

**News update for May 4, 2023**

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**Trinity Homeless Services**

Homeless Services are available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services that are authorized by Rev. Ruth.

**This Week at Trinity**

- Thursday** (May 4th)  
**Friday** (May 5th)  
 • 7:00pm N.A  
**Saturday** (May 6th)  
 • 12:00-5:00pm JACL meeting  
**Sunday** (May 7th)  
 • 9:30-10:10am Donuts and coffee  
 • 10:10-11:10am Worship in the Sanctuary  
 • 11:30am Fellowship Soup Brunch  
 • 2:00pm Confirmation Class  
 • 6:00pm N.A  
**Monday** (May 8th)  
 • 7:00pm N.A  
**Tuesday** (May 9th)  
 • 6:30pm Trustee Meeting via Zoom  
 • 7:00pm N.A  
**Wednesday** (May 10th)  
 • 10:00am Upper Room book study  
 • 6:30pm Finance Meeting via Zoom  
 • 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting  
 • 7:30pm Scouts BSA

**! Church Camp !**

Calling all kids and Youth – Past, Present and future Campers: We need volunteers to help support our annual Sawtooth Methodist Camp.\*

*\*More info on page 7*

## Worship Plans for 5/7

Theme: The Guide  
 Sermon: "Great Spirit's Pathway"  
 Focus Scripture (John 14:1-7)

"Do not let your hearts fall to the ground," Jesus encouraged them. "Trust in the Great Spirit, and trust in me. Great Spirit's lodge has room for everyone. If this were not so, then why would I tell you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When I am finished, I will come back to you, so that you will always be with me. You already know the path to where I am going."

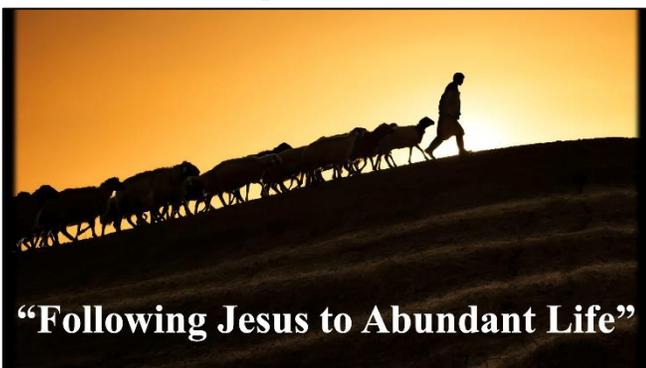
Looks Like His Brother (Thomas) interrupted and said, "Wisdomkeeper, if we do not know where you are going, how can we know the path?"

"I am Great Spirit's pathway, the truth about who Creator really is, and the life of beauty and harmony Creator offers to all. There is no other guide who can take you to the Great Spirit. To know me is to know Creator, so from now on you know Creator and have seen Creator."

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## Last Week's Sermon 4/30

Theme for the day: Abundance  
 Sermon: "Following Jesus to Abundant Life"  
 Focus Scripture: (John 10:1-10)



Jesus is the good shepherd who takes us where we need to go, even if we didn't realize we needed to go there. Jesus is the way, the very path for our journey of life. Jesus is the gate for

us to pass through from one season of our life to the next, but Jesus is not the wall. When we follow the Christ, we can go in and out. We can go out to those green, abundant pastures to feed, and enjoy abundance, healing and wholeness; and then we can return to the paddock to rest and renew.

When the bible was being written agrarian examples made sense to everyone. People were all connected to agriculture. Today that's not so true, so let's talk a bit about sheep, shepherds and gates.



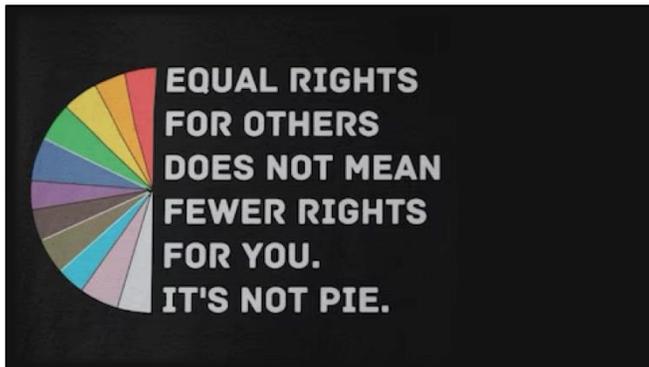
It was very common for a whole community's sheep to be sheltered together in the same paddock at night. It didn't matter who's sheep was who's. However, because individual shepherds had access to various qualities of pastureland, when it was time go out for the season, shepherds needed to sort the sheep, and it was important to get the right ones. The sheep needed to be separated in order for the current year's lambs to be marked, males to be neutered, and animals chosen for sale or selective breeding. Each community paid for someone to watch the sheep when they were gathered in the common paddock. When the individual shepherds appeared, the gatekeeper only let them take the sheep that they could identify, or that would come when they called. If you didn't present yourself to the gatekeeper, or no sheep came when you called, you were likely a thief and a scoundrel - end of story!

Here's a short clip of sheep being sorted in Iceland; it's called RÉTTIR.

<https://www.tiktok.com/@farmlifeiceland/video/7145108292916776198>



What does all this sheep stuff have to do with us? If the shepherd never comes to get the woolies and take them out to safe pasture where they do the work of being sheep, they languish and die. If we never let the good shepherd call us out of the church into fresh pastures to do the work of bringing God’s abundant love and equity of resources to the world, we will languish and die.



The economy of God is not an economy of scarcity, but of abundance; overflowing, recklessly generous, above and beyond what anyone could ever need, abundance. There is nothing you really need that is in limited supply. Love, grace, freedom, acceptance, hospitality, mercy, understanding, humor, peace. Nobody else’s possession of these things threatens or limits your access to them. God pours them out in rich profusion, in outrageous abundance.

In a few minutes we will come to the table of Holy Sacrament, the table of our Lord, the good shepherd. The fare on this table will not look abundant to the naked eye. A cup of grape juice

and one little loaf of bread to be divided between us. But this is the table of the same Lord who fed a crowd of thousands with a few small loaves and a couple of fish, and there were basketfuls of leftovers. The abundance of that feast was not seen in what was presented at the start. The abundance only emerged in the sharing, in the giving away. Attempt to cling to it and own it and guard it, and it will crumble away in your hands. But in giving it away, in sharing it recklessly and with extravagant generosity, the abundance is seen and enjoyed by everyone.

Amen.

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*A shepherd shares his life with his sheep,  
 leading them to greener pastures.  
 Sometimes the way may be scary, with a  
 sheepdog nipping at your heels to keep you  
 from getting hurt, but the shepherd is  
 guiding him, and watching over you.*

~N.S

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Soup Potluck**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish

## John Wesley Quote

“The sea is an excellent figure of the fullness of God, and that of the blessed Spirit. For as the rivers all return to the sea, so the bodies, the souls, and the good works of the righteous, return to God.”

~To Mrs. Bennis, 1771



## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - March 31, 2023



Income	\$28,933
Expenses	<u>\$47,743</u>
Current deficit	<\$18,809>

## Birthdays

### May

Tuckett, Rachel	05/04
Bettinger- Anderson, Sean	05/04
Carney, Gavin	05/05
Keller, Cameron	05/05
Hilker, Emily	05/06
Peterson, Stan	05/07
Perez, K.C.	05/08
Gaskill, Kathy	05/09
Edwards, Patti	05/11
Miller, Debbie	05/11
Nelson, Logan	05/11

## Meetup With Jesus

This set of “Meetup With Jesus” gatherings experienced foods that played a role in Biblical times. Help us dream about what the next set of “Meetup With Jesus” will be later in June!



David making rosemary roasted potatoes

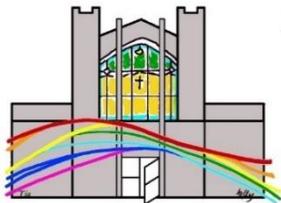


Always time for a group hug



## Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve: **Chair of Admin Council;**  
Open Position



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149  
[bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

Chair of Trustee

Don Rohde (860)810-3227-  
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Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

## Homeless Services

In April, 71 people received services in the 16 days we were open. This represents 31 unique individuals whose ages range from 18 to 70 with an average of 47. The average time in the church was 52 min with a range of 1 min to 5 hours. 9 people registered as first-time visitors. The services included 57 showers, 16 loads of laundry, 12 supplies which included drinking water, sleeping bag, 3 pair of socks, and 2 hygiene kits. 14 people use the mailbox service. 72% of the visitors had valid ID cards and 63% had a phone.



## Donation Drive

Later this May, we will be holding a donation drive for the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Centre.

We have been working with them for some time now, and love their mission. However, being a volunteer-run organization, they are running low on some supplies, and could really use our help in replenishing their stocks so they can continue to serve our community.

The main thing they are in need of now is all-purpose cleaner.\* Dollar Tree cleaner is perfect for their needs, and is very cheap. Some other items they could use are:

- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Shampoo
- All-Purpose Cleaner\*
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Disposable Women’s Razors 5 each
- Large Quilts
- Disposable Men’s Razors 5 each
- Twin Quilts
- Shave Cream
- Diapers all Sizes
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels 1

Anything helps, and we would be very grateful for your donations, so look forward to that this May, and see if there’s anything that you’d like to donate! More details in the next newsletter!



## Our New Bishop



On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth will be formally installed as resident bishop for the Greater Northwest Area. The service will be hosted by Aldersgate UMC in Juneau, Alaska.

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, elected in 2022, is the Resident Bishop of the

Greater Northwest Episcopal Area in the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. The area encompasses the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and Pacific Northwest Conferences.

Bishop Bridgeforth was born in Decatur, Alabama. His home churches were the Lakeview UMC and Oakville Baptist churches. Clifton and Premina Griffin, his maternal grandparents, insisted upon and modeled a Christian faith that expressed love for all, compassion in dire circumstances, and grace, especially when it seemed unwarranted from a human point of view.

Bishop Bridgeforth is a U.S. Air Force veteran who earned a Bachelor of Arts, Religion from Samford University (1997); a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree from the Claremont School of Theology (2000); and a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University (2005). He was ordained an elder by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson in the California-Pacific Conference.

At the beginning of his pastoral ministry, Bridgeforth served as a student intern at Crossroads UMC in Compton (1997-1999). As a spiritual leader, he has served as lead pastor in

four congregations in Los Angeles and Orange Counties in California. Those pastorates ranged from predominantly African American congregations in the heart of the Crenshaw District to multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-site ministries in the inner-city and suburban sectors of Santa Ana. These pastorates included Grace UMC Los Angeles (2018-2021), Santa Ana UMC (2015-2017), Crenshaw UMC (2003-2008), and Bowen Memorial UMC (1999-2003).

For eight years (2008-2015), Bridgeforth served as a district superintendent and dean of the cabinet in the California-Pacific Conference (Los Angeles and West Districts) in one of the most diverse regions in United Methodism, with language and cultural ministries from over twenty regions of the world.

Rev. Bridgeforth was elected as a bishop of the UMC on November 4, 2022, by the Western Jurisdiction at Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City on the 18th ballot. He was assigned to the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area.

Within the UMC, Bridgeforth has been a candidacy mentor for those discerning a call to ministry and a supervising elder for those in the provisional and full connection review processes. He was elected a clergy delegate to general and jurisdictional conferences in 2008, '12, '16, '19, and '20. In 2016, '19, and '20, he was the first elected clergy delegate for the California-Pacific Conference. Those elections led him to service on the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (now Wespeth) and as a member of the Western Jurisdiction's committee on nominations. From 2013 - 16, Bridgeforth served as president of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) and co-convenor of the Inter-Ethnic Strategy Development Group.

Bishop Bridgeforth is married to Christopher Hucks-Ortiz., who is a public health and research professional with demonstrated leadership in the US domestic and global field of infectious disease.

## Sawtooth Methodist Camp

### Camp Schedule for Summer 2023

**Elementary Camp** - (completed Grades 3-6)  
July 9-15, 2023

**Senior High Camp** - (completed Grades 9-12)  
July 16-22, 2023

**Junior High Camp** - (completed Grades 6-8)  
July 23-29, 2023

**On Site Training for Leaders and Counselors** -  
June 9-11 - at Sawtooth Camp

We will share photos soon from the Camps in summer 2022 - Trinity helped 10 youth attended. We will provide more details for all who wish to participate in this program for youth.

More information: Visit this site:

<https://www.gocamping.org/>

Here you can see details about the other camp locations in the Oregon and Idaho Conference.

Visit this site for

Sawtooth: <https://sawtooth.gocamping.org/>

**Contact: Rev. Ruth Marsh, Betty Anderson or Nancy Stewart** regarding how we can help kids at Trinity get to camp.



Stay tuned for fundraising opportunities in order for kids to get to camp!

## UWF NEWS



# United Women in Faith

Good morning! Spring is here! Hooray! Just a reminder that our next unit meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the parlor. The program will include a speaker from Shepherd's Inn. Joni and Kay are the hostesses.

Don't forget to let Mary Nagel know if you are interested in attending Mission U on July 14-15 on ZOOM at Trinity. Registration is currently underway.

Lots of great books to read from the UWF reading list. Check one out.

See you soon.

## First Presbyterian Church Concert



On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, the First Presbyterian Church is holding a Handbell and Piano duet Concert.

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

325 Elm Street in Idaho Falls

## Stained-Glass Window Repair

Nzilani Glass Conversation has begun to disassemble and clean our stained-glass windows.



The window sashes have been soaking in water for several weeks to loosen the 108 years of accumulated grime consisting mostly of

coal oil from years of exposure to coal smoke. The windows are disassembled under water to contain the toxic lead oxide that comes off the old lead in the windows. After disassembly each piece is scrubbed clean to remove the grime.



Next sample pieces of the three types of glass we are having custom made will be selected and sent to the custom glass fabricator to be copied.

See Page 9 for story

## Walk to End Alzheimer's

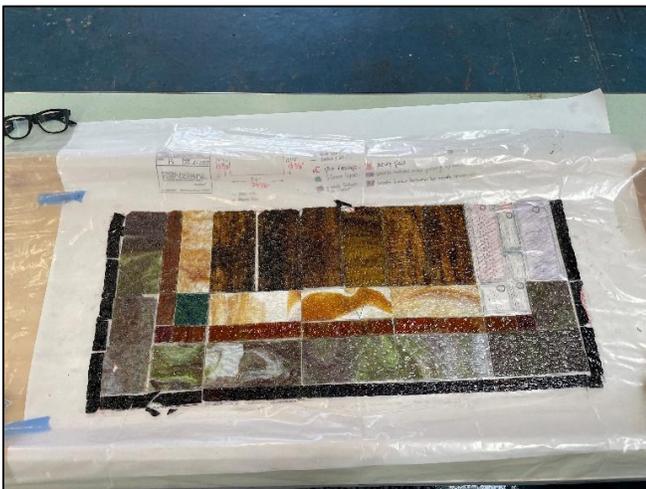
The Alzheimer's walk will be held on Saturday, September 23th. The Trinity team "Memory Methodists" is participating in the 2023 walk. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to fight Alzheimer's.

To join the Trinity team sign on to: [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr\\_id=16521&pg=entry](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=16521&pg=entry)

Register for:

[Memory Methodists](#)

Team Captain: Don Rohde



After the glass pieces are cleaned, they are reassembled on top of the tracing that was made when the window was first received. The mismatched pieces are removed from the formation and the broken pieces are set aside for repair. Notice the missing pieces in the photo. They are marked on the tracing as mismatched or broken.

## Custom-Made Stained-Glass

This is an example of making custom glass taken from the KOG glass website. To watch the video, go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDyeiePort0>



The different colors of glass are melted in this 12-section furnace. A ladle of each color needed is delivered to the mixing table.



The table man stirs the colors together and feeds them into the roller.

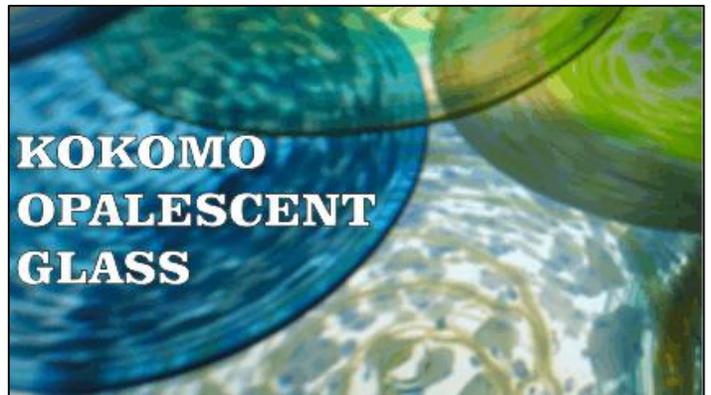
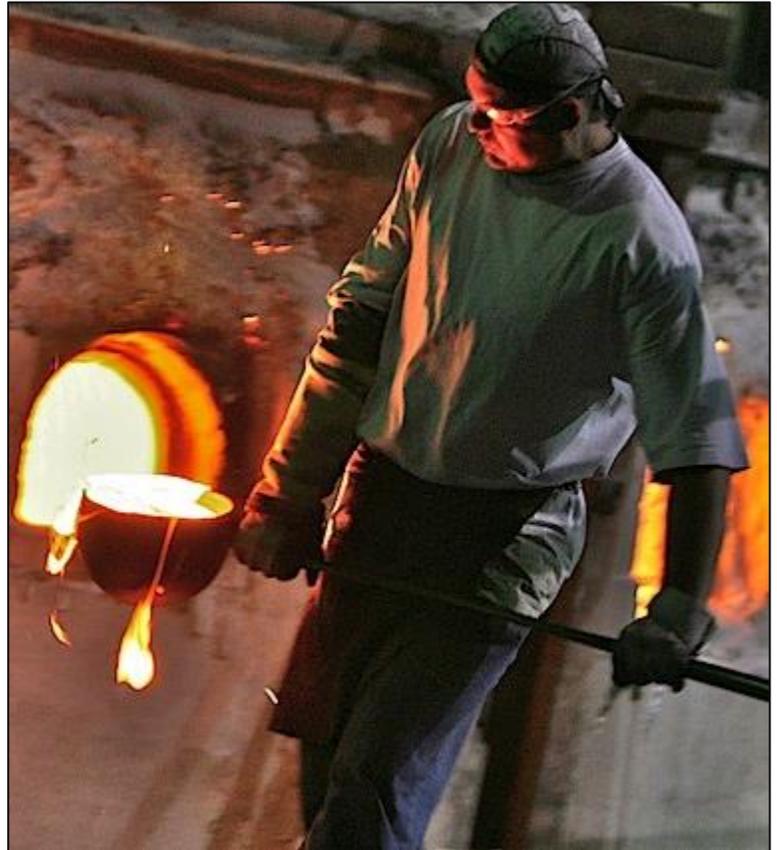


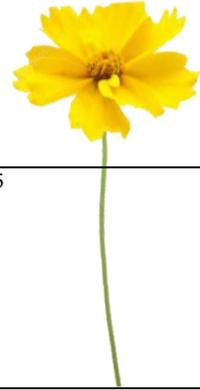
The glass is rolled out to 1/8 of an inch and then slowly cooled in an annealing furnace to prevent it from cracking as it cools.

Note the wavy patterns (grain) in the glass like the Trinity glass has. Each roll makes 2 - 32" by 32" sheets of glass.

*Information from Kokomo Opalescent Glass Co. 1310 South Market St. Kokomo, IN 46902*

<https://kog.com/>



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