

**RUSS FERRIS MEMORIAL
MEN'S GOLF OUTREACH**

Friday, June 14

Club 91 in Leigh, NE

5:00 pm Leave Trinity

5:45 pm 4-Person Scramble

Call the Church Office to sign up.

Teams assigned upon registration.

Cost: \$37

Includes: Cart and green fees, cheeseburger dinner & beverage, fabulous gifts and prizes!

SPONSORED BY MEN'S MINISTRY



18th Annual Columbus Rescue Mission Masters Classic

Friday, July 19, 2024 | 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Elk's Country Club, Columbus

4 Person Scramble // \$75 per player // \$300 per team

Entry includes green fees, cart, team prizes, flag prizes, door prizes, CRM golf hat, & lunch on the course.

Everyone is welcome to participate.

Questions: Call Pastor Justin Fisher 402-563-1096

To Register: Call Mike VunCannon at Elk's Country Club 402-564-4930

Trinity is a full hole sponsor for this event.



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Heartland District Annual Gathering

The Heartland District annual gathering will be **July 19 and 20** at First St. Paul Lutheran in Hastings, Nebraska.

Our keynote speaker will be Sarah Stenson from Luther House of Study in Sioux Falls, SD.

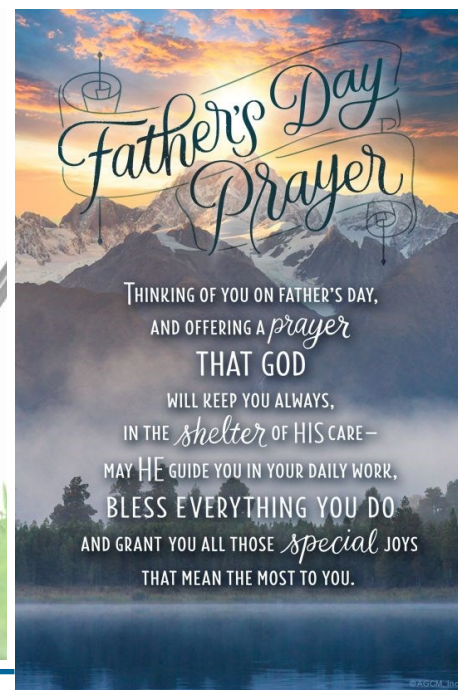
Friday afternoon (July 19) will focus on pastors and other congregational leaders. We will begin with registration at 2 pm. Our topic will be Lutheran theology and identity. Friday evening will include a meal and fellowship time.

Saturday morning (July 20) begins with registration at 9 am and will include a presentation and discussion on Lutheran theology and identity for everyone. After lunch there will be a brief meeting to take care of the business of the Heartland District. We will be on the road by 3:00 p.m.

We encourage you to come and to bring a friend. Be encouraged by your LCMC neighbors. Share what God is doing in your congregation and hear what God is doing throughout LCMC.

Meals are provided for just \$20. Preregistration is requested.

8 Registration form can be found at www.heartlanddistrict.com.



A Call to Care

Did you know that there are youth in your area who need a safe, loving and stable home? 1 John 3:18 commands us to "love people not only with words and talk but by our actions and true caring." Romans 12:13 takes this even further by suggesting, "Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes." While not every home is fit to be open for fostering youth, there is a huge need for those who are able to respond to the cry for help. Call or visit Behavioral Health Specialists' Foster Care Program to request more information about becoming a foster parent.

4,341 Nebraska youth in foster care.

BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD IN THE WORLD. Become a Foster Parent & be the difference for 1

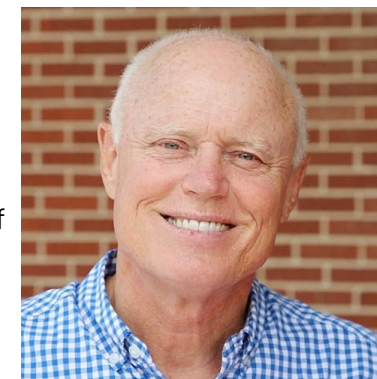


**1900 Vicki Lane, Norfolk, NE
402-379-0270 www.4bhs.org**



Dear Trinity,

I can hardly believe it has been nearly eight incredible months since I first joined your congregation! What an amazing journey it has been, and I am bursting with excitement for all the wonderful things that lie ahead for you. The appointment of Pastor Billy Czapl as your new Lead Pastor is truly a momentous occasion. Under his leadership, I foresee a wave of fresh enthusiasm and anticipation for the divine possibilities awaiting you. As we approach this new chapter, it is with both a tinge of sadness and immense joy that I bid you farewell, as my tenure as your interim pastor draws to a close on Sunday, June 30th.



Serving alongside this extraordinary congregation has been an absolute honor and privilege, and I want to take this moment to express my deepest thoughts and gratitude towards each and every one of you.

From the warm embrace and kindness you extended to me right from the very first Sunday, to the loving support and hospitality showered upon me as we traversed this journey of faith, growth, and transition together, I have felt truly at home among you. I am immensely grateful for the many memorable moments shared, from the assistance of the Call Team in settling us into 823 Becton Street, to the delightful introductions to local gems like Dusters, Glur's Tavern, Zeeky's Pork in a Boat, and Valentino's. Special mention goes to the heartwarming dinners hosted at your homes and the outings that allowed us to connect on a more personal level. My heartfelt thanks go out to Lanny and Jan Moser for the wonderful Friday night dinner and TV series marathons, to Mike and Deb Zastera for the bountiful supply of fresh eggs, to Randy Schaefer for the scrumptious peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies, to Rex Davies for the sweet arrangements at the Elk's Country Club, and to my dear friend Phil Johnson for the regular Scooter's Coffee rendezvous that always brightened my week.

The indomitable spirit of this church community has left an indelible mark on my heart. I am particularly grateful for the moments of connection we shared, and for the enriching experiences that have shaped my ministry here. From the playful Sunday morning "Abbott and Costello" routine with Pastor Ollie to the heartwarming children's messages shared on Sunday mornings, each interaction has been a source of immense joy and fulfillment. Your eagerness to engage in courses like "Discover The Bible" and "Adult Confirmation" speaks volumes about your hunger for spiritual growth and fellowship, both of which are vital elements of your journey ahead. The camaraderie fostered during gatherings like the "Men of God" (MOG), Friday morning "Men's Breakfast", Wednesday "Woman's Bible Study", showing the "The Chosen" during our Lenten Season and the irresistible "Sunday morning Fellowship Hour" has been nothing short of delightful. I am deeply impressed with Glenda Lundstrom's exceptional knowledge, creativity and commitment to teaching children about the love of Jesus. She is truly a treasure to Trinity!

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Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus

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Worship Schedule
5:30 p.m. Saturday
10:00 a.m. Sunday

Interim Lead Pastor
Dr. Patrick Hall
Associate Pastor
Ollie Fullmer

Minister of Worship & Creative Arts
Manuel Tabora
Director of Youth & Missions Ministry

Director of Children's Ministry
Glenda Lundstrom

**TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE
FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2024 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH
April 30, 2024

YTD Income	\$ 299,078
YTD Expenses	\$ 237,286
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$61,792

Annual Projected BUDGET

Income **\$809,716** // Expense **\$809,716**

- 33% of year elapsed
- 37% of budgeted annual income received
- 29% of budgeted annual expenses incurred

Trinity Council Members

- Kris Gernstein, *President*
- Ken Andreasen, *Vice President*
- Kay Johnson, *Secretary*
- Greg Eickmeier, *Treasurer*
- Cheryl Brewer, *Recording Secretary*
- Trina Jeffryes
- Amanda Jensen
- Mike Kruse
- Dan Mickey
- Hillary Rasmussen

The Church Office
will be CLOSED
Thursday, July 4.

Happy 4th of July!



Our Mission:

Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus

Our Vision:

We see followers connected to Jesus and each other through strong relationships and a sense of belonging because of meaningful worship, fellowship, youth- focused ministries and a commitment to serving beyond ourselves.

May Council Notes*

*Not approved by Council

Submitted by Tammy Augustine, Business Administrator

The May 21, 2024, Council meeting was called to order by President Kris Gernstein.

Guest Tom Zimmerman provided the Council with an update on hosting the group “Esprit de Corps” which will be held on Tuesday, July 9th at Trinity. Trinity’s responsibilities as well as space needed were discussed. Final plans will be made mid-June. Trinity volunteers will be needed for that afternoon/ evening.

Guest Bob Petersen informed Council of the “Better Choice” Pro-Life Petition being circulated for the November 2024 ballot and asked if he could present this petition to small groups within the church. Council permitted him to inform the small groups of the petition, but any signing will need to take place offsite from Trinity.

The Offering Pickup Schedule was passed around and completed.

The minutes for the April 16, 2024, Council meeting was approved. Financial reports for period ending April 30, 2024, were approved.

Business Administrator Report

- HVAC: The new rooftop units were installed April 17th. Some minor work still needs to be completed.
- High School Classroom Project: The rest of the lights and carpet have been installed.
- Fence: The fencing along the east parking lot has been installed. Rollers on the bottoms of the gates for the garbage bin will be installed.
- Blue/Gray Box Covers on east side of building: These are covering valves directing water flow from the roof. The boxes are beaten up from kids sitting on/kicking them. Boxes will be replaced.
- National Day of Prayer: Tammy made booklets for Trinity’s participants at NDP that included prayers and the songs Trinity was singing at each prayer station.
- Columbus Days Information: Columbus Days is August 8th – 11th. Booth & parade information was shared.

Old Business

- Sign: Nothing new to report until the revised ordinance is approved by the City of Columbus.
- Pastoral Transition Team: The team is in contact with Pastor Billy and Denise to help meet their needs as they move in mid-June.

New Business:

- Immanuel Lutheran School Partner Church Agreement: A hand-out was given to Council from Immanuel reference a Partner Church Agreement. The decision was to keep the Scholarship Program in place this year. Going forward, meet with Trinity families currently attending Immanuel, discuss and put the Partner Agreement on the pre-planning list for the 2025 budget.
- Farewell for Dr. Hall: plans are underway for Doc’s farewell reception on June 30th.

Next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st Everly Nolan Jaxon Pelc Linda Runquist Kay Steiner	6th Logan Salak Brooke Sjuts Carol Uehling	15th Eli Ingwesen	21st Faith Craig Lucille Johnson	26th Carrie Gauger Pat Olsen
2nd Bob Parker	8th Kaylie Blahak Scruffy Fricke Jr. Taylor Sobota June Went	16th Shayne Cherry Micala Dempcy Doug Nelson Robin Perry	22nd Lorri Moore Janelle Reppert Leo Rodehorst Linda Rodehorst	27th Dwayne Harms Grant Ramaekers Donna Williams
3rd Jaxon Bell Kennedy Thomson	9th A J Parker	17th Kay Ferris Maverick Grams	23rd Owen Bice Robb Christensen Dean Groteluschen Tylor Hollis Colt Petersen Weston Rodehorst Sharon Zobel	28th Eli Kumm Ayden Ladehoff Rhett Rodehorst Nancy Schoo
4th Mark Calahan Marilyn Dake Marcyanna McGuinn Reagan Messersmith Brody Mickey Lilly Rowe Landon Sliva Cameron Steiner	10th Stephanie Kumm	18th Molly Andreasen Lindsey Bates Hayden Hopwood Richard Perdue	24th Karen Baker Linda Christensen Janet Moser Gary Spuit Graham Vetic Jason Woodworth	29th Shari Cromwell Cora Myers Dustin Sutton Regi Zakrzewski
5th Riggs Coble Meredith Edwards C J Grams Lilyan Martensen Andrea Prochaska Reagan Ziemba	11th Jerry Engdahl Emily Hall	19th Arlis Steiner	25th Kari Garrelts Payton Sliva	30th Cindy Ackerson Payton Grams LoJean Morgan Nancy Munson
	12th Merlin Lindahl Carolyn Lueschen Ben Weber	20th Kaylee Bright Sylvia Christensen Bria Jeffryes Riley Kohles Hunter Schoch Travis Schoch		
	13th Carl Taylor			
	14th Ramona Condon Gale Tessendorf			

“To Be Blessed”

Our Women’s Workshop was an experience full of learning, laughing, and love! The Nancy Guthrie video sessions gave us a new perspective as we learned how to trace themes through the Bible. We could see the bigger picture with the Old and New Testament connections. It was eye- opening! The food was delicious, the gift bags were special, and the praise/ exercise time was a hoot!

Thank you, Joanna Tabora, Glenda Lundstrom, Sharon Becker, Karen Fullmer, Sandra Jochens, and Kelly Young for all your work to make this event so enjoyable.



Trinity Kids' Ministries

JUNE 2024

By Glenda Lundstrom

HOME



Indescribable, God the Creator

"Indescribable" was the presentation by Louie Giglio at a conference I attended several years ago. Everyone there was *awestruck* as he unpacked the majesty of creation with scientific findings.

Now his book of "100 Devotions About God & Science" has brought the message to kids. If family devotions has not been your practice, or it was and you let it go—no worries. Reading one of these together each day would be an easy start to family devotion time. They are so fascinating and fun, it's almost like cheating!

Each devotion has a "BE AMAZED" section with facts about space, earth, animals or people, and a short closing prayer.

You will find a copy for looking or loaning on the bookshelf in the center hallway by the kitchen.

Check it out!

Some of the titles included:

The Star Counter

How Deep Is The Deep?

Faster Than The Speed of Light

Yakety-Yak

Holding It Together

Beetle Juice

BREAKOUT MISSION

Behind the Scenes

There is always more that must happen behind the scenes to prepare for success. Thanks to Ayden & Chandler for their work to be ready for June 12th, our Breakout Mission Day.

They spent their Wednesday afternoon folding towels, unpackaging hygiene items, boxing soap, resorting combs and recounting.

These guys were coming up with ideas and willing to think things through and experiment with processes and layout. They hauled the tables in, set up and cleaned up to leave the room better than they found it.

We did assemble a hygiene kit for a sample. **Our team will have 99 more to assemble and deliver on June 12th.** *We are excited for it!*



ALL STARS Summer Break

Rested, Renewed and Ready!

We have an amazing team of All Stars and Breakout leaders here at Trinity. They love other people's children and sharing Jesus on the kids' level. As we prepare for our new Lead Pastor this fall, Dr. Hall advised us to cancel "Summer Sundays" and give all our volunteers a break for the summer. Done.

The success of our Children's Ministry has been **teamwork**. Building teams of leaders, assistants and tech people for each All Stars classroom, where each person usually serves two times a month, is doable for most people. *We want it to be fun!*

Is God preparing your heart for serving children? Talk with Glenda, (402) 564-8547.

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Navigating transition periods can be complex, but the grace and faith displayed by your Church Council have been truly inspiring. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ken Andresen, Kris Gernstein, and the entire Council for their unwavering support and trust in my leadership during this phase of change. Your unity as a congregation has been a beacon of hope and has paved the way for the seamless selection of a new pastor who will undoubtedly guide, nurture, and uplift you as you step into the next chapter of your journey.

It brings me immense joy to witness the growth and energy that has characterized your preparations for Pastor Billy and his family's arrival. As I prepare to bid adieu, I leave you with some words of encouragement. Uphold the legacy of being a welcoming, loving, and faithful community. Extend to your new pastor the same warmth, respect, and boundless enthusiasm that you have showered upon me. Seek God's wisdom in all your endeavors and remain resolute in your dedication to His divine work. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the dedicated church staff whose unwavering support and camaraderie have enriched my experience here. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to Pastor Ollie and Manuel Tabora, Tammy Augustine, Judy Arndt, Vicky Barcel, Michele Bristol, Jon Quincy, Jacob Wilke, Todd Connelly, and Gayle Borchers, Ann Cattau, Judy Dicke, Peg Speicher, June Borchers, and Jen Eickmeier for their camaraderie, hard work, and unwavering support in carrying out the day-to-day ministry at Trinity. Each of you has played an invaluable role in making my time here truly memorable and fulfilling.

Saying goodbye is never easy, but I take solace in knowing that you are well-equipped and prepared for the exciting journey that lies ahead. I will forever cherish the memories we've created together and the profound love that you have showered upon me. While my role as your interim pastor may be drawing to a close, please know that you will always be in my prayers.

May God shower His abundant blessings upon you, guide your steps, bring you peace, and fill your lives with His infinite love and grace. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your incredible journey. I carry with me a heart full of gratitude for every single moment we've shared.

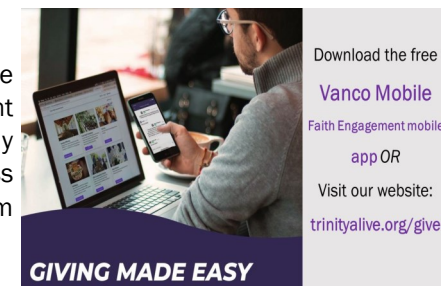
In Jesus' name,
~Doc

SUMMERTIME GIVING

We know many of our members travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you'll miss church services this summer, consider giving online from where ever you are or setting up recurring giving.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS:

Download the free **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement mobile app** OR Visit our website: trinityalive.org/give.

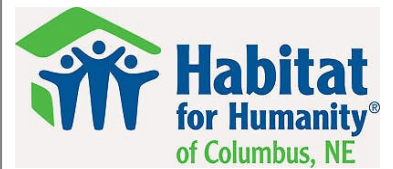


Esprit de Corps, a performing arts group based out of the Lincoln Berean Church consisting of 65 high school students sharing Jesus through high energy music/drama, will be visiting Trinity and performing in our sanctuary on **Tuesday, July 9**. Watch for details!

A great experience for the whole family!

Let's gather for a
FAREWELL RECEPTION
for Dr. Pat "Doc" Hall
Sunday, June 30
After 10:00 Service
Refreshments will be available.

Doc will be heading back to Minnesota after this reception. This will be your final opportunity to thank him and wish him well.



Not able to join in person?

Consider applying for a [Thrivent Action Team](#) to support the Habitat home.

Gather a team of volunteers to:

- Stock the cupboards (towels, groceries, cleaning supplies)
- Assemble a kitchen kit (dishes, glasses, silverware, small appliances)
- Serve lunch to workers on another build day
- Prepare food for the home dedication day (Aug 1)
- Replenish supplies for upcoming homebuilds (paintbrushes, garbage bags, light bulbs, door knobs, nails, etc.)
- Gather prizes to support the upcoming golf tournament on June 28th
- Stock the new tool trailer with additional equipment (brooms, rakes, shovels, etc.)

Questions?

Contact Lori Peters at (402) 564-HOME (4663) or info@hfhcolumbusne.org

Altar Flowers

You may wish to purchase Altar Flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Please call the Church Office at 564-8547 to place your request. Cost is \$50 (minimum). Thank you to everyone who donates Altar Flowers to glorify God.



PRAYER REQUEST

Our team would love to pray for you.

Pray for one another.
James 5:16

Trinity's Prayer Chain would love to include you or a loved one in their prayers. Please submit prayer requests to Sandra Jochens at sjjoche@frontiernet.net or contact the church office.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Trinity's Meals on Wheels group is looking for some additional help delivering meals to shut-ins. If you are interested in this very rewarding act of service, please call LoJean Morgan at 402-606-4127.

THE MINISTRY OF CHURCH MUSIC

Manuel Tabora

It is such an honor to get to serve you and with you through music here at Trinity. I've been given the privilege to speak at our services on June 1 & 2, and I've chosen to speak about church music, as this is a subject that is near and dear to my heart. By the time you receive these Tidings, you may or may not have heard my message yet. Either way, there are no spoilers here. I just want to give you what is most important from my message.

There is a lot to be said (and I will say it) about how music has served the people of faith through the ages. But when it's all said and done, I think we don't need to over-complicate church music. In fact, church music is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Church music should be unified around the gospel of love. The gospel is centered on God's love for the world. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. And we know that God sent Jesus into the world because he loved the world (John 3:16). So love is at the center of our gospel, and so it should be at the center of all our church music.



2. Church music should be BOTH/AND: both old and new, both loud and soft, both complex and simple, both joyful and somber, both sacramental and spirit-filled, both about loving God (vertical) and about loving our neighbor (horizontal), BOTH/AND, not EITHER/OR because the story of salvation and the story of our lives is also BOTH/AND. Church music has to cover the spectrum of a whole human life on a journey of faith, and so it needs to be BOTH/AND, as Jesus our Lord was BOTH human AND divine, BOTH conquering lion AND slain lamb.

and

3. Church music should be TRINITARIAN, because our faith is trinitarian. We can never fully comprehend the mystery of the Trinity, but we know that God as Father, God as Son, and God as Holy Spirit are always at work to create and to re-create. So we cannot make our songs all about the Holy Spirit, even though we love the spiritual gifts. And we cannot sing only about Jesus, because he showed the depths of God's mercy and love. We sing of the God in three persons, the blessed trinity.

God's trinitarian life is a community of love. And we also are meant to live in loving community. My hope for our church music is that it can continue to support our authentic Christian community as we grow in faith, hope, and love.



June 2024

Saturday, June 1
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, June 2
10:00 Worship Service

Monday, June 3
6:00 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, June 4
1:15 Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, June 5
11:30 Women in the Word

Friday, June 7
6:30 Friday Men's Ministry
5:00 Hollis/Vanderpool Rehearsal

Saturday, June 8
3:00 Hollis/Vanderpool Wedding
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, June 9
10:00 Worship Service
Breakout Mission Commissioning

Tuesday, June 11
6:00 Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 12
Breakout Mission Day
11:30 Women in the Word

Friday, June 14
6:30 Friday Men's Leaders
5:45 Russ Ferris Golf Outing

Saturday, June 15
5:30 Holy Communion
Worship Service
High School Mission
Commissioning

Sunday, June 16
High School Mission Trip June 16-22
10:00 Holy Communion
Worship Service

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY

Monday, June 17
6:00 Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, June 18
6:30 Council

Wednesday, June 19
11:30 Women in the Word

Thursday, June 20
9:30 Widow's Group

Friday, June 21
6:30 Friday Men's Ministry
5:00 Schoch/Fangmeier Rehearsal

Saturday, June 22
2:30 Schoch/Fangmeier Wedding
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, June 23
10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday, June 26
11:30 Women in the Word

Friday, June 28
11:45 NAOMI's at Senior Center

Saturday, June 29
5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, June 30
10:00 Worship Service
After Worship ~ Farewell Reception
for Dr. Pat "Doc" Hall

EDUCATION HOUR

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

All Sunday Morning activities break until Fall Kick Off August 18

All Stars

All Stars & Summer Sundays have been canceled.

Age 3 - Grade 6
Various Classrooms

Jr & Sr High Youth
Grades 7 - 12

Fireside Faith

Adult Bible Study
Fireside Room

Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E.

Coffee & Conversation
Fellowship Hall

Nursery Available

During 10:00 Service

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday Classes On Break until Fall

Breakout
Grades 3 - 6
Various Classrooms
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Confirmation Class

Grades 7 - 8
The Outlet
6:30 - 7:45 P.M.

High School Impact

Grades 9 - 12
The Well
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Communion

We celebrate Communion the 3rd weekend of every month. ALL are welcome!

Baptism

Baptisms may be scheduled during any service the 2nd weekend of the month.

Please keep our Youth Mission Teams in prayer as they go and serve the Lord!

* 6th Grade Break Out in Norfolk June 12

* High School students in Colorado Springs June 16 - 22

