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*A simple life of faithfulness to God
is better than a rich life with a ton of headaches.
Proverbs 15:16 The Message*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

“Less is more” is a lesson that I am continuing to learn. “Less is more” is a phrase that I wish were an accurate description for my life. Looking at my calendar or my to-do list or my closet would not lead you to believe that I supported the merit and value of “less is more.” The world and the secular culture do not tout the benefits of living with less. The world tells us that life is better with more...more money, more stuff, more commitments, more activities, a bigger home, a second home, more technology, more assets, more work, more status, more debt, more power, more control.

While the world is calling us to bigger, better, busier life, could it be true that the life of faith is calling us to a simpler life? A quieter life? A life with less, not more? What do you want more of in your life? What do you want less of in your life? I want more time with family, more empty space in my home and on my calendar, more rest, more faith, more trust, more grace, more exercise, more meditation and yoga, more vegetables, more peace and justice in the world, more time spent being, less time spent doing. I want less fear, judgment, and self-doubt. I want less worry, fewer headaches, less time spent trying to prove myself. I want less clutter, less stress, less processed food, less bigotry, hatred, and violence.

How is God calling us away from abundance and toward simplicity? How could slowing down and choosing less allow us to savor our meals, our conversations, our relationships, our every moment? How could creating space in our lives lead to more meaningful, more mindful life? In the coming weeks, I encourage you to consider how God is calling you into a life of less - less distraction, less busyness, less stress - and into a life of meaning, joy, and fulfillment that comes from letting go of excess.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

AUGUST WORSHIP

Each Sunday in August an in-person worship service will be held in the Sanctuary as well as live-streamed at 10:00 am. Due to the rise in the Delta variant of Covid-19 and the recent exponential increase of new cases of Covid-19, Trinity's Covid-19 Transition Team is recommending and requesting that masks be worn by all during worship. Refreshments will be served on the front lawn following worship each Sunday, weather permitting.

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 are 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.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

A three-session class for those who are exploring the possibility of joining Trinity will be taught by Pastor Crowell and held via Zoom on Wednesdays, October 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 pm. New members will be received on Sunday, October 24 at 10 am. Please contact Pastor Crowell if you would like to attend.

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. New programming will hopefully begin sometime after Labor Day.

FREED HEARTS TLC

Freed Hearts TLC is a group for any member of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. Freed Hearts will resume monthly meetings on August 19 and meet the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. A hotdog supper will hopefully be provided at our August 19 meeting. Please bring a lawn chair and meet in the parking lot beside the playground. Contact Penny Bostain at scpbostain@yahoo.com for further information or questions about this group.



LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

LCY lunch on Wednesday, August 11 from 11 am - 1 pm in the Youth Center. Please bring \$5.00. After lunch there will be time for games and fellowship. Youth may sign up by contacting Deacon Mandi Whitley.



Lutheran Church Youth

Youth Gathering Meeting

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 meeting on Sunday, August 29 at 11:15 am. At this time, youth and parents will learn more about the trip. Contact Deacon Mandi Whitley with questions or to register for the meeting. It is hoped that lunch can be served at this meeting.



LCY Fall Kick Off

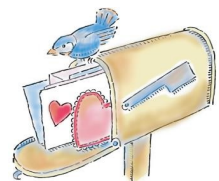
Youth who will be in grades six through twelve for 2021 - 2022 school year are invited to the LCY kick off event on Sunday, September 12 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Youth Center.

FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The 2021 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build home project begins on August 11 in Simpsonville. As COVID restrictions have eased, more opportunities exist for volunteers at all skill levels. Trinity's work day is set for October 16th. Contact Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.net to volunteer or for more information. Updates to follow as the build gets underway.

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.



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:30 WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>11:00 LCY LUNCH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>6:00 FREED HEARTS 7:00 BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>

MUSIC MINISTRY

In-person rehearsals for our music ministry groups will hopefully begin again this fall.

The current plan is for Adult Choir rehearsals to begin on Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence building.

Handbell Choir rehearsal schedule is in the process of being worked out among the ringers.

Children's and Youth Choir schedules will be worked out with parents and choristers. We hope to begin meeting in September after Labor Day.

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

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, August 24 at 4:00 pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

AUGUST FOOD COLLECTION

During August 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.



FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Plan ahead for this three week adult Bible Study which will begin on September 8. The video based course is called *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Led by Deacon Amy Brown, the morning in-person class will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 am, and the evening Zoom class will meet at 7:00 pm. More details will be available in September.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Trinity Church currently plans to host guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, September 26 through Sunday, October 3. Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net or 982-2141 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at amanda.cook@fluor.com or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at wannemacherc@bellsouth.net or 630-5325 if you would like to volunteer.

Food items are needed to pack lunches and provide snacks for IHN guests during host week. A display containing a list of needed items as well as a sign up sheet will be located in the Parlor beginning on Sunday, September 5. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, September 26.

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 plans to meet on Monday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. 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.



QUILTING GROUP

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 LCY SERVICE DAY</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 15</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 22</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00 GUITAR SMALL GROUP</p>
<p>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 29</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM</p> <p>11:15 LCY YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>31</p>

AUGUST 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.

Rachel Balck - August 28
Tad Boland - August 21
Chris Bresette - August 25
Jessica Cegelis - August 16
Annette Connor - August 21
Bob Coon - August 28
George Crawford - August 8
Nichols Dillon - August 18
Daniel Fisher - August 13
Natalie Geiger - August 25
Angela Glass - August 7
Paul Godfrey - August 2
Samuel Godfrey - August 14
Heidi Goodwin - August 10
Chaz Haines - August 13
Emma Grace Haines - August 9
Kim Haines - August 30
Dale Hamann - August 6
Chris Harmon - August 13
Sarah Jo Harmon - August 23
Sandy Hawkins - August 4
Patrick Henry - August 8

Dean Hybl - August 9
Nate Hybl - August 8
Nancy Jones - August 2
Melissa Kolb - August 15
Everett Lawrence - August 12
Betsy League - August - 31
Mary Lockard - August 24
Will Mosher - August 25
Pat Newman - August 3
Lisa Rehm - August 24
Jimmy Reynolds - August 16
David Rice - August 27
Steve Robinson - August 5
Margaret Roth - August 5
Franklin Sease - August 21
Terri Sullivan - August 17
Bo Wallace - August 12
Mac Wallace - August 12
Nicholas Weiner - August 20
Jack Wilcox - August 18
Carol Wood - August 4
Cathy Wyatt - August 22



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

Lay Assistants

August 1
Greg Hamluk

August 8
Chris Sorenson

August 15
Chris Harmon

August 22
Lisa Rehm

August 29
Campbell Balck

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, August 18 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 in 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 is at 7 pm on August 19 to discuss *Norwegian by Night* by Derek Miller. The current plan is for the group to meet in person. 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 . . .

DEATHS

Eunice Harrington on July 10
Chris and Terri Sullivan's son, Andrew, on July 25

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

	<u>7/4</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>7/18</u>	<u>7/25</u>
4 Online devices	368	352	417	320
In Person	<u>93</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>81</u>
TOTAL	461	473	514	401

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JULY

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$86,990	\$608,927
Given to Budget	<u>\$60,127</u>	<u>\$723,601</u>
Difference	\$(26,863)	\$114,674
Given to World Hunger	\$788	\$17,333

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