

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

Matthew 28:6 -7a: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead..."

A few days after Easter. The celebration is over, family has returned home, and kids are back in school after their short break. Josh jumped right back in with two golf tournaments, and of course, homework. He gets 'assignments' from his teachers, readings, papers, and projects to complete.

The angel gave the women at the tomb an assignment: "Go quickly, tell!"

It's easy to get busy. It's easy to forget to celebrate each day Jesus the Resurrected One. We aren't really celebrating an event, we are celebrating a person. The one and only resurrected Son of God.

I came upon this devotional the other day, which I would like to share with you:

"Yet, those of us who have surrendered to the saving work and lordship of Jesus Christ have been changed forever. We do not live by resurrection power only on one day of the year. We are encouraged to go forward with boldness and the power of the resurrection every day of our lives. Yes, it is easy to fall into the mundane routine of things and to forget all of the benefits of what the Lord has done for us. But, let's make a point to battle. Let's resolve to fight against the urge to fall into mundanity.

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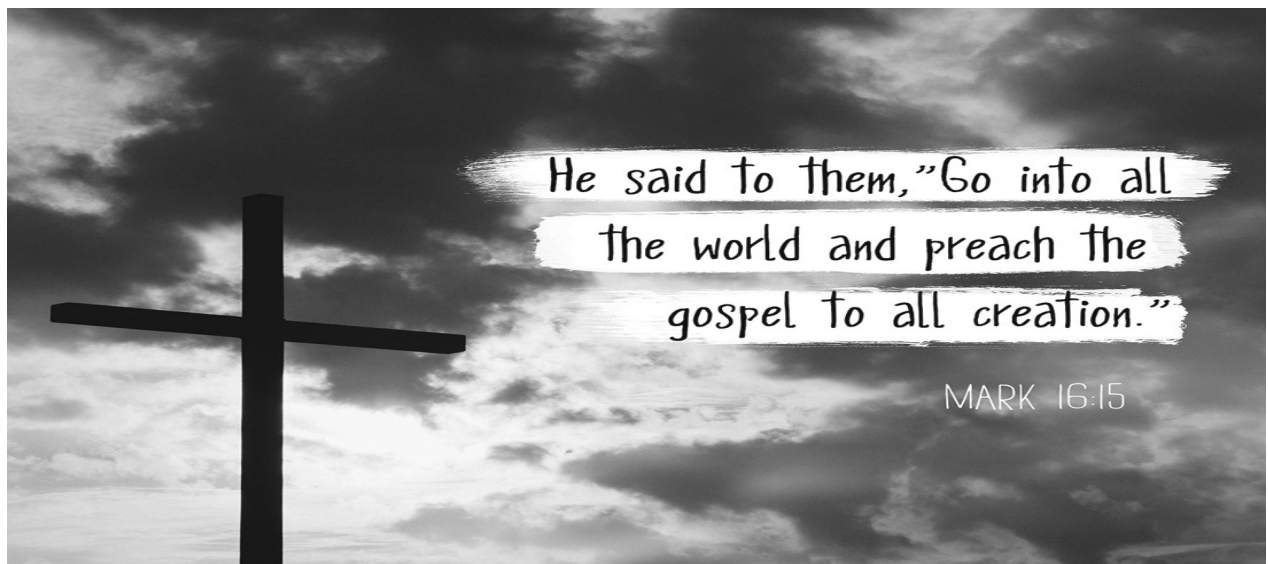
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We have so much for which to be thankful (almost sounds like a cliché, and yet it is true); we have spiritual comfort in this life; and we have great promises for the age to come. The very same Spirit who rose Jesus from the dead now dwells in us to give us life (Rom 8:11); to change us from the inside-out (Rom 8:13); to pour the love of God into our hearts (Rom 5:5); and to tell us that we are His children (Rom 8:16). Move forward in the Spirit! Christ was not in that tomb on the Third Day. He is risen. Likewise, we are no longer in the tomb. We are not in the pit of despair. We have been united with Him through baptism that just as He died and rose again, we, too, have been brought from death to life (Rom 6:5).

Now, let's obey the Resurrection mandate to, "Go and tell." Go to work, go to school, go to the store, go to the post office—wherever you go—go forth in the power of the Spirit of Life, and tell others... that they can experience the very same blessings." (Dr. Wesley C. McCarter)

God bless you!

Pastor Mike



PRAYER CONCERNS

Marie Hogan
Dave Johnson
Linley Brandenburg
Jennie Vacura
Becky Tomlinson
Sagan Schultz
Richard Polcyn
Margie Beagley

Mick Allen
Neal
Schmidtberger
Steven Walters
Sandi Cook
Jodi Radke
Gwenna Green
Family of Terry
Foster

Jeff Scarborough
Doc Reddig
Briana White
Becky Polcyn
Matt Davis
Shauna Foster
Dennis Baxter
R. J. Barnes
Charlotte Shaffer

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at 10 a.m.** at Fellowship Hall. If there is need for our committee to assist with a funeral or to provide a prayer blanket, please contact us at (785) 483-2440.



TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Out with the old and in with the new. Seems like we were doing that with winter merchandise just a little while ago. Time seems to pass very quickly. I guess that is what happens when everyone is busy.

Seems like baseball and track seasons are upon us. The store has many pairs of baseball shoes and track shoes in many different sizes. We also have lots of sizes of baseball pants in several colors for sale. So, if you know of anyone who needs shoes or pants, please send them in and let us fix them up for a fraction of the price it would cost at a sporting goods store.

Next week there will be a shift in what is in the store for sale. We will be putting a lot more spring and summer clothes out and there will be a whole new set of children's books for sale.

Spring and summer shoes and purses will also be out for purchase. The craft room has also been extra busy this past month. It seems like the crafters are very busy creating things and our store has been a good place to buy supplies.

Thank you to everyone who has worked for or donated to our cause. We continue to be able to help people in need and still pay our bills. If anyone has a few minutes to volunteer, please contact us at 785-483-4469. We would like to welcome you to our ranks.

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

Happy April! I am having a hard time believing we are in the last month for IGNITE before we break for Summer! It has been such a fun year! Recently, the children have been learning the Books of the Bible through songs, activities, and quizzes. We have a fun song for each, the New and Old Testament, that we sing each night before we start the lesson. This is a fun way to get those stuck in their head and this is how I learned as well, so it has been fun introducing it.

As the kids have been working so hard on learning the Books of the Bible, and enjoying it, we thought we would have a Books of the Bible BINGO night. This will be our family fun night that will be held on April 17th. Dinner starts at 5:15 and the event will go until around 7. We plan to have pizza, brownie sundaes, and prizes! Please join us! This is such a fun way for you to get involved with the kids!

Ignite for the children ends on April 17th but we have a couple more fun nights planned with the youth group (7th-12th) before they break for the Summer.

VBS will be coming up at the end of July so be on the lookout for more information in the coming months and maybe some sneak peaks at the material. VBS requires a very large amount of people, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this. It takes a lot of people to make this event happen each year, but I promise you won't regret helping! All the efforts and preparation are well worth it! Please let either Beth or I know if you'd like to help.



Children's Sunday worship will continue throughout the Summer. This is a fun way for the kids to experience church while the adults experience it upstairs and not be worried about their kiddos being disruptive. We love having the kids upstairs too but as a parent, I get it! Sometimes it's better for me and my kids if we can each have our own experience in church where I am not trying to constantly shush them and where they can be a little loud in a different room and learn too!

We prepared an easter egg hunt for the children after Easter Sunday service. It was a bit different this year. It was a glow hunt where the lights were shut off and we had the ultraviolet lights on to make everything in the room, including the eggs, glow. We provided lots of glow sticks and decorated the walls in bright poster boards with crosses on them which made the crosses illuminate. It was so fun, and the kids LOVED it! There were 23 kids who attended...Wow! Also, in case you missed it, there were 25 children who attended the Children's Worship time on Sunday... What a beautiful sight!

As summer nears and school wraps up for the year, please continue to keep the children in your prayers. Pray they remember what they are learning at church and to remember Jesus is always with them and will help get them through any circumstance they may face.

Thank you for always supporting our children's programs!

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator



Trinity is hosting a Summer Concert Series! Join us this summer for THREE incredible nights of worship as the Community Worship Nights Summer Series visits Russell, KS! Tickets for the ENTIRE summer are only \$20 - no extra fees!

Here's who's visiting:

5/4 - Alex Pappas, Cade Thompson, Cline

6/10 - Natalie Layne, Mackenzie Phillips, Luke Bower

7/13 - Eli Gable, Iveth Luna, Stephen Stanley

Check them out online! To purchase tickets // for more information please visit Trinity's website, FB page or call the office @ 785-483-2440

Online Giving is Available!

Set up an ACH Plan for your offering to Trinity UMC. It is a great way to continue to financially support the church and its ministries. Save a stamp and keep your personal check!!

Contact the church office rsltrin@ruraltel.net or 785-483-2440

(Thank you for your attendance and monetary support of Trinity United Methodist Church)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ignite Children's program</u>	<u>Recharge</u>
March 6	29 kids, 6 youth, 13 adult helpers	Canceled
March 13	Spring Break	Canceled
March 20	23 kids, 6 youth, 10 adult helpers	4
March 27	32 kids, 9 youth, 12 adult helpers	4

CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Children's Worship</u>
March 3	41	7 views	2 kids
March 10	32	3 views	2 kids
March 17	50	6 views	2 kids
March 24	32	7 views	Cantata
March 31	102	112 views	Easter Egg Hunt 23 kids

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

March 3	\$	1728
March 10	\$	2320
March 17	\$	1169
March 24	\$	2174
March 31	\$	3848

April Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards:

Cindy Ohlson & Joan Weimaster

Ushers

April 7: Duane Adams
 April 14: Duane Adams
 April 21: Duane Adams
 April 28: Duane Adams

Lector

April 7: Lyndel Adams
 April 14: Raeleen Reinhardt
 April 21: Jerrie Parsons
 April 28: Colleen Allen

Pianist

Curtis Sander
 Pat David
 Galen Schmidtberger

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

April 7: Dee Ann Matheson
 April 14: Marge Gilpin
 April 21: Colleen Allen
 April 28: Dee Ann Matheson

Greeters

April 7:
 April 14: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt
 April 21:
 April 28: Colleen & Mick Allen

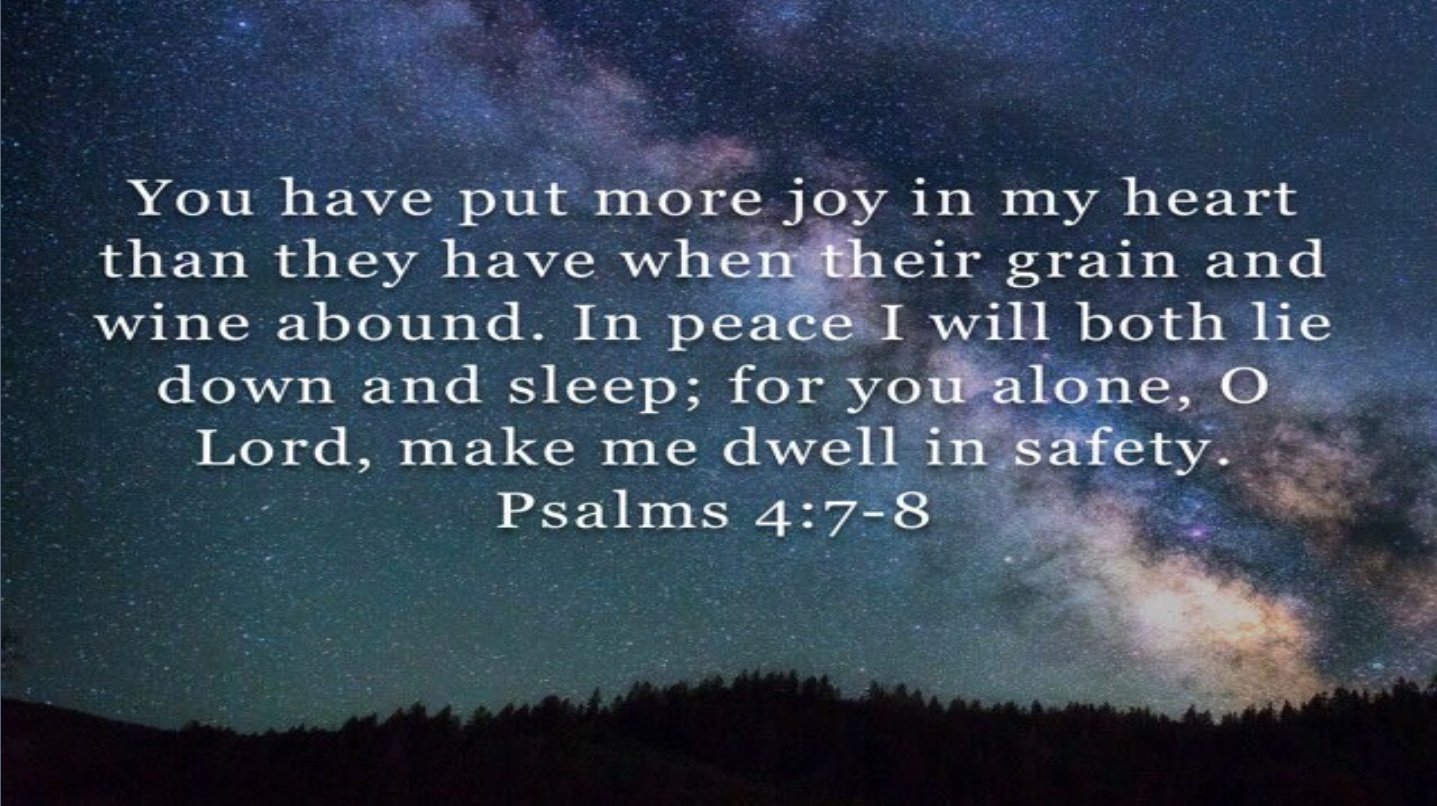
Sound System

April 7: Darren Walters; David Munday
 April 14: Darren Walters; David Munday
 April 21: Darren Walters; David Munday
 April 28: Darren Walters; David Munday

Children's Time

April 7: Lyndel Adams
 April 14: Raeleen Reinhardt
 April 21: Katie Scarborough
 April 28: Katie Scarborough

Thank you for the many ways you are serving the Lord.



You have put more joy in my heart
 than they have when their grain and
 wine abound. In peace I will both lie
 down and sleep; for you alone, O
 Lord, make me dwell in safety.
 Psalms 4:7-8

If you can't join us in person, please join us online at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.. Services are streamed online each Sunday. There is an updated link posted on our **FB page** each week: <https://www.facebook.com/Russell-Trinity-UMC-200278325077>, or our webpage: <https://russelltrinityumc.org/>

Listen 1st and 3rd Sundays to the radio on 98.1 FM or 990 AM.

Weekly posts in Facebook ReCharge@trinity



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440</p>	1 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	2	3 Ignite 5:15pm Recharge 6:00 pm	4 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	5 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	6 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
7 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Confirmation Class Service on the radio	8 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	9 10:00am Trinity Ladies	10 Ignite 5:15pm Recharge 6:00 pm	11 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	13 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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21 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.—Worship Service on the radio 10:45am Confirmation Class 10:45am Leadership Council	22 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	23	24 Recharge 6:00 pm	25 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	26 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	27 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
28 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Confirmation Class	29 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	30				

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1. Meridy Barnes, Ashley Pruitt,
Raeleen Reinhardt, Steve Parker 🕯
Donny & Audrey Varner 🕯
- 2. Robert Emmons, Layne Stoughton 🕯
- 3. Anita Swords 🕯
- 7. Rick Gates 🕯
- 11. Carla Hill 🕯
- 13. Jasmine Pasek, Debbie St. Pierre 🕯
- 14. Dee Ann Matheson 🕯
- 15. Stephanie Cross 🕯

- 17. Aislee Martin 🕯
- 19. Monty Karst 🕯
- 21. Scott McCobb, Kinley Stoughton 🕯
- 24. Lyndel Adams, Steven Swords, Landry Hoffman 🕯
- 26. Sydney Falcon, Journey Windscheffel 🕯

If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.

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Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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Galen Schmidtberger

Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Worship Hours

Sundays
8:30 Sunday School
9:30 Church Service

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sages and devotionals from the team along with other content to
keep you Recharged. **IN PERSON 6:00 PM**

Visitors are WELCOME at Trinity anytime.

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perience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our web-
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Sundays, and **Facebook** : [Russell Trinity UMC](https://www.facebook.com/RussellTrinityUMC)

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