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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
December 11th

FOLDING OF THE NEWSLETTERS

Folding of next month's newsletter is at 9:30 AM,
December 18th

OUR GUIDING STATEMENTS

OUR MISSION

To know and serve God.

OUR VISION

Guided by God's love, informed by Biblical teaching, strengthened by prayer, and shaped by our relationship with Jesus Christ, we are committed to discovering and using our gifts to reach out to all God's children.

WE VALUE...

- The uniqueness and worthiness of each individual as a child of God.
- Lay ministry and leadership.
- All children and their spiritual growth.
- Diversity in worship.
- Christian service and outreach in our community and beyond.

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Advent 2025

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Devotional Book
Advent Calendar
Star Gazing Guide
Bethlehem Soup
Star Refraction Glasses

STAR of WONDER

Celebrate the coming of Christ all month long with our Advent kits! All materials are FREE and are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Choose from these activities to make a custom Advent kit for your family:

- devotional book
- Advent calendar
- ornament craft
- star gazing party on December 13
- star diffraction glasses
- Bethlehem soup

OFFICE CLOSURES

The church office will be closed the afternoon of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the days of Christmas Day, the Friday after Christmas, and New Years Day. Thank you.

The CHRISTMAS STAR

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21 9:30 a.m.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Children and youth will present "The Christmas Star" during the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 21. After worship, join us at Jesus' birthday party in Miller Hall.

STARGAZING PARTY

Christmas Goodies
Neighborhood Caroling
Geminids Meteor Shower

Saturday, 12/13 7 p.m.

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On December 13-14, the Geminids Meteor Shower will be visible in the night sky. Join us for this spectacular sight on Saturday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the parking lot. We will be serving Christmas goodies and may do some caroling around the neighborhood if the weather cooperates.

Pastor April's Open House

December 21st 2-4 PM

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

511 N ELM ST GRAND ISLAND NE

JOIN US

5 PM 8 PM 10 PM

34th Live Nativity & Soup Supper

December 7th 5-7 PM

Fonner Park

Soaps end at 6:30 PM



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First Faith
United Methodist Church

Adults - \$7
Children (5-12) - \$5
4 & Under - Free



The year is 1987. The place is Shovlain's Drive Inn on South Locust. The event is a drive by Live Nativity Scene. The temperature is frigid! But Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men and angels all faithfully stand by for all who are in their toasty warm cars as they drive by the scene. Fast forward a couple of years and the event grows and is moved to Fonner Park. It now includes a soup supper faithfully cooked by our Methodist Men and the nativity is inside the big red barn. Brian Gallagher lends his voice to the narrative. Those viewing the scene now sit in the bleachers. It is a delightful community event. In 2019, around 500 attended this wonderful time to be together and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Then COVID hit, sadly the event was stopped. Joy of joys, now in 2025, the Live Nativity is being reinstated with the help of First Faith and a few sheep and a miniature donkey. Come join in the fellowship! Visit with Santa. Take your picture. Fill up your tummy with yummy soup and feel God's loving gift to us as you view the nativity scene. (If you would like to be a part of the nativity, watch for sign up soon.) The date—December 7. The time—soup served 5 to 6:30 in the Fonner Cafeteria with the Nativity taking place across the parking lot in the Big Red Barn between 5 and 7. Can't wait to share this time with you!



We're going to support our children and youth in a whole new way! Watch for more information on how YOU can become a member of the Trinity UMC Booster Club.

A WORD FROM REV. APRIL

We are coming to the end of 2025! Can you believe it? I sure can't. It feels like we just started this year, but here we are coming into December. Trinity UMC has experienced so many new things this past year. The Wednesday night meals continue to grow along with Bible Studies, fishing tournaments, Kolache making, Children and youth ministries. What an exciting time for Trinity. Yet, it is a nervous time as I look at our budget shortfall. It is November and we are only at 52%. Trinity's Stewardship Committee met last week and we are going to ask for a 13th month of giving to help us with this shortfall. In December, if you are find yourself able to give an extra month of giving I would like to ask you to do such. This will help us greatly with our 2025 Budget and help us get set for 2026 and continue to looking at the future with new exciting ministries like a Trinity (booster) Club. Church members who go and support our wonderful children and youth at the school and sporting events.

I want to thank all of you for the support that you have shown this congregation and I look forward to this coming year with all of you.

Blessings, Rev. April

December 6th – 14th
The Gathering Place

Baskets of Love Auction

Baskets are to be brought in by December 4th.

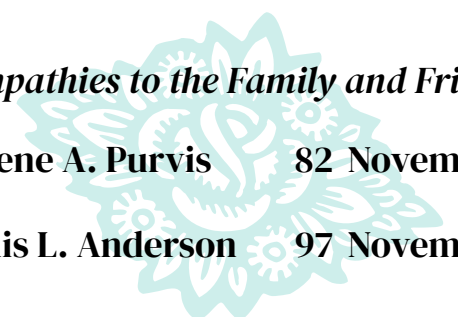


Here at Trinity we have many traditions. One of those is Baskets of Love. This year the proceeds will be donated toward the cost of our new sanctuary roof. Another change is that there will be a minimum raise of \$3 when you are bidding on a basket. Baskets will be displayed from Dec. 6 to the 14th. Please deliver your basket to the church by 4:30 on Dec. 4th. Bidding will end at 11 AM on the 14th. We have been blessed through the years with a huge variety of baskets for browsing. Please consider building a basket to share and then come to bid and take home a treasure.

Sympathies to the Family and Friends of:

† Thelene A. Purvis 82 November 3rd

† Phyllis L. Anderson 97 November 12th



Pecans For Sale

\$12 a bag



Milk or Dark Chocolate
12 oz



Caramel Clusters
10 oz



Cinnamon Glazed
10 oz

Also Available: Halves or Pieces 16 oz

Questions? Call Margie Balderston (308) 850-5155



United Women in Faith

Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you for your generous gift! May God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ.

In His Service,
Midwest Mission Family





Poinsettia Order Form

Cash or Check Due by December 16th



In Honor of: _____
or
In Memory of: _____
or
In Celebration of: _____

How many? _____ @ \$10 each

Given By: _____

LOAVES AND FISHES

December 13th 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.

Plarn Weaving

January 18th
4 - 5:30 pm
Miller Hall



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Wednesday Night Meals

During the Christmas holiday season this year is a doubling of Wednesday holidays. This means for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, there will be no meal. Our last meal for 2025 is on December 17th. If you want to make a New Year's resolution, we are looking for some hidden chefs from God's kitchen. Please take the time to think about volunteering in 2026 to provide a wonderful meal in fellowship. Thank you all for making the Wednesdays at Trinity, Wednesday Night Meals, a success!