

Pastor Tim Burke

August 2026



Trinity-Kemper News

Pastor's Page

In the 8th Psalm David asks God a question, "What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" This is a question that must proceed from a foundational understanding of two things. The first is who God is. This understanding begins and ends this Psalm as David declares, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth." In essence, God is GOD. He is above all and over all. He is self-existing and is held to account by no one. The second foundational understanding is that David recognizes that God does indeed care about him personally and by extension He cares for all of mankind. These two things are what distinguishes Christianity from all other religions of the world. God is absolute sovereignty and yet He cares for us. Why?

If we begin with an understanding of these two things we will arrive at a singular answer. First God is a revealed God and has evidenced Himself as 'creator God'. David makes note of this when he says, "[You] have displayed Your splendor above the heavens." Secondly, as 'creator God' we are the work of His hands. As David says in verse 5, "Yet You have made him (created man) a little lower than the angels." In effect, God is not only the creator of mankind, He has also given man an exalted position over His creation.

From here we can understand that God maintains two characteristics. First, He is infinite and secondly, He is personal, He is an infinite AND personal God. He does not deal with us in a mechanical manner. As a result, He wants to work with us primarily on an individual and personal level. Because God is not only infinite but also just, there is a legal aspect in the way He must deal with us without compromising His nature. It might be equated to a young man who finds himself in court guilty of an offense he cannot repay. But he is standing before a just and righteous judge who also happens to be his father. The offense demands justice, the righteous judge upholds the law, but he also deals with the offender as a son. He removes his robe, leaves the bench, pays the fine on behalf of his son, and sets him free.

As a result, if we are going to get to know God at all it must be on a personal level. As His relationship with us is not mechanical, our relationship with Him must not be mechanical. Because He is infinite, He can deal with each one of us on an individual basis. Because He is creator, we will find our ultimate fullness in what He created us to be.

When we fail to see the personal dynamic in our relationship with God the doctrines of Scripture become theoretical; as does all of Christianity. We become more concerned with the methodology of our worship then recognizing it as an expression of our love for one who, "First loved us." Our faith becomes lifeless, mechanical, dead, and our worship of Him becomes the same. If God didn't want a personal relationship with us, He would not have sent His Son to make it possible. For it is in Him that, "We live and move and have our being."

Pastor Tim

As the back-to-school time appears, we as Christians want to offer our prayers for the students – that learning is exciting and rewarding; for the teachers – that sharing knowledge with the classes is encouraging and plentiful; the extended staff – that your care for other needs of the students and parents is thoughtful and appreciated!

On Sunday August 9, please have your child bring their backpack to church. We are excited to pray for the students and for the school year ahead!



The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Lord, I ask as my children head back to school that you would keep them from all harm. Watch over their lives. Watch over their coming and going. Graciously be with and protect my kids this school year. Amen.



Lora Andrews on the left and her friend Alison Hansen Burgett.

Lora is so appreciative of your prayers for her as she struggles with her health. She calls you her prayer warriors. Her last surgery went well!!

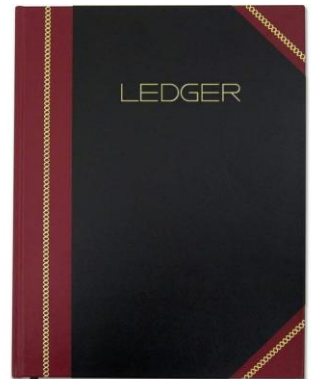
Operation Christmas Child

Many of the churches that take part in Operation Christmas Child work all year on the project. Each month they have a designated item to support the boxes and at the end of the year they have a large assortment of items to pack! Recently, I found items on sale for \$.50 each. Collecting things out of season can also help when we get to the end of the collection period. In the office we have a collection of pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, socks and other items that will be used this winter. Items that are always good are washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, notebooks and many other things. If you have something and nowhere to keep it, drop it off at the church and we will make sure to use it this coming November.

Thank you to everyone that helps with this project!!



Our long-time treasurer Betty Jorgensen has retired from several jobs recently—one at the Church and hopefully soon one at the Law office. Betty has been doing the books here at the Church for possibly forty years. Can you imagine the time she has spent working for her church and the church family? We just want to say thank you so much for all you have done for us and the time you have invested. Hopefully Betty will have more time now for healing, spending time with family, traveling, quilting and doing things she has wanted to do for some time. Please know how much we appreciate all you have done for us Betty!!



Betty's Ledger for 40+ years!

Whose Job Is It?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

-Author Unknown

Church Council
June 23, 2026

Present: Virginia Roberts, Steve & Eileen Johnson, Amy & Tyson Sines, Dale Cramer, Diane Deselms, Linda Johnson, Betty Jorgensen, Colleen Vandegrit, Pastor Tim, Mandy Anderson, Wanda Warwick

Prayer: Pastor Tim led the Council in prayer.

Minutes: Dale offered a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Colleen. The motion carried.

Financials: Water Cooler has been canceled and returned", The church vacuum has been repaired, the marquee has been paid and paperwork will soon be filed with the city, front window was installed and payment is complete, withholding has been paid through May, Bartley submitted a check in June for payment and the new carpeting has been paid in full.

Mandy presented the Profit/Loss statement. The direct deposit for staff will not be available so checks will be written for them. Betty turned over a bill from Lord's and Mandy wrote the check to pay it current. Accounting of the CD's will be arranged so Mandy has a full accounting of assets. A Letter of Engagement was shared with the council. Betty signed the document. Amy made a motion to accept the Financials with a second from Dale. The motion passed.

Bylaws: A review of several articles was discussed, and all were acceptable to the council. The Bylaws were signed by several members of the council. A motion was made by Diane to accept them as written with a second from Colleen. The motion passed.

Security: Tim is waiting for information.

Mission: A thank you was received from Camp Floyd Roger for Mission Giving last month. For the Current month, the council is donating to the Lyle Calvert Fund. The motion was made by Colleen and seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

Gideon Bibles: Tim has a visit with the Gideon ministers. They would like to have a place for bibles in the Narthex.

Marquee: The back of the new unit is complete, but the front lettering was the wrong size. It will be corrected and then returned to be placed on the Marquee. The new wrap will be more of a golden color.

Potluck Dinners: Potluck will be suspended until September.

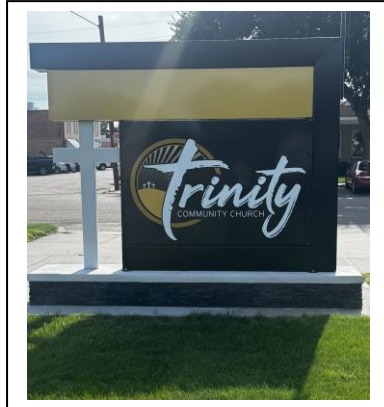
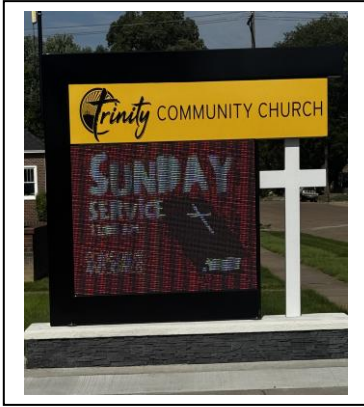
Tree Rebate: The city has a tree rebate and the church will apply.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2026

August 2026

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Help us deliver Meals on Wheels in August! Sign up sheet in the Narthex....						
2 10 am Fellowship Cambridge 10:45 am -Bartley Fellowship	3	4	5 Youth Group 7pm	6	7	8
9 10 am Fellowship Cambridge 10:45 am -Bartley Fellowship	10 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm	11	12 Youth Group 7pm	13 School Begins 	14	15
16 10 am Fellowship Cambridge 10:45 am -Bartley Fellowship	17 Outreach at ALF at 9:30 am	18 Church council at 7pm	19 Youth Group 7pm Lois Cir. 7:30 pm	20 Bingo at ALF 2:30pm	21	22
23 10 am Fellowship Cambridge 10:45 am -Bartley Fellowship	24	25	26 Youth Group 7pm	27	28	29
30 10 am Fellowship Cambridge 10:45 am -Bartley Fellowship	31					

The wheels on the bus go 'Round and 'round
 'Round and 'round
 'Round and 'round
 The wheels on the bus go 'Round and 'round
 All through the town



This past month prayer blankets were made for Rory Smith, the great granddaughter of Patty Johnson, and Kevin Fuchs, nephew of Carol Voss. Both are addressing cancer and need all of our prayers. Below is a picture of Rory's quilt.



Our new marquee is complete now. Front and back displays!!

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9:45 am Fellowship
 11:00 am Worship

Kemper Memorial Methodist Church

9:45 am Worship
 Followed by Fellowship

August Birthdays

1 Jeremy Brooks
 3 Amy Sines
 5 Kelsi Potts
 Alex Burke
 Diane Nichols
 6 Nolan Johnson
 8 Deryk Huxoll
 Vance Johnson
 9 Meg Groshong
 LaNora Palmateer
 10 Taylor Lenz
 11 Jennifer Porter
 12 Michelle Marquardt
 14 Makayla Kessler

15 Avery Johnson
 Desiree Wineland
 Mike Brooks
 Aaron Vandegrift
 16 Jane Foster
 20 Jake Whipple
 21 Austin Blume
 24 Seth Cope
 26 Peggy Hilton
 28 Samantha Jones
 Janet Nyffeler
 29 Bob Roberts
 30 Sherry Witler
 Mark Brooks

Happy Anniversary

August 1 Brent & Kimmie May
 Vance & Lizzie Johnson
 August 6 Jay & Angela Salberg
 August 15 Randy & Brenda Ruf
 Jason & Abbie Benson
 August 20 Michael & Kimberlee Brooks
 August 22 Aaron & Colleen Vandegrift
 August 23 Jim & Judy Jackson
 August 25 Tyler & Lisa Ruf