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Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

Several weeks ago, along with other folks from Trinity, I attended the South Carolina Synod Assembly in Charleston. It was the first time this gathering has been held in person since 2019. Not counting virtual platforms, it was the first time I have laid eyes on many friends and colleagues across the state in three years. One thing became very clear. The past three years have taken a toll on all of us. None of us have escaped unscathed. Some had aged significantly. Some had lost spouses, been through a divorce. There was more gray hair, more bald heads, more illness, more depression, more anxiety. Many had gained weight (including me!). Instead of a gathering of church leaders, it felt more like a gathering of the walking wounded. These many months of ministry in a pandemic have changed us, wounded us, wreaked havoc on our hearts, bodies, minds, and on the congregations we serve. We are not the same people. I was very aware that the ones of us lucky enough to be able to gather in that space are the survivors. We are the ones who, at least so far, have made it through this ordeal. I was moved with compassion. Regardless of our various opinions or political leanings or ministry passions, I found myself feeling compassion for all of my siblings in Christ across the synod.

So much has changed in our life together at Trinity. So much has changed in our individual lives. All of us, in our own way, are struggling. Some of us want everything to return to exactly the way it was in early 2020. Others are not as positive or enthusiastic about what our community looked like those many months ago and are eager to embrace a bold, new future. Some are feeling alienated, ostracized, even doubting whether there is still a place for them at Trinity. Others are experiencing a sense of belonging and connection that has long been denied them. How shall we move forward? How shall we make a place for everyone? How shall we make sure that everyone feels loved, honored, welcomed, and celebrated? I don't know the answers, but I am growing more certain that compassion is key. Let us do everything in our power to feel what others are feeling, to extend love and mercy to everyone...to those who have been a part of this community for decades and to those who are very new to our life together. Let's commit ourselves to practicing compassion, to showing mercy, to extending kindness...and to do it all for the sake of God's kingdom.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 3

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

July 10

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

July 17

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

July 24

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

July 31

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

GIVING TO TRINITY



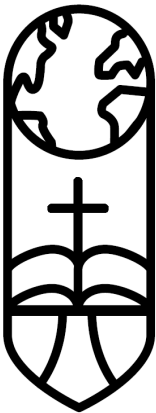
This congregation is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning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

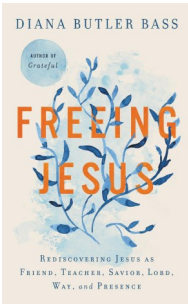
In church, the word “steward” or “stewardship” may make us think of money, but money is not what this summer adventure is about. Participants will be learning about our role as stewards of the faith from the Bible, through the Holy Spirit, as members of the church (the body of Christ), as disciples of 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 reconnect 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 is leading a discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. The group meets on Thursdays at 11:30 am in the Parlor. The final two sessions, will be on July 14 (chapter 5 - Way) and July 21 (chapter 6 - Presence). It is not too late to join in. Participants should purchase their own copy of the book. Sign up by contacting the Church Office or Deacon Amy Brown.

ELCA MISSIONARY VISIT

The Rev. Sarah Wilson and her family serve as ELCA missionaries in Tokyo, Japan and are currently in the United States on furlough. Pastor Wilson will serve as Trinity's guest preacher on Sunday, July 10 at 10:00 am in the Gym.

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. We will meet on Sunday, July 31 at 11:45 am at City Range on Haywood Road. In order to reserve seating, reservations must be made by 10:00 am (before worship begins) on that day. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at the Church Office by phone or email, or text her at 864-421-3404 if you would like to attend.

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. Aiden Workman, the network's recently hired Lead Organizer, is at work building relationships and will soon be reaching out to members of the Trinity family.

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 July 7, August 4, and September 1. These services will be live-streamed. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws if you are interested. New leaders who identify as LGBTQIA+ are always welcome.

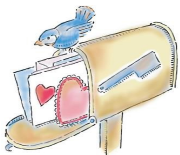
BOOK GROUP

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, July 28 to discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Other upcoming selections include;

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 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 typically 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 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
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<p>6</p> <p>10:00 - 12:15 LCY SERVICE EVENT</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM</p>	8	9
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 BOOK DISCUSSION</p>	15	16
<p>20</p> <p>12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30 BOOK DISCUSSION</p>	22	23
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 BOOK GROUP</p>	29	30

July Youth Activities

Fellowship and Lemonade and Cookies on the Front Lawn

Youth completing grades five through twelve are invited to gather at church on Wednesday, July 6 from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm to host our Towers East neighbors on the front lawn for cookies, lemonade, and fellowship. Youth volunteers are also needed to bake cookies. After spending time with neighbors, youth will walk downtown to have an early lunch at Jersey Mike's. Pick up time is 12:15 in the Breezeway at the Church. Please call the Church Office or reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for this event or to sign up to bring cookies.

Mission Project with Towers East Neighbors

Youth completing grades five through twelve are invited to gather on the front lawn from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm on Wednesday, July 20 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. Youth will gather for light refreshments at the end of the event. Pick up time is 1:30 pm in the Breezeway at the Church. Please reach out to Patrick Preacher at pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws or Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws 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.



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 20 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.

JULY FOOD COLLECTION FOR TOWERS EAST

During July Trinity is collecting non-perishable food items to provide pantry staples for our neighbors at Towers East and to stock local food pantries. Currently, the shelves of the pantry are almost empty.

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.



JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 3</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM BABY SHOWER FOR PATRICK AND JONATHAN PREACHER TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p>
<p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 10</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 17</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 24</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW 3:00 - 6:00 WOMEN'S JUSTICE EVENT</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 31</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW 11:45 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 4:00 THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE</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
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
Helen Reetz - July 18
Westyn Small - July 10
Jeanne Todd - July 25
Al Valenti - July 16
Donice Winslow - July 9
Layten Woodward - July 25
Carolyn Wyatt - July 19



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, July 5 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.

WOMEN'S JUSTICE EVENT

Krista Hughes and Naomi Simmons from White Women Reckoning, in partnership with Pastor Crowell, will be leading a justice event for women at Trinity on Sunday, July 24 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Participants will engage in self-reflection and courageous conversation about the various dimensions of identity and how to reckon with systems of power. Cost for the event is \$75. Registration is limited to 15 participants. Reservations may be made through the Church Office. For more information contact Pastor Crowell at sicrowell@trinitylutheran.ws or visit www.whitewomenreckoning.com.

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 Sundays, July 10 and July 31 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. For information, contact Joe Rice at 864-704-4616 or saluda171@yahoo.com.



Please join the Trinity Family in honoring
The Reverend Robert G. Coon
Pastor Emeritus at Trinity

As he celebrates 50 years of ordained ministry
By reaching out to him with a card or note of thanksgiving in
recognition of this significant milestone.



Notes and cards can be mailed to Pastor Coon at
118 Keowee Avenue, Greenville, SC 29605.
Pastor Coon was ordained on June 4, 1972 at First Lutheran in
Greensboro, North Carolina.



NEW MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP 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 brother of Rachel Balck and son of Jeanne Blinkoff
the mother of Mary Cantrell
the father of Philip Wessinger and Cathy Westbrook

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Pastor Bob Coon - Discharged
Sarah Jo Harmon - Discharged
Bill Weeks - Discharged

BIRTH

Thomas Cash Harmon, son of Chris and Sarah Jo Harmon, on June 14

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

Sundays	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26
Online devices	386	367	253	280
In Person	<u>126</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>130</u>
Total	512	474	351	410

Queer-led service 6/2 - 56 in person, 525 online devices

Pride Service 6/22 - 83 in person, 441 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JUNE

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM JUNE 26

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 89,210	\$ 535,260
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 37,001</u>	<u>\$ 576,292</u>
Difference	\$ (52,209)	\$ 41,032
Given to World Hunger	\$ 392	\$ 14,778

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