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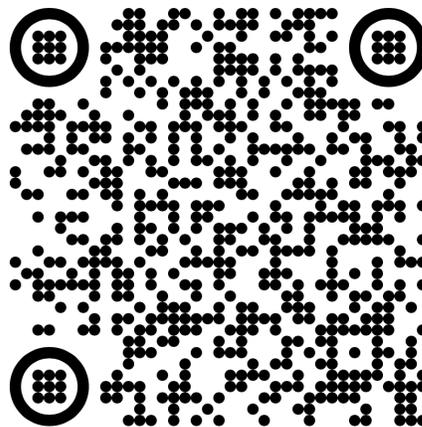
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Please submit any articles and photos to Tyler
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For more information about any of our ministries, please visit our
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Give to Trinity

To give online, visit www.triumc.org/giving or scan the QR code
below. Thank you for your generous gift. Your support makes a
meaningful difference in our ministry and helps us continue shar-
ing hope, serving others, and growing together in faith. We are
truly grateful for you.



Trustees Deep Cleaning Day - January 31, 2026



A big thank you to members who showed up to the Trustees Cleaning Day! Mike Everhart, Matt Everhart, Graham and Grayson Durall, Jan Johannes, Chuck and Eunice Gary, Kurt Muths, Floyd Stoddard, Elena Larson, Craig Wiedeman, Jeff Waters.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!
Join us in celebrating our newest members, the Anderson family (left) and the DeTurk and Fillmore family (right).

Left: Evan & Brittany Anderson, with children Zoey & Aria

Right: Darlene Fillmore
Dwayne & Cheryl DeTurk



Church Activities & Prayers

Activity photos and articles can be submitted to: tyler@triumc.org

We Hold in Our Prayers...

Short Term Prayers

Marion Barrow, Sue Holmes, Fran Hutchinson,
Rita Johnson, Deb Marseline

Long Term Prayers

Bonnie Baldwin, Barb Bell, Beth Berridge,
Hud Chapin, Cort Collins, Steve Daily,
Hilma Demaree, Pam Emig, Michele Gant,
Richard Howeth, Sandy Jones, Ronnie Knott,
Juanita Masko, Rochelle Masterson,
Jimmy Joe Patterson, Don Peterson, Lindsey Pratt,
Janice Scott, Sharon Scott, Mark Turner,
Thaine Weber, Family of Eric Johnson

Thank You! Dear friends at Trinity UMC, thank you so much for all the ways you give so generously to Salina Shares all year around. Whether it is socks, underwear, Laundry Love donations or anything else we need, you always have blessed us with resources. Thank you for coming alongside and helping us meet practical needs in our community. Gratefully, Debbie Ruiers

Donations from UMW to Laundry Love 2025 = \$667.30!

We would like to thank the Trinity family for all of the kind words and support during Denny's illness and passing. Being surrounded by a caring congregation has been greatly appreciated. Also, many thanks to Pastors Eric and Chelsea. They were so diligent and sensitive to all of our needs.

-Jeanie, Chad, Leah & Brett Wahlgren

Mexico Mission Trip: Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the Mission Team as they travel to Mexico March 13-21. Join us for a team send-off on Friday, March 13 at 5:15am in the parking lot. Team members are Keaton & Lori Blake; Kyler, Makenzie & Rex Boley; Amy & Annika Green; Jayden Kitchen; Eric Meyer; Allison & Chris Modellmog; Elena Padilla Larson & Amy Torrero; Floyd Stoddard; Jeff & Karla Waters; and John Winter. Cash donations are still needed towards the cost of the house and mission trip.

Dear TUMC Family, thank you so much for providing me with scholarship money. I have started my program and I love it!

-Cole Gilpin

MATCH MADNESS – MARCH 12TH Since our Trinity Foundation funds are invested with the Greater Salina Community Foundation, we will be participating in their Match Madness Day, on Thursday, March 12th. The event will take place at the Salina Fieldhouse. You can drop by between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to make your donation, drop your check in the mail, with the downloadable donation form, on Thursday before 5:00 or you can donate online that entire day. Your donation (up to \$3,000) will be matched 50% by the GSCF. The donation that you make will go into our Endowment Fund and the match money will go into our Investment Fund to earn money for grants for new ministries or special needs of our church. Come join in the fun and help Trinity grow!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS The Trinity Scholarship Sub-Committee will be offering college scholarships to **Trinity youth**, who are high school seniors or college students working on their undergraduate degree. These scholarships will be for use during the 26-27 academic year at any college of the student's choice.

We look forward to continued growth of the College Scholarship Fund coming from benefit concerts, memorial donations and contributions made by individuals and/or groups supporting Trinity youth. A portion of this fund has been set aside as a long-term investment which will continue to grow with gifts and memorials so that the earnings can provide meaningful scholarships to help support college education of Trinity youth in the future. Contributions are always accepted. The deadline for receipt of the completed scholarship application and transcripts is the close of the church business day on April 16, 2026. Notification of receipt of a scholarship will be delivered by the end of April.

Applications for scholarships are now available in the church office and on the church website at <https://www.triumc.org/scholarships>.

Did you know there were nearly 1,000 fluorescent light bulbs in our building? We didn't either! You may have noticed things looking a bit brighter lately—and for good reason.

In January, the Great Plains Conference office shared information about a program that helps churches upgrade to energy-efficient LED lighting at little to no cost. We enrolled and have since installed more than 150 LED retrofit fixtures throughout the building. The sanctuary, both fellowship hall soffit lights, preschool hallway, and preschool and daycare classrooms are complete, with the remaining classrooms, closets and hallways scheduled to be finished soon. Thanks to the brightness and efficiency of LEDs, we're reducing our total number of fixtures from just under 400 fluorescent units to roughly 250 fixtures.

If we had funded this upgrade ourselves, the cost would have been around \$45,000. However, by participating in the Evergy program, our total expense is only about \$2,200. We expect to see the impact on our energy bill soon, and the savings should cover our material costs.

A huge thank-you to Jeff Waters, Graham Durall, Mark Wallace, and Craig Wiedeman for their time and hard work installing these fixtures throughout the building!



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCE UPDATE
through 1/31/2026

	January-26	Jan - Dec 2026	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2025	Over/Under
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
General Fund Giving	76,632.59	605,640.00	608,326.81	\$ 632,476.79	(24,149.98)
Operating Expenses	54,328.54	599,799.72	677,224.99	\$ 632,190.76	45,034.23
Net Operating Revenue	22,304.05	5,840.28	(68,898.18)	\$ 286.03	(69,184.21)
Building Fund Giving	16,522.50	250,000.00	191,315.40	\$ 250,000.00	(58,684.60)
Building Fund Loan Payments(Prin & Interest)	16,522.50	250,000.00	191,315.40	\$ 250,000.00	(58,684.60)
Net Building Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-

We're off to a good start with many paying their full pledges in the month of January. Thank you for your generosity. I am in the office most Tuesdays. Let me know if you have questions about our budget.

Lori Blake, *Treasurer*
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4th Grade Bible Presentation On February 1st, we celebrated a special milestone as our 4th graders received their own Bibles during worship, with their parents standing proudly beside them. In total, 10 Bibles were given out! In the following Sundays, the kids began learning how to use their Bibles in Sunday School, discovering how God's Word can guide them each day. What a joyful step in their faith journey.

Children's Sabbath What a joyful and meaningful Sunday on February 15th as our children led us in worship for Children's Sabbath! From reading scripture to sharing their gifts, our kids reminded us of God's love, faith, and joy. We are so thankful for each child who participated, the families who supported them, and everyone who helped make this special day such a beautiful celebration! A big shout-out to my amazing Education Team leaders, Mandy Jarvis and Jenna Clark, for their leadership, creativity, and faithful service. This day would not have been possible without you! Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATE! Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God! Join us, June 22nd - 26th, 9 a.m. - Noon & the 28th for 9:50 a.m. VBS Worship Celebration. VBS is open to 3-year-olds - graduated 6th-graders. Snowball Mountain Challenge invites kids into an exciting winter adventure filled with fast-paced games, snowy surprises, lively worship, and hands-on Bible lessons. Guided by our energetic leaders and the lovable Ollie the Arctic Seal, kids will build friendships, grow in faith, and discover that with God's strength they can be brave, share their gifts, pray, and never give up. This joyful week reminds children that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)

Registration Dates:

Trinity Members & Backpack Families: April 3rd
Building Blocks Learning Center: April 20th
Open to Public: April 30th

So, mark your calendars and be sure to register as spots fill up fast!

Help make VBS come alive! Love decorating and creating art? Help bring Vacation Bible School to life with your creativity! Contact Lyz Garwood for details-email above or call the church office at 785-825-5270.

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. Trinity pays the registration fee. Contact Lyz Garwood at lyz@triumc.org for more information and to get started.



Kylee Gragg, Director of Youth & Intern Ministries
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Camp Sunday is always a special day in the life of our church. It is a time when we celebrate what God is doing in the hearts of our students through camp and invite our congregation to be part of that story. Camp creates space away from everyday distractions where students can grow in their faith, build Christ centered friendships, and experience God in meaningful ways. As a youth director, it is one of my favorite times of the year because I get to watch them learn, stretch, and grow. Every student gives up their phone for the entire week of camp, and surprisingly, it often becomes one of their favorite parts. Being fully unplugged allows them to be present with God and with one another in a way that is hard to replicate at home.

Make sure you join us on March 8 for Camp Sunday. Camp Horizon will be here to share about all the amazing things they have and dates to join them at camp. We will enjoy some camp style worship and end the day with a good old Methodist potluck in the family life center from 11-1pm. We will provide hot dogs and chips, and we invite everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We are excited to bring back our 100 Envelope Challenge as a simple and creative way for everyone to help make camp possible. Each envelope represents an opportunity to invest in a student's faith journey. Here is how it works: choose an envelope numbered 1 through 100 from the display, donate the amount that matches the number on the envelope, and know that every dollar goes directly toward helping students attend camp. If all 100 envelopes are selected, we will raise 5,050 dollars!

We are so grateful for the many ways you continue to love, pray for, and support our students. Whether you give financially, volunteer your time, or faithfully lift them up in prayer, you are making a difference! We truly have a wonderful group of students, and it is such a blessing to serve them. It is even more of a blessing to see a congregation that rallies around them with generosity and joy. Thank you for believing in the next generation and helping create spaces where their faith can grow strong.

Get To Know Our Intern

LIZ STOUT



Hometown:
Holden, Missouri

Ministry Area:
2nd & 3rd Grade Sunday School
and Hospitality

Favorite Part of my Internship:
It has brought me so much joy,
family, and friends!

**Something You May Not Know
About Me:**
I have 5 siblings

What's Next:
I will be a labor and delivery
nurse at Salina Regional when I
graduate in May!

Prayer Request:
Give me the strength and
knowledge to pass my NCLEX!

Get To Know Our Intern

KEEGAN LOTT



Hometown:
Horton, Kansas

Ministry Area:
Technology and Congregational
Care

**Favorite Part of my
Internship:**
Making connections with all our
congregation members

**Something You May Not Know
About Me:**
I am engaged to my preschool
crush!

What's Next:
Serving as a police officer with
Salina Police Department

Prayer Request:
My father is a below the knee
amputee and is having problems
with his healthy foot. Prayers
that everything stays healthy
physically and mentally!

Youth Group Fundraiser Breakfast Burritos



Sausage, Egg, and Cheese
or
Bacon, Egg, and Cheese

\$15 - HALF DOZEN
\$30 - DOZEN

Orders due: March 23rd

Pickup: March 29th after any service
or the following week in the office.

Email your order to
Kylee@triumc.org



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Eric Meyer | Senior Pastor | eric@triumc.org

Hello Trinity!

At worship planning this past week we were discussing the season of Lent. One of our team said that she really does not like Lent because it leads up to the horror of the crucifixion. Everybody else weighed in on how they feel about Lent. Pastor Chelsea said Lent is actually her favorite season of the year because it forces her to slow down and pay attention. That is exactly what I enjoy about Lent as well. During this season, I spend time meditating on Scripture and poetry, really slowing down and listening. One of my favorite books of poetry for this season is *Word in the Wilderness: A poem a Day for Lent and Easter* by Anglican priest Malcolm Guite.

He writes, "Lent is a time set aside to reorient ourselves, to clarify our minds, to slow down, recover from distraction, to focus on the values of God's kingdom and on the value he has set on us and on our neighbours. There are a number of distinctive ways in which poetry can help us do that, and in particular the poetry I have chosen for this anthology. These poems can give us an awakening. That wakening and renewing of vision is partly achieved by a change in the very way we read, which poetry asks of us. Poetry asks to be savoured, it requires us to slow down, it carries echoes, hints at music, summons energies that we will miss if we are simply scanning. In this way poetry brings us back to older ways of reading and understanding both the Word and the World, and to a way of reading, currently being revived in many churches, called *lectio divina*: a slow savouring of the text, a rich meditation on meaning that begins with the senses, with taste and sound."

Lectio Divina originated in monasteries many centuries ago and has been one of the most treasured ways to pray. Here are the four steps:

1. **Lectio (Read)** —Read the passage slowly. Put yourself in the story or scene instead of focusing on a message for yourself. Visualize as concretely as possible the time, the place, and the people involved in the biblical story. Slow down. Savor the images. Pay attention whenever anything you read sparks a reaction from you. Read it several times!
2. **Meditatio (Meditate)** —Try focusing on a word or phrase from the passage. One way to do this is by repeating the word or phrase out loud or in your head a few times.
3. **Oratio (Pray)**—Allow the meditation to lead you to a conversation with God. Why did that word or phrase resonate with you? What is God calling you to think about? Don't overthink it - remember that prayer is simply conversation with God about the matters on your heart!
4. **Contemplatio (Contemplate)** —Spend a few moments resting in the presence of God!

This Lent you might practice *lectio* as a way to slow down and savor the presence of God in your times of pray. - Pastor Eric