

PRAYER

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Pastoral Care Team Members:

Sandi Carlson, Anita Cirulis, Dave and Sandy Harmelink, Dave and Lonna Kluis, Art Van Riesen. They visit and pray with individuals and families with both immediate and longer term care needs.

Pray for **Victoria Stokes** as she recovers from a severe car accident.

Pray for **Pam Van Beek** as she recovers from heart valve surgery.

Pray for **Darbi Duistermars** who was diagnosed with post transplant lymphoproliferative disorder. She will undergo chemo for her lymphoma at Mayo over the next 3-4 months.

Pray for those who are homebound:

Prairie Ridge: **Dorothy Weiss, Jeanette Van Voorst, Jeanette Vanden Hul, Doc Krommendyk, Margarita Lopez, Jo Leslie, Jane Garnett, Rod Vellinga, Helena Ludens, Randy Cleveringa, Marian Clark.** Landsmeer Ridge: **Ardie Hegstad.** Ostego Place, Storm Lake: **Alma Bogaard.** Good Samaritan Society, LeMars: **Donna Koenig, Paul & Lois De Jong.** Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls: **Ben Wiese.** Happy Siesta, Remsen: **Glen Hegstad.**

GET CONNECTED

Contact Us:

There are many ways that you can contact us and receive information from us at Trinity:

Visit our website: connectwithtrinity.com

Follow us on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram**

Call the church office: **712.737.4542**

Text us: **712.201.3090**

Life Groups:

Life Groups are becoming an increasingly important way to more fully live into your faith, particularly with the size of Trinity. Group sizes vary and mainly meet in members homes and have various meeting times. We want people to find a place to grow spiritually and connect with others. **Looking to step towards a deeper connection with Christ and others?** We have room for you! Sign up to register for a group at connectwithtrinity.com/sign-up.

Common Interest Groups:

Common Interest Groups are a great way to connect people who share an interest in the same thing. Be sure to check out the current groups, as well as let us know if you have an interest or passion and would like to start other groups. Some of our current groups are connecting people who enjoy running, quilting, mens basketball, conexiones, and heartland strategy. **Find out more information and sign up opportunities for Small Groups and Common Interest Groups at:** connectwithtrinity.com. Please contact Julie Andersen at: juliekandersen87@gmail.com with any questions.

Watch Trinity Online:

We invite you to watch a live stream of our Sunday morning worship services at connectwithtrinity.com/live or on our Facebook page.

Worship One Serve One:

The church is not a building, it's the people. People with unique gifts and passions that when brought together, make ministry happen. It takes all kinds of people with all kinds of gifts to do ministry at Trinity. We encourage you to bring what gifts you have to worship one, serve one.

WORSHIP SERVE ONE

To serve, visit connectwithtrinity.com/serve

February 24, 2019

WELCOME



At Trinity, we're working hard to help people connect with God, with each other, and with God's work in the world. We hope you experience that connection today.

WELCOME, FIRST-TIME GUESTS!

Welcome to Trinity Church! We are so glad you are here today. We prayed this week that all who enter our doors would experience the life-changing, eternity-altering love of God through Jesus. If you're here for the first time, please stop at the Welcome Center. We'd love the opportunity to meet you. Thanks for coming today!

TODAY AT TRINITY

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:50 a.m. Worship

When Jesus walked on earth he gave us a glimpse of what the kingdom of God is like. And in almost every way, it is completely upside down from the way things work in the kingdoms of this world. In God's kingdom, the meek inherit the earth, enemies are to be loved, and the true King wears a crown of thorns. What we discover is more than just a new set of doctrines or a special prayer to pray or rules to follow; we experience a new way of life! As Trinity dives into the New Testament book of Matthew, focusing on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount," we invite you into this upside down kingdom where we are transformed to live and love more like Jesus every day.

"You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." "You hit me, I'll hit you back." This is the principle our world tells us to live by. Be good to those who are good to you. Get even with those who hurt you. But what good does this "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" approach really do any of us? What if there is a better way? What if there is a way to respond to those who are our "enemies" or who seek to hurt us that can change them and us for good? Today **Pastor Brian Keepers** will explore with us this better way--this way of Jesus that has the power to transform an enemy into a friend.

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THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM
LIVING & LOVING LIKE JESUS

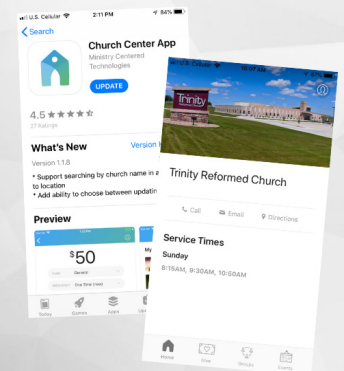


Sunday, February 24 | 5-7pm
YOUTH MISSIONS
Banquet

enjoy a formal 3-course meal, valet parking & free childcare!

suggested donation of \$22 a person

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP



Bulletin Prayer Request:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Thursday at 9am or give permission to the Pastoral Care Team to share the request. **Email:** trinityoc@gmail.com **Call:** 712-737-4542 **Text:** 712-201-3090

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit connectwithtrinity.com for more details on upcoming events and announcements

DESSERT BARS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers willing to make 2 dozen dessert bars for our March 6 Wednesday Night Meal. If you are able to provide bars, please sign up online or at the Sign Up Table.

LENT AT TRINITY

Looking for a space to slow down and just BE? **Come and experience Lent together on Sunday evenings from 5-6pm in the sanctuary, March 10 – April 14.** We'll gather and get settled, then have a time of guided prayer and reflection, followed by shared conversations. Come once, twice, or every Sunday during Lent. All are welcome!

LENT RETREAT

Join us for a quiet morning of prayerful reflection on scripture that will prepare us to fully enter into the journey Jesus took to the cross and resurrection. **This retreat will take place at Trinity on Saturday, March 9 from 8:30am to noon.** Cost to attend is \$15. Register before March 5 by contacting Jackie Smallbones at jls@nwciova.edu or 712-541-2605.

FAITHWALKING RETREAT

What if God has more for your life and relationships than just "It's fine"? What if God is calling you into an adventure of transformation that leads to being more fully alive? A life on mission with God? **Pastor Brian is excited to offer Trinity's first Faithwalking Retreat March 29-31.** It will be local, so you will go home each night to sleep in your own beds. We'll explore topics like integrity and authenticity, and how to get unstuck from your default patterns so that you can be more fully who God designed you to be. You will not be the same after this retreat! Cost is \$30/person. Scholarships are available. Capacity is limited so sign up soon online.

LIFE ON MISSION: HELPING WITHOUT HURTING

You're invited! **Starting March 17, we're offering a new Sunday morning class at 9:30 - Life on Mission: Helping without Hurting.** Join Michael Andres, professor and teacher passionate about community development, for a 6-week class examining faulty assumptions about poverty and learning effective tools for holistic ministry to the poor. All are encouraged to come, with a special invitation to those with a passion for missional ministry and those participating in the upcoming Summer Mission trips to LA and Haiti.

SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

NURSERY

0-2 year olds - Little Lambs Room
2-3 year olds - Kingdom Kids Room
There is a Mother's Room located on the Little Lambs side with a live broadcast of the service.
Parents will need to pick up their children after the service.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP (AGES 4-6)

Children will be dismissed during the 8:15 service.
Parents will need to pick up their children after the service in the Children's Area.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (AGES 4-5th GRADE)

Today at 9:30 and 10:50 in the Children's Area.
Parents will need to pick up their children after the service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Today at 9:30 in the Youth Room.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Today in Adult Room 1 at 9:30.
All women are welcome to pray for our students and schools.

BECOMING BETTER READERS OF THE BIBLE

Today in Adult Room 4 at 9:30.
This class is aimed to help you gain confidence in reading and meditating on God's Word. Today is the last day this class will be offered!

CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS

Today in Adult Room 1 at 10:45.
Join us for an opportunity to further reflect on and engage the Sunday sermon, and to get into action around the daily Scripture readings from Matthew. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you'd like to engage in some intergenerational conversation and relationship, join us in reflective community.

YOUTH MISSIONS BANQUET

Stop by TONIGHT anytime between 5-7pm to support our high school youth group as they raise money for their summer mission trip. We're serving a 3-course meal and offering valet parking and free childcare (kids will be provided dinner during this time). This is your opportunity to dress up and enjoy a formal dinner without the kids! On the menu for the night is a honey kale salad, dinner rolls, meat ravioli with tomato basil sauce, chicken fettuccine, shrimp scampi, and assorted cheesecakes. The suggested donation is \$22 per person. All donations will go towards the summer mission trip.

[REGISTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT
CONNECTWITHTRINITY.COM/SIGN-UP](http://connectwithtrinity.com/sign-up)

TODAY'S WORSHIP

"Your Love Awakens Me"

"Living Hope"

"Amazing Grace"

Offering / Announcements

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Message

WEDNESDAYS AT TRINITY

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS

Kids K-5th grade are invited to join us this Wednesday in the Children's Area from **6:30 to 7:30.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday night from **6:30-7:30** in the Youth Room.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday night from **8:00-9:00** in the Youth Room.

DWELLING IN THE WORD

Join Pastor Brian and Prof. Jeff Barker on **Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30** as they share tips and practices to help you memorize Scripture. God's Word has the power to change us from the inside out. Paul instructs us to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly!" (Col. 3:16) This is why Scripture memory has long been a key practice for God's people. There's something about committing the Bible to memory that gets it deep in the heart and opens up fresh insight. Even if you think you can't memorize, this class is for you! You are welcome to drop-in and participate any week that you are available.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL - MARCH 6

Join us in the fellowship hall on March 6 at 5:45pm for lasagna, salad, rolls, fresh fruit, and dessert bars. We will also have a gluten free/dairy free/vegetarian pasta available for those with dietary restrictions. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per person.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - MARCH 6

Join us in the sanctuary on March 6 at 6:30pm for an Ash Wednesday service. All are welcome for a time of worship, confession, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. Students from our children & youth ministry will lead this service.

The Upside Down Kingdom:

Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:38-48

Here is your kingdom practice for the week. Remember that transformation happens when we go beyond just information and actually practice and reflect on what we're learning. Discipleship is about getting into action!

Kingdom Practice



*"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."
- Romans 12:21*

Practice loving your "enemy" this week. Begin by praying for someone (or people group) who has hurt you, whom you dislike, or for whom you feel animosity. Pray for God to bless them and transform them into who he desires them to be. Then, consider one way you can act with love towards that person or people group. "Meet hate with love" (MLK).