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The most important work you will ever do is within the walls of your own home.

Harold B. Lee

*May your home be firmly built upon faith,
held humbly together by hope,
and ever lit by the light of God's love.*

Dear Members of the Trinity family,

One of the things I have learned over the past fourteen months is how much I love the home I share with Mark and Elizabeth. In the past I have been guilty of making excuses for our home, resenting that we don't have a real pantry in the kitchen, that we have a laundry closet instead of a laundry room, and that we are still living in our "starter home". I like to be on the move and have often placed less value on time spent at home. I have not always appreciated the domestic arts required to make a home. But, pandemic living has taught me that our home is sacred, a holy space filled with love, grace, forgiveness, mercy, and the presence of God.

Some of Jesus' most significant encounters happen in homes. He performs his first public miracle at a home in Cana. He raises Jairus' daughter in the synagogue leader's home. His friend, Mary, anoints him with oil at her home in Bethany. Salvation comes to Zacchaeus when the despised tax collector welcomes Jesus as a houseguest. And the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognize Jesus when he breaks bread at their dinner table.

Holy things happen in the places we call home. God's power and presence are not limited to "official" sacred spaces. Our living quarters are not "second best" when it comes to seeking and finding Jesus. Jesus delights in the domestic. We have discovered this fact during these months of worshiping from the comfort of our homes. We have learned that God is active and present in the ordinary, humdrum activities and routines of daily living at home. Preparing dinner, arranging flowers, and cleaning the kitchen are all part of the sanctity of home.

As it becomes safer for us to spend more time away from home, may we cherish the memory of time spent at home, may we continue to find meaning and comfort in the domestic parts of our lives, and may we always find solace and grace in the sanctuary of home.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the May meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...
---noted that expenses for April were \$17,912 less than projected;
---received a report from Trinity's COVID19 Transition Team;
---learned that the construction of the columbarium is almost complete and plans will soon be made for a service to dedicate the structure;
---learned that Trinity's new intern will begin his pastoral internship at Trinity in early September; and
---agreed by consensus not to meet in June or July unless a need arises and to meet again on Sunday, August 15.

JUNE WORSHIP

ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday morning services will be premiered or live-streamed at 10:00 am on June 6, 13, 20, and 27.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

An in-person service of Holy Communion will be held each Sunday morning in June at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Services are limited to 75 worshippers. Please call the Church Office to reserve a seat. If more than 75 people wish to come, a waiting list will be started. All worshippers will wear masks. Refreshments will be served on the front lawn following worship each Sunday. Trinity's Transition Team is requiring that all ushers, greeters, lay assistants, and nursery volunteers be fully vaccinated in order to serve in these positions. If you are willing to serve in any of these roles, please call the Church Office.

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.



NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

A nursery is available during the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday morning. Practices and protocols will follow all DHEC recommendations for daycare centers. All staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. A copy of the updated guidelines can be obtained through the Church Office. The age requirements for children in the nursery will be flexible and fluid during this time of transition.

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
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

Adult Faith Formation and TLC Kids are on summer break. See you back in the fall!

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

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

It is time to register 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 and our director this summer is Angie McCormack. Registration is online. Visit trinitylutheran.ws to register, or contact Deacon Amy Brown to receive a print copy.



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;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>6:30 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>9:30 NEIGHBORHOOD CRAFTS AND SNACKS ON THE FRONT LAWN</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>7:00 BOOK GROUP IN PERSON</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>11:00 LCY LUNCH 12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 LAUNCH IN PERSON</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>9:00 VIRTUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>6:15 PRIDE SERVICE</p>			

MUSIC MINISTRY

This month, Trinity's choirs begin summer break.

Cantors will continue to lead the people's song for our recorded services.

Musicians who are interested in singing or playing an instrument for worship please contact Pastor Parham at 242-5702 or jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws to set up a time to meet.

PRIDE SERVICE

A worship service celebrating Pride month and honoring Trinity's commitment to being a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation will be held on Wednesday, June 30 at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. The service will also be live-streamed. Please call the Church Office to reserve your seat to attend this in-person service. Space will be available for up to 75 people.



JUNE FOOD COLLECTION

During June 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

Items may be brought to the breezeway, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or to worship on Sunday morning.



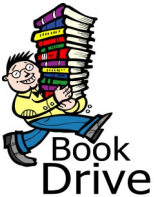
GUITAR SMALL GROUP

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. The group will gather in the Choir Room on Tuesday, June 29 at 4:00 pm.

FREED HEARTS TLC

Freed Hearts TLC is a group for any member of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies of the community. Prior to COVID the group met monthly for food and fellowship. Freed Hearts will resume monthly meetings on August 19 and meet the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. Over the next couple of months the leaders will be meeting weekly to plan and discuss ideas, projects, and programs to bring this community together in love and service to one another and Christ. Everyone is invited to meet in the parking lot at 10:00 am each Wednesday for a short walk to Starbucks to discuss ideas for the group. Contact Penny Bostain at scpbostain@yahoo.com for further information or questions about this group.

GREENVILLE LITERACY BOOK COLLECTION



The Greenville Literacy Association is sponsoring the *Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*. Book collection will continue through June 15. The collection box is located in the Breezeway. The sale is August 6-8. For more information, contact Zerle Hubbard at zerlehubbard@gmail.com, or go to the GLA website.

FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Diaz family home is very close to completion. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled soon and all will be notified and invited to attend.

The next Faith Build home is scheduled to begin construction on July 25 in Simpsonville. More information will follow when the volunteer schedule is completed. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome to contact Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.com or by phone at 864-288-9373. No construction experience is necessary, and volunteers will learn a lot about home construction and upkeep while helping a deserving family achieve home ownership.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRAFT AND SNACKS

Trinity's Neighborhood Ministry will host adults and children at Towers East and in the downtown area for crafts and a snack under tents on the front lawn on Wednesday morning, June 9 from 9:30 to 10:30.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group not meet during June, July, and August. They will resume again in September.

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP 2:00 - 4:00 PARISH LIFE FUN FESTIVAL	6 7	8
THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP	13 14	15
FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP	20 21	22
FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 10:00 IN PERSON WORSHIP 10:00 ONLINE WORSHIP	27 28 9:00 LCY SERVICE DAY	29

JUNE 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.

Hunter Balck - June 29
Barbara Beckford - June 28
Wil Bryant - June 23
Naomi Campbell - June 21
Vicki Charlotte - June 12
Suzanne Delap - June 12
Megan Finnern - June 2
Walker Fletcher - June 14
Ashley Forbes - June 10
Mark Godfrey - June 5
Will Harmon - June 2
(his first birthday)
Brady Hegarty - June 12
Melanie Helling - June 22
Deirdre Hixson - June 19
Ali Landreth - June 6
Cathie Landreth - June 16

Amanda Mast - June 7
Chris Mast - June 7
Michael McArver - June 15
Megan McDuffee - June 2
Natalie McElhinny - June 4
Richard Moose - June 5
Todd Reichard - June 18
Thomas Rice - June 12
Mary Beth Ridenhour - June 9
Abby Sease - June 4
Ryan Semler - June 24
Anthony Stratton - June 9
Mary Valenti - June 30
Cathy Westbrook - June 11
Annie Whitley - June 21
Bob Whitley - June 13
Lance Wilcox - June 23



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 in the church parlor 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 for more information.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE

Virtual Lay Assistants

June 6
Sue Boeker
Lisa Rehm

June 13
John Otten
Dora Welch

June 20
Helen Birdsong
Suzanne Delap

June 27
Patrick Preacher
David Troutman

In-person Lay Assistants

June 6
Chris Sorenson

June 13
Bryan Cegelis

June 20
Philip Wessinger

June 27
Greg HamLuk

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

Trinity will host our neighbors at Towers East for Nourishing Neighbors, a monthly event held on the front lawn that typically includes a bagged lunch, fresh produce, pantry staples, and fellowship on Wednesday, June 23 from 12:30 to 1:30. This month's event will feature a hot dog lunch. Prisma's Mobile Health program will be on site to distribute the Johnson and Johnson COVID vaccine to anyone who wishes to receive it. 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, June 23 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.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Dean Nix - Discharged
Carolyn Wyatt - Discharged
Margaret Wyatt - Discharged

DEATHS

Mary Stack - May 9

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

(DOES NOT INCLUDE MAY 30)

	<u>5/2</u>	<u>5/9</u>	<u>5/16</u>	<u>5/23</u>
Onsite	4	4	4	4
Online devices	<u>517</u>	<u>442</u>	470	299
In Person			<u>50</u>	<u>83</u>
TOTAL	521	446	524	386

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MAY

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM MAY 30)

<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$434,948
Given to Budget	<u>\$57,433</u>	<u>\$582,683</u>
Difference	\$(29,556)	\$147,735
Given to World Hunger	\$1,212	\$15,321

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PARISH LIFE FUN FESTIVAL

All are invited to attend a

Fun Festival

hosted by the Parish Life Committee

on Sunday, June 6 (rain date June 13)
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

The event will be in the playground parking lot,
so please park on the other side of the
Activities Building and walk through.

There will be a variety of games and
activities for all ages. Please plan to join
your Trinity family for this fun event!