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Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*
John 13:34

Most of all, let love guide your life. Colossians 3:14 (TLB)

As Lutherans in the ELCA, we believe that the Bible contains the Word of God, that scripture guides and informs our life together in the faith. While all of scripture has value, the primary focus is always on the gospels - what Jesus said, how Jesus acted, the message Jesus taught. In Jesus, much of the Old Testament law is declared null and void. Our life in the faith is focused on Christ - the one who is always reaching out in love.

Jesus says, "Love one another." Each day as we seek to be faithful to Christ, our greatest responsibility is to practice love. There are people in our lives who are easy to love. It is easy to love the ones with whom we have much in common, the ones who share our outlook on faith and life, the ones who build us up, encourage us, strengthen us. There are people in our lives who are not so easy to love. It can be difficult to love the people in our lives who seem to have a wholly different view of the world, the ones whose approach to life is radically different from our own, the ones who tear us down and discourage us. These folks can be a challenge.

But Jesus' message is clear and unambiguous. "Love one another," Jesus says. Love all of God's people. Love the ones who are easy to love. Love the ones who are difficult to love. Love the ones who see the world the way you do. Love the ones who have a different perspective. Let love guide your life. In reaching out in love to all people, we will fulfill Christ's greatest desire for our lives. In the coming days and weeks, do everything in your power to practice loving one another.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the May meeting of the Congregation Council, the council

---learned that after twenty-one years of service, Leonard Harrison will be retiring from Trinity on June 23. The congregation will honor him during Coffee and Conversation at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 2;

---noted that expenses for April were \$6,817 more than projected; and

---by a vote of 15 to 1 approved the Executive Committee's motion to adopt the recommendation of the Wedding Policy Task Force to amend Trinity's Wedding Policy to allow same sex marriage at Trinity by adopting changes to the policy statement as outlined in the report. A letter with more information has been mailed. Copies of the full report are available in the Church Office. The Report and additional materials will soon be available at www.trinitylutheran.ws.

PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group meets at 11:30 am in the Library every Wednesday. The group meets for thirty minutes to share prayer concerns and celebrations and pray for individuals and ministries in the life of Trinity. Prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.



Prayer

LEONARD HARRISON TO RETIRE

After twenty-one years of service to Trinity Lutheran Church, Leonard Harrison is retiring from the position of Custodian, effective June 23. On Sunday, July 2 at an extended Coffee and Conversation, the congregation will have an opportunity to honor Leonard's ministry and express thanks for his service.



LEISURE/ACTION

The Leisure/Action Group for senior adults meets occasionally for lunch, learning and travel. On Thursday, June 8 the group will enjoy an outing to the lake home of Luther and Sally Boliek. The bus will leave the Church at 10:15 am. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. The group will leave the lake by 2:30 pm to return to the Church. Reserve your seat on the bus by contacting the Church office by Monday, June 5.

Congregation members are encouraged to plan ahead for *BBQ and Bible* on Thursday, August 3, when the group will travel to Flat Rock, NC for a barbecue lunch and a performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Playhouse.

Gameday is a time for Church members to gather for Bridge and other games. The group meets at noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. This month, the gathering will be on Wednesday, June 28 at noon. Participants are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided.



CREATION CARE TEAM

Trinity's Creation Care Team is exploring issues regarding recycling, energy efficiency, and care for the earth. Current projects include washing the china mugs after Coffee and Conversation each Sunday, picking up the recycling (plastic, cans, and paper), and investigating ways to make the campus more green. Persons who are interested are invited to the speak with David Potts, Peggy Schotsch, or Mark or Lura Godfrey.



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out to Lunch Bunch is a group that enjoys Sunday lunch together on the fourth Sunday of each month after the 11:15 am worship service. The group is open to any Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group will meet on June 25 at *Flat Rock Grille* at Cherrydale at 12:45 pm.



LOVING THREADS

Loving Threads is a ministry that knits and crochets handmade prayer shawls, baby blankets and bandages for those in the community and around the world. Most work is done at home. For more information contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.



BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group meets in the Parlor at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of even numbered months. Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books. The next meeting is June 15 when the group will discuss *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith. On August 17 the book to be discussed is *The Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles.

LYDIA GROUP

The Lydia Group will resume meeting in September.

MEN'S GROUP

The group will resume meeting in September.

QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group will meet in the Activities Building at 9:30 am on Mondays, June 5 and 12 The group makes quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to make quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. Participants may bring their lunch, and can work as little, or as long, as they would like. There are also at-home sewing opportunities for those who cannot come to the gatherings. For more information, contact Amy Brown at 242-5702.



QUILTING GROUP

MUSIC MINISTRY

Trinity Choirs are enjoying a well-deserved summer break until August. These are the start-up dates for fall rehearsals:

ADULT AND HANDBELL CHOIRS (open to youth and adults) will begin fall rehearsals on August 16.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K5 through grade 5) begins fall rehearsals on September 10.

YOUTH CHOIR (Grades 6 through 12) will have its first rehearsal on August 20. The choir will start right away focusing on music for Youth Sunday which is early this year, September 24.



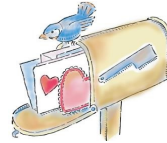
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Trinity's Young Adults Group will meet for dinner at *Tupelo Honey* on Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm. Those interested in going are asked to RSVP to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, June 25 so that reservations can be made.



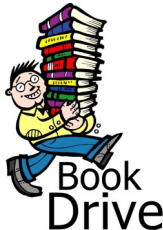
TLC4TLC

Adults are invited to gather once a month for TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. The group will meet on Sunday, June 25 at 4:00 pm in the Library. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450 or Tracey Hoffert at 991-8547.



OUTREACH FOR GREENVILLE LITERACY

The Greenville Literacy Association is sponsoring the *Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*. Book collection will begin on June 4. Look for the collection boxes in the Breezeway. The sale runs August 11-13. For more information, contact Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net or Lynn Parsons at lynnleckleyp@gmail.com, or go to the GLA website.



CONGREGATIONAL BASEBALL OUTING

All Trinity members are invited to attend a *Drive* game on Friday, July 29 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each. There are a limited number of tickets available, so sign up through the Church Office to reserve your spot.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3
<p>7</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:15 LEISURE/ACTION</p> <p>7:00 COLLEGE STUDENTS' DINNER</p>	9	10
<p>14</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>INTERFAITH MISSION</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 BOOK GROUP</p> <p>HOSPITALITY TRIP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NETWORK</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:00 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP RETURNS</p>
<p>21</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>RETREAT</p>	22	23	24
<p>28</p> <p>11:30 PRAYER GROUP 12:00 LEISURE/ACTION GAMEDAY</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00 LCY LUNCH</p> <p>7:00 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</p>	30	

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR

	<u>4th</u>	<u>11th</u>	
9:00 am	Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes	Angie McCormack Ken Branham Amanda Cook Julia McElhinny Madison Mercer	Ralph Born Megan Koon John Park Hunter Balck Rowan Brown
	Greeters	Pattimarie Janssen, Donnie Koon Karla Koon	Missy Wingard, Eddie Woodward Kim Woodward
	Nursery Nursery Aide	Ashley Macek, Ryan Macek Conyers Wingard	Ashley Forbes, Scott Forbes Rowan Brown
Sunday School	Nursery	Karen Craig	Ryan Macek
11:15 am	Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes	Lisa Panhorst Melanie Helling Jeff Rehm Ryan Semler Jack Wilcox	Kaitlin Moose Bill Renninger Ann Coon Walker Fletcher Charlie Ives
	Greeters	Al Banister, Darwin Cline Susan Cline	Lisa Black, Jeanne Blinkoff Bob Whitley
	Nursery	Greg Jensen	Melanie Wessinger
Communion Fill		Sarah Weeks	Bonnie Bridges
Communion Clean-up (9:00) (11:15)		Donnie and Karla Koon Eric and Angela Glass	Mike and Susan Wilson Sidney and Karen Conner

Ushers 9:00 Mike Parker (Captain), Ken Branham, Jeff Roth, Todd Wetzel
11:15 Mike Metz (Captain), Jeanne Blinkoff, Heidi Goodwin, Bobbi Metz

Offering Tellers

Team 1 Eric Lynch (Captain)
Tim Keaton, Dawn Lynch

Team 2 David Troutman (Captain)
Joanne Jones, Tom Littlejohn

JUNE 2017

18th

Angie McCormack
Stephen Kirven
Mark Godfrey
Emily Lynch
Ellen Spiers
Jason Brinkley, Jami Mercer
Robbie Smith
Bryan Cegelis, Jessica Cegelis
Anna Lee Henry

Anne Branham

Mark Allen
Sammy Mosher
Melanie Helling
Anna Bennett
Delaney Wannemacher
George Corell, Bonnie Farmer
Herb Lembcke
Karen Craig

Karen Nichols (Intinction)
Eddie and Kim Woodward
Jimmy Reynolds

25th

Mike Wilson
Mary Valenti
Jeff Rehm
Abigail Smith
Andrew Smith
Jo Glymph, Bridget Gossett
Gregg Alley
Tracy Dean-McElhinny, Steve McElhinny
Emily Lynch

Anne Branham

Jeff Rehm
Joyce Weiner
Jeff Rehm
Everett Lawrence
Caitlin Littlejohn
Darwin Cline, Susan Cline
Mary Frances Martin
Melissa Kolb

Susan Troutman
Lisa Darby
Philip and Melanie Wessinger

Nursery Captains

9:00

Ashley Forbes

SS

Brenda Bridges

11:15

Amanda Jensen

Audio Ministry

Debbie Farstad

Visiting First Time Worshipers

Susan Burton

Sanctuary Preparation

Lani Ludian

United Ministry Food Baskets

Bob Whitley

2017 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>DAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p>EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 4</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 5 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>THE HOLY TRINITY 11</p> <p>8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP DEPARTS 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:00 GAIHN SETUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 12 9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>13</p> <p>AREA SCHOOL</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18</p> <p>EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY</p> <p>7:00 GAIHN TAKEDOWN 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>4:00 CONGREGATIONAL BEACH RETREAT BEGINS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BEACH</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25</p> <p>9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 9:50 COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:00 CONGREGATIONAL BEACH RETREAT ENDS 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>12:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH</p> <p>4:00 TLC4TLC</p>	<p>9:00 STAFF MEETING 26</p>	<p>27</p>

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Youth who just completed grades six through twelve are invited to meet at the Red Canopy Door on Thursday, June 29 at noon to walk downtown for lunch. Those attending should bring \$10.00 to \$15.00 for lunch. Pick up time is 2:00 pm at the Red Canopy Door.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LCY's annual Fall Retreat will be Saturday, August 26 through Sunday, August 27 at Lutheridge. This event is for youth who will be in grades six through twelve in the 2017-2018 school year. The group will enjoy fellowship, swimming, games, worship, and begin planning for Youth Sunday, scheduled for September 24. The cost is \$100 per person. Registration information will be emailed to families in late July.



Lutheran Church Youth

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Ten of Trinity's high school youth, along with four adults, will travel to Jacksonville, Florida for a week of service. The group will leave Trinity at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 11 and return at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 17. Please pray for Hunter Balck, Rowan Brown, Walker Fletcher, Anna Lee Henry, James Kirven, Everett Lawrence, Andrew Rose, Andrew Smith, Ellen Spiers, Jack Wilcox, Rich Bresette, Rita Kirven, Henry Wilcox and Mandi Whitley as the group strives to do God's work in the Jacksonville community.



GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

Trinity Church will host guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, June 11 through Sunday, June 18. Please note that this is a change from the original dates. Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Rachel Balck at rachel@balckfamily.org or 915-6039 or Cathy Westbrook at cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net or 370-8114 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinator, Rita Kirven, at rkirven@charter.net or 616-9328 if you would like to volunteer.

Food items are needed to pack lunches and provide snacks for GAIHN guests during host week. A display containing a list of needed items as well as a sign up sheet is located in the Parlor. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, June 11.

TLC COLLEGE STUDENTS

Current Trinity college and graduate students will gather at *Chicora Alley* on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 pm for dinner. Those attending should bring money for dinner. Sign up with Mandi Whitley no later than Monday, June 5 so that a reservation can be made.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION DAYS

Families with middle school students should mark their calendars for Monday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 12 for Trinity's annual *Middle School Mission Days*. Youth will gather in the Youth Center from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each day to work on service projects at Trinity and in the Greenville community. The cost is \$10.00 per youth, per day, which covers the cost of snacks, lunches and supplies. Youth can attend one, two or all three days but must sign up no later than Sunday, July 2.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration has begun. Bible School will be July 24 through 28, from 8:45 am to noon. The theme is *Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won*. Bible School is for children who will be 3 by September 1, through those who have recently completed fifth grade. Help to plan well and save some money by registering your children and friends in the month of June for \$15.00 each. Registrations received in July will be \$20.00 each.

2017 VBS REGISTRATION FORM - JULY 24 - 28

Child's name _____

Mailing Address _____

Age on September 1, 2017 _____ and/or Grade completed _____

Child's T-shirt size (please circle)

Child's XS (2-4)

Child's S (6-8)

Child's M (10-12)

Child's L (14-16)

Adult S

Adult M

Adult L

Adult XL

Adult 2X

Parent's or Guardian's Name _____

Telephone Numbers (H) _____ (O) _____

(Cell) _____

E mail Address _____

Parents or guardians, please check items of interest below:

_____ I would like to help with Bible School. (Adults and youth who assist with Bible School must be trained in the Child Protection Policy. Nursery care for children too young to participate in Bible School will be provided for adults who are on the VBS staff.)

_____ I can help on these days. _____

_____ Attached is my registration fee. (\$15 through June 30, \$20 in July)

_____ My child has an ALLERGY or HEALTH CONCERN you should be aware of:



UNITED MINISTRIES

Trinity continues to receive food for the United Ministries Food Pantry on the first and third Sundays of each month. There is a particular need for beef stew, green beans, canned fruit and ramen noodles. Other items are appreciated as well.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Because Trinity Lutheran Church participates in a Membership Assistance Program with Canterbury Counseling Center, members of the congregation pay a fee of \$25 per session for the first four sessions of counseling. To make an appointment, speak with Pastor Crowell or call the Canterbury Counseling Center at 235-7501.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

BAPTISMS

Robert Kade Corell, son of Brandon Corell and Jenna Floyd on April 30
Bryson Lee Zivic, son of Christian Zivic and Ashley Wampler on April 30

DEATH

the son of Jeff and Donna Greene

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Jay Ragley to Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC
Gary Tapler to Grace Lutheran Church, Gilbert, SC

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

	<u>5/7</u>	<u>5/14</u>	<u>5/21</u>
9:00	130	190	125
11:15	<u>172</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>109</u>
TOTAL	302	312	234
SUNDAY SCHOOL	92	92	81
LCY	36		

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MAY (SUMMARY DOES NOT INCLUDE MAY 28)

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 105,130	\$ 525,652
Given to Budget	<u>55,811</u>	<u>518,818</u>
Difference	- \$49,319	- \$ 6,834
Given to World Hunger	\$1,159	\$8,643
Given to Preserving Our Heritage	\$410	\$ 662,878 (Campaign to date)



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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School will be offered for all ages every Sunday this summer.

PRESCHOOLERS (infants through K4 children who have not completed K5) will gather in the Nursery for play and storytime.

ELEMENTARY aged children (those who have completed K5 through grade 5) will meet in combined classes (K5 through grade 2 and grades 3 through 5) on the first floor of the Pence Education Building.

YOUTH who have completed grades 6 through 12 are invited to meet each Sunday outside Mandi Whitley's office immediately after the 9:00 am worship service to walk as a group to *Starbucks* for fellowship, devotions and prayer.

ADULTS and college students will meet as one class during the summer, in the Assembly Room beneath the Sanctuary. Following Coffee and Conversation, the class will explore the Reformation using the study *Ever Reforming: Lutherans Looking Back and Ahead*. This study will look at reformation history, people and theology from the past and into the present time.

