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*God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of our humanity
and resurrecting us from the graves we dig for ourselves
through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions...
and God keeps loving us back to life over and over.*

Nadia Bolz-Weber in Pastrix

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

I am eager for the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, eager for the fifty days that the church sets aside for the proclamation of the resurrection. But, fifty days to celebrate the resurrection of Christ is still not enough. We are Easter people. The resurrection empowers, strengthens, and sustains us during all of our days...all 365 days of every year.

Easter is not a one-time event. Easter happens over and over again, throughout our days, throughout our lives. Easter is God's willingness to meet us where we are, to lift us from the depths of our anxiety, addiction, arrogance, and anger. Easter is a daily reminder that God never tires of reaching into our lives and restoring us, redeeming us from all of our sin, our shortcomings, our failures, and even from our loneliness.

That's what life in a global pandemic has felt like to me: God reaching down, time and time again, and lifting my burden, relieving my fear, renewing my strength, and blessing my efforts. The power of God let loose in the world at Easter to bring life from death is still at work today, still at work in our lives, still at work in every single one of us. God is constantly shining light into our darkness, bringing love where there is apathy, granting life where there was only death.

As disciples of Christ, as Easter people, we are called to harness the power of the resurrection, to use our lives, our resources, our strength, and our time to share the good news of God's love with the whole world (that means with everybody) every single day of our lives. How can you, beloved child of God, share the hope and joy of the resurrection with the world today?

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the March meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
---noted that expenses for February were \$6,993 less than projected;
---received a report from Pastor Parham on the progress of the organ rebuild project noting that the organ builder anticipates installing one of the chests as early as June;
---received a report from Pastor Crowell on the progress of the columbarium project noting that, contingent upon weather, the project could be complete as early as the end of May;
---received a report from Trinity's COVID-19 Transition Team; and
---unanimously approved a motion from the Executive Committee to host a student from Trinity Seminary, an ELCA seminary in Columbus, Ohio, for an extended pastoral internship beginning in the fall of 2021. Details will be shared with the congregation when more information is available.

APRIL WORSHIP

Sunday morning services will be premiered at 10:00 am on April 4, 11, 18, and 25.

An in-person Easter Vigil will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the playground on Holy Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm. Please register for this event through the Church Office. All participants should wear masks, park in the lower lot, and walk through the Activities Building to access the worship area.

On Sunday afternoon, April 18 at 3:00 pm an in-person worship service will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the playground. This service will be different from the online service that morning. Please call the Church Office to register. All participants should wear masks, park in the lower lot, and walk through the Activities Building to access the worship area.

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.

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 Event

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 that 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 am 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 Wired Word curriculum. 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

There is no LCY on April 4 or 11 due to Easter/Spring Break.

April 18 and 25 - Youth in grades 6 - 12 will meet via ZOOM at 5:00 pm. The group will enjoy virtual games and conversation.



Lutheran Church Youth

LCY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Plans are underway for LCY summer activities. Please mark your calendars for the events listed below. All events are for youth who are currently in grades 6 through 12. More information will be sent out as the events get closer as details are pending Covid-19 restrictions.

Wednesday, June 23: LCY lunch 11 am - 1 pm
Monday, June 28: LCY service day 9 am - 3 pm
Monday, July 12: LCY service day 9 am - 3 pm
Wednesday, July 28: LCY lunch 12 pm - 2 pm
Monday, August 2: LCY service day 9 am - 3 pm
Wednesday, August 11: LCY lunch 11 am - 1 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Trinity will have Vacation Bible School the week of July 26 through 30. This event is tentatively scheduled to be IN PERSON, following all current health and safety guidelines. Children ages 3 through those currently in fifth grade are eligible to participate. The morning will begin at 8:45 am and end at noon. Registration information will be available soon.



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.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MAUNDY THURSDAY 1 6:15 ONLINE WORSHIP	GOOD FRIDAY 2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:15 ONLINE WORSHIP	3 7:30 EASTER VIGIL IN-PERSON PLAYGROUND PARKING LOT
7	8 6:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP VIA ZOOM	9	10
14 9:00 MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN VIA ZOOM 6:30 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP 7:00 LAUNCH VIA ZOOM	15 7:00 BOOK GROUP VIA ZOOM	16 I	17
21	22	23	24
28	29	30	

MUSIC MINISTRY

In April, the choirs will offer virtual music to support our Holy Week and Easter services.

Adult choir continues to meet most Wednesday evenings via ZOOM to prepare virtual choir music and enjoy fellowship.

Youth and Children's Choirs will meet via ZOOM at times arranged with our families to celebrate the music of Eastertide and prepare a virtual choir song for Eastertide.

APRIL FOOD COLLECTION

During April 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 packaged snack items
Toilet Paper



Donations to support this effort will be collected at the red canopy door on Sunday afternoon, May 2 from 4:00 to 5:00. Items may 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, April 8 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM. The current study is finished. The group will be discussing & planning the study for the next 6 months. Terry Morgan at 230-6252 or tfmorgan101@gmail.com for the ZOOM invite.

FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

When COVID 19 restrictions are eased sufficiently, Habitat for Humanity plans to resume churches' participation in the Faith Build for the Diaz family. As soon as that site is scheduled to receive volunteers, more information will be shared with the congregation. Questions may be directed to Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.net or by calling 864.288.9373.

MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Moms with children ages birth through 12 are invited to attend a ZOOM gathering on Wednesday, April 14 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.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Theology Roundtable is a group that meets several times a month to discuss theology and faith. In April the group will meet on Sundays, April 11, 18, and 25 at 4:00 pm. Currently the group is discussing the book *Jesus and The Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. If you would like to join this group, which is meeting by ZOOM, please contact Peggy Schotsch at schotsch@bellsouth.net.

CONGREGATION BOOK STUDY

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to read [For All Who Hunger: Searching for Communion in a Shattered World](#) by Emily M. D. Scott and to gather to discuss on either Wednesday evening, May 5 at 6:30 pm or Thursday morning, May 6 at 9:30 am. Gatherings will be held either in person or via ZOOM depending upon guidance from Trinity's Transition Team closer to time. Discussion groups will be facilitated by Pastor Crowell and will be limited to 8 participants each. To register, please call the Church Office by Friday, April 30.

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>EASTER SUNDAY 4</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p>	<p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 11</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>1:30 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 18</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL VIA ZOOM</p> <p>3:00 IN-PERSON WORSHIP 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>5:00 LCY GRADES 6 -12 VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM 9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>5:00 LCY GRADES 6-12 VIA ZOOM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>

APRIL 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.

Elizabeth Allen - April 29
Campbell Balck - April 12
Sue Boeker - April 17
Luke Boliek - April 28
Kaitlyn Bresette - April 1
Rich Bresette - April 27
Jaxson Cook - April 11
Allan Downen - April 20
Kumiko Enomoto - April 23
Kieran Forde - April 28
Anna Lee Henry - April 7
Zerle Hubbard - April 28
Stephen Kolb - April 22
Angela Larsen - April 5
Chris Larsen - April 17
Thomas Lawrence - April 21

Cole McCaskill - April 26
Terry Morgan - April 26
Angela Musselwhite - April 23
Regina Parker - April 5
Taylor Poole - April 25
Donna Potts - April 24
Ryann Roth - April 14
Bob Schirmer - April 17
Louise Waldrep - April 7
Sarah Weeks - April 17
Daniel Weiner - April 7
Philip Wessinger - April 6
Andrew Westbrook - April 16
AC Whitley - April 11
Ann Whitley - April 17
Margaret Wyatt - April 8



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 APRIL

Lay Assistants

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Campbell Balck

Lisa Rehm

April 4 - Easter Sunday

Sue Boeker

Philip Wessinger

April 11

Helen Birdsong

Penny Bostain

April 18

John Otten

Chris Sorenson

April 25

Bryan Cegelis

Dora Welch

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, May 12 from 12:30 to 1:30.

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, April 14 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

Ralph Boeker - Discharged
Maggie Downen - Discharged
James Ellis Griffeth - Discharged
Jackie Jowers - Discharged
Darlene Kleckley - Discharged
Margaret Wyatt - Discharged

DEATHS

Sister of Luther Boliek
Mother of Lisa Rehm

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

	<u>3/7</u>	<u>3/14</u>	<u>3/21</u>	<u>3/28</u>
Onsite	4	5	4	5
Online devices	<u>490</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>595</u>
TOTAL	494	475	530	600
Mid week	<u>3/3</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>3/24</u>
Onsite	4	4	4	4
Online devices	<u>284</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>196</u>
TOTAL	288	198	199	200

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MARCH

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM MARCH 28)

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$260,969
Given to Budget	<u>\$55,480</u>	<u>\$439,706</u>
Difference	\$(31,510)	\$178,738
Given to World Hunger	\$1,158	\$13,215

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MAY DAY FUN DAY CONGREGATIONAL EVENT

Please Join the Trinity Family
for a

May Day Fun Day Drive-Through Event

In the parking lot adjacent to the red canopy door
Sunday, May 2
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.

The Parish Life Committee will be providing
special refreshments.

Loaves of home-baked communion bread
and children's springtime activity bags
will be distributed.