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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

At my favorite Bed and Breakfast in the mountains of North Carolina, the innkeeper makes a point of lifting up something to celebrate each morning at breakfast. It could be time away to relax and renew, or the gift of family and friends, or an anniversary, birthday, or holiday. It is true that each and everyday we have something to celebrate, a reason to rejoice. It's easier and more common to be miserable, especially these days. Choosing joy in the middle of Lent, finding something to celebrate in these days of pandemic life can be an act of rebellion, a refusal to let the challenges of this season in our lives win the day. Celebrating the little things and finding joy in everyday moments is a way that we can overcome the isolation and suffering of this time.

There are so many reasons to celebrate, so many reasons to be joyful. We can rejoice at the sunshine after days of rain, a body that is strong and healthy, a warm and cozy home, people that love and care about us, a supportive and affirming church family, a God that cherishes us, and a life that is meaningful.

During these days of Lent as we continue to live with the reality of COVID19, let us live each day as if it were a special occasion, a gift - because it is! Another day of life in this amazing, magnificent, joy-filled world is reason enough to celebrate. Life is broken and beautiful, but today we have the power to choose to see the beauty, the joy, the goodness of the world. So today, savor your coffee, admire nature, stay in the moment, choose to be joyful, choose to rejoice, choose to see the beauty of life, the beauty of God's magnificent creation.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the February meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
--noted that expenses for January were \$6,133 less than projected;
--received an expanded Treasurer's Report;
--received a brief update on the progress of both the organ and columbarium projects; and
--received a report from Trinity's COVID-19 Transition Team.

MARCH WORSHIP

Sunday morning services will be premiered at 10:00 am on March 7, 14, 21, 28.

LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Holden Evening Prayer featuring meditations from members of the congregation on their experience of standing on holy ground will be premiered at 6:15 pm on March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

An online Maundy Thursday service will be premiered at 6:15 pm on April 1.

An online Good Friday service will be premiered at 6:15 pm on April 2.

EASTER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY

The congregation is invited to gather in the parking lot adjacent to the playground on Saturday evening, April 3 for an Easter Vigil worship service. The time of the service will be announced soon. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Church Office by Monday, March 29. All participants are encouraged to dress comfortably and bring a tailgate chair. All participants are expected to wear a mask. Join our Trinity family for this special in-person worship opportunity to begin the Easter celebration of the resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY

An online Easter Service will be premiered at 10:00 am on Sunday April 4.



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 may 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.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a program offered by Trinity to help eighth and ninth graders explore their faith before they choose to affirm their baptism and become an adult member of the congregation. Students and their parents attend classes and workshops over the two years where they participate in study and discussion of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian.

Because of COVID, our format and schedule has changed significantly. Until it is safe to meet in person, classes will be held via ZOOM. Potential participants received print and email brochures about the program, and any additional questions should be directed to Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office.

Sunday, March 21, 12:30 - 2:30 via ZOOM: Worship Workshop

Over the summer: Family Service Event

Confirmation Camp: June 27-July 3 OR July 18-July 24

Sunday, September 19, 12:30 - 2:30 via ZOOM: We Are Lutheran Workshop

Sunday, October 24, 12:30 - 2:30 via ZOOM: Ninth Grade Ready to Affirm Event

Reformation Sunday, October 31: Confirmation of Ninth Graders

FAITH FORMATION

TLC Kids is our Faith Formation venue for Trinity children in preschool and elementary school. It meets via ZOOM on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45 am. The gathering includes video, Bible stories and learning activities. The ZOOM invite is emailed out each week, and the recorded event is posted in our private FB group weekly to be viewed at any time. For more information, contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office.

Adult Faith Formation begins with Coffee and Conversation at 8:45 a.m. via ZOOM on Sunday mornings, followed by a discussion oriented class. The class ends by 9:45, so participants can be ready for worship. This spring, the class will continue their discussions of current events using the FaithLink and The Wired Word curriculums. All adults are invited to join the ZOOM meeting. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office to be included on the email list.

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

March 14 - LCY drive thru, 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the lower lot on the trophy case side of the Activities Building (enter and exit via Townes Street). This drive thru is a baby shower for LCY advisor Ashlyn Byrne and her husband Matt Bialkowski. The couple is registered at <http://babylist.com/ashlyn-matt-june2021> Youth will also receive a goodie bag along with pizza and sodas.

Please note that there will be no LCY on Sunday, April 4.

March 21 - Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to attend an LCY ZOOM gathering at 5:00 pm. The group will enjoy virtual games and conversation.

March 7 and 28 - Youth in grades 6 - 8 will meet via ZOOM at 5:00 pm and youth in grades 9 - 12 will meet via ZOOM at 6:30 pm. The groups will enjoy virtual games and conversation.



Lutheran Church Youth

LENTEN MID-WEEK SMALL GROUP

A Lenten small group facilitated by Pastor Crowell is meeting via ZOOM during the Lenten Season on Wednesdays, March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24 from 9:30 to 10:30 am to build and nurture community and to discuss A Good Life: Benedict's Guide to Everyday Joy by Robert Benson.

DAILY LENTEN ELECTRONIC DEVOTION

For each of the forty days of Lent (the forty days do not include Sundays) a Lenten devotion featuring a word related to the season, a scripture passage, and a meditation written by a member of the Trinity family will be emailed to the congregation at 6:00 each morning. All are invited to participate with the Trinity family each day for this daily Lenten experience.

TLC4TLC

TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) is continuing 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 is not meeting in person, but writing notes from home. If you would like to participate in this group please contact Debbie Farstad at debvars@att.net or Susan Burton at susan.burton@dhg.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir continues Zoom rehearsals on Wednesday nights after Holden Evening Prayer. Through March, individual choir members will be recording tracks for multiple virtual choir projects for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday worship.

Youth and Children's Choirs will meet via Zoom at a time to be worked out with the families.

The Capital City Brass Quintet will be coming to Trinity in March to record music for Easter Sunday.

MARCH FOOD COLLECTION

During March Trinity is collecting non-perishable food items to help our neighbors at Towers East and to help stock local food pantries. Items of special need include:

Peanut Butter
Canned Meat
Canned Fruit
Dried Beans
Rice
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Individually packages snack items
Toilet Paper



Donations to support this effort will be collected at the red canopy door on Sunday afternoon, March 21 from 4:00 to 5:00. Items may also be brought to the breezeway, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday evening, March 4 at 6:30 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.

FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Work has begun again on a home for the Diaz family after a long delay waiting for new windows. Only staff and professional advisors are working now due to COVID restrictions. We are looking forward to involving volunteers again this summer when the COVID restrictions are relaxed. Contact Cathy Baus (fbaus@bellsouth.net, 864.288.9373) if you have questions or want to join the volunteer list.

MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Moms with children ages birth through 12 are invited to attend a ZOOM gathering on Wednesday, March 10 at 9:00 am. The group will share highs and lows and have some devotional time. For more information, or to be included in the emails, please contact Deacon Mandi Whitley.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Theology Roundtable is a group that meets several times a month to discuss theology and faith. In January the group will meet Sundays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4:00 pm. Currently the group is discussing the book *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben. If you would like to join this group, which is meeting by ZOOM, please contact Peggy Schotsch at schotsch@bellsouth.net.

CONGREGATIONAL DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT

Please Join the Trinity Family

for a

*Holy Week/Easter Drive-Through Event
in the parking lot adjacent to the red canopy door*

Sunday, March 21

4:00 to 5:00 pm

*Non-perishable food items will be collected for our neighbors at Towers East
and to help stock local food pantries.*

*Holy Week and Easter Supplies, loaves of home-baked communion bread,
and children's activity bags will be distributed.*

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1	2
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7 8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 LCY GRADES 6-8 VIA ZOOM 6:30 LCY GRADES 9-12 VIA ZOOM	8	9
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 14 8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 1:00 EDUCATION COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL VIA ZOOM 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 4:00-5:00 LCY DRIVE THROUGH EVENT	15	16
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 21 8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 12:30-2:30 CONFIRMATION - WORSHIP WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM 1:30 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 4:00-5:00 CONGREGATIONAL DRIVE THROUGH EVENT 5:00 LCY GRADES 6 -12 VIA ZOOM	22	23
PALM SUNDAY 28 8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM 5:00 LCY GRADES 6-8 VIA ZOOM 6:30 LCY GRADES 9-12 VIA ZOOM	29	30

MARCH 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.

Fred Baus - March 10
Steve Boguski - March 2
Sally Boliek - March 15
Piper Brinkley - March 1
Linda Brown - March 16
Terry Cantrell - March 2
Harold Centner - March 26
Kay Cook - March 4
Roy Cook - March 24
Mary Margaret Delap - March 24
Ann DiAntonio - March 18
Maggie Downen - March 24
Debbie Farstad - March 7
Gabi Glass - March 20
John Glymph - March 13
Ed Herren - March 6
Valerie Hollinger - March 4
Marilyn Koerber - March 21
Marie Koon - March 30
Herb Lembcke - March 21
Lynne Lentz - March 14

Elizabeth McArver - March 9
Chloe Mercer - March 17
Madison Mercer - March 16
Amy Milionis - March 5
David Nichols - March 22
Karen Nichols - March 29
Lisa Osborn - March 16
Marty Osborn - March 25
John Park - March 2
Patrick Preacher - March 9
Nathan Prewitt - March 17
Jim Ragley - March 15
Joe Rice - March 15
Vicki Rubenstein - March 29
Teri Sandor - March 17
Lori Trumbo - March 28
Lily Weeks - March 27
Scott Weeks - March 5
Grace Wessinger - March 25
Melanie Wessinger - March 13



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 April 15 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM to discuss *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel. Other upcoming selections include *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger on June 17, and *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis on August 19. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws to receive a ZOOM invite to the meetings.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH

Lay Assistants

March 7

Greg Hamluk
Kaitlin Moose

March 14

David Crigler
Margaret Roth

March 21

Calvin Harmon
Jennifer Moorefield

March 28

Suzanne Delap
Jerry Salley

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

Trinity will host our neighbors at Towers East for Nourishing Neighbors, a monthly event held on the front lawn that includes a bagged lunch, fresh produce, pantry staples, and fellowship on Wednesday, March 10 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

LAUNCH GROUP

LAUNCH is Trinity's Young Adults Group for people in their 20s to early 30s. The group will meet via ZOOM on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. Contact Deacon Mandi Whitley with questions.



PRAYER GROUP

Even though the prayer group is not meeting in person, group members are praying at home. Any prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com or Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com.

COLUMBARIUM CONSTRUCTION

During the construction of the columbarium, the breezeway doors on the red canopy side of the building will not be in use. Visitors to the Church Office should access the building via the lot adjacent to the playground and accessible via Townes Street.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Nancy Jones - Discharged
Jackie Jowers - Discharged
Margaret Wyatt - Discharged

DEATHS

Maribeth Finley on February 5
Tom Finley on February 16
the sister of Talmadge Holmes
Clarence Koerber on February 5

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

(DOES NOT INCLUDE FEBRUARY 28)

	<u>2/7</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>2/21</u>
Onsite	4	4	4
Online devices	<u>563</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>444</u>
TOTAL	567	485	448
Mid week	<u>2/17</u>		
Onsite	4		
Online devices	<u>343</u>		
TOTAL	347		

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM FEBRUARY 28)

	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$173,979
Given to Budget	<u>\$193,062</u>	<u>\$355,950</u>
Difference	\$106,072	\$181,971
Given to World Hunger	\$988	\$12,057

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DON'T FORGET!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14.



EASTER LILIES

Lilies will again be used to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$15.00 no later than Monday, March 29. After Easter any remaining lilies will be shared with our friends at Towers East.

Enclosed is my \$15.00 for each lily given.
You may also use the *Online Giving* link on the homepage of our website.

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Given by: _____