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*Come to me, you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.
Matthew 11:28-29*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

These words from Jesus are for all of us who have grown weary and discouraged along the way. Daily life, relationships, work challenges, family hardships, sickness, uncertainty, loving our neighbor - all of this has the potential to make us weary, to discourage us.

Our tendency is to think that we have to do it all by ourselves, that we are alone and isolated, that the burdens are ours to carry on our own. But, that is not true. Jesus invites us to take his yoke. When we come to Jesus, and learn from Jesus, we become yoked to him, connected to him. Jesus joins us and we pull the burden together. Jesus does not take away the burden, but we no longer have to carry it alone. Jesus helps us carry our burden. This yoke/this relationship/this connection is easy and well-fitting and makes the weight so much easier to bear.

My siblings in Christ, none of us is alone. The challenges and burdens of life are ours to carry in community, ours to carry in solidarity with Christ. How easily we forget this! How quickly we try to do it all on our own! If you are sick, if you are struggling with addiction, if you are weary from the demands of life, if you are anxious or depressed, if you long for rest and peace...come to Jesus. Take on his yoke and find rest for your souls.

That's my hope and prayer for each of you...rest and peace for your souls. You are loved beyond measure. You have great value and worth in the kin-dom of God. You are created in the image of God. You are a magnificent human being. Rest in the knowledge that Christ walks with you, that Jesus helps you carry your burdens.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 1

Queer-Led Worship at 6:30 pm in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, August 4

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, August 11

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Sunday, August 18

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, August 25

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and fellowship to follow on the front lawn

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

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 as singers is to offer music that draws 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 beginning of August at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws.



Handbell Choir is on summer break until the fall. Ringing handbells is a unique and especially satisfying kind of precisely coordinated human community. The group is, in effect, a single percussion instrument with many hands. If interested in joining this unique kind of musical community, please contact Pastor Parham in August at jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws.

NURSERY FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating adult volunteers who have been trained in Trinity’s Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

How wonderful that so many young adults are becoming part of the Trinity Family! In an effort to create opportunities for adults in their twenties and thirties to spend time together, Lara Wannemacher will be coordinating events on Wednesday, August 7 and Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm. These gatherings will include food and relationship building activities. Please reach out to Lara Wannemacher at larawannemacher@gmail.com or Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws for more information or to sign up for one or both of these events.

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.

August Prayer Volunteers

August 4 - 10
Pattimarie Janssen

August 11 - 17
Terry Morgan

August 18 - 24
Angie McCormack

August 25 - 31
Donice Winslow



First Fruits

Stewardship Campaign

Looking ahead to Trinity's Fall Stewardship Campaign, let us be reminded of our beloved hymn *As Saints of Old*:

***As saints of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.***

We are called to give our First Fruits of time, talent, and treasure back to God. As faithful stewards, we continue to experience the bounty of these First Fruits lived out in ministry here at Trinity. Please join the Stewardship Committee in discerning how God is calling us to best give your First Fruits in service to God and neighbor.

First Fruits Sunday

Commitments of time, talent, and treasure will be given back to God and celebrated with a community meal following worship. The Rev. Jackie Utley will be our guest preacher. Please mark your calendars.

Sunday, October 6
Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Catered Lunch at 11:30 am in the Gym

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

This summer the entire congregation is invited to come together for fellowship, learning, and faith formation each Sunday morning before worship. Join the group for *Wisdom From the Hebrew Scriptures*, an intergenerational series for folks of all ages. Adults, children, and families are encouraged to join the group in re-visiting some cherished Old Testament stories including Moses, Jacob and Esau, Esther, and Daniel in the lion's den. 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. (The last class will be August 4.) Leaders for the group are Nell Orscheln, Lindsay Hawkins, and Penny Bostain. All ages, young and old, are needed to learn from each other and form bonds and grow in faith in this place. Faith Formation will then be on break until Sunday, September 8.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Children Faith Formation

Children through Grade 5 are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to hear the scripture reading in ways more appropriate to them. Using the lectionary stories we hear 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. They return to worship in time to share the peace.

Youth Faith Formation

Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stay after worship once a month for *Lunch and Learn*, a time for fellowship building and faith formation lessons and activities. This group will resume in the fall.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY



On Sunday, August 11 during worship, we will bless our students and teachers as they begin a new school year. Students and teachers of all ages are encouraged to join us in worship at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

NEW MEMBER CLASS



Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? About what it means to be Lutheran? Are you considering becoming a member of this community of faith? Pastor Crowell and Intern Pastor Patrick Preacher will be teaching a class on two consecutive Sundays, September 22 and 29, on the Lutheran Faith and Theology. These gatherings will be held after worship on each of these Sundays. These sessions will include a simple lunch in the Multi-Purpose Room followed by an hour-long class for adults in the Activities Building. Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any food allergies or restrictions.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, October 20 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in becoming a part of this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Susan Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

TRINITY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you find joy in spending time with young children? If so, perhaps you would find volunteering in Trinity's Nursery to be a meaningful way to serve. Trinity is becoming more diverse each time we gather for worship, and that means our Nursery is experiencing growth as well. There is also a need to open the Nursery more often, such as during special worship services and events. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in this rewarding opportunity to spend time with God's smallest and youngest children.

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Trinity youth and children are invited to gather on Sunday, August 18, following worship. The group will spend time together, as Trinity youth share their experience at the Youth Gathering that was held in New Orleans. The group will enjoy lunch together and then break into groups for some back-to-school activities. Pickup time is 1:00 pm. Parent volunteers are needed to help with lunch and the activities. Contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4</p> <p>9:00 SUMMER FAITH FORMATION 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</p>
<p>TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN 9:30 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:45 PROPERTY COMMITTEE</p> <p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 YOUTH AND CHILDRENS MINISTRY</p> <p>3:00 HISTORY READING GROUP</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>

Wednesday

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6:30 QUEER LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM

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6:30 YOUNG ADULTS

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11:30 WELCOME TABLE

7:00 BOOK GROUP

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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



August 11. The following items are most needed: dried beans (16 oz), peanut butter (16 oz), cereal, canned fruit, rice (2 lb bag), pasta sauce, canned meat, canned vegetables, and toilet paper. Our neighbors especially love canned fruit! Your support and love is greatly appreciated. If 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, 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, August 15. The group will discuss the book *The Bell in the Lake* by Lars Mytting. Other book selections for the year include:



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



All adults are invited to enjoy lunch together after worship on Sunday, August 18 at Moes Barbecue, 109 West Stone Ave. Mary Brown and Suzanne Rudisill will be hosting the event. If interested in joining the group for lunch, please call or text Mary at 864-991-1882 or Suzanne at 864-905-4119 so that a space can be reserved for you. The group will gather again for lunch on Sunday, September 22.

AUGUST 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.

Rachel Balck - August 28
Tad Boland - August 21
Jaimee Chapman - August 6
Rachel Colburn - August 4
Sandy Cannon-Spencer - August 5
Annette Connor - August 21
Natalie Geiger - August 25
Paul Godfrey - August 2
Samuel Godfrey - August 14
Chaz Haines - August 13
Emma Grace Haines - August 9
Kim Haines - August 30
Dale Hamann - August 6
Chris Harmon - August 13
Sarah Jo Harmon - August 23
Cole Harrington - August - 25
Tori Hilbourn - August 13
Dean Hybl - August 9
Nate Hybl - August 8

Melissa Kolb- August 15
Everett Lawrence - August 12
Betsy League - August 31
Mary Lynn Lockard - August 24
Sylvie Morrison - August 9
Jane Mortenson - August 12
Jean Nelson - August 31
Pat Newman - August 3
Mary Peters - August 3
Jonathan Preacher - August 26
Lisa Rehm - August 24
Jimmy Reynolds - August 16
Steve Robinson - August 5
Margaret Roth - August 5
Franklin Sease - August 21
Terri Sullivan - August 17
Dan Thomas-Harewood - August 28
Jack Wilcox - August 18
Judy Williams - August 25



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 the next meeting on August 6 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. The group will not meet in July or August. The next meeting will be September 11.

HISTORY READING GROUP

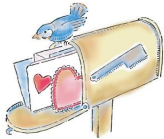
Please join the Trinity Lutheran Church History Reading Group to discuss selected topics based on historical nonfiction books. The group will meet Sunday, August 18 at 3:00 pm in Rooms 12 and 13 to discuss *The Sword and the Shield* by Peniel E. Joseph. Carl Brune will lead the discussion. New comers always welcome. Contact David Hill at jdhillnc50@gmail.com or (704) 307-0520 or Don Todd at dktdodd47@gmail.com or (803) 517-8129 for more information. Participation via Zoom will be available.

THE WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table is so grateful to be partnering with Feed & Seed Company of Greenville and Project Host to continue serving and connecting with our neighbors. On Wednesday, August 14, the Welcome Table lunch will be served at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. If you are not 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 or if you would like to volunteer.



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.

PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

On Sunday, August 11, twelve to fifteen volunteers are needed to staff the soup kitchen from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers must be middle school age or older. Anyone ages 15-17 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in helping, please contact Caroline Otten at caroline29712@gmail.com or 864 354-4457.



QUEER - LED WORSHIP



Taizé Prayer

Queer-led Worship: Taize Around the Cross

On Thursday, August 1 worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gym. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at pdpriester@trinitylutheran.ws if interested. This service will be live-streamed.

LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Love Wins will meet on Thursday, August 21, to discuss the book, *Love Matters More* by Jared Byas. The group will meet at Southside Brewery, 25 Delano Drive, Greenville, at 6:00 pm. All are invited to attend. Contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or for more information.



WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

Hospital Patients Connie Stieghan - Discharged

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

Sundays	7/7	7/14	7/21
Online devices	712	428	410
In Person	<u>167</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>117</u>
	879	575	527

Queer-Led Worship was held at the *Wild Goose Festival*

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR JULY

DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING FROM JULY 28

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 93,834	\$ 656,836
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 62,588</u>	<u>\$ 633,947</u>
Difference	\$ (31,246)	\$ (22,889)
Given to World Hunger	\$ 160	\$ 12,014

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