

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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Dear Friends,

October is a rich and meaningful month in the life of the Church. As the beauty of autumn surrounds us, we are reminded of God's creativity and faithfulness displayed throughout creation.

This month, the Church observes several important Sundays. On October 4, we celebrate World Communion Sunday, a time when Christians around the globe gather at the Lord's Table. It reminds us that we are part of one worldwide family of faith, united through Jesus Christ despite our differences in language, culture, and nationality.

On October 18, we celebrate Laity Sunday, giving thanks for the countless ways lay members serve Christ through their prayers, leadership, generosity, and witness. The ministry of the Church belongs to all believers, not only clergy, and we are grateful for every person who faithfully serves.

On October 25, we observe Reformation Sunday. This day remembers the Protestant Reformation and celebrates the continuing call of the Church to remain faithful to God's Word and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As my parental leave continues through this month, I remain thankful for your support and prayers. Though I am away, I trust that God is continuing His work among you through worship, fellowship, and service.

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May this month deepen our appreciation for the unity of the Church, the gifts of God's people, and the grace that continually reforms and renews us.

Ephesians 4:4 says: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jean-Marc



PRAYER CONCERNS

Jodi Radke
Steven Walters
David Munday
Linda Applebee
Bonnie Fisher

Aimee Gfeller
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Jami Shank
Ken Jeroue

Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
John Hill
Tom Keys

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 2026, 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

Things have been very busy at the store. There have been several volunteers gone off and on during August and September, so everyone has had to step up and do double duty. As we enter the Fall season there are several more volunteers who have plans for the month. Looks like we will have to continue to do some double duties.

The Halloween decorations and clothes were just put out for sale last week and are selling fast. Next week will see the costumes out for sale. We have lots so come on in and get a costume. There has also been some changes to the sell floor. All the fall clothing is now out. Several of the volunteers spent an hour on Saturday afternoon and cleared all the summer stuff out and next week we will spend lots of time putting the fall and winter things out. Even though the weather is warm all seem to be ready to buy fall merchandise.

-Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

Our IGNITE kids and youth program has resumed, and we are thrilled to welcome all the children and teens back into the classrooms! **1st & 3rd Sundays (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.):** Youth group meets at the church (5th grade and up). **2nd & 4th Sundays (10:45 – 11:30 a.m.):** Kids' lessons held right after the service (Preschool through 4th grade). A small snack will be provided.

Are you looking for a simple, small way to get involved with our kids? During each worship service, we share a short, 3 to 5-minute children's message with the kids in attendance. We would love to welcome a few new volunteers to lead a lesson every now and then! It is a wonderful way for the kids to get to know some new, friendly faces in our community. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out occasionally!



It's time for our annual indoor Halloween and Fall Festival event, and we need your help to make it a success! This event is a blast for kids and adults alike and brings in over 150 community members. It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our neighbors, share our friendly faces, and send families home with information about our church and programs. To pull this off, we are looking for volunteers and donations in a few key areas:

- **Food Station:** A few people to help serve hot dogs, chips, and apple cider.
- **Table Games:** Volunteers to manage small table games and hand out candy.
- **Carnival Games:** Youth volunteers to run the more active, high-energy carnival games.
- **Donations:** We are collecting candy, fruit snacks, and small treats.

Our congregation is always so incredibly supportive, and we couldn't do this without you. Please reach out to Beth or me if you can pitch in or donate. Thank you so much!

We want to continue our tradition of packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, so please donate items if you can. We will hold a congregation-wide packing morning after church in November.

(Toys) - Harmonica, cars, Rubik's cubes, flashlights, whistles, balls, deck of cards, puzzles, blocks, etc.

(Tools and handy items) - Fishing kits, screwdrivers, hammers, flashlights, etc.

(Accessories) - Hair ties, hair clips, Sewing Kits, First Aid Kits, bracelets, girls' accessories (nail clips, files), string backpacks, etc.

(School Supplies) - Pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, markers, pencil sharpeners, etc.

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator

Share the Holidays with Your Neighbors

The Russell County Food Pantry will be preparing Thanksgiving Food Boxes for families who would otherwise not be able to afford these special meals. The Food Pantry Board estimates the average cost of each basket at \$40 and all the basics for ham dinner will be provided. For \$40, an entire family can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, but any donation amount is appreciated.

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of a basket, please make your check out to the Russell County Food Pantry and mail it to 15 N. Front Street, Russell, KS 67665.

Those who need help with the holiday meals may pickup the forms from any church in Russell County, the Russell County Health Department, or the Department for Children and Families.



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)

CHURCH RECORDS		WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	FINANCE UPDATE	Sunday Offerings:
Date		9:30 am		
Sept. 6		19	Sept. 6	\$ 921
Sept. 13		24	Sept. 13	\$ 10852
Sept. 20		19	Sept. 20	\$ 955
Sept. 27		25	Sept. 27	\$ 1063

October Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Joan Weimaster & Kyla Driscoll

Ushers

Oct. 4: Duane Adams

Oct. 11: Duane Adams

Oct. 18: Lea Reddig

Oct. 25: Duane Adams

Lector

Oct. 4: Lyndel Adams

Oct. 11: Raeleen Reinhardt

Oct. 18: Jerrie Parsons

Oct. 25: Raeleen Reinhardt

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Oct. 4: Dee Ann Matheson

Oct. 11: Margie Gilpin

Oct. 18: Dee Ann Matheson

Oct. 25: Dee Ann Matheson

Greeters

Oct. 4: Beth Foster

Oct. 11: Kaylee Karst

Oct. 18: Hoffman Family

Oct. 25: Steve & Raeleen Reinhardt

Acolytes

TBD

Pianist

Curtis Sander

Galen Schmidtberger

Pat David

Snacks

TBD

Children's Time

Oct. 4: Lyndel Adams

Oct. 11: Raeleen Reinhardt

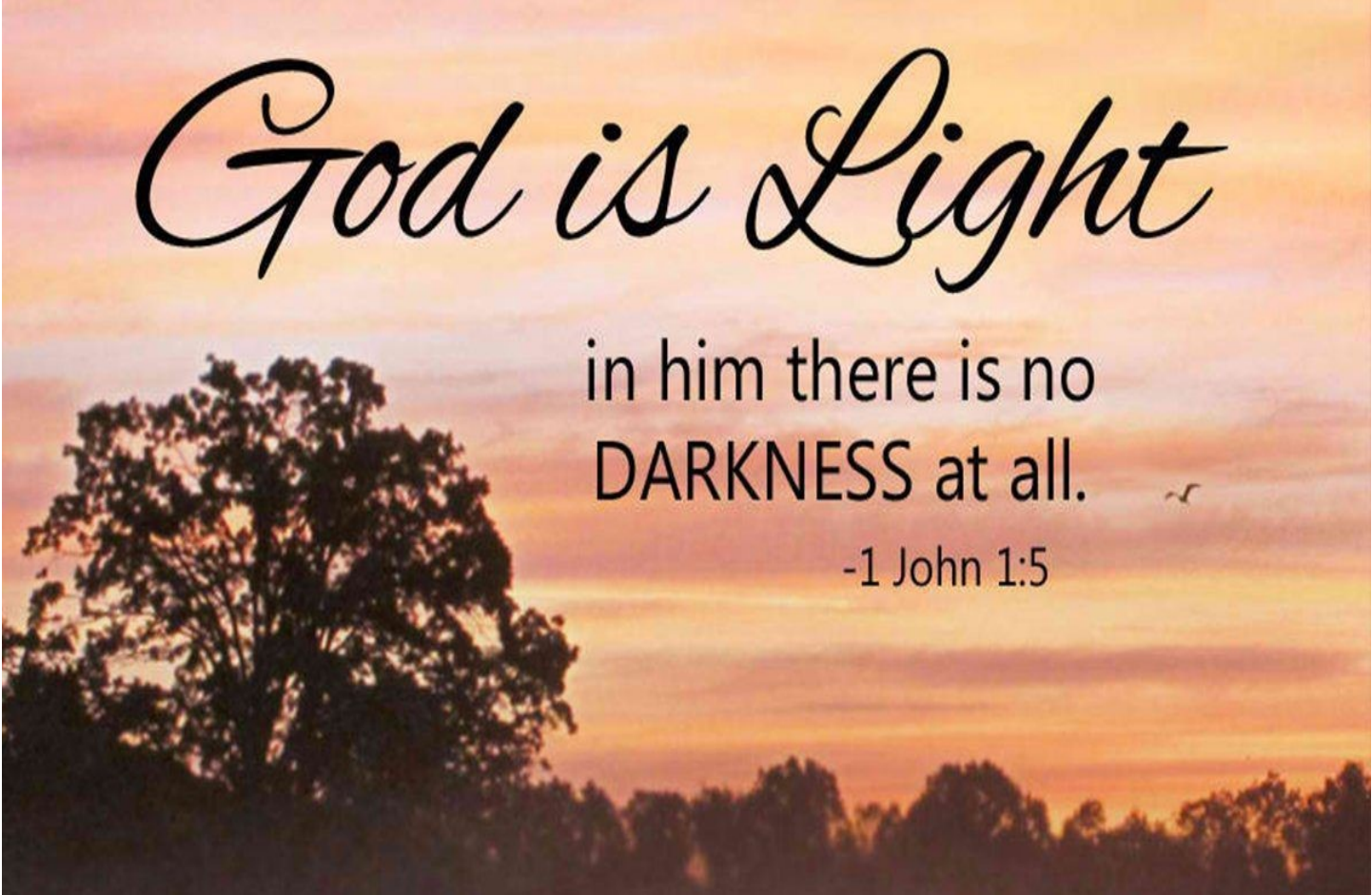
Oct. 18: Katie Scarborough

Oct. 25: Katie Scarborough

Sound System

David Munday

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



God is Light

in him there is no
DARKNESS at all.

-1 John 1:5

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: <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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.		** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440		1 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	2 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	3 Thrift Store 10:00 am-2:00 pm
4 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Richard Fitzgerald Service on the radio 5 p.m. Ignite Youth	5	6	7 8pm AA Meeting	8 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	10 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
11 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Marsha LaRosh 10:45 a.m. Ignite Kids	12	13 10am Trinity Ladies	14 8pm AA Meeting	15 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	16 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	17 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
18 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Andy Van Der Wege Service on the radio 5 p.m. Ignite Youth 7pm Charge Conference @ Hays First UMC	19	20	21 8pm AA Meeting	22 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	23 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	24 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Randilyn Karst 🕯️

6. Robert Klee II, Judy Saul 🕯️

9. James Foster, Katie Scarborough 🕯️

10. Austin Heaton-Trober, Tammy Porter 🕯️

11. Joel Applebee, Jeff Hogan 🕯️

12. Brian Hill, Revel Driscoll 🕯️

Thomas & Karly Standley 🔔

13. Carlyne Martin, Kristy Kinderknecht 🕯️

14. Jay Bachar 🕯️

16. Cody Dollison 🕯️

17. Adrienne Schremmer, Falonne Mutwale 🕯️
18. Andrea Nealy, Chandler Poche' 🕯️

20. Elsie Rein 🕯️

21. Nash Karst 🕯️

23. Jennifer Brooke, Terry Ohlson 🕯️

24. Luke Walters, Cindy Ohlson, Ayden McCobb 🕯️

25. Tad Reddig 🕯️

28. Michael Berry, Madison Owens, Jake Windscheffel 🕯️

29. Chase Penka, Tad Krug, 🕯️

30. Jill Stoughton, Karly Standley, Galen Schmidtberger 🕯️

John & Becky Anschutz 🔔

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Custodian:
Jamie Sander

Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

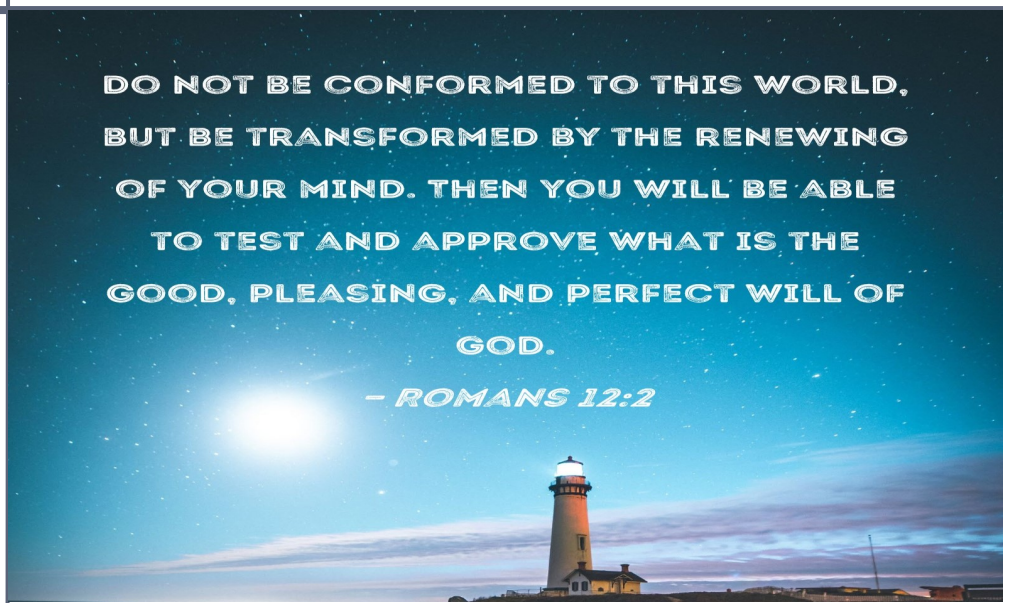
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Worship Hours

Sundays
8:30 Sunday School
9:30 Church Service

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD,
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING
OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT IS THE
GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL OF
GOD.

– ROMANS 12:2



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

