



Holy Trinity Times

April 2025

Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Trinity

Join Us for Holy Trinity's Biggest Celebration of the Year ...

Combined Confirmation on May 18th



This year's Confirmation Class is what the Body of Christ looks like. Over the last year we've had teens from both our Morning and Afternoon congregations learning, growing and laughing together. They come from diverse backgrounds, yet they are bound by one common faith.

They ARE a snapshot of Holy Trinity!

They've been studying together, now we will confirm them together. So, with permission of

the Bishop, the kids, parents and youth leaders, we will confirm them May 18th @ 11:30 am in one combined worship service. That's right – 11:30 am.

On May 18th we will have our usual 8:00 am worship

service. For those who aren't able to be with us at 11:30 am, this will be a great option for worship.

On May 18th we will have a service at 11:30 am.

This will join the 10:30 am service with the Sudanese 1:30 worship service. It will be a joyful celebration plus a chance to see what our WHOLE Church looks like. We'll take a parish photo and then afterwards we'll have a potluck with both American and Sudanese food to share. Please join us!

Blessings,

May 18th at Holy Trinity

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist w/o music

11:30 am - Combined American and Sudanese Worship with Confirmation by Bishop Scott Barker. Followed by a multi-cultural Potluck.

April 2025

Wed Apr 2, 2025

11:30am Lent Program
6:30pm Children's Lent Program
6:30pm Lent Program
6:45pm Lent Program Zoom

Fri Apr 4, 2025

12pm Stations of the Cross (S)

Sat Apr 5, 2025

6pm Youth Murder Mystery Dinner (PH)

Wed Apr 9, 2025

11:30am Lent Program
6:30pm Children's Lent Program
6:30pm Lent Program
6:45pm Lent Program Zoom

Thu Apr 10, 2025

1pm Bridge (PH)

Fri Apr 11, 2025

12pm Stations of the Cross (S)

6pm Parents Night Out (PH)

Sat Apr 12, 2025

9am Spring Clean Up

1pm Youth Service Trip Meeting (UNL Campus)

Sun Apr 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

11:30am Youth Group Lunch (LGR)

1:00 Confirmation (LGR)

Mon Apr 14, 2025

Holy Week

Tue Apr 15, 2025

Holy Week

Wed Apr 16, 2025

Holy Week

4pm DOK (MR)

Thu Apr 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Eucharist; Children's Eucharist; Zoom

Fri Apr 18, 2025

Good Friday

10am Family Stations of the Cross

12pm Stations of the Cross (S)

7pm Stations of the Cross (S)

7pm Stations of the Cross Livestream

Sun Apr 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

8am Worship Service (S/PH)

10:30am Family Worship Service (S/PH)

11:45am & 1:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Mon Apr 21, 2025

Offices Closed

7pm Vestry (MR)

Tues Apr 22, 2025

2pm Sr. Coffee Hour

Sun Apr 27, 2025

11:30am Youth Group Lunch (MR)

1pm Youth Service Trip Meeting (LGR/OR)

*PH-Parish Hall
S-Sanctuary
MR-Memorial Room
GH-Great Hall (by offices)
CC-Children's Chapel
CR-Choir Room
(downstairs)
LGR/OR-Large Group
Room/Oasis Room
(downstairs)
U-Undercroft/Downstairs
BR-Bell Room*

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 am
Livestream Worship 10:30 am
Children/Youth Sunday School 9:15am
Adult Sunday School 9:15am
Deepening Our Relationship with God 9:15am
Children's Chapel 10:30am
Dinka Language Worship 1:30pm
Sudanese Sunday School 1:30pm
Bookstore between the services
Coffee after each service in the Parish Hall
Free Library in the Memorial Room

M-W-F

Exercise Class 9:30am Parish Hall

Mondays

EFM 3:30pm Memorial Room

Full updated calendar of events

[Holy Trinity Episcopal Church | Calendar \(holytrinitylincoln.com\)](https://www.holytrinitylincoln.com/calendar)

6001 A. St.

[Holytrinitylincoln.com](https://www.holytrinitylincoln.com)

402-488-7139



Pardon Our Dust... for the Next 18 Months

April's Big Project = New Floor in the Parish Hall

That's right. We have finished the painting and the next step is to completely redo the floor. We'll begin that work right after Easter so that it can be completed by the Arts Festival on May 3rd.

Once that is done we'll focus on updating the lighting and replacing the kitchen shutter door with an electric door.

In May we'll begin working on the Playground and finalizing designs for our other Phase I projects.

We will do our very best to keep you updated on all the progress and changes that are happening to the building and surrounding property, as well as a timeline for specific projects to start and finish – God willing.

Here's how you will know what is going on:

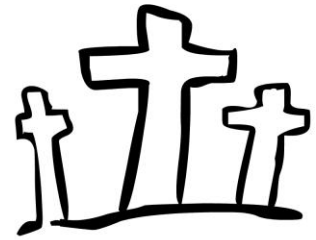
1. Watch for updates in the weekly bulletin.
2. Check out the Pardon Our Dust display and plans located in the Narthex.
3. Check out our Holy Trinity website "Master Plan" page. You'll find updates, construction plans, and other announcements.

<https://www.holytrinitylincoln.com/info/master-plan>

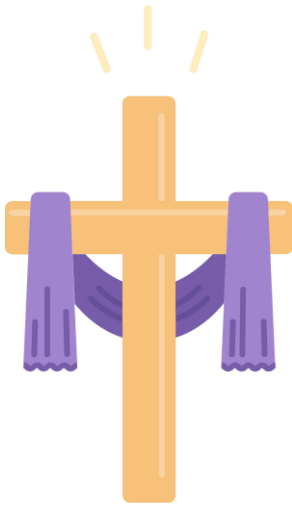




Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at Noon. (use the south doors)



Children's Ministry & Lent



On Wednesday evenings, we invite children & youth to join us for our own Lenten mid-week study. Come for supper, and then we'll go to the Children's Chapel to learn about the power of change & transformation. We'll look at stories of people from the Bible; make personal connections and dig into discussion with one another; and create fun, related activities as we learn together each week! **We still have two more weeks, April 2nd and April 9th!**

On Palm Sunday, we will again have a long line of acolytes processing carrying palms. The outdoor stations of the cross is back again for Good Friday. (As usual, our plan for inclement weather is to have it in the undercroft.) **Come to the South door anytime on April 18th between 10:00 and 5:00** to begin walking the stations. We will be gathering different beads at each cross that we will string together as we follow Jesus' journey to the resurrection.

Easter 2025 happens to fall on **3rd Sunday**, April 20th, so no one will want to miss out on the joy that's *blooming* during that time! Join us in singing "Jesus Paid it All" during the worship service and be sure to hang around for egg-hunting festivities after. Our **Easter Egg Hunt will follow 3rd Sunday Family Worship service**, so go to the Parish Hall for instructions before the fun!

While we recognize that Lent, Holy Week, and Easter can be a busy time for all families, we hope & pray that Holy Trinity will be *the* place for your kids and youth to grow together with Jesus

Mark your calendars:

Lent: March 12th - April 9th

Palm Sunday: April 13th

Family Stations of the Cross: April 18th

Easter Egg Hunt: April 20th

New Ministry to Serve ALL Ages at Holy Trinity in 2025



In 2025 we are launching the Holy Trinity Seniors Ministry to help us serve ALL ages. We focus on inviting folks over the age of 65, but all ages are welcome.

Some of the new – or revived – programs we'll be offering are:

Episco-pals: This quarterly dinner gathering will be hosted at various parishioner's homes for a chance to deepen friendships and have fun.

Dinner Circles: These circles are small groups of 6-8 folks who commit to four dinners over the next six months. It's a chance to get to know folks and form deeper connections on a more intimate basis. And it's great fun.

Coffee @ HT: Every 4th Tuesday at 2:00 pm We'll enjoy coffee, snacks, fellowship and a chance to learn more about the world around us.

Our goal is to deepen the relationships amongst all our members, but especially for our seniors – the folks who have long invested their time, talent and treasure into making Holy Trinity strong.

Come Play Bridge April 10th at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

All levels of Bridge players are welcome on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact Nancy Machmer at (618 704 4231) or namach2020@gmail.com to sign up.



Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 12th, 9am



Bring your rakes, gloves, brooms, and wheelbarrows/trash barrels, time to clean up all the pine needles & cones to prepare for the Arts Festival! We will also be doing general clean up around the outside of the building and pruning the rose gardens.



April 2025

It's tax time!

Helping Your Church AND Yourself

You can do both. Your donations to Holy Trinity and other charitable organizations are no longer deductible when the standard deduction option is taken. You may still be able to receive the benefits!

Payments made directly from your IRA to Holy Trinity will not be counted as taxable income. So if you can't deduct the contribution, this provision removes the donation from taxable income, giving you the same benefit as the deduction.

You must start taking RMDs by April 1 of the year after you turn 73. Let's say you celebrated your 73rd birthday on July 4, 2025. You must take the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by April 1 . You'll have to take another RMD by Dec. 31 and by Dec. 31 each year after that. (For tax year 2022, the age for starting RMDs was 72).

Also, people do not have to wait until they are 73 to make those gifts. They are REQUIRED once they're 73, but they are allowed to make the same type of gift at age 70 1/2 which is called a QCD, Qualified Charitable Distribution.

What to do? Contact your IRA provider and arrange for your donation to Holy Trinity to be made from your required minimum distribution. The check must go directly from the IRA fiduciary to Holy Trinity in order to qualify as non-taxable income. Contact Nicole Sherer or Rebecca Schultz at the church office for more information. Holytrinity10@yahoo.com

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 13@ 8:00 & 10:30 am

Procession with Palms & Holy Eucharist

Online at 10:30 am



Maundy Thursday, April 17@ 7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar.

With Children's Chapel.

Online @ 7:00 pm

(No foot washing.)

Good Friday -April 18: Two Ways to Participate

1. Family Led Stations of the Cross

Outside on the South Lawn (or downstairs)

Open House – from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

2. Solemn Collects & Stations of the Cross

In the church at Noon & 7:00 PM

Online at 7:00 pm

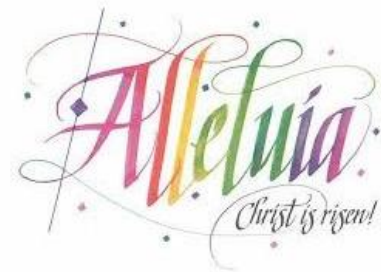


Easter Sunday, April 20

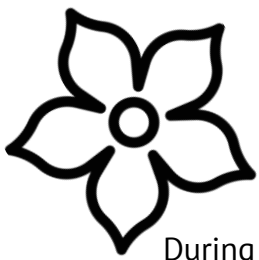
8:00am - Adult Sermon

10:30am - Children's talk, & Adult Sermon

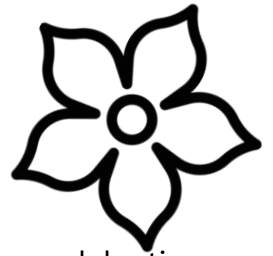
Online at 10:30 am



Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 Service



Remembering & Celebrating Loved Ones at Easter



During this Lent and as we anticipate the joy of Easter, consider remembering or celebrating your loved ones on Easter day through a gift of flowers. Your donation for flowers may be in any amount.

If you wish to make this gift of flowers and would like your remembrance or celebration inscription to appear in the Easter service bulletin, **your inscription information below, together with your donation check, should arrive in the Church Office no later than**

Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday):

1. Is your gift in: (a)___celebration (b)___ thanksgiving (c) ___memory
2. Print Name of Person(s) you are honoring *(include first and last name but no titles)*:

3. Print Name(s) of those making gift *(include first and last name but no titles)*:

Please make your check payable to The Church of the Holy Trinity and write in the memo line that your gift is for "Easter Flowers."

You may either :

- Bring your check with this completed form to the Church office,
- Drop it in the offering plate,
- or
- Mail it to:

*The Church of the Holy Trinity
6001 A Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.*

If you have any questions, please call Roxane Graham at 402-540-4294 or email gma-bowler@hotmail.com

Children's CHAPEL

All Elementary Students Welcome!

Mother Verneda visited us in Children's Chapel and we got to make our own Anglican Rosaries as we talked about

growing our faith. We continue to meet for learning, discussion, and even fun, engaging activities every Sunday (other than during 3rd Sunday Family Worship) during the 10:30 service.



We're in FULL BLOOM in April!

Spring is the season for new beginnings!

Whether you're cleaning out parts of your home or watching the flowers bloom in your garden, it's a time for new life and growth. Like a good gardener, Jesus wanted to help cultivate the seeds of faith in His friends so they could all grow closer to God. This month, kids will learn about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

as He sowed the seeds of new life in the world. Kids will discover that **Jesus understands when we're hurting, He makes all things new, and He connects us to God.**

Confirmation Service is Quickly Approaching!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for May 18th at 11:30am!!!

We have had an *amazing* time together in Confirmation with students from both our morning *and* afternoon congregations! Since we have a combined class, it will make the combined service that much more special. It will truly be a BIG celebration with 3rd Sunday Family Worship, Confirmation, and a Potluck to follow! (Please note there will only be *two* services this day: 8:00am and 11:30am.)



We have been reviewing all we've learned and all we will reaffirm with Bishop Barker by small group reviews, peer quizzes, and even a little bit of role-play to cement our knowledge!



Finding by Flashlight

March's Youth Night was a huge hit! We began with a meal, but quickly got to prepping our headlamps and flashlights for the fun that laid ahead. Students were divided into teams for individual team missions that brought them to various locations around the church, some where students have only heard stories of, and had to hunt for their next hidden clue! There were also "star clues" hanging around every wall, door, baseboard, and corner that had all students working together to solve riddles to unlock the final component of the scavenger hunt. We had a lot of fun, but it was a little eerie to wander the basement halls with only flashlights!

April 5th is our Murder Mystery Dinner from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall! Students need to RSVP to receive their character packet: htdarbyd@gmail.com.



THANK YOU for Partnering with Us!

The Youth Group thanks YOU for your generous donations to the supply drive we hosted in March for the Capital Humane Society. They're always looking for donations and even volunteers! Maybe your children want to read to the animals? Perhaps your older children want to volunteer before or after school for some fun and walking of pets? Or if YOU want to lend a hand, look no further than Capital Humane Society.



Youth Group Spring 2025 Schedule

04/05 Murder Mystery Party— 6-8pm

04/13 Youth Lunch— 11:30-1pm

04/27 Youth Lunch— 11:30-1pm

05/11 Youth Lunch— 11:30-1pm

05/17 End of Year Event— 6-8pm

06/15 Youth Lunch (after VBS Sunday)— 11:30-1pm



See you every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month!!!!

Be sure to pick up your calendar card, either on the Children's Youth Ministry (CYM) TV table in the Narthex, or at the next Youth Group lunch/event!

Come Join Us on the 3rd Sunday of the Month – April 20th @ 10:30 am

Intentionally family friendly with communion, sermon, readings, prayer and music for young and old.

April's 3rd Sunday happens to be EASTER! Join us in the Parish Hall after the service and then be ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn. It will be fun for children and youth alike!

If you've been looking for a way to help your kids or grandkids feel like Holy Trinity IS a place for them, then this service is for you.



All Kids & Youth are invited to sing with us for our April 20th Sunday, "Jesus Paid it All!" Check out the video for words and actions by scanning the QR code.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

at Holy Trinity – Join us!

Spring Dates: Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 16

Cost is \$10 dollars per child with a max of \$20 per family.

Drop off is at 6:00 pm and pick up no later than 9:15.

Each evening is themed, full of fun activities, and snack is provided!

Registration is required and must be received no later than the Wednesday evening prior to a Friday event. Registration is limited to 20 children and to those in grades K through 5th; first come, first served!

www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com

or you may contact:

Jill – jilllein1@gmail.com / 972-948-2211

Darby – HTDarbyD@gmail.com / 402-318-1242

Register
here!



PNO was Pure Madness in March!

We had a FULL night of celebrating all that March had to bring! From a bit of kid-friendly March Madness (Favorite Candy? Sour Patch Kids! Best Movie? *Up!*) to celebrating women-founded sports (ever played Newcomb Ball or Netball?), and snacking on some food recognized this month (Corn dogs, anyone? How about strawberries or cheese?) to themed crafts (St. Pat's day was just around the corner! "In like a lion, out like a lamb" seemed pretty applicable!), we sure had a blast!

Join us April 11th as we look into endangered species!





Vacation Bible School

MISSION: IMPACT A Journey through Faith

JUNE 9 – 13, 2025

Registration is now live on our website, so be sure to get your Kindergarteners through 5th graders signed up to enjoy a week of interstellar faith! Students 6th grade and above can also register there to be student helpers and leaders, as there's no better way to spend a week in June! <https://www.holytrinitylincoln.com/children-youth/vbs>

Kids Camp 2025

Once again, we've got several *great* Kids Camps ready to go for your Kindergartener through 5th grader! Scholarships are available, so be sure to get registered before we fill to capacity!

- June 16 - June 20 - Textiles with International Quilt Museum
 - June 23 - June 27 - Ultimate Super Adventures through the USA
 - July 7 - July 11 - Puppets-a-Plenty
 - *July 21 - July 25 - Adventures at Hogwarts
- *Morning & Afternoon sessions available!



<https://www.holytrinitylincoln.com/kidscamp>

Youth Service Trip Preparing for the Call

With only two months left before we embark on our service trip up north, our youth and adults are eager to see God's continued work in our own lives and the lives of the people of the Santee Sioux Reservation!

We are working in our committees to plan through the logistics of the trip and all the details of our partnership with Church of Our Most Merciful Savior in Santee. It's been rewarding to see our youth take ownership as servant leaders in these planning meetings, and we know there's much more in store for the future.

If you'd like to hear more information, please contact Darby @ HTDarbyD@gmail.com.



Are You Interested in Renewing Your Faith Commitment?

Confirmation

Confirmation is a chance for youth and adults to “confirm” their faith. It’s a chance to make a public commitment on their faith journey.

On May 18th, our bishop will be with us to confirm youth and adults who would like to make that public statement of faith. If you are an adult and would like to be confirmed, please do let me know at ClayLein@gmail.com



Daughters of the King

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 4pm-5pm In the Memorial Room
April 16th

To all Daughters of the King and any interested ladies, contact MaryLu Long 402-429-1021 with any questions.

Exercise Class M, W, F, 9:30-11am; Parish Hall

You are welcome to join exercise class at Holy Trinity on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:30 to 11am in support of your resolution to take good care of yourself. Sending thoughts of loving kindness.
~ Deacon Christine Grosh



Join us in the Parish Hall after each service for Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship!

Cookie Donations needed

We are looking for cookies or other treats to serve during coffee hour. If you would like to purchase or make something, please bring it to the kitchen or contact Vicky White dixiejaz3@gmail.com or 402-416-3404 or Liz Johnson 307-760-4623 lizelliot172@gmail.com



The Nook has closed its door for the last time.

Special Thanks to Nancy Machmer, who has committed so much of her time over the last 8+ years to provide this ministry for the people of Holy Trinity. Even before that, the Nook was led by Richard and Susan Spencer. Over that time, it’s been a place for folks to connect, treasures to be shared, and joy to be found.

The Nook will be repurposed as part of the Narthex upgrade. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead!

Free Library in the Memorial Room Has Expanded, Including a Puzzle Exchange!

We have expanded the library in the Memorial Room. Take a book or give a book. Exchange your puzzles for fresh ones! Please place all returned or new books in the basket.

Thank you to Nancy Machmer for keeping the Free Library & Puzzle Exchange organized and up-to-date!

The Holy Trinity Arts Festival is BACK!



May 3rd, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Church of the Holy Trinity
6001 'A' Street | Lincoln, NE

HOLY TRINITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Artist Booths • Live Performances
Floral Arts Presentations
Children's Art Tent • Bounce Houses
Food Vendors • Beer Garden

Kids art activities will be scheduled throughout the day!

Floral
The Stem Gallery

Live Performances

- The Bells of Holy Trinity
- Southwest Jazz Ensemble I
- PAN Prep/PANgea
- Jack Rinke/ Loretta Love/ Piano Duo
- Loretta Love/ Organ Solo

Food Vendors
3 Chick's and a Wagon | Chi Style Kitchen
M/Mai's Cafe | Harbor Coffee
UNL Dairystore | Grata Bar & Lounge

Open to the public and free to attend!

Check out our website
for schedule and performances!

holytrinityartsfestival.com



Scan with phone camera

We Need Your Help to Make it Happen



Last year's Arts Festival drew almost 2,000 people to the campus of Holy Trinity. It was an amazing and joy filled event.

We hosted Lincoln's coolest annual community Arts Festival. We provided a venue for over 50 artists, performing, and florists to share their creative gifts. It was a great event to invite friends and family to come and see.

To make that happen we NEED your help. If you can volunteer for even a couple hours that day will you let Michael Norris know by emailing him at Rmnor@aol.com



Please sign up to help distribute food for the LPS Emergency Pantry @ Bryan Community.

Holy Trinity provides volunteers every 4th Friday from 3:15 until 5:30 pm.

If you can help with this ministry, please sign up for one or more Friday on the signup sheet in the foyer. Any questions, please contact Dan Coffman dan.b.coffman@gmail.com or (402) 488-8610.

Community Ministry

Please keep bringing your contributions to our Outreach Table in the Parish Hall.

The FOOD BOX receives your food donations to be distributed to any persons in need who come to Holy Trinity with the overflow donated to St. Mark's on the Campus.

The BEST CHOICE labels are processed and the rebate distributed by the Outreach Committee.

ST. MONICA'S donations of unused, individually wrapped, travel size toiletries are given in gift bags in the season of Advent with your donations of calendars, scratch pads and greeting cards delivered during the year.

2025 Calendars will be taken to the City Mission.

Any questions please ask Cheryl Hejl chejl380@yahoo.com



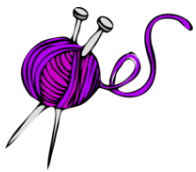
The Holy Trinity Prayer Chain

If you'd like to be part of Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. just contact the email address below.

Anytime you need prayer, you can either call or text the Prayer Chain number or email us at the address below and we will include them for a total of two weeks. Please keep us updated.

Prayer Chain #: (531) 280-8515 **Email:** HolyTrinityPrayer10@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Holy Trinity continues to create prayer shawls and pray for the people who receive them. As we work on each shawl, we are praying for the person who will be wrapped in the love and prayer that is in each garment. Most of the time we know who will receive our shawls, but there are times when we do not.

The warmth and love that the prayers said while making the shawl is there for the recipient to feel.

If you would like a shawl or blanket for someone, please contact Jill Lein 972-948-2211, jilllein1@gmail.com or Susan Zwickle 402-730-7107, susanzwickle@gmail.com



Holy Trinity Times & Bulletin Deadlines

Please send your articles for the next newsletter **by the 20th of the month**. Weekly Bulletin articles can be submitted as needed but will

only be run as space allows for the following Sunday. Please email them to holytrinity10@yahoo.com.



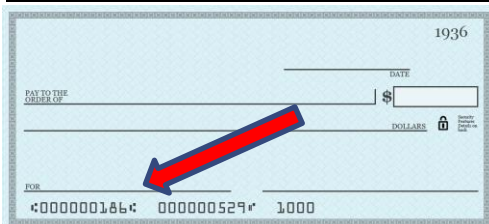
Weekly Announcements

Are you receiving weekly announcements via email? If not (and you would like to) please email Nicole at holytrinity10@yahoo.com so we have your correct email address.



Building Use Forms-Yes! We still need these more than ever!

Anytime a group of two or more people meet in the church, a Building Use Form is required. These should be updated once a year for recurring meetings. Please submit a form before you meet to ensure you reserve the space. They are located by the office door or on our website. www.holytrinitylincoln.com. You may also contact the office to have one emailed to you. Holytrinty10@yahoo.com or 402-488-7139.



Help Us Get Your Offerings to the Right Place Please specify ("Pledge") in the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support to Holy Trinity. When you write a check, please let us know in the memo line what you want that check to be for. For example it could be marked as "pledge" or "food cart" This will allow us to make sure that your giving goes where you want it to go. And as always – THANKS for Giving!



Gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development are a practical way to make a difference right now. They partner with local agencies with life-saving supplies and resources, medicine and emergency support. You can donate directly to them at www.episcopalrelief.org. Or write a check to Holy Trinity with "ERD" in the memo line.

40 Years of Ringing!

Forty years ago on Palm Sunday, Holy Trinity heard the first strains of handbell music during the service. Six young teens, mostly 6th and 7th graders played “Were You There”. The original 3 octave set of handbells was purchased by Bill and Diane Krueger as they felt that bells would be a good way for the teens to be active in the church music program. The first six ringers were Malia (Perkins) Pope, Jeanne (Dickinson) Gaertig, Jean Bates, Alisa Shonka, Charles Cumming, and Matt Krueger. Jeanne and Malia still ring today with the adult group!!! From the original 6, the program grew to 2 teen handbell choirs---Middle School and High School---with around 24 ringers a year from the late-1980s to around 2005. Besides providing service music, these bell choirs were active in the community with performances in other churches, at the State Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony, twice in the Star City Parade, at the Children’s Museum, with the East High orchestra, and by attending MANY teen handbell festivals. Today, with a smaller program, the youth play bells a couple of times a year.

The Bells of Holy Trinity are presenting a celebratory concert of 40 Years of Ringing on May 18 at 7 p.m. Please come and show your support for these wonderful people who have given years and years of beautiful music to this church!



1986; Three of the six originals, two of whom still ring today: Malia Perkins Pope, Alisa Shonka, and Jeanne Dickinson Gaertig.



The also-outstanding Sr. High bell choir from 1999



The outstanding (really!) Sr. High bell choir from early 90s



Youth bell choir in about 2016



The teens in 2004 playing at the Childrens' Museum



The teens Fall 2024



Father Clay with the little ones at Christmas, 2020

April Birthdays

2 Ron Boyce
3 Donna Cotton
5 Hayden Cornell
6 Annalyssa Fountain
6 Mary Lien
9 Jim Carney
10 Callie Winter
12 Steven Friesen
14 William Waddell
17 Mason Winter

19 Scott Bahm
20 Kurt Ninneman
21 Athiei Manyiel
22 Diane Krueger
26 Claire Wasserburger
28 Nancy Coffman
29 Jan Wahl
30 Mariah Sherer



Church of the Holy Trinity
Vestry Minutes
February 17, 2025 – 7PM via Zoom

Present: Father Clay Lien; Corey Wasserberger - Senior Warden; Matt Lundak – Jr. Warden; Mary Vaughan, Clerk; Joe Fox, Karla Bahm, Roxane Graham, Cory Wasserburger, Bob Winter, Jeanne Gaertig – Treasurer; Michael Cover, Liz Bavitz

Absent: Don Rabbe

Opening Prayer Father Clay led us in prayer.

Treasurer's Report: A **Statement of Activities** (date range January 1, 2025, through January 30, 2025) was available along with the **Statement of Financial Position Comparison** (as of January 30, 2025). Also included was a **Statement of Cash Flows** (January 1, 2025, through January 30, 2025). Along with the numbers, the notes included explained the various income and expenses as the actual numbers related to the budgeted numbers.

To transfer \$900,000 from the quasi-endowment fund to instruments that carry less risk as resolved by the vestry at the board retreat, Jeanne reported that the financial committee had met with Edward Jones, Vanguard, and UBT to determine what instruments were available to meet this goal. The financial committee had decided to move the funds to UBT STFIT. After vestry discussion Mike Cover moved to diversify the funds and split the \$900,000 between Edward Jones and UBT STFIT. Jeanne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rector's Report Father Clay shared that the parish hall upgrades will be the first improvements we will see taking shape. The children's ministry team is working on playground ideas. As soon as preliminary plans are available the vestry will have a chance to look at them.

An asbestos abatement company has looked at Holy Trinity's buildings and given us a written report. It will be reviewed by the master plan team and shared with the architect for consideration as we move forward with the Phase 1 project.

A formal proposal for architectural design services for Phase 1 Renovation of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Lincoln, Nebraska was presented to the vestry from Sinclair Hille. Liz Bavitz was available to answer questions posed by the vestry. To avoid a conflict of interest, Liz left the meeting as the vestry further discussed the contract as presented.

Matt Lundak moved that Holy Trinity retain Sinclair Hille Architects for Phase 1 of the Master Plan as submitted with the "not to exceed" base contract. Karla Bahm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sr. Warden Report: Corey had no formal report. He encouraged the vestry members to be aware of potential challenges some parishioners may be experiencing because of the changes taking place throughout the country.

Jr. Warden Report: Matt had no report.

Closing Prayer: Father Clay closed the meeting with a prayer written recently by Dan Coffman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Submitted by: Mary Vaughan, Clerk

Church of the Holy Trinity
Vestry Minutes March 17, 2025 – 7PM

Present: Father Clay Lien; Corey Wasserburger - Senior Warden; Jeanne Gaertig – Treasurer; Mary Vaughan, Clerk; Karla Bahm, Roxane Graham, Cory Wasserburger, Bob Winter, Michael Cover, Bob Winter, Liz Bavitz, Don Rabbe

Absent: Matt Lundak – Jr. Warden; Joe Fox

Opening Prayer Father Clay opened the meeting with prayer.

Bible Study The Vestry reflected on Isaiah 55:3-9. The group identified key concepts: God invites us into a relationship with him, he welcomes us while clarifying the difference between God and humans, he commits to us recognizing that we are only human and will make mistakes in our movement along the path of our life-long journey, he gives us choice followed with forgiveness as we inevitably make missteps. He gives us purpose “...witness to the peoples, ...leader and commander for the peoples.” Most importantly this is a biblical Old Testament passage of great hope requiring our faith in God.

Treasurer’s Report: A **Statement of Activities** (date range February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025) was available along with the **Statement of Financial Position Comparison** (as of February 28, 2025). Also included was a **Summary of Restricted Net Assets** (February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025) and a **Statement of Financial Position Comparison** (February 28, 2025). Along with these regular monthly reports was **Vanguard Statement of Activities Endowment & Columbarium Fund YTD Activity Through February 28, 2025**. A Monthly Executive Review accompanied the fiscal reports. As stated in the Executive Review, Holy Trinity is off to a great start for 2025!

Three Signatory Resolutions were presented individually. All three were presented in a motion by Jeanne Gaertig and seconded by Father Clay with unanimous approval by the vestry. Resolutions of: Union Bank and Trust Signatories, Edward Jones Signatories, Vanguard Signatories Resolution

Prior to the vote a discussion was held relating to the processes and procedures used as funds are accessed and moved for use. Holy Trinity has written documents that outline present procedures. Jeanne Gaertig will send those along for all vestry members to have on hand for their perusal.

Rector’s Report: Father Clay gave an update and review on the Phase 1 Master Plan. Liz Bavitz supplied an additional narrative and a couple of handouts showing projected timelines for the projects. We then accompanied Father Clay to locations where action is taking place explaining the “what is happening” and “the why it is happening at this time” as related to the entire Phase 1 of the Master Plan.

A fresh pew card has been designed and was handed out. Additional spaces for placement of these materials are being developed so that each pew will have multiple slots rather than the present two.

Materials from the Holy Trinity Arts Festival committee were handed out with encouragement for us to share far and wide the information about the upcoming May 3rd event.

Father Clay shared that May 18th will be Confirmation Sunday. He is exploring options to combine the 10:30 a.m. service and the 1:30 p.m. Sudanese service with a potluck. At this time eleven students are slated for confirmation equally divided representing both congregation attendance times.

Sr. Warden Report: No report. Corey reflected on the fact that five years ago the Vestry officially offered the position of rector to Father Clay, the decision made sooner than had been anticipated. Unknown at the time of the offer, the country closed down shortly thereafter due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jr. Warden Report: No report.

Closing Prayer: Roxane led us in a prayer of gratitude to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Vaughan, Clerk

Serving in April 2025

	<i>Sunday, April 6</i>	<i>Sunday, April 13</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Passion Reading</i> <i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Sunday, April 20</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Family Service</i>	<i>Sunday, April 27</i>
8:00 AM	Noon					
Greet & Ushers (2)	Ron & Jann Jacob-	Mary & Wade Graft	7PM	TBA	Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt	Liz & Jim Carney
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	Bob Hillyer-	TBA	7PM	TBA	Nancy Coffman	Louise Otero
2 nd reading & POP	Louise Otero	Marcia White	7PM	TBA	Melanie Gibson	Joe Fox
Chalice (3)	Jane Janesch Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman	Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman	7PM	David Bloomquist Clergy Clergy	Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman	Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman
10:30 AM	7PM 7PM					
Greet & Ushers (4)	Joni & Mike Cover	Don & Linda Rabbe	TBA	Ron & Jann Jacob-	Cheryl Hejl Sue Everett Beth Davidson Youth	Scott & Angee Dostal
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	JoMac Machmer	John Andrews	Pamela Starr	TBA	Youth	Sue Carraher
2 nd reading & POP	Peter Sewell	David Bloomquist	Don Rabbe	TBA	Youth	Kurt Ninneman
Chalice (6)	Mary Jo Tietjen Dana Visger Sue Everett Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman	David Bloomquist Cheryl Hejl Michael Browne Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman	David Bloomquist Clergy Clergy	David Bloomquist Clergy Clergy	TBA Dana Visger Liz Johnson Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman	TBA Cheryl Hejl Beth Davidson Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman

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