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*Do not panic. I am with you. There is no need to fear for I am your God.
I will give you strength. I will help you.
I will hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.*
Isaiah 41:10 The Message

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

At the Easter vigil on Saturday, April 16, I sat spellbound as the lector read the story of the fiery furnace from the Old Testament book of Daniel. It's a story I remember from my childhood. It's the story of King Nebuchadnezzar condemning three Jewish men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, to being thrown into a fiery furnace to meet their death. These three bold, brave men of faith refused to bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar. In spite of all the reasons to be afraid, they trusted in God's provision, trusted that God would keep them safe - even in the fiery furnace. And that is exactly what God did! When these three faithful men walked out of the furnace, not even a hair on their heads was singed!

What would it be like to walk through this life with that kind of faith? To trust God so fully and completely regardless of the circumstances? Hearing this text on Holy Saturday has given me a renewed sense of bravery and courage to do the things God is calling us to do. This story from the book of Daniel coupled with the Easter story of resurrection is a reminder that we really can do all things with Christ. With God's hand resting securely on our shoulders, we can overcome our fears, worries, and anxieties. With God's hand resting securely on our shoulders we can stand with the poor and marginalized, advocate for our black and brown siblings, work for justice for the queer community, and resist evil in its many and varied forms.

In this season of Easter, when the world gives us many reasons to hide behind locked doors and hunker down in fear, let us remember that we are the beloved children of God, that God is on our side, that God has a firm grip on us. Let us pray for the faith, the trust, the strength and courage to do great things for God's kingdom.

Peace, love, and joy,

Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the April meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...

---learned that expenses for March were \$2,539 less than projected;

---received an update on the 429 North Main Property to include the desire to accommodate Safe Harbor's facility needs in another part of that building;

---learned that Patrick Preacher will be attending Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA in the Collaborative Learning Program which means that Patrick will be able to attend seminary while continuing in his role as Queer and Justice Ministry Coordinator at Trinity;

---received a report on the progress of the organ rebuild and learned that the hope is for a playable instrument to be installed in the Sanctuary by September, 2022;

---received a report from the COVID19 Transition Team; and

---voted to accept, with regret, the resignation of Deacon Mandi Whitley, effective May 1, 2022.

MAY WORSHIP

Worship Schedule for May, 2022

Sunday, May 1 - 10:00 am worship in the Gym
Service will be live-streamed.

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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 North Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601. Please contact Kay Cook in the Church Office if interested in signing up for automatic bank draft.

NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

A nursery is available during the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday morning. Practices and protocols 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.

FAITH FORMATION

TLC KIDS, a learning program for preschoolers and elementary schoolers, meets in person from 9:15 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. This time together includes Bible stories and videos.

YOUTH FAITH FORUM will meet on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Activities Building, playground side. Students and teachers walk to Starbucks for sharing and fellowship, as well as discussion of current events and devotions. The group returns to the church in time for worship. Reservations may be made with Deacon Amy Brown before Friday noon.

ADULT FAITH FORUM is a group that meets on Zoom on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Conversation begins at 8:00 am, with the discussion beginning at 8:15 am. All adults are welcome to participate. This group discusses current events in light of the Christian faith. The Zoom link is emailed out on Fridays to those interested by Deacon

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

May 1 - Dinner and games. This will be the last LCY of the school year.

Contact Deacon Mandi Whitley at mtwhitley@trinitylutheran.ws with questions.



Lutheran Church Youth

The Trinity Family
will honor and celebrate the ministry of

Deacon Mandi Whitley

on Sunday, May 1

at a reception

in the Multipurpose Room

following the 10:00 am worship service

A presentation will be included in this celebration.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to enjoy fellowship and eat lunch together after worship once a month. The group will meet on Sunday, May 29 at 11:30 am at City Range on Haywood Road. In order to reserve seating, reservations must be made by 10:00 am (before worship begins) on May 29. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office at 242-5702 or arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws.

GREENVILLE INTERFAITH JUSTICE NETWORK

Trinity continues to be involved with a grassroots effort to form a justice organization in Greenville that is both ecumenical and interfaith as well as ethnically and racially diverse. The purpose of this new ministry is to organize large numbers of people from various faith communities to work for specific social changes in our community that will benefit those whose needs and desires are often ignored or pushed to the margins. The group's next meeting will be announced soon and will include the presence of the organizations new lead organizer. For more information please contact Melanie Wessinger, Patrick Preacher, or Pastor Crowell.

QUEER LED WORSHIP: TAIZÉ AROUND THE CROSS



Queer-led Worship will continue on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Gym. Upcoming dates include May 5, June 2, and July 7. These services will be live-streamed. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws if you are interested. New queer leaders are always welcome.

BOOK GROUP

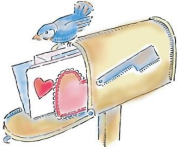
The Trinity Book Group, which is open to all readers, meets in the parlor on the third Thursday evening every other month to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 16 to discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Other upcoming selections include;

August 18, 7:00 pm - *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
October 20, 7:00 pm - *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley
December 15, 7:00 pm - *As the Wicked Watch* by Tamron Hall

This is a very casual group, and new participants are welcome at any time. Email Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.

TLC4TLC

On Wednesday, May 11th, TLC4TLC will meet at 11:30 am in the Parlor following the meeting of the Trinity Prayer Group. Anyone who would like 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, is welcome to attend. There can also be an option to send notes from home for those who are unable to meet in person but would still like to be involved in this ministry. If you would like to participate in this group please contact Debbie Farstad at debvars@att.net.



QUILTING GROUP



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The Quilting Group meets in the Activities Building on Mondays at 9:30 am to 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. 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 every Monday in 2022 except on holidays when the Church Office is closed. 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.

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:00 CONGREGATION BINGO</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>11:00 PRAYER GROUP 11:30 TLC4TLC</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:00 DRAG ME TO CHURCH</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</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;">25</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>11:30 HOT DOG LUNCH AND BINGO WITH TOWERS EAST FRIENDS</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> |
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MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays May 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 pm. Rehearsal location is to be determined.

Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays May 4, 11, and 18 at 6:00 pm, and will ring during the 10:00 am service on Sunday, May 1. Rehearsal location to be determined.

Youth and Children's Choir will rehearse 11:15 to 11:45 am in the Gym on Sunday, May 15 and sing during worship on Sunday, May 22.

Questions about Trinity's music ministry may be directed to Pastor Parham at 242-5702 or jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws.

PRAYER GROUP

The Trinity Prayer Group will meet in person on Wednesday, May 11 at 11:00 am in the Parlor. The group will be meeting monthly on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone who would like to spend some time in prayer for our church, nation, family, friends, and those in need are welcome to attend. Anyone with a prayer request may complete a prayer card during Sunday worship or email a request to Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com or Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com.



MAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR TOWERS EAST

During May Trinity is collecting non-perishable food items to provide pantry staples for our neighbors at Towers East and to stock local food pantries.

Items needed include dried beans (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), canned fruit, rice (2 lb bag) pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, individually packaged snack items, and 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 mornings.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women's Bible Study



and Fellowship Group

The Women's Bible Study Group meets monthly for fellowship and Bible study on the first Tuesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend. The group will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 10:30 am in rooms 12 and 13. The group will continue the study of women in the Bible utilizing the book "Fierce" by Alice Connor. If you need a copy of the book or have any other questions, please contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

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 both Wednesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 25 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to build relationships with our neighbors, make friends, and get to know each other in a relaxed and fun environment. Volunteers pack produce bags, prepare lunches, or serve on the front lawn. Questions may be directed to Anne Harmon at annerharmon1956@gmail.com or Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws.

FAITH BUILD/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Trinity members are encouraged to volunteer on Saturday, July 2 for a half day from 8:00 to 11:30 am or 12:00 to 3:30 pm or for the full day. The home site is in the Woodside neighborhood in Simpsonville. For information, contact Cathy Baus at fbaus@bellsouth.net



MAY 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|---|--|---|
| <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 1</p> <p>8:00 ADULT FAITH FORUM VIA ZOOM 9:00 YOUTH FAITH FORUM IN PERSON 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM 11:00 RECEPTION FOR DEACON MANDI WHITLEY 11:15 YOUTH AND CHILDRENS CHOIR</p> <p>5:00 - 7:00 LCY IN PERSON</p> | <p>2</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10:30 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP</p> |
| <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8</p> <p>8:00 ADULT FAITH FORUM VIA ZOOM 8:30 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM 9:00 YOUTH FAITH FORUM IN PERSON 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM 11:15 YOUTH AND CHILDRENS CHOIR</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 15</p> <p>8:00 ADULT FAITH FORUM VIA ZOOM 8:30 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM 9:00 YOUTH FAITH FORUM IN PERSON 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN-PERSON IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM 11:15 YOUTH AND CHILDRENS CHOIR 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22</p> <p>8:00 ADULT FAITH FORUM VIA ZOOM 8:30 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM 9:00 YOUTH FAITH FORUM IN PERSON 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29</p> <p>8:00 ADULT FAITH FORUM VIA ZOOM 9:00 YOUTH FAITH FORUM IN PERSON 9:15 TLC KIDS IN PERSON 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM</p> | <p>30</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</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.

Emily Bennett - May 18
Penny Bostain - May 31
Gloria Brown - May 3
David Crigler - May 22
Tracy Dean-McElhinny - May 14
Tom DiAntonio - May 14
Janie Dillard - May 25
Dick Farstad - May 16
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
Bud Moseley - May 1
Bill Musselwhite - May 5
Pam 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



HONORING TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trinity will recognize the 2022 high school graduates at worship on Sunday, May 22 at the 10:00 am service in the Gym. A reception in their honor will be held immediately following the service. Please join the Trinity family in congratulating the following seniors: Campbell Balck, Chaz Haines, Thomas Lawrence, Evan Otten, and Ryann Roth.



PRIDE MONTH BOOK STUDY

Love Wins: In *Love Wins*, bestselling author, international teacher, and speaker Rob Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—hell and the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever? This three session book study will be lead by Patrick Preacher and Penny Bostain. The group will meet on Wednesday, June 1, 8, and 15 at 6:30 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. Call the Church Office at 242-5702 or email Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws to register.

PRIDE MONTH WORSHIP

On Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, Trinity will host *God's Beloved Queer Children: A Worship Service of Pride*. More details will be provided in the June newsletter.

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

The Theology Roundtable group discusses articles, podcasts, and other items of interest. If you like to talk about “deep stuff”, this is the group for you! The group will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. For information, contact Joe Rice at 864-704-4616 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

You are invited

Drag Me to Church

Hosted by The Lady Douché

a funny, heart-warming, grace-filled parody of worship

Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p in the Gym

Light Refreshments to follow

Contact Patrick Preacher with any questions at

pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws

This event is being funded by a grant from the Growing in God's Mission Fund of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA.

HOT DOG LUNCH AND BINGO WITH TOWERS EAST NEIGHBORS



The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that Trinity will be hosting a hot dog lunch and Bingo in the Gym for our neighbors at Towers East on Thursday, May 26 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Trinity family is encouraged to donate prizes for this event. Items suggested include toiletries, laundry detergent, toilet paper, small games, dish towels, activity books, note cards, pens, and snacks. Items may be brought to the breezeway on Sundays or Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed to assist with serving hot dogs and beverages, welcoming guests to the Gym, and helping with Bingo. Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws to volunteer for this fun afternoon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will take place the week of June 27-30 from 8:45 am to 12:00 pm. The theme is *Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest For God's Great Light*. The directors are Amy Hegarty and Melissa Kolb. Classes will be available for children who are three through those who will be completing Grade 5 this spring.

CONGREGATION BINGO NIGHT

The Parish Life Committee will host Trinity's intergenerational Bingo Night on Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Pizza, salad, and drinks are provided. Those attending are asked to bring a small prize for the *prize buffet*. Please register through the Church Office by Wednesday, May 3.

| BINGO | | | | |
|-------|----|----|----|----|
| 15 | 28 | 37 | 51 | 73 |
| 6 | 17 | 32 | 45 | 61 |
| 9 | 15 | ★ | 60 | 70 |
| 12 | 26 | 44 | 52 | 66 |
| 7 | 22 | 34 | 48 | 72 |

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

DEATH

Jennings Cook on April 16

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Steve Robinson - Discharged

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Sundays | 4/3 | 4/10 | 4/17 | 4/24 |
| Online devices | 308 | 394 | 1727 | 1734 |
| In Person | <u>100</u> | <u>142</u> | <u>267</u> | <u>103</u> |
| Total | 408 | 536 | 1994 | 1837 |
| Mid-week | 4/6 | 4/14 | 4/15 | 4/16 |
| Online devices | 313 | 405 | 562 | 626 |
| In Person | <u>36</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>no in person</u> | <u>34</u> |
| Total | 449 | 470 | 562 | 660 |

Queer-led service 4/7 - 40 in person, 1450 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR APRIL

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM APRIL 24

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|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | <u>APRIL</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
| Needed for Budget | \$ 89,210 | \$ 356,840 |
| Given to Budget | <u>\$ 49,311</u> | <u>\$418,799</u> |
| Difference | <u>\$(39,899)</u> | <u>\$ 61,959</u> |
| Given to World Hunger | \$853 | \$13,523 |

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