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*There is no telling what the end result will be,
the possibilities go far beyond you and me.
Our perspective has limits of unfortunate severity,
any predictions add up to hilarity.
Our job is just to get the thing going
and surrender the outcome to the One knowing.
God does it all. It is God's work.
All we do is plant the seed.*

Plant the Seed by Jason Tomlinson

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

Spring is the season for planting seeds. I am not a gardener, but my mother was. She loved working in the yard. She loved having her hands in the soil. She claimed that she and God together could grow beautiful things. And that was true! My mother's yard was a place of beauty in the Spring. She faithfully planted seeds in the earth, and she faithfully planted seeds of love and encouragement in the lives of many people.

Spring is the season for planting seeds. What kinds of seeds will you plant in this season of the year? This season of your life? Will you plant seeds of regret, bitterness, judgment, contempt, and hatred? Or will you plant seeds of joy, kindness, love, grace, compassion, and understanding?

We live in a broken world. Everyone is struggling in their own way. Every one of us has a story of hurt, pain, and trauma. Each of us carries the burden of loss and grief. All of us long for a word of encouragement, an act of kindness, a deed of love. In this season let us work together to plant seeds of love and light, compassion and understanding. Let us plant the seeds of hope and joy trusting that God will tend the seeds, that God will use our smallest efforts to bring hope and healing to this hurting world. How will you plant a seed of kindness and love today?

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

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

---received a Treasurer's Report noting that expenses for March were \$7,114 more than projected;

---learned that the first stage of the organ installation will begin the week of April 21 and will continue for several weeks; and

---received a report on the 429 Property and learned that several developers are expressing interest in the parcel.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearses in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. Each Sunday the group gathers at 9:30 am in the Choir Room for a brief rehearsal and warm-up. For 10:00 am worship, the choir assembles in the balcony or around the piano in the Gym to support and strengthen congregational singing and to offer special choral music in a wide variety of styles. Our last Wednesday rehearsal before summer break will be May 22. Adult Choir will be on summer break for the months of June, July, and through the middle of August.



Martin Luther called music the “Servant of the Gospel,” and the goal is to draw our minds, bodies, emotions, and imaginations to experience God’s word more deeply. Everyone with a love of singing is invited to join this community of musical mission partners. There are no auditions. If interested in singing with the group when rehearsals begin in the fall, please e-mail Pastor Parham at the address below.

Handbell Choir meets twice for rehearsal during the month of May. On May 1, rehearsal will be in the Handbell Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building from 6:00 pm to 6:50 pm. On May 8, rehearsal will be in the Gym from 6:00 pm to 6:50 pm. The Eastertide ringing date is Sunday, May 12. Handbell Choir will be on summer break until after Labor Day.

Trinity’s worship life greatly benefits from the gifts of our congregational instrumentalists. If new to the community and feel drawn to share instrumental gifts in worship, please contact Pastor Parham at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws or 864-242-5702.

ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

On April 24, the installation of the organ began. Many thanks to those who helped with carrying organ components from the truck into the Sanctuary. At some point during the month of May, it is anticipated the organ will speak for the first time in over three years. Construction is expected to continue into the middle of May, with several additional weeks of pipe voicing to follow. This phase of work provides the first of two case towers and the ability to access a substantial percentage of the final instrument.

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 5

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

May 12

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym
Reception for High School Seniors to follow in the back corner of the Gym

May 19

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

May 26

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

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Trinity Children (Kindergarten through grade 5) will gather on Sunday, May 5, following worship. The group will enjoy lunch with the youth and then participate in a lesson and activity focused on the Ascension of Jesus. For more information please contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws. Pick up time is 1:00 pm.

Trinity Youth will gather on Sunday, May 19 for the monthly event to prepare for the ELCA Youth Gathering in July. All youth are invited to attend. These monthly events center around the youth gathering theme, *Created to Be*, and provide the opportunity for all youth to build relationships and grow in faith. The theme is centered on Psalm 139:14 - "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." The group will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Youth Room for dinner, lessons, and activities.



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Pridefest is back at Trinity! On Saturday, June 8, Trinity will host the Fourth Annual Pridefest. This will be the second time Trinity has hosted this exciting event. Pridefest is a collaborative community event seeking to better the overall health and well-being of the local LGBTQIA+ community by partnering with local organizations to strengthen queer youth and young adults. This event will take place in the Activities Building and will feature a wide array of activities, vendors, and fun! Over 400 people are expected to attend. If you'd like to volunteer at Pridefest, please contact Patrick Preacher.



Queer-led Worship will celebrate Pride on Thursday, June 6. As is tradition, Trinity's Pride month Front Lawn display will be unveiled following worship. Please plan to join in celebratory worship beginning at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Worship at Trinity will once again be a featured activity for Pride Week! On Wednesday, June 26, Trinity will sponsor the fifth Annual Pride worship service along with other LGBTQIA+ affirming faith communities in the upstate. This service is publicized as an official event of Upstate Pride's Black Pride Festival. Please plan to attend this meaningful worship service with Holy Communion.

Upstate Pride's Black Pride March and Festival is Saturday, June 29. Trinity has been a powerful faith-based presence at this event since its inception. Taking over Greenville's Main Street, the march and festival features live music, a celebratory march, vendors, non-profit exhibits, food trucks, and an abundance of queer joy! If interested in volunteering at Trinity's booth, please contact Patrick Preacher.

HONORING TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trinity will recognize the 2024 high school graduates at worship on Sunday, May 12 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: Carlie Balck, Emma Grace Haines, Nate Hybl, Ben McCormack, Peyton Roth, Abby Sease, and Adyson Woodward.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for Children

Children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to hear the scripture readings in ways more appropriate to them. Using the lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children sing and listen to the scripture or a related book and enjoy an activity related to the theme of the day. The children return to worship in time to share the peace and participate in communion.

Faith Formation for Youth

Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stay after worship once a month for *Lunch and Learn*, a time for fellowship building, faith formation lessons, and activities. The group will meet on Sunday, May 5 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Activities Building.

Faith Formation for Adults

An adult faith formation class meets at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. During the month of May, Penny Bostain will lead the class in a study by Amy-Jill Levine called *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News*. The class ends in time for worship at 10:00 am. Those interested in participating in the class via Zoom should contact Kay Cook for sign-in information.

HISTORY READING GROUP

Please join the Trinity Lutheran Church History Reading Group to discuss selected topics based on historical nonfiction books. The group will meet Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13. The group will discuss *Our Beloved Kin* by Lisa Brooks. Carl Brune will lead the discussion. Contact David Hill at jdhillnc50@gmail.com or (704) 307-0520 or Don Todd at dktodd47@gmail.com or (803) 517-8129 for more information. Participation via Zoom will be available.

MISSIONARY VISIT TO TRINITY

Pastor Sarah Wilson, an ELCA missionary to Tokyo, will visit Trinity on Monday, July 22. A gathering and information session will take place at a time that day to be determined soon. The topic of discussion will be *Ministry in Tokyo: Learning from the unique challenges of mission work in Japan*. Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws with any questions and be on the lookout for further details.

PEACE CAMP AT TRINITY

All Trinity members and friends
are invited to

Peace Camp

Trinity's new version of Vacation Bible School
on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 16, 17, and 18
from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

After a shared meal together, children, youth, and adults
will gather to hear and engage in historical stories told with props and symbols
that tell the truth about the racism in our country's past,
instead of the lies we have often been taught.

Following the story there will be an intentional time
to discuss and process the experience in age-specific groups.

Childcare and enrichment activities will be provided for infants to K4.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this new learning opportunity!

All children should be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or caring adult.
Registration information will be available soon.

PRE-SCHOOL PLAY DAY AND PICNIC

All pre-school children (infant to K4) and their siblings and families are invited to a play day and picnic on Sunday, May 19 at 11:30 am following worship in the children's classroom on the first floor of the Pence Building. Children will enjoy a story and song as well as time on the playground as the weather allows. A simple meal of uncrustables, chips, fruit, cookies, and juice boxes will be provided for children, siblings, and adults. To register for this time together, please reach out to Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws or Pastor Crowell at scrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5</p> <p>9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 CHILDRENS MINISTRY 11:30 YOUTH LUNCH AND LEARN</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 6</p>	<p>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7</p>
<p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 12</p> <p>9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 9:30 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM RECEPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>DAY OF PENTECOST 19</p> <p>9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 PRE-SCHOOL PLAY DAY AND PICNIC 11:30 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 3:00 HISTORY READING GROUP 5:30 YOUTH MINISTRY</p>	<p>9:30 QUILTING GROUP 20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>THE HOLY TRINITY 26</p> <p>9:00 ADULT FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p>

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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7:30 ADULT CHOIR

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11:30 ROSTERED LEADERS
GATHERING

6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE
GYM

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6:30 AM MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP

6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR

7:00 ADULT CHOIR

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11:30 WELCOME TABLE

6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR

7:00 ADULT CHOIR

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6:30 LOVE WINS

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6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR

7:00 ADULT CHOIR

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SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to the Food Pantry. In addition to regular items, the pantry is in special need of canned meats, toilet paper, and canned vegetables. 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 date is May 12. 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. Your support and love is greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering to collect items during the Sunday Food Drives, please contact Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws



BOOK GROUP

The Trinity Book Group, which is open to all readers, meets in the Parlor on the third Thursday every other month at 7:00 pm to discuss books of all genres. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 20. The group will discuss the book *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Other book selections for the year include:



August 15: *The Bell in the Lake* by Lars Mytting

October 17: *Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswai

December 19: *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis

February 20, 2025: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

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 Sunday, May 19 at *Kannika's Thai Kitchen*, located at 430 Haywood Road, Suite B, Greenville 29607. Be in touch with Deacon Amy Brown to reserve your spot.



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.

Ida Blalock - May 30
Penny Bostain - May 18
Janie Dillard - May 25
Richard Farstad - May 16
Jaime Fivecoat - May 6
Casey Geiger - May 5
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 5
Casey Moon - May 6
Brandon Moose - May 17
Anna Kay Robinson - May 2
Tyla Sherwood - May 16
Jess Thomas-Harewood - May 18
Chris Wannemacher - May 21
Bill Weeks - May 7
Jamie Wesley - May 13
Matthew Wessinger - May 7
Andy Westbrook - May 27
Adyson Woodward - May 10



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Women's Bible Study



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 are invited to attend on May 7 at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is discussing the book *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. Contact Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com for additional information.

and Fellowship Group

MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Men's Fellowship

A Reflection and Fellowship Group for men meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in the Church Parlor. Calvin Harmon leads and facilitates 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. Up-coming meeting dates include May 8 and June 12.

PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

Praying for Possibilities is a program at Trinity dedicated to praying for the ministries of the congregation. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to sign up for a specific week during the year when they are encouraged to pray through the written prayers one time during the course of the assigned week. This ministry requires a small commitment of time with the possibility of tremendous blessing. To ask questions about the ministry or to sign up to participate, please reach out to Beth Bennett-Hill at bethbhnc@yahoo.com or 704-307-0521 or to Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com or 864-230-6252.

May Prayer Volunteers

May 5 - 11

Jackie Hickey

May 12 - 18

Terry Morgan

May 19 - 25

Lindsay Hawkins

May 26 - June 1

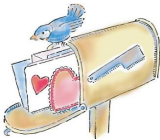
Penny Bostain

THE WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table is so grateful to be partnering with Feed & Seed Company of Greenville to continue serving and connecting with our neighbors. On Wednesday, May 15, the Welcome Table will feature a hot dog lunch and Bingo! Lunch is served at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. Simple prize bags will be given to Bingo winners and there will be plenty of time for fun and fellowship with our neighbors. If you aren't a regular attendee of the Welcome Table, this is a great day to try out this fun and fulfilling ministry. All are always welcome to attend! Please contact Patrick Preacher at pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws with any questions.



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. Interested participants may contact Debbie Farstad at deb fars@att.net.

BOOK COLLECTION

The Greenville Literacy Association is sponsoring the *Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*. Book collection will continue through the month of June. The collection box is located in the Breezeway. Books may also be taken to the GLA location at McAlister Square. For more information, go to the GLA website at greenvilleliteracy.org



QUILTING GROUP



QUILTING GROUP sweeks14@charter.net or 864-787-1160.

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. In March the group will meet on May 6, 13, and 20. No sewing experience is needed. For questions about this group contact Sarah Weeks at

QUEER AND JUSTICE MINISTRY



On Thursday, May 2 worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gym. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws if interested. This service will be live-streamed and is a week later than usual.

Queer-led Worship is going on the road in July! Queer-led Worship has been invited to hold the July worship service at the Wild Goose Festival. While complete details are not available yet, more information on The Wild Goose can be found on their website: www.wildgoosefestival.org The festival is July 11-14 in Union Grove, NC. More information coming soon!



LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP



Love Wins will meet on Thursday, May 16, at the home of Jaime and Karen Fivecoat, 11 Andy Court, Taylors at 6:30. The group will discuss the podcast, *Out and Free and Still Christian*, with Jonathan Merritt. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer and beverage of their choice. All are invited and welcome! For more information, contact Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws.

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

Deaths

Ed Herren on March 30
the mother of Franklin Sease

HOSPITAL Patients

Joe Mulcahy - Discharged

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

Sundays	4/7	4/14	4/21
Online devices	302	251	229
In Person	<u>113</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>118</u>
	415	402	347

Queer-Led Worship 4/11 - 32 in person, 228 online devices

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR APRIL

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM APRIL 28

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 93,834	\$ 375,335
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 43,442</u>	<u>\$ 435,391</u>
Difference	\$ (50,392)	\$ 60,056
Given to World Hunger	\$ 160	\$ 11,400

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Nursery Attendant



Pack the City Council!

We find ourselves at a pivotal moment in our ongoing efforts to address our city's pressing housing crisis. Despite their public commitments, our city officials were absent from our recent Nehemiah Action event, a gathering crucial for voicing the needs and struggles of our community. We must ensure that our voices are not just heard, but that they resonate where they have the greatest potential to effect change. Join us in attending the next two city council meetings.

May 13 and May 20

5:30 pm

Greenville City Hall: Council Chambers

Wear green!



**Ride on the Trinity Bus for the May 13 meeting!
Departing from the Red Canopy Door at 4:45 pm.**



Please contact Angie McCormack to sign up for the bus, with any questions, or to confirm your attendance independent of the bus.
ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws