazaar meal coming up in November!" she said.



ALMOND BAR

As for the Almond Bars, Remmen saw several people "buy a bar, eat it, and then come back to buy more as they thought they were so good." He also overheard comments from people who planned to share a bar, but ate the whole thing so they had to buy another. With all the work involved, will this tradition continue? Pitcher answered, "Probably! It

takes a lot of work and time, but the fun we have...all 11 of us working together in the Trinity kitchen...makes it a time to remember! No one person can do it all. We need the friendship and laughter to help us along. We are a well-oiled committee!"

Remmen summed up the Scandinavian-themed booth at the Ethnic Fair: "Trinity should be proud that after all these years, we still embrace our Norwegian heritage. People enjoy the ethnic flavors and can (for one or two days a year) enjoy being an honorary Scandinavian!" †



THE ADULT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE AND HELPERS WORKING HARD AT THE ETHINC FAIR BY CENTRAL PARK

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR Thursday, November 6, 2025 213 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE



Scandinavian Coffee Shop

Featuring Norwegian Sandwiches, Lefse, Pastries, Rolls, Pies, and more 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Meatball Luncheon

Serving 2 Shifts 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM Meatball Dinner with pie -\$10.00 Call 641-423-0536 to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets available at the door.

SCANDINAVIAN BOUTIQUE

Featuring uniqueholiday and everyday gift items

CRAFT CREATIONS

Beautifully handcrafted one-of-a-kind items

CANDY AND BAKE SHOP

Norwegian pastries, candies, breads, cookies, bars, and more

BOOK AND GAMES+

Gently used puzzles, games, and novels for all ages

Wednesday Night Preview

November 5, 2025 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM

Meals will be available for those unable to attend on Thursday.

Take-out meal tickets are \$10.00. Call the church office with questions.

PIES

Many flavors to choose from!

LEFSE

Shop early - sells out fast!

COFFEE SHOP

TRINITY-MC.ORG/BAZAAR

BAZAAR DONATIONS NEEDED

BOOK SHOP AND MORE!

Danish puffs, cinnamon rolls, fruit breads, almond cake/bars, rosettes, sandbakkels, krumkake, kringla, kavring, and flatbread Call Kay Larson or Sharon Lindgren with questions.

CDATT CDEATIONS

We are expanding the Book Nook for this year's Bazaar! We will take your novels, puzzles with all the pieces, and board and card games like Monopoly, Chutes & Ladders, Clue, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Sorry, Uno, Crazy 8's, Chess etc. Bring them to the church office on or before November 3. Call Lavonne

LUNCHEON ITEMS

Welch with questions.

Butter, Cream Cheese, and CoolWhip. All donations can be put in kitchen fridge with BAZAAR written on them.

BAKE SHOP

Assorted breads/rolls, almond bars, mini pies, banana/pumpkin/zucchini breads, brownies, any variety of cookies, Swedish brownies, fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, any gluten-free or specialty items Call Karen Bolding or Susan Schlitter with questions.

PIE SHOP

Fruit pies & Cream pies Call Nancy Rockman with questions.

CRAFT CREATIONS

Craft Creations is looking for your craft donations! If you have anything to contribute you can bring to the church on November 6, or contact Patty Flatness at 641-210-8223. Items need to be priced.

We're still making Lefse!

Join us on Monday mornings at Trinity! Potato peeling begins at 6:00 AM, with rolling beginning at 8:30 AM and packaging at 11:30 AM. We will meet Monday mornings through October 27. We are looking for volunteers for lefse-making, or newbies that would like to learn the process. Join the fellowship!

High School Youth Group

Sundays in October 11:45 AM | Youth Room

Youth Service Hours

Trinity has a number of volunteer opportunities available for youth looking for service hours. Contact Dani Vogel for more details about helping with Rejoicing Spirits, Campfire Kids, or special events. Call 641-423-0536 for more information.



Sunday School Christmas Program

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 14 is the annual Christmas program at the 10:30 AM worship service, featuring all Sunday School children and Trinity youth telling the story of Jesus' birth. Mark your calendar!

Kylie Hansen, Soprano Nathan Elsbernd, Organ/Piano Duo Recital

How Can I Keep from Dreaming?

Sunday, October 5, 2025
4:00 PM | Trinity Sanctuary
A joint recital featuring Soprano Kylie Hansen and Organist/
Pianist Nathan Elsbernd with
works by Bernstein, Copeland,
Novello, Schubert, Stanford,
Strauss, Thea Musgrave, and
Rodgers and Hammerstein.
"How Can I Keep From Dreaming?" explores the relationship
between dreams and hope.
We encourage the audience
to dream with us and enjoy an
afternoon of eclectic music.

Sunday School in October

We're having a great time in Sunday School! Thank you to all the teachers, shepherds, and leaders who keep the Sunday School rotation program going smoothly and safely for ALL! In September we learned about the Good Samaritan, and now in October we will be talking about Generosity. Parents, here are a few questions to ask your young children and teenagers:

What does generosity mean? Who is generous with them?



How did Jesus model generosity? How they are generous?



Middle School Families to Lime Creek Nature Center

Sunday, October 12, 2025

2:00 PM | Lime Creek Nature Center We will explore the Nature Center, hike, play some games, and make a snack mix. Friends and family are welcome to this

event. Please RSVP so we have enough supplies to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

God's Work. Our Hands. for Middle Schoolers

Sunday, October 26, 2025

1:00 - 3:00 PM | Trinity Room 307

The Middle Schoolers, grades 5th-8th are invited to help creatively package bird seed ornaments to be sold at the Trinity Bazaar. These ornaments sold out quickly last year, so we want to make more this year during confirmation class and we will need help to package them all. We will also string popcorn and cranberries while watching a show, snacking and chatting. All middle school hands are welcome for this fun, fall project. RSVP to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

baseball style in the parking lot! Great fall activity day!







Memory Cafe

Thursday, October 9, 2025

10:00 AM | Trinity Fellowship Hall Memory Café is for individuals living with various forms of dementia or memory impairment and their caregivers. It supports leisure, fun and

fellowship. In October, our topic is hobbies. Please bring stories or items from your favorite hobby. Refreshments provided.

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, October 15, 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, October 15, as we learn about the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant through camp-style music, interac-



tive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.



Prairie Land Trail Bike Ride

Thursday, October 16, 2025

3:00 PM | Trail Head 13773 240th St., MC

Join us on a fall bike ride on the Prairie Land Trail on Thursday, October 16 at 3:00 PM. The Prairie Land Trail runs along an abandoned railroad bed from

Nettle Ave SW of Mason City to Apple Ave SW of Meservey. We will meet at the trail-head at 13773 240th St. It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. The surface is compacted lime chip. *Weather permitting*.

Step A Way

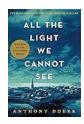
November 11-13, 2025

New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA

An inner pilgrimage experience to step away from your routines into a way of being that supports listening and letting go. Designed to be intentional time to connect with God through silence, prayer and scripture. We will explore spiritual practices,



participate in the prayer rhythm of the monastic monks, and allow for quiet alone time. Three days and two nights at New Melleray Abbey, November 11-13. Facilitators are The Reverend Stephen Benitz, Regional Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. Cost \$300 which includes single room with private bathroom, transportation and meals. Partial scholarships available. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. **Spots are limited. Registration deadline is October 7**.



Book Discussion

Monday, November 10, 2025 | 1:00 PM | Gathering Space Our next book, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, tells the story of a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of WW II. Multiple copies are available to check out from Trinity's Church Office.

BASES Exercise Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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



Soul Spa Friday, October 17, 2025

9:00 - 11:20 AM Trinity Lutheran Church Soul Spa invites participants to engage in a variety of spiritual practices to nurture body, mind, and spirit. We will start and end together with free time in the middle for you to visit as few or as many stations as you desire. Stations offered include group spiritual direction, creative project, Visio Divina, seated healing touch sessions, and refreshments. Wear comfortable clothing and come as you are. Register by calling 641-423-0536 or just show up.

Medical Lending Closet

Trinity Lutheran Church has medical equipment that can be checked out and borrowed as needed. Please call the church office at 641-423-0536 for more information!



Rotating Art Gallery

The *October-December*Rotating Art Gallery features quilted wall hangings. Area quilters will show off their creativity and handiwork.
Come and be inspired!

High School Toiletry Drive September 20 - October 5

The Servant Cabinet is collecting items that have been requested from MCHS to fill their toiletry closet--a resource for students in need. Please open your hearts and share in this ministry to provide personal dignity to our local youth. Below is a list of requests from the high school. If you feel moved to participate, items can be placed in the cabinet under the office windows, look for signage. Cash donations are also welcomed, simply designate that the money is to be used for the High School Toiletry Drive. Thank you in advance for your participation!

ITEMS REQUESTED

STICK Deodorant - HIGH NEED Shampoo and Conditioner Feminine Hygiene maxi pads (no panty liners) Laundry Pods Hair Oil Hair Bonnets



WELCA Study

Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:30 AM | Trinity Room 208

Rev. Dr. Norma Cook will lead a deeper study of the Ten Commandments, using Luther's Large Catechism, exploring their meaning for today. October's topic will be "How Do We Live in Dangerous Times?" We'll use the 5th and 7th Commandments. Women, bring your friends for engaging conversation.



God's work. Our hands. Sunday

Sunday, October 26, 2025

1:00 - 3:00 PM | Mason City Area

Join us for this churchwide service day! Simply sign-up on the board by the office, get the location information and join us! Projects this year include:

- Affordables Thrift Store sorting donated items
- Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank cleaning, organizing, etc.
- Beacon Warming Shelter raking, yard work, etc.
- Trinity Fellowship Hall writing notes to homebound members, assist with quilting tasks





KCMR Shareathon



It's that time of year again--Sharathon time at KCMR! Your monetary gifts help keep KCMR on the air and providing all the music and content you have come to know and love. This year, the event is Thursday and Friday, October 16 and 17, at The Manor--located at 4 3rd St NW, just one block south of the KCMR studios. We will

broadcase live! If you're interested in volunteering for the Sharathon, please contact KCMR at 641-424-9300 for more information!

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
MCC - Mason City Community / NIRCC - NI Regional Commerce Center

**Holy Communion Served ++Rite of Healing



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