

TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

August 14, 2025



Sunday Morning

August 17, 2025

Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

Scripture: Galatians 6: 14

Sermon: "Hymns of Our Faith:
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Services are streamed on Facebook Live
Trinity Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM and
11:00 AM at St. Paul's UMC



IDAHO FALLS UNITED METHODISTS
TRINITY & ST. PAUL'S
TOGETHER

Elizabeth's Epiphanies

Dear Friends,

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was composed by Lowell Mason. Lowell Mason is considered the father of American music. He also wrote "My Country 'Tis of Thee", "Blest be the Tie that Binds", and "Nearer My God to Thee". Interestingly, he set "Mary Had a Little Lamb" to music. As we conclude the series on Hymns of Our Faith, I hope you will come hear the story of this remarkable musician. See you in worship!

-Rev. Elizabeth

"TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM

237 N. WATER AVE. IDAHO FALLS, ID 83402 | 208-522-7921

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

1730 ST. CLAIR ROAD IDAHO FALLS, ID 83404 | 208-522-9076



Sawtooth “Senior Shindig”

**Come spend some time with other
Seniors in the beautiful Sawtooth
Mountains at Sawtooth Camp!**

Camp Details

- Age 55+
- September 15th-September 19th
- Regular Rate: \$240 | Senior Rate: \$220
(A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)

For more information or to register use the QR code below or go to

<https://sawtooth.gocamping.org/campsession/18233070>



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- 9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC
- 11:00am Worship at St. Paul's UMC
- Young Adults Bible Study 3pm at Trinity UMC

MONDAY

- Scouts BSA Female Troop at 6pm at St. Paul's UMC

TUESDAY

- Pickleball at 4:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC
- Third Tradition AA Meeting 7:00 pm at St. Paul's
- N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

WEDNESDAY

- Men's Coffee at 8:30 at Perkins
- Women's Outreach & Fellowship 9:30 am at St. Paul's
- Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC
- Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC
- Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

THURSDAY

- Pickleball at 4:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

FRIDAY

- N.A. at 7:00pm at Trinity UMC
- Candlelight N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Backpack Blessings!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

**BRING YOUR
BACKPACK TO
WORSHIP.**

**LET'S SEND OFF OUR
STUDENTS,
EDUCATORS, AND
SCHOOL STAFF WITH
BLESSINGS!**



Men's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

Women's Outreach and Fellowship Group:

Wednesdays at 9:30 am at St. Paul's

United Women of Faith

The UMW meets at Trinity UMC at 1:00pm the second Thursday of each month. UWF will not be meeting until August 14th. Enjoy your summer.

United Methodist Women's Luncheon

Tuesday August 12 at 1pm. All women are invited to a luncheon. The location Smittys. Please talk to Sharon Evans for more information.

Sunday School at Trinity

Sunday School for children is offered each Sunday at Trinity during the 9am worship service. The children experience worship in the sanctuary and then go to Sunday School after the Kid's Message.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Save the Date: Ice Cream Social – August 14

Women in Faith is off vacation! WIF starts the season with an ice cream social on Thursday, August 14 in the trinity parlor. Hope to see you there and hear some stories from Marilyn Taylor, Jeannie Hughes and Joyce Miles.

GAME *night*

Friday, Sept. 5th, at 6pm

Location: In the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's United Methodist Church
1730 St. Clair in Idaho Falls

Young Adult

BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 3pm
at Trinity United Methodist Church**



UPPER ROOM STUDY

**Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am
at Trinity UMC.
All are welcome.**

MONDAY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Everyone is invited to Participate.

The group is going to begin another adventure in the old Testament!

We are studying through Lamentations.

**We meet via zoom at 11am
Monday mornings.**



CONTACT JEANIE HUGHES OR USE THE QR CODE TO CONNECT.

Community Progressive Dinner

This year the Community Progressive Dinner will be held on **Friday September 19th** from 5 to 7 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years. The proceeds will go to the Soup Kitchen.

There will be 3 serving locations:

- **St Luke's Episcopal Church and New Day Lutheran Church will be serving Dessert.**
- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be serving Soup and Salad**
- **At the Trinity location, St. Paul's and Trinity UMC will be serving the Main Course.**

The Idaho Falls Methodists are allowed 80 tickets between St. Paul's and Trinity. Amanda will be selling the tickets and can be reached 9-12 at St. Paul's 208-522-9076 and 1-4 at Trinity 208-522-7921.

There are only 240 tickets this year so get yours early to avoid disappointment.



Meet Tessa Schuster Campbell

Tessa Schuster Campbell is a talented cellist who grew up right here in Idaho Falls. She earned her degree in Cello Performance from BYU in Provo and has since shared her musical gifts with many symphonies. Currently, she plays with the Idaho Falls Symphony and finds great joy in both performing and teaching. Tessa teaches cello in Rexburg, Idaho Falls, and Rigby, helping inspire the next generation of musicians. When she's not playing or teaching, Tessa enjoys the outdoors with her husband and their adorable husky.

We invite you to join us for a special combined worship service on Sunday, August 31st at 10 AM, where Tessa will be sharing her musical talents. Come and be uplifted by beautiful music and heartfelt worship. We hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars
**RALLY
SUNDAY**
September 7th

**JOIN US ON
SEPTEMBER 7TH
AS WE KICK OFF OUR
FALL MINISTRIES!**



**INTERESTED IN PLAYING PICKLEBALL AND
PUTTING SOME FUN IN YOUR LIFE?**

Ralph Halsted will be offering free lessons at St. Paul's UMC gym Tuesday's and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. Open play will follow. Paddles and balls will be available. Please wear good court shoes. Cross-trainer shoes lead to turned ankles! For questions, talk to Ralph or call the church office.



UNITED AT THE FRONT: PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE

Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry in the Rural Intermountain West

A DAY OF

- WORSHIP
- CONVERSATIONS
- ENGAGING SCRIPTURE
- PRAYER
- PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Christians from the ELCA, PCUSA, UMC, Episcopal, and UCC families are all invited: lay leaders, pastors, deacons, and denominational leaders.

9am-5pm on three Saturdays this Fall. Lunch provided.

You choose ONE of the 3 days to attend. Please choose the one closest to you.

- Moses Lake - October 25
- Lewiston/Clarkston - November 1
- Pocatello - November 15

Let us deepen our partnerships for the sake of the Gospel! Part of Wartburg Seminary's CaSTLE Project, funded by the Lilly Endowment.

SAVE THE DATE. Registration coming in August.
For more information,
contact Bishop Meggan Manlove
(bishopmeggan.manlove@nwimsynod.org)



Wanted: Worship Volunteers

In the United Methodist Church, we believe in the ministry of all disciples. This is especially true when we share the worship leadership with our ordained minister. It is an opportunity to serve the church, connect the worship experience to each other, and experience our own growth. As such, we owe it to God, each other, and ourselves to take the responsibility seriously, prepare well, and boldly minister!

We invite all current and prospective worship liturgists and communion servers to attend a training to become more comfortable and skilled at this important duty. The training will take approx. 30 minutes. We will practice facilitating people through the order of worship, microphone technique, speaking methods and reading strategies.

The training for St. Paul's volunteers is **Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 12:15**. The training for Trinity volunteers is **Sunday, August 31, at 12:00**.

Please RSVP with Melinda.

**"For even the Son of Man did
not come to be served, but to
serve,...
Mark 10:45**



Amigos En Cristo

The St. Paul's and Trinity churches continue to make progress forming a ministry with our Latino neighbors. We are close to launching the English as a Second Language (ESL) school. This past week, Shea Tompkins has graciously accepted our invitation to be the lead teacher. She has a great background in ESL. On the East Coast she taught ESL to a mixed group of students and on the West Coast to a mainly Hispanic group of students. Both teachers and assistants are needed to support this effort. If interested, please call Shea Tompkins at (208) 716-1478.

In addition to teaching, we have a need for childcare support for the mothers in the class. Classes for ESL will be one night a week for one and a half hours. If you love kids or if you are just a big kid yourself, we need your help caring for the children during class time. Also, we need someone who would coordinate the childcare volunteers. If interested, please contact me at (208) 360-9653.

Finally, we need some cooks and hosts for the class meal. Our goal is to serve a light meal to the students and their families prior to class. If you are willing to cook, greet people, and make them feel welcome, we can put your talent to good use. Please contact Jo Rose at (208) 709-7111.

Thank you so much UMC's of Idaho Falls for your continued support of Amigos En Cristo! The progress we have made could not have been done without you!

Ray Miles



YOU'RE INVITED: 2025 EASTERN IDAHO MINISTRY CONFERENCE

All members of Trinity and St. Paul's congregation are warmly invited to attend the annual Ministry Conference with District Superintendent Karen Hernandez.

- **Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025**
- **Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)**
- **Location: Jason Lee Memorial UMC, Blackfoot, ID**

This gathering is an important time of connection and collaboration with our neighboring United Methodist churches. Whether you're a longtime leader or newly curious about the ministry of the church, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Church Council members are expected to be present. Let's come together in fellowship, visioning, and shared ministry!

WHERE THERE IS HELP THERE IS HOPE

- **Narcotics Anonymous** Tuesday's and Friday's 7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.
- **Candlelight Narcotics Anonymous** 7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church
- **Third Tradition AA Group** Tuesdays at 7 pm at St. Paul's UMC



Tuesday Night Concerts

Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.

Free to the public!

Greenbelt Stage (near Memorial between D and E Streets)

SCHEDULE

- **August 19th** - The Not Brothers - Cowboy Corn
- **August 26th** - Mike Banks Jazz Quartet -Jazz



FREE ADMISSION

**Thurs, Aug 28, 7 pm
at St. Paul United Methodist
1730 St Clair Rd**

**So you are no longer a slave, but God's child;
and since you are his child, God has made you
also an heir.**

Galatians 4: 7

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

Trinity UMC

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

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Lay Leader: Tommy Lew

SPRC:

Trustee: Don Rohde

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