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## WELCOME!

We are a servant church in the ❤️ of Mason City, Iowa.





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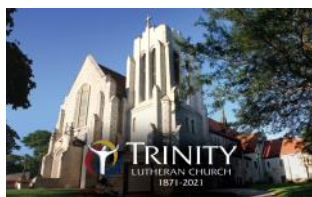
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The Trinity Connection informs the members of Trinity Lutheran Church about the church’s mission and people, helping them to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.



FRONT PAGE: Trinity Soccer Scrimmage with Parents and Kids (In the rain!)

Growing up in a small town, I was raised to believe that no matter where I went, someone would be watching.

Maybe it was the lack of smart phones in those days. Or maybe people simply spent more time looking out the window in the 80s. I don’t know. But I learned early on that people often *were* watching. Caring adults. Nosy neighbors. Herb, across the street, who just wanted my mother to know he had seen her son and some other boys crawl out of the storm sewer earlier that day.



PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS  
SENIOR PASTOR

Being “always watched” had its pitfalls, especially as a kid who liked to explore and be independent from adults. But it was also my salvation, more than once. Like when I fell through some ice in the creek bed – and my friend’s mom saw it and came running. Or when my high school biology teacher, during a particular busy season in school, noticed me nodding off in class and pulled me aside to encourage me to take better care of myself. People were watching. And what a gift that was – those who watched and cared.

The writer of Psalm 139 prays: *Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?...Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely... You know when I sit down and when I rise.*

I find this passage both comforting and unnerving. It’s unnerving to think that when it comes to God’s presence and awareness, there is no hiding. God knows all our imperfections, failures and secrets. Completely. There is no such thing as privacy when it comes to God.

Yet this is also our salvation. That while we are fully seen and known by God, we are also fully loved, fully held and fully safe in God’s hands. We cannot escape God’s presence. No matter the situation or location. God is with us...in worship and in the fields. In our living rooms and our hospital rooms. In our gratefulness and our bitterness and anger. We can neglect God’s presence – forget it or even deny it – but God’s presence remains. With us. Around us. Always.

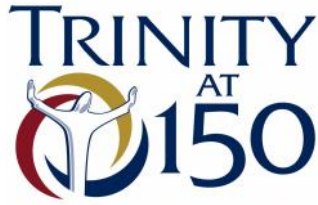
Why do we gather then? If God is everywhere, why do we worship and pray, share sacraments and sing songs together? Why do we *church*? We *church* to remember – to experience this simple truth and to let the Spirit guide us into sharing it with others.

May this “God with us” meet you again this summer, wherever you are and wherever you go!

## GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWBORN KITS

The gift of a GHM Newborn Kit is a blessing for the woman who receives it, providing basic items to help her clothe and care for her child, and celebrate new life! The Trinity Quilters are collecting regular-size bath towels. They should be lightweight, approx. 50” x 26” and washcloths (no microfiber). Please drop your items off at the church office by August 15.

## T 150 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE



Thanks to another Matching Gift Challenge (and two generous Trinity families), we have the opportunity to double all new gifts made to the T150 Capital Campaign through the end of September 2024! That's right – if we receive \$50,000 in new cash

gifts before September 30, 2024 – that amount will be matched dollar for dollar! If you haven't yet donated or if you are considering an additional gift, now is the perfect time to double your contribution and help us pay down the remaining \$300,000 on the T150 loan. Every gift helps! If you'd like to give online, please visit [trinity-mr.org/give](https://trinity-mr.org/give).

FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

## SUMMER STORIES

LESSONS YOU LEARNED AS A KID

### SUMMER Sermon Series *Going on now!*

Even if we don't remember it, most of us recognize that we saw the world and people differently when we were young. We learned lessons that continue to shape us as adults. This eight-week series looks at familiar Sunday School stories and the truths that persist – or have changed – as we've grown older.

<b>WEEK FOUR</b>	August 3-4, 2024	<b>Baby Moses</b>
<b>WEEK FIVE</b>	August 10-11, 2024	<b>Rahab &amp; Joshua</b>
<b>WEEK SIX</b>	August 17-18, 2024	<b>Moses &amp; Pharaoh</b>
<b>WEEK SEVEN</b>	August 24-25, 2024	<b>Samson &amp; Delilah</b>
<b>WEEK EIGHT</b>	August 31- September 1, 2024	<b>Daniel &amp; The Lion's Den</b>

### LEARN TO CROCHET

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:45 AM / Trinity Room 307**

Come and learn how to crochet with help from the Prayer Shawl Ministry volunteers. All ages welcome. Yarn and crochet hooks provided for beginners.

## NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD'S GLOBAL CHURCH TOGETHER

### FESTIVAL

**Saturday, August 24, 2024**

**9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Registration at 8:30 AM**

*Trinity Lutheran Church (Mason City)*

Sponsored by the Synod's Global Church Together Network, this event will feature workshops, lunch featuring global flavors, and a keynote presentation by Pastor Themba Mkhabela, ELCA regional representative for Southern Africa.



**Presenters with global connections will lead workshops on these topics:**

- Hungarian Cooking Demonstration
- Young Adults in Global Mission
- The Lutheran Church in Hungary
- Namibia Yesterday & Today
- Make Your Own: 7-Stranded Roma Bracelet
- Global Music Sing-Along
- The Art of Hospitality Given and Received

***The cost to attend is \$10 per person.***

**Please sign up on the board outside the church office. Call the church office with questions: 641-423-0536.**





## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The scholarship committee awarded scholarships and grants to 28 students for the 2024-2025 academic year. Congratulations to the following student recipients:

### MB LIEN SCHOLARSHIP

Logan Corcoran, Jack Englin, Maggie Gerrietts, Reed Kruger, Abigail Latham, Chase Nestvedt, Hale Rhodes, Annika Shallberg, Jennaya Everist, Carlos Freeman, MaKenna Hansen, Jace Rhodes, Bennett Suntken, Gabriella Berding, Ashton Camper, Connor Dalen, Britta Elsbernd, Nathan Farland, Kylie Hansen, Anna Lehmann, Claire McCardle, and Nicole Kiefer

### MOEN SCHOLARSHIP

Grace Berding, Amanda Blanchard, Eric Farland, Mason Pals, Madeline Parrott, and Jacob Schweitzer

### DUTCHER SCHOLARSHIP

Grace Berding, Amanda Blanchard, Logan Corcoran, Jack Englin, Eric Farland, Maggie Gerrietts, Reed Kruger, Abigail Latham, Chase Nestvedt, Mason Pals, Madeline Parrott, Hale Rhodes, and Annika Shallberg

### ELLER SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Blanchard and Anna Lehmann

### SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Kiefer



## MATTHEW WEST

AT MASON CITY ARENA

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

All Trinity members, including families with school age children, are encouraged to attend a concert for Matthew West (with Megan Danielle) on Sunday, August 4. We will meet at Trinity for a potluck meal at 5:30 PM, and walk to the arena together at 7:00

PM. Please order your general admission tickets by calling Mason City Arena, or by visiting the link: <https://mcarena.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/16759> Any questions, please contact Carol Dettmer at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

**If your child was in Sunday School last year, he/she will automatically be registered for the next year.** If your child turns three by September 15, 2024 or is new to Trinity, please pick up a registration form in the church office or you can register for Sunday School online at [www.trinity-mc.org](http://www.trinity-mc.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** IF YOUR PRESCHOOLER IS GOING TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL YEAR BEFORE MOVING ON TO FIRST GRADE, PLEASE LET MARTY KNOW SO HE/SHE WILL BE IN THE RIGHT CLASS.

**SHEPHERD & TEACHER** positions are filling up fast but a few openings are available for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year. If interested, call Marty Greder, Director of Christian Education at 423-0536 or email at [marty.greder@trinity-mc.org](mailto:marty.greder@trinity-mc.org).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** **Shepherds** do NOT prepare a lesson, but instead “shepherd” their class through the rotation areas. TWO shepherds/class are needed! **Teachers** look over a lesson and plan how they want to teach it, but the subject matter and ideas are provided by the curriculum, so there is minimal prep required which is done on Sunday morning when students are in mu-worship. The same lesson is taught for 3 weeks with time off between most lessons. **TEAM TEACHING** is a great way to be a part of our program. Marty is happy to discuss it with you!

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:** To teach/shepherd for the Trinity Sunday School program you must have a desire to share your gifts with children and all Teachers/Shepherds must be in high school. Any new volunteers will need to fill out a background check form according to Trinity guidelines.

If you have questions, email [marty.greder@trinity-mc.org](mailto:marty.greder@trinity-mc.org) or call 423-0536.

## TRINITY KIDS & FRIENDS CAMP ATTENDEES

**AUGUST 2024**

**Devin Dettmer    Sophia Fitzgerald    Kyler Honn**

Please pray for a safe and exciting time at camp in August!

**Please Note:** Trinity member McKinnley Hoffman will be a cabin leader at Riverside Bible Camp this summer!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

**4:45 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall**

All 5th-8th graders and their friends are welcome to attend/ help Rejoicing Spirits on Wednesday, August 21 at 4:45 PM.

This is a great service opportunity as well as a short, meaningful worship experience. Pizza and root beer floats will be served. Then we will chill in the youth room and enjoy a movie with candy and popcorn. Card games may also be played. This will be a relaxed way to ground ourselves and connect before school begins. Contact Carol Dettmer with questions at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org).

## PRAYER MENTORS NEEDED

Trinity 5th and 6th graders have made connections with Trinity adults as the adults have prayed for their assigned student and agreed to send a monthly note during the school year. What a gift to connect a pre-teen with the support of the church! Would you please consider being a Prayer Mentor? We need about 20 new mentors this year. If so, please contact Carol Dettmer at [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) or call the church office at 641-423-0536 by August 20. Thank you!



## SMASH BURGER

### END OF SUMMER POTLUCK

**Thursday, August 22, 2024**

**6:00 PM / Bauer Home**

All young(ish) adults and parents are welcome for smash burgers and fellowship at the home of Brian and Sarah Bauer, 510 9th St SE in Mason City. Burgers, beverages and place settings will be provided. Please bring a side or sweet to share. An RSVP to [carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org](mailto:carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org) is appreciated by August 20.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

**Adult Education** is available throughout the year at varied times. One such opportunity for large groups & small groups is offered at Wednesday Night Alive starting September 11. Classes are 6:30-7:30 PM, with a meal prior; serving starts at 6:00 PM. **WATCH FOR SCHEDULE OF TRINITY FALL CLASSES IN THE SEPTEMBER CONNECTION.**

## ROTATING ART GALLERY

Jim Zach has a God-given talent as an artist. Even as a youngster, he liked to draw pictures and even created a book of dinosaur drawings, with the help of his mother. Jim has donated many hours creating a number of posters, banners and buttons to promote Mason City, and worked for North Iowa Area Community College as their Art Director for many years. Visit the Trinity Rotating Art Gallery *now* to view Jim Zach's work!



## Verses to Live By

**AUGUST 2024**



### AMY DODGE

#### My Favorite Bible Verse:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you."  
- Ephesians 4:32 NRSV

#### Why Is It My Favorite Verse?

I love this verse because it's a simple, yet valuable, guide for living. It tells me in only a few words how God expects me to treat others and it reminds me that this is the way God also treats me.

#### About Me:

During my working years, I tutored English as a second language (part-time) for the Mason City School District. I was also fortunate enough to work where the "Son" always shines...right here in the office at Trinity.

I was married to my high school sweetheart, John Dodge, until his passing in 2015. Currently, I enjoy spending time with my 5 children, 9 grandchildren and a very spoiled dog named Ole.

I find that reading, walking and laughing with friends are also delightful ways to spend my days!

# LEARN MORE ABOUT DANI VOGEL

BY MICHELLE MURRAY

Vogel grew up in Spring Valley, MN on an apple orchard. She remembers going to church from the time she was very young, and befriended all ages of people...many of whom she invited to her 4th birthday party. "I invited my favorite church people to my birthday party and my future stepdad was one of them!" she said. "I picked out my own stepdad in church!" she laughed.

Vogel comes to Trinity not only with a youth ministry background, but also one in Education. A Wartburg College alum, Vogel had a double major (Secondary Education and English) and a double minor (Speech/Theatre and Creative Writing). After graduating, she moved to Colorado and taught in Denver and Grand Junction. Vogel moved back to the Midwest to be a youth and family ministry person, and since then has lived all over (CO, NC, SC, CA, MN and IA). She decided that wherever she is, she "likes living near a body of water!"



READY TO ROCK (WITH COFFEE!)

Why the switch from teaching to youth ministry? Vogel explained: "In public education, I couldn't make sure I could help kids enough, for example, help them have safe places to be," she said. "That's why I

went into youth and family ministry!" She had volunteered at the YMCA in college and loved kids, so it was a natural fit. "I wanted something where I could still teach ONE book of literature...and I never have to flunk anybody!" she laughed.

Her teaching background comes in handy with being a youth director. "I know the school environment and where to pop up and support kids," Vogel said. She absolutely LOVES being in youth and family ministry. "I love it! 10 out of 10!" she exclaimed. "I still use curriculum development and milestones (such as standards and benchmarks). My Education background has uniquely prepared me for it!" What's in store for Trinity as far as having a new Youth Director? "We're approaching this position differently than before," she explained. "I want to figure out what our kids need and what our community of faith needs and then go from

there!" She continued, "Because no two congregations look alike and no two groups of students need the same things, I want to adapt to what kids need and not what I think they need."

Vogel also has a great perspective on what it's like to be a woman in the church...especially in youth ministry. A lot of her good friends also work in churches and she said, "It's fun to have friends who understand!" She belongs to an organization called Women in Youth Ministry and has met many friends there. "We help each other out and have become good friends. We brainstorm Vacation Bible School decorations together and do things like watch a Royals game together," she said. What began as a Facebook group has now turned into a group that has been around for ten years and has even held an annual conference the last three years. It's a huge support group, according to Vogel, and it includes all sorts of denominations.

Another group in which Vogel is involved is the Youth Ministries Network, known simply as "The Network." They host an ELCA Extravaganza where she serves as the online programmer and host who helps increase engagement among online attendees. It's through "The Network" that her director helped her learn of the Trinity position, as he happened to be a friend of Pastor Dan's. And all of a sudden, Vogel found herself moving to Iowa from her position in California. "The cost of living is MUCH more manageable on a church salary here," she noted.

Pastor Daniel also shares a commonality with Vogel, as for many years they crossed paths as youth leaders and planned trips such as The Gathering in Houston in 2019. Orange and black must be two of their favorite colors as Pastor Daniel and Dani are both Wartburg grads as well.

Vogel added some last-minute tidbits that the congregation should know about her as she is officially onboard the Trinity staff. "I don't believe Maid-Rites should be as world-renowned as they are in Iowa," she said. Along with that, "It's nice to be back in a place where I don't get questioned about wearing MN Vikings attire!" Vogel is very much looking forward to "the stuff that kids are involved in...like sports, music, theatre, and video gaming."

Welcome Dani to Trinity when you see her!†



DANI VOGEL



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

### SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

We are collecting items for LWR School Supply Kits. Each kit contains:

- 4 - 70 Sheet Notebooks
- 1 - Ruler with metric and standard guides
- 1 - Box (24 count) Crayons
- 5 - BIC pens (black or blue ink)
- 5 - Standard #2 Pencil (unsharpened)
- 1 - Blunt Child Scissor
- 1 - Rectangular eraser (about 2 inches long)
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener (hand held/with collection receptacle)

Monetary donations can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church with/ School Care Kits in the memo line or drop off your donations to the church office. Thank you for your help with this special ministry.



## CARE MINISTRY ICE CREAM BUFFET RECAP

The Care Ministry Appreciation Ice Cream Buffet on July 11 received a thumbs up! Thirty

seven people attended to hear our new Pastor of Spiritual Care, Pastor Beverly Butler, introduce herself and reiterate the importance of visiting the members of our congregation that can no longer attend on a regular basis. We currently have 55 volunteers that total about 100 contacts each month. The volunteers enjoyed group discussion on the joys and challenges of visitation ministry. We are so thankful for the many ways the Care Ministry Volunteers reach out with Christ's healing love. If you would like to volunteer with Care Ministry, please contact Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse. † - **Becky Elsbernd**

TRINITY'S ANNUAL

# SENIOR SUMMER LUNCHEON

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

**12:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall / Age 80+**

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***Lunch and Worship with Holy Communion  
Pastor Beverly Butler Sharing a Meditation***

Are you coming with a family member or friend? They are welcome to accompany you and join us for lunch. Need Transportation? Please call the Church office; we will gladly arrange transportation with a volunteer. You are an important part of our church congregation! We look forward to being together for this time of food, fellowship, and worship. If you cannot attend, please know that we are thinking of you and we miss you. Please RSVP to the church office (423-0536) by August 2, 2024, with the number of people attending and if you need transportation.



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY	FUND
Don Weber	Friends & Family	Undesignated
Mark & Mary Napoletano	Gina Clinger	T150
Bill Britven	Marlene Freudenberg	T150
Bob Dutcher	Colleen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Don Weber	Arlene Roberts	Welfare
Shirley Kalvig	Paul/Mary Charlson	T150
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Honor of Harlan/Marge Anniversary	Colleen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Honor of Harlan Baack Birthday	Colleen Dutcher	Dutcher Schlrshp
Bill Britven	Jay/Kathryn Peterson	Undesignated
Don Weber	Gary/Sharon Lindgren	T150
Don Weber	Family & Friends	Undesignated
Don Weber	Carol/Marlene Kastler	Adult Ministry
Don Weber	Paul/Mary Charlson	T150
Roger Roberts	Arlene Roberts	Welfare
Alida Baack & Marie Neuhring	Harlan/Marge Baack	Dutcher Schlrshp
Bill Britven	Jan Feustel	Undesignated
Don Weber	Sue Poinsett	Undesignated
Don Weber	Cheryl Fritz	SS
Phyllis Opkis	Jan Feustel	T150
Betty Gollnik	Friends & Family	Undesignated
Logan Smith	Friends & Family	Sprengeler / Camp Schlrshps
Logan Smith	Friends & Family	T150
David Bailey	Alyce Bailey	Dutcher Schlrshp
Jerry Stahl	Greta Peterson	Youth
Betty Squier	Mark/Jan Feustel	T150
Honor of Father's Day	Colleen Dutcher	T150
75th Wed Anniversary / Bob & Colleen Dutcher	Colleen Dutcher	T150
Leonard Neuhring / Howard Baack	Harlan/Marge Baack	Dutcher Schlrshp
Pam Espinosa McFarland	Harlan/Marge Baack	Dutcher Schlrshp
Logan Smith	Friends & Family	Sprengeler / Camp Schlrshps
Calvin Anderson	Randy/Susan Johnson	Bell Choir
Henry Kalke	Jan Feustel	T150
Henry Kalke	Darrel/Marilyn Lind	Columbarium
Henry Kalke	Warren/Margaret Torkelson	Music
Robert Rush	Harlan/Marge Baack	Undesignated



## LENDING A HELPING HAND IN SPENCER, IA

BY BECKY ELSBERND

We worked side by side helping our neighbors in Spencer, Iowa recover after the devastating flood of June 22, 2024. Volunteers from Mason City included Jack Dettmer, Devon Dettmer, Carly Shafer, Easton Beyer, Taylor May, Bill Shafer, Tom Dettmer, Becky Dettmer, Carol Dettmer, LaVonne Welch, Julie Martin, David Sjostrand, Julie Farland, Becky Elsbernd, and Jacob Shafer. We were joined by seven volunteers from Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer.

Volunteers carried out various items from wet basements including a pinball machine, refrigerator, water heater, bookshelf, and carpet...lots of soaked carpet. One group of volunteers helped the homeowners remove carpet and pad from their dark basement as they still waited for their electricity to return. The piles of ruined possessions lined the streets. Other volunteers washed walls, picked up debris in the median, and chopped donated fruit for the free lunches served to the community. We brought prayer squares that were quilted by Lynne Meyers and passed them out to the people we helped. Everywhere we looked we saw people lending a helping hand where it was needed, whether it be neighbors helping neighbors or volunteers helping through agencies such as the Red Cross or Samaritan's Purse.



When the group was asked to sum up their experience in one word, these were some of the words shared....humbling, generosity, strength, community, relief, inspiring, faith, family, compassion, friendships, reflection and love. **Reflections shared on the drive back to Mason City:**

- "We all have struggles and it helped me put my problems in perspective and reminded me we are not alone."
- "What's in our basement? It inspires me to declutter the stuff in our lives and to remember it is just stuff."
- "I went because of the friends I have in Spencer. It felt good to help after the Mason City flood in 2008 and it felt good to help again."
- "It broke my heart when I saw the emotional toil it was taking on them. I hope we provided some relief."
- "Just to know that there are people in the world to count on...to me that's Christianity. As Christians we are called to help one another even if it's just a little bit."

We lifted the community up in prayer and did the little we could in one day's work. We hope that we gave as much as we received. We headed back to Mason City with sore muscles, hearts full of compassion, and strengthened faith in the goodness of humankind.†



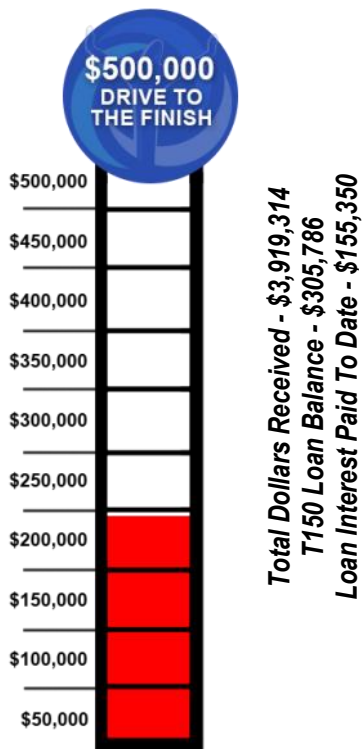
## BASES RETURNS

BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Class returns **September 3**. This free exercise class for adults age 55 or older is coordinated by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and led by RSVP volunteers. BASES will meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. in the Gathering Space at Trinity Lutheran Church.

## T150

### CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Trinity continues to pay on the remaining construction loan for the T150 building renovations, technology upgrades, and our mission project. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, we have been able to make loan payments from special gifts alone and not the general budget. Trinity's mission and outreach continue to be blessed by this \$4.5 million project. To make a gift, go to [trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150](http://trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150) or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



## CELEBRATE THE HARVEST POTLUCK

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024 / 6:00 PM / Elsbernd Farm**

Together we gather to celebrate God's blessings of fresh produce, friends and fun! Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass from your garden harvest or purchased local produce. Table setting, lemonade, and water provided. Farm tour, Kubb (Viking chess) and Cornhole will be available. **Rain location is the Trinity Fellowship Hall.**

## COOL AS A CUCUMBER COOKING CLASS

**Monday, August 12, 2024 / 1:00 PM / Trinity Kitchen**

Come and learn about the versatile cucumber in Trinity's kitchen on August 12! This workshop offers hands-on participation with every step of the process—washing, preparing, and eating. Space is limited so sign up today by contacting Becky Elsbernd at 641-423-0536 or [becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org](mailto:becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org). **Supply fee is \$5.00.**



## REJOICING SPIRITS

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

**5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall**

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. On Wednesday, August 21, our focus is on the Ascension when Jesus is taken to heaven. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

## BIKE RIDE ON THE

### CEDAR RIVER GREENBELT TRAIL

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**2:00 PM / Trinity Parking Lot Meet Up**

Join us for an afternoon bike ride on the Cedar River Greenbelt Trail near Osage, Iowa. The Cedar River Greenbelt Trail is an expansive 8-plus-mile trail that meanders alongside the beautiful Cedar River. The trail is crushed limestone/blacktop. It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. Meet in the Trinity parking lot at 2:00 PM for carpooling. If you need a ride for you and/or your bike, let Becky know in advance.

**Weather permitting.**

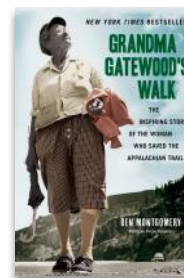


## BOOK DISCUSSION

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**1:00 PM / The Gathering Space**

*Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved The Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery is our next book! Emma Gatewood as a 67 year old grandmother became the first person to walk all 2,050 miles of the Appalachian Trail three times. The story of Grandma Gatewood will inspire readers of all ages by illustrating the full power of human spirit and determination. Even those who know of Gatewood don't know the full story—a story of triumph from pain, rebellion from brutality, hope from suffering. **Multiple copies are available to check out from Trinity's Church Office.**





**Saturday, August 3, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship\*\* TS

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

9:00 AM Worship\*\* TC

10:30 AM Worship\*\* TS

5:30 PM Potluck/Matthew West Concert TLC

**Monday, August 5, 2024**

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom

9:00 AM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

6:00 PM Celebrate the Harvest EF

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

12:00 PM Senior Summer Luncheon TFH

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

9:00 AM Worship TC

10:30 AM Worship TS

**Monday, August 12, 2024**

9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for Global Health TFH

1:00 PM Cool As a Cucumber Cooking Class TK

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship\*\* TS

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

9:00 AM Worship\*\* TC

10:30 AM Worship\*\* TS

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TS

10:00 AM Healing Touch Exchange (HTSM Team) TR321

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

10:45 AM Learn to Crochet TR307

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

2:00 PM Cancer Support Group TR300/Zoom

4:45 PM Middle School Movie Night TFH

5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits TFH

**Thursday, August 22, 2024**

6:00 PM Smash Burger Potluck BR

**Saturday, August 24, 2024**

8:30 AM Global Church Festival TLC

5:00 PM Worship TS

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

9:00 AM Worship TC

10:30 AM Worship TS

2:00 PM Greenbelt Trail Bike Ride TPL

**Monday, August 26, 2024**

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group TR300/Zoom

6:30 PM Trinity Council Meeting TR300

**Wednesday, August 31, 2024**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

4:00 PM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

**Saturday, August 31, 2024**

5:00 PM Worship TS

**CALENDAR KEY**

**TLC** - Trinity Lutheran Church (Various locations in the building) / **TFH** - Trinity Fellowship Hall / **TK** - Trinity Kitchen

**TR** - Trinity Room (Number) / **TGS** - Trinity Gathering Space / **TS** - Trinity Sanctuary / **TPL** - Trinity Parking Lot

**TYR** - Trinity Youth Room / **CK** - Community Kitchen / **YTFB** - YouTube & Facebook / **TC** - Trinity Courtyard

**EF** - Elsbernd Farm / **BR** - Bauer Residence

**\*\*** Holy Communion Served **++** Rite of Healing



**TRINITY TRIPPERS TO AMANA COLONIES**

**Thursday, September 12, 2024 / 7:15 AM / Trinity Parking Lot**

Trinity Trippers are planning a day trip to the Amana Colonies to explore shops and have a great meal at one of their restaurants! We will leave the church at 7:30 AM, but please be to the church no later than 7:15 AM. We'll return to Mason City by 5:00 PM. Price of attendance includes bus transportation and lunch. Attendance is limited so reserve your spot today! (Your payment reserves your spot.) Join us!

**Deadline to register is September 6**

**Cost to attend is \$50.00 - (Please Note: this trip is non-refundable.)**



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## OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM M-Th  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM F

## WORSHIP

### SANCTUARY

- **Saturdays 5:00 PM** | Sanctuary  
*Traditional Service*
- **Sundays 9:00 AM** | Courtyard  
*Contemporary Service*
- **Sundays 10:30 AM** | Sanctuary  
& Online - Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube,  
or listen live on KCMR 97.9 FM  
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