

TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

August 21, 2025



Sunday Morning

August 24, 2025

Guest Speaker Evan Tibbott

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Sermon: "Life Lessons"

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,

Evan Tibbott will deliver the message this Sunday. Evan is well known in Idaho Falls. He has attended both Trinity and St. Paul's over the years. He has also written several guest articles for the Post Register on his life experiences. And his voice can be heard giving a layperson's view of the weather on Channel 6 most every day. Evan has lived an extraordinary life exploring the outdoors. I know you will be blessed by his words this Sunday. See you in worship, in person or Facebook!

-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 or go to

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



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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC
- 11:00am Worship at St. Paul’s UMC
- **Worship Volunteer Meeting at St. Paul’s 12:15 pm**
- 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



Church Directory Update – Say Cheese!

We’re getting ready to update the church directory for both St. Paul’s and Trinity UMC, and we’d love to include you!

If you’d like your picture included, here’s when and where you can have it taken:

St. Paul’s: Stop by on Rally Sunday to get your photo taken. More Details to come.

Trinity UMC: Photo sessions will be held on

 Thursday, September 11th | ⌚ 3:00–5:00 PM

 Sunday, September 14th & 28th

Don’t miss this chance to help us keep our directory up-to-date and full of friendly faces!

In Celebration of the 250th Anniversary
of the Declaration of Independence

FREEDOM TO BELIEVE



Wednesday
September 24
7-8 p.m.

Hillcrest
High School
Auditorium
Ammon, Idaho

Free Admission



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Judge Ryan D. Nelson
U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Speaking on the current
state of constitutional
rights and religious
liberty, including the right
to believe or not believe.

This is a non-partisan, educational
event sponsored by the America 250
Bonneville County Committee.



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.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

As our neighborhood kids head back to school, it's time once again for St. Paul's to show our support for local students and teachers. Each year, we partner with Edgemont and Teresa Bunker Elementary Schools by donating essential health supplies. This year, their greatest needs are:

- **Tissues**
- **Clorox wipes**
- **Hand sanitizer**

We're also continuing our support of the Community Food Basket, which is currently in need of:

- **Baby food**
- **Formula**
- **Baby wipes**

(They are well-stocked on diapers at this time). If you'd like to contribute, please bring your donations to the church by **September 7. We'll be organizing and delivering all items on September 8.**

Thank you for helping us care for our schools and our community!
— Jerry Cass, Missions

MISSIONS = God's love working through you.



CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY UPDATE

We are thrilled to share that our Dinner & Silent Auction was a huge success! With a goal of \$4,375, we raised over \$12,000 – more than double our target. WOW!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated auction treasures, made jams and sauces, and contributed in countless other ways. And special thanks to our amazing chefs and kitchen crew for preparing such a delicious meal.

This event was truly a reflection of the generosity and spirit of our church families at St. Paul's and Trinity. Thank you for making it all possible!

We're now moving into the next phase – selecting and shopping for the families this fundraiser will support. If you'd like to be part of the planning team, we'd love your help! Please reach out to:

- **Jerry Cass: 208-520-4501**
- **Paula Blair: 208-821-0662**

Together, we're making a difference!

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

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.



Bell Choir Ice Cream Social **Sunday, September 7 at 4:00 PM** **Location: Trinity Parlor**

Join us for a sweet start to the season! We're hosting an Ice Cream Social to welcome back our bell ringers and invite anyone interested in joining the bell choir. Whether you're a returning member or a newcomer curious about ringing, we'd love to see you there!

No previous experience is required, though basic music-reading skills are helpful. We'll enjoy fellowship after the summer break, catch up with one another, and chat about the music we'd like to play this year. We'll also discuss rehearsal schedules—last year we met Sunday afternoons, but we're open to adjusting if it helps more people participate. Everyone is welcome—members of St. Pauls, Trinity, and beyond! Contact: Janet Miller, at 575-430-1945 or jehmiller48@gmail.com

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday September 9th at 1:00 PM
at Bacon and Bleu, 688 N. Holmes.

Talk to Sharon Evans for more information or sign up at the church information table.

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 Joel a minor prophet.

We meet via zoom at 11am
Monday mornings.



CONTACT JEANIE HUGHES OR USE THE QR CODE TO CONNECT.



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



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**

RCCM NEWS

Community Food Basket Needs Our Help

Donations are currently low at the Community Food Basket. If you have extra produce from your garden, this is a great opportunity to share it! Recently, their donation truck was damaged in a windstorm – a tree fell on it, causing the loss of a load of meat and produce. They are currently working with insurance to assess the damage.

FISH Backpack Program

FISH is off to a busy start this season and has already delivered over 100 backpacks to local schools. Thank you to everyone helping support students in need!




Pastoral Transition at Little Church in the Pines

Pastor Tom Shanor will be retiring this fall after many years of service. The church will begin the search for a new pastor soon. We wish Pastor Tom a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

The Giving Machine is Coming

Starting December 20, RCCM will sponsor The Giving Machine – a special vending machine where you can donate to local nonprofits. About 8 organizations will be featured. It will be located at Center Court in the Grand Teton Mall. Performers or groups interested in participating during the event are welcome – reach out to get involved!

Mark Your Calendars:

- Freedom to Believe – A community event with Honorable Judge Ryan Nelson
-  September 24 | ⌚ 7-8 PM | 📍 Hillcrest High School
- Homeless Stand Down
-  November 8 | 📍 Idaho Falls Elks Lodge
- A vital outreach event offering services and support for those experiencing homelessness.
- Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
-  November 23 – More details to come.



Sage District United Women in Faith 2025 Annual Hybrid Celebration

Saturday, September 27, 9am – 3:30pm

Boise First United Methodist Church, Olivette
Room 717 N. 11th Street, Boise ID

Register/ send Payment to
Bettye Seavey, Sage District Treasurer
368 South Pennant Place
Meridian, ID 83642
bluebettye45@gmail.com

\$10 per guest, in-person or online, by Sunday,
September 14, 2025

Continental breakfast provided, bring your own
brown bag lunch or Lemon Tree sandwich
lunch, \$20 paid in advance with in-person
registration.

“Won’t you be my neighbor?”

**We believe that love in action can change the
world!**

Program Presented by the Wassmuth Center.

**"Do all the good you can, by all the
means you can, in all the ways you
can, in all the places you can, at all
the times you can, to all the people
you can, as long as ever you can."**

– John Wesley

2nd Quarter St. Paul's Financial Summary

January – June 2025

INCOME

\$129,107 Pledged, non-pledged, bldg. use, misc
8,109 Merrill Lynch interest income
9,210 Trinity pastor/staff reimbursements*
\$146,426

EXPENSES

\$ 77,962 Payroll pastor, staff, taxes and expenses
21,078 Contract Services (audio/video, custodial, accountants)
15,309 Conference Apportionments
14,276 Church Building and Parsonage
3,447 Worship and Ministry
\$132,072

NET: \$14,354

Comments: The Christmas-Adopt-A-Family received \$12,016 and donations are still coming in, what a wonderful dinner and silent auction. What a fantastic fundraiser!! St. Paul's is on target to pay 100% of our \$27,000 Apportionments for 2025. St. Paul's is processing all of Trinity's payroll and they are reimbursing us. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please contact Lynda Fennern, Lacey Moon or Chris Holden.

P.S. Chris wants to apologize for the delay in the 2 nd quarter finance report; health got in the way.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!

Do you have photos from recent church events, gatherings, or special moments? We'd love to see them! Please send any pictures you'd like to share to angelashanor.spumc@gmail.com or the church office. Thank you for helping us capture the life of our church family!

BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know our church has an active Prayer Chain? If you're in need of prayer, you're not alone—reach out to the church office and we'll make sure you're lifted up in prayer by our faithful intercessors.

And if you have a heart for prayer and want to support others in their time of need, consider joining the Prayer Chain. It's a powerful way to serve and stay connected to the body of Christ. To get involved, simply contact the church office today.



Tuesday Night Concerts

Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.

Free to the public!

Greenbelt Stage (near Memorial between D and E Streets)

SCHEDULE

- **August 26th** - Mike Banks Jazz Quartet -Jazz



FREE ADMISSION

Thurs, Aug 28, 7 pm

**at St. Paul United Methodist
1730 St Clair Rd**

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

Trinity UMC

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

Chair of Admin Council: Gene Summers

Lay Leader: Tommy Lew

SPRC:

Trustee: Don Rohde

Connect with Trinity UMC

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ST. PAUL'S UMC

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Cindy Mason

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**You will seek me and find me when you
seek me with all your heart.**

Jeremiah 29:13