

# **†he Trinity In-Spire**

## Sunday Services

### **Current Sermon Series- A Living Conversation**

Every Sunday:

9:00 AM  
Traditional Service

10:00 AM  
Friendship Class "Adult Sunday School"

11:00 AM  
Contemporary Service



## August Events

8/2 - Kid city

8/6 - Women's Bible Study  
9:30 am

8/13 - Women's Bible Study  
9:30 am

8/16 - Community Of Comfort event

8/20 - Women's Bible Study  
9:30 am

8/27 - Women's Bible Study  
9:30 am

8/27 - Facets 6:00 pm





Community Of Comfort is a community event that was designed to give the community a chance to gain more information about safe places in the locally. Most people have a 1<sup>st</sup> place being their home, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place being their work, this is designed to help people gather information about a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the community. Somewhere they can go when they are not at home or at work to spend time and feel welcome.

It will be a walk from one destination to the next, at each place you will enjoy a comfort food of the organizations choice and they will provide details about their place in the community. Trinity is blessed to be able to represent churches in the area as a 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the people of our community.



Kid City is Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you still want to volunteer please contact Pastor Drew.



Women's Bible Study ia still collecting donations for the Apple Tree Center to help them supply their Tuesday night meals for the community.

## Setting Course for Our New Vision

In July, we spent some time walking through the new proposed vision and values for the future of our church. A vision statement, as you may recall, is different from a mission statement. A mission statement describes the activity and purposes of an organization in the *present*. A vision statement is a picture of what the organization aspires to be in the *future*.

The proposed vision statement is

*A safe harbor offering God's love and hope to all people.*

The reception of this vision statement has been largely well-received, and I thank everyone for their feedback. You have embraced the idea of our community of faith as a safe space, illustrated by the metaphor of a harbor where ships can find refuge in stormy seas. (An apt metaphor as we are a “Lighthouse Congregation” in the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, and our tall steeple evokes the image of a beacon guiding ships to safety.)

In addition to the vision statement, we've articulated three values that have been met with enthusiasm from the congregation.

### **Value #1: Jesus First**

We respect that all people are on their own spiritual journeys and that people of faith will not agree on everything. However, we are committed to grounding our teachings in Jesus—his example, his character, and his wisdom. We invite all people to explore how those teachings might shape and inform their own spiritual journeys and beliefs.

This value balances our commitment to Jesus with an openness that gives individuals the freedom to work out their faith. Rather than imposing restrictive dogmatism on those seeking to follow Jesus, we commit to being a supportive and encouraging community as seekers discern what Jesus means for their own lives.

### **Value #2: Jesus Reflected**

We aspire to do more than know about Jesus; we aspire to reflect who Jesus is in the way we live and interact with the world around us, both as a church and as individuals.

The goal of all religious and devotional activity is to shape our identity and character to reflect that of Jesus. All of that activity is of no benefit if we are not allowing it to make a real difference in who we are on the inside and allowing that internal change to find expression on the outside. Furthermore, Christ-like character in our lives demonstrates unlike anything else the life-changing power of God. The opposite is also true: the

absence of Christ-like character in those who claim to follow Christ leaves those outside our community doubting that life-changing power. We do not and cannot expect ourselves to be perfect. The key word here is “aspire.” This is not a call in favor of perfection but rather a call against apathy and complacency.

### **Value #3: Jesus for All**

We welcome and embrace all people with the unconditional love of Jesus, including people of all backgrounds, races, genders, nationalities, socioeconomic statuses, political affiliations, sexual orientations, neurotypes, and disabilities. We all come together side-by-side, in a spirit of grace and humility, to celebrate Jesus and to discover what he means for our lives.

This value is our bold declaration that when we say “all,” we mean *all*. Included in this list are groups that have been historically marginalized, alienated, and even abused by the church. In this statement, we make it clear in no uncertain terms that people in those groups will be treated with love and kindness free of judgment. Our community of faith is truly a safe place for all, including them.

Thank you again for your participation in this conversation, and I look forward to seeing where God takes us in the years ahead! As you continue to contemplate this vision and these values, I would encourage you to exercise creativity and make suggestions, both about ways we can adapt current practices and programs to work toward our vision and about brand-new, experimental efforts we can explore.

In His Name,

Pastor Drew

*July 2025*



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### **The Trinity Covenant**

We at Trinity Church commit ourselves  
to supporting fruitful discipleship in ourselves and each  
other;  
to prioritizing the well-being of people above all else as  
God does;  
to creating an environment where spiritual,  
emotional, and relational hurts are healed;  
and to breaking down the social barriers that keep people  
from the unconditional love of Jesus.  
Amen.

