

Holy Trinity Times March 2024

Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Trinity
Reaching up to God;
Reaching out with Christ's love to the world.

Enabling Holy Trinity's Ministry to the Next Generation!

God has been bringing growth to Holy Trinity over the last three years. People of all ages have visited, then become part of our church family. Many of them have been children and their families. Our ministry to the next generation has already begun, yet more resources are needed to insure a strong healthy Holy Trinity for years to come.

For us to sustain that growth – and bless the kids that are already here – we need to invest in staff. So, for this year, the Vestry unanimously agreed to hire a full-time ministry director for children and youth.* It's a big investment, and yet the benefits for us and our community are immense. Plus God has provided enough to begin. We will draw on dedicated funds, given in years past by people with a vision for a stronger Holy Trinity, to take this step. We are trusting that God will honor our faithfulness and provide future resources so that we can bless the children, grandchildren and families of our community.

* You can find more information about what we are planning on page 4.

We Need YOU to Help Make that Happen.

We have just begun a national search for someone with experience in building and leading a robust children & youth ministry. I know that God already has a person who's gifts and experience will fit the culture and vision of our church community. To find them, we need the prayers of our whole congregation. Just as we prayed regularly as we searched for a new rector in 2020, we need to do the same for this process. So, will you join with me in praying this prayer daily? In fact, why not start praying it right now?

Lord God, help us to embrace your call as we seek to grow faith in the children and youth of our community. Raise up the leader you are calling and inspire us to serve in whatever ways we can to your honor and glory. Amen.

Blessings,

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March 2024

| Every | Day | During | Lent: |
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Daily Devotions (email or booklet)

Morning prayer M-F 8:30am online

Evening prayer M-F 5:30 in person

- 1 Stations of the Cross Fridays at Noon
- 2 Going Deeper in Prayer 9am

Youth Group Bowling 2pm to 4pm

- 6 Lent Supper & Small Groups 11:30am
 - Lent Supper & Small Groups 6:30pm (Zoom @ 6:45)

Lent Children's Program 6:30pm

8 Stations of the Cross Fridays at Noon

Parents Night Out 6pm-9pm

- **9** Going Deeper in Prayer 9am
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 Lent Supper & Small Groups 11:30am

Lent Supper & Small Groups 6:30pm

Lent Children's Program 6:30pm (Zoom @ 6:45)

- **14** Bridge Tournament 1-4pm
- 15 Stations of the Cross Fridays at Noon
- Going Deeper in Prayer 9am
 Daughters of the King 9am
- Men's Lunch & Learn 11:45am
- **18** Vestry Meeting 7pm
- 20 Lent Supper & Small Groups 11:30am

Lent Supper & Small Groups 6:30pm

Lent Children's Program 6:30pm (Zoom @ 6:45)

- 22 Stations of the Cross Fridays at Noon
- 23 Going Deeper in Prayer 9am
- **24 Palm Sunday** Services at 8 &10:30am

Easter Flowers Deadline

Youth Lunch 11:30-1

- **28 Maundy Thursday** Service at 7pm (Online @ 7pm)
- 29 Good Friday

Family Stations of the Cross (10am-5pm)

Solemn Collects & Stations of the Cross Noon & 7pm (Online @ 7pm)

31 Easter Sunday Services at 8 &10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30

March 2024

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8 &10:30 am
Livestream Worship 10:30 am
Dinka Language Worship 1:30pm
Sudanese Sunday School 1:30pm
Children's Sunday School 9:15
Adult Sunday School 9:15am
Children's Chapel 10:30am
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)

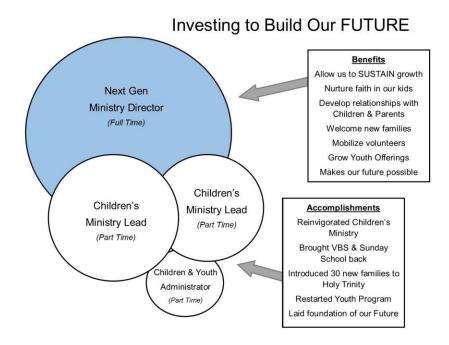
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The Search Begins

Our next step is to hire a Director for the entire Children and Youth Ministry Team. We will be calling it "Next Gen Ministry Director." This experienced full-time person would bring a depth of resources and energy to this work. They would not only help sustain what God is doing, but they would enable us to grow our program.

Our existing Children's Ministry Team - Jane, Jill and Sue – are fully supportive of this next step, and look forward to being able to focus more of their time on nurturing faith in our children and youth. Here's the Job Description that we'll be taking public.



Next Gen Ministry Director Job Profile

Vision: The Next Gen Ministry Director will be an integral part of the senior leadership of this parish. This person will partner with the rector to help envision and implement programs that will increase our congregational focus on reaching the next generation with the gospel. This will require creativity, wisdom and discernment as we imagine what could be, then build the teams and create the systems that will build deep relationships with children, youth and their families.

Purpose: Our purpose for this ministry is to help children develop a personal relationship with God. This is more than just imparting knowledge; it's helping them discover God at work in their lives, then relying on God's love all through their days. We value growing connections more than drawing a crowd.

Role: The role for the Next Gen Director at Holy Trinity is two-fold. The first is to build a church-based, children and youth ministry that reaches families who are already part of the present church community. This includes our afternoon ministry to a vibrant Sudanese community that is part of our church. The second focus is on the development and implementation of ministries that reach out to our community children and their parents. Our hope is to cultivate long term relationships with them and offer a place for them to discover God for themselves. The Next Gen Director will be responsible for these areas of focus.

The Next Gen Director will also oversee an existing part time staff that are already on board with the vision and experienced with the people here. In addition, they will provide leadership for volunteer recruitment, program development, outreach event implementation and budget management. This person will report to the Rector.

Job Requirements: we believe the Next Gen Director will experience the joy of seeing God grow a thriving ministry as they bring the following gifts and abilities:

- A love for God and for sharing God's love with others.
- A proven ability to organize and lead children and volunteers in a church, school, or community setting.
- An ability to think creatively and bring "out of the box" ministry ideas.

- Prefer, but not required, degree, certification or education in education or ministry practices.
- Ability to set priorities, initiate plans, and handle multiple tasks.
- Able to recruit and support a large number of parents and volunteers.
- Possess strong organizational and communication skills.
- Possess PC skills.
- Willingness to manage their time with the irregular schedule sometimes required by major events and/or seasonal programs.

Timeline

Starting with the posting of this job profile in a wide variety of ministry job sites, we hope to begin receiving applications from interested candidates. Then through the Spring we'll be vetting and interviewing candidates. Our hope is to have someone onboard by the summer. But, our number one priority will be to get the right person for this key role. We will keep you updated in the newsletter and bulletin. Please do keep praying this prayer along with us.

Lord God, help us to embrace your call as we seek to grow faith in the children and youth of our community. Raise up the leader you are calling and inspire us to serve in whatever ways we can to your honor and glory. Amen.

Join us this Lent for Daily Prayer TOGETHER

Our goal is to create opportunities for parishioners to embrace a short term discipline of prayer through Lent. One offering is to engage in Daily Prayer at least once a week – that's only 6 times through Lent. There are two ways to do that:



Morning Prayer Online: Each weekday morning starting at 8:30 on Facebook with David Bloomquist. It's 20 minutes tops. Link on our website or here: https://www.facebook.com/david.bloomquist1

Evening Prayer In-person at Holy Trinity: We'll meet every weekday at 5:30 pm for less than 20 minutes in the sanctuary.

Saturday Mornings In-person at Holy Trinity 9:00 to 10:00 am



Going Deeper in Prayer 9:00 am on Saturdays Mar. 2, 9, 16, & 23

Join us on Saturdays in Lent for a time to enter into reflection and for going deeper into our spiritual life. Saturday mornings in the sanctuary 9:00 A.M. for a time of prayer, Experience God's love and grace for you and your loved ones.



Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at Noon.

Until March 29, 2024 (use the south doors)

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24 @ 8:00 & 10:30 am Procession with Palms & Holy Eucharist Online at 10:30 am





Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar. With Children's Chapel. Online @ 7:00 pm (No foot washing.)

Two Ways to Participate in Good Friday -March 29

1. Family Led Stations of the Cross
Outside on the South Lawn (or downstairs)
Open House – from 10am 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, March 31

8:00am - Adult Sermon 10:30am - Children's talk, & Adult Sermon Online at 10:30 am



Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 Service

Children's Ministry Lent, Holy Week, Easter



Lent: On Wednesday evenings we have a wonderful Lenten study planned for the kids. Bring them for supper and then they will go to the Children's Chapel to learn about Prayer. The main theme: prayer is simply chatting with God. The kids will learn that prayer needs to be straight from the heart as they CHAT - Confess, honor, ask and thank. We will be making posters, mobiles, doing role play and practicing prayer. My hope is that the Children's Chapel will be filled with kids. **Wednesdays until March 20.**

Holy week will be here before you know it. The Children's Ministry has LOTS of activities planned and it is our hope that your kids, grandkids, and neighborhood kids will participate in as many of them as they can.

Palm Sunday: We will have all our acolytes process on Palm Sunday carrying palms ordered especially for them by Roxane Graham. Last year it was a wonderful experience for the kids and what a joy it was for those of us in the pews to watch so many of them walk down the aisle!

Maundy Thursday: We will again participate in foot washing in the Children's Chapel.

Good Friday: The Stations of the Cross outside on Good Friday (open house between 10:00 - 5:00) will be new and improved this year with new booklets to use, new prayers and new items to pick up at each cross. If the weather isn't cooperating we will have all the crosses in the basement. Meet at the South entrance.

Easter: This of course leads up to our most important day in the church year; **EASTER!** After the 10:30 service there will be an **Easter egg hunt** starting at the south entrance. (Our wonderful coffee hour friends will have filled the eggs with candy and toys. Thank you to them!) And thank you to all of you who will take time out of your busy lives to get children to these events.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter help our children develop a closer understanding of and relationship with Jesus. My hope is that they can participate in as many activities as they can.



Listening for Singers to Share Their Gifts on Easter

We are hoping to get a small group of folks who'd like to lead our singing for Easter at the 10:30 am service. We'll have two practices right after church on Sundays, March 17th and 24th. If you are interested please contact Loretta Love at loretta.f.love@gmail.com.





Please sign up to Serve During Holy Week & Easter

We need extra volunteers to help read the Passion on Palm Sunday. We also need those of you who are in rotation to sign up to serve for all the services. Even if you haven't read before and would like to!

Palm Sunday & Passion Reading Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday

Chalice Bearers Needed for Sunday Worship

Training will be provided to help orient you to your new ministry to this community. The most common reaction of new chalice bearers is the surprise at how much more the worship means when they are actively engaged in it.

We ALSO Need Greeters and Ushers

Ushers and greeters are the first people encountered when you enter the church for services. They are the face of Holy Trinity in a very tangible way. It is truly hard to overestimate their ministry.

If you feel called to serve in these ways at the 8:00 or 10:30 am services please do let us know by emailing Nicole at HolyTrinity10@Yahoo.com



Thank You For 40 Years!

On Feb. 11th we honored our Music Director and Organist, Loretta Love for 40 years of ministry in this place. This plaque was presented to her with a gift from the congregation. It will be mounted on the organ as a permanent reminder of the gifts she has given.

Here's a note of thanks from her:

This plaque is given in gratitude for the ministry of Loretta Love, as our Music Director and Organist, on her 40th anniversary.

Her gifts have lifted many hearts and voices in praise to God over the years.

And in honor of all the organists who have served over the last 155 years here at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

February 12, 2024

Thank you for helping me celebrate 40 years at Holy Trinity. It is an honor and a blessing to serve this congregation. Loretta



Maundy Thursday Sock Drive

This Lent the Youth Group kids are getting involved in our annual Sock Drive. You'll see their sign in the narthex this month as they invite you to help them collect 100 pairs of unused socks for children and youth. If you would like to help, buy some socks and then drop them into the baskets. We are also still collecting adult socks too!

Check Out Our Sudanese Sunday School

The Sudanese Sunday School program has been a joy to watch grow, not only in numbers but also in the children's spiritual growth. In February, 31 children joined us in the Children's Chapel. Fr. Clay had to scramble for more chairs to accommodate everyone! But even as crowded as the room was, the children were focused and had a great understanding of the lesson. We were learning about Moses and the tribes building a tabernacle for God. Ask anyone of them what the Israelites used for materials and they will enthusiastically tell you. The lesson culminated with building a



tabernacle out of blue blocks. It's hard to imagine 31 children working together to build it but it happened! These kids are such a gift and blessing to Holy Trinity.



Check Out Our New Stained Glass

Our Children have finished creating our stained glass windows in the Children's Chapel.

Come to the Children's Chapel & check it out!



PARENTS NIGHT OUT at Holy Trinity — Spring 2024 Dates: March 8, April 12, May 10

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 and 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, and is first come, first served.

Registration is online at www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com or you may call Jill at 972-948-2211.

Youth Group 2024 Spring Schedule

3/2 Bowling @ Sun Valley (2-4pm, bring \$10)

3/24 Youth Lunch—(11:30 to 1:00)

4/7 Youth Lunch—(11:30 to 1:00)

4/20 Scavenger Hunt (1 to 4pm—lunch included) Youth Room

5/4 Stars Wars Night (5:00 to 8:00—dinner) – Parish Hall

5/19 Youth Lunch (11:30—1:00)





Join Our Youth Group for Some Fun Bowling

March 2 from 2pm to 4pm @ Sun Valley Lanes

Drop your teens off at Sun Valley Lanes & Games at 2:00 pm on the 2nd. Then pick them up at 4:00pm. They'll have a blast and you'll have 2 hours to get some errands run. Be sure to bring \$10.

Sun Valley Lanes is at 321 Victory Ln, Lincoln, NE 68528



Join us for Youth Group Lunch March 24th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

This semester we are going to be focusing on building relationships and serving our community. We meet for lunch in the Youth Room downstairs. Then get to work having fun! Join us on Sunday, March 24th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Time to Spring Ahead!

Daylight Savings Time starts March 10th.



Souper Bowl of Caring THANK YOU!

We collected over 200 items and \$165. Thank you Community Ministry for delivering the items to Matt Talbots Outreach Center.

We are a Church that BLESSES Others!







Bridge Anyone? March 14, from 1-4 pm in the Parish Hall

We are starting a bridge group to be played here at Holy Trinity every 2nd Thursday of the month. All women and men with all levels of play abilities are welcome. Please contact Jeanne Bishop hjbishop27@gmail.com; 402-421-7736 or Nancy Machmer namach2020@gmail.com, 618-704-4231 if you are interested and tell your friends!



Daughters of the King Every 3^{rd} Saturday of the month @ 9am: March 16^{th} , 2024 In the Memorial Room

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

3rd Sunday Men's Lunch & Learn March 17th @ 11:45 am in the Memorial Room

Join us this month as we do some planning for the next season of our Lunch & Learn ministry. Your input is IMPORTANT! Deacon John Long and John Connor will help us get creative. And we'll get to eat a free lunch.



Why Should You Attend on May 2nd?

If you haven't already seen an invitation to your faith community's justice ministry network meeting, you should very soon! But why one more meeting and why should you attend?



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said:

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

The purpose of a network meeting is to tend to our own "networks of mutuality," and to ensure that taking action for our shared values of justice and fairness doesn't get forgotten amongst the other business of life. A network meeting is an opportunity for every person who shared their deepest concerns at a fall listening session to re-engage and take action to be part of the solution to those problems.

At a network meeting, not only will you be updated on our mental health navigation, adult pre-trial diversion, and affordable housing campaigns, but you'll be equipped to reach out to others with an invitation to the Nehemiah Action on May 2, an event where we leverage the people-power of our relational networks to help make Lancaster County a better place to live.

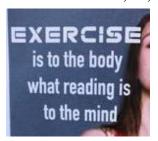
For more information contact Linda Rabbe at lindarabbe@yahoo.com or John Andrews at jandrews8202952@gmail.com

Watch for Invitation from Members of our Parish Justice in Actin Network Team

Members of Holy Trinity may be calling YOU with an invitation to a gathering sponsored by the Justice In Action Network. This gathering on May 2nd will be called the Nehemiah Assembly. Like last year, our hope is to gather more than 1,000 people to hear presentations on community solutions and ask public officials to take action. The meeting will be at St. Mark's United Methodist church at 6:30 pm.

TOGETHER we believe that we can make our community better. All are invited. If you are interested let me know at <u>ClayLein@gmail.com</u>. Or reach out to our Holy Trinity Justice Ministry Team Leaders: Linda Rabbe lindarabbe@yahoo.com, or John Andrews jandrews8202952@gmail.com.

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



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This poster caught my attention: Exercise is to the body what reading is to the mind." I really liked what it says. But it's not accurate! Exercise and reading both stimulate the brain. Maybe the poster will remind you of some New Year's resolution to take good care of yourself in mind, body, and spirit? That's my goal! You are welcome to join exercise class at Holy Trinity, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:30 to 11a.m. 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!

If you can help make coffee please contact Vicky White <u>dixiejaz3@gmail.com</u> or 402-416-3404 or Liz Johnson 307-760-4623 lizelliot172@gmail.com

Come Visit in the Nook! Between the Services

If you have items to donate for the store, place them in the gathering basket outside the door. We have a lot of puzzles now for our free puzzle exchange. Come and have a look.

The free library is located in the Memorial Room. Spring is a good time to go through books you have read and donate them to our library.

Please contact Nancy Machmer 618-704-4231 or namach2020@gmail.com with questions about the Nook, the free library or to make an appointment.

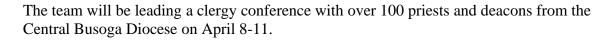


Join us for the Wedding of John Schomerus and Tammy Freitag

On April 20th @ 11:00 am, John and Tammy will be joined in Holy Matrimony. They would like to invite anyone who'd like to attend. The service will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Feel free to RSVP to John at SaveMe10@icloud.com

Fr. Clay will be Going on a Mission Trip to Uganda, in Africa, from April 3 to 13th.

Please keep Fr. Clay in your prayers during the two weeks after Easter. He will be going with Fr. Robert Magoola, from St. Marks and the Rev. Dr. Samuel Dzobo.







ERD Working in Morocco

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.

Discovery

Blind to bud and snowfall,
even flood,
sparrows ride creation's air
then perch along the roof-line
happy little spirits chiming,
chiming,
as if it's they
who've just discovered
blessed earth.



Marilyn Dorf

Holy Trinity's Kids Camp Registering NOW

Kids Camp is happening again this summer. We've had two great years of blessing kids and their families. These camps are week long, half day programs here at Holy Trinity. There will be a modest tuition and registration will start next month. Kids Camp weeks are in June and July:



Oh, the Stories We Will WriteJune 17-21Under the SeaJune 24-28Super HeroesJuly 8-12Science SafariJuly 22-26

Register at:

www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com/KidsCamp



"Diving Into Faith" Vacation Bible School June 3 to 7, 2024

This year we are using a water theme and challenging kids, teens and adults to jump into FAITH with both feet! We'll be hosting VBS from June 3rd to the 7th in the mornings. Please mark those dates on your calendar. It'll be a blast! Register online Holy Trinity Episcopal Church VBS (holytrinitylincoln.com) or talk to Jane Janesch jjanesch161@gmail.com or 402-310-9101.



The Holy Trinity Spring Arts Festival is BACK on Saturday, May 18th



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 talents, 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 of hours that day let Michael Norris know by emailing him at Rmnor@aol.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, jillein1@gmail.com or Susan Zwickle 402-730-7107, susanzwickle@gmail.com

Batting material needed for Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you have any batting material or blankets/material that could be used for batting, please drop them off in the workroom or contact Susan Zwickle 402-730-7107, susanzwickle@gmail.com.



ALTAR FLOWERS 2024



During the year, our altar is a reflection of God's blessings because so many of you step forward to offer altar flowers as a remembrance, celebration or thanksgiving. While our Altar Flowers are not a part of the Church's operating budget, our flowers appear at our altar each week because of your generosity.

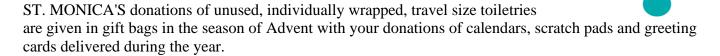
The Church, generally, incurs an expense each week of \$80.00 for two fresh floral arrangements. All donors, however, are asked to contribute an amount with which they are comfortable. If you have a special occasion in 2024 or wish to remember a loved one, please contact Roxane Graham either by phone (402/540-4294) or email (gma-bowler@hotmail.com). As a reminder no flowers are on the altar during Lent which is February 18 thru March 17, 2024. Thank you.

Community Ministry

Please keep bringing your contributions to our Outreach Table in the parish hall.

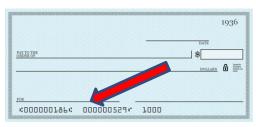
The FOOD BOX receives your food donations to be distributed to any persons in need who come to Holy Trinity with the overflow donated to St. Marks on the Campus.

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



2024 Calendars will be taken to the City Mission

Any questions please ask Cheryl Heil cheil380@yahoo.com



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!

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.

For Those with Church Keys Entering the Building...



If you use a church key, please check in with the office when you are in the building during office hours. You may stop by or call from the kitchen phone.



Holy Trinity Times & Bulletin Deadlines

Please send your articles for the next newsletter **by the 20th of the month**. 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.

Welcome New Members!!

Salin Raj Palayyan, Lijisha Surgkha, & Navodith Salin Adria Bhatnagar Benes Jim & Sue Carraher Liz Bavitz Charlotte Liggett

March Birthdays

Abner Sewell 2nd Vivian Edwards 2nd Dick Cumming 6th Susan Zwickle 8th Melanie Gibson 10th Carrie Bence 11th Chiho Friesen 12th Bill Spring 12th Dalton Tietjen 14th Ray Farmen 16th Jackie Hummel 16th Cynthia Martinez 16th Curtis Butler 17th Frederick Otero 21st Jeff Pirnie 24th Shawna Atteberry 26th Mary Vaughan 26th



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It's tax time!

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!

If you are over 72 you are required to take required minimum distributions from your IRA each year which will be counted as taxable income. 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.

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 <u>directly</u> from the IRA fiduciary to Holy Trinity in order to qualify as <u>non-taxable</u> income. Please contact me for more information.

Dick Cumming, Treasurer

Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry Minutes January 15, 2024

Present:

Mary Vaughan Fr. Clay Michael Cover Mary Jo Tietjen Jeanne Gaertig

Dana Visger Corey Wasserburger Ann Kansier Angee Dostal

Michael Norris, Senior Warden Johanna Machmer, Clerk

Absent:

Ann Kansier Dick Cumming, Treasurer

The meeting began at 7:03 PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Clay

Bible Study:

Fr. Clay lead us in discussion on Psalm 62:5-12.

Treasurer's Report:

The December financials were not made available for our meeting. The Finance Committee is working on the 2024 Budget to present at the Annual Meeting. Jeanne Gaertig will ensure that the surplus from the 2023 Budget will be indicated.

Rectors Report:

1) Vestry Member Update

Fr. Clay clarified that Angee Dostal is serving a two-year term. She will rotate off the Vestry after 2024.

The members that will be rotating off in January.

- Ann Kansier
- Johanna Machmer
- Dana Visger
- 2) At the Annual Meeting the following are candidates for Vestry and Annual Council and Nominees Senior and Junior Warden:

Vestry & Council Delegate Candidates

For Vestry (voting for three):

- Karla Bahm Roxanne Graham
- Don Rabbe
- Bob Winter

For Annual Council Delegates (voting for three):

- John Andrews
- Nancy Coffman
- Dana Visger
- David Bloomquist
- Mary Lu Long

Senior Warden Nominee:

Michael Norris

Junior Warden Nominee:

Matt Lundak

3) Children & Youth Ministry Director Search Resources:

Fr. Clay asked the vestry to approve hiring a children's ministry consultant company out of Texas called Ministry Wave. Fr. Clay has worked with them over the last 20 years. They can help reduce risks and speed up the process of bringing on this next key staff person. His suggestion is to bring them here for a site visit and ministry audit with recommendations in February (February 2 - 4). The recommendations will be presented to the vestry at the February 19th meeting.

Fr. Clay will most likely be seeking approval to hire Ministry Wave to lead the search which will involve job posting, screening applicants, and finally, passing on the best matches to the vestry. This process is estimated to cost \$6,000 dollars.

The site visit / consultation will cost \$3,000 dollars which can be paid by using the funds set aside for the Children & Youth Ministry Director position which is not going to be filled until after April, God willing. We will be billed after the visit for flights and meals. Lodging and transportation have been arranged and will be at no cost. *The request was approved by the vestry with full support.*

Sr. Warden Report:

Michael Norris reported that 10 artists are confirmed for the Arts Festival (May 18th 9-4pm). Mark your calendars.

Jr. Warden Report:

No report.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. Clay

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Submitted by:

Johanna Machmer, Clerk of the Church

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| | Sunday, March 3 Lent 3 | Sunday, March 10 Lent 4 | Sunday, March 17 Lent 5 | Continued on next page | Continued on next page |
| 8:00 AM | | | | | |
| Greet & Ushers (2) | Mary & Wade Graft | Nancy Coffman Jane Janesch | Liz & Jim Carney | Continued on next page | Continued on next page |
| Lectors 1st reading & the Psalm. | Bob Hillyer Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 | John Schomerus Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Nancy Coffman Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 | Continued on next page | Continued on next page |
| 2 nd reading & POP | Julie Silvertrust 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Prayers of the People | Marcia White Ephesians 2:1-10 Prayers of the People | Bob Hillyer Hebrews 5:5-10 Prayers of the People | Continued on next page | Continued on next page |
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| 10:30 AM | | | | | |
| Greet & Ushers (4) | Vivian & Terry Edwards Sue Everett Cheryl Hejl | Don & Linda Rabbe Cheryl Hejl Michael Browne | Scott & Angee Dostal Tracy & Birdie Pirnie | Continued on next page | Continued on next page |
| Lectors 1st reading & the Psalm. | Wanda Dietrich Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 | John Andrews Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Donna Kahler Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 | Continued on next page | Continued on next page |
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| | Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday | Palm Sunday-Passion Reading | Maundy Thursday March 28 | Good Friday March 29 | Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday | | |
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| 8:00 AM | Noon | | | | | | |
| Greet & Ushers (2) | Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt | PASSION READING TBA TBA TBA | 7pm | TBA TBA | TBA TBA | | |
| Lectors 1st reading & the Psalm. | TBA Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 | TBA TBA TBA | 7pm | TBA Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 | TBA Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | | |
| 2 nd reading & POP | TBA Philippians 2:5-11 Prayers of the People | TBA TBA TBA | 7pm | TBA Hebrews 10:16-25 Prayers of the People | TBA 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Prayers of the People | | |
| Chalice (3) | Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | TBA TBA TBA | 7pm | TBA TBA TBA | Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | | |
| 10:30 AM | | | 7pm | 7pm | | | |
| Greet & Ushers (4) | TBA TBA | PASSION READING TBA TBA TBA | TBA TBA | TBA TBA | TBA TBA TBA TBA | | |
| Lectors 1st reading & the Psalm. | TBA Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 | TBA TBA TBA | TBA Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 | TBA Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 | TBA Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | | |
| 2 nd reading & POP | TBA Philippians 2:5-11 Prayers of the People | TBA TBA TBA | TBA 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Prayers of the People | TBA Hebrews 10:16-25 Prayers of the People | TBA 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Prayers of the People | | |
| Chalice (6) | TBA TBA TBA Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | TBA TBA TBA | TBA TBA TBA | TBA TBA TBA | TBA TBA TBA Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | | |
| Preacher | Rev. Dr. Clay Lein | PASSION READING | Rev. John Long | Preaching Team | Rev. Dr. Clay Lein | | |

| Serving in April 2024 | | | | |
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| | Sunday, April 7 Clay Out | Sunday, April 14 | Sunday, April 21 | Sunday, April 28 |
| 8:00 AM | | | | |
| Greet & Ushers (2) | Mary & Wade Graft | Nancy Coffman Gina Fountain | Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt | Liz & Jim Carney |
| Lectors 1st reading & the Psalm. | Bob Hillyer Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 | John Schomerus Acts 3:12-199 Psalm 4 | Nancy Coffman Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 | Patt Harper Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 |
| 2 nd reading & POP | Julie Silvertrust 1 John 1:1-2:2 Prayers of the People | Marcia White 1 John 3:1-7 Prayers of the People | Bob Hillyer 1 John 3:16-24 Prayers of the People | Jane Janesch 1 John 4:7-21 Prayers of the People |
| Chalice (3) | Jane Janesch Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman |
| 10:30 AM | | | | |
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| Lectors 1st reading & the Psalm. | Joni Cover Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 | David Bloomquist Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 | Sue Everett Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 | Angee Dostal Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 |
| 2 nd reading & POP | Jack Campbell 1 John 1:1-2:2 Prayers of the People | Amy Bloomquist 1 John 3:1-7 Prayers of the People | Don Rabbe 1 John 3:16-24 Prayers of the People | Pamela Starr 1 John 4:7-21 Prayers of the People |
| Chalice (6) | Michael Browne Liz Johnson Sue Everett John Andrews Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | David Bloomquist Cheryl Hejl Dana Visger Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | John Andrews Dana Visger Liz Johnson Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman | Tracy Pirnie John Andrews Cheryl Hejl Rev. Dr Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Rev. Long/Coffman |
| Preacher | Rev. Verneda Kelly | Preaching Team | Rev. Dr. Clay Lein | Rev. Dr. Clay Lein |

If you cannot attend on your scheduled day, please trade with someone and then let Nicole in the office know holytrinity 10@yahoo.com.