

Holy Trinity Times

October 2025

Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity is Walking "By Faith"

Over the last few years we have been walking **By Faith.** We have been taking bold steps to follow God's call. You've been doing that here, and the new life you see is the direct result of that faith.

So far this year we've grown by more than 15% in Average Sunday Attendance (ASA). Our 3rd Sunday Family Worship has attracted new families and young people. We average more than 20 children each month – many of them new to Holy Trinity. Our giving is up. Our engagement is up. More people are connecting to God and to one another. That is because you are walking **By Faith.**



The most visible sign of that is the work being done to renovate and improve our campus for the next generation. Previous generations poured themselves into building and sustaining these amazing facilities. The Master Plan is how we are leaving them better for the future. All of this will run us over \$1 million, but God has provided that through our Legacy Fund Endowment.

We have not done a Capital Campaign for this because the real ASK is for you to support our Operating Budget.

Your financial offerings to the Operating Budget will allow us to sustain our ministry growth. This budget supports the staff and the programs that are reaching new people and serving those who are here today.

That's what we are asking of you. Please consider making a pledge to our Operating Budget. The diocese has been helping with a 3 year declining grant that gives us the time to grow into our size. But each year we need to step up our own internal support.

If you can help us to do that, please consider taking your own step of faith and pledging. Living **By Faith** is the most exciting adventure we will ever have. And the blessings are worth far more than the sacrifice.

Blessings,

October 2025

Sat Oct 4, 2025 All day A Street closed

Sun Oct 5, 2025 9:15am - 10:30am Sunday School Celebration Sunday (PH)

2pm - 3pm Justice In Action (MR)

Thu Oct 9, 2025 1pm - 4pm Bridge (PH)

Fri Oct 10, 2025 6pm - 9pm Parents Night Out (PH)

Sat Oct 11, 2025 1pm - 3pm Youth Group Movie @Joyo

Sun Oct 12, 2025 11:30am - 12:30pm Justice In Action (MR)

Mon Oct 13, 2025 Columbus Day Offices Closed

Wed Oct 15, 2025 4pm - 6pm DOK (MR)

7pm - 8:30pm Youth Group Bible Study (Oasis Room)

Sun Oct 19, 2025 10:30am - 11:30am Family Worship Service (S/PH)

11:30am - 12:30pm Connection Corner (PH

2pm - 3pm Justice In Action (MR)

Mon Oct 20, 2025 7pm - 8pm Vestry (MR)

Thu Oct 23, 2025-Sat Oct 25, 2025 Annual Council (Omaha)

Fri Oct 24, 2025 LPS Emergency Pantry Sat Oct 25, 2025 All day Quilt Show (S)

Sun Oct 26, 2025 11:30am - 1pm Youth Lunch & Serve (MR)

Tue Oct 28, 2025 2pm - 3pm Sr. Coffee Hour (PH/MR)

Sundays

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

Coffee after each service in the Parish Hall Free Library & puzzle exchange in the Memorial Room

M-W-F

Exercise Class 9:30am Parish Hall

Mondays

EFM 6pm Parish Hall

PH-Parish Hall

MR-Memorial Room GH-Great Hall (by

CC-Children's Chapel

LGR/OR-Large Group

Room/Oasis Room

(downstairs)

(downstairs)

CR-Choir Room

S-Sanctuary

offices)

Full updated calendar of events

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church | Calendar (holytrinitylincoln.com)

6001 A. St. Holytrinitylincoln.com 402-488-7139

"All Saints Hall"

When most churches build something, they invite people to make donations to honor loved ones. Names are put on a brass plaque to say thanks. That's not bad, but it seems insufficient for us. It's taken more than just a few donors to get us here. Everyone who calls Holy Trinity home has made this future possible. ALL our names deserve to be on our new space and to be honored.

For that reason, the Vestry has decided to name the new west entry "All Saints Hall." It will be dedicated to all who have been a part of this church, past, present, and future. As the main doorway into the worship life of our parish, it seems only right that we dedicate it to God's glory and in honor of ALL who make it possible.

To make that happen, we need more than a brass plaque. Our architects are working on ways to list the names of everyone who is part of the Holy Trinity story. We are looking through our records to compile names, but we need your help.

Will You Help Us Honor Them ALL?

Simply share with us the names of folks you know who've been here and made a difference to you. For example:

Who welcomed you when you first came? Who could you tell stories about from years past?

Email your names to Susane@htlnk.org

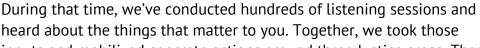
Or write them out legibly and drop it into the **All Saints Hall** basket in the Narthex, by the architect's drawings.



All Saints Hall

Justice in Action is Making a Difference in our Community!

Over the last four years we've help start a new, interfaith coalition with 25 other faith communities. It's called "Justice in Action."





inputs and mobilized concrete actions around three Justice areas. Those focal points are:

Affordable Housing Adult Pre-Trial Diversion Mental Health Resource Navigation program

These programs are just the beginning of what we, as part of Justice in Action, can see changed for good in our community. But where do we need to act next? What issue keeps you awake at night? Or where do you feel we need to focus to make Lincoln BETTER?

If you'd like to hear more about those efforts and the impact we are having together, then come join us for one of these House Meetings.

Sunday, Oct. 5th @ 2:00pm - Memorial Room (No RSVP required)

Sunday, Oct. 12th @ 11:30am - Memorial Room w/coffee & donuts (No RSVP required)

Sunday, Oct. 19th @ 2:00pm – Memorial Room (No RSVP required)



"All Saints Hall" is Starting to Take Shape

I hope you've seen it by now. If you haven't then drive into the West Parking Lot and be impressed.

We are putting up the walls for the West Entry – (To be called All Saints Hall). It's not all it will be, but you can get a glimpse of it.



Children's Chapel Demolition

Meanwhile, downstairs they are busting out walls in two classrooms to put in a children's chapel. Here's what that looks like.

Please keep checking in on our website to stay up to date.

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



Now Boarding: Sunday School

Sunday School charged full-speed ahead as we started up again this school year. Any student K-12th grade is welcome to join us in the Oasis Room (downstairs) from 9:15-10:15 for a time of fellowship, learning, and FUN!

Parents & students, don't forget that our Celebration Sunday on **October 5**th is a Pajama Party! Check in at our usual south entrance on the lower level and pick up from the Parish Hall.



Loads of Laughs: September Parents Night Out

Our first PNO of the season got us started with LOTS of fun and LOADS of laughs together! We were all delighted to have fun in our new fenced-in area, flinging games in the Parish Hall, and a



Parents Night Out - October 10th 6-9pm

Need a night off in October? Then this is for you – and the KIDS.

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Ages: Kindergarten through 5th Grade **Cost:** \$10/child, max of \$20/family

Times: 6:00 to 9:00pm

Register by 10/8 at: www.HolyTrinityLincoln.com



Looking for a Someone Called to Join the Children & Youth Ministry Team!

Four years ago, Jane Janesch started the children's ministry here at Holy Trinity. Since then, we've seen amazing growth. Today we've got a vibrant growing ministry, a strong team, and a full-time Children and Youth Ministry Director. With Jane's retirement, we are looking for someone new to join our team!

This is a part-time position for a team player involved in *all* of our programs. As the Children's Ministry Lead, their primary focus will be Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and our new Family Worship program.

HTKids

If you know someone passionate about kids, and experienced in education or ministry, feel free to send them to our website or pass on their name and contact info to Darby or Jill!

Email Darby at this address: <u>DarbyD@htlnk.org</u>



Men's Ministry Octoberfest – Oct. 18th 6-9pm In the new Holy Trinity Playground

All men, join us on the South Lawn Playground for some good German food, beer and fellowship. And don't worry, we'll have the Huskers on TV.

Be Sure to RSVP so that we'll have plenty of FOOD!

RSVP to: Susane@htlnk.org





We are excited to announce that Holy Trinity will debut a new art installation here in our church. We are calling it:

1,000 Birds of Peace.

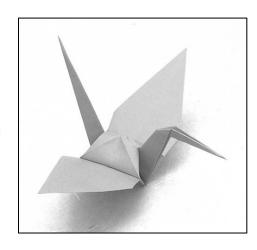
This will be a chance for us to mobilize children and adults, **both inside and outside of the church**, to help us literally create 1,000 origami birds for us to display for the 2026 Arts Festival on **May 2**, **2026**. We'll be providing kits for teachers, families, and groups that may want to join with us in this Public Art.

This joint effort is an ancient form of prayer. As many hands work, our hope for peace is lifted up as one voice.

You won't want to miss this.

If you, or your classroom, or small group are interested in being part of this community "prayer" for peace, contact Susane@htlnk.org

Then start folding (and praying!)!



Youth Group IGNITE RETREAT - Register Today!

Recharge for 2nd semester with each other at Platte River State Park, January 9-11. Register to reserve your spot today; we hope to see you there!



Youth Group was Ignited in September!

We kicked off our '25-'26 youth group year in full force with a game day consisting of Husker football (on tv!), lots of card games, board games, and a bit of pickleball in the Parish Hall! We charged forward with our new Bible Study series by learning about Jeremiah having God's word as a "fire in my bones" and closed out the month with a service Sunday.

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IGNITE 2025 - 2026

October

SOCIAL

Oct 11 - Movie Day 1:00 - 3:00pm

Meet at the Joyo
Theater (6102
Havelock Ave) for a
1:00 movie. Bring
\$10 per person to
cover your ticket,
popcorn, and a drink!
(Bring more if you'd
like more food/drink)

STUDY

Oct 15 - Rahab 7:00 - 8:30pm

Let's learn and discuss how Rahab's life was changed & then how she continued on as a faithful servant of God! (Middle-High School Level learning) Meet in the Oasis Room @HT!

SERVICE

Oct 26 11:30am - 1:00pm

Come after the 2nd
service for lunch
together, an
opportunity to grow
our relationships, and
serve the community
around us, both in
church and in Lincoln/
surrounding areas!



Come Join Us on the 3rd Sunday of the Month October 19th @ 10:30am

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

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 October 19th Third Sunday. Check out the video for words and actions for "Won't Worry 'Bout a Thing" by scanning the QR code.



Ministers

Chalice Bearers, Greeters, and Ushers 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.

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 10:30am services please do let us know by emailing Nicole at Nicoles@htlnk.org

NEW Process! We are now signing up online! Make your own schedule:

https://tinyurl.com/mrymjd4a

Or scan this QR code:



LPS Emergency Pantry at Bryan Community School (300 S. 48th St.) October 24, 2025, 2:45-5:45pm

Sign up in the south entrance on the NEW Community Ministry table.

The pantry is open three days a week when school is in session and Holy Trinity will provide three volunteers to work at the pantry on the fourth Friday during the school year. Please consider signing up for one or more sessions and contact Cheryl Hejl with any questions.

Thanks to our many volunteers who make this effort successful!

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



Daughters of the King October 15, 2025, 4pm

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 4pm-5pm in the Memorial Room

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



Seniors Coffee Hour

October 28, 2025 @ 2pm in the Memorial Room

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

For more information contact Rev. Verneda 402-310-5854



Come Play Bridge October 9th 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.

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

In 2008, 3 members of Holy Trinity invited exercise class to move from St. David's to Holy Trinity: Bev Ward, Millie Ozaki, and Barbara McCabe. Their invitation was an answer to prayer. That's 17 years ago! It's meant to be a 'guilt-free' to the mind class. Come, be part of the group, get connected, ok to come and go as your schedule allows. Having the camaraderie makes exercising much more tolerable, pleasant, and fun. We focus on mobility and flexibility. We use resistance bands for maintaining strength.

Aging is increasing my commitment to exercise. I learn new exercises at Physical Therapy whenever some issue comes along: shoulder, hip, knee, etc. The basic commitment though is God. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, to be treated with respect and care. Body pain and that commitment to care for the temple of the Holy Spirit keep me exercising.

EXERCISE

The routine: general stretching until 10:10, the some walk and others chat, and some do floor exercises. 10:35 we relax, then 10:45 we close with moving meditation called chi gong.

We're enjoying the new color and flooring in the parish hall! We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. You're welcome to drop in. Casual attire. If you have questions, contact Christine Grosh: 402-560-0024 or cgrosh@windstream.net.



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

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 (please, no dictionaries).

Thank you to Nancy Machmer for keeping the library & puzzle exchange organized and up-to-date!



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.



Community Ministry Now Located in the South Entry

Please keep bringing your contributions to our outreach table in the south entry

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

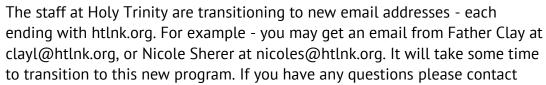
with your donations of calendars, scratch pads and greeting cards delivered during the year.

2026 Calendars will be taken to the City Mission.

Any questions please ask Cheryl Hejl chejl380@yahoo.com

New Email Addresses from Holy Trinity

If you receive an email from htlnk.org, this is not spam



Joni or Nicole: Jonic@htlnk.org or nicoles@htlnk.org.



You've got mail

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 nicoles@htlnk.org.

Weekly Announcements

Are you receiving weekly announcements via email? If not (and you would like to) please email Nicole at nicoles@htlnk.org 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. Nicoles@htlnk.org 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!

Big Thank you from McPhee staff! We collected \$3,000 in gift cards this year and their many thank you notes are on a display in the Great Hall.





You can learn more about this year's Council on our website: annualcouncil.dioneb.org

October Birthdays

1st Jerry Cotton

3rd Roz Ninneman

4th Mike Winter

5th Sawyer Wasserburger

5th Richard Spencer

7th David Schmitter

11th Chris St. Pierre

13th Liz Johnson

14th Clara McCully

15th Mia Gaertig

16th Rachel Stephens

18th Louise Otero

23rd Jean Kovar

24th Ray Kansier

24th Dale Fountain

29th Ann Reese

30th Jordyn Reese

30th Lilia Jurczewsky





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 <u>not be counted as taxable income</u>. So if you can't deduct the contribution, this provision <u>removes the donation from taxable income</u>, 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 <u>directly</u> from the IRA fiduciary to Holy Trinity in order to qualify as <u>non-taxable</u> income. Contact Nicole Sherer or Rebecca Schultz at the church office for more information. <u>Nicoles@htlnk.org</u>

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Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry Minutes September 15, 2025 – 7PM

Present: Father Clay Lein, Mary Vaughan, Clerk, Michael Cover, Liz Bavitz, Don Rabbe, Joe Fox, Bob

Winter, Jeanne Gaertig – Treasurer, Roxane Graham, Karla Bahm

Absent: Corey Wasserburger - Senior Warden, Matt Lundak – Jr. Warden

Opening Prayer Father Clay opened the meeting with prayer.

Bible Study The Vestry reflected on Psalm 113. Our hearts are changed when we praise God. His infinite and eternal love gives us hope.

Treasurer's Report: A **Statement of Activities** (date range August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025) was available along with the **Statement of Financial Position Comparison** (as of August 31, 2025). Also included was a **Summary of Restricted Net Assets** (August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025). A Monthly Executive Review accompanied the fiscal reports which Jeanne reviewed. She will be sending the protocol documents for expenditure processes to all vestry members for review. The finance committee was encouraged to review these protocols and update, if necessary. The committee is finalizing the audit that is currently underway.

Rectors Report Father Clay updated the vestry on *Phase 1 Project* status. The 2026 *Arts Festival* will be featuring an origami project, an example which was shared with the vestry at the meeting.

Sr. Warden Report & Jr. Warden Report No report

Closing Prayer Meeting adjourned at 8p.m.

Submitted by Mary Vaughan, Clerk

Serving in October 2025—New Process

Dear Holy Trinity Volunteers,

Thank you for your willingness to serve as Ushers/Greeters, Chalice, and/or Readers for our Sunday services. We are trying something new for scheduling to accommodate schedules and to let you choose which days work best for your busy schedule. Because we have a lot of open spots, feel free to schedule yourself often - especially if you are a Greeter (or would like to start). You should have received an email from Realm about scheduling. If not, please let me know. As a reminder, if you can't make your scheduled time, please find a replacement then let us know in advance. Anyone can volunteer to serve! Nicole nicoles@htlnk.org or Joni jonic@htlnk.org.

NEW Process! We are now signing up online! Make your own schedule:

Serving in October 2025				
	Sunday, October 5	Sunday, October 12	Sunday, October 19 Family Worship	Sunday, October 26
8:00 AM				
Greet & Ushers (2)	Mary & Wade Graft	Ron & Jan Jacob	Jon & Bonnie Engelhardt-	Gina Fountain John Schomerus
Lectors 1 st reading & the Psalm.	Jane Janesch Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 (633)	John Schomerus Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 77:11-20 (673)	John Schomerus Joshua 1:1-9 Psalm 119:97-104	Chris St. Pierre Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 22:22-31 (672)
2 nd reading & POP	Robert Hillyer 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Prayers of the People	Robert Hillyer 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Prayers of the People	Patt Harper 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Prayers of the People	Melanie Gibson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Prayers of the People
Chalice (3)	Jane Janesch Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly Robert Hillyer	John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA John Schomerus Rev. Dr. Clay Lein
10:30 AM		·		
Greet & Ushers (4)	Nancy Coffman Myles Jones	Ellie Palmer <i>TBA</i>	Joni Cover Michael Cover	Cheryl Hejl TBA
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Chalice (6)	Sue Everett John Schomerus Daniel Coffman Mary Jo Tietjen Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA Cheryl Hejl Dana Visger Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA Dana Visger Mary Jo Tietjen Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly	TBA TBA TBA Dana Visger Rev. Dr. Clay Lein Rev. John Long
Preacher	Rev. Verneda Kelly	Rev. Dr Clay Lein	Rev. Dr Clay Lein	Rev. Dr Clay Lein