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*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*
Isaiah 43:19

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

Each and every morning as I rise from sleep and prepare to begin a new day, I pause to consider the “new thing” that God will do in my life and in our life together at Trinity. If our eyes and ears and hearts are open, each day God will gift us with something new - a fresh, new perspective, a relationship with a new person, clarity of vision and mission, affirmation of meaningful, long-held traditions, as well as new ways of seeing, doing, and being that will shine love and light into our life together and into the world.

What “new” thing is God doing in your life? What “old” thing will you have to release in order to embrace the “new” thing? What about our life together at Trinity? What old way of seeing, doing, and believing will we as a community have to release in order to embrace the new thing that God is doing among us? It’s definitely about balance. We need some of the long-standing, ancient traditions of the church that have stood the test of time. We also need new ideas, fresh perspectives, transformation, new ways of seeing, doing, and believing if we are to move into the beautiful future God has prepared for us. A period of discernment is required to find a way forward, to decide which “old” things to hold on to and which “new” things to embrace. It’s not going to happen quickly. It will require open hearts and minds; significant amounts of love and patience.

These final days of Lent as we prepare for Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection are the ideal time for discernment. Easter reminds us that some things must die so that other things can live. Death must precede resurrection. An ending always leads to a new beginning. My hope and prayer is that together we will have the strength, courage, wisdom, and grace to hold on to the traditions that bring meaning and value and to embrace the new practices and rituals that bring life, hope, connection, and belonging. We need both - the old and the new. May God give us the wisdom for faithful discernment.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

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

---received a report from the Treasurer noting that expenses for February were \$2,270 more than projected;

---affirmed the recent addition of Angie McCormack, Trinity's new Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator, to the staff;

---received a report from the 429 Task Group noting that a scope of work is being developed in anticipation of the submission of bids with regard to the front portion of the 429 North Main Property. The Task Group is focused on potential monetization of the property as well as social purpose uses;

---learned that the next step toward the installation of the rebuilt organ will require an amended contract that is currently being negotiated; and

---learned that the Stewardship Committee is beginning work on the 2024 budget with regard to income and expenses, with the knowledge that the 2024 ministry plan will likely require significant adjustments to meet the changing needs of mission and ministry.

GIVING TO TRINITY



Trinity 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 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, whether the congregation is worshipping in the Sanctuary or the Gym. Practices and protocols follow all DHEC recommendations for daycare centers. All staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated. 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.



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, April 2
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back of the Gym.

Maundy Thursday, April 6
Worship at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 7
Worship at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9
Worship at 8:00 am and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
The 10:00 am service will be live-streamed.
Both services will include Holy Communion and a Brass Ensemble.
The 8:00 am service will include a baptismal remembrance rite.



Sunday, April 16
Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn.

Sunday, April 23
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym.

Sunday, April 30
Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym.

NOTES ON WORSHIP

Since Holy Week and Easter services were held in the Gym in 2022, Holy Week and Easter services will be held in the Sanctuary this year. At their most recent meeting, the Worship Committee made the decision to continue with one service at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings and that the service would occur in either the Gym or the Sanctuary, with the worship location being determined based upon the needs of each Sunday's service and the desire to be in both locations on an equal basis. The hope is that once critical mass is achieved to support two services, a new worship schedule that includes two opportunities to worship will be available on Sunday mornings.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Children

On Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45 am a Faith Formation Class for children ages 4 through Grade 5 meets for music, stories, crafts, and fun. This class is held on the first floor of the Pence Education Building in room 202, directly across from the Nursery. A nursery for younger children is also available during this time.

Faith Formation for Youth

On Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45 am, youth in grades 6 through 12 meet for refreshments, conversation, devotions, study, service projects, and an occasional trip to Starbucks. The group gathers in the Youth Room, located in the Activities Building, just outside the Multipurpose Room.

Faith Formation for Adults

On Sunday mornings, adults are invited to come together for coffee, fellowship, and study at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. The class is being Zoomed live. In April and May, Penny Bostain is leading the class in a Bible study called *At Table With Jesus: Guests, Hosts and the Heavenly Banquet*.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir will rehearse Wednesdays April 5, 19, and 26 in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building at 7:00 pm. The Easter rehearsal with brass will be in the Sanctuary on Saturday, April 9 from 11:00 am to noon. Please note that the group will not rehearse on Wednesday, April 12. If interested in singing with the group, please e-mail Pastor Parham at the address below.

Handbell Choir's Eastertide rehearsal schedule begins on April 19. Handbell Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, April 19 and 26, at 6:00 pm in the Handbell Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building.

If interested in sharing instrumental skills in worship, please contact Pastor Parham via e-mail at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or at 242-5702.

HONORING TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trinity will recognize the 2023 high school graduates at worship on Sunday, May 14 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: Caroline Brightwell, Roger Brown, Paige Geiger, Paul Glass, Bethany Hybl, Cole McCaskill, Adaline McCormack, Ava McNeice, and Anna Kay Robinson.



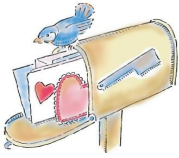
AN EVENING OF MUTUAL SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN

All women of Trinity and friends are invited to gather in the Activities Building on Monday, April 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for an evening of support and encouragement facilitated by Pastor Crowell that will include a simple dinner meal, community building activities, discussion, prayer, as well as opportunities for mutual support. Cost for the event is \$15.00 and is limited to 15 participants. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for this event. If registration exceeds expectations, a waiting list will be started.

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Are you feeling tired? Exhausted? Weary? Do you long for rest? If living a restful life sounds appealing to you, then read *Rest is Resistance* by Tricia Hersey and plan to gather with Pastor Crowell at Trinity in Rooms 12 and 13 on Monday, May 8 from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm to discuss this book. The group is limited to 12 participants. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for this gathering.

TLC4TLC



TLC4TLC is for 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. If you would like to participate in this group please contact Debbie Farstad at debfars@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. In April the group will meet on April 3, 17, and 24. Questions can be directed to Sarah Weeks at swweeks14@charter.net or 864-787-1160.

PRAYER GROUP

The Trinity Prayer Group will be praying from home during the month of April. If you have a prayer request please 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. The group is currently reviewing Trinity's prayer ministry with hopes to increase its support of all the ministries of Trinity as well as individual prayer requests from our congregation. Please check for updates on the prayer ministry here in the *Tidings*.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt for Youth and Children



All youth and children (ages 0 to grade 12) are invited to gather at 10:00 am in the new Youth Space on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am. Children will enjoy a special snack and an activity while the youth hide the eggs. After the eggs are found, everyone will gather in the Youth Space to make an Easter Lily craft. All children should be accompanied by a parent or significant adult.

Scavenger Hunt for Youth

Youth in grades six through twelve are invited to gather on Sunday, April 23 following worship for a quick lunch in the Youth Space followed by an adventure downtown to participate in a Scavenger Hunt. Wear comfortable shoes! The event will conclude at 1:30 pm. Please reach out to Angie McCormack if interested in providing lunch for this event.



Silly Lunch and Activities for Children

Children (ages 4 to 5th Grade) will gather on Sunday, April 30 after worship for a silly lunch in the Multipurpose Room followed by silly activities outside to enjoy the Spring weather. All children should be accompanied by a parent or significant adult. Please reach out to Angie McCormack if interested in helping with the lunch.

For more information or to register for events, please reach out to Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>PALM SUNDAY 2</p> <p>9:00 FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>5:30 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>
<p>EASTER DAY 9</p> <p>8:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 16</p> <p>9:00 FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>5:00 OUTREACH COMMITTEE 6:30 - 8:00 WOMEN'S EVENT</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23</p> <p>9:00 FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 WORSHIP COMMITTEE 11:30 YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT 11:30 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30</p> <p>9:00 FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT 11:30 EDUCATION COMMITTEE</p>		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 7:00 ADULT CHOIR	6 6:15 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY WITH LIVE-STREAM	7 6:15 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY WITH LIVE-STREAM	1 <div>9:00 CROSS DECORATING 10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00 BRASS REHEARSAL 11:00 ADULT CHOIR</div> 8
12 6:30 AM MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP	13 6:00 LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP	14	15
19 12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR	20 7:00 BOOK GROUP 7:00 LOVE WINS BOOK DISCUSSION	21	22
26 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR	27	28	29

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

EASTER SUNDAY Food Drive, Sunday April 9: Celebrate Easter through giving! Our Second Sunday Food Drives continue to be successful and immensely beneficial in keeping our Nourishing Neighbors Pantry stocked. For April, the Second Sunday is also Easter Sunday! You are encouraged to bring your pantry donations to Easter worship. Youth volunteers will be stationed at the Red Canopy Door from 9:15-10:00 am to assist in unloading donations. This should make it possible for worshippers of both services to receive help unloading donations. The following items are most needed: dried beans (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), cereal, canned fruit, rice (2 lb bag), pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, individually packaged snack items, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support of our downtown neighbors!



BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group is open to all readers and meets on the third Thursday evening in the Church Parlor every other month to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, at 7:00 pm when the group will discuss *Becoming Nicole* by Amy Ellis Nutt. Other upcoming selections include;

June 15, 7:00 pm - *The Rose* by Kate Quinn
August 17, 7:00 pm - *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
October 19, 7:00 pm - *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict
December 21, 7:00 pm - *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett

On Thursday night April 20, members of the Love Wins group will join the Book Group for discussion of the book *Becoming Nicole*. Deacon Amy Brown and Jaime Fivecoat will lead the discussion.



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.

APRIL 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.

Elizabeth Allen - April 29
Campbell Balck - April 12
Sue Boeker - April 17
Luke Boliek - April 28
Jaxson Cook - April 11
Allan Downen - April 20
Kumiko Enomoto - April 23
Jesse Fagala - April 22
Kieran Forde - April 28
Zerle Hubbard - April 28
Jaclyn Isbell - April 29
Tyler Kennedy - April 18
Stephen Kolb - April 22
Angela Larsen - April 5
Chris Larsen - April 17

Thomas Lawrence - April 21
Cole McCaskill - April 26
Teresa Morgan - April 26
Winnie Morrison - April 20
Landon Munoz - April 22
Angela Musselwhite - April 23
Taylor Poole - April 25
Donna Potts - April 25
Ryann Roth - April 14
Bob Schirmer - April 17
Louise Waldrep - April 7
Sarah Weeks - April 17
Daniel Weiner - April 7
Philip Wessinger - April 6
Andrew Westbrook - April 16



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. The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend on April 4 at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is discussing chapter one of the book *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. If you need a copy of the book or have any other questions, please contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

**Men's
Fellowship**

A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men is meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in the Church Parlor. Calvin Harmon is leading and facilitating this group with the intent of providing a brave, safe space for mutual sharing and encouragement. The morning includes a light breakfast as well as time for devotions and prayer. Meeting dates include April 12 and May 10.

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, April 19 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 pdpreader@trinitylutheran.ws.

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. On Sunday, April 23 the group will meet at noon at Moe's BBQ on W. Stone Avenue, Greenville. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws to receive email reminders for this group.



LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Participants are invited to gather for a social hour and some serious fun on Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm at Group Therapy. Group Therapy is a pub and playground for adults that includes mini golf, ping-pong, ice curling, and more and is located at 320 Falls Street. For those wanting to carpool, the group will meet by the red canopy door at 5:45 pm to travel together or at the venue at 6:00 pm.

The group will also gather on Thursday, March 20 (one week earlier than usual) at 7:00 pm in the Parlor for a book discussion of *Becoming Nicole* by Amy Ellis Nutt led by Deacon Amy Brown and Jaime Fivecoat. Please reach out to Angie McCormack to register for this event.

For more information or to be added to the group, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4016 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is set for Sunday evening, June 25 through Thursday evening, June 29, 2023. This year Bible School will be held in the evenings, and will begin with a child friendly meal. The evening begins at 5:30 pm with dinner, and pick up will be between 8:00 and 8:30 pm. The theme is *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*. Participants will explore the themes of feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest. Registration information will be available soon.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

DEATHS

the sister of Donna Potts
the father of Pastor Parham
the sister of Mary Cannon-Spencer

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Kay Cook - Discharged
Debbie Jo Forbes - Discharged
Talmadge Holmes - Saint Francis Downtown
Connie Stieghan - CCCU 3307, Saint Francis Downtown
Donice Winslow - Discharged

	ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH			
	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Sundays				
Online devices	219	207	258	246
In Person	<u>142</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>120</u>
	361	324	379	366

Queer-led service 3/2 - 43 in person, 192 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MARCH

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM MARCH 26

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 95,378	\$ 286,133
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 72,908</u>	<u>\$ 350,997</u>
Difference	\$ (22,470)	\$ 64,864
Given to World Hunger	\$ 450	\$ 11,725

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EASTER LILIES



Lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below no later than Wednesday, April, 5. The cost of the lilies is \$15.00 each. You may pick up your lily immediately following the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday, April 9, or on Tuesday April 11 through Thursday, April 13 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Any remaining lilies will be shared with our friends at Towers East.

Enclosed is my \$15.00 for each lily given. You may also use the *Online Giving* link on the homepage of our website.

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