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1st Monday of the Month Sign up at Grand Central

> Questions? Call Sharon Becker 402-564-9484





Feb. 21 ~ Nacho Bar Proceeds to the Missions Board Feb. 28 ~ Breakout Soup Suppe Proceeds to Breakout Mission Trip March menus will be in the bulletins and on Facebook once determined. Proceeds to Jr & Sr High Youth trips



OUR MISSION: Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus

for our Lenten Services!

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 14 Holy Communion Worship Services With Imposition of Ashes 12:00 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT ~ Feb. 21 - March 20

Wednesday Lenten Suppers // 5:00 - 5:50 p.m. February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20 Worship Service // 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Classes // 7:20 – 8:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday ~ March 24

Palm Sunday Breakfast (8:30-11:00 a.m. Sunday) Worship Services // Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday ~ March 28 Holy Communion Worship Service // 6:00 p.m. First Communion Service for 5th Graders

Good Friday ~ March 29 Worship Services // 12:00 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY ~ MARCH 31

All Stars Breaks ~ Worship with your family. Holy Communion Worship Services 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. NO Saturday 5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Affordable advertising in Trinity Tidings!

Trinity will be offering advertising space in our 2024 Tidings newsletters. This is a very affordable way to reach potentially thousands of households. In addition to our printed newsletter given to Trinity members, Tidings is posted on our website and Facebook page. The charge would be \$20 per month for a $1-1/2" \times 3/4"$ ad (shown actual size below) or \$200 per year (11 issues). If you would like a larger ad, the cost would be per box. So you could have an ad that is twice the size for \$40 month/\$400 year, four times the size for \$80 month, \$800 year, etc. The larger sizes can go horizontal or vertical. The deadline for the monthly issues is the 15th of the prior month you wish to start your advertisement. Call the Church office and talk to Tammy or email her at taugustine@trinityalive.org if you would like to set up an advertisement.

*The advertiser has the option of creating their own ad or submitting information to Tammy to create a simple ad, to be approved by advertiser before printing.



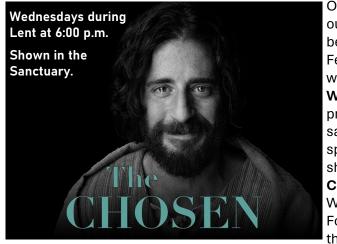


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LENT 2024

This year Ash Wednesday is February 14. We will offer services at 12 NOON and 6:00PM. After Dr. Hall delivers his message you will receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.



fifteen minutes or so to discuss the video. It will be led by Pastor Ollie and Dr. Hall. Please be assured that our Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry will end at 8:00 PM.

As you know, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. As for our **Maundy Thursday** and Good Friday services, they will also begin at 6:00 PM, the same time as the other Lenten services. However, in addition to the evening Good Friday service, we will also offer a **12 NOON Good Friday** service. It is our prayer that you and your family will be mightily blessed as you make every effort to attend these events during this Holy season.

**Our full Lenten schedule is on the back page of this newsletter.

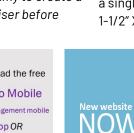
FIRESIDE FAITH

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. // Fireside Room February 4, 11, 18 & March 3, 10, and 17 (No class Feb. 25)

How (NOT) to Read the Bible

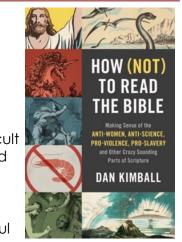
This new class in the Fireside Room will address difficult topics and issues that arise when many people read the Bible. Oftentimes they are mis-reading it and unnecessarily discouraged or confused about their faith. This resource from Dan Kimball is good news and can help us discover the Bible as more beautifu than we can imagine.

The class will be taught by Pastor Ollie along with video sessions.



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On the following five Wednesdays our traditional Lenten Meals will begin at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. It is imperative we begin each of our five Wednesday Lenten Services promptly at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. By doing something special this year, we decided to show episodes of the video The **Chosen** for each of the five Wednesday Lenten Services. Following the video we will go to the Fellowship Hall for ten to



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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 Kaleb Andersen

Director of Children's Ministry Glenda Lundstrom

TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE 2023 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH

December 31, 202	23
YTD Income	\$ 824,599
YTD Expenses	\$ 814 487

187 \$10,112 Surplus or (Deficit)

Annual Projected BUDGET Income \$789,883 // Expense \$789,883 100% of year elapsed

104% of budgeted annual income received 103% of budgeted annual expenses incurred

Trinity Council Members

Ken Andreasen, President Kris Gernstein, Vice President Pam Hain, Secretary Greg Eickmeier, Treasurer Cheryl Brewer, Recording Secretary Amanda Jensen Trina Jeffrves Kay Johnson Tricia Kersting Mike Kruse Dan Mickey Melodee Pedersen

Lead Pastor Call Team Tony Barcel Bob Becker Cheri Bollig Logan Bronson Kris Gernstein Kay Johnson Dan Mickey Hillary Rasmussen Kelly Young



Sunday, February 25, 2024 After the 10:00 Service

2024 Nominees for Re-election to Church Council (2-yr terms):

> Kris Gernstein Mike Kruse

2024 Nominee for Church Council (2-yr term):

Hillary Rasmussen

Vote to offer a Letter of Call to Pastoral Candidate Billy Czapla.

December Council Notes

Submitted by Pam Hain, Council Secretary

1st

2nd

3rd

5th

6th

President Ken Andreasen called the December 12, 2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting to order.

Secretary's Report - There were no communications received. Collection schedule distributed for sign up.

November meeting minutes were approved. November financials were approved. There were two membership adjustments: 1) Wayne and Lisa Cherry requested transfer to 1C Church in Columbus and 2) CJ Grams, Ashley Long and Avery requested membership at Trinity. Membership adjustments motion made, voted, and carried.

Business Administrator reports

- HVAC Two of the three roof top units have been delivered to Rutt's. • Waiting on 3rd unit and curb adapters. No date set for installation
- Classroom Project Old flooring removed. Electrical should be completed by end of year. Council to assist in getting project completed
- Sale of Rental House Dishwasher was replaced and sale of the house • closed on Dec 4th, 2023
- Call Committees Assisting committees as needed •
- Receptionist/Volunteer Coordinator Michele got a good response from the post cards she sent to ushers, greeters, communion servers, etc. and had been able to set up a volunteer schedule through May 2024.
- Advertising in Tidings Tammy has created a form for advertising in the monthly newsletter. Various sizes and prices are available.

Old Business

- Rental house Sale closed on December 4, 2023. The profit from the sale ٠ will be invested in a money market account at DA Davidson until further designation is made
- Council Openings According to by-laws, one (1) congregational member will need to be added to the Council. Names were discussed and will be further discussed at January meeting
- Christmas Offering Motion made and carried to donate \$5,000 from Christmas offering and \$5,000 from Community Outreach Fund to be donated to Loup Power "Heat Helper" fund and Platte County Food Pantry

New Business

- Annual Meeting Motion made and carried to have Trinity Lutheran Church • Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 11:15 AM
- Lead Pastor Call Committee Report Executive session from 7:40-8:10

Next Trinity Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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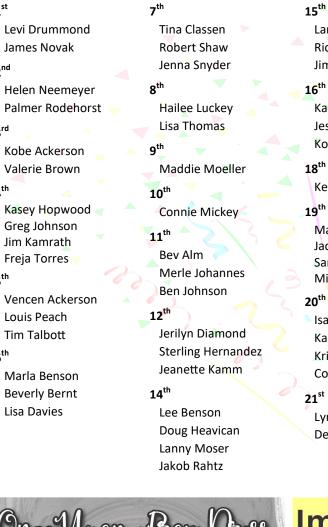
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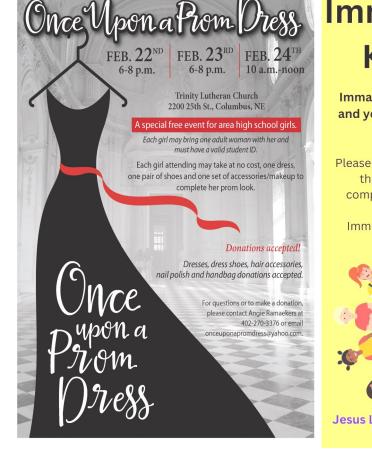
Vice-President Kris Gernstein called the January 16, 2024 Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting to order.

Secretary's Report - Communications received were 1) Thank you from Pastor Ollie and Karen for the Christmas bonus and holiday cheer extended to them, and 2) Thank you from Judy Martensen, Director of Columbus Emergency Relief Fund that distributes Loup Power Heat Helper funds. Collection schedule distributed for sign up

December meeting minutes were approved. Approved minutes of January 9, 2024 email motion and vote (compensation package for Lead Pastor position). December financials were approved. There were no membership adjustments

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Landon Christensen **Richard Rahrs** Jim Wiese

- Kaeson Ernst Jesse Slizoski Kobe Suhr
- Keith Gilmore
- Marie Albracht Jaci Behlen Sara Henke Michael Sloup
- Isaac Bice Karsta Kersting Kristen Slizoski Collette Zakrzewski

Lynda Bower Denise Kush

22nd

Cletus Arasmith Morgan Austin Kendall Heidemann Lee Hueschen Elliot Kucera Randy Schaefer

23rd

Rick Lemp **Cade Preister** Tristan Rasmussen Lillian Schroeder

24th

Reeyce Mueller Blake Munson **Clayton Rodehorst** Lonny Schaad Lena Steiner

25th **Rogene Anderson** Jean Andreasen Erik Klutman Sophie Treio Kendall Vrba

- Andrew Kallweit JoAnn Mueller Matthew Mueller Steve Woodside
- 27th
- David Anderson Max Carnes

28th

Jeslyn Aldrich Gene Coufal Noah Edwards

Blessed Birthday Wishes 40 All!

Immanuel Lutheran School's Kindergarten Round-Up

Immanuel Lutheran School (2865 26th Avenue, Columbus NE) invites you and your child to attend Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6:30 PM.

Please join us, invite a friend to attend, and learn all about Immanuel. We share the love of Jesus everyday and prepare the children for first grade in a compassionate way according to their age, development and learning style.

Immanuel School has an attached daycare, convenient for before and after school care.

Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World

Join us for our first **"KINDERGARTEN SIGNING"** which includes photo op and FREE school swag when registering for Kindergarten 2024-2025!

Please call the school office to RSVP 402-564-8423 Email Principal Evans @ nevans@immanuel.esu7.org

Trinity Kids' Ministries

February 2024

by Glenda Lundstrom

In Fesus' Name

The mission of the **Orphan Grain Train** is to share resources and bring Jesus' name and character to people in need. This June our Breakout 6th Graders have the privilege to serve this Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies and other needed items to people in 71 different countries, including the USA.

Breakout 6th Graders will be making *hygiene kits* and delivering them to the OGT national headquarters in Norfolk Nebraska. They will also package *mercy meals* and donate money to cover the food cost.

You can join these students in loving others in a tangible way.

Here's how:

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1) February 25-March 4, Pick up an item-card off the display in the fover by the Worship Center 2) Purchase the item,

3) Bring the item by March 11 to Trinity



Lenten Soup Supper Wednesday, February 28

Fundraiser

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5:00-5:50 PM

Breakout 6th Graders Mission Trip Fundraiser COST: Free will donation Soup & Sandwich Supper Cheddar Potato Bacon, Chicken Noodle, & Zeeky'z Surprise!

Lenten Schedule **For Breakout**

Feb. 14: Ash Wednesdav No Breakout worship with your family

Feb. 21: Breakout 7:20-8:00pm Feb. 28 : Breakout 7:20-8:00pm Mar. 6: Breakout 7:20-8:00pm Mar. 13: Breakout 7:20-8:00pm Mar. 20 : Breakout 7:20-8:00pm Mar. 27: No Class, HolyWeek

Sunday Mornings 9:00–9:45, Age 3 - Grade 6

KINDNESS is our February theme.

Lessons start out with Jesus showing kindness to all people, including people who sin, and people who have diseases, or are not accepted by others.

Ruth shows us how to be kind to people closest to us when she moves to a new land with her widowed mother-in-law. Naomi.

Going the extra mile was a new way of showing kindness and mercy that Jesus taught.

Kindness to people different from yourself, was the point of the parable Jesus told of the Samaritan man who helped the wounded Jewish traveler.

Jesus taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated. Thanks be to God for his kindness in sending Jesus for us underserving people!



Your friends are always welcome!

One of the pre-teen teams in The Edge take a break after a rowdy game of "Feeding Frensy."

January Council Notes* Continued *Unapproved by Council

Business Administrator reports

- Church office closed January 8-9, & 12 due to snow storm
- HVAC All three roof top units have been delivered to Rutt's. Curb adapters to be shipped January 15, 2024. No date set for installation
- Classroom Project Installation of flooring lined up. Installer providing 3 types of flooring options for Council to decide on. Installation is projected in February
- Call Committees Assisting committees as needed, preparing for Meet & Greet on January 27-28th
- Receptionist/Volunteer Coordinator Michele continuing work on volunteer schedules
- Advertising in Tidings One ad has been sold. Deadline for February issue is January 15, 2024. Advertising form available from Business Administrator
- Business Administrator on vacation January 26-30th

Old Business

- Council Openings List of potential candidates presented to Council from Nomination Committee. Council selected in order of interest. Kris Gernstein will contact candidate and advise Council the decision.
- Annual Meeting Scheduled for February 25th after 10:00 AM service.

New Business

- Approval of excess housing allowances for Pastor Ollie Fullmer and Manuel Tabora for 2023. Motion made and carried
- First Aid Kits Suggestion for signs posted for location of kits for more clarity. Kits currently in Usher's closet, kitchen, and copy room
- President Ken Andreasen reminded Council they should think about filling 2024 Officer Positions
- Information provided for writing a variance to Columbus City Council to approve a new LED sign. Further discussion to be held at February Church Council meeting

Next Trinity Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Confirmation Class

This opportunity is for a 4-week class. For most of us, Confirmation was an obligation. As a young person going through Confirmation, you might have been thinking of other things during those years and perhaps missed out on some of the most important parts. This course is designed for all adults. Perhaps you have either transferred into the Lutheran Church as an adult but have never either been confirmed or you have been a Lutheran your whole life and would like to join a refresher course? It is intended to be a fun experience – not a lecture. There will be treats, too! At the end of this course, you will discover how Luther's Catechism helped you to better understand your faith. There will also be an opportunity for you to join your class in a *Confirmation* rite that allows for you to publicly confirm your faith.

You can sign up for this class at the Information Station, call or email the church office. We will gather on Tuesday afternoons from *3:00 PM to 4:30 PM*. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on these four dates: February 27 & March 05, 12 & 19. Remember, Lutheran's don't Confirm one's knowledge, we Confirm one's faith. Please come and join us.

> *Note time change from previous information shared regarding this class. There will be an evening class offered at a later date.*





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.



Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

TWO OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH!!

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 8, 2024 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment, contact Kyle Jensen at 402-910-0681 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter TrinityColumbus

Bring Donor Card or Photo ID Eat breakfast/lunch & drink plenty of water prior to donating blood.



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. 3

TRINITY ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Your contributions to the Endowment Trust fund add greatly to the work here at Trinity. Gifts are accepted at any time in memory or in honor of a loved one. Names of those being memorialized will be listed in Trinity's 2023 Annual Report. THANK YOU for your contributions during 2023:

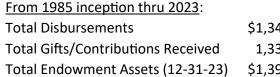
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Marilyn Plugge **Dennis Schroeder** Dave & Deb Svoboda Patty Swirczek Carl & Gayla Taylor Keith & Diana Wick Alice Woodard

TRINITY ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND FINANCIALS

2023 Total Disbursements

\$50.000



\$1,345,208 1,330,872 \$1,390,037



For more information on how you can contribute during your lifetime and after your death, inquire at the Church Office.



Join us for refreshments and fellowship on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



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Your contributions to Trinity's Memorial Fund are greatly appreciated. Gifts are accepted at any time in memory or in honor of a loved one. Thank you to the following for your fourth quarter contribution to **Trinity's Memorial Fund:**

Larry & Vicky Barcel Bernetta Berlin Stan & Shirley Gottschall Wayne & Diane Hellbusch Merle & Joyce Johannes Keith & Vikky Mihulka Rich & LoJean Morgan Mike & Nancy Munson Keith & Diana Wick Alice Woodard



blessing to others! Our Trinity family has been amazingly generous this past year supporting the many fundraisers of our youth, food and winter clothing collections for those less fortunate, as well as our Raise the Roof event in November. The end of the year exceeded our expectations allowing us to donate \$5,000 to the Platte County Food Pantry and \$5,000 to the Loup Power District's Heat Helper Fund to help those that are struggling with basic needs. In addition to helping others, the year-end contributions enabled us to end the year with our budget \$10,000 to the positive!

Trinity members have very generous hearts, what a great year!

February 2024

Friday, February 2 6:30 Friday Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 3 5:30 Worship Service

SUNDAY, February 4

9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. 10:00 Worship Service

Monday, February 5 6:00 Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, February 6

- 3:00 Discover the Bible
- Wednesday, February 7
- 5:30 Men of God 6:00 Music Rehearsal
- 6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6) (6th grade parents/Soup Supper Planning in Fireside Room) 6:30 Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)
- 7:30 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, February 9

6:30 Friday Men's Leaders Meeting

Saturday, February 10 5:30 Worship Service

SUNDAY. February 11

9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. 10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, February 13

3:00 Discover the Bible 6:00 Finance

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14 12:00 Holy Communion Worship Service 6:00 Holy Communion Worship Service No Breakout, Confirmation or HS Impact

Friday, February 16 6:30 Friday Men's Breakfast

Want to advertise? Info on back page or call the church.



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Saturday, February 17 5:30 Holy Communion Worship Service

SUNDAY. February 18

9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. 10:00 Holy Communion Worship Service

Monday, February 19

6:00 Ladies Bible Study Tuesday, February 20

6:30 Trinity Council

Wednesday, February 21 11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study 5:00 Lenten Supper ~ Missions Board 5:30 Men of God 6:00 Lenten Worship Service 7:20 Breakout (Grades 3-6) Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8) High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

Friday, February 23 11:45 NAOMI's at Community Center

Saturday, February 24 5:30 Worship Service

SUNDAY, February 25

9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended C.O.F.F.E.E. 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, February 27 3:00 Adult Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 28

11:30 Women in the Word Bible Study 5:00 Breakout Soup Supper 5:30 Men of God 6:00 Lenten Worship Service 7:20 Breakout (Grades 3-6) Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8) High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

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EDUCATION HOUR

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

All Stars Age 3 - Grade 6 Various Classrooms

Jr & Sr High Youth Grades 7 - 12 The Outlet

Fireside Faith

Classes Feb. 4, 11, 18 & March 3, 10, 17 *No class Feb. 25* 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**

Breakout Grades 3 - 6 Various Classrooms 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. *During Lent ~ 7:20 - 8:00 p.m.

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

*During Lent ~ 7:20 - 8:00 p.m.

High School Impact

Grades 9 - 12 The Well 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. *During Lent ~ 7:20 - 8:30 p.m.

Communion

We celebrate Communion the 3rd weekend of every month.

Baptism

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