



# TRINITARIAN

Love GOD Grow COMMUNITY Serve OTHERS

May 2020



**Our Vision:** A place to belong and become who God is calling us to be

**Our Mission:** Connecting People to Christ

**Our Strategy:** Love God, Grow Community, Serve Others

**Progress continues on our new mission outpost at 90th & HWY 370.**

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank you that the winter weather was mild enough to allow progress to continue and we remain on schedule. In the months ahead as we prepare to worship in this new place, we ask that you enable us to willingly enter into faith-based conversations. You are preparing hearts to engage with you. Give us courage to boldly talk about who Christ is, the transformation He has made in our own lives and the invitation He extends to enter into their own personal relationship with Jesus. Thank you Father for the good work you are doing in us and through us to glorify your name and to make Him known in the world. AMEN.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. ~John 3:16 & 17*

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WEEKLY WORSHIP, TRINITY KIDS & TRINITY STUDENTS**

These last weeks of dealing with Covid-19 have been interesting. We started off with anxiety, fear and stress. Now, for many there is greater balance recognizing God's blessing. Every day I hear stories of God's goodness. The words of Paul in Romans 8:28 ring true: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

While uncertainty remains, I also know God is providing "a hope & a future". Let me share some signs of God's accompaniment on our journey:

- The new building remains on schedule. Roofing is substantially complete. Floors are poured in many areas. About half of the parking lot is poured. Brick is going up at a rapid pace. We are on track.
- Our church is reaching out in incredible ways. You'll find stories throughout this newsletter.
- Trinity's online presence is growing. Many hundreds are worshipping with Trinity. Daily devotions are posted on our Facebook page, Trinity Papio. Connection Groups and Bible studies are uniting online. Calls to every church household are making a difference. Strangely, we are becoming more connected.
- Plans continue for our future. Your staff and council move forward strategically planning, as do Trinity's Action Teams who are working on our worship life, hospitality and relocation.

We are ALL excited for what's next. We know the experiences of today are preparing us for the joys of tomorrow. Through it all, the inseparable presence of God remains our hope, strength, comfort, and confidence. God is at every juncture. We are living examples of the truth when Jesus said, "I will neither abandon nor forsake you."

Hang in there. Reach out if you have needs. Be safe. Pray. Trust God. We will get through this together.

Your Pastor and Friend,

*Pastor Dick*

### **Happy Birthday - 80+ Trail Blazers:**

05/11 - Doc Watson  
05/18 - Bruce Fairchild  
05/18 - Alberta Tschida  
05/20 - Evelyn Kendall  
05/23 - Jean Armitage  
05/27 - Don Mitchell

### **Happy Anniversary - 50+ Years:**

05/12 - John and Nancy Miller  
05/23 - Bill and Connie Leversee  
05/31 - Garry and Judy McNew  
05/31 - Cal and Mary Jane Nelson

### **Newly Married**

03/28 - Ben and McKenna (Broman) Barankevich

### **Congratulations**

03/21 - Alex & Kyle Schutte and daughter Finley welcome home their baby girl, Sloane.

### **Prayers for Health and Healing**

- Julie Johnson
- Mary Howe

### **Welcome to Our Church Family**

- Steve & Kelly Mass

### **Sympathies to:**

- Joleen Traudt on the loss of her sister.
- Stacy Hankins family on the loss of Stacy's father.
- Jane Prauner family on the loss of Jane's mother.
- Dorothy Mathwig on the loss of her sister.

### **How are you?**

Weekly survey available online.  
Open your email for the link. New assessment each week. Text TRINITYTLC to 22828 to join our email list and you won't miss out!

### **MARCH ENDING BALANCES**

General Fund: \$ 53,213  
Building Fund: \$ 1,523,284  
Endowment: \$ 350,518  
Bi-monthly statements will be emailed in early May. Those without a valid email address will be mailed via USPS

# RLC

**#RedLetterChallenge**

Two lessons that I re-read multiple times, because they really hit home with me, were Day 26 and Day 37. I really enjoyed the way the author described 'be the salt' as what salt adds to corn on the cob. No one ever says 'I loved the way that salt tasted', but they'll say 'didn't that corn on the cob taste good?'. If you think of us as the salt, our actions should bring glory to God, not ourselves. I've never had that Bible verse explained in that manner before, and it really stuck with me.

-Jay Cruse

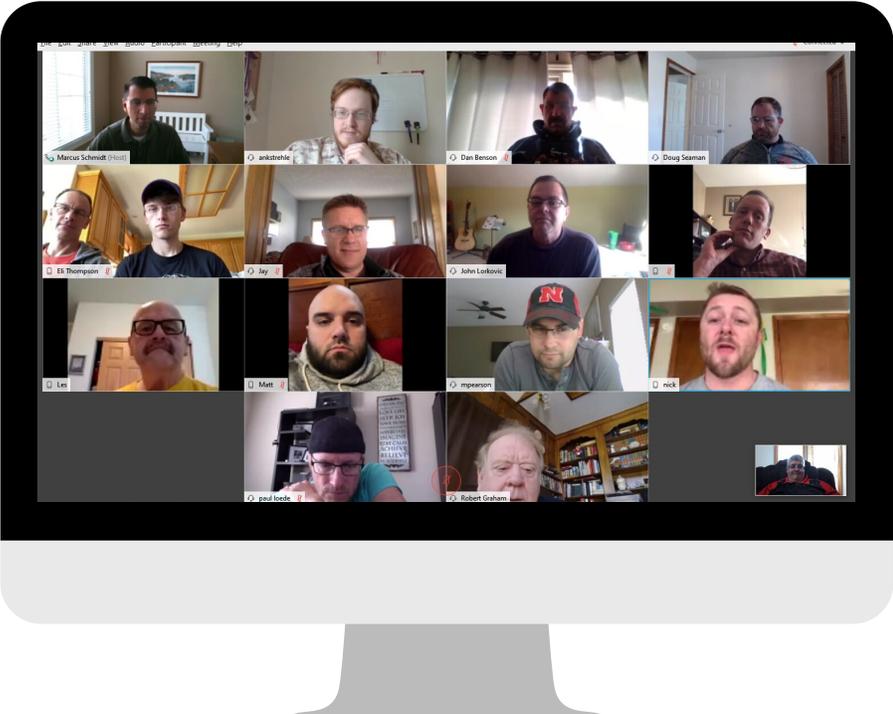
After hearing Pastor Erik's sermon titled, "Going" during week 6 of the Red Letter Challenge, Todd Darnold was inspired to start a Bible study for creators of all kinds.

After feeling the urge to get out of his comfort zone, he began posting video devotionals on Facebook, sharing scripture and truth related to Christ's resurrection and trusting in God during hard times. Along with a Bible study, Todd felt moved to start mentoring other believers. Although the Red Letter Challenge is over, we continue to hear stories from believers, like Todd. What's your RLC story?

Email it to [info@trinitylife.org](mailto:info@trinitylife.org).

It's never too late to start something new. Take a step and let God lead your heart. Call the church office for your \$20 copy of RLC while supplies last.

**Creatively staying connected!** With the limit of gatherings, Connection Groups are trying some different methods to meet up and keep in touch! Some are forming text groups, like Pam Kuper's group and the Thursday Friends in the Word group. Other leaders, like the Norblade's, have dropped by their member's homes with signs and smiles. Zoom video conference calls have been extremely popular, as you can see in the Men's group photo. Just know that we miss our gatherings and seek to connect with each of you, whether you're a part of a Connection Group or not. We hope to touch base with you by phone soon. In the meantime, should you have specific needs that you'd like Trinity to know about, please call the church (402.339.3788) so we can support you more personally! We want you to know that God loves you and cares for you!



## **Authentic Men**

Getting creative to stay connected.  
We're guys - we problem solve!

**Main gathering  
Sundays at 10 AM**  
[trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com](http://trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com)

Look under GROUPS for details.  
**We've got room for you!!!**  
**Current study:**  
*THE ART OF NEIGHBORING*

We just finished up a Pitch tournament online. Stay tuned for the next bit of excitement coming soon!!

# **find your connection group today!**

[HTTPS://TRINITYLIFEPAPIO.CHURCHCENTER.COM/GROUPS](https://trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com/groups)



# TRINITY KIDS

## FOLLOW TRINITY KIDS ON FACEBOOK

Weekly lessons, fun activities, helpful articles, great resources, and connections with the Trinity Kids community – all in one place! Invite your friends and their families to Trinity Kids online on Facebook [You'll find Trinity Kids here: fb.me/trinitykidspapio](https://www.facebook.com/trinitykidspapio)

*"Thank you for all you're doing to check in and remind us that we are not alone in all of this! Sticking to a regular service time and weekly confirmation and Trinity kids lessons has been some much needed routine and I look forward to Sunday mornings now more than ever! God is truly the only constant right now and knowing He's in control helps. I sure do miss those kids though-even the rambunctious ones! My first year of helping with Trinity Kids went way too fast".*  
~a Trinity Kids volunteer

**Be a Trinity Kids Volunteer!! You'll be glad you joined in the fun!  
Contact Carrie Nash or Sheila Kendall to learn more.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Online June 1 - 5     \$5 per child**  
**Kids ages 4 through grade 5**



- Included at Rocky Railway VBS
- VBS FUN BAG delivered to your door with all the supplies to navigate VBS from home!
  - Online videos, skits, and Bible lessons
  - live interaction
  - instructions for at-home crafts, games, snacks and more!
- Registration limited to 200,  
Sign up TODAY to secure  
your spot!

# TRINITY STUDENTS

## Celebrating Seniors

Andi Armstrong, Jena Cruse,  
Chloe Dietz, Emily Gilbert, Alex Greenfield,  
Carson Maas, Daniel Mejia, Camrie Miranda,  
Emily Nelson, Rachel Popken,  
Sarah Remmers, Jayden, Reynolds,  
Collin Rogers, Michael Shiffer, Laney Siefken,  
Kaylee Stover, Renee Thompson,  
Abby Tointon, Brynnleigh Weaver,  
Shaeley Wiese, Josie Willard,  
Johnna Willoughby



## STAY CONNECTED

 Instagram- @trinity.student.ministries  
 Facebook- @Trinity Students  
 YouTube- @Trinity Papillion  
(6:00 PM worship & small group times)

Trinity Students will be hosting Senior Night on May 6 to celebrate with and recognize our seniors who have been actively involved with Trinity Students. The church is invited to get involved by praying for these students and sending them notes of encouragement for their next phase of life. Our prayer is that each one walk closely with Jesus and they continue His mission wherever He takes them.

From a parent: The first week they did the remote session of Trinity Students my son was so excited to get to see people again! At the end of TS, he came downstairs while still on the phone and said something to the small group leader like "Can't we stay on a little longer, all I have to talk to here is my parents?" Then he disappeared back to his room for another 20 minutes talking with his small group leader! We are all so thankful for everything the staff has done to make that possible!

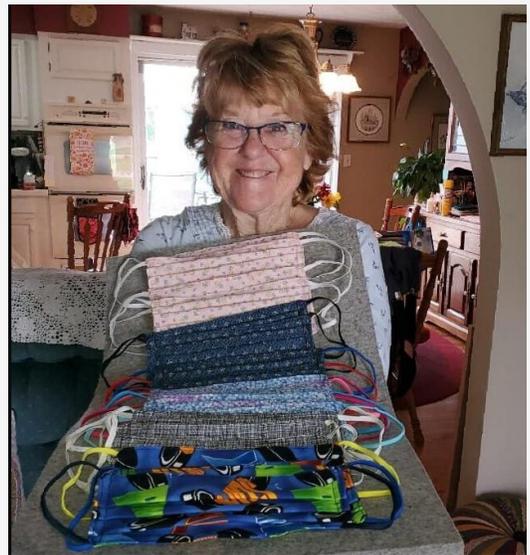
## CELEBRATING GOD'S GOODNESS Connecting People to Christ!

**A Trinity member connected with her neighbor before Easter.  
This is the email response she received.**

THANK YOU so much for sending this link since I'm not very good on the computer. I went to your church, sang w/ your choir, and even had communion w/ your Pastor (my bread was a bite of your lemon bar & my wine was Diet Pepsi), but it was communion for me. And thank you for my Easter meal celebrating w/ friends. Thank you for the Living Hope message from Trinity.....and neighbors 😊

*We are all safe. We have also been blessed in that we are all still working. Yes we have to bear the burden of being exposed to others and risk infection but we are taking precautions and so far we are not infected that we know of. Early on I sewed face masks for my family and friends, several weeks before it was recommended that they be worn. My daughter told me that I was an awesome person to have done this. The masks have been sent to people that I don't even know and to at least 7 states. The Lord put that on my heart that I could do this for people, not for profit, but because I could. I think I have made about 150 masks. Just the other day I got new requests from first responders for solid dark fabric masks. Dark cotton fabric is no where to be found. I ordered black Egyptian cotton pillow cases that I will cut up and use for masks. Needless to say, my life hasn't gotten less hectic or boring, in fact, I have so much more to do. It is a blessing to be able to use one of my God given talents to help keep others safe.*

*~Your Sister in Christ, Deb*



Gerry has been keeping very busy making masks to protect the staff at UNMC, other health facilities and her family since this craziness started. She's also made masks for the staff at Mosaic where her precious nephew, Scott Proulx lives. "This makes me feel like I'm helping in a small way during this difficult time!"

[click to share your loving-God, loving-neighbor stories](#)

## Rule of Life: Implementing Faith and Life Practices

It's been said that the Chinese word for crisis is a combination of both the symbol for danger and the symbol for opportunity. In today's crisis we are well aware of the dangers and we take precautions to be safe. Yet many are also considering the opportunities to evaluate their priorities during this time. Trinity wants to walk alongside those exploring how to reshape their faith and life practices.

Trinity's Worship Leader, Nathan Carlton and Pastor Dave Parrish are preparing a short series of videos on how to create your own personal RULE OF LIFE. Some of us don't really like rules, but please don't let this idea scare you. Coming from the Greek word for trellis, setting up a rule of life is simply making plans to implement life practices and faith development that will support living our best life for God.

In these videos, Nathan and Pastor Dave will share some of their own struggles and successes as they developed their own rules of life. They will offer encouragement and tools to create your own Rule of Life.

Today's current crisis offers a real opportunity for change. We encourage you to consider how God might be inviting you into a deeper relationship with him. Stay tuned for these tools that will help you create your own rule of life and put into practice your self-designed structure to support your life in Christ.



**CONNECT WITH GOD  
GROW YOUR FAITH**

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality  
an online course

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm  
April 29 - June 17th

**Trinitylife.org**

*"The Emotionally Healthy Relationships course was great for us. It connected our faith in God with other Christians while teaching us positive communication skills.*

*We particularly enjoyed two components of the daily office: 1) the 2 minutes of silence with God before & after the study devotional, and 2) the flow and relevance of the scripture verses for each week's theme. We also enjoyed getting to know and share with other people in our small table group."*

*~Bill & Nancy Aken*

**Register for EHS Today!**