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*A courageous community inspired by Christ  
Passionately turning faith to action  
Expanding the circle of God's love*

## The "Design-Inspire-Strategize" WEEKEND Results



The "Design-Inspire-Strategize" weekend brought together a wealth of resources and participation from 90 of our great Trinity community folk and those who participated in the Readiness360 survey. Thank you all!

In their report, our consultants, Jim & Serena, identified several great strengths. Trinity is open-minded, welcoming, family friendly, and missional. Preaching, music & staff leadership received high marks, as did our mid-week and Sunday ministry with children. Many people affirmed that the church is ready to launch the next chapter of our life.

Our key challenges are the need for a clear vision and plan as a rallying point and unifier, growth that maintains the personal connections we cherish, developing a structured discipleship plan for growing in faith, and strengthening our communication as we change and grow.

Jim and Serena have developed a 5-year **Ministry Action Plan (MAP)** to guide our momentum. The Church Council has approved these recommendations and will be laying out opportunities where many people can be part of this great process. Take a look at the **MAP** on the **next page** and see how you might offer your gifts.

*Rev. Nan*



### July Sermon Series

- July 1 "Order & Delight"  
Matthew 6:25-33
- July 8 "The Grand Design"  
Acts 17:16-28a
- July 15 "Morality, Truth, and the Way."  
Psalm 24:1-10; Mark 6:14-29
- July 22 - TeamMates
- July 29 - Outside In Service

## Ministry Action Plans (MAPs)

The following MAPs (Ministry Action Plans) are designed to build upon the current momentum of the church. Trinity is no stranger to making bold, intentional, innovative steps into its future, as evidenced by its action several years ago to leave a beloved sanctuary in an historic, downtown location to and move to a new and growing mission field.

**To help the Trinity UMC launch into its shared future over the next 5 years and build upon its existing momentum, we recommend the following MAPs (Ministry Action Plans):**

### Short-Term MAPs:

#### **Clear and Well-Communicated Identity and Vision**

"Who is Trinity and why do we exist?" The church's response to that question is found in your current mission statement, "A courageous community inspired by Christ; Passionately turning faith to action; Expanding the circle of God's love."

The first MAP (Ministry Action Plan) is designed to gain congregational clarity on how to fulfill that mission and enable every ministry of the church to have as its primary purpose, "making disciples" who live out their faith and witness to the love of Jesus Christ on a daily basis.

We recommend an all-church study of the book, Shift: From Membership to Discipleship by Phil Maynard to access tools and practices for making life-changing followers of Christ.

This initiative of making disciples (not just adding new names to our church membership roll) will create a common language and purpose among members as well as reaching new people beginning their faith journey.

We also recommend a visioning workshop for the staff and key leaders to clarify a shared, forward-focused vision for the church. This vision will provide accountability for the congregation to pursue its mission, aligning all worship services, outreach efforts, ministries, staffing, and resources around a common identity and purpose, over the next 5-10 years.

#### **Exploring Connections with the Mission Field**

To create connection with the mission field, the church must become intentional about exploring and embracing the mission field. This should include **a)** the Pastor, Outreach Coordinator, and Church Council creating a Community Engagement Team as part of your Outreach Ministry to identify the geography of the determined mission field **b)** do a thorough and intensive review of MissionInsite demographics, especially the "Mosaic" section **c)** ensure that approx. 20% of the Pastor and other appropriate staff's time each week be spent out of the building and in the mission field in order to make connections and build relationships **d)** unleash the Outreach Coordinator's creativity and passion to engage persons and people-gathering venues in meaningful ways.

This team should represent a cross-section of the congregation and we recommend as resources your Mystery Guest Worshiper Report and the books, Get Their Name, by Bob Farr & Kay Kotan and Clip-In, by Jim Ozier.

### Mid-Term MAPS

#### **Discipleship Systems**

By now, the church will have conducted an all-church study of the book, Shift. Next, we recommend a Ministry Action Plan that will create a pathway to discipleship (how a new follower of Jesus Christ can move intentionally and more deeply from "Point A" to "Point B" in her/his spiritual journey). As a person's discipleship grows, so often does their commitment. This will have the added benefit of raising up new leaders in the church (equipping members to become effective servant-leaders and more committed stewards).

The Pastor, Staff, and Church Council will create a Discipleship Team representing a cross-section of the congregation. This team will develop a pathway that will facilitate the ongoing faith formation of youth, and adults of all ages and stages of spiritual growth. Special attention should be given to creating opportunities for more "small groups", mid-week Bible studies at the church and/or in the community (perhaps some based on and going deeper into the Pastor's weekly sermons), and increased participation in already existing mission opportunities - both locally and trips to such places as the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso.

## Creating New Connections

Based on the work of the Community Engagement Team, Trinity will make intentional steps to reach new people. Reaching new people is often meeting them where they are and will not always mean getting them "here." We recommend a MAP that begins with **a)** appropriate staff and laity attending a UMC "Fresh Expressions" or similar training to become more acquainted with starting off-site ministries to reach new people **b)** the Church Council will discern why, what, when, where, and if an off-site Fresh Expressions Ministry is right for Trinity **c)** implement strategies to begin at least 1 new ministry outreach by Christmas of 2018 **d)** budget for and plan ongoing community engagement ministries, such as Fresh Expressions in 2019 and beyond.

## Longer-Term MAPs

To continue building on the momentum in the church for the next 5-10 years, we recommend 2 MAPs that may not be *implemented* for perhaps 3-5 years. However, the initial *dreaming about and planning for* these 2 MAPs should begin within the next 24 months.

## Strategic Building-Use Plan

The Pastor and leadership should develop a Strategic Building Team to align future church building needs with the construction and build-out of the immediate Village Gardens neighborhood. This team should **a)** learn as much as possible about ongoing construction through various neighborhood associations and community groups, to determine the impact of possible future church building projects, including parking **b)** should get as much input as possible from all ages and groups in the church related to options of possible future construction Sanctuary? Children's areas? Sunday School classrooms? etc. **c)** communicate appropriately to District and Conference entities throughout the planning process.

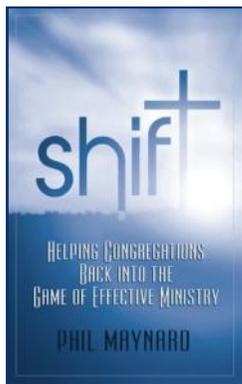
## Becoming a Teaching Church

We recognize and celebrate that Trinity has successfully been a place where Interns come to learn about ministry. We recommend a MAP in which this congregation would intentionally develop and host a major annual training event for other churches and pastors, in the region and throughout the country. Trinity has a long history and much to teach! Becoming a Teaching Church will sharpen the hospitality of this congregation even more; it will allow you to leverage your beautiful facility, unique ministry, and great people to influence United Methodism and the Kingdom of God. Becoming a teaching church is the best way to maintain momentum and to "bless others as we have been blessed." This MAP can be accomplished through the following strategic steps **a)** start dreaming now! **b)** start planning within the next 12 months by researching and learning from other teaching churches such as Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City **c)** the first year you are a teaching church simply host a well-credentialed presenter for a one-day session you just provide hospitality and practice being a "host church" for a teaching event **d)** by working a year or two in advance, schedule a nationally-known presenter for your second year **e)** by year three, schedule a larger event that would include multiple presenters **f)** by year four, you will have developed at least one signature ministry that others would want to learn about; build the teaching event around what your church has to share from its own experiences **g)** repeat and grow annually.

## Conclusion:

We want to thank you for the opportunity to serve your congregation through this consultation process. Our hope and prayers are that you capture a new vision for your church which will help to launch your church into its preferred future. May God give you courage and strength as together you move forward.

*Rev. Dr. Jim Ozier and Serena Eckert*



## SEPTEMBER ALL CHURCH READ

As recommended by Jim Ozier and outlined in the Short-Term MAP, we are stepping forward by reading the book **Shift**, By Phil Maynard for a September all church read. The books will be available as early as August for \$10.



**Sunday, July 29 Outside In Service**

**Arbor Road Bluegrass Band** featured in worship!

**2 shorter worships 9:00 & 10:30 on the Labyrinth**

**Bring your lawn chair** (folding chairs available too)

**Following worship-make/deliver sack lunches/goodie bags!**

We will be making sack lunches to take to the Gathering Place & Victory Park Apartments and we will be making goodie bags for the ConnectionPointe kids that attend Bible study & summer recreation. Trinity children will color pictures and write notes to put in the lunch bags. 😊

We will have a Sign Up Genius available soon for donations of the following items to help keep the expenses down: bottled water, the little cutie oranges, condiment packages (mayo, mustard), individual packages of chips, cookies, brownies, rice krispie bars, packages of napkins and or boxes of sandwich baggies, use of coolers to help deliver the lunches. This Sunday we will have sign up information.



**Friday, August 10, 7:00pm**

**Legends of Camp Garner Creek, Kids Musical Performance**

The week of August 6th, 9am-Noon, 40 kids will be here learning and practicing their parts, making backdrops and having fun that will culminate in their performance on Friday night at 7:00pm. Invite your neighbors and friends to this celebration of kids in theater!



**Sunday, August 12, 3:00pm.**

A Safety Security Training is planned for Ushers, Greeters, and anyone else who would like to know more about how to handle an emergency situation should it arise.



**Sunday, August 26, 5-7:30pm**

**Rock the Village Neighborhood Party**

We will be hosting Rock the Village, to share a fun night with the whole Village Gardens Community that includes a live dj, clowns, food, games and more! Stay tuned as we unveil more plans in the upcoming weeks about this family fun event.



**Sunday, August 26, 2:00**

All Shook Up, based on Elvis Presley's music will be playing at Nebraska Wesleyan theatre. We'll eat before. Seniors (55+) \$12.00 for tickets. Lunch details to follow. Contact Marie Trayer if you're interested [trayer23@windstream.net](mailto:trayer23@windstream.net), she will order tickets when they become available.

# SAFETY REMINDERS

The Trinity Board of Trustees is working on establishing safety/building emergency guidelines for the congregation and thought it would be beneficial to remind members and guests of a few "dos" and "don'ts" should a Fire emergency happen.

## IF THE FIRE WARNING ALARM SOUNDS

Do not use an elevator.

Assist disabled persons in your area.

Remain calm. Be alert for others, and emergency agency personnel who might be using the stairwells.

If you encounter smoke, take short breaths through your nose and crawl along the floor to the nearest exit.

Feel all doors with your hand before opening. If the door is hot, do not open it. If the door is cool, open it slowly, keeping behind the door in case you have to quickly close it to protect yourself from oncoming smoke or fire.

Proceed to the marked "Exits" on your level and out the building as quickly as possible.

If you encounter smoke or heat in a stairwell, proceed across that floor to another stairwell and continue evacuation outside the building.

Move upwind of the building at least 75 feet away from the building and beyond designated fire lanes.

Do not go to your automobile or attempt to move it from the parking lot. This could hinder access by emergency vehicles.

Do not congregate near building exits.

Do not reenter the building until an all clear is issued by the Lincoln Fire Department



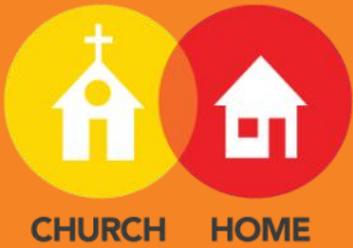
A few of Trinity's golfers enjoying their playing time in the Monday Night League on the Holmes Park Course.

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Casey Fahrnbruch

Tim Siefkes

Brice Crawford



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**BY BECOMING A CONSISTENT  
LEADER IN THE LIFE OF A KID,  
YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY THEY  
THINK ABOUT GOD AND THINK  
ABOUT THEIR FAITH.**

#WECANDOMORETOGETHER

**We have an exciting & impactful  
easy to lead curriculum  
planned for this fall.  
Say YES to being leader!**

*Leaders are welcome to volunteer before being asked, contact Patti at  
[Patti@TrinityLincoln.org](mailto:Patti@TrinityLincoln.org)*

### TRiNiTy KiDS! Calendar

*July 15*

*9 a.m. Preschool & Elementary Sunday School*

*NO Youth Group*

*July 22*

*9 a.m. Preschool, Elementary & ReMix Sunday School*

*July 29*

*Outside In Service*



**8:45-10:15 a.m. Room 106  
6 weeks to age 2  
10:15-11:45 a.m. Room 101  
6 weeks to age 5**

## Veteran Victory Park Apartment's FOOD PANTRY & FURNITURE PICKUP NIGHT UPDATES!!!

We are picking up some furniture and household goods on **Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9 PM. We have two stops to make and could use 6 or 8 folks to help load it up into the HIH trailer. Please send us a message if you are able to assist.

Food pantry is scheduled for **Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8 pm at **Victory Park**. We will start setting up about 6pm. Our shelves are quite bare. If you are donating perishables please be aware we would like to have those arrive fresh on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We currently do not have refrigerated storage.

**You will need to contact us to drop off anything.** We are only available by appointment evening and weekends. Please do not drop items off without one of us there.

### Most requested items are:

Ramen noodles (very popular item)  
Spices (salt, pepper, onion, garlic, season salt)  
Pasta sauce (have lots of pasta this month)  
Soup  
Oatmeal & Pancake mix / syrup  
Sugar  
Fresh fruit & canned fruit  
Canned ravioli / lasagna  
Canned sloppy joe mix  
Meat (mostly hamburger)  
Bread  
Peanut butter & jelly  
Milk

Cheese slices  
Trash can liners 13 gallon  
Dishwasher detergent  
Dish soap  
All purpose cleaner  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Laundry detergent  
Fabric softener  
Glass cleaner  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Shampoo / Shower gel  
Hand soap  
Kleenex tissue

*Congratulations to Max & Helen Snyder who celebrated their  
75th wedding Anniversary on July 6th!*

Cards may be sent to:  
5700 Fremont, Apt. #301  
Lincoln, NE 68507



**Prayers for:** Pat Shaffer, Shar Stock, Linda Ahlgren, Kristy Kotik, Betsy Stumpf, Kay Likens & Deanna Turner.

**Sympathy to:**

Don Dunn and family on the passing of his mother, Thelma Dunn Howard. Her celebration of life will be

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00am, Saint James UMC in Bellevue, NE

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to:

Lighthouse, 2601 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68510 / or online at [www.lincolnlighthouse.org](http://www.lincolnlighthouse.org)

Scott Moore and family on Patsy's passing. Her celebration of life will be Monday, July 23 at 11:00am at Trinity.

Stephanie Loos and family on the passing of her mother, Shirley Equall.

Lucile Lenz and family on the passing of her brother, Dale Dieke.

Howard Bailey and family on the passing of his sister, Carol Ann Bailey Kamp.

**Health & Healing to Friends & Family of Trinity:** Betty Radcliff-Susan Harris' mom, Therese-Pat Shaffer's friend, John Duxbury (Ginny Parker's son), Leta Burnfield-Judy's Burnfield's mom, Vicki Looney & Dee Eomurian, (Linda Bawcom's friends), Tara Willnerd Southwick, Dylan Downs, Dan Lovercheck, Enid Fooks, Dan Adams-Mary Anderson's brother, and Anna Wehnes-Darrell & Clarice Bailey's niece.

Trinity Tower deadline for the next issue is Friday, July 20.

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