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Building a community of people who are fully alive in Christ.

# The Trinity Towel



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BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A
FUN & FRIENDLY SPOOK-TACULAR EVENT!
ADMISSION IS FREE AND
COSTUMES ARE WELCOME!



Fire Safety Week at Village Gardens









New outdoor classroom equipment at 16th & A

# TRINITY KIDS & FaMiLieS

The Light of the Church





The Love of the Family



### TRiNiTy KiDS! Calendar

Oct. 15

9:00 Sunday School

4:00 Youth Group

Oct. 18

6:00 Confirmation

6:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal for everyone

7:30 Christmas Program Cast Rehearsal

Oct. 22

9:00 Sunday School

4:00 Youth Group

Oct. 25

6:00 Confirmation

6:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal for everyone

7:30 Christmas Program Cast Rehearsal

Oct. 29

9:00 Sunday School

4:00 Trunk or Treat



**Room 101** 

9:00 service:

6 weeks thru 2 years 10:30 service:

6 weeks thru preschool





### Youth Progressive Dinner









# JUSTICE IN ACTION

### **Justice in Action News**

Justice in Action is gearing up for year two of building power to do justice in Lancaster County! We have one more House Meeting left:

Megan Ferris: October 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC

## ACTION Research Updates:

### **Criminal Justice**

"While the overcrowding of Nebraska's state prison system and the recent purchase of land for constructing a new prison facility have been making local headlines, Lincoln and Lancaster County voters shouldn't overlook the crisis looming on West O Street at our own county jail." Read more from Rev. Beth Graverholt here: <a href="https://www.justice-in-action.org/blog/urgent-call-for-action">https://www.justice-in-action.org/blog/urgent-call-for-action</a>.

At the Nehemiah Action, the criminal justice team requested a live, public dashboard to increase transparency and ensure equity within the county jail and community corrections departments. The team has had multiple meetings this summer and is excited to share that the dashboard will be launching within a few weeks! The team also met with County Attorney Pat Condon in June to ask him to commit to expanding participation in diversion programs; he told us that he wants to do this but is concerned about housing stability for those individuals post-release, so that need also must be addressed.

We are hopeful that with his partnership, the county will approve additional funding so that Community Corrections programs can be expanded, enabling people to access rehabilitative services instead of remaining incarcerated for nonviolent offenses. Currently, the Lancaster County Jail is at capacity and its budget has increased by \$1 million this year in order to "rent out" jail cells in other parts of the state. We believe this money would be better invested in services that are rehabilitative and keep families together.

### Mental Health

At the Action, the mental health team asked officials for the collaborative development of a proposal for a mental health navigation system that would help people access timely and appropriate mental healthcare, and navigate what can seem like a confusing maze of services. Since then, two meetings with officials have been held and the team has encountered some resistance from these same officials, who said we haven't shown them sufficient data to support the problem. They also repeated that while they fund many mental healthcare service providers, they don't know who provides which services or what their availability is- we know this is exactly why a Navigation System is needed! Our team's assessment was that we were saying the same thing but talking past each other. At the request of the officials we are working to better identify and communicate the most important data points and to find other community allies who would support our proposal.

Learn more: justice-in-action.org

The TerriLynn Nuts have arrived—fresh and fragrant—just in time for your holiday baking and gift-giving!

Available for purchase before and after the 9:00 and 10:30 services, throughout the month of October

FANCY PECAN
PIECES
\$15/1 lb. bag

DELUXE MIX \$15/1 lb. bag

GIANT
CASHEWS
\$15/1 lb. bag

POPULAR
CHOCOLATE
COVERED
PEANUTS
\$10/1 lb. bag

Ask for a sample!

All profits to benefit the Back Pack Program





It's not too late to join!
6 weeks of faith + community
Oct. 11th, 18th, 25th,
Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th

**5:30pm**: you are welcome to bring your own picnic dinner from home/restaurant and eat before small groups or Christmas program rehearsal.

**6-7pm**: Small Groups (childcare available)

### Pub Theology led by Pastor Jeff at Catalyst

No topic not on tap! Join Pastor Jeff down the hill at Catalyst for a no-holds-barred conversation about hard questions and big issues. BYOQ (bring your own question), or wait for Jeff to drop a "theology bomb" to see what happens! (this group will not meet Oct. 11th)



936 weeks. That's the approximate time you have from the moment your child is born until he or she graduates from high school. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. We know you want to make the most of each phase of your child's life! To find out how, join us for Parenting Through the Phases, a small group experience for parents.



During this small group you will study God's Word, share together, and support one another in your Christian lives. Group meetings consist of Bible study, fellowship, prayer and encouragement. Growth groups are the place where we establish relationships and grow towards spiritual maturity together. We believe no one walks alone. We need each other!

If you would like to join a group please sign up **HERE** 









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: 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

On behalf of Anne, Steve, Lucile, Jeremy, Megan Lenz and family, we would like to sincerely thank everyone for your prayers for Atlas. He had a very intense 6 hour, successful surgery on September 20th and is doing well and healing nicely.

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, October 20

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