

# The Trinity Lamplighter



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## Pastor's Corner

Think about what happens around the average meal table, whether it is in your kitchen or dining room at home, a restaurant down the street or a picnic blanket spread on fresh cut grass, it always involves more than simply obtaining nourishment for one's body.

Stories are recounted, debates occur, if the stories are sad – tears are shed, laughs are often shared, forgiveness given, relationships restored, joking and poking fun at one another all while enjoying a meal.

The gospels give account of many instances of Jesus sharing meals with various persons. He did so because He wanted to know people, and desired that people would know Him. For the next few weeks we will continue in our sermon series: "Breaking Bread With Jesus." Examining some of these meals. They always seem to have a twist: who is Jesus eating with - tax collectors and sinners? – a prostitute?, how many are invited - 4,000?, eating with His enemies, making the meal about more than the food, and many others.

I think we will learn much about Jesus, ourselves, and others. Hopefully each week will leave us with something to consider, perhaps leave us knowing God, others and ourselves better.

That is wonderful, but I do pray it goes beyond that.

Many believe that there has been a great decline in feasting in American culture – and saying we are worse off for it!

In his book *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putman reveals that "there's been a 33 percent decrease in families eating together over the last three decades. And more than half of those families are watching television as they eat together. Over the same period there's been a 45 percent decline in entertaining friends. Growing up I would ask each Sunday, 'Who's coming for dinner today?' Not whether but who, because I knew my parents always would have invited someone." "In the typical American household, the average number of dinners eaten together is three per week, with the average length of dinner being 20 minutes. Many homes no longer even have a dining room."

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People just don't have anyone over anymore --- we've lost the creation of intimacy around a meal.

So much could be gained if we just spent some time eating together.

God understood the importance of gathering around a table – families worshipping, families enjoying each other's company... Sabbath began at 6pm on Friday and went through Saturday at 6pm. It began with a meal that recounted the goodness of God to His people.

I'd like to challenge you as we go through this series. This is not a series on hospitality – we'll discuss that this fall. However, would you be willing to restore the meal table as a place of gathering for connection, relationship and blessing? Would you increase your family meal occurrences and be intentional at creating intimacy? Would you begin the habit of blessing others by inviting them into your home to share a meal? There is something so special about this act of sharing a meal it was one of the ways Jesus depicted his willingness to connect with us.

'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.'

Please share your simple food and meal table with others.

God bless you!

Pastor Mike

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

**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](mailto:rsltrin@ruraltel.net) or 785-483-2440

**CHURCH RECORDS WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ignite Children's Program</u>	<u>Recharge</u>
Apr 6:	35 kids, 10 youth, 17 adult helpers	16
Apr 13:	41 kids, 12 youth, and 24 adult helpers	16
Apr 20:	No Ignite	11
Apr 27:	No Ignite	14

**CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Recharge FB</u>
Apr 3:	53	views 11	views 53
Apr 10:	60	views 20	views 71
Apr 17:	91	views 6	views 85
Apr 24:	47	Views 1	Views 63

**FINANCE UPDATE**

**Sunday Offerings to General Account:**

Apr 3:	\$ 2075
Apr 10:	\$ 1596
Apr 17:	\$ 1814
Apr 24:	\$ 3617

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Will meet **May 7, 2022, at 8 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall .. This will be our last meeting until the Fall. Hope to see you all there! We have folks who can't come to our meetings but are able to help in our missions in other ways..... for which we are truly grateful. Perhaps an evening or week-end circle would fit your schedule. Contact the church office for more information: 785-483-2440

## *TRINITY LADIES*

**The Trinity Ladies** will meet **May 10, 2022, at 10 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Members and guests are encouraged to bring a devotion selection and prayer requests. Any one may join us; we are here to support each other, the church and the community. Contact the church office for more information : 784-483-2440.

## TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

- T Tidy and neat
- H Happy volunteers work within the walls
- R Ready to help all customers
- I Interested in helping the community
- F Friday hours are from 1:00 to 5:00
- T Thursday hours are from 9:00 to 5:00
- S Saturday hours are from 10:00 to 2:00
- T There are special sales each week
- O Outstanding amount of donations
- R Remarkable people volunteering to make lives better
- E Everyone does their jobs well

Come visit us for all your apparel, kitchen, and general merchandise needs. If you can find some hours to volunteer, please contact Lyndel. Please say a prayer for the continued success of the store. God is good!

# Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

April went so fast, and May is already here! I'm hearing from the children and youth all over town (including my own three boys) how excited they are that school is over in just three short weeks. Bring on Summer!

April was filled with so many fun things. Our youth lock in was April 1<sup>st</sup> and we had so much fun! We had 13 youth attend the event, along with our 4 amazing youth leaders and a few volunteers throughout the event. What a wonderful time it was to spend time with the youth and just love on them, and to connect with them.

April 13<sup>th</sup> was our last IGNITE and the kids had so much FUN! The evening consisted of pizza, a drawing for a grand prize, a scooter for the girls, and a large nerf gun set for the boys, games, trivia recapping what we learned over the two semesters, and laughter. They were able to spend their points that they earned throughout the semester by being present, bringing their Bibles, bringing a new friend, and learning their memory verses. We hope this was an event they all went home to tell their parents about! We want the parents to truly understand that not only are these kids coming to church to learn about Jesus, but that we are loving on them by building relationships with them and engaging with them through fun activities.

Acolyte training went great, and we now have 10 acolytes ready to serve!

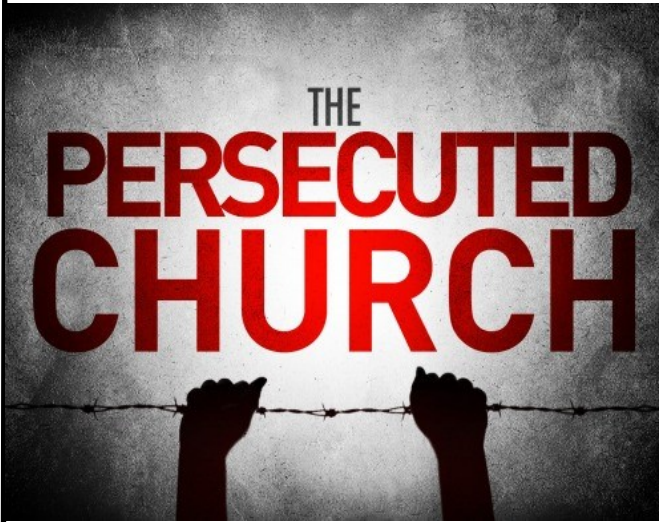
Children's Sunday School has started back up again. We are starting with a 10-lesson series on The Lord's Prayer. ***Our Sunday School program is needing volunteers! Everything will be ready for you when you walk in the classroom, all you must do is show up and go through the lesson and love on the kiddos. Easy peasy!*** If you would like to volunteer to help teach on Sundays from 8:30-9:30 please reach out to either Kristen Windscheffel or myself. We would love it if you could teach just one Sunday morning per month.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm is our "Date Night" fundraiser. This will be a comedian shown on screen and the youth will be making and serving a 3-course dinner consisting of a salad, spaghetti, and brownie sundaes. We hope you can all join us and support our youth! If you don't have a significant other, feel free to bring a person who is special to you. We want to provide the opportunity for the youth to attend camp this summer and to do this, along with other fun activities planned for the summer, we are going to need some additional funds. So, come enjoy a nice evening out while supporting a great cause!

Please continue to join us in prayer over the children and youth. Many of our youth are really struggling. We are so thankful they are continuing to join us on Wednesdays because they need to be in the presence of adults who care about them and to teach them about Jesus. Our youth leaders are doing a fantastic job with our youth and they could also use prayers for guidance on how to guide these struggling youth and for continued patience as what they have been tasked with is NOT easy.

Thank you for supporting our children's programs!

Katie Scarborough  
Children and Youth Education Coordinator



Around the world, many believers are persecuted -- imprisoned, even killed -- for their faith. Since Jesus laid down His life, 43 million Christians have become martyrs.

**Right now 200 million people face persecution for believing in Jesus** and 60% of those people are children, according to Christians in Crisis International Ministry, a prayer advocacy ministry for persecuted believers.

Sara (not her real name) knows first hand what it is like to be persecuted. The week before Sara and her husband planned to open a Bible School, 4 men attacked their family with metal hatchets. Because of the attacks, Sara had 3 skull fractures, a punctured eardrum, internal bleeding and

needed stitches badly.

"Before the attacks, I considered myself sensitive to the persecuted church," Sara said. "But then I woke up one night and I was one." The experience strengthened Sara's resolve to support those suffering for their faith.

### **Nigeria 2022. Church Security Guard Killed During Kidnapping:**

On Tuesday, March 8, armed assailants abducted Rev. Joseph Akeke from his home in southern Kaduna state. During the abduction, the assailants shot and killed Luka, the church security guard. The assailants then abducted three others, a woman and two children, and killed another man as they fled the predominantly Christian village. "Pray for God's intervention and for [the pastor's] safe release," said an area resident. Pray that the kidnapped Christians will be returned safely to their homes and families. Pray that the other Christians in this village will remain firm in their faith and bear witness to the love of Christ amid ongoing attacks.

### **How to Pray from the Bible**

Because the New Testament was written to persecuted believers, it is filled with examples of how to pray for our brothers and sisters under attack.

#### Here are 5 examples from Ephesians:

Please pray persecuted believers would know the hope God gives (Ephesians 1:18).

Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them (Ephesians 3:16).

Please pray persecuted believers would know how much God loves them (Ephesians 3:17)

Pray they would know how to share the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).

Please pray persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Ephesians 6:20).

**Sources:** The Voice of the Martyrs and Campus Crusade (now known as Cru in the U.S.)

**Submitted by:** Denise K.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Briana White**  
**Terry McGuire**  
**Becky Polcyn**  
**Kim Bender**  
**Ray Olson**  
**Kelly Kerr**  
**Jamie Shank**  
**Kelly Jeroue**

**Steven Walters**  
**Larry Bernard**  
**Kristen Windscheffel**  
**Pam Smith**  
**Neal Schmidtberger**  
**Richard Newton**

**Dustin Poche'**  
**Jodi Radke**  
**Richard Newton**  
**Natalie Beagley**  
**Marie Hogan**  
**Dave Johnson**  
**Stephanie Brown**

## May Worship Assistants

### Communion Stewards:

Barb Jeroue & Cindy Ohlson

### Ushers

May 1: Duane Adams  
 May 8: Robert Klee  
 May 15: Jim Ridgley  
 May 22: Duane Adams  
 May 29: Duane Adams

### Lector

May 1: Lyndel Adams  
 May 8: Carol Drogemeier  
 May 15: Kaylee Karst  
 May 22: Ken Jeroue  
 May 29: Jerrie Parsons

### Pianist & Organist

Galen Schmidtberger  
 Curtis Sander  
 Pat David

### Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

May 1: Dee Ann Matheson  
 May 8: Marge Gilpin  
 May 15: Colleen Allen  
 May 22: Kathy Hickert  
 May 29: Dee Ann Matheson

### Greeters:

May 1: Steve & Raeleen Reinhardt  
 May 8: Mick & Colleen Allen  
 May 15: Jake & Kristen Windscheffel  
 May 22: Shelly Swayne  
 May 29: Barb Jeroue

### Sound System

May 1: David Munday; Darren Walters  
 May 8: David Munday; Darren Walters  
 May 15: David Munday; Darren Walters  
 May 22: David Munday; Darren Walters  
 May 29: David Munday; Darren Walters

### Children's Time

May 1: Lyndel Adams  
 May 8: Raeleen Reinhardt  
 May 15: Shelly Swayne  
 May 22: Katie Scarborough  
 May 29: Colleen Allen

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



May the  
 God  
 of hope  
 fill you with all  
 joy and peace  
 as you trust in him!  
 Romans 15:13

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 & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>Service on the radio</b>	2 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	3	4 Youth Group 5:30 pm  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 <b>Date Night Dinner Fundraiser 6:00pm</b> <b>Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity</b>	7 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm  <b>United Methodist Men Breakfast 8:00am</b>
8 Holy Communion 8:30a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Celebration Worship	9 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	10 <b>Trinity Ladies 10:00am</b>	11 Youth Group 5:30 pm  Recharge 6:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  8:00 am New Testament Bible Study	13 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00  <b>Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity</b>	14 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
15 8:30a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>Leadership Council</b> <b>Service on the radio</b>	16 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	17	18 Youth Group 5:30 pm  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  <b>Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity</b>	21 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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**May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Martin & Jerrie Parsons 🕊                       | 20. Clair Fisher 🕊                                                                                  |
| 3. Kurt & Jennifer Brooke 🕊                        | 22. Rusty Allen, June Homewood, Connie Krug, Stephanie King 🕊                                       |
| 4. Steve Reinhardt, Neal Trober, Helen Zimmerman 🕊 | 25. Shane Poche', Jodi Radke 🕊                                                                      |
| 5. Alexander Krug 🕊                                | 26. Joan Weimaster 🕊                                                                                |
| 7. Za'Kiyah Arbogast 🕊                             | 27. Kevin Karst 🕊                                                                                   |
| 10. Darian Patten, Mava Camp 🕊                     | 28. Ava Preston 🕊                                                                                   |
| 11. Treiton Ryan, Bart Mravinec 🕊                  | 29. Jerry Rohr 🕊                                                                                    |
| 12. Taylor Plante, Justus Schremmer 🕊              | Dale & Joan Weimaster, Ward & Crystal Craig 🕊                                                       |
| 14. Mike & Mary Jo Schoech 🕊                       | If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email. |
| 18. Joann Fuoss 🕊                                  | 30. Chelsey Swords 🕊                                                                                |
| 19. Hannah King 🕊                                  | 31. Trevor White 🕊                                                                                  |

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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*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**

Visitors are WELCOME at Trinity anytime.

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