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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1,4*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

I have always known that meaningful, fulfilling life requires a balance of work and rest. Investing in my work, my call to serve as your pastor, brings me joy. I never mind the long hours. I never mind the extra effort. I also know how important it is to rest, to create spaces and time for rest, exercise, and vacation. I do this well. However, in my effort to live a balanced life, to make time for all the things that make for a fulfilling life, I have realized during the pandemic that I am not very good at making time for fun or play or leisure. I am not a free spirit. Spontaneity is not a gift I naturally possess. I rarely make fun or play a priority in my life.

The writer of Ecclesiastes boldly proclaims that there is a time for everything, a time for work, rest, exercise, and, yes, even a time for fun. By definition, fun is any activity or pastime that leads to enjoyment and pleasure, that does not result in checking items off a to-do list. I am learning to make time for fun...an evening outing for ice cream, a game of badminton in the backyard, watching a show on Netflix, relaxing times spent with people who bring joy to my life.

As we continue to transition out of pandemic life, I encourage you to make time for fun, to spend time at play. God has given us this beautiful life, and God is calling us to enjoy it...and to enjoy it now!

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

JULY WORSHIP

Each Sunday in July an in-person worship service will be held in the Sanctuary as well as live-streamed at 10:00 am. In order for staff to prepare for worshippers, please call the Church Office to make a reservation. Refreshments will be served on the front lawn following worship each Sunday, weather permitting. Masks are currently required for in-person worship.

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.

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: 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

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

FREED HEARTS TLC

Freed Hearts TLC is a group for any member of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. 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 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. The leaders are 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.



LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Please mark your calendars for the events listed below. All events are for youth who just completed grades 6 through 12. More information will be sent out as the events get closer as details are pending Covid-19 restrictions. Youth may sign up by contacting Deacon Mandi Whitley.

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

Mark Your Calendars:

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be July 24 - 28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. Trinity's rising ninth through twelfth graders and their families are strongly encouraged to attend an informational lunch meeting on Sunday, August 29 at 11:15 am. At this time, youth and parents will learn more about the trip. Contact Mandi Whitley with questions or to sign up for the lunch.



FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The 2020-2021 Habitat Faith Build House was dedicated on June 9 for the Diaz Family. Construction on the next Faith Build home begins on August 11 in Simpsonville. Trinity's work day is set for October 16. Contact Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.net to volunteer or for more information. Updates will follow as the build gets underway.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>6:30 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>8:45-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p> <p>12:00 LCY LUNCH</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>8:45-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>8:45-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>

MUSIC MINISTRY

Through the month of July, cantors will continue to lead the people's song for our in-person services.

A musical highlight coming up in the last week of July is Vacation Bible School. The music of *Knights of North Castle* is engaging, brimming with movement, and inspiring of our faith.

If you have any questions about Trinity's music ministry, please contact Pastor Parham at 242-5702 or jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws

JULY FOOD COLLECTION

During July 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, July 27 at 4:00 pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity's 2021 Vacation Bible School is July 26 - 30 from 8:45 am to noon, for children who will be age 3 by September 1, 2021 through those who have recently completed Grade 5. Our theme for this summer is *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor!*. Students will spend the week learning about biblical heroes and their quests. Parents should park and walk their children in to the Multipurpose Room each morning from either side, where they will be screened and signed in. Bible School will begin each morning with a devotion and worship experience in the Multipurpose Room at 8:45 am. Parents are welcome to stay and attend devotions with their children. At noon each day, parents should pick up their children at their classrooms. No children will be released to meet rides outside. The week will conclude on Friday with a picnic, and reservations for the meal can be made during the Bible School week.

As a part of worship, children are invited to bring an offering each day to go along with our theme.

Monday - non-perishable food items
Tuesday - school supplies
Wednesday - pet food
Thursday - toilet paper
Friday - adult size socks

Registration is still open. To register go to the Trinity website, trinitylutheran.ws, and click on the banner at the top of the page. All children are welcome.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Amy Brown in the Church Office, or Angie McCormack, director, at ramack10@yahoo.com. Bible School is a fun week at Trinity. It is also an important week as students and leaders give their time and attention to our calling as children of God. Please remember our leaders and learners in prayer as we seek to grow in faith and love for God and others around us.



JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 LCY SERVICE DAY</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:45-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:45-NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p> <p>4:00 GUITAR SMALL GROUP</p>

JULY 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.

Carlie Balck - July 17
Al Banister - July 27
Collin Batts - July 6
Lynn Brown - July 28
Bryan Cegelis - July 31
Kelly Crowe - July 25
Eileen Finnern - July 31
Amy Forde - July 16
Lura Godfrey - July 21
Lewis Harmon - July 6
Leslie Kilstofte - July 23
Darlene Kleckley - July 7
Henry Lampson - July 22
Karine Lawrence - July 2

Caitlin Littlejohn - July 20
James Long - July 13
Harper McCaskill - July 12
Jon Moyer - July 14
Cathy Ragley - July 1
Mary Alice Reed - July 31
Helen Reetz - July 18
Jack Rice - July 1
Westyn Small - July 10
Jeanne Todd - July 25
Al Valenti - July 16
Donice Winslow - July 9
Layten Woodward - July 25
Carolyn Wyatt - July 19



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group meets in the Gym on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. several times a month. They make quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to assemble quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. Work is usually finished around noon, and participants can work as little - or as long - as they would like. There are also at-home sewing opportunities for those who cannot make it to the gatherings.

The group will meet on Monday, July 11, and 18. If you plan to attend please contact Sarah Weeks at sweeks14@charter.net or 864-787-1160.

ITEMS NEEDED for the quilt ministry include cotton or mostly cotton fabric, and sheets. Colored sheets are used for the backing on the quilts. Sheets can be new or very gently used. The preferred size is twin flat, in all colors except white or cream. Larger sheets are acceptable and can be cut down to size. Donations for this ministry can be brought to the Church Office.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY

Assisting Ministers

July 4
Deacon Mandi Whitley

July 11
Deacon Amy Brown

July 18
Richard Moose

July 25
Jimmy Reynolds

Lay Assistants

July 4
Dora Welch

July 11
David Troutman

July 18
Margaret Roth

July 25
Calvin Harmon

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, July 28 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.

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.



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 August 19 discuss *Norwegian by Night* by Derek Miller. Other upcoming selections include *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett on October 21 and *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir on December 16. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws for more information



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Jo Glymph - Discharged
Emile Labrousse - Discharged
Merry Mulcahy - Discharged
Margaret Wyatt - Discharged

DEATHS

Debra Turner on June 19

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

	<u>6/6</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>6/20</u>	<u>6/27</u>
Online devices	689	601	363	306
In Person	<u>83</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>90</u>
TOTAL	772	667	414	396

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JUNE

(DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM JUNE 27)

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$521,937
Given to Budget	<u>\$50,436</u>	<u>\$648,821</u>
Difference	\$(36,553)	\$126,884
Given to World Hunger	\$892	\$16,418

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