



# Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter August 2024

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## **STEWARDSHIP BEGINS IN THE HEART FROM PASTOR EMMANUEL DASS**

The principles of good stewardship began in the Garden of Eden. There, God created the earth and everything in it, calling it all "very good." The world itself is a testimony to God's abundant provision.

God entrusted stewardship over the earth and its vast supplies to the hands of human beings. God gave instructions to "have dominion." It is essential to know that God retained ownership of the earth. Psalm 24:1 declares, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof..." The earth and its resources did not give into human beings' ownership but were placed under his stewardship.

A steward is a manager of another person's property. As the people of God, we are stewards of that which we possess. Although we may consider our possessions our own, all that we have belongs to God. We can enjoy those things that gave Adam a beautiful garden to enjoy, a place where all of his needs were met. Continued on page 2

There was only one thing Adam and Eve were not to partake in: the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. That tree was put under their stewardship, but they were not to eat from it. They could eat from all of the other trees, but for good reason: God wanted that one tree kept for Himself. God only places restrictions on one tree. Would Adam and Eve honor God of all the earth? You know the story. Adam and Eve's poor stewardship ended in disaster for human beings.

Do you recognize God's ownership and stewardship over all you possess?

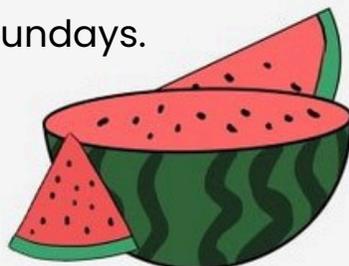
Stewardship begins in your heart. It is, first and foremost, a work of your heart. If you search your heart, you will find that God has instructed you not to use a particular portion of your resources. God wants that portion reserved for his work to accomplish what he wants to be done on the earth. Faithful stewardship responds with a heartfelt "Yes," thereby honoring God, who owns it all. Be a good steward of all that God has entrusted to your care. Thank you so much for supporting the mission and ministry of Trinity. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus be upon you. Blessings. Pastor Dass

## MONTHLY EVENTS

- The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, August 4. Come and partake the sacrament.
- Did You Know Sunday – August 11th Recap of all NOW Projects/Events
- Noisy Offering – Sunday, August 18th New Project is Earth Basket and Honeybee Gift – Goal \$90.00
- Please help those in need by bringing a bag full of non-perishable food items on Sunday, August 18. Let us serve the needy in our community.

## GARDEN BOUNTY

We are asking those who have vegetable gardens to bring surplus produce from their gardens to share with church friends on Sundays.



## LET US KNOW...

- Let us know if you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of landlines.
- Let us know if you would like to receive the Verse of the Day devotional, weekly announcements or other emails.

## SUMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN

It came to my attention this summer that the Story County Hunger Collaboration and the United Way have a program called "Summer Meals for Children". This program helps local organizations provide meals during the summer to school age children. There are 13 locations and they provide either sack lunches or hot meals. Some groups provide breakfast and/or lunch. The Ames and Nevada school districts provide buses to transport the children to the meal sites.

In reviewing the program, I saw that there are no such meal sites for the children in the Ballard school district. I have contacted the United Way and the Story County hunger collaboration to get more information about this program. I thought it would really help the Ballard children if there was a site locally that they could access the meals.

I will be reaching out to churches and businesses in the school districts to invite individuals in their organization who would be willing to learn more about this opportunity to help our children to meet together to see if we can get a group of people who will help with this mission.

The following statistics are provided by the Story County Hunger Collaboration:

- 16% of Story County residents are food insecure, representing 14,730 individuals (County Health Rankings, CHR)
- 10% of Story County residents have limited access to healthy food, representing 8,707 individuals (CHR)
- 26.5% of students receive free or reduced-price lunch (Iowa Department of Education)

Because I feel abundantly blessed and have not known hunger, I feel called to help those people who are hungry. I hope that you also feel that need to help and are willing to join me in this mission. Please let me know if I can add your name to the list of people who will help feed these children.

Thank you!!

Eileen Lewis



# AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday Communion  
Aug 4 9:30 AM Worship

Sunday Noisy Offering/Brown Bag  
Aug 18 9:30 AM Worship

Tuesday  
Aug 6 6:00 Taekwondo Class

Tuesday  
Aug 20 6:00 Taekwondo Class

Thursday  
6:00 Taekwondo Class  
Aug 8 - 18 State Fair

Thursday  
Aug 22 6:00 Taekwondo Class

Sunday Did You Know Sunday  
Aug 11 9:30 AM Worship

Friday  
Aug 23 First day of School

Tuesday  
Aug 13 6:00 Taekwondo Class

Sunday  
Aug 25 9:30 AM Worship

Thursday  
Aug 15 6:00 Taekwondo Class

Tuesday  
Aug 27 6:00 Taekwondo Class

Thursday  
Aug 29 6:00 Taekwondo Class

## PRAYER CORNER

- For those that are home-bound, their caregivers, and those we especially name in our hearts.
- Ongoing prayers for those in the medical field who continue to care for those affected by the illness.
- For Trinity Church's mission, ministry, and laity as they continue to serve the Huxley community.
- For leaders of our nation as and the government of as they make decisions for peace and Ukraine.
- For our military personnel and their families as they serve our country.



## NOW COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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- Last call for school supplies. Please place in Mission Corner in the Fellowship Hall by August 4th
- Did You Know Sunday – August 11th Recap of all NOW Projects/Events
- Noisy Offering – Sunday, August 18th New Project is Earth Basket and Honeybee Gift – Goal \$90.00
- Prairie Festival – Ice Cream, Pies, etc August 24th Sign-up sheet at church
- Social Dinner at Flight – Thursday, August 29th Sign-up Sheet at the church or notify Loa
- Our Mission Focus in September will be the Madrid Home – List of items available soon.
- Working with Church Council and Education Committee to plan Sunday School Kickoff/Homecoming Sunday September 8th
- Fall Craft Show and Vendor Fair October 26th – priority will be given to church members until end of August if you would like to reserve a booth. Please reach out to [Shelbi.weeks1@gmail.com](mailto:Shelbi.weeks1@gmail.com) if interested. The church will have a booth for donated and bake sale items, plus we will plan to serve lunch items.
- We plan to do some baskets for folks in December containing fruit, cookies, other misc items they can use. Please let Jeannie know of anyone we should put on our list.
- On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, Plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, Teddy Bears/Stuffed Animals for Huxley PD

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the NOW Committee projects and events.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will start for the fall on September 15th. All children are welcome to come for one day or the whole fall season!

Thank you to Tracy Weber who will again be teaching this year! Please let her know if you want to help.





Trinity's NOW Committee is hosting a fall craft and vendor show. They are looking for vendors who would like to set up a booth at the event. The registration form and event information is below. If you would like a digital form to sign-up, feel free to email Shelbi (email listed below) for the digital form.

### FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU SELL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Event Date: October 26, 2024, Event Address: 102 Lynwood Dr., Huxley, IA 50124 Main Contact: Shelbi Williams - shelbi.weeks1@gmail.com

Event Timing: 9:00-2:00

*If you know any crafters, please pass this form along to them, or have them contact Shelbi via email.*



## SUMMER EBT IOWA 2025

There is a petition on Action Network telling Gov. Kim Reynolds to Ensure Iowa Participates in Summer EBT in 2025.

Hunger and food insecurity are at crisis levels in Iowa right now, with food banks and food pantries breaking records constantly. Meanwhile, the state of Iowa decided not to participate in the Summer EBT program in 2024. Hundreds of thousands of low-income kids would have benefited from this program. Let Gov. Reynolds know: Iowans can't afford to sit out on Summer EBT again in 2025!

Will you take action?

Click here: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/ensure-iowa-participates-in-summer-ebt-in-2025?source=email&>

Thanks!!

## PRAIRIE FEST PIE AND ICE CREAM

Once again it is time to dust off our pie making skills. We will be hosting the pie and ice cream stand at Prairie Fest on August 24th.

We are in need of 18 pies and 4 pans of brownies. No pudding/creamy soft pies please.

Our stand is always pretty busy, and we don't want to disappoint the crowds and not have their favorite pies available.

Other items needed are bowls, napkins and cups. We will be serving coffee and Lemonade to go with the pie and ice cream.

Would you be able to come and help serve that day too?

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PAUL'S TRAVELS IN THE BIBLE

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 Winston Churchill

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