

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

I have some goals for 2023 and as the New Year approached found myself swimming in rapid waters with little time for thoughtful discernment and contemplation. Presently my goals are undefined and lack the substantive structure necessary for successful implementation. That's OK - for now. In a few weeks I'll have a bit of time off and will be able to spend more time with the Lord to discern where He'd like to lead this year. I've given myself permission to ease into 2023!

The goals I'll be setting will help guide me, the Lord will hopefully use them as one of His means to bring greater vitality, maturity, and joy to my life. But there was something else that God has been saying to me, calling me to. I want to share with you a post from a friend on Facebook:

“As 2022 was ending, I found myself confronted with a significant life decision. As I pondered which direction to take, fear suddenly began to creep in, and the thought of making the wrong decision and what the consequences would look like left me anxious and internally destabilized. Even when I tried to pray about it, the voice of fear and uncertainty sounded louder and blurred my ability to hear clearly. It was in the middle of the chaos of my soul that God spoke to me from His word in Psalm 23:1-4.

I have a Shepherd who is committed to guiding me even when the path is dark, so I do not have to worry about a wrong decision. Instead, I have to check my motive in every decision making process. If honoring God and loving others is my motivation, I will not miss it.

If you are in the middle of a decision-making process, what matters most is having the right motive because your Shepherd will always guide you. If the response to your "Why" is God-honoring and blessing people, don't hesitate to step out and do what you sense. You will not miss it. The Shepherd's staff will pull you back on track even if you miss it.

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Secondly, when the voices of fear and your flesh seem louder, turn to the scriptures, and you will hear God's voice. It is the sure word of prophecy."

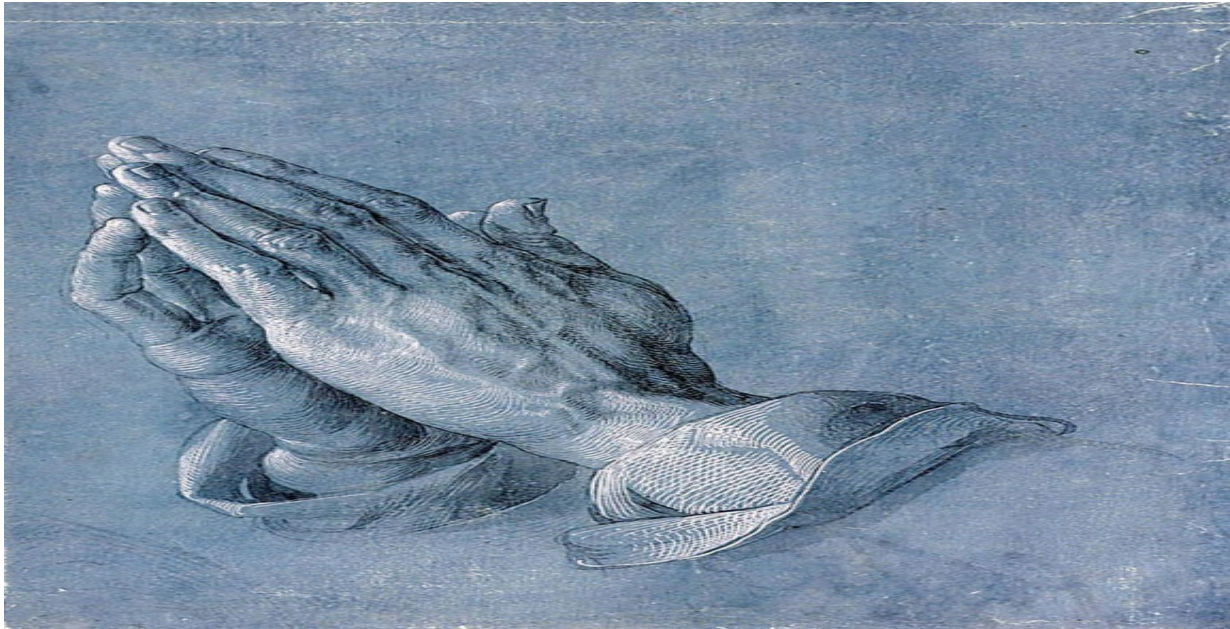
Prayerfully and thoughtfully developed and implemented goals have the power to be truly life altering. Having a foundational center to operate from is even more important. Living the truth in Psalm 23 – amazing.

This year, perhaps the best that we may do is live out this single intent: ‘THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD’.

Relax as you begin a New Year, remember who you’re following.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Mike



PRAYER CONCERNS

Kristen Windscheffel		
Becky Polcyn	Pam Smith	Dustin Poche'
Ray Olson	Neal Schmidtberger	Jodi Radke
Kelly Kerr	Brett Toll	Marie Hogan
Jeff Scarborough	Family of Cory Apple-	Dave Johnson
Becky Tomlinson	bee	Kelly Jeroue
Bob Scarborough	Steven Walters	Kathy Wallert
Doc Reddig	Sandi Cook	DJ Kuhn
	Briana White	

UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men's Breakfast has been suspended until further notice.

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023, at 10 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our church is participating in Meals on Wheels this month. Check your schedule. All are welcome to attend. Also, remember to bring a devotional selection and prayer requests. We are here to support each other, the church and the community. Contact the church office for more information: 785-483-2440.

TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Happy New Year to all who are reading this. We at the Thrift Store ended the year on a great note. Almost all the Christmas inventory we had was sold. We had a few things and some clothes left but, for the most part, it was a sellout. We sold over 100 boxes of merchandise, plus, several tubs of lights, garland, and ornaments. The season was quite profitable for us.

We, as a group of volunteers, decided to close the store for the week before Christmas and the week before New Year's Day. Everyone needed a break from the busy schedule we had been keeping.

Volunteer Kathleen Randolph designed and put together two gift baskets, two scarf and hat sets and a beautiful wreath for us to give away during the month of December. The customers seemed to enjoy the idea of winning something and signed up regularly.

The drop-off room will be re-opened on January 2, and we will then be off and running again. There are plans for several sales to start the new year. And before long the Valentine's Day merchandise will be out for sale. Stay tuned for an update next month on how much money was given away this year. We are hoping to top last year's total. If anyone would like to work a couple of times a month, please contact Lyndel at 785-483-4469.

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas season celebrating with friends and family.

Now on to welcoming 2023! I know the new year hasn't started off great for many of you, so we lift you up in prayer.

Wednesday, January 11th, is when IGNITE! kicks back up again for the new semester and we are excited to see the kids again!

As we start back up in 2023, if you could consider volunteering your time on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 or even 6-7 to help teach in the classrooms, we would greatly appreciate it! Trinity UMC is THE place to be on Wednesdays and that is AWESOME but because of this, we are bursting at the seams in our classrooms, and we need volunteers to be able to split them up a bit. You would not be given a lead teacher role; we just need additional adults to be in the classrooms to assist. When 20+ children are in a classroom, it becomes VERY difficult to teach them without distractions and we want these children to learn about Jesus when they come, so we need to be able to minimize distractions. So, PLEASE let me know if this is something you would be able to help us with.

It's that time of year where the youth group begins to get busy!

We will be doing our Super Bowl snack tray fundraiser again this year so be on the lookout for that announcement to get your orders in! They will be ready for pickup on Sunday, February 12th.

The next event for the youth group, scheduled for February 17th, is Winter Jam in Wichita, Kansas. This is a fun, loud, and energetic Christian rock concert with many popular artists that the kids really enjoyed attending last year. We are excited to be taking them back again this year!

Please keep our program, the volunteers, and the children in your prayers as we venture into this new year. As always, we appreciate your support! It's your support that helps makes our program a success.

Happy New Year!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator



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

CHURCH RECORDS WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ignite Children’s Program</u>	<u>Recharge</u>
Dec. 7	448 kids, 7 youth, 14 adult helpers	72 total recharge/Ignite Christmas
Dec 14	NO Ignite	8
Dec 21	NO Ignite	NO Recharge
Dec. 28	NO Ignite	10

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

<u>CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:</u>			<u>FINANCE UPDATE</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Children’s Worship</u>	<u>Sunday Offerings to General Account:</u>	
Dec. 4	52	Views 8	3 kids	Dec. 4	\$ 1395
Dec. 11	62	views 13	4 kids	Dec. 11	\$ 1859
Dec. 18	51	views 12	NO Children’s Worship	Dec. 18	\$ 989
Dec. 25	41	Views 4	NO Children’s Worship	Dec. 25	\$ 15818

January Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards:

Cindy Ohlson & Joan Weimaster

Ushers

Jan. 1: Duane Adams
Jan. 8: Duane Adams
Jan. 15: Duane Adams
Jan. 22: Duane Adams
Jan. 29: Duane Adams

Lector

Jan. 1: Lyndel Adams
Jan. 8: Raeleen Reinhardt
Jan. 15: Kaylee Karst
Jan. 22: Ken Jeroue
Jan. 29: Jerrie Parsons

Pianist & Organist

Curtis Sander
Pat David
Galen Schmidtberger

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Jan. 1: Dee Ann Matheson
Jan. 8: Margie Gilpin
Jan. 15: Colleen Allen
Jan. 22: Dee Ann Matheson
Jan. 29: Dee Ann Matheson

Greeters:

Jan. 1:
Jan. 8: Jim & Jolene Ridgley
Jan. 15: Windscheffel Family
Jan. 22:
Jan. 29:

Sound System

Jan. 1: Darren Walter; David Munday
Jan. 8: Darren Walter; David Munday
Jan. 15: Darren Walter; David Munday
Jan. 22: Darren Walter; David Munday
Jan. 29: Darren Walter; David Munday

Children's Time

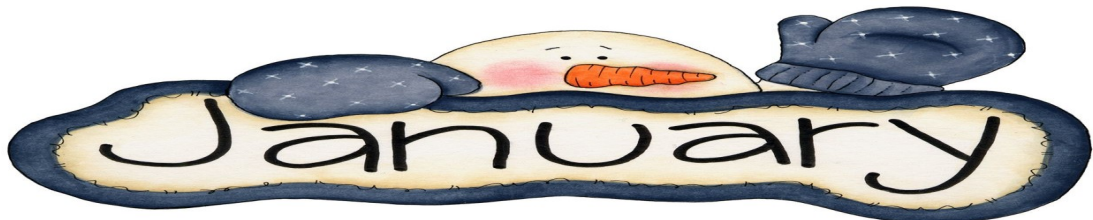
Jan. 1: Lyndel Adams
Jan. 8: Raeleen Reinhardt
Jan. 15: Katie Scarborough
Jan. 22: Katie Scarborough
Jan. 29: Colleen Allen

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

Thou shalt
LOVE THE LORD
thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.
Mark 12:30 KJV

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
1 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio	2 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	3	4 Recharge 6:00 pm	5 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am New Testament Bible Study	6 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	7 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
8 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship & Baptism and reception of new members	9 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	10 10:00 am Trinity Ladies	11 Ignite Resumes 5:15 Recharge 6:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am NT Bible Study	13 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	14 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
15 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Leadership Council Service on the radio	16 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	17	18 Ignite 5:15 Recharge 6:00 pm	19 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am NT Bible Study	20 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	21 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Nancy Holland 🕯️
Jake & Kristen Windscheffel 🕯️

3. Kathy Rickman 🕯️

5. Jaylynn Walton 🕯️

5. Conway Penka 🕯️

6. Michael Raymer 🕯️

7. Michelle Van Der Wege 🕯️

8. Roy Krueger, Kyla Driscoll, Duane Adams 🕯️

9. Megan Ashlaw, Scott Schwien 🕯️

14. Caleigh Befort 🕯️

15. Regan Beagley 🕯️

16. Peyton Collins, Martin Myers 🕯️
18. Jerilyn Couch 🕯️

19. Todd McKown 🕯️

20. Shirley Most, Heather Pulis, Shane Swords 🕯️

21. Ashley Pulis 🕯️

22. David Munday 🕯️

24. Karrie Van Winkle 🕯️

26. Stacey Keller, Margaret Beagley 🕯️

29. Caleb Bachman 🕯️

31. Becky Neil, Jennifer James, David Schoech 🕯️

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

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Monday – Friday

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Beth Foster

Facility Administrator:

Jodi Radke

Organist & Pianist:

Galen Schmidtberger

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Music Minister:

Galen Schmidtberger

Choir Accompanist:

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Worship Hours

Sundays

8:30 Sunday School

9:30 Church Service

Recharge
@trinity



ReCharge @trinity Join us on Facebook There are messages and devotionals from the team along with other content to keep you Recharged. **IN PERSON 6:00 PM**

Visitors are WELCOME at Trinity anytime.

We appreciate you being a part of the Trinity experience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our website at www.russelltrinityumc.org for Live Stream on Sundays, and **Facebook** : [Russell Trinity UMC](https://www.facebook.com/RussellTrinityUMC)

Join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays radio—
KRSL 990 AM and 98.1 FM

