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*Night will be no more.
The faithful of God will need no light from lamps or the sun,
for God will be their light.
Revelation 21:5*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

These words from the book of Revelation describe life for God's beloved in the eternal realm. What a comfort to know that in God's heavenly kingdom there will be no more night - no more darkness, no more pain, no more struggle, no more death...no more war, or hate, or school shootings, or domestic violence, or mental illness, or cancer, or addiction, or homophobia, or hunger, or poverty, or sexism, or racism! While life in God's earthly kingdom contains its share of adversity, eternal life will be filled completely with love and light.

Just imagine how much easier our day to day lives would be if we trusted in God to be our light and our hope right now, right in the middle of the challenges, conflicts, and difficulties of our regular lives. Just imagine how much more peaceful and calm we would be if we placed our trust in God, relinquished our control, and allowed God to have God's way with us. Just imagine how much more at ease we could be if we ceased our relentless pursuit of worldly possessions, if we stopped trying so hard to get our way.

As we navigate our way through the trials, temptations, differing opinions, and necessary change that these months of post-pandemic transition are bringing to our life together at Trinity, my hope and prayer is that we can let God be God, that we can allow God to be our light, that we can extend kindness and grace to one another, that we can see and hear one another, that we can trust that God is holding our future, and that the future is full of beauty, hope, and so many wonderful surprises.

Let us trust in God to shine love and light on our path as we continue to become the community of faith that God is calling us to be.

Peace, love, and joy,

Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

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

---noted that expenses for April were \$2,638 less than projected;

---accepted the 2021 audit as presented by the Stewardship Committee;

---received an update regarding Safe Harbor's usage of the 429 North Main property;

---received a report from the COVID 19 Transition Team;

---approved a motion from the Executive Committee to enter into an agreement with Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA to become a Collaborative Learning Site for Patrick Preacher as he pursues a Masters in Divinity and for Patrick to continue serving in the part-time position of Queer and Justice Ministry Coordinator during this time period, to include an approximate one-year period where Patrick would serve in a full-time pastoral internship (Vicar) position at Trinity;

---engaged in a deliberate and focused conversation about the future of youth ministry at Trinity at the invitation of the Executive Committee; and

---learned that the South Carolina Synod Assembly will be held in Charleston on June 12 - 14 and that voting members from Trinity will include Calvin Harmon, Richard Moose, Patrick Preacher, Donna Potts, Jimmy Reynolds, Deacon Amy Brown, Pastor Parham, and Pastor Crowell.

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 5

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym,
refreshments and fellowship to follow in the Gym

June 12

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
refreshments and fellowship to follow in the Gym

June 19

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary,
refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

June 26

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary,
refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost, Christians around the world celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit that accompanies all people on the journey of faith and life. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among the gathered community. Please gather in the Gym on Sunday, June 5 at 10:00 am for this worship celebration. All are encouraged to wear red, the color of Pentecost, to add color and festivity to the day.



GIVING TO TRINITY



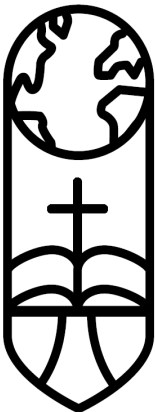
This congregation is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



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.

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION



This summer the entire congregation is invited to come together for fellowship and faith formation each Sunday morning before worship. Join us for *Good Stewards Together*, an intergenerational series for people of all ages. Each Sunday at 9:00 am, everyone is invited to the Multipurpose Room in the Activities Building for coffee, juice, a simple breakfast, and fellowship time as the lesson begins.

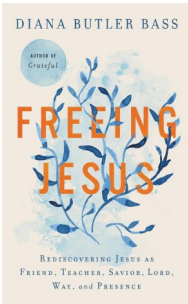
In church, the word “steward” or “stewardship” may make us think of money, but money is not what this summer adventure is about. Participants will be learning about our role as stewards of the faith from the Bible, through the Holy Spirit, as members of the church (the body of Christ), as disciples of Jesus, and as members of the community of faith throughout the world.

Planned by the Education Committee, this will be a great chance for all of us to re-connect and make new friends. All ages, young and old, are needed to learn from each other and form bonds as we grow together in faith in this place.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Trinity's Choirs are on break until August 10. Summertime Worship at Trinity is supported and enriched by a variety of soloists, instrumentalists, and ensembles. Opportunities abound for anyone interested in participating. If you are interested in participating questions may be directed to Pastor Parham at 242-5702 or jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Deacon Amy Brown will lead a discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass from June 9 through July 21. The group will meet on Thursdays at 11:30 am in the Parlor. Participants are invited to bring their lunch with them. Participants should purchase their own copy of the book, and the group will discuss a chapter a week. Sign up by contacting the Church Office or Deacon Amy Brown.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The South Carolina Synod will gather in assembly on June 12 - 14 in Charleston under the theme *I Love to Tell the Story*. Voting members from Trinity include Calvin Harmon, Richard Moose, Donna Potts, Patrick Preacher, Jimmy Reynolds, Deacon Amy Brown, Pastor Parham, and Pastor Crowell.

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 not go out in June, as participants are encouraged to attend the Summer Celebration lunch on June 26.

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 is Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 pm at Mountain View Baptist Church, 111 Cagle Street and will include the presence of the organization's 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 June 2, July 7, and August 4. 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.

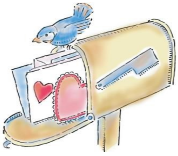
BOOK GROUP

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



During the summer months of June and July TLC4TLC will not be meeting in person. Cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys will continue to be sent. If you would like to participate in this group when we resume meeting in August 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 Monday, June 6 and June 13. The group will not meet again until Monday, August 15. If you have any questions 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.

PRAYER GROUP

The Trinity Prayer Group will not meet in person during the summer months. The group will continue to respond to prayer requests. Anyone with a prayer request may complete a prayer card during Sunday worship or email a request to Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com.



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>6:30 PRIDE MONTH BOOK STUDY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>6:30 PRIDE MONTH BOOK STUDY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>11:30 BOOK DISCUSSION</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>6:00-8:00 POOL PARTY AND COOKOUT FOR YOUTH</p> <p>6:30 PRIDE MONTH BOOK STUDY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>11:30 BOOK DISCUSSION</p> <p>7:00 BOOK GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>7:00 PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE GYM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>11:30 BOOK DISCUSSION</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>12:30 - 5:00 PRIDE FEST IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>10:00 VBS SET UP</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>8:45 - 12:00 VBS</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>8:45 - 12:00 VBS</p> <p>11:30 BOOK DISCUSSION</p>		

June Youth Activities

Pool Party and Cookout



Youth who have completed Grades Six through Twelve are invited to gather at the home of Franklin and Kerry Sease (Abby's home too!) on Wednesday, June 15 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Pool Party and Cookout. Please call or email the Church Office or reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws by Monday, June 13 to sign up to participate in this fun event. Youth will meet and be picked up from the Sease's home at 2 Club Forest Lane, Greenville.

Lunch Outing and Visioning

Youth completing Grades Five through Twelve are invited to gather with Pastor Parham, Deacon Amy, Patrick Preacher, and Pastor Crowell on Monday, June 20 at 10:15 am in the Multipurpose Room to enjoy some fellowship and relationship building and to discuss hopes and dreams for the future of youth ministry at Trinity. The group will then travel via the church bus to enjoy lunch at Five Guys (Trinity's treat!). Pick up time is 12:45 pm at the church. Please call or email the Church Office or reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws by Friday, June 10 to register for this event.

Mission Project with Towers East Neighbors

Youth completing Grades Six through Twelve are invited to gather on the front lawn from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm on Wednesday, June 29 to share bagged lunches, pantry staples, fresh produce, as well as love and encouragement with our downtown friends. Parents of youth are also welcomed to participate. Please reach out to Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws or Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws by Monday, June 27 to sign up to participate.

Retreat at Lutheridge

All rising Sixth through Twelfth graders are invited to participate in an overnight retreat at Lutheridge on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28. Additional information as well as registration materials will be available soon.



Youth Ministry Update

As the Executive Committee plans and prepares for staffing options for youth ministry, the council discussed hopes and dreams for this ministry at their May meeting. Later in May members of the Executive Committee met with parents of youth, advisors, and other stakeholders to gather additional insight and perspective. Members of the pastoral and program staff will gather with youth on Monday, June 20 for discussion and lunch. The hope is to have a staffing plan in place for the start of the program year in late August. Please hold this ministry close in your thoughts and prayers as next steps are discerned.

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 congregation are invited to attend. The group will meet on Tuesday, June 7 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 Wednesday, June 29 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 pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws.

JUNE FOOD COLLECTION FOR TOWERS EAST

During June 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.



JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>DAY OF PENTECOST 5</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>THE HOLY TRINITY 12</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY-CHARLESTON</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY-CHARLESTON</p>	<p>14</p> <p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY-CHARLESTON</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 19</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW ON THE FRONT LAWN</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10-:15-12:45 YOUTH LUNCH OUTING AND VISIONNG</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 26</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM 11:00 SUMMER CELEBRATION IN THE GYM</p> <p>2:00 VBS SET UP</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:45 - 12:00 VBS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:45 - 12:00 VBS</p>

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
Madelyn Fagala - June 29
Megan Finnern- June 2
Walker Fletcher - June 14
Ashley Forbes June 10
Layton Glymph - June 2
Mark Godfrey - June 5
Will Harmon - June 2
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
Mary Beth Ridenhour - June 9
Abby Sease - June 4
Anthony Stratton - June 9
Mary Valenti - June 30
Cathy Westbrook - June 11
Lance Wilcox - June 23



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 Gym, Trinity will host *God's Beloved Queer Children: A Worship Service of Pride*. All Trinity members, community supporters, and ministry partners are encouraged to attend.

Celebrate **PRIDE!**



June 2022

- Thursday, June 2, 6:30 pm - Queer-led Worship in the Gym
- Thursday, June 2 - Blessing of Trinity Pride display on the Front Lawn following Queer-led Worship
- Wednesday, June 22 - Celebrating God's Queer Children: A Worship Service of Pride at 7:00 in the Gym
- Friday, June 24, 12:30-5 - PrideFest in partnership with Prisma Health in the Activities Building
- Saturday, June 25, 11:00-5:00 - Black Pride Unity March and Festival, South Main Street Bridge, Downtown

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

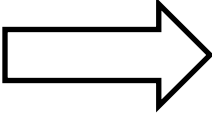


Trinity's 2022 Vacation Bible School is June 27 - 30 from 8:45 am to noon, for children who will be age 3 by September 1, 2022 through those who have recently completed Grade 5. Our theme for this summer is *Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light*. Students will spend the week learning to "rise and shine" because God's light has come and is shining on all of us, and we as disciples are called to share that light. As a part of the week, children will be learning about some of the outreach opportunities

Trinity participates in, and students will bring offering items to support these ministries.

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 and parents are welcome to stay and attend devotions with their children. At noon each day, parents should pick up their children in the Multipurpose Room. No children will be released to meet rides outside.

Registration is still open! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Amy Brown in the Church Office, or our directors Amy Hegarty and Melissa Kolb. 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.

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FOR REGISTRATION



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, June 12 and June 26 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. For information, contact Joe Rice at 864-704-4616 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Please join the Trinity Family
for a Summer Celebration
in the Gym
Sunday, June 26
following the 10:00 am Worship Service

A simple lunch of chicken salad croissants, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, chips, beverages, and cookies will be provided.

The event will include an inflatable bounce house and slide for children and youth as well as some simple games for youth and adults.

Please call or email the Church Office by Thursday, June 23 to register for this fun time of food and fellowship with our Trinity Family.



NEW MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOW GROUP

Men's Fellowship

Beginning in August and extending through December, a new Reflection and Fellowship Group for Men will begin meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am at the Church. Calvin Harmon will be leading and facilitating this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning will include a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Meetings dates for the year include August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

DEATHS

the father of Mary Cantrell
Fred West on May 22

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Eliza Stockman - Discharged
Eddie Woodward - Discharged
Allan Downen - Discharged

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Chuck and Kris Ballew, Requested to be removed, no transfer
Fred and Cathy Baus, Requested to be removed, no transfer
Susan Burton, Requested to be removed, no transfer
Matt and Holly Weaver and their children, Ava, Jake, and Mattie
to Buncombe Street United Methodist, Greenville, SC

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

Sundays	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22
Online devices	853	583	520	353
In Person	<u>150</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>162</u>
Total	1003	702	674	515

Queer-led service 5/5 - 125 in person, 1255 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MAY

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM MAY 29

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 89,210	\$ 446,050
Given to Budget	\$ <u>101,164</u>	\$ <u>533,488</u>
Difference	\$11,954	\$ 87,438
Given to World Hunger	\$ 551	\$ 14,165

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