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A Letter from Pastor Eric

Hello, Trinity!

This coming Sunday we will be exploring the third chapter of Adam Hamilton's book The Walk. In this chapter, Adam explores what it means to serve. He offers a perspective that is simple but also very profound. When I hear the word "serve" in the context of ministry, my mind immediately goes to who needs to be served and the ways that I or the congregation might be able to serve people in need. Adam asks us to take a step back and think about who we are serving when we serve. He suggests that ultimately, we are serving God. Adam writes, "We learned in chapter 1 that latreuo is a Greek word that involves serving God through worship. This, as we have seen, is an important dimension of serving the Lord. But service is not only the act of worship, as important as that is. We are meant to serve God by doing his work and his will in this world. This is a simple but important truth: God's primary mode of working in the world is through people." Remembering that when I care for people, I am caring for God, is a powerful perspective.

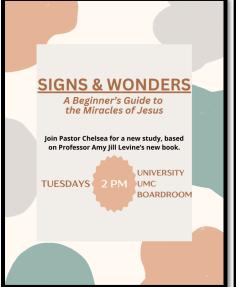
Since last October, a team of Trinity members has been exploring pressing needs in our community. While Trinity members already offer a tremendous amount of service in our community, there have been a couple of really good ideas rising to the surface. One of those ideas is brightening the days of our elementary school teachers. The teachers in our community are under significant stress and, and as a way to perhaps make their days a little more bearable, it has been suggested that we might fill their break rooms with coffee and treats on a regular basis. Perhaps that sounds like an appealing way for you to serve. If you would like to help organize

such a ministry, please reach out to me at: eric@triumc.orq.

Remember, when you are serving, you not only are the hands and feet of God, but you are actually caring for God.

God Bless You!

Pastor Eric







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VBS News:

June 10 -14 and 16. Vacation Bible School Camp Firelight: When I'm Afraid, I Trust God. You are invited to prayerfully consider being part of a "Teaching Team." Great curriculum, a strong teaching partner, a great resource room; teaching workshops center around Bible Storytelling, Science, Games, Art & Music. Teaching teams are needed in both the Elementary and

Preschool age groups! Contact a planning team member for details on the needs our students have for teaching teams! Members are: Chris Green, Heidi Smith, Dottie Wallace, Marci Kindlesparger, Jenny Alnor, Cheryl Mitchell and Tammy Dees.



VBS Guides:

The planning team is working on the ministry of Guides right now. If you have been a guide before or an assistant please reach out and let us know if you are able to do so again this year. The planning team members are Chris Green, Heidi Smith, Dottie Wallace, Marci Kindlesparger, Jenny Alnor, Cheryl Mitchell Summer Sunday School is just around the corner! and Tammy Dees. We would love to hear from you. Never been a guide? What is it like? You have a group of 5 or 6 students that are your group for the week. You meet them first thing in the morning and sit together during the opening. Every 20 minutes your group moves together to a different workshop. Each workshop has several groups at a time so you will be with 12 – 20 students and 3 or 4 other guides at each workshop. You have an orientation to attend, but no other preparation prior to arrival. Reach out to a planning team member for more information.

Mark your calendar, VBS Decorating day, June 2, 9 a.m. -5p.m.:

The decorating team will arrive with items to assemble throughout the building. Your assistance will range from rolling tape for items to be taped on the walls, placing props around the building. If you are comfortable on a step stool or ladder you will be invited to help. Contact planning team coordinator Marci Kindlesparger or Tammy Dees for more information.

Can you cut paper?

If so, we have some items to take home and then return after

they have been cut out. A table outside Fellowship Hall 2 in the Building Blocks hallway holds the items to take home. Return them to the same table. They will be used on Decorating day to display the theme for the week! Thank you for your help!

Register for Camp Firelight VBS Today!



Registration open for Trinity. VBS is free June 10 -14 & 16, 9 a.m. – Noon. All 3-year-olds – graduated 6th-graders are welcome! Preschool fills quickly. A waiting list will begin when all openings are filled. Register at triumc.org/family/children/ vbs or in the church office.

Safe Gatherings

Are you planning to be part of ministries with children, youth or vulnerable adults at Trinity? Are you currently part of one of Trinity's ministries for these folks? Safe Gatherings is required by the United Methodist Church. It is a way to keep people safe as we do ministry together. Contact Tammy Dees for more info.

Could you teach 3 Sundays this summer? If so, we would love to talk to you about the details! Along with our traditional Adult Classes, we will have a preschool class, two elementary classes, and a Middle School/High School class. If you could take two or three Sundays with one of our classes, we would love to talk with you about the details! Sundays include June 2 – August 4. Contact Tammy Dees for more information.



VBS Celebration 2023: visit from Salina Police Officer & his drug dog.



Make Church Camp Adventures part of your Summer! Camp Scholarships available! Use discount code BetterTogether at registration:

Friends, hiking, games, canoeing, singing, swimming, campfires and more! All centered around love of God and others! Church Camp is a great way to get away and to take a break from everyday life. Camps are available for students graduating from kindergarten - High School. Oneday camps to five-day camps – something for everyone!

Trinity will provide a Camp Scholarship for a United Methodist Church Camp to all students that are members of Trinity or students involved in ministries at Trinity. Go to greatplainsumc.org/camps for information about United Methodist Camps. When you register use the discount code BetterTogether. Early bird discounts are available at each church camp in Kansas. Register before the listed date to receive a 20 or 25% discount: Chippewa - before May 1....Horizon - before April 1... Lakeside - before March 25. Contact Tammy Dees or the church office to receive an additional scholarship from the United Methodist Women of up to \$100.





PASTOR CHELSEA SHRACK BELL

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Office Hours: Mondays Tuesdays Thursdays

Hello, Trinity Family! It's time for us to restock the freezer for our Meal Ministry! For the first time ever, we're completely out of meals! Our ministry is serving our community and GROWING! Thank you for making it possible! **We need main dishes only for now—we still have desserts.**

If you're new to the Trinity Methodist Meal Ministry, our goal is to provide folks with an easy meal in times of need (recovering from surgery, getting out of the hospital/rehab, new baby, etc.). Our volunteers bake small casseroles and cookies/desserts that can be easily frozen, and then we keep them in stock in the church freezer. Then when congregation members are in need, we'll pull stock



from the freezer, add fruit cups and rolls, and then a volunteer will deliver the meal to the recipient!

If you want to sign up to bring meals, please reach out to Pastor Chelsea at chelsea@triumc.org or give her a call. You can sign up for this month, or for a month later in the year! We have single-use foil pans (2 sizes) in the kitchen near the sanctuary for you to take home and use for the casseroles. Please let us know if you have any questions! Pastor Chelsea

Tuesdays, beginning April 23, Bible Study with Pastor Chelsea. Meet @ 2 p.m. at the University boardroom. A Jill Levine book, *Signs & Wonders: A Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*.

Prayer Corner

The Trinity Prayer Corner is open for prayer and meditation. The walls still need to be painted, but God isn't particular about the décor. Our main goal was to have the space available in time to pray for General Conference which starts on April 23rd through May 3rd. The room number is 13. Neither is God superstitious.

The Prayer Corner will be lit from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. all week. Sunday mornings the room will be used for a class and as a space to count the day's offerings.

The shelves will display art, but one shelf will have specific information for praying for General Conference. The

theme for Conference is Working for a More Inclusive Church, so prayers for that to happen would be appropriate. There will be slips of paper with the names of our Annual Conference delegates laid in praying hands. Our delegates have a big task ahead of them.

There will be hand-held labyrinth hearts to trace with your finger for specific fo-

cuses. Please return the names and hand labyrinths after use so others can use them. Of course, personal prayers are always appropriate.

Beverly Cole and Committee members Paut Ault-Duell, Jane Yake and Joseph Coachman.

Thanks to the Trinity Foundation for paying for the flooring!









CHURCH ACTIVITIES

PRAYERS

Short-Term

Kitty Dalton Mark Gant Kristi Green Steve Hoekstra Dennis Hofmeier Larry Homeier Jay Krob Bob Murray Margaret Presley Lloyd Quinn Judy Rosebrook Martie Salmans Steve & Penny Thompson Family Mike & Lori Trow Megan Wheeler Jess Wilcox

Long-Term

Joaquin Araujo **Quentin Breese** Linda Everhart **Loren Forbes** Helen Gregg Titus Green Maddy Hazlett, Regina Hendrickson Leslie Jacobs Kristen Kliewer Kody Larson Family [Rochelle Masterson (Culley)] Terry Myers Lucas Nutter Val Stutterheim Ken Trickle Denny Wahlgren Cory Wilcox Ralph Windholz

> Please pray for the Thompsons family, Steve's dad, Clay Thompson

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Prayer Team: The Trinity Prayer Team is a group of people who commit to come to the church once a week to pray for those listed on the Prayer Request Cards (but not cards for pastors only). We also pray for God's work of Love in Trinity, our city, state, country and world. If you feel the call to pray for God's work, contact Sandy Ward, 785.823.2081. She will be glad to give you more information.

Next, W.O.W. April 21, will meet at Spangles after 11 a.m. worship.

Tuesdays, beginning April 23, Bible Study with Pastor Chelsea. Meet @ 2 p.m. at the University boardroom. A Jill Levine book, Signs & Wonders: A Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus. 6-week study.

May 5, Outdoor "Learning Center" clean-up day. From 2-4 p.m. will meet to clean up the playground area, do some concrete work, and install new equipment. Contact April for more information: april@triumc.org.

Senior Sunday will be here before you know it. Submit your "Senior Photo" for recognition in our Worship Service May 5th. Email your photo to: marilla@triumc.org no later than May 2nd. All graduating high school or college seniors welcome to share a photo.

Senior Celebration Sunday May 5th. Join us in celebrating our seniors on May 5, in the Family Life Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for cake and punch.

Project Salina. Stay Tuned, more information coming soon. Missions.

Inclusiveness Committee: We would love for you to attend a meeting and see what we are

all about. Meetings are the third Monday of the month from 6-7 p.m. in the Middle School Room.

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Barb Culley Painting Class April 25th, 6:15-**9:15pm.** Fun in the Spring! Anyone welcome. Barb Culley will instruct a painting class in the FH1. The fee will be \$30. She will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the campaign fund. Contact Barb Culley with any questions at: 785.342-6695. Sign-up sheet will be set out at the "Welcome Center" located outside the Family Life Center and inside the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Special Music: We would love to have you sing or play at any of our services this summer! Contact Tyler to schedule a date/service! tyler@triumc.org.

Next Blood Drive, June 3rd. Contact Morea Charvat to donate: 785.493.1312.

Bulletin deadline (April 22) & Newsletter deadline (Apr. 29). Email information to: marilla@triumc.org.

Jeanie and I want to Thank everyone for their prayers, love, and correspondence during this continual battle with my cancer. This past week enabled me to continue to improve and be able to get back to a better standard of living. My cancer may not be curable, but I will continue to fight along side my doctors to keep the cancer at bay. I start a new cancer drug infusion on Thursday of this week here in Salina. Prayers do Work. Thanks! Denny Wahlgren

Trinity Capital Campaign

Our three-year commitment to the Trinity Capital Campaign has completed its first quarter. The Finance Committee is pleased with the response of the congregation, and we are happy to share the following statistics:

- Total Amount Pledged as of March 31, 2024: \$925,790
- Total Pledge Payments made this first quarter of 2024: \$249,065
- Total Pledge Payments & Pre-payments from 8/1/23: \$417,777
- Horizons Stewardship Fee paid from pledge pre-payments: \$46,042 (paid in full)
- Remaining Debt on the Family Life Center on March 31, 2024: \$806,863
- Required monthly loan payment to First Bank Kansas: \$8,387 (60% interest & 40% principal)
- Fixed interest rate on our loan until April 15,2025: 5.17%

April 15, 2025, is an important date to keep in mind. Our loan payment will be re-calculated then. The more that we have been able to pay down on our principal by that date, the lower our interest payment will be, even if interest rates are higher at that time. Thanks to all of you for your faithful stewardship! *Lori Blake*

MATCH MADNE\$\$ REPORT

At the Match Madness event on March 21st, there were 32 families who included Trinity among their donations. These donations were matched 50% by the Greater Salina Community Foundation. A total of \$3,337 was added to our Endowment Fund, bringing its total to just over \$125,000. The \$1,664 in match money was added to the Investment Fund. Reagan Goetz also added another \$120 shooting free throws. Thanks to everyone who participated. *Dirk Hutchinson*

April Columbarium Update

The granite face-plates for the columbarium have been ordered and when they arrive in Minnesota in June, construction can begin. Hutton is ready to start remodeling the columbarium space and should be finished by the end of May. The cost for a single niche is \$1,500 and for a double niche \$2,000. Forms needed to purchase a niche are available in the church office or from dirkth@cox.net. An appointment to sign documents and pre-pay can be made at the church office with our *Business Manager*, *Lori Blake & Dirk Hutchinson*

Dillons Community Rewards Program

The United Methodist Women (UMW) at Trinity make up the difference between the cost of church camps and our church's subsidy, so that none of our children or youth need to pay anything to attend church camp. We also buy Bibles each year for every third grader. Our main fund-raising comes from the Dillons Community Rewards program. If you are not already set up with this program, it is an easy and painless way to support the ministry of UMW. Just go to www.dillons.com, set up or sign into your account, click on your name and "my account," scroll down the menu on the left to "Community Rewards," type in "Trinity United Methodist Women" or "BX648" and sign up. UMW will then receive a quarterly check for 1% of your purchases. Thank you for your support. Jan Everhart



MISSIONS



Thank You! Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you for thinking of us and blessing us with the beautiful bouquet for our open house on March 28th. We greatly appreciate all the ways you are a blessing for Salina Grace and the individuals we serve each day. Thank you for partnering with us to change lives. God Bless You All, Kriste Johnson

> Thanks to everyone who donated blood on April 1st. Because of your generosity, we exceeded our goal! Bob Barhydt is pictured behind the "treat" table. Bob has donated 115 units of blood which equals over 14 gallons of blood! Thank you, Bob! What you gave changed and saved over a hundred lives! Our next blood drive is Monday, June 3rd. Call or text Morea Charvat to donate: 785.493.1312.

Gratitude for Donations: Gift of 14 great men's jeans, many socks, shoes, and t-shirts for the Salina Rescue Mission & Salina Grace. They share access to men's clothing from the big closets at SRM. Over 50 pieces of great women's clothing to Bridge House, CKF, a treatment program which includes housing and to which women can bring their children. Thank you, Trinity!

Spring Spruce-Up, Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m.—noon. Volunteers are needed to meet at the following project locations. (Ashby House, Community Housing Development, City of Salina, Friends of the River, North Salina Community Development, Salina C lina Downtown, Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, Salina Rescue Mission, The Temple). Individuals are requested to bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing and shoes for working outdoors. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact: janea@smokyhillriver.org or call 785-492-8491. Check out the flyer on the next page.

SHRC Service Auxiliary Spring Sale. Donations accepted at the back door of the 4H building on May 1 & 2 from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Tax receipts available. We CANNOT ACCEPT: tires, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, de-humidifiers, mattresses, and hazardous materials. Dates of Sale: Friday, May 3, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; Sunday, May 5, 1 p.m.—5 p.m. (Bag Day*); Monday, May 6, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. (Bag Day*) *Fill a paper bag or recycle bag for \$5. Call Karen at: 910.689.4395 or Carol at: 316.393.2299 for questions.

DATE CHANGE FOR MOTHER'S DAY BAGS! We have a date change as to when we need the items for the MOTHER'S DAY bags for the ladies of Ashby house. Please have them in the gro-cery carts by Wednesday, May 8th, instead of May 9th. The youth have generously offered to fill the bags for the Missions commit-tee on Wednesday, May 8th, so we need the items a day early. Any items that would make a women feel special--especially toiletries are welcome!

Mother's Day Bags for the ladies of Ashby House through April. Collecting now: toiletries such as hair items (shampoo, conditioner, hairspray, combs, brushes), soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, jewelry, scarves, purses, just ANYTHING that a woman can use to make her feel special!! Carity will be placed in the hallways in April to collect the items. We will assemble the items on **May 8th** and deliver them to Ashby House.

Salina Rescue Mission: Ken Tennison Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament Friday, May 24. Deadline to sign up, May 10. \$100 / person - \$400 / foursome. Salina Municipal Golf Course. Register Colinar Krista at: 785.819.5425 or events@salinarescuemission.com. More information on the community bulletin board by the Sanctuary.

Salina Rescue Mission Open House, Saturday, **April 27, 11 a.m.—2 p.m.** 1716 Summers Rd., Salina. Join us for lunch and a tour to hear more about our ministry. (This is a come-and-go

Project Salina Update: We are thrilled to announce that we've not only met but exceeded our goal! Salina's residents donated over 74,000 cans of soup, ensuring that the six agencies will have a steady supply whenever they need it. Salina, your generosity knows no bounds—thank you for being simply the best!





Tyler's Music Notes

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I've been absolutely loving the past several months of getting to know the new organ in the Sanctuary. Over the next several weeks, I'll be sharing some thoughts, including a history of the organ, its use in liturgical and secular settings, and about the Trinity organ and piano.

The organ can be traced back to ancient Greece in the 3rd century BC, making it one of the oldest instruments in the world still used today. It was called the Hydraulis and was water-driven to create the wind that went through the pipes. By the 16th and 17th centuries, it had evolved into the most complex man-made machine, capable of creating different timbres of sound, until it was displaced by the telephone exchange system in the late 19th century.

The organ comes into play in a worship setting when we get to the 10th-12th centuries. Small, portable instruments began to be used to accompany chant. Large instruments began to be installed in the large cathedrals of England and France (liturgical centers of the western church at the time) in the 14th century. The first documented large instrument comes from 1361 in Halberstadt, Germany. It had three manuals (keyboards) and pedal.

Polyphony (or multiple voices/musical lines) began to enter church music around this time as well. You've probably heard of Gregorian Chant. This is monophonic (single voice/one line) music that was used throughout the church in the Mass. As time progressed, composers began to add multiple voices at once, starting with two voices (most common). It became clear that the organ could add in multiple other voices to the music, and more music was composed to include it. In fact, the prelude and postlude date back to the 9th century.

The Medieval organ looked very different from what we see today. There were no stops, some had pedals but many did not, and there was no electricity to run the blower! All of the sets of pipes played at once, which was called a blockwerk. The wind was provided by men pumping multiple sets of bellows to fill the organ's lungs, or the reservoirs. It wasn't until around 1450 that stops were invented to control different pitch levels of the pipes.

During the Renaissance and Baroque eras (1450-1750, give or take a few decades), the organ truly evolved. Organ builders experimented with different kinds of pipes that imitated various instruments of the orchestra, from the krummhorn (clarinet), the sackbut (trombone), to the hautbois (oboe) and viol da gamba (precursor to the modern cello). They created absolutely stunning cases and embellishments—many of which still stand today. The key actions (connected the keys to the windchests which the pipes sit on) continually improved and were made easier to play.

The organ was also influenced by politics! (Go figure). In the Netherlands, organs became incredibly large instruments, with lots of keyboards and divisions. North German instruments grew (as did their pedal stops). In Italy, Spain, Portugal and France, a new tradition "in alteratim" began. This is where there is a dialogue between the congregation and organ regarding who sings/plays which verse.

England didn't have great luck with organs in the 15th-16th centuries. Many organs were destroyed or removed during the English Reformation. It wasn't until the late 1660s that organs were viewed as acceptable in worship again. By this time, builders were able to take ideas from other European builders to incorporate in their instruments. English organs began as one or two manual instruments with no pedals. They eventually grew to larger instruments with pedals, some pipes enclosed in a box with shades that open and shut to control volume (expression chambers).

Then we hit the Romantic Period. Churches and organ builders began to want louder, bigger, and more versatile instruments. Wind pressures were raised, pipe scales increased (ratio of pipe dimensions), and new designs that gave different timbres were developed. This is also when organs began to be built in concert halls across Europe.

In the late 19th century, electricity changed the game for organ building. It allowed the console to be further away from the pipes, and gave way to some interesting designs. In the mid 20th century, U.S. organ builders began to build instruments that were supposedly modeled on Baroque organs, which we now call neo-classical organs. Lower wind pressures, mechanical key actions, and thinner pipe scales were all employed, most often to a disappointing effect. This became known as the Orgelbewegung, or the Organ Reform Movement. This in itself could be a whole series of articles.



Pastor Nick & Intern Spotlights

On The Farm

Greetings, church,

This past Friday and Saturday we spent some time at the family farm. To get to the farm, it is quite the drive--three and one-half hours that feel like they take forever to travel. When we finally leave the blacktop and turn down the country road, without fail I say, "It is well with my soul." I love the freedom that comes with wide open spaces and work that gets your hands dirty.

This trip back was special because it is calving season. There is a palpable buzz on the farm during this time of year; new life is springing forth. We are all excited to see what calf will be born next. Every couple of hours you drive up to the calving pasture with excited expectations. It is a balance between a cow's natural instinct and the care of a devoted rancher.

This past Sunday we talked about how we hear God's voice; how does God speak to us today? One of the ways God reveals Godself to us is through general revelation moments in time where the natural world speaks to us, giving us insights into the spiritual world. I had one of those moments at the farm last week.

I know the farm is not for everyone, but it is for me. I see God in the sunrise and sunset. I see God in the valley. I see God in the calving pasture as we see new life come right before our eyes. I see God in the quiet evenings spent talking around the dinner table. God is still speaking to us. Let us open our eyes to see.

Blessings, Pastor Nick



I'm from Horton, Kansas. I'm studying fitness and wellness with a minor in athletic coaching at Kansas Wesleyan. I am a thrower for the track and field team. To help in the internship program, I help run the sound booth and help with Wednesday night youth group. I'm always willing to step in and help with any last-minute projects that come up. My favorite thing about the internship program is meeting all the wonderful people in both congregations and forming relationships with them. Everyone is so welcoming!

I'm from Horton, Kansas, and studying business management at Kansas Wesleyan. I'm a cheerleader for Kansas Wesleyan and love cheering on our teams! I work in the nursery at University and sometimes help with greeting at Trinity. My favorite thing is welcoming all the people on Sunday mornings and getting to know everyone!





Building Blocks Preschool

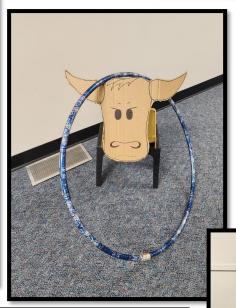


We had a boot scootin' time this week! We dressed like cowboys/cowgirls, lassoed the bull, had a cowboy picnic, and horse races! Yee Haw!!

















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We develop these relationships by inviting people, investing in them, and then inspiring them to use their God-given talents to transform lives, the community, and the world.

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