

A Letter from Pastor Eric

Dear Trinity:

As we conclude the second year of our Campus Connection internship ministry, I want to share some highlights with you. When we first imagined this program, our intention was to give students a way to build a résumé while earning some extra money working in a Christian environment. We quickly learned that this is the first job many of the students have had. We realized that we are also teaching them basic life skills they will need when applying for jobs after college. The students have also become family. Many of them have lunch dates with congregation members every Sunday. Some of our congregation members have brought our interns into their families by becoming host parents. Not only are the interns learning life skills, building résumés, and earning money, they are learning deep interpersonal or soft skills as they build relationships with the students they teach or the congregation members they work with and serve. We are producing a video that includes interviews with students and some of their parents giving testimony to how much this program has meant to them. I am looking forward to sharing this video with you soon!

We are learning quite a bit about the needs of our interns and how to care for and support them. They see this program as their support network. Many of them are from homes that are hundreds or thousands of miles away. The Campus Connection program has become their home away from home. To build upon this growing edge of the ministry, our administrator Kylee Gragg is enrolling in a program offered by the Center for Youth Ministry Training so she can better anticipate and meet the needs of these students and the children in our youth program.

Pastors Nick and Eric have been part of the Great Plains Conference Incubator program that inspired this ministry. Our coach is Paul Nixon, and he has said repeatedly that this is one of the most important ministries he has seen recently. He says that no church that he knows of has figured out how to build relationships with college students the way we have through this internship program. We have been invited to present the Campus Connection to the Sterling UMC, as they are hoping to begin a similar program with Sterling College.

Thank you all for making the interns feel at home!!

Pastor Eric

Behind the scenes of our latest project for Trinity United Methodist Church. We completed the interview testimonials for their successful internship program. We're excited to start shooting B-roll for this project!

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Gus from Fili Creative was at Trinity this weekend shooting film for this project! We can't wait to share the final product with you all!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

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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 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 to, 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.



Register for Camp Firelight VBS Today!

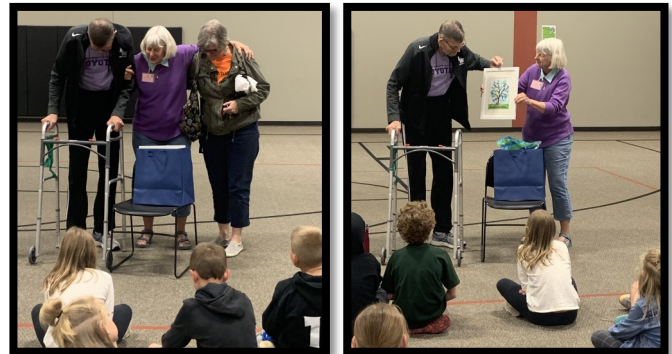
Registration open for Trinity. VBS is free June 10 – 14 & 16, 9 a.m. – Noon. All 3-year-olds – graduated 6th-graders are welcome! A waiting list will begin when all the openings are filled. Register at: triumc.org/family/children/vbs or in the church office.

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.

Summer Sunday School is just around the corner!

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. *Thanks to those that contacted us to say they would like to be part of this ministry! That means more than you know!!



Celebrating Bob & Pat Murray @ Backpack Connection with a special farewell gift and blessing.



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. One-day camps to five-day camps – something for everyone!

Trinity will provide a Camp Scholarship for a United Methodist Church Camp to all students who 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.





CHURCH ACTIVITIES

PRAYERS

Short-Term

Kitty Dalton
 Mark Gant
 Kristi Green
 Steve Hoekstra
 Dennis Hofmeier
 Doug & Jan Holloway
 Larry Homeier
 Fran Hutchinson
 Jay Krob
 Hans Lankhorst
 Ramona Malone
 Bob Murray
 Margaret Presley
 Lloyd Quinn
 Judy Rosebrook
 Barb Sackrider
 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
 Pat Masko
 [Rochelle
 Masterson (Culley)]
 Terry Myers
 Lucas Nutter
 Ray Salmon
 Val Stutterheim
 Ken Trickle
 Denny Wahlgren
 Cory Wilcox
 Ralph Windholz

-Friendly Reminder-

If a prayer name has been removed please fill out a new prayer card. Thank you.

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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.

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.

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.

KWU Intern Graduation Party May 10, 4-6 p.m.

Join us in the University UMC basement for cake and punch while we celebrate their success. Interns graduating: Makenzie Teeter, Nick Fierro, Wes Robertson, Richie Garcia, and Saffron Jacobs.

Project Salina.

See update on *Missions*, page 6.

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 W.O.W. May 19,

will meet at Spangles after 11 a.m. worship.

May 22, Mandatory Meeting for Youth Group if attending Worlds of Fun Trip: There will be a manda-

tory meeting on **May 22** at 6:00 p.m. in the FH2 that parents and youth must attend if they plan to go on the trip to Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun on June 4th. This meeting will go over the plan for the day and expectations of youth. We will also be collecting money for the trip that day so we can purchase tickets ahead of time.

The Church office will be closed on May 27th in celebration of Memorial Day.

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

Thank You! A BIG thank you to everyone who made our University UMC Silent Auction and Benefit Concert a success! I was grateful that so many of our TUMC church family donated items to the silent auction and came over to bid and support the event! The event raised \$4, 154 for the UUMC HVAC replacement! Well done! *Pastor Chelsea*

Bulletin deadline (May 6 & Newsletter deadline (May 13). Email information to: marilla@triumc.org.



Barb Culley Painting Class April 25th, Fun in the Spring!



Special presentation to 5th graders & Dottie Wallace at Backpack Connection.





Finance Update

Finance News

We continue our mission and ministries in our global community through your generosity. Thank you. *Lori Blake, Treasurer* 785.822.4677 or lori@triumc.org

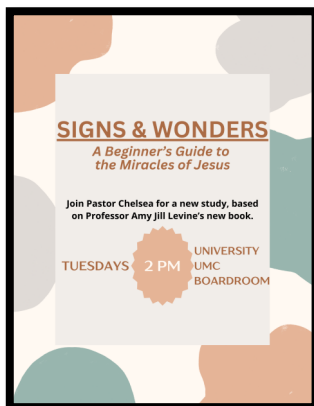
Finance Update through 3.31.2024	Jan - Mar 2024	Jan - Dec 2024	Over/Under	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2023	Over/Under
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
General Fund Giving	180,161.35	650,300.00	(470,138.65)	663,640.95	638,757.36	24,883.59
Operating Expenses	178,847.05	663,172.78	(484,325.73)	634,361.43	632,861.14	1,500.29
Net Operation Revenue	1,314.30	(12,872.78)	14,187.08	29,279.52	-	23,383.30
Building Fund Giving	249,125.01	105,600.00	143,525.01	278,367.40	124,050.00	154,317.40
Building Fund Loan Pymts (Prin & Interest)	249,125.01	105,600.00	143,525.01	209,974.19	124,050.00	85,924.19
Net Building Fund Revenue	-	-	-	68,393.21	-	68,393.21

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

Mother's Day Gift Bags
for the Ladies of Ashby House
Collecting in 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!! Carts 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.

Missions


SHRC Service Auxiliary Spring Sale. 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.

Project Salina. We are participating again in *Project Salina* which started May 1 and runs through the end of May. The churches in Salina have been asked to collect cash donations. Our Goal this year is \$2500: Last year we collected \$2,200: Please write in your check memo, *Project Salina*. Donations of cash or checks can be brought to the church office or placed in the offering baskets on Sunday. Thank you for your generosity which benefits: Ashby House, DVACK, Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, and Emergency Aid Food Bank. *Missions*

Salina E-Waste coming May 4, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 841 Markley Rd., Salina. Nearly everything "with a cord" can be properly recycled. Go to salina-ks.gov/ewaste for more details.

Items due for Mother's Day Gift Bags, on May 8th. Please have the items in the grocery carts by Wednesday, May 8th, instead of May 9th. The youth have generously offered to fill the bags for the Missions committee on Wednesday, May 8th, so we need the items a day early. Any items that would make the women of Ashby house feel special--especially toiletries--are welcome!

Trinity UMC
PROJECT SALINA
May 1- May 31
COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS



GOAL \$2,500 COLLECTED LAST YEAR: \$2,260


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Missions

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

Thank You. Dear TUMC, Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of \$1,000.00 on March 27, 2024, to Feed My Starving Children through the Fargo MobilePack event in Fargo, ND, is sending 3,448 MannaPack meals to those around the world who need it most. Hope is greater because of you. Though poverty is complicated, we know that hunger is fixable—one reliable meal at a time. Thank you for feeding hungry kids. "...and they will do even greater things than these ..." - John 14:12 Until all are fed, *Mark Crea, Executive Director/CEO*

Noon-5:45 p.m.



Blood Drive

JUNE 3, 2024

Contact Morea Charvat
785.493.1312



Mother's Day Pocket Prayer Quilt: Look at these beautifully made gifts from the Solomon United Methodist Church! They were donated to be part of Trinity's Mother's Day Bag gifts to Ashby House. They are gorgeous and so meaningful! Each one is a mini quilt with a small cross sewn inside. They are a treasure! Thank you to Mark Ingelin for delivering them to Trinity.

The organ is a very complex musical instrument. The pipe organ is comprised of one or more sets of pipes, a wind system, one or more keyboards, and a system that connects these keys to the pipes (action). The pipes produce sound when pressurized air passes through them. Stops allow the organist to control which sets of pipes are on/off when a key is played (literally stops the sound).

The Pipes

Pipes are made of either metal or wood (and in some cases, both!). One pipe produces one pitch. There are typically 61 pipes in a set of pipes, called a rank. The timbre and volume of the pipe are controlled on how the wind is delivered to the pipe, how much wind is delivered, and the construction of the pipe.

There are two basic types of action (how the pipe is played), mechanical and electric action. Mechanical means each key is mechanically linked to each windchest (what the pipes sit on), and electric means that an electric signal from the keys are transmitted to the windchest to trigger the magnet to open the windway to the pipe.

There are two types of pipes (say that five times fast!), flues and reeds. A flue essentially works like a whistle. Reed pipes work like a clarinet or saxophone, with a metal reed vibrating against a metal block called a shallot.

Flues can be broken down into a few more categories, the Principals or Diapasons, the Flutes, and the Strings. Principals or Diapasons create a tone which is non-imitative. This is the organ sound that most people associate with the instrument. Flutes can be imitative or non-imitative. A Concert Flute sounds like the instrument used in a band or orchestra, while a Chimney Flute is a purely organ sound. Strings have a similar design to principals, but with thinner scales. Some sound thin and stringy, like a violin, while some have a fatter, deeper sound.

The reeds are also imitative and non-imitative. There are trumpets, oboes, clarinets, tubas, trombones, English and French horns (imitates an orchestra instrument), and also Waldhorns, Bombardes, and Cornepeans (organ-unique sounds). All have varying timbres and are lots of fun to explore when you have a variety. Some reeds are either chorus reeds, which blend into the musical ensemble (trumpet, clarion, bombarde), or solo reeds (used as solo voices against an ensemble), oboe, clarinet, tuba.

We will talk about the thing everyone can see – the organ console – in the next edition of the newsletter.



Building Blocks Preschool: Thank you to Jennifer Noonan from Bank of the Plains for coming to read to us today! We loved the Piggy Bank Book!



Pastor Nick & Intern Spotlights

Greetings, Church,

I walked across the stage of my college graduation in May of 2008. With that stroll across the stage I proclaimed, "I am done with school!" Little did I know at the time, God had different plans. I was a college football coach at the time and had no interest in ever attending another class. I was done, and no one could tell me otherwise.

Fast forward six years, I was signing up for classes to start a new journey into ministry. I have been taking classes ever since at St. Paul School of Theology. I have the same feeling before the start of each class-I don't have time for this. Multiple papers, Zoom classes and online forums, are not my idea of a good time. It never fails-I leave each class having learned valuable information.

Right now I am taking two classes, Evangelism and Ethics. After these classes I will have just three more to go. The finish line is near. Heading into the evangelism class, I had visions for door knocking and street corner preachers. I was wrong; looking at evangelism through the lens of the Wesleyan tradition has opened my eyes.

Wesley believed in relationships, and the work of evangelism is inviting people into relationships with God and each other. This has been illuminating; it has caused me to stop and pause. I wonder, Is the church doing the work of evangelism? Are we inviting people into a relationship with God and each other? My prayer is that we will take some time to reflect and live into the work of evangelism.

God is inviting us into Relationship!

Pastor Nick Talbott-Dixson



I'm from Lebo, Kansas. I'm majoring in exercise and health science.

On campus I'm involved in baseball, Alpha Chi, and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies. I am an usher and lead Sunday school teacher for the 2nd & 3rd-graders. My favorite part of the internship program is the amazing, fun, and loving environment that the church provides.

I'm originally from Odessa, Texas, where I've lived my whole life. I'm presently a double major in Business Management and Theatre Arts. I'm involved with both the Philharmonic Choir and Chorale at KWU and the theater department productions. Through the internship program I sing in the 11 o'clock traditional service for the Chancel choir. I've always been a singer, so I love that Trinity encourages local students to engage in church activities and gives us opportunities to participate in our passions.





KYLEE GRAGG

Youth Group News...

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're excited to share with you the upcoming summer events planned for our youth group over the next few months. Below are the details for each event:

June 4 - Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun Trip: This trip is open to 7-12th-graders.

Meeting Time: Please have your child at Trinity by 8:00 a.m. We aim to depart by 8:30 a.m.

Trip Cost: \$50. The trip cost covers the ticket price and gas for the journey.

Meals and Drinks: Students will be responsible for their own meals and drinks during our visit to Worlds/Oceans of Fun. Students will be in groups with an adult for the day.

Return Time: We will send a text message to parents when we begin our journey back from Kansas City.

****** There will be a mandatory meeting on May 22 at 6 p.m. that parents and youth must attend if they plan on going on the trip. This meeting will be to go over the plan for the day and expectations of youth for the day. We will also be collecting money for the trip that day so we can purchase tickets ahead of time.**

June 19 - Pizza and Escape Room:

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Activities: We'll enjoy pizza together followed by an escape room challenge.

July 10 - Serve and Play Day:

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Activities: We'll start the day volunteering at a local nonprofit organization. Afterward, we'll head to the park for lunch (provided) and a fun color war.

July 31 - Pool Party at Great Life:

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

What to Bring: Towel and \$4 for entry.

Refreshments: Snacks and drinks will be provided.



We're looking forward to these exciting events and the opportunity for our youth to bond and have fun together. We are asking that you RSVP if your students plan on attending each event. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us . Blessings, *Kylee Gragg Youth & Intern Director*

Last week, youth ministries from across Salina gathered for fellowship and worshiped together at the Salina Youth Ministry Alliance's United event at UUMC.





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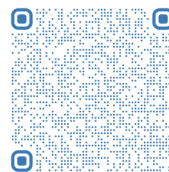
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or visit the office.



Trinity + University: Better Together!

We envision vibrant, thriving, teaching congregations which are developing relationships *with* Jesus and *for* Jesus in the congregations, in the community, and on campus.

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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