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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday Service – 5:30pm
Sunday Service – 9:30am

*Sunday Livestream on
Facebook & Youtube

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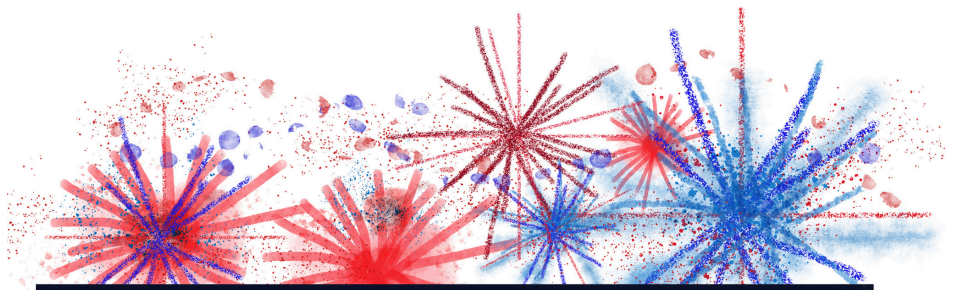


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Vacation Bible School News

To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!

Trinity UMC's Vacation Bible School will be for two days in July for kids who completed kindergarten through 5th grade this past school year. The theme this summer is: To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take you!

VBS will be from 9:00am-12:00pm on July 14th and 15th.

Get ready for crafts, music, games, Bible stories, snacks, science, and lunch.

To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll go on a journey through "space" where they'll explore where God's power can take them. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them too.

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Please preregister by July 10th by contacting Jill at 515-608-9410 or jillehamilton1984@gmail.com.

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Would you like to help teach kids about God's power? Let's make VBS memorable! Volunteer to help. There's something for every age and ability.

Contact Jill at 515-608-9410 or jillehamilton1984@gmail.com.



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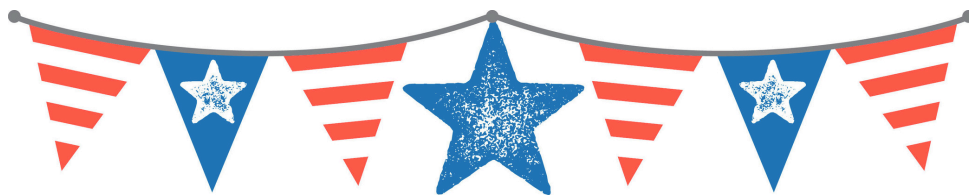
"GLORY TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR BEYOND ALL THAT WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE BY HIS POWER AT WORK WITHIN US."

Church FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Ed & Joanne Becker
 Terry Lee
 Linda Pingel
 Steve Roe
 Bill Cunningham
 (brother of Jean Warg)
 Joann Whittington
 Gary Winkler
 Sharon Perkins
 Martina Hanselman
 Ryan Bernie
 Jim Ainslie
 Kay Lomika
 Judy Clearwater
 Cathy Jones

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.

HOW CAN
we Pray
FOR YOU?



Worship Updates

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

Our worship life this summer and fall will include several special opportunities to celebrate, reflect, and grow together. We hope you'll mark your calendars and join us!

Children & Youth-Led Worship July 18 & 19

Our children and youth will help lead worship as they share their gifts and remind us what it means to come before God with joyful hearts.

Back-to-School Celebration August 23

As a new school year begins, we'll celebrate students, teachers, school staff, and families during worship, followed by a time of fellowship and fun afterward.

Labor Day Season Worship Series "Good Shepherd, Slow Me Down"

Near Labor Day weekend, we'll explore what it means to follow the Good Shepherd in a world that is always urging us to move faster, do more, and never stop.

Outdoor Worship Sunday, September 20

Join us as we gather outdoors to worship our Creator, enjoy God's creation, and celebrate the gift of community together.

Missions Committee News

Ingathering Tree Donations Needed

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Lord's Cupboard in May and June. We will continue to take donations through July 12th.

Last month, we delivered personal care items and a sleeping mat to the SALT Center downtown. They were greatly appreciative to receive these items!

On the morning of June 9th, Julie Nail, Mark and Ruth Babbitt, Carol Etzel, and Jayne Cassidy drove to Midwest Missions in Jefferson, Iowa. They joined members of churches from Early, Iowa, and Lake View, Iowa. Together they helped unpack, verify items, and re-pack Personal Dignity Kits and School kits. The kits will be sent out for ingathering time.

We will set up our Ingathering tree in mid-July. Each paper ornament on the tree will show items to be purchased for ingathering kits. There will be money envelopes as well.

There is a table in the church hallway to put garden produce, if you'd like to share what you've grown.

Mat Weaving Sessions are every Monday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

July Mat Weaving Session:

Thurs., July 16: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

The next Missions Committee meeting will be July 7th, at 5:00pm.

Message from Jess Ross, Engagement Director at Bickford Senior Living

Volunteers Needed

As I prepare to be away for a few weeks due to an upcoming surgery (July 20 - Aug 10), I have realized how important it is to have additional volunteers available to spend time with our residents.

We are looking for people who would enjoy playing games, helping with crafts, participating in or leading Bible studies, sharing music, painting fingernails, or simply visiting and offering companionship.

I am kind of a one-person activity department and would appreciate a few more bodies!

You choose the schedule that best fits.

Even a small amount of time can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.

Please feel free to contact me to schedule a time or get additional information at 515-573-3300.

We Heart Fort Dodge News

We ♥ Fort Dodge is Back on August 29th

Mark your calendars! We Heart Fort Dodge is back, and we're excited to spend another morning serving our community in simple, meaningful ways.

Favorite projects returning this year include:

- Dollar Car Wash (instead of paying a dollar, we'll give you one!)
- Free Hot Dog Giveaway
- Pop-Up Parties in the Park
- Quarter Distribution at Local Laundromats
- Trash Pickup & Graffiti Cleanup
- Water Bottle Giveaway

We'll gather at the Library at 9:30 a.m. for prayer before heading out across Fort Dodge to bless our neighbors. Then, at 11:30 a.m., we'll come back together for a closing celebration at The Well, Fort Dodge's soon-to-open women's shelter.

Whether you've participated before or this will be your first time, we hope you'll join us as we share God's love through simple acts of kindness. Together, we can help our community know they are seen, valued, and loved.

Registration will open in mid-July, so be watching for more information.

Appreciation from the Shining A Light Together Center

Thank you from SALT Center

Thank you for your donation to SALT! We appreciate the hygiene products and washcloths!

Thank you for another mat too!

We are so appreciative of all the effort of those mats.

You help us live out our mission!
SALT - Shining A Light Together 😊



7/1	Barbara Wallace Hughes
7/2	Archie Feddersen
7/3	Brinley Mericle
7/5	Kraig Barber
7/8	Adam Herrington
7/8	Bonnie Yoder
7/11	Keith Wiley
7/12	Nick Peterson
7/12	Jodi Smith
7/14	Ed Becker
7/19	Josephine Alstott
7/19	Joseph Chada
7/20	Greg Kirby
7/21	Elaine Kilian
7/22	Ignatius (Nate) Kirby
7/22	Paul Larson
7/23	Lily Meyer
7/23	Peyton Meyer
7/25	Mallory Asche
7/25	Jan Wilkens
7/28	Brooke Barber
7/28	Rhonda Wiley
7/29	Brad Arends
7/29	Brek Pingel
7/29	Teddy Shelton
7/30	Aianna Kirby



7/1	Mike & Martha Mericle
7/3	Gary & Joanne Astor
7/14	Jacob & Mallory Asche
7/19	Keith & Rhonda Wiley
7/20	Joseph & Jodi Chada
7/24	Randy & Pat Lohmeier
7/29	Dan & Lori Cassady
7/29	James & Jody Donahe
7/30	Tom & Lyndsey Steck
7/31	Steve & Jane Harbaugh
7/31	Tony & Angie Totten



Children & Youth

MINISTRY NEWS



Mission Possible Camp

During the week of June 22, Trinity Youth came to church each morning for Mission Possible Camp, ready to share the Good News with others in our community by doing various mission projects throughout the day.



"Trinity UMC Youth served the city of Fort Dodge," Pastor Bobbie Maltas said. "And they did so joyfully!"

Throughout the week, they visited and volunteered at Beacon of Hope, SALT Center, Marian Home, The Lord's Cupboard, and Lunch on Central.



Trinity Youth baked and delivered cookies and notes of gratitude to the Fort Dodge Firefighters, Fort Dodge Police Department, and Webster County Sheriff's Office.



They also did work throughout our church, from cleaning the kitchen and windows and carpets to pulling weeds outside in a flower bed.



It was a successful week of mission work done by Trinity Youth!



Children's Special Event

Fair Day for Kids

What? Webster County Fair Day for Children!

Who? Completed (and potty-trained) Kindergarten kids through 5th Grade

When? Thursday, July 16, 10:00AM-3:00PM

What to Bring? Children/Youth Medical and Parental Release Form (you cannot participate without this on file with the church), towel, sunscreen (wear it, bring it for reapplication if you want to), money if you want to purchase extra food, beverages, souvenirs.

What's Included? Lunch, water, transportation, adult supervision.

Children/Youth Medical and Parental Release Forms are available in the church office or in the file folder taped to the Education office door. One form for each student, please.

For additional information, contact Lilly Johnson at 515-571-2771



Youth Ministry News

Meet Anna

Anna Jones is our new Youth Ministry Coordinator. She is married to Chad Jones, and they have two children: Lucas, who is 27, and Laney, who is 23.

She currently works at the Fort Dodge Middle School as a paraeducator and substitute teacher. Anna has worked for the school district for four years.

"I look forward to guiding the youth as they grow in their faith," Anna said.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30am Worship 10:45am Worship Committee Meeting 11:00am Adult Sunday School 5:00pm Summer Meal Ministry	29 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness	30 9:00am Trinity Quilters 10:00am Accountant Here	1 10:00am Coffee with Friends 8:00pm Youth Gathering	2 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness	3 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	4 5:30pm Worship
5 Potluck 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult Sunday School 5:00pm Summer Meal Ministry	6 Youth at Camp Okoboji 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness	7 Youth at Camp Okoboji 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:00pm Missions Committee Meeting 5:30pm Circuit Meeting and Potluck (at Trinity UMC)	8 Youth at Camp Okoboji 9:00am Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends	9 Youth at Camp Okoboji 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting	10 Youth at Camp Okoboji 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 7:30pm Rockin' the Park Concert	11 Youth at Camp Okoboji 5:30pm Worship
12 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult Sunday School 5:00pm Summer Meal Ministry	13 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness	14 9:00am Trinity Quilters 9:00am VBS 6:00pm FD Quilters Guild	15 9:00am VBS 10:00am Coffee with Friends 8:00pm Youth Gathering	16 10:00am Webster County Fair Day for Kids 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 5:00pm Mat Weaving Session	17 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	18 5:30pm Children & Youth-Led Worship
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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then,
and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV