

TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

August 28, 2025



Sunday Morning

August 31, 2025

Speaker Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sermon: "Abiding in Mutual Love"

Services are streamed on Facebook Live
Combined Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM
at Trinity UMC



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

Elizabeth's Epiphanies

Dear Friends,

Trinity and St. Paul's will worship together
this Sunday. We will meet at 10am at
Trinity. I look forward to seeing you on this
last Sunday of Summer, in person or
online!

-Rev. Elizabeth

**COMBINED
SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

ABIDING IN MUTUAL LOVE

AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

"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

- **10:00am Combined Worship at Trinity 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
- **First Friday Game Night 6:00 PM St. Paul’s 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!

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of Eastern Idaho is pleased to again offer our **Grief & Loss Support Group**, a safe and supportive space where many have found comfort and healing.

Group Details

- **Start Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025**
- **Schedule: Every Wednesday for ten sessions**
- **Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
- **Location: 477 Shoup Ave., Suite #205**

This group will follow Understanding Your Grief by Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., and will be offered in a workshop-style format to encourage learning, sharing, and healing together.

The group will be led by Timmie Johns, LCSW, with assistance from Camille Cook, MSW Intern and Bereavement Coordinator. Together, we are committed to creating a safe and supportive space as participants walk their grief journey. Grief can feel overwhelming, but no one has to face it alone.

- **register, as seating is limited. To register, call (208) 529-0342 ext. 116 or email ccook@hospiceofeasternidaho.com.**



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.



LAUREN ANDERSON
violin

LAURANA WHEELER RODERER
violin

GABBI RODERER
flute

PATRIK RODERER
viola

TESSA SCHUSTER CAMPBELL
cello

ALLISON ANDERSEN
piano

EAST IDAHO
chamber
MUSIC SERIES
presents

SUMMER SERENADE

music by Bacewicz, Beethoven, & Schumann

3 SEPTEMBER

7:30 PM | The DEC

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION
Free for Students with ID

TICKETS: ifdec.com/events

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 Sept 9th at 1pm. All women are invited to a luncheon. The location Bacon & Bluee. 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.

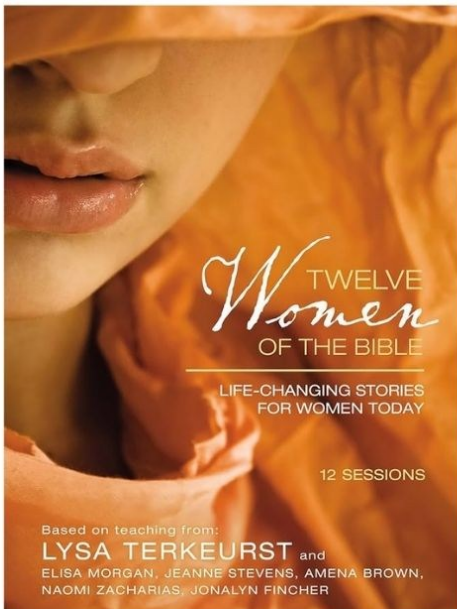
The group is going to begin another adventure in the old Testament!

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.



FALL BIBLE STUDY GROUPS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

You're Invited to a Bible Study at St. Paul's!

Join us for The Twelve Women of the Bible—a study on real women, real struggles, and real faith. We'll explore 6 women from the Old Testament and 6 from the New, learning how their stories apply to our lives today.

Study Options:

- **Monday Study (Men & Women)**

Starts Sept. 22 | 1 p.m. | St. Paul's Parlor
Leaders: Deb Cullison, Lori Wickham, Connie Dobbins

- **Thursday Women's Study**

Starts Sept. 25 | 1 p.m. | St. Paul's Parlor
Leader: Mary Bash

Groups will decide the number of weeks to meet. A break is planned for Thanksgiving, with possible sessions resuming afterward. Interested?

Contact Mary Bash (208-360-4208, cheetah1954@live.com) or Connie Dobbins (208-589-9646, conniedobbins.idaho@gmail.com).

Study books are on order and will be labeled and available in the Parlor.



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 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

St. Paul's UMC Designated Funds Report January 1 – July 31, 2025

YOUTH Funds

\$ 1,872 Youth/Camp Scholarship
 \$ 8,795 Youth Fundraisers
 \$ 7,454 Crumley Memorial (ISU/Uofl music scholarship)
 \$ 4,060 Juell Memorial (youth camp or mission projects)
 \$12,420 St. Clair Fund (scholarships youth leaders or over 21)

TRUSTEES Funds

\$11,046 Schaumleffel Account (Trustees)
 \$ 5,759 Schaumleffel Emergency Fund (Trustees)
 \$ 6,935 Trustees Funds

Missions Funds

\$ 3,833 Community Giving (Missions)
 \$ 1,475 Good Samaritan (restricted use Mission)
 \$ 486 CASA Easter Baskets (Missions)
 \$14,486 Cooper VBS Memorial (Missions)
 \$ 6,111 Christmas Families (before Aug. Fundraiser)

WOMEN'S OUTREACH Funds

\$ 2,796 Women's Outreach Ministries
 \$ 1,611 Women's Bible Study

SPECIAL CONFERENCE Funds

\$ 3,150 UMCOR (will pay UMC Conference)
 \$ 200 Campus Ministry Day (will pay UMC Conference)

June 30 Financial Report from Trinity

People have expressed an interest in knowing an overview of the Trinity finances each month. For June Only, Year to Date, Budget Year to Date, and Delta from Budget

	June	Year to Date	YTD Budget	YTD Delta
Income	\$22,353	\$93,485	\$88,752	\$4,733
Expenses	\$14,072	\$83,572	\$91,252	② (\$7,680)
Net Income	③ \$8,281	① \$9,913	(\$2,500)	\$12,413

Things to notice:

- ① Year to Date - Net Income is positive.
- ② Expenses are below budget numbers.
- ③ June Net Income was positive

Extraordinary Financial Items this month:

Apple Stock: On 1/28/22 we placed a donation of apple stock on our books as income because we were experiencing monthly losses in net income. Because the Apple stock varied in value each month it made our operating income bounce up and down. Then when the apple stock lost 20% of its value in the last few months it made it look like the church was losing money. To prevent the variations in the value of the stock from misrepresenting the health of the church the variations in the stock price were moved from Operating Income to Other Income. This increased the June net income by \$3,463.

Coreen Casey Estate: We were able to sell the stock from the Coreen Casey estate for \$13,671. Of this amount, \$11,671 was allocated to the General Fund, while \$2,000 was designated as seed funding for the Amigo en Cristo mission project. This increased the June net income by \$11,671.

Next month we will publish the results without all the explanations. – Don Rohde

Ride Dates and Route

September 25–28, 2025

The team will ride **from St. Anthony, ID**, through scenic landscapes and supportive communities, arriving in **Salt Lake City, UT** after four powerful days on the road.



Dear Church Family and Friends,

SHIELD616 exists to provide lifesaving ballistic protection to first responders and to strengthen the bond between them and the communities they serve. While our first responders deserve top-tier rifle and handgun protection, many departments can't afford it due to limited budgets. Our mission is simple: Protect Our Protectors.

This September, our **TOUR de SHIELD616 Ride** will take 34 cyclists (19 first responders and 15 civilians) from St. Anthony, ID to Salt Lake City, UT, covering 318.1 miles over four days:

- Day 1: St. Anthony to Blackfoot – 76.2 miles
- Day 2: Blackfoot to Preston – 101 miles
- Day 3: Preston to Farr West – 74.4 miles
- Day 4: Farr West to Sandy – 66.5 miles

Our 2025 goal is to equip 11 agencies across Idaho and Utah with rifle-rated protection. We're raising \$247,000 to provide the following:

- Ashton PD (ID): 3 vests – \$7,200
- St. Anthony PD (ID): 7 vests – \$16,800
- Fremont County SO (ID): 23 vests – \$55,200
- Rigby PD (ID): 3 vests – \$7,200
- Spirit Lake PD (ID): 10 vests – \$24,000
- South Jordan PD (UT): 3 vests + helmets – \$10,000
- Draper PD (UT): 3 vests + helmets – \$10,000
- Taylorsville PD (UT): 12 vests – \$31,800
- Herriman City PD (UT): 3 vests + helmets – \$10,000
- Unified PD (UT): 12 vests – \$31,800
- Sandy City PD (UT): 15 rifle plate sets – \$18,000

We invite you to support this mission! You don't have to ride to make an impact—your financial gift can help save lives. You can even choose which agency to support and meet the officers your generosity helps. Thank you for helping us ensure more first responders make it home safely.

Sincerely,
Tommy Lew

If you would like more information or would like to donate online you can go to the website or QR code below.

<https://shield616.org/tour-de-shield616-idaho-2025>



TONIGHT!



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

**The grass withers, the
flowers fade, but the
word of our God remains
forever.**

Isaiah 40:8

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

Trinity UMC

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