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My siblings in Christ,

Is it July, already? Why, after 63 years of Julys, do I continue to greet this month as if it snuck up on me? In all seriousness, I truly love the month of July, even with its notorious “dog days.” The ancient Romans gave us “dog days” for the 40-day period of hottest summer weather, because the star, Sirius, also known as the “dog star,” rises and sets with the sun like clockwork this time of year. People began taking note of this thousands of years ago, so Sirius has long factored heavily into the mythology, religion, and agriculture of civilizations.

July’s dog days bring us abundant daylight, sunshine, and heat, and these offer both benefits and challenges. Those occasional long stretches of 100+ degree temperatures are oppressive and even dangerous for many and disastrous for many crops and gardens. On the other hand, July’s abundant daylight and generous sunshine are *good medicine* for many of us. For me in particular, July is a call into the great outdoors to touch and be touched by God’s creation.

Though I am blessed to live and work in sturdy well-made structures, nothing nourishes my mind, body, spirit, and emotional health like time in direct contact with creation. Walls, a ceiling, synthetic lights are replaced by a color-changing sky, traced by birds and insects, and articulated by clouds of varied shapes, dimensions, and colors. My office and living room become a forest, meadow, garden, or pasture. My floor is sand, stone, earth, decaying vegetation, or ground-covering plants. I am accompanied by plants and living creatures all busy with life. The smells of the city fade into nature’s infinite variety of living scents. The noise of civilization fades and the music of creation abounds: wind in the trees, rain and thunder from a summer storm, water moving through a stream or lapping against a shore, the nourishing roar of the ocean, and the infinite sonic variety of God’s living creatures.

My prayer for each of us this July is that God grant us abundant time and opportunity to be refreshed, nourished, challenged, strengthened, and brought peace in God’s good creation.

Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Jim Parham

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 2

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

Sunday, July 9

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, July 16

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, July 23

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

Sunday, July 30

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

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.



SABBATICAL TIME AWAY FOR PASTOR CROWELL

Pastor Crowell and her family will be away from Trinity during June and July for sabbatical. Sunday morning worship leadership will be provided by Trinity staff, members, as well as special guests. Please hold Pastor Crowell in your thoughts and prayers as she steps away from the daily demands of ministry and enjoys these weeks of rest and healing.

MUSIC MINISTRY

With the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir on break, summertime worship offers weekly opportunities for individuals and small groups to support worship with music.

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

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 and are trained and approved in Trinity's Child Protection Policy. A copy of the updated guidelines can be obtained through the Church Office.



SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

This summer the entire congregation is invited to come together for fellowship, learning, and faith formation each Sunday morning before worship. *Journey Together*, an intergenerational series for folks of all ages, will be held each Sunday at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to the Multipurpose Room in the Activities Building for coffee, juice, a pick up breakfast, and fellowship time as the day begins.

Planned by the Education Committee, this is a great chance for everyone to re-connect and meet new people. All ages, young and old, are needed to learn from each other and form bonds to grow in faith in this place. Please join this group each Sunday to learn, grow, and worship together with the Trinity Family.

NEW MEMBER CLASS AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

In September, Pastor Crowell will be teaching a new member class via Zoom for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of joining Trinity. These classes will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, September 6 and 13. Please call the Church Office if you would like to attend these classes that will be taught remotely this fall. New members will be received on Sunday, September 17 at the 10:00 am worship service in the Gym.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

On July 19th, youth are invited to participate in Nourishing Neighbors. Youth will meet outside Angie's office at 11:15 am for the set-up. The group will walk downtown for lunch following the event.

Retreat



All Trinity youth (rising 6 graders through grade 12) are invited to Lutheridge. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends after the busy summer. The group will leave Saturday, August 19 at 10:00 am and will return on Sunday, August 20 at 1:00 pm. On Saturday participants will experience the GIC course, have pool time, and some other activities. On Sunday, there will be an outdoor church service. Overnight accommodations will be the Wilderness Cabins. The estimated cost is \$125.00 and includes all activities, cabins and 3 meals. For more information or to register contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws. More details to follow.

POTLUCK LUNCH AND BINGO

On Sunday, July 9th, the congregation is invited to a potluck lunch and Bingo, hosted by Children and Youth Ministries, after worship. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. An entree and beverages will be provided. Please bring a small item or gift card (\$10 max) to contribute to the prizes. Food items and prizes may be dropped off in the Multipurpose Room, prior to worship. Please call the Church Office or email Angie at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws to register.



PRAYER GROUP

The Trinity Prayer Group will be praying from home during the month of July. 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*.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Trinity will be participating in Habitat for Humanity's Nicholtown Build, located at 122 McCullough Street, on Saturday, August 12. The work day is from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers can work the whole day or any hours they are available. Lunch will be provided for those working the whole day. Volunteers are needed on various projects. No experience needed. Tools will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Trinity would like to have 10-12 volunteers. Contact Pat O'Neill at oneillpattonw@hotmail.com for more information or to sign-up to volunteer.



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Because children are so very honored and valued in the life we share together at Trinity and because it is important that children have the opportunity to engage with scripture and worship in a way that is fun and age-appropriate for them, Trinity is trying something new! During July Trinity is continuing to experiment with a new practice of providing time during Sunday morning worship -- beginning after the children's sermon and extending through the Sharing of the Peace -- for children to leave the worship space with adult leaders (who have been Child Protection Policy trained) to participate in interactive activities, stories, games, and crafts related to the scripture texts for the day. Children may choose to participate in these special activities or remain in the worship space with their families during this time. This experiment will be evaluated over the coming months. Congregational comments are encouraged and may be shared with Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws or with Pastor Susan Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

FALL STEWARDSHIP PLANS

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that the fall stewardship campaign has been reimagined and will feature the New Consecration Sunday model. This program shifts attention away from the business model of being church and toward a more spiritual model of being church. One of the goals is to help the Trinity family better understand the joy and blessing of giving by asking the question *What is God calling me to do?* instead of *What does Trinity need in order to pay for ministry expenses?* The campaign begins on Sunday, August 13.

Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday, September 21 - Leadership Dinner and Program that includes members of Congregation Council, Standing Committee Chairs, Stewardship Committee, Staff, and the New Consecration Sunday Leadership Team as well as partners and spouses. Time and location will be announced at a later date.

Sunday, October 8 - Celebration Sunday that will involve the entire Trinity family and will include worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary followed by a catered lunch in the Gym. Estimate of Giving Cards will be collected during this worship service.

Guest Leader/Preacher:

Andrew Steele, Chief Development and Mobilization Officer at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services in Baltimore, Maryland, will be leading the program and serving as guest preacher on October 8 at the Celebration Sunday. Andrew has long been a friend to Trinity. In addition to being a dynamic speaker with a heart for stewardship and the Church, Andrew is also passionate about Trinity's mission and ministry to be an inclusive, affirming congregation that is engaged in social justice ministries.

New Consecration Leadership Team:

Team Members include Mike Boliek, Debbie Brune, Amanda Cook, Lindsay Hawkins, Caroline Otten, Donna Potts (chair), Philip Wessinger, and Pastor Susan Crowell.

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 2</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 POTLUCK LUNCH AND BINGO</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p>
<p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 16</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>12:00 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 23</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 30</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>31</p>	

Wednesday

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6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM

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6:00 LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

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12:30 NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

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6:30 LOVE WINS BOOK DISCUSSION

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Food Pantry. Summer months always take a toll on the pantry though, so please consider additional donations as able. In addition to regular items, the pantry is in special need of canned meats, toilet paper, and canned vegetables that aren't green beans or corn. All are encouraged to bring donations to worship. A volunteer will be stationed at the Red Canopy Door from 9:30 to 10:00 am on the second Sunday of each month to assist in unloading donations. Upcoming dates are July 9, and August 13. 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. If you are interested in volunteering to collect items during the Sunday Food Drives, please contact Patrick Preacher at pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws



BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group is open to all readers. Participants meet 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, August 17, at 7:00 pm when the group will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Other upcoming selections include:

October 19, 7:00 pm - *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict
December 21, 7:00 pm - *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett

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.



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
Eileen Finnern - July 31
Amy Forde - July 16
Lura Godfrey - July 21
Lewis Harmon - July 6
Jax Jordan - July 9
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
Grayson Preacher - July 29
Mary Alice Reed - July 31
Helen Reetz - July 18
Westyn Small - July 10
Ian Spearman - July 3
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. The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend on July 11 (a week later than usual) at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is discussing chapter two 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. The group will not meet in July or August. The next meeting will be September 14.

GREENVILLE ORGANIZED FOR ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP

Please consider investing \$200 in GOAL Justice by mailing a check to Goal Justice, P.O. Box 757, Greenville, SC or by visiting GOALJustice.com and click on the DONATE button to pay by credit card or PayPal.

Why do we call this investing? Because there is a real, measurable return on your investing. In year one of GOAL Justice's operation in Greenville, through grass roots people power organizing in over 20 congregations, voices were heard. State Funding is now in place to make sure every 988 call in South Carolina receives an in-state response and legislation has passed allowing cities and counties to use accommodations tax dollars for housing!

At the local level a majority of city council is committed to working towards a goal of providing \$10,000,000 of funding to the housing fund, with the Mayor specifically identifying funding sources. The County Council has proposed investing \$5,000,000 over the next two years towards affordable housing. More work is needed to measurably impact the affordable housing crisis but these are positive changes that are happening because so many showed up (170+ from Trinity) at the Nehemiah Action.

On behalf of all those seeking social justice and equity in our community, thank you.

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

Trinity will host 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 19 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Other upcoming dates are August 16. This is an opportunity to build relationships with 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.

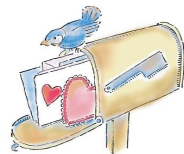
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

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, July 16 the group will meet at noon at *4 Aces Kitchen*, located in Pelham Court, 115 Pelham Road, Ste 1, Greenville. Contact Deacon Amy Brown at arbrown@trinitylutheran.ws to receive email reminders for this group or to make reservations for lunch.



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 debvars@att.net.



QUEER AND JUSTICE MINISTRY



Queer-led Worship: Taize Around the Cross, Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 pm in the Gym. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpriester@trinitylutheran.ws if you are interested. This service will be live-streamed.

LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Join the Love Wins group on Thursday, July 13th, at 6:00 pm for fun and fellowship. The group will meet at *Birds Fly South Ale Project*, located at 1320 Hampton Avenue, Greenville.

On Thursday, July 27th, Love Wins will meet to discuss the book, *UnClobber*, by Colby Martin. The group will meet at 6:30 pm, in the Church Parlor.

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



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

DEATH

Caroline Massey on June 14

	ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE		
Sundays	6/4	6/11	6/18
Online devices	557	289	186
In Person	<u>114</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>101</u>
	671	398	287

Queer-Led 6/1 30 in person, 304 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JUNE

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM JUNE 25

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 95,378	\$ 572,267
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 39,055</u>	<u>\$ 571,646</u>
Difference	\$ (56,323)	\$ (621)
Given to World Hunger	\$ 540	\$ 13,755

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