



# THE COMPASS

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TRINITY UMC MISSION – TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE LOST. JOHN 10:11

A PLACE TO... BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

## Missions Committee:

Thank you to everyone who donated to Heifer International. We were able to buy 2 goats, a water buffalo, a heifer, a flock of chicks, and a hive of honey bees.

During February, we collected money for Blankets of Hope through Church World Service. Every \$10 given buys one blanket. We will have a total amount that was given soon.

We are so grateful to all who donated clothing for the men at the Beacon of Hope shelter. It's a great way to give locally and the men are very appreciative.

We will serve a Manna Meal downtown at First United Methodist Church the evening of April 12th. There will be sign-up sheets available for food items and volunteers. Midwest Missions is in need of more sleeping mats since they are now sending the mats to other countries. A mat weaving day is being planned at Trinity on April 12th. Churches will be invited to bring looms and help weave. Additional weaving will also be held on Saturday, March 8 from 10a-12p and Thursday, March 20 from 5-7p.



*Jayne Cassidy*

## Missions Calendar 2025:

- Mar:** Manna Meal Sign-up
- Apr:** Manna Meal at First UMC Apr 12
- May:** Items for Lord's Cupboard
- Jun:** Items for Lord's Cupboard
- Jul:** Giving tree display for Ingathering
- Aug:** Collect Items for Ingathering

- Sept:** Sort and Assemble Kits
- Oct:** Beacon of Hope Meal, Blood/Organ Donation, Box/Label Ingathering Kits
- Nov:** Ingathering Day– Nov 1st Heifer International
- Dec:** Heifer International, School Clothing Items

## Trinity Women's Missions:

Trinity Women's Missions Circles will resume meeting in April. Everyone is welcome to attend. Mary's Circle is Co-Chaired by Karen Hilpiper and Zelda Farmer. The circle will meet on the third Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. April 16th, and in May, Sept., Oct. and Nov. for 2025. Ruth's and Rachel's Circle is Co-Chaired by Carol Etzel and Peggy Barkhaus. That circle shall meet April 23rd, on the fourth Wednesdays at 9:15 am, and in May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct. and third Wednesday in Nov. for 2025.

The Spring Planning Meeting will be held May 6th at 10:00 a.m. Pledge amounts or donations may be provided at any time throughout the year to support TUMC Youth and local women and children charities. We look forward to another blessed year.



Saturday Worship– **5:30p**  
 Sunday Worship– **9:30a**  
 Sunday Livestream on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)  
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# PRAYER LIST

Don & Elaine Cassady  
 Ralph Ewing  
 Terry Lee  
 Lois Martin  
 Linda Pingel  
 Steve Roe  
 Ilene Smith  
 Bill Cunningham brother of  
 Jean Warg  
 Joann Whittington  
 Gary Winkler  
 Sharon Perkins  
 Martina Hanselman  
 Bill Messerly  
 Norma Hughett  
 Ryan Bernie  
 Ernie & Cathy Jones  
 Mark Babbitt  
 Betty Lind  
 Mary Ann Bousfield  
 Trevor Garner

Please let the office know if you want to be added or removed from this prayer list. We want to respect your privacy, but let our prayer warriors know that you desire inclusion.



## March Anniversaries

3	Steve & Debby Roe
7	Mark & Jan Wilkens
14	Cory & Michelle Crimmins
15	Jim & Deb Harvey
19	Ed & JoAnn Becker
24	Daryl & JoAnn Beall
27	Nick & Colette Salmon
27	Roger & Jackie Brown

## March Birthdays

1	Kathy Becker
2	Amelia Harbaugh
2	Marie Ann Harvey
3	Makinna Johll
3	Peyton Meyer
4	Kennedie Hatlestad
4	Benjamin Pingel
4	Charlie Schelle
5	Kimberly Bowles
7	Steve Becker
7	Travis Filloon
8	Reese Richman
9	Chris Cornwell
10	Tawnie Bell
10	Eillie Estlund
10	Richard Zahrobsky
11	Tom Steck
13	Emma Alstott
13	Patricia Nielson
14	Laura Dawn Bidne
14	Dan Cassady
14	Tavia Geilenfeld
14	Mason Johnson
16	William Brand
17	Don Sampson
17	Andrea Surles
18	Carol Etzel
18	Jory Heinecke
18	Nancy Ropte
18	Colette Salmon
21	Josh Smith
22	Rick Sessler
23	Sara Nail
24	Mary Auten
24	Shelbi Beckman
24	Steve Roe
25	Mary Dixon-Wooten
25	Adaline Peterson
26	Emma Estlund
26	Johnathen Reedy
29	Justin Roberts
30	Mollyann Laird
30	Matthew Surles-Davis

## Graduating Seniors:

Although there's still snow on the ground, it will soon be Spring and graduation soon follows.



For those of you who are graduating and headed off to college in the fall,

remember Trinity offers scholarships.

In order to apply, ask Madeline (at the office) for an application. Fill it out and get it back to the office by April 30.

Enjoy the rest of your school year no matter what grade you are in.

**Patsy Pukacz**

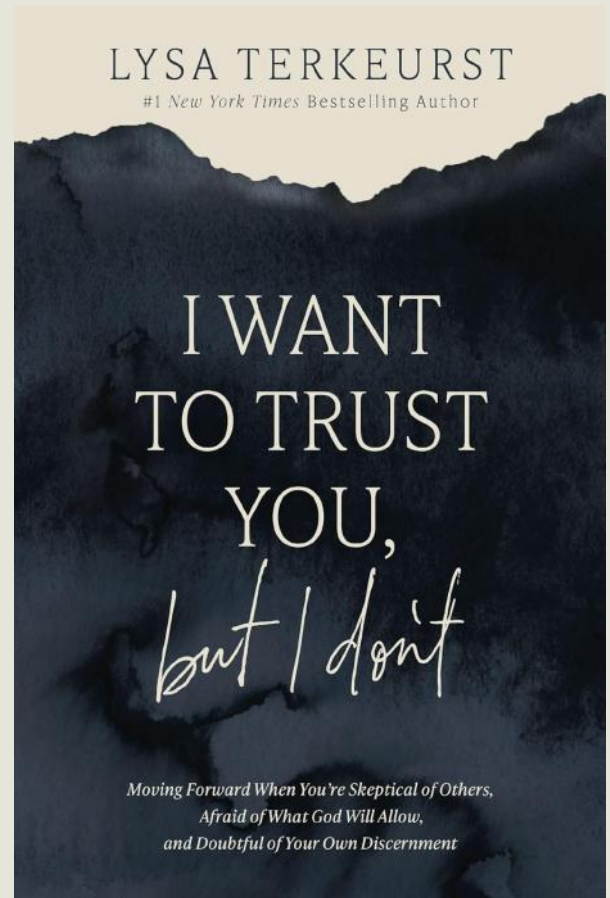
Memorial Committee Chairman

## Monday Night Bible Study:

Monday night Bible study will resume on **March 3rd** from **6:00 to 7:30 PM**.

This study will feature the book: *"I Want to Trust You, But I Don't"* by Lysa TerKeurst.

You can find the book on Amazon or purchase it locally at Walmart or Hobby Lobby. Please make sure to read the **Introduction** and **Chapter 1** before our first meeting.







## SALT & LIGHT! KC URBAN PLUNGE A SUCCESS!

A group of ten representing Trinity spent the last weekend of February immersed in urban ministry for God's people.

Nicole, Christ for the City International team leader, met us Friday afternoon at Red Bridge United Methodist Church (our home for the weekend) to start our plunge. The goal was to take us outside our comfort zone to see how Jesus invites us to follow him and be a blessing! Our time was a journey of discovery to show those in need God's love, discover the power of prayer, learn more about our gifts and passions and to help us relate to the problems we have in our home community.

We asked God to help us be the "salt and the light" (Matt. 5:13-16) for those in our path. We were called to be the "hands and feet of Jesus". The youth were quick to roll up their sleeves and get dusty even sweaty participating in four different CFCI partner ministries around the KC area.



**Community Linc**, a non-profit ministry, owns housing throughout the urban core for families who are in need by offering transitional housing. They aim to help break the cycles of poverty and homelessness. Our assignment was to deep clean and ready this two-bedroom apartment for the next family that would call it "home" in one week. In less than 3 hours we met that goal and our "God eyes" were opened as we prayed while cleaning for this new family. Jensen after cleaning the kids' room, laid down on a bed imagining how that child would feel sleeping in their own bed for the first time. Eye opening and life changing!

More stories will be shared this month from those who participated in Urban Plunge. Trinity family and friends it is your generous support of the fund

raisers the youth offer that make experiences like Urban Plunge possible, for example, the Souper Bowl lunch!

### SOUPER BOWL RESULTS - \$680!

It really didn't matter which Football team won the



Super Bowl because this youth fund raising event was all about the "soups"! Church family and friends were invited to sample 15 different soups and then vote for their favorite by donating

money. New comers to the contest were Zoey, friend Brynn, and mom Stacy, serving Z's Best Potato Soup! A delicious outcome of this event was to "taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8) A special thanks to Karen Nelson for posing with her samples. **Repeat winners were Maiya serving Chief's Chili and Brek serving Zuppa Toscana.** Their votes earned more than \$100! The winning score of the football game went to Carol Etzel. **Congratulations!**



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

\***JAM, Confirmation, Stop & Go Supper, and Youth Bible Study** meet Wednesday, March 5, 19, & 26.

**YOUTH GROUP** (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> gr) meets on Sunday night on March 2, 16, & tentatively the 30<sup>th</sup>, time to be determined. Reminder texts will be sent.

**SPRING BREAK** for the Fort Dodge Schools is March 10 – 14th, so **NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES** this week.

**A PANCAKE SUPPER** served by our youth will be on Ash Wednesday, March 5, from 5 to 5:45 p.m. prior to the 6p combined worship service with First UMC in our sanctuary. Everyone is invited!

**SAVE YOUR TREASURES** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> **ANNUAL GAB (Garage, Attic & Basement Treasures) SALE**, tentatively planned for the first week in June. Church family your treasures can be donated at any time after April 1!

## The Ministry of United Methodist Apportionments:

The main way we support the church ministries is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the churchwide budget to conferences and local churches. For United Methodists, this method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district, or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, and each congregation gives a fair share of the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

Contributions for apportionments is often misunderstood, simply because people don't know where the funds are allocated. So each newsletter will include a description of the apportionment programs. Let's start with three more of the 13 Conference Apportionment Ministries:

**District Funds** support the salaries and benefits of the District Superintendents, the Field Outreach Ministers, and the District Administrative Assistants. This fund also pays for the expense of District Offices as well as the travel and related expenses for the District Ministry Team.

**Clergy Support Ministries** are funds administered by the Administrative Cabinet of the Conference to support the work of the clergy. These funds include the cost of moving clergy from one appointment to another, grants for clergy in transition, recruitment and appointment consultation for clergy, and in special circumstances grants for clergy or a congregation.

**Episcopal Funds** supports the salary and benefits for the staff in the Episcopal office which includes the Administrative Assistant to the Bishop and related secretaries as well as the Conference Office of Communications. Other funds are used for the ministerial ethics committee, legal fees of the Conference, Task Force funding in addition to support of General and Jurisdictional delegates.

Check in April for more information!

## Circuit Meeting:

Our church's Circuit Meeting was held February 25th, at First UMC. Group church events are being planned, to support each other and our communities, in efforts focused on Leadership, Youth and Missions. Save-The-Date: upcoming, on April 12th, a Saturday-In-Service for Mission work will be hosted at Trinity. Watch for more information about this from our Mission Committee. The next Circuit meeting is scheduled for March 25th, 5:30 p.m. at Farnhamville. All members of our church are invited to attend. Please contact Pastor or Peggy for more information.

## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

3:30 PM JAM

4:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Stop & Go Supper

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday's Palms to Wednesday's Ashes in the Circle Court

*(Pastor Luke Filmore will lead a ceremony burning last year's Palm Sunday Palms to be used for Ash Wednesday next year. Participation/Observation is optional.)*

### New Lenten Worship, Devotion, and Small Group Focus: *Steadfast Love*

#### Week of March 8/9 Worship: *Steadfast Love*

Monday's Devotion: "Rise Up" by Andra Day

Small Group Topic: Praying the Scriptures

#### Week of March 15/16 Worship: *Conceal Me*

Monday's Devotion: "Head Above Water" by Avril Lavigne

Small Group Topic: Fasting

#### Week of March 22/23 Worship: *My Soul Clings*

Monday's Devotion: "Light of Home" by U2

Small Group Topic: Holy Conversations

#### March 29/30 Worship: *Camping Sunday*

Monday's Devotion: "Rainbow" by Kacey Musgraves

Small Group Topic: Conversion of Life

#### April 5/6 Worship: *Fill Me with Laughter*



Monday's Devotion: "Cover Me in Sunshine" by PINK and Willow Sage Hart

Small Group Topic: Order of Compline

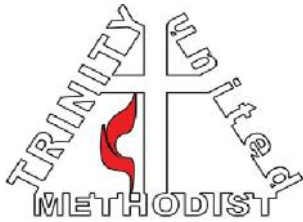
The weekly email announcements and devotions will include a link to the Lent Worship playlist. The lyrics will also be printed in the devotion for those who prefer. One of the small groups will meet on Sundays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 after fellowship and potluck. The second group will meet on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Both groups will meet in Classroom 6, the rear hallway behind the Sanctuary. There is no book to purchase.



# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30pm Worship - Casual Communion
2 Lent Small Group Potluck <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream- Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	3 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:00pm Bible Study	4 Election 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm Trustees Meeting	5 <b>Accountant Here</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Pancake Supper 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	6 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness	7 <b>World Day of Prayer</b> 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	8 10:00am Missions Loom 5:30pm Worship - Casual
9 <b>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b> Lent Small Group 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 	10 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:00pm Bible Study	11 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:45pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm FD Quilters Guild 6:45pm Ad Council Meeting	12 10:00am Coffee with Friends 5:30pm Lent Small Group	13 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness	14 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	15 5:30pm Worship - Casual
16 Lent Small Group 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	17 <b>Saint Patrick's Day</b> 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 9:30am RSCP 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 6:00pm Bible Study 	18 9:00am Trinity Quilters	19 <b>Accountant Here</b> 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 5:30pm Lent Small Group 6:30pm Youth Bible Study	20 <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> <b>First Day of Spring</b> 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 5:00pm Missions Loom	21 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	22 5:30pm Worship - Casual
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# March

## **This and That**

At the church, just like at home, there are occasional tasks that need to be completed to keep everything running smoothly. These tasks require no commitment and no special skills, and you can do them entirely on your own schedule. If you have some extra time and would like to stop by the church to help out, we would greatly appreciate it!

- Fill sanctuary registration pads, replace tissues, straighten hymnals/Bibles
- Wipe down kitchen cupboards, inside and out
- Collapse boxes for recycle
- Take the recycle bin to the curb (Date Specific)
- Make a walk through the church for safety (we'll provide the checklist)
- Conduct property inventory one room at a time