

February 2026 at a Glance

Feb 1 - Choir @ 9am, **Worship @ 9:45**,
 Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am
Feb 4 - Lost & Found @ 1pm, Choir @ 6pm
Feb 7 - Spring Salad Luncheon Planning @ 9:30am
Feb 8 - **Worship @ 9:45**,
 Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,
 Zoom Bible Study @ 5:30pm
Feb 10 - Mary Circle @ 6:30pm
Feb 11 - Lost & Found @ 1pm, Prayer Time @ 2pm,
 Choir @ 6pm
Feb 12 - Esther Circle @ 10am, R&R @ 6pm
Feb 14 - Lost & Found @ 10am
Feb 15 - Choir @ 9am, **Worship @ 9:45**,
 Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,
 Youth Group @ 2pm
Feb 16 - *President's Day - Office Closed*
Feb 17 - Leadership Team @ 6pm
Feb 18 - Lost & Found @ 1pm,
 Soup Cook-off @ 5:30pm,
Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30pm
Feb 19 - Dominoes @ 1pm
Feb 21 - Saturday Sisters @ 9:30am,
 UWF 2027 Budget Planning @ 10:30am
Feb 22 - Choir @ 9am, **Worship @ 9:45**,
 Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,
 Don & Millie's Day,
 Zoom Bible Study @ 5:30pm
Feb 25 - Lost & Found @ 1pm, Prayer Time @ 2pm,
 Choir @ 6pm
Feb 26 - R&R @ 6pm
Feb 27 - Crafting for Christ @ 6pm
Feb 28 - Trinity Men @ 8am, Lost & Found @ 10am,
 Parents' Night Out

Happy February! It is hard to believe we are already in the second month of 2026. As we enter this month I have excellent news. The new church directory is completed. We will have paper copies ready to share on February 8th. My hope is that this directory helps us connect better as a church. How? It will have all updated information, but even better is that it will be able to be updated as needed without creating an entirely new directory. Also, it will be able to be accessed online with password protection.

Being able to connect as a church is very important. As the community of Christ, we are called to pray for each other and lift each other up. How can we do that if we do not know who each other are? I hope this directory helps us do that and reconnects us to each other. Maybe we can even create groups of people who can check in on each other and pray for each other. The possibilities are endless when we are able to connect.

Thank you to everyone who has made this directory possible. Especially to Joshua King Photography for taking the photos. Joshua gave us the gift of all of the pictures at no cost to the church. If you need any pictures please consider Joshua King. He did a great job for us. His email is joshuakingphotographydesign@gmail.com.

Keep reading for other important information about how we are living out the call to be neighbors living and loving together with Christ!

Blessing, Pastor Tessa



Pastor Visits

Talking about being invited to the party on Ash Wednesday got me thinking about pastor visits. I enjoy making pastor visits and praying with each of you. The struggle is that I often do not know a visit is wanted or needed without an invitation. If you or a family member would like me to visit, please invite me. We no longer live in a time when the hospital calls to tell me you are there. You can reach out with a phone call, text, or an email. My number is 402-469-5734. My email is tessa.z@trinityralston.org.

Ash Wednesday

Start the journey to Easter on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th with a time of worship at 6:30pm. This year, we will be talking about something good in worship as we celebrate the gift of life God gives. This Lent, we will have inspirational cards and a devotion book for anyone who wants one.

On Ash Wednesday, instead of talking about the ways we need forgiveness, we are going to focus on the ways God connects us. Worship will be about how all were invited to the party, the question is will we be willing to attend? I hope you come on Wed, Feb 18th for the soup supper and stay for the worship!

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Sunday Worship: 9:45am in person + online

Pastor: Rev Tessa Zehring

TLC Director: Megan Greise **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley **Choir Director:** Chris King

Accompanist: Caleb Silcott **Office Manager:** Lowell Schlenker

Mission Notes

The Mission Team encourages you to continue collecting non-perishable items for the Little Free Pantry through the month of February.

**The Mission Team will not meet in February.*

Baby Blessing

Join us for a quiet baby blessing celebrating mommy-to-be, Shae Cronin, on Sun, Feb 15th during the worship service. We will joyfully celebrate and pray over this precious little life. The Trinity church family is invited to participate by writing a prayer, blessing, or word of encouragement for the baby to place in a prayer jar that the family can treasure for years to come. Gifts are warmly welcomed, but your prayers and presence mean the most.

R&R

R&R is a time for people of all ages to come together for a time to reflect on our faith and be revived. Meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, we start with a meal at 6pm, and then have a lesson or do an activity (often mission related). During February, we will meet on the 12th & 26th.



Youth Group

Youth Group meets on Sun, Feb 22nd at 2pm. Youth Group is open to anyone in grades 4th through 12th. Come and join in the fun! This month, come and see if you can free yourself from the Escape Room Pastor Tessa is creating!

Soup Cook-off

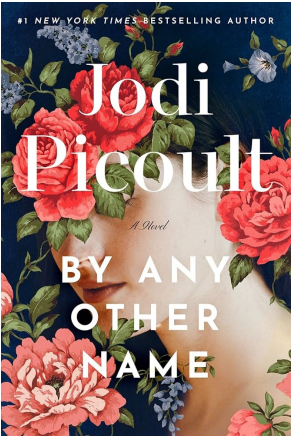
It is time once again to test your cooking prowess. Do you have the skills to win the coveted Golden Ladle? Pull out your favorite soup recipes and start practicing! Wed, Feb 18th @ 5:30pm will be this year's Soup Cook-off. Sign up today to place your entry. Don't have an entry? Come be a judge then!

Office Closings

The church office will be closed on Mon, Feb 16th in honor of President's Day.

Saturday Sisters Book Club

The next selection for Saturday Sisters Book Club is *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult. This novel is about two women playwrights, centuries apart - one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare's plays - who are both forced to hide behind another name. Please join us on Feb 21st at 9:30am in Room 205 for discussion.



Dominoes



Come play a hand or more of dominoes on Feb 19th from 1 - 3pm. Light refreshments provided. Trinity invites all in the community to fellowship together for an afternoon of fun. All are welcome!

Craft for Christ

Feb 27th from 6 - 9pm is craft night. Regardless of if you have a project or not, come and enjoy crafting, playing games, snacking, and building community together.

NE Legislative Briefing Day

The 51st annual Nebraska Legislative Briefing Day is from 8am to 1pm on Sat, Feb 14th. Online registration for 2026 is now live at <https://nelegisbrief.org/>.

The keynote address will be from Adam Morfeld, former executive director of Civic Nebraska, who will speak on the referendum process; and Rachel Gibson, vice president of the League of Women Voters Nebraska.

Workshops include immigration, mental health, sustainability, faith and community organizing, and proposed legislation's possible effects on LGBTQ+ Nebraskans.

Yearly Giving Statements

The Giving Statements for 2025 have been sent via e-mail. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the church office.



Ralston Archives

The Frank and Velma Johnson Ralston Archives will be open Sun, Feb 15th from 1 - 3pm. Come and see what's new!

Happy Birthday!

Would you like us to share your birthday with the church? Submit when your birthday is to the church office, and we will share it the week before it happens.

