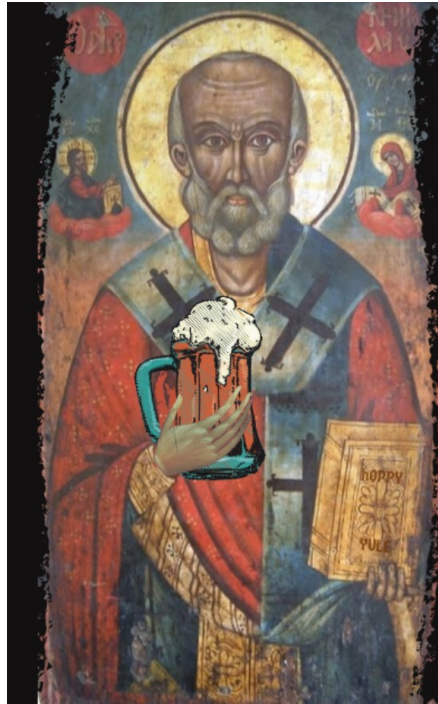




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 Hosted by Trinity UMC at Catalyst

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SUNDAY  
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11:45-1PM  
 IN ROOM 213

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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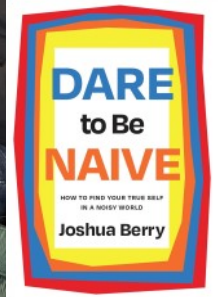
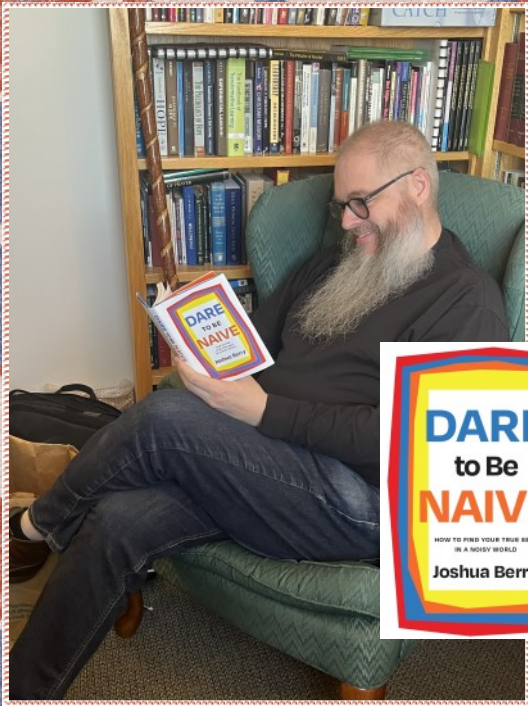
so much to be  
*thankful*  
for



*Staff and students share  
Thanksgiving feasts at both  
Village Gardens and 16th & A*







*(above) Pastor Jeff enjoys Dare to Be Naïve: How to Find Your True Self in a Noisy World, written by our very own Joshua Berry. Congrats on the book launch, Joshua!*

*(below) Children enjoy the first snow of the year on the playground at TCCVG.*



*(above) Veterans day displays at 16th & A and TCCVG. We love our Veterans!*

*(left) Staff from both childcare locations come together for an all-staff health & safety training in Spirit Hall.*

*(below) Participants celebrate the culmination of the fall Tai Chi session with a potluck brunch.*





# TRINITY KIDS & FAMILIES

The Light of the Church



The Love of the Family

## TRINITY KIDS! Calendar

Dec. 1	5:30 Pizza and church Christmas Decorating Party
Dec. 2	10:00 Kids Christmas program dress rehearsal
Dec. 3	NO Sunday School 4:00 Youth Group 10:30 Kids Christmas program
Dec. 10	9:00 Sunday School 4:00 Youth Group
Dec. 17	9:00 Sunday School 4:00 Youth Group, White Elephant Christmas Party
Dec. 24	NO Sunday School 9:00 Worship Service 3:00 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 Christmas Eve Service



## 5 New, Memory-Making Advent Traditions

*Parent Cue*

So much of the holiday season is rushing and waiting. We rush to decorate, buy gifts, attend parties, and see family. We wait for the cookies to bake, Santa to arrive, and a comforting return to normalcy. In the midst of it all, it's easy to forget to help our kids understand what makes this sea-

son important: spending time with loved ones and reflecting on the amazing gift of Jesus.

The best present you could ever give is your presence. Here are five ways to make quality memories with your family this season:

1. Turn off the lights and read the Christmas story from Luke 1-2:38 by the light of the Christmas tree. (Have a house with little ones? You could even use characters from a Nativity scene to act it out!)
2. Make a holiday breakfast for dinner. Turn your pancakes into snowmen with chocolate chip faces and bacon scarves.
3. Leave bagged Christmas snacks and drinks at your doorstep for the delivery people showing up all season. Make a festive sign to say "thank you!" [READ MORE](#)



Room 101

9:00 service:

6 weeks thru 2 years

10:30 service:

6 weeks thru preschool

# December at Trinity

Christmas Decorating Party ..... Friday, December 1

..... 5:30pm in Spirit Hall

Children's Christmas Program ..... Sunday, December 3

..... 10:30 Worship

TCCVG Christmas Program ..... Tuesday, December 12

..... 5:00pm in Spirit Hall

Christmas Cantata ..... Sunday, December 17

..... 9:00 & 10:30 Worship

Beer & Carols ..... Tuesday, December 19

..... 7:30pm at Catalyst

Blue Christmas Service ..... Wednesday, December 20

..... 6:30pm in Spirit Hall

Christmas Eve ..... Sunday, December 24

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:00am ONLY

Christmas Eve Worship ..... 3:00pm, 5:00pm, & 7:00pm

# A Family Holiday Giving Tree

2023  
Make this holiday season special for those in need!

Trinity UMC and Zion Church PCA are again conducting our "A Family Holiday" program to provide gifts and meals for families in need at Hill Elementary school.

## Here's how you can help:

Go to the sign-up link below or scan the QR code to select the gift(s) you would like to provide and make note of the individual's name and code; e.g. C4.

The gift should be wrapped and the recipient's name and code written on the gift so it can go to the right individual.

Meal gift cards should come from Super Saver and available in \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100. Please write amount of the gift certificate on the back of the envelope.

Gifts and gift cards must be returned to either Trinity or Zion churches no later than Sunday, December 17th.

Here is the link to the sign-up site:  
<http://bit.ly/460He0w>



TRINITY CHOIR PRESENTS:

## Handel's Christmas Messiah: A Cantata

DIRECTED BY DR. MICHAEL TULLY

SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH  
AT 9 & 10:30AM

## Blue Christmas Service

A SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20TH  
AT 6:30PM



## Advent Candle Lighting + Short Reading

During Advent, candles are lit each Sunday at both worship services and on Christmas Eve (3:00pm, 5:00pm, & 7:00pm). If your family would like to take part in this meaningful tradition please click [here](#) to sign up or let Sophie ([sophie@trinitylincoln.org](mailto:sophie@trinitylincoln.org)) know. Candle-lighters are needed for **9am or 10:30am, December 3rd, 10th, & 17th** and **9am, 3pm, 5pm, or 7pm, Christmas Eve Dec. 24.**



Joanne Henrichson, longtime member of Trinity, passed away last Thursday at the age of 79. A graveside service will be held Friday, December 1 at 3:30 at Lincoln Memorial.



Trinity's Faith in Action Team (FIAT) would like to say thank you to the congregation for their generous support of the team's efforts this fall. In October, we collected 80 tubes of toothpaste, 55 bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash, and 30 deodorants for the White Cane Foundation; and in November, we collected 70 hoodies/coats that were donated to the People's City Mission. Once again, Trinity members and friends responded to needs in our community. **Thank you, Trinity!**



## Community Problems Assembly Recap



On November 6th over 300 people attended the 2023 Community Problems Assembly at Eastridge Presbyterian Church!

A new executive committee was elected by voice-vote with Co-President Rev. Kirstie Engel (First UMC of Lincoln) and Treasurer Chuck Hibberd (St. Mark's UMC) serving the remainder of their initial two-year terms. Beginning his first year of a two-year term as Co-President is Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair (Unitarian Church of Lincoln). Rev. Tobi White (Our Saviour's Lutheran Church) was elected as Vice President, Judy Hart (Unitarian Church of Lincoln) as Secretary, and Jan Boller (First United Methodist Church of Waverly) and Todd Sneller (St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church) as board members at large.

Feedback from the listening sessions was compiled and members present were invited to cast their votes between the top three issues that arose and a fourth choice which presented the option to not take on a new issue this year. The top three issues that emerged from the listening process were (1) affordable housing, (2) economic/living wage, and (3) crime/violence. Affordable housing was selected with 43% of the vote from written ballots! A new affordable housing research team will be formed starting at the Research to Action Kick-Off.

**Prayers for:** Jack Johnston, Karli Byrd, Don & Cathy Linscott, Sandy Black, Dee Niebuhr, Bobbi Daugherty, Craig Dietrich, John George, Jan Tooker, Barbara Clayburn

**Prayers for Friends & Family of Trinity:** Donnie Beller & family—Friends of Mike & Polly Figueroa, Bill & Marilyn Cordonnier—brother and sister-in-law of Mary Weber, Cassie—friend of Gail Byrd, Ryan & family— friends of Pat Shaffer and Lucy—Pat’s sister-in-law, Lainey Jean and Nora Ann Henn—infant nieces of Dori Smidt, Theresa Fritz—Larry Fritz’s cousin, Camila Souza —Lucy Hattan's cousin, Martin Milby—close friend of Gretchen and Tom Treadway, Kathy Griggs-Jean Lovell's cousin, Bruce Black—Bill Black’s son, Bridget Schnuelle-Bonnie Young’s niece, Theresa—Tommi Cox’s sister, Julie & Ken Nelson, Janet Zahm-Pat Joy’s sister, Jehan-Sandy Black’s daughter, Ann Marie-Bishop—Ann Sherer’s daughter, Laurel—Shannon Clark’s mom, Jennifer Foster—friend from Grand Island, Doug Schnuelle—Bonnie Young’s brother, John Nelson—Jerri Tomlin’s brother and Judy Kieler—her cousin

Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jeff Slater
Director of Music Ministries	Dr. Michael Tully
Bell Choir Director	Dr. Anne Gray
Dir. Children & Family Ministries	Patti Crittenden
Dir. Youth Ministries	Tommi Bolton Cox
Connections Coordinator	Amy Holland
Business Administrator	Sharla Tomlin
Communications/Hospitality	Sophie Cunningham
Building Maintenance Technician	John Adams
Parish Nurse	Marsha Dunn

**Deadline for the next Tower is  
Friday, December 8**

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