



## Pastor's Page

It has been said that New Year's resolutions are made to be broken. Research indicates that virtually all New Year's resolutions are forgotten by Valentine's Day. It seems to me that New Year's resolutions fail primarily because their success is dependent upon raw willpower. As Romans 7:18 says, "the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not". When it comes to spiritual growth, sheer willpower will always prove to be ineffectual. This is the issue that Paul took up with the church at Galatia. It's summarized in Galatians 3:3, "Having begun by the spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" In other words, what begins by the spirit must be continued by the spirit. Also, lasting change seldom occurs in the absence of others.

Let me offer an example. When Colorado hired Bill McCartney as their head coach in 1982 Colorado was among the worst programs in the country. In spite of their dismal record, Bill McCartney declared Nebraska to be their number one rivalry. With an 18 game losing streak to Nebraska no one took him seriously. But in just four years, he did exactly that when he broke that 18 year losing streak and turned Nebraska and Colorado into prime rivals. How did he accomplish that?

Sometime ago, (1990 or 1991) I listened to Coach McCartney in person explain how he prepared his team for the 1986 season. The week prior to Colorado meeting Nebraska Coach McCartney gave everyone of his players a football. He told them to write a simple message on that football, "I'm playing this game for you!" He then told them to sign it and send it to someone they loved. A parent, grandparent, girlfriend or whom ever they chose. By McCartney's own account, he believes that this one simple gesture led to Colorado upsetting Nebraska that year, 20-10. McCartney's strategy grew out of his understanding of human motivation. As he explained, "You will always do better, when you're playing for someone else." A player who went to college on a football scholarship made this observation; "In High School you play for the team, in college you play for yourself." I think this was the hurdle that Coach McCartney was trying to get over.

Coach McCartney made this further observation, "If you're playing for yourself, you only have one who is disappointed when you lose. If you're playing for someone else, there are at least two." In a word this comes down to accountability. If we only answer to ourselves, we don't bear the weight of disappointing others. You will find that most of those who make New Year's resolutions never tell anyone else that the resolution has been made. Less accountability equals less disappointment.

I think this is the understanding behind Hebrews 10:25 where it says, don't neglect the assembling of yourselves together. Here it's talking about the fellowship of the church. It states that our purpose of assembly is to encourage one another. If we only attend church for what we can get out of it for ourselves, we will ultimately be disappointed. First Corinthians 12 explains that the church is a body, in fact, it's the body of Christ. The individual parts function together as a whole. When some of those parts are missing, it's effectiveness is greatly reduced. "You will always do better, when you're playing for (and with) someone else."

**Pastor Tim**

## Trinity Community Church Council

November 18, 2025

**Present:** Virginia Roberts, Pastor Tim, Dale Cramer, Steve & Eileen Johnson, Colleen Vandegrift, Tyson & Amy Sines, Betty Jorgensen, Linda Johnson, Wanda Warwick

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Tim led the council in Prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes were available at the meeting. Colleen made a motion to accept them as written with a second from Dale. The motion carried.

**Financials:** Betty presented copies of the financials to the council. Some of the CD's are renewing soon. Betty will watch for the best rates. The Student Account will be closed as we have been using the General Fund for any needs. Bartley will send a check for the second half of the year. The IRS keeps sending letters about late fees. Betty has written and asked to have the penalty forgiven. Colleen made a motion to accept the report with a second from Eileen. The motion passed.

**Snow removal:** Bob Sexton has been contacted to take care of the parking area. Braydon Miller will do the sidewalks.

**FCA:** Council made a decision to change the policy for Evan Jones and the FCA. Council will be in charge of application of the policy and discretion will be amended as deemed necessary.

**Todd Becker:** The group will present their program at the school on December 3. The training class was held here last week.

**Security:** Dale and Tim had a conference call about the security program being studied. The grant is for the current year but may also go into the 2026 year. Included would be eight cameras, remote access to the front door, panic button to lock the church and a server in the pastor's office. Cameras are motion detected to help protect the entry.

**Marquee:** Dale and Virginia applied for a Façade Grant with the City of Cambridge. It pays 75% of the first \$10,000. The Building Fund has \$11,000 and may be used for marquee. The work must be completed by June for the grant.

**Mission Giving:** The Church has been faithful in Mission Giving over the past year. We are grateful for the ability to make a difference in the lives of so many people in our community.

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2025 7 pm



## Congregation

As we finish out the year and go into the New Year, our finances continue to improve. Thanks to all that have been so generous in helping our church continue to grow and prosper.

One of the goals that Council set was to have more outreach in our local area. We feel that we should give back to help our local communities also. It is our hope that by reaching out, more people will want to be a part of this mission. Our ultimate goal is to spread the Word of God. We feel getting involved in the community has helped spread the word about our Church. During the past year we have donated to several local entities—Senior Center, Lions Club Christmas, Todd Becker Foundation, Vacation Bible School, families in need etc....

As we go into the New Year, we will be looking at different areas and options that we want to pursue. We would like the congregation's input on this. If you have ideas, please contact the office or a Church Council member. There will likely be many ideas, but we feel it is best to focus on a few and make the most impact where possible. We welcome all ideas.

Exciting things are happening with our Church. We hope that you will be a part of this ministry.

Church Council

**Lois Circle** was active at the Assisted Living Facility this year. The ladies have been able to include others that live at ALF in their meetings. This year the Circle donated to the Lions Club Christmas Project.



## **HE CARETH FOR YOU**

*He who dwells in the secret place of the  
Most  
High shall remain stable and fixed under  
the  
shadow of the Almighty Whose power  
no foe can withstand].  
I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and  
My Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and  
rely,  
And in Him I [confidently] trust!  
PSALM 91:1,2*

### **Elizabeth Circle:**

The Sr. Center thanks you so much for your generous donation! Your support helps so much—not just the monetary support— but in your actions and prayers.

Senior Center

*Do you have a favorite scripture, quote, or saying that you would like to share? Give it to Wanda, send it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If your message is selected, it will be placed on the marquee for a week and you will earn immunity from being an usher or lay reader the following week!.*



## 2025 Poinsettias

2025 Poinsettias to the Trinity Community Church

In memory of Lynn Lohrman  
From her boys

In memory of Herb and Eldora Allen  
From the Allen family

In memory of Craig Allen Jackson  
From the Allen family

In memory of Vernon and Maxine Langley, Charlie and Rachel Burke, Robert Burke, and Frank Langley  
From Rheta Burke and Family

In memory of Vince and Donna Flammang  
From The Flammang Family

In memory of Bruno Janssen  
From the Flammang Family

In memory of Sherry Harsch  
From Del Harsch and Family

In memory of Otto and Fern Harsch; Clayton and Wilhemenia Dutt; and Lola Johnson  
From Ken and Sylvia Harsch

Thank you so much for the precious Hymnal. This means so much to me and is very special. I appreciate your thoughtfulness  
**Blessings**  
**Phylliss Patterson**

Thank you for serving the wonderful meal at our Dear Mom's Celebration of Life. We appreciate everything people blessed us with during that difficult time.

Pastor Tim & Deb Burke



Thank you for the plate of goodies. I so enjoyed the visit as well. It's so good not to be forgotten

Carolyn Borland

Thank you for the gift of a Love Offering we received at Christmas. We are deeply thankful for each and every one of you!

Pastor Tim & Deb

Dear Trinity Community Church,

Thank you for your recent financial contribution to the Todd Becker Foundation! Your support for this ministry is such a great encouragement and inspiration for us to continue spreading the truth of Jesus Christ to high school youth.

Our heart as a ministry is to simply bring the light of Jesus Christ into the darkness of our world. Your giving and prayers help us do that, and it's why we are able to bring the salvation of our Lord to young people across the Midwest.

We're honored and blessed to know that you would take part in our ministry and the work that God is doing. May God be glorified through your financial support! Thank you again!

To further His kingdom,  
Keith Becker



The Bible Study group will resume meeting on January 7. There are plenty of seats at the table that need to be filled so plan on joining the study on Wednesdays in the Choir Room

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Lindsey, Judson & Halle



Steve, Eileen & Lincoln



Braxton, Wesley, Sasha & Reagan



Abbie & MadaLynn



Virginia Roberts

January is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels. There is a clipboard in the Narthex for sign up on different days. Please think and pray about helping with this program. There are currently twelve deliveries in the program. Sign up with a friend and make it a fun time together!



Dear Bartley Ladies,  
Thanks so much for your donation to our department. Your kindness is very much appreciated.  
Bartley Fire & Rescue

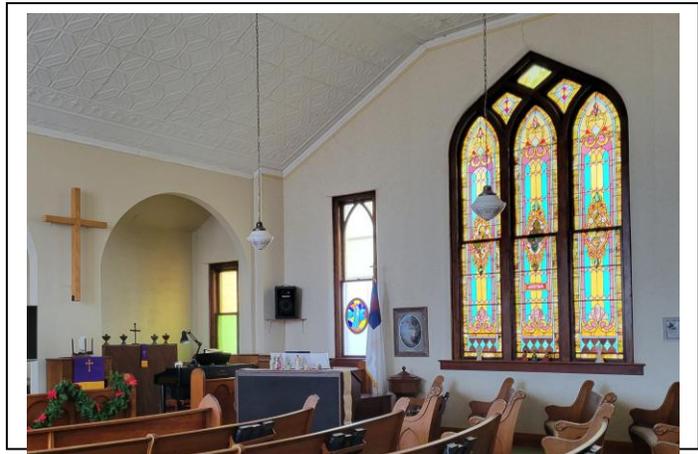


After helping Grandpa and Grandma, Lincoln and Nolan decided to play church.

### Bartley Sisters in Christ

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our backpack program. Your gift truly helps us extend care beyond the classroom and reminds our students that they are surrounded by a community that values and supports them.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,  
Carrie Smith  
School Counselor

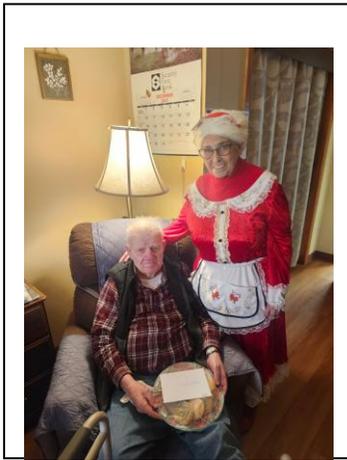


Operation Christmas Child collected 12 million boxes this year to be distributed around the world. The Children in our church helped with the project. Their boxes have been sent to Mexico and the Philippines for delivery to children who will know that someone cares for them and they will learn about God through the program. Praise God!

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Fellowship & Sunday School At 10 am			7 Bible Study at 5pm Youth Group 7 pm	8	9	10
11 Fellowship & Sunday School At 10 am  Potluck	12 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm	13	14 Bible Study 5pm Youth Group 7pm Lois Circle at 7pm	15	16	17
18 Fellowship & Sunday School At 10 am	19 Outreach at ALF- 9:30am	20	21 Bible Study 5pm Youth Group 7 pm	22 Bingo @ALF 2:30 pm	23	24
25 Fellowship & Sunday School at 10am	26	27	28 Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group 7 pm	29	30	31





Mrs. Claus and helpers visited with some of our friends recently. They visited many others but here are a few....



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10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

**Kemper Memorial  
Church**

9:45 am Worship  
Followed by Fellowship



**January  
Birthdays**

- 1 Julie Sayer
- Roxie Lang
- 6 Gwen Stine
- Pam Maatsch
- 8 Joe Lohrman
- 11 Randy Ruf
- 12 Mick Flammang
- 14 Linda Sayer
- 17 Brad Holtze

- 21 Riley Whipple
- 26 Annie Harding
- 27 Elnora Burke
- Rod Mollring
- 28 Jim Foster
- 29 Clayton Sayer
- 30 Carol Voss

**Anniversaries**

- Jan 2 Mike & Roxie Lang