



# THE TIME TO GIVE BLOOD IS NOW

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Monday, October 14**

**12:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Give blood & receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email!

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Prayer Shawl GIVEAWAY Nov. 9 & 10 Before & After Services

### NURSERY MINISTRY

Opportunities

Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings

Contact the Church Office for more information.



## Columbus RESCUE Mission

### 2024 CELEBRATION BANQUET

**Monday, October 28**

**American Legion**

**2263 3rd Avenue, Columbus 6:30 pm Meal**

You are invited to join us for this wonderful evening filled with life changing testimonies by our Lord Jesus, enjoy a tasty meal, and share in praise and worship music led by Nathan & Kelsey Eckstrom.

RSVP to 402-563-1096 for your FREE REGISTRATION



Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28: 19-20

## MISSION IMPACTS

### Samaritan's Purse

Samaritan's Purse is an International Christian organization serving during natural disasters throughout the world with field hospitals, food, water and other supplies needed. There is also a Veteran's

program that offers to help heal the soldiers suffering the effects of combat all in the name of Christ Jesus, "Heal Our Patriots." For the children, there is a program called Operation Christmas Child. These are the shoe boxes Trinity fills up every year! These boxes contain toys, school supplies, clothing and hygiene items. After receiving a box, the children are taught about Jesus and the world that God created. Trinity gives \$250 a month to Samaritan's Purse. At times, a special offering is taken for specific disaster areas that happen. The shoeboxes are a separate way of giving by individuals as we pack boxes once a year. All help and gifts are given in the name of Jesus Christ.

Submitted by: Gayla Taylor



Sara Kment and a Shoebox recipient.

Operation Christmas Child box distribution will be October 26-27 and November 2-3 before and after services. Get your box, all the information, and choose one special item from our OCC store for each box. October 26 & 27 special guest Sara Kment, our Nebraska area leader, will share her story about handing out boxes last year in Trinidad.

**Please consider filling up a box to change a child's life!**



Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
[www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)



Do you love baking?  
Coffee? Hospitality?

Join Faithfully Blended Coffee Hour Sunday mornings at 9am!

We are looking to expand our team.

Contact Jocilynn at 402-270-5999 for more information. *We would love to have 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](mailto:sjjoche@frontiernet.net) or contact the church office.



### Are You Growing into the Fullness of God?



Curious, what season of the year do you enjoy most? For me, nothing is better than the season of fall. Cooler temperatures, fewer bugs, trees changing to reveal beautiful colors, and all my favorite sports happening at the same time (football, volleyball, and playoff baseball). Plus, it means we are getting closer to the holidays. It becomes a season of

reflection and anticipation as another year begins to close. Full disclosure, this time of year with all the good it provides can bring joy, but if I am honest, it can also become overwhelming. Just as quickly as the leaves change colors, we can find ourselves being pulled in many directions, balancing responsibilities, caring for loved ones, and still seeking meaning and purpose amidst the hustle and bustle. Why do we feel this way? Even when faced with many good things, why does life seem to rob us of our joy?

This is a little bit of the "why" behind our current message series, "Ephesians: Growing into the Fullness of God." In this journey, we are exploring how, even when life feels chaotic, we can anchor ourselves in something greater: the love and strength of Christ. There is a pivotal moment in chapter 3 of Ephesians where we read that the Apostle Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus and still prays for us today. A prayer that we might be "filled to the measure of all fullness" and be able to "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:17-19). Throughout this series, we're discovering what it means to experience that amazing and big love for ourselves individually, and as a community, as we prepare our hearts for what lies ahead, so that we can enjoy it with open arms rather than bringing a "brace yourself" mentality.

Ultimately, Paul reminds us of a crucial truth: **faith is not about perfection, but about a continual, grace-filled walk with Jesus.** It's okay to struggle or feel like we're not measuring up. Together, we're learning that as we stay connected to Christ and to one another, His grace meets us where we are and helps us grow. Truth is, growth doesn't happen overnight; it's organic, gradual, and happens as we lean into the love of Jesus, especially in the midst of life's busyness.

If you're searching for a deeper sense of peace and purpose as we prepare for the season ahead, we want to encourage you to read through Ephesians with us over these next weeks. Let this be a time of preparation, not just for the holidays, but for our hearts. Giving us all an opportunity to grow as individuals and as a church family, discovering what it means to live in the fullness of God's love. If you or someone you know is longing for more strength, more peace, and a deeper purpose, feel free to invite others or come yourself to be part of this journey. Let's grow together, one step at a time, in the unforced rhythms of Jesus' grace.



## October 2024

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### OUR MISSION:

*Loving God, Loving People, & Growing Followers of Jesus*

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### Worship Schedule

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

### Pastor

Billy Czapla

### Pastor

Ollie Fullmer

### Minister of Worship & Creative Arts

Manuel Tabora

### Youth Ministry Intern

Landon Sliva

### Director of Children's Ministry

Glenda Lundstrom

**TRINITY'S YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
2024 INCOME & EXPENSE THROUGH August 31, 2024

YTD Income	\$ 517,158
YTD Expenses	\$ 481,862
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$35,296

**Annual Projected BUDGET**  
Income \$809,716 // Expense \$809,716  
67% of year elapsed  
64% of budgeted annual income received  
60% 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



**September Council Notes\***

\*Not approved by Council Submitted by Tammy Augustine, Business Administrator

The September 17, 2024, Council meeting was called to order by President Kris Gernstein.  
Pastor Billy led a devotional based on Matthew 11:28-30.  
The minutes for the August 20, 2024, Council meeting were approved.  
The financial report ending August 31, 2024, was approved.

**Pastoral Reports:**

- Pastor Billy thanked Council for the Installation Service; shared some upcoming events: a Worship Support Appreciation Dinner on Oct. 13; Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend Nov. 8-10 here at Trinity; 8-week Starting Point Class beginning Sept. 18
- Pastor Ollie shared he has two weeks of The Creed class remaining and two weddings in October

**Business Administrator Report:**

- The HVAC project is near finalized as the electrician is schedule the week of Sept. 16 to replace thermostat wire.
- The **High School Classroom Project:** new projection system was installed and paid for by the Memorial Committee. A bid from Eller Heating & Air for \$3,915.00 was received to replace the air conditioning unit. Replacement isn't planned until spring.
- No word from the insurance adjuster on the **Roof.**
- Storage** reorganization/staff cleaning day will be held Sept. 23.
- REALM Software** conversion timeline to be determined.
- LCMC Conference** will be attended by Pastor Ollie, Pastor Billy, Manuel and Tammy Sept. 29-Oct 2.
- Wedding Handbook** is being updated.
- Met with some **Office Volunteers** regarding coverage of the receptionist desk. Response was positive. Still need a few volunteers to fill spots.

**Old Business:**

- Sign:** a new sign design for Trinity was created by Love Signs. After discussion, it was sent back to Love Signs for modifications.
- Missions Board:** will be doing a "Mission Impact" update during services once a month as well as an article in Tidings each month.
- Future Staff Positions:** Pastor Billy is still working on a job description for a future Youth & Family Pastor position. Currently focusing on two part-time positions being filled.


**New Business:**

- Christ Lutheran Church (LCMC) Partnership:** Christ Lutheran is proposing doing a partnership with Trinity on a third pastor. Pastor Billy and/or Pastor Ollie will talk with Christ Lutheran to discuss their needs.
- October is Pastor Appreciation Month:** Pastors Billy and Ollie would rather this be recognized as Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month. A basket will be placed a Grand Central to collect cards in the month of October.
- Future Building Renovations:** Approval was given by Council for Pastor Billy to contact two consulting firms regarding building renovations. Pastor has worked with both firms in the past and was very pleased with their process of conducting interactive planning and vision sessions to help determine our vision and then providing a custom plan to make our facility a place for growth.

Trunk or Treat will be held indoors on Sunday, October 27 from 4-6pm.  
Next regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

**Trinity Kids' Ministries**  
October 2024 by Glenda Lundstrom

**Breakout** *A "Taste" of Breakout*  
**Wednesday, October 9, 6:30-7:15 PM , Fellowship Hall**



Come for a tasty snack and a taste of what Breakout will be this year. Whether your child is a newcomer to Breakout, or has already participated, there will be helpful information shared. *Students do need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult.* Siblings welcome!

**Breakout:** for kids Grades 3,4,5,6– Wed. evenings, 6:30-7:30 PM, October–April  
Learn about the program at this event where you can inquire of those already participating. Meet the adult & student leaders and get an overview of how your child can benefit from this. Register your child if you choose to. The fee is \$30; or, for families with more than one to register, \$20 each.

Breakout books will be ready for those who register. Lesson #1 due Oct. 16.

**Family** *Everyday Generosity*



It is true, being a generous family in a selfie world is not always easy! It takes intentionality.

We are blessed to be in a faith community where we are reminded of the joy of giving. This month we have an opportunity to bless our Platte County Food Pantry. It is a great time to demonstrate generosity by involving our children in the shopping.

There will be a table in the Trinity foyer October 19/20 and 26/27 for gathering items.

Some Food Pantry Suggestions:  
Paper Products (i.e. toilet paper), Laundry Soap, Coffee, Cans of meat, Pasta, Cereal & Crackers, Flour, Sugar, Salt, & Beans, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Peanut Butter & Jelly

**Coats for Kids** The Knights of Columbus *winter coat drive* is offering a free coat for children from small toddlers to 6th Grade on October 13th. If you know a family, or your family needs winter coats for your kids, call the Trinity office for more information. (402-564-8547)

*Manger Tales*  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**All Stars**  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
4:30PM

ALL CHILDREN IN 3'S - 6TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

MUSIC REHEARSALS ON SUNDAYS DURING ALL STARS

**All Stars**  
5TH & 6TH GRADE  
AUDITIONS ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH  
11:00AM-1:00PM

WEEKLY REHEARSALS  
SUNDAYS | 11:00AM-NOON

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Carter Badstieber  
Ryan Ernst  
Sandra Ernst
- 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Neely Gernstein  
Marion Mark  
Ryker Mueller  
Danial Parker  
Miranda Weitzenkamp
- 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Sharon Nyffeler  
Jean Schmitt
- 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Joslyn Eickmeier  
Steven Eikenhorst  
Rachel Mark  
Julie Staroscik
- 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Haley Edwards  
Susan Fricke
- 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Betty Fricke  
Jersey Gillespie
- 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Beau Brown  
Alexis Pelc  
Jenesi Reppert  
Glenda Spuit
- 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Martin Nore  
Taryn Wright  
Tylee Wright
- 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Denise Gilmore  
Bob Schreiber
- 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Sandy Hausler  
Pearl Hicks  
Josh Hopwood  
Eugene Moore  
Jacob Plugge
- 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Emmie Noyd  
Jacob Wilke  
Andy Woehrer
- 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Ethan Loveless  
Ethan Salak
- 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Kay Artl  
Kyllee Fix  
Ron Graham  
Jocilynn Gydesen  
Darren Woodside
- 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Lance Pedersen  
Timothy Pospisil  
Marilyn Tisthammer
- 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Chloie Brewer  
Stephanie Christensen  
Jacee Dush  
Linda Klink  
Mike Munson
- 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Bernie Muhle
- 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Gavin Anderson  
Lilli Jensen
- 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Rita Ingold  
Laura LeCuyer  
Calie Trejo
- 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Eddie Price  
Judy Robertson  
Day Rullo
- 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Cooper Klutman  
Jerry Lutjens  
Logan Mueller  
Bentley Sobota
- 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Doris Cerny  
Susanne Fallet  
Parker Heidemann  
Jenna Klug  
Brittany Korgie-Thomas  
Alexandra Shishkin  
Shelley Westerhoff

- 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Kathy Bamesberger  
Alan Birkel  
Bob Petersen  
Maddie Uhlig
- 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Barry Baker  
Vi Birkel  
John Cromwell, Jr.  
Sharon Dornacker  
Jeannie Fischer  
Brooke Henry  
Joyce Parker
- 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Alexis Haynes  
Chase Johnson  
Gary Stover  
Mack Wortman
- 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Kathy Dreesen  
Mark Hilmer  
Trina Jeffryes  
Joanie Olsan  
Julie Oppliger  
Remy Rodehorst
- 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Jackson Moje  
Roger Nelson  
Keaton Rahtz  
Mike Tisthammer
- 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Mason Robak
- 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Kimberly Bongers  
Wayne Hellbusch  
Caleb Price
- 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Dorothy Glaser  
Sheryl Smith  
Michelle Stirek
- 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Bryce Brown  
Rachael Brown  
Heather Christensen  
Everett Jareske  
Pat Kittinger  
Joyce Mann  
Ashley Starostka  
Keith Wick
- 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Marc Lindahl  
LaVonne Schultz  
Mary Lou Stamm



# October 2024

- Tuesday, October 1**  
1:15 Prayer Shawl  
5:15 Jubilation Ringers
- Wednesday, October 2**  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Breakout Leaders  
6:30 Jr. High LIVE!  
Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)  
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)
- Friday, October 4**  
6:30 Friday Men's Ministry  
5:00 Reeg/Merrill Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 5**  
1:00 Reeg/Merrill Wedding  
5:30 **Worship Service**
- Sunday, October 6**  
9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended  
10:00 **Worship Service**
- Monday, October 7**  
6:00 Ladies Bible Study
- Tuesday, October 8**  
5:15 Endowment Meeting  
5:15 Jubilation Ringers  
6:00 Finance Meeting
- Wednesday, October 9**  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Taste of Breakout (Grades 3-6 & parents)  
6:30 Jr High LIVE!  
Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)  
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)
- Friday, October 11**  
6:30 Friday Men's Leaders  
5:00 Christensen/Potter Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 12**  
3:00 Christensen/Potter Wedding  
5:30 **Worship Service**
- Sunday, October 13**  
9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended  
10:00 **Worship Service**  
11:00 Christmas Program Auditions for Gr. 5 & 6  
4:30 Worship Support Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Monday, October 14**  
12:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive
- Tuesday, October 15**  
5:15 Jubilation Ringers  
6:30 Trinity Council
- Wednesday, October 16**  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6)  
6:30 Jr High LIVE!  
Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)  
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)
- Friday, October 18**  
6:30 Friday Men's Ministry
- Saturday, October 19**  
Ingathering Food Drive (Oct. 19-27)  
5:30 **Holy Communion**  
**Worship Service**
- Sunday, October 20**  
Ingathering Food Drive (Oct. 19-27)  
9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended  
10:00 **Holy Communion**  
**Worship Service**  
11:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal for Gr. 5 & 6 with speaking parts  
11:30 Mission Board
- Monday, October 21**  
6:00 Ladies Bible Study
- Tuesday, October 22**  
5:15 Jubilation Ringers
- Wednesday, October 23**  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6)  
6:30 Jr High LIVE!  
Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)  
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)
- Friday, October 25**  
11:45 NAOMI's Columbus Senior Center
- Saturday, October 26**  
Ingathering Food Drive (Oct. 19-27)  
OCC Shoeboxes Available  
5:30 **Worship Service**
- Sunday, October 27**  
Ingathering Food Drive (Oct. 19-27)  
OCC Shoeboxes Available  
9:00 Education Hour Faithfully Blended  
10:00 **Worship Service**  
11:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal for Gr. 5 & 6 with speaking parts  
4:00 - 6:00 Trunk or Treat
- Tuesday, October 29**  
*Life Line Screenings*  
5:15 Jubilation Ringers
- Wednesday, October 30**  
1:30 Starting Point  
6:30 Breakout (Grades 3-6)  
6:30 Jr High LIVE!  
Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)  
7:00 High School Impact (Grades 9-12)

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

### All Stars

Age 3 - Grade 6  
Various Classrooms

### Jr & Sr High Youth

Grades 7 - 12  
The Outlet & The Well

### 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

### Breakout

*Taste of Breakout Oct. 9*  
*Classes resume Oct. 16*  
Grades 3 - 6  
Various Classrooms  
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

### Jr High LIVE! / Confirmation

Grades 7 - 8  
The Outlet  
6:30 - 8:00 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 either service the 2nd weekend of the month.

*October is*  
**PASTOR & STAFF**  
*Appreciation Month*

God has truly provided Trinity Lutheran Church with very capable pastoral leadership and staff. We encourage all of you to show your personal appreciation for these committed servants of God.

A basket for cards & notes will be available at Grand Central during the month of October. Blank cards will also be available for you to use. Let's show our Pastors and Staff how much we appreciate them!

**Are you receiving Trinity's Weekly Emails?**  
If not, let the Church Office know and we will make sure you are on the list!

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**FALL BACK**  
Set Your Clocks Back an Hour  
Sunday, November 3, 2024