

May 2026

Pastor Tim Burke

TRINITY/KEMPER

Pastor's Page

It's not often that theology is introduced into the public forum. But nonetheless that is what we find in today's discussion. Of course, when theology enters public debate it is almost always misrepresented and grossly misunderstood. When theology is used to sway public opinion, it is introduced without any clear definition and completely taken out of context from a biblical perspective. Theology, if considered at all, is introduced into public debate to give the false impression that there is general agreement between Christianity and political platforms. Politically speaking these pundits are usually safe in doing so because their audience is ignorant about the topic and they are not at risk of being challenged in their conclusions.

The current example has come about through a discussion concerning the present war that the United States has engaged against Iran. One aspect of this discussion revolves around the legitimacy of the war and our combined efforts with the nation of Israel. Without getting into too many details about the ongoing discussion, it eventually incorporates the theological question of Israel and God's purpose. Specifically, are they God's chosen people? There is little disagreement when the question is asked from a historical perspective. The Old Testament presents the nation of Israel as the apple of God's eye. But the question takes a different turn concerning modern day Israel. Are the Jews still God's chosen people? This is where the water gets really muddy.

If you accept the biblical account as the final authority on this matter, you will understand that even though Israel throughout history has continually rebelled against God's authority yet they remain His chosen people. It has been said that 3/5 of the entire Bible concerns the nation of Israel. The apostle Paul takes up this question in Romans 9, 10 and 11. It might be summarized by Paul's statement in Romans 11:29, "The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable."

Others have suggested that God has rejected the nation of Israel because they did not receive His Messiah. As a result, the church is now the new Israel. Any reference to Israel in the New Testament is to be understood as God's promise to the church. They believe that from the day of Pentecost onward the church has replaced Israel in God's plan and that modern day Israel is just another ethnic group no different or special than any other ethnic group. This is known as 'Replacement Theology'. It is an idea that was introduced even while the Apostles of Jesus were still living. Historically it has been rejected as heresy consistently, but it continues to gain traction. It has now entered again into the public forum as it applies to anti-Semitism.

Perhaps an extreme example of how replacement theology has been used one might consider the words of Adolf Hitler which he delivered before a crowd in Berlin. He said, "I believe that today I am acting in accordance with the will of almighty God as I announce the most important work that Christians could undertake - and that is to be against the Jews and get rid of them once and for all." The response to this statement was a standing ovation by a crowd of thousands.

It is up to each one of us as individuals to very carefully consider the position we adopt as citizens. But we must also be very careful to understand that theology can be twisted to support virtually any position to either support or condemn a political platform. May we be reminded of the words of Paul given in 2 Corinthians 10:5, "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."

Pastor Tim

We deeply appreciate your generous gift, prayers and support of Lil Miss Ivy. You will never know how much this means to us. We are forever grateful!
Team Ivy

Thank You



Bartley Ladies,
Thank you so much for your very generous donation to our department. We appreciate your kindness & thoughtfulness. Please pray for rain as we need it so badly.
Bartley Fire & Rescue



Pastor Tim and the Ladies Serving...
So, too, can kindness grow larger than the giver knows. Your thoughtfulness means more than words can say!
Thank you
The Family of Eunice Miller

Trinity wants to thank Grace Bible for the Seder Meal and the lessons we learned! Also thank you for preparing for the Easter Brunch! The Hall was beautiful! Sunrise service was celebrated with the rising of the sun and what a beautiful Easter morning! So many smiling faces and wonderful helpers. Thanks to everyone who brought food, came to share and made the morning so wonderful!



Banana nut and blueberry muffins!
Devotions and talk of old times! Thank you to our Outreach Committee for all they do!!



Easter Lilies in memory of..

Lynn Lohrman
Herb & Eldora Allen
Craig Allen Jackson
Gordons & Johnsons
Otto & Fern Harsch
Clayton & Wilhemenia Dutt
Lola Johnson
Donna Jensen



Trinity Community Church Council

March 17, 2026

Present: Betty Jorgensen, Linda Johnson, Colleen Vandegrift, Tyson & Amy Sines, Tim Burke, Dale Cramer, Virginia Roberts, Wanda Warwick.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Tim led the opening prayer.

Minutes: Colleen made the motion to accept the minutes with a second from Virginia. The motion carried.

Bylaws: Copies of the original bylaws were presented. Pastor went over the proposed changes: name, signature, dissolution clause. The council will vote next month on the changes proposed.

Financials: Betty presented a statement for the first two months of the year. Copies are kept in the office if needed. The computer for the office and the Pastor have been paid. Betty asks if you pick up product to be charged to the church that your name is signed on the charge slip. Tyson made a motion to accept the Financial statements with a second from Colleen. The motion carried.

Membership: Tim presented some information on membership. He will go through the current list and bring it back at a later meeting.

Easter: Grace Bible will have a Seder Meal at the Fellowship Hall on Saturday before Easter at 4 until--.

Sunrise at the Cross west of town will be at 6:45 am.

Breakfast will be served from 8-9:30 at Trinity.

Bartley Memorial and Grace Bible are invited to attend Easter Services at Trinity beginning at 10 am Easter Sunday.

Pastor will need 5-7 readers.

Mission Giving: The Council chose to give Mission money to the Farnam fire department. Colleen made the motion with a second from Betty. The motion carried.

Marquee: The colors used for the new sign will be matched and Daren will get the decals placed on the sign.

Carpet: Virginia presented a bid for new flooring in the Narthex and the hall to the Sunday School rooms. The work would include taking out the hard tiles inside the church but not the airlock. The bid for removal of the hard tile is \$1500 or less. The bid for carpet removal and replacement with DeVries is \$8200. The carpet tiles would match the ones in the Sunday School rooms. Colleen made the motion to move forward with the project and Betty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Trees: The Memorial Committee has agreed to fund a couple trees on the north side of the church. The church will apply for rebates from the city when the trees are planted. The subject is tabled until Steve is back.

Scholarships: Wanda will call for a list of Seniors and ask for an application from the students eligible for a scholarship.

Security Grant: There was no news.

Next meeting: April 21, 2026



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Trev Burke has been busy in High School—football, wrestling, track, FFA, Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, band, quiz bowl and FCA. It has been a very busy four years and it leads Trev to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study mechanical engineering. He is planning on getting a job in the performance parts industry for cars. It has been a major dream of his.

The church has been a way to stay grounded in life and in my goals.



Hodge Raburn has been active in numerous sports and activities throughout his high school years—football, basketball, golf, trapshooting, 4-H, band, baseball and a fishing team. Hodge is busy with three jobs in the summer months. He will attend Central Community College in Hastings to study HVAC for two years.

Being part of a church with such open arms is amazing—everyone knows each other, and everyone feels like family.



Annabelle Taylor grew up in Cambridge. During high school, she has been involved in volleyball, basketball and FFA. She also took part in cheerleading and the chess club.

Growing up, Annabelle always wanted to be a teacher and has now decided to be a Special Education teacher. She will attend Central Community College to finish general education and after that, will finish her education at the University of Nebraska Kearney. Annabelle hopes to some day be back in Cambridge teaching K-12 Special Ed.

I went to church every other weekend as a child and now have learned that God is the right and only way.

Church means a lot to me, and I want to raise my children in a Christ-centered home when I have a family.



Sean Polly moved to Cambridge during his sophomore year. He has been active in basketball, track, football FFA and wrestling. Sean was active in the choir and the speech team. After high school, Sean will enlist to become a United States Marine. This includes basic training, MIT, and AIT.

The church is a temple for us to learn about God and seek him in a safe environment. I now live with the Bensons, and I go to church every Sunday I can, along with youth group and occasionally when I get the chance, FCA.





Top o' the Morning to Ya!

Vacation Bible School! Coming here soon! Lush fields, fluffy sheep, steep cliffs, ancient castles, rolling hills, and beautiful art forms. These images come to mind when we think of the Emerald Isle. And Ireland is the setting for the newest Answers VBS program, *Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23*. The Emerald Crossing with snacks from the Still Water Café.

It's early morning on the Emerald Isle. Gaze ahead as the sun rises on the cool, green pastures dotted with grazing sheep. Listen to the waves crash at the staggering Cliffs of Moher as their towering crags ascend majestically from the sea. Catch the earthy scent of sheep and cattle, fertile meadows, and dense forests. Step into a local restaurant and taste the rich flavors of a land know for its butter and potatoes. Run your hand over the soft wool of a pastured lamb or the rough, stony exterior of an age-old castle. Tune in as lively folk music entertains and delights all who listen.

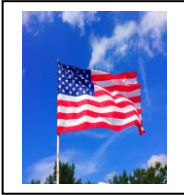
From the lush meadows of its countryside to the cobblestone streets of its cities, there is something to delight the senses everywhere in Ireland. So journey with us to Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23. Every stop along our path will teach us about the Good Shepherd and how he cares for his sheep. Like David discovered throughout his life, first as a shepherd and later as a king, we have so much to discover!

Bartley Sisters in Christ met at the church for their regular meeting. LaNora gave devotions using scripture from Luke 5:29-32.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was a DASA newsletter and a letter from St. Catherine's Altar Society. The Sr. breakfast will be at the Church Hall on May 8. The Altar Society asks only for help or a donations if your church would like to do so. Charlene Colson made a motion to send a contribution. Pam Downer seconded the motion and it passed. Discussion was held about further contributions for this year.

The next meeting is May 13. Bring snacks/drinks.

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Bartley at 9:45 am Fellowship following Fellowship in Cambridge at 10 am Scholarships Sunday School Service at 11 am	4	5	6 Sisters in Christ 2 pm Youth Group at 7 pm	7	8	9 Graduation
						
10 Mother's Day Bartley at 9:45 am Fellowship following Fellowship in Cambridge at 10 am Sunday School Service at 11 am No Potluck	11 Elizabeth Circle 12 pm	12	13 Youth Group at 7 pm	14	15	16
17 Bartley at 9:45 am Fellowship following Fellowship in Cambridge at 10 am Sunday School Service at 11 am	18 Outreach at 9:30am	19 Church Council at 7 pm	20 Youth Group at 7 pm Lois Circle 7:30 pm	<p align="center">A Prayer for Blessing and Favor</p> <p><i>"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."</i> (Numbers 6:24-26)</p> <p>Dear God, we thank you that your huge favor, blessing, and powerful light surrounds our children. We pray that your presence would continually shine on them, and that you would be gracious to them and give them great peace. We ask that you would help them to always know how very much they are loved, especially by you. Make them constantly aware that you are always with them; fill them with the faith to believe your words are true and that your Spirit guides them. We ask that they would find full confidence in the security of your love and care for them. We pray that you would give them health physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and would protect them from disease, illness, or any harm to their minds and spirits. We ask boldly for you to equip them for every purpose you have for their lives and give them constant endurance to run the race well.</p> <p align="right">Amen</p>		
24 Bartley at 9:45 am Fellowship following Fellowship in Cambridge at 10 am Sunday School Service at 11 am	25 Memorial Day 	26	27 Youth Group at 7 pm			

*Romans 12:12
Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*



Prayer blankets at work!
Our prayer is for your health and healing!



An angel stopped by one day and said this needs some work..... Look at how beautiful it is today! Thank you Kelli Eubanks!



The old brick marquee coming down before it fell. Notice the large crack in the base. Bob Roberts tried to save it years ago but time took its toll! Watch for the update next month....



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9:45 am Fellowship
11:00am Worship

**Kemper Memorial
Church**

9:45 a.m. Worship
Followed by Fellowship

May

- 1 Kenzie May Rice
- 3 John Hilker
Macy Jones
- 6 Lorrie Mowry
- 7 Jennifer Foster
- 9 Marisa Burke
- 10 Suzie Mollring
- 11 Mark Miller
- 12 Kimberlee Brooks
Larry Maatsch
- 13 Breanna Witte
Rachelle Pettera
- 19 Linda Johnson
- 26 Bruce Johnson
Jennifer Cash
- 27 Douglas Pearson
- 28 Taten Banzhaf
Cyndi Groshong
- 29 Hunter Mowry

Happy Anniversary

- May 11
Stanley and Gwen Hilker
- May 20
Dean and Shelly Cope
- May 24
Nate & Lori Mollring
- May 25
Daryl and Melody Brown
- May 28
Don and Lisa Ellicott
- May 30
Chuck and Kelli Eubanks