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*The best of community gives one a deep sense of belonging and well-being;
and in that sense community takes away loneliness.*

Henri Nouwen

*True belonging does not require that we change who we are;
it requires that we be who we are.*

Brené Brown

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

As a girl of fourteen coming of age in small town, rural South Carolina, I often had the feeling that I did not belong. Most of my friends could not imagine a life beyond that familiar, restrictive place. They could not imagine that meaningful life could be found beyond that small town. But, I always wanted more, always thought that there would be a place where I would feel more at home, a place where I would truly belong. No one could understand why I did not choose to marry a local boy, buy a trailer, and live within yards of my parents. To many of my friends I seemed odd, peculiar, strange.

Belonging is being accepted for who you are. Fitting in is changing who you are in order to be accepted. In high school, I did a lot of the latter. It was not until I went away to Furman that I found a place of belonging, a place where I was free to truly be myself, a place where I could be loved and valued for exactly who I was. I knew after that first semester away at college that I would never be able to go home to live. A whole new world had opened up for me and I could not give up the heady feeling of belonging.

That is what we all want in life. We want to belong. We want to be loved, honored, valued, and accepted for who we are. We do not want to pretend, to be untrue to ourselves, to be forced to be someone we are not. We desire to be fully known and in the knowing to be fully loved and accepted. That is our hope for our life together at Trinity. We are striving to build and nurture a community of faith where everyone is free to be their truest, most authentic selves: a place where all belong, where all have value and worth. In our life together at Trinity, you can be you. You can be who God made you to be. You can belong. This community needs you and loves you. Bask in the simple knowledge that at Trinity, that in God's kingdom, you belong.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

PLEASE JOIN OUR TRINITY FAMILY
FOR A DRIVE THROUGH RECEPTION HONORING
VICAR LUKE DELASIN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020
4:00 TO 5:00 PM

SAFE, PRE-PACKAGED REFRESHMENTS AND DRINKS WILL BE HANDED TO
GUESTS IN THEIR CARS AS THEY MOVE THROUGH THE PARKING LOT.

ALL CARS SHOULD ENTER VIA NORTH MAIN STREET.

THIS WILL BE VICAR LUKE'S FINAL SUNDAY OF MINISTRY AT TRINITY.



GIVING TO TRINITY

Please help us to continue to shine the love and light of Christ into our community and world by supporting Trinity's ministry through your regular giving and special offerings. Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256 or by following the *Online Giving* link on the homepage of our website, www.trinitylutheran.ws. Offering my also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 N. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601. Please contact Kay Cook in the Church Office if interested in signing up for automatic bank draft.

AUGUST WORSHIP

Midweek services featuring Holden Evening Prayer and a meditation will be premiered each Wednesday at 6:00 pm on August 12, 19, and 26. There will not be a service on Wednesday, August 5.

Sunday morning services will be premiered at 10:00 am on August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

GRACE BAGS

During the month of August, Grace Bags containing simple pop-top food items will be available in the Breezeway for parishioners to pick up Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, to keep in their cars or in their homes to give to folks in need of a simple meal.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Continuing through August, Trinity, in partnership with Advoco, Table 301, and Francis Produce, is hosting "Nourishing Neighbors", a weekly event held on Wednesdays on the front lawn to provide a boxed lunch, fresh produce, and reusable masks to our neighbors at Towers East.

GUEST PREACHER AT WORSHIP

On Sunday, August 9, The Rev. Jackie Utley will be preaching at Trinity. Jackie, a former member of the Pentecostal Holiness tradition, is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and currently serves as the pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC.

LCY ZOOM, MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET UP AND HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT

LCY will continue to gather virtually via Zoom on Wednesdays in August beginning at 7:00 pm for games and highs/lows/horizons. Parents will be emailed login information.

Middle School Meet Up: Youth who are about to be in grades 6-8 will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 5:00 pm in the playground parking lot for a socially distanced meal. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring their own food, a tailgate chair and a mask (which will be worn while the group is setting up). The event is limited to 8 people and an RSVP is required. Those who plan to attend should sign up through the Church Office.



High School Hang Out: Youth who are about to be in grades 9-12 (plus recent graduates) will meet on Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 pm in the playground parking lot for a socially distanced meal. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring their own food, a tailgate chair and a mask (which will be worn while the group is setting up). The event is limited to 8 people and an RSVP is required. Those who plan to attend should sign up through the Church Office.

BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD COLLECTION

Each week throughout the summer Trinity is providing a food box to twelve families in our neighborhood who rely on the Backpack Buddies program during the school year to feed their children. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected at the red canopy door on Sunday, August 2 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Items of special need include:

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Dried Beans

Rice

Canned Fruit

Canned vegetables

Canned meat

Individually packaged snack items

Breakfast Cereal

Toilet Paper

Items may also be brought to the breezeway, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Many thanks for helping Trinity support and sustain this ministry throughout the summer.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Theology Roundtable is a group which meets twice a month to discuss theology and faith. In August the group will meet August 23 and August 30 at 4:00 pm. Currently the group is discussing the book *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. If you would like to join this group, which is meeting by ZOOM, please contact Peggy Schotsch at schotsch@bellsouth.net.

BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group, which is open to all readers, meets regularly to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 pm to discuss *The Wife* by Meg Wolitzer. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws to receive a ZOOM invite.

COMMUNION BREAD DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday, August 2 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, during the drive-through reception to honor Vicar Luke, small loaves of homemade communion bread will be distributed. All are invited to come to the church on this afternoon to pick up bread to be used during home communion celebrations through Labor Day weekend.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief is working to prevent the catastrophic spread of the coronavirus for our most vulnerable neighbors in countries like Uganda and Democratic Republic of the Congo where health systems are not prepared to handle an outbreak of this magnitude. Contributions can be made online at donate.lwr.org or by mailing a check to Trinity designated for Lutheran World Relief.

UNTAMED BOOK DISCUSSION

All women of the congregation are invited to gather in the parking lot adjacent to the playground on Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm to discuss the book *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle. All participants must sign up as the registration is limited to eight people in order to maintain safe distance. Participants should bring a lawn chair, water, and wear a mask. Pastor Crowell will be facilitating the discussion.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday evening, August 6 at 6:00 pm by ZOOM. Participants will continue their study of the book *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. Contact Terry Morgan at 230-6252 or tfmorgan101@gmail.com for the ZOOM invite.

MASK MAKERS

Do you sew? If so, you are needed to join in making masks for those in need in the community. In particular, we are making masks for our neighbors at Towers East. Fabric is available for the masks. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office if you can help with this project.

COMMUNITY RELIEF FUND

United Way of Greenville County has launched the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund to assist Greenville County's most vulnerable neighbors and to help respond to the physical health, mental health, and economic impacts of the pandemic. Donations may be made on-line at www.unitedwaygc.org or checks can be mailed to United Way of Greenville County, 105 Edinburgh Court, Greenville, SC 29607 and marked Community Relief Fund.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Pastor Parham and Kay Cook will be hosting two small group gatherings for the choir on Wednesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 19 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm outside on the playground. The group will be limited to six people on each Wednesday. Bring your own dinner. Please call the church office at 242-5702 Monday - Friday between 8:30 - 4:30 to RSVP. Note that if it is raining the event is cancelled. All attending are asked to bring a tailgate chair, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

If you have not yet joined in on a virtual musical event, and would like to give it a try, contact Pastor Jim Parham and/or Henry Wilcox via e-mail (jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or hwwilcox@trinitylutheran.ws) or phone (242-5702).

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is taking on new forms during the COVID-19 Crisis. ZOOM invites are emailed to the congregation as part of a Friday worship email.

PRESCHOOL AND K5 KIDS meet on Tuesday mornings by ZOOM at 9:00 am. Led by Deacon Amy Brown and teachers Mark Allen and Elizabeth Allen, this half hour get together includes show and tell, songs, stories, and special guests. Parents are welcome to join in.

GRACE PLACE KIDS (Grades 1-5) meet on Sunday mornings at 11:15 am on ZOOM. Led by Deacon Amy Brown and other Grace Place teachers, this group gathers for show and tell, fun games, and prayer.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION begins with Coffee and Conversation at 8:45 am on ZOOM on Sunday mornings, followed by a discussion oriented class. The class ends by 9:45, so participants can be ready for worship. Currently, the class is discussing the book *Practicing: Changing Yourself to Change the World*, by Kathy Escobar.

On Sunday, August 23, a new study will begin. Peggy Schotsch will lead the group in exploring the course *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Religion, Morality, and Politics*. Based on the book by Methodist minister Adam Hamilton, the study includes video clips to aid in discussion. All adults are welcome to join the ZOOM meeting.

ADULT EVENING BOOK STUDY

Beginning August 18, adults are encouraged to meet on ZOOM at 7:00 pm to read and discuss the book *Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice*, by Kerry Connelly. Participants should purchase their own copy of the book, and each week the group will discuss one or two chapters. To sign up and receive the ZOOM link, contact Deacon Amy Brown, who will be leading the course.

MORNING COFFEE

Each Wednesday during the month of August a member of Trinity's Pastoral and Program Staff will host a coffee hour on the playground at 9:00 am. All participants must sign up through the Church Office and share a cell number so that the host can be in touch with any last minute information. Each gathering is limited to eight persons to insure that the group can practice safe distancing. Each participant should wear a mask and bring a lawn chair and coffee. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 5 - Deacon Mandi Whitley hosting
Wednesday, August 12 - Deacon Amy Brown hosting
Wednesday, August 19 - Pastor Crowell hosting
Wednesday, August 26 - Pastor Parham hosting

LAUNCH

LAUNCH is Trinity's Young Adults Group for people in their 20's to early 30's. The group will meet on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in the playground parking lot of the church for a socially distanced meal. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring their own food, a tailgate chair, and a mask (which will be worn while the group is setting up). The event is limited to 8 people and an RSVP is required. Those who plan to attend should sign up through the Church Office.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

Lay Assistants

August 2

Steve Boguski
Jennifer Moorefield

August 9

Ann DiAntonio
Mark Allen

August 16

Terri Sullivan
David Crigler

August 23

Elizabeth Allen
Chaz Haines

August 30

Melissa Kolb
Philip Wessinger

Assisting Ministers

August 16

Deacon Amy Brown

August 23

Philip Wessinger

August 30

Deacon Mandi Whitley

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Rick Horsfall - 5431, Greenville Memorial

James Long - Greenville Memorial NICU

Ralph Boeker, Jennings Cook, Jeff Greene, Bonnie Farmer, and Clare Long have been discharged.

BIRTHS

Willis Callahan, son of Chris and Sarah Jo Harmon, on June 2

James Edwin, son of Charlie & Clare Long, on July 13

BAPTISM

Willis Callahan Harmon, son of Chris and Sarah Jo Harmon, on July 24

DEATHS

the mother of Lynn Brown

the daughter-in-law of Jo Glymph

the brother of Lois Lane

Lewis Sisson on July 23

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

	<u>7/5</u>	<u>7/12</u>	<u>7/19</u>	<u>7/26</u>
Sundays				
Onsite	5	5	5	5
Online devices	600	445	605	510
TOTAL	605	450	610	515
Midweek				
Onsite	4	4	4	
Online devices	323	257	240	
TOTAL	327	261	244	

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JULY

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 96,186	\$ 673,302
Given to Budget	<u>64,658</u>	<u>646,675</u>
Difference	\$ (31,528)	\$ (26,627)
PPP Loan Proceeds		\$ 122,837
Given to World Hunger	\$ 1,153	\$ 17,971



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

In an effort to stay connected, please consider extending birthday greetings to the following members. If you would like the church to know your birthdate please contact the Church Office to submit this information through Realm.

Rachel Balck - August 28
Tad Boland - August 21
Chris Bresette - August 25
Jessica Cegelis - August 16
Annette Connor - August 21
Bob Coon - August 28
George Crawford - August 8
Nicholas Dillon - August 18
Daniel Fisher - August 13
Natalie Geiger - August 25
Angela Glass - August 7
Paul Godfrey - August 2
Samuel Godfrey - August 14
Heidi Goodwin - August 10
Chaz Haines - August 13
Emma Grace Haines - August 9
Kimberly Haines - August 30
Dale Hamann - August 6
Chris Harmon - August 13
Sarah Jo Harmon - August 23
Sandy Hawkins - August 4
Dean Hybl - August 9

Nate Hybl - August 8
Nancy Jones - August 2
Melissa Kolb - August 15
Everett Lawrence - August 12
Betsy League - August 31
Mary Lockard - August 24
Will Mosher - August 25
Pat Newman - August 3
Lisa Rehm - August 24
Jimmy Reynolds - August 16
David Rice - August 27
Steve Robinson - August 5
Margaret Roth - August 5
Franklin Sease - August 21
Terri Sullivan - August 17
Bo Wallace - August 12
Mac Wallace - August 12
Nicholas Weiner - August 20
Jack Wilcox - August 18
Carol Wood - August 4
Cathy Wyatt - August 22
Christian Zivic - August 5