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WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:00 PM GIFT "Growing in Faith Together" Class

6:00 PM Traditional Service in Gollaher Chapel

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Traditional or CrossPoint Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM GIFT "Growing In Faith Together" Classes

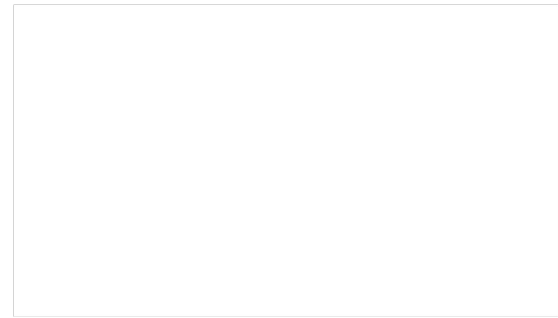
NEXT NEWSLETTER DATES

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

You can submit an article for next month's newsletter by **February 19th**

FOLDING OF THE NEWSLETTERS

Folding of next month's newsletter is at 9:30 AM, **February 26th**



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TRINITY TIDINGS

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Our theme for Lent 2026 is "The Heart of Jesus". We will have the following at-home activities available starting Sunday, February 15 after worship:

- "Where Your Heart Is" Devotional book
- Lenten Calendar with heart stamper
- Origami heart instructions and paper
- American Heart Association "My Life Check"
- Heart magnets for your car
- Lapel pins
- 5th Annual Coloring Contest sheets



Join us in Miller Hall after worship on Sunday, February 15 for treats and make ornaments for our Lenten Tree. We will have all supplies ready for you to create a representation of God's LOVE. This is an intergenerational event and is free for everyone so bring your friends!





Have you joined the Booster Club yet? We need adults who are willing to go to student events and activities. Parents, have you shared your kids' upcoming calendar items? Please contact Christina for more information.

DIRECTORY DATES

Dear Church family, It's time for a new directory! Mark your calendar now for Thursday, March 26, Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 for our photo shoot. Everyone who is photographed will receive an 8x10 portrait and a directory. Watch for signing up information and a chance to sign up after worship.

Pecans For Sale

Also Available: Halves or Pieces

Questions? Call Margie Balderston (308) 850-5155

Milk or Dark Chocolate 12 oz
Caramel Clusters 10 oz
Cinnamon Glazed 10 oz

SCHERMER PECANS

United Women in Faith

\$12 a bag

BAPTISM & NEW MEMBER



CHRIS JACKSON

FROM PASTOR SHELLA

Prayer:

My favorite definition of prayer is "intentionally being in the presence of God." Prayer can simply be bringing ourselves before God in stillness and humility. Like the examples of Job (Job 40:1-5) or Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13), discerning God's will often happens when we do the hard work of intentionally quieting the noise, being still, and listening. During such times of prayer, we make ourselves available to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Here, God can reveal to us where we are being self-centered or acting out of fear or insecurity. Prayer can be the place the Holy Spirit guides us into creative spaces that open us to possibilities we might not have considered. While we normally think of prayer as a solitary activity, group time benefits from intentional times of silent prayer as well. Making time silent and guided intercessory prayers in groups that are tackling complex issues can be the most meaningful use of time. These might serve as the most valuable times together in centering people's emotions and perspectives on God's ways instead of their own. (EQUIPPING WORLD-CHANGING DISCIPLES UMCdiscipleship.org)

Reflection:

Prayer Life was our topic last night with the junior high school. It was a great discussion about their prayer time and why they are praying. We talked about 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I always believe that prayer changes everything and it affects the people around us. It is a powerful tool that we can always practice in our life journey. We also pray the "Lord's Prayer" the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples.

Prayer can be a real challenge for some of us, especially when you are in a public area. When was the last time you held a prayer in a public spot? Let us practice and be courageous to pray for one another.

NEW FOR WORSHIP

You will soon be noticing a new addition to the Trinity worship service. Watch for "Mission Minute" and learn more about what is happening in the life of our church.

Sympathies to the Family and Friends of:

† Barry G. Brabander 78 January 4th

SAVE THE DATE!

Confirmation Sunday is March 22.

KIDS ZONE HELPS CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Kids Zone painted 60 heart-shaped suncatchers to put in the Congregational Care Valentine bags. The bags are delivered to people in care homes or who are no longer able to attend church activities. It was a fun project and a great way for our kids to learn about caring for others.

LOAVES AND FISHES

February 14th at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 am until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 am. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

160 YEARS OF TRINITY

Sometimes anticipation of what is going to happen is about as much fun as the event. On September 20th, Trinity will have a BIG party to celebrate our 160th Anniversary. Be watching for information about this event and mark your calendar for that day.

Fact 2: At the end of July 1976, our senior pastor Rev. Dr. Kenneth Hicks was Nebraska's first elected bishop. We are honored.

NAME THAT TUNE WINNERS

1970s & 80s – Carol Stoppkotte
1990s – Pam Balderston
2010s – Bethany Kemnitz
Congratulations!

Thank You Notes



Thank you Trinity for the recognition on Sunday with cake & coffee for the call I have made over the years. The thanks really go to all of you who said yes when I called. Trinity people are so willing to help out any way they can. I thank you all for the most enjoyable job I ever had. - J. Lorraine Ogg

Trinity, you are an amazing church to be a part of. One mission of our church is to help feed people of our community. The little drive by food box on the circle drive is one way we help feed people. You can be a part of this ministry by purchasing a couple of extra non perishable food items when you are at the grocery store and placing them in the box. Thank you for supporting this ministry of Trinity.