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*The secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old, but on building the new.*

Socrates

Behold, I make all things new!

Revelation 21:5

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

After spending precious time and energy lamenting the losses, disappointments, and hardships of the past year of pandemic living, I am ready to release those worries and fears to God and to move into the bright new future that God is preparing for us. While I will continue to grieve the deaths of the four beloved Trinity members who lost their lives to COVID19 during this past year, I will not let those losses bind me to a past that cannot be changed. It is time to move bravely and boldly into the future.

As a community of faith, we have learned so much this year. We have stepped outside of our comfort zones, taken some risks, and trusted God to bless, guide, and sustain our efforts. It is time to redirect our efforts, to move energy away from what was and toward what will be. It is no longer about what we lost, or missed, or went without, it is about what is to come, about the future God has in store for us. And that future may look very different from our past.

In order for the church to continue to be a vital, meaningful, and life-changing part of our lives, a new level of trust and faith is required. Given the unique challenges and restrictions of this season in our lives, how is God calling us to be faithful disciples of Christ in the coming weeks and months? I do not know the answer, but through prayer, conversation, and faithful discernment, I am confident that God will show us the way. It is time to rebuild this ministry, time to bring our beloved siblings back to church in safe, protected ways, and time to re-vision our future as God's people in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, SC.

From the ashes of the pandemic, we will rise. From the losses and disappointments of this past year, we will move boldly into a new future. We will release our fear, worry, and anxiety. We will trust God and one another. We will embrace the new life God is bringing to us. May the Easter promise of new life fill you with courage and hope.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the April meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
---noted that expenses for March were \$8,466 more than projected;
---learned that progress on both the columbarium construction and the organ rebuild continues;
---received a report from Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team noting that in addition to the online service premiered each Sunday morning at 10:00 am, beginning May 16 at 10:00 am an in-person service will also take place in the Sanctuary; and
---learned that Wynne Boliek, Heather Kleckley, Melissa Kolb, Richard Moose, Merry Mulcahy, Deacon Amy Brown, Pastor Jim Parham, Deacon Mandi Whitley, and Pastor Susan Crowell will serve as voting members at the SC Synod Assembly on June 26.

MAY WORSHIP

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

Beginning on May 16, an in-person worship service will be held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. All worshippers will wear masks, keep physical distance, and sanitize their hands. Each service is limited to 50 people. Please call the Church Office to reserve your seat. If more than 50 people wish to come, a waiting list will be started.

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.



SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Lutherans across the state will gather virtually on Saturday, June 26 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm under the theme *To Boldly Go...To Proclaim*. Along with conducting the annual business of the synod, assembly participants will hear a keynote speaker, engage in Bible study, learn more about ministries across the synod, and worship together. Voting members from Trinity include Wynne Boliek, Heather Kleckley, Melissa Kolb, Richard Moose, Merry Mulcahy, Deacon Amy Brown, Pastor Jim Parham, Deacon Mandi Whitley, and Pastor Susan Crowell.



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 via ZOOM: We Are Lutheran Event

Sunday, October 24, 12:30 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 on 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.

CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS COLLECTION

Trinity will be hosting a clothing and household item event for our Towers East neighbors later this year -- date and format to be announced as the COVID situation changes. As you are going through your spring cleaning routines, please set aside gently used and no longer needed clothing and small household items. Winter clothing in size XL and above is especially appreciated.



LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

LCY will gather in person on Sunday, May 2 in the Multipurpose Room. Masks and physical distancing will be required and events are limited to 8 youth. Youth in middle school will meet at 5:00 pm and youth in high school will meet at 6:30 pm. Please contact Mandi Whitley to sign up.

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



Lutheran Church Youth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor!* Trinity will have Vacation Bible School the week of July 26 through 30. This event will 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. The director this summer is Angie McCormack. Watch for registration information 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
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:30 CHOIR PICNIC 6:30 CONGREGATIONAL BOOK STUDY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>9:30 CONGREGATIONAL BOOK STUDY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>9:00 MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN VIA ZOOM</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 LAUNCH IN PERSON</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>6:30 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Adult Choir will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. We will be preparing virtual choir performances of a new anthem for Pentecost and the hymn, *The Church's One Foundation*, for synod assembly worship.

Handbell Choir will resume rehearsing during the month of May in three pods beginning on Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m., 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

Youth and Children's Choir will meet via ZOOM on Sunday, May 2 and Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 pm to sing Easter music and prepare a song for Pentecost Sunday.

The choir is invited gather for a picnic on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm in the playground parking lot. Those attending should bring their own masks, chairs, and dinner.

MAY FOOD COLLECTION

During May 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 Tuesday evening, May 4 at 5:00 pm in the playground area of the church. Attendees should bring their own masks, chairs and supper or snack. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to a room in the Activities Building. The gathering will be limited to 10 participants. Please contact Terry Morgan to register for the event at tfmorgan101@gmail.com or 864-230-6252.

GUITAR SMALL GROUP

Has your guitar sat quiet for too long? Did you take lessons but gave up after a while? If your answer is yes, this group may be for you! Please contact Pastor Parham at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or Penny Bostain at scpbostain@yahoo.com for more information about this group for beginner level adults interested in improving skills and playing with a group.

HONORING TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trinity will recognize this year's high school graduates during the online service at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 16. Please join the Trinity family in congratulating the following seniors: Liam Forde, Annie Ives, Natalie McElhinny, Ian Millionis, Will Mosher, Stefani Robinson, Ryan Sease, Emmie Wannemacher, Mac Wannemacher, Owen Wannemacher and Lance Wilcox.

FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteers are now able to work on the Diaz family build site! The Trinity date for work volunteers is Saturday, May 15. We need your participation! Choose from one of two shifts: 8:00 am to 11:30 am or 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm or volunteer for both shifts. Email or call Cathy Baus to register at fbaus@bellsouth.net or 864-288-9373.

MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Moms with children ages birth through 12 are invited to attend a ZOOM gathering on Wednesday, May 12 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, May 2, 9, 16, and 23 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.

CONGREGATIONAL 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 in person in Rooms 12 and 13. 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.

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM</p> <p>9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM</p> <p>10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>4:00 MAY DAY FUN DAY DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUND TABLE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>5:00 LCY GRADES 6-8 IN PERSON</p> <p>6:30 LCY GRADES 9-12 IN PERSON</p>		<p>5:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP IN PERSON</p>
<p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM</p> <p>9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM</p> <p>10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUND TABLE VIA ZOOM</p>		
<p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM</p> <p>9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM</p> <p>10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP</p> <p>10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>1:30 OUTREACH COMMITTEE VIA ZOOM</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM</p>		
<p>DAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM</p> <p>9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM</p> <p>10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP</p> <p>10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL VIA ZOOM</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE VIA ZOOM</p>		
<p>THE HOLY TRINITY</p> <p>8:45 ADULT FAITH FORMATION VIA ZOOM</p> <p>9:15 TLC KIDS VIA ZOOM</p> <p>10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP</p> <p>10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP</p> <p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

MAY 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.

Emma Addison - May 30
Emily Bennett - May 18
Chip Bettler - May 4
Penny Bostain - May 31
Gloria Brown - May 3
Taylor Chemell - May 10
David Crigler - May 22
Tracy Dean-McElhinny - May 14
Ton DiAntonio - May 14
Janie Dillard - May 25
Richard Farstad - May 16
Casey Geiger - May 5
Camille Glymph - May 2
Jo Glymph - May 2
Laurie Horsfall - May 17
Bethany Hybl - May 10
Silas Kolb - May 9
Wayne Landreth - May 29
Julianna Larsen - May 12

Trinity Larsen - May 12
Jenna Mast - May 14
Vanessa Mazzoli - May 4
Julia McElhinny - May 20
Casey Moon - May 6
Jennifer Moorefield - May 23
Brandon Moose - May 17
Bud Mosley - May 1
Bill Musselwhite - May 5
Pan Reichard - May 8
Anna Kay Robinson - May 2
Tyla Sherwood - May 16
Chris Wannemacher - May 21
Bill Weeks - May 7
Jamie Wesley - May 13
Matthew Wessinger - May 7
Andy Westbrook - May 27
Susan Wilson - May 20
Adyson Woodward - May 10



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 Zoom at 7 pm on June 17 to discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Other upcoming selections include *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

Virtual Lay Assistants

May 2

Suzanne Delap
David Troutman

May 9

Greg Hamluk
Kaitlin Moose

May 16

Calvin Harmon
Margaret Roth

May 23

Jennifer Moorefield
Jerry Salley

May 30

Campbell Balck
Helen Birdsong

In-person Lay Assistants

May 16

David Crigler

May 23

Penny Bostain

May 30

Patrick Preacher

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. Questions may be directed to Anne Harmon at annerharmon1956@gmail.com or Patrick Preacher at patrick.preacher@gmail.com.



LAUNCH GROUP

LAUNCH is Trinity's Young Adults Group for people in their 20s to early 30s. The group will meet in the playground parking lot at Trinity on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm. Those attending are asked to bring a tailgate chair and dinner. Contact 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
Emile Labrousse - Discharged
Linda Morgan - Discharged

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

	<u>4/4</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>4/18</u>	<u>4/25</u>
Onsite	4	4	4	4
Online devices	<u>815</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>413</u>
TOTAL	819	506	432	417
Mid week	<u>4/1</u>	<u>4/2</u>	<u>4/3</u>	
Onsite	4	5	67	
Online devices	<u>359</u>	<u>360</u>		
TOTAL	363	365	67	

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR APRIL

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM APRIL 25)

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$347,958
Given to Budget	<u>\$62,424</u>	<u>\$511,056</u>
Difference	\$(24,566)	\$163,098
Given to World Hunger	\$762	\$14,037

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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 treats and refreshments.

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