



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS OIKONOMICS?

"Oikos" is an old word that means "household." It referred to a specific network of relationships that functioned as an extended family. As the gospel was shared through these active relationships in the everyday tasks of life, people encountered Jesus; the ancient world was transformed. "Nomics", of course, refers to economics - how we invest, exchange and grow the variety of capital we possess. So, "oikonomics" is the way our households invest time, energy, and money to effectively reflect Jesus, live on mission, and transform our world today.

OIKONOMICS

Five-Week Series

September 13 to October 11

Investing in Life's Five Capitals for a Faith-Filled Home



This series will inspire and encourage your walk with Jesus, teaching you how to put oikonomics into practice in your home. The results will be that singles, couples and families are walking closely with Jesus and that neighbors are being connected to Christ.

Post-worship Gathering

ON ZOOM



Do you miss church and those wonderful after-worship conversation?

WE HAVE A SOLUTION

Connect with the friendly faces of your church family on zoom.

Sundays at 10:00 am

www.zoom.us

Zoom Room: 317 910 9429

Passcode: 1n5DCc

or use this link to enter the room

<https://bit.ly/2EvezJQ>

Grab your cup of coffee and join us after worship for great discussion and prayer.

Trinity Serves

"But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do." ~James 1:25

As we redefine how we do church, we are discussing how to get out and serve. Recently Trinity took a group of 15 to help on a house renovation project in North Omaha. The Abide Network has a goal of renovating homes and keeping families in the neighborhood who are intentional about building community, in order to reduce crime, and ultimately, share Jesus and shine His light in this area of town. [Check it out here.](#) Trinity invites individuals, couples, families and our Connection Groups to consider this mission. Contact Laura Thompson, 402-339-3788 or lthompson@trinitylife.org to learn more!



Welcome Trinity Interns

Trinity introduced this Internship Program last year. It has blessed us immensely as young adults are able to mature in faith while using their gifts and talents in the life of the church. Our hope is that as they serve and interact with the staff and their staff mentor, they grow in faith and hone their leadership skills so that no matter where their career path takes them, they will choose to stay connected to Christ through a local church. We are excited to welcome these five interns into the program.

Please pray for these five interns by name as God brings them to mind through this next year. We are excited for you to get to know them. Say hello as you see them around Trinity.



DALEN HANQUIST

Hillsong College
Pastoral Leadership
Serving: Connection Groups
Loves to golf, coffee, chats with new friends & pondering leadership ideas. Desires to be bold in faith while caring for the hearts of people.



ALEX STREHLE

Metro Community College - Carpentry
Serving: Men & Young Adult Ministries.
Favorite book: *Day of War* by Cliff Graham.
Enjoys games, hiking, and the ukulele.
Favorite verse: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I! Send me."
~Isaiah 6:8



RILEY LAMPMAN

Univ of Omaha
2nd year serving: Worship
Enjoys bowling, golf & time with friends. Favorite snack: Cheddar & sour cream ruffles. Excited to combine passion for music while growing relationship with Christ.
People person - be sure to say hi.

SCHYLER CRUSE

Univ of NE, Lincoln
Child, Youth & Family Studies and Advertising & Public Relations
Serving: Communications
Favorite movie: *The Princess Bride*
Enjoys visiting new places with family, long road trips, and time (when available) with friends. Excited to be a positive influence for the church through Trinity's communication channels.



JOSIE WILLARD

Metro Community College
Ultrasound Technology
Serving: Trinity Students, Social Media, Videography

TRINITY KIDS

Drive-through Block Party

10:15 - 11:30 AM - Sunday, September 13

Look for the giant balloon arch



Faces familiar to Trinity Kids will be passing out goodie bags and treats, including supplies to participate in our upcoming "Flat Jesus" adventures!

Follow Trinity Kids on [Facebook](#)

For the time being, TK will continue with an online presence. You'll find all the action on Facebook. Not on facebook? Download the Church Center app and look for the Trinity Kids channel under sermons.

**THANK
YOU**

We love our volunteers!! Trinity Kids teachers really stepped up to the challenge of moving ministry online this summer. You shared your love of Jesus each week, making sure families stayed connected to Christ. We truly appreciate all of your support and hearts for serving others. Thank you for keeping Trinity Kids moving forward!

**Impact the life of a child; join the TK Team. You'll have a blast!!
Contact Sheila Kendall or Carrie Nash (402-339-3788) to learn how.**



The poster features a dark background with a starry pattern and colorful geometric shapes. At the top, a white plus sign is followed by the text "TRINITY STUDENTS" in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, the word "OPEN" is written in large, white, bold, uppercase letters, with the word "House" written in a pink, cursive script across it. The word "EN" is written in large, white, bold, uppercase letters below "OPEN". A QR code is located on the right side, with the text "Scan me for up-to-date safety info" and a white arrow pointing to it. At the bottom, the date and time "September 9 // 6:45 PM" are written in white, bold, uppercase letters, followed by a white plus sign.

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 @trinity.student.ministries

 @Trinity Students

What a fantastic time we have had at summer **BIBLE STUDY!** A big shout out to our students for showing up and investing in their faith. The discussions have been deep and wide. Our last study will be Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 PM.

We'll see you in the Family Life Center Parking Lot.

What's next for Trinity Students? An **OPEN HOUSE KICK-OFF** with pizza, games, friends and an opportunity to meet your small group! We have an amazing year planned and cannot wait to tell you about it!

Parents, this is your chance to see what Trinity Students is all about!

find your connection group today!



- Abide Young Adults
- Arquite's Group
- Authentic Men
- Co-Ed Group
- Fahrenkrog's Young Family Group
- 1st Place 4 Him
- Friends in the Word
- Lenz's Group
- Norblade's Group
- Kuper's Group
- Pearson's Young Family Group
- Staab's Young Couple Group
- Sunday Women's Group
- Thompson's Family Group
- Tuesday Women's Group
- Women of the ELCA

WWW.TRINITYLIFEPAPIO.CHURCHCENTER.COM/GROUPS

Our Connection Group leaders have met to plan for an amazing fall! Each leader is excited to live out our strategy for connecting people to Christ by Loving God, Growing Community and Serving Others. The groups listed above are guided by these principles so that we grow our lives to be more like Jesus. It's exciting to walk with Jesus in community. The heart of Trinity is that each person loves, grows and serves through these smaller communities called Connection Groups.

For those who are a part of a group, how is your life being enriched by your experiences? Share your stories. We need to hear what God is doing in you. And for those not yet in a group, **YOU ARE INVITED!** We have room for you to be a part of this network of people who are growing in faith, caring for one another, doing life together, and shining God's light in our community!

Contact **Laura Thompson** to share your story or to find the perfect group for you!
lthompson@trinitylife.org or 402.339.3788 ext 1715

Although we are in the midst of a pandemic full of challenges, I still see opportunity. Consider with me:

- Medical science is rapidly forced into breakthroughs with new treatments, procedures and therapies.
- People are reevaluating what is important and adjusting their behaviors and finances to align with these new priorities.
- How we connect people to Christ is progressing rapidly. Before COVID 19, Trinity used to worship four different times each week. Now we are available 24/7 on every device that has internet connectivity.
- Politics may be polarized, but our eyes are being opened to appreciate the freedoms we have, drawing us together.
- Racial unrest causes us to examine our behavior. God calls us to come into alignment with His heart to love like Christ.
- Schools are teaching in new ways that can lead to stronger education for our society.

I also see an incredible future God has for us. Dream with me...

- Out of necessity, ministry has moved out of the building and into the world, reaching people as the early disciples did: One on one, through relationships, sharing life, building disciples.
- We have two significant venues for worship--online and in-person--reaching a wider range of people. Our online presence continues to grow while we are exploring opening a second in-person service.
- Trinity Kids, Trinity Students and Connection Groups are powerfully reaching people. Whether in person or online, we continue Connecting People to Christ.
- In my weekly walks through the new building, I pray through the spaces and how they will serve our mission. In my mind's eye, I see people worshiping, building relationships, and serving others. I envision people coming from around our community to gather and encounter Christ. Can you see it, too? Can you feel the impact Trinity will continue to make for Jesus?

In these trying times, Ephesians 5:16 catches my heart: "Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." I hope it catches yours, too. Through every challenge, every heartbreak, every disruption, God also opens doors to new opportunity. Look for those doors, walk through them and embrace opportunity.

Your Pastor and Friend



Happy Birthday

80+ Trail Blazers:

- 09/07 - Jackie Matsen
- 09/15 - Warren Sylvester
- 09/17 - Doris Hammel
- 09/17 - Norm Schuessler
- 09/20 - Ed Gates

Happy Anniversary

50+ Years:

- 09/08 - Alan & Carolyn Christensen

Congratulations

- 07/30 - Ezekiel Lee Myslinski, born to Nicholas Myslinski and Lindsey Vesely.

Baptized into our Faith

- 08/30 - Matthew Estes, son of James and Trisha Estes. Sponsors are Kate Groves and Christopher DiLeonardo

Health and Healing

- Louise Webb
- Kathy Vodika
- Shelly Petersen
- Jim Petersen
- Floyd Van Briesen

Sympathies to:

- Kurtis and Karl Krug on the loss of their father, David
- Cheryl and Lyle Hamrick on the loss of Cheryl's mother.

Vision:

A place to belong and become who God is calling us to be

Mission:

Connecting People to Christ

Strategy:

Love God, Grow Community, Serve Others

WE ARE GENEROUS

Our Tithes and Offerings to
Connect People to Christ!

IN AUGUST

Donation Offering Entries	358
From Planning Center	207
From Cash & Checks	151
# of Donors	192
# of New Donors	6
# of Recurring Donors	65
Text to Give	0

JULY ENDING BALANCES

General Fund: \$ 75,234
Building Fund: \$ 304,104
Endowment: \$ 398,451

Bi-monthly statements will be
emailed this month.

Those without a valid email
address will be sent a printed
copy via USPS

Flexible Donation Options

Choose how you want to give

- **Online:** www.trinitylife.org/give
- **Church Center Mobile App:** Download from your favorite app store.
- **Text-to-Give:** Text any amount to 84321
- **Cash and Check:** Mail to Trinity Lutheran Church, 330 W Halleck, Papillion, NE 68046

<https://trinitylifepapio.churchcenter.com/home>

Your resource for events, registrations, groups and **access to your giving records.** Once at the website above, follow the login prompts. Click "give". Open your profile with the drop arrow near the top right and you will find your donation history, giving options, contribution statements that have been sent, and more.