

# TRINITY TIDINGS

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*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name,  
you are mine.  
Isaiah 43:1*

Dear Members and Friends of the Trinity Family,

Early in my ministry there was a local pastor who would not call me by name. As a way to express his disapproval of the ordination of women, he refused to remember my name, insisting instead on calling me by a different name every time I saw him. His intent was not lost on me. In refusing to call me by my correct name, he was attempting to devalue me as both a person and as a pastor. My response seems trite now, but after a few times of purposely being called the wrong name, I started doing the same to him...and soon the situation was rectified.

A few years ago there was a Trinity member who did not like all the effort Trinity placed on calling people by name. This person despised the nametags, thought the work of greeters was a waste of time, and genuinely believed that worshippers grew tired of hearing their name called in greeting by multiple greeters on Sunday morning. I vehemently disagree with this assessment! Being called by name is deeply meaningful. The recognition that someone cares enough to ask your name, commit your name to memory, use correct pronouns, and then make the effort to call you by name has a tremendous positive effect.

Being called by name creates community. It leads to connection and belonging. It makes us feel seen and heard and valued. God knows you by name. Your name is written on the palm of God's hand. You - each and every one of you - is in intimate relationship with the divine. Your name matters. Your individual identity as a beloved child of God is of primary importance to God and to the Trinity family. Rest assured that God knows your name, calls you by name, and is always, always reaching out to YOU in love. In these weeks of Easter, remember that you have value and worth in the kin-dom of God. God calls you...every one of you...by name.

Peace, love, and joy,



Pastor Susan Crowell

## COUNCIL NOTES

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

---learned that expenses for March were \$700 less than projected;

---learned that remediation efforts under the Sanctuary are underway and flooring installation has begun;

---noted that the boiler replacement in the Gym is complete;

---expressed love and care for Patrick Preacher as he recovers from surgery and learned from Pastor Crowell that plans are in place to cover his leadership responsibilities through the end of April;

---received a report from the Action and Advocacy Team noting upcoming dates for Advocacy Training and an Advocacy Letter Writing Workshop;

---were encouraged to register for a Listening Session with Mark Tidsworth, Trinity's Strategic Planning Consultant; and

---were reminded of the upcoming Strategic Planning Leadership Retreat on Sunday, May 18 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

## NEW MEMBERS JOINING



Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 4 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If planning to become a member of the Trinity family on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) as soon as possible.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Members of Trinity's staff, Congregation Council, and strategic planning Coordination Team will gather in the Multipurpose Room on Sunday, May 18 from 11:30 am–3:30 pm for a strategic planning leadership retreat with the Rev. Mark Tidsworth, Trinity's consultant. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell if you are able to attend.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. Each Sunday, the choir 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 Sanctuary 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 that proclaims, enriches, and interprets the scripture for the day.



Martin Luther called music the “Servant of the Gospel,” so the goal is to offer music that draws minds, bodies, emotions, and imaginations to experience more deeply God’s rich and often challenging word. Everyone with a love of singing is invited to join this community of musical mission partners. There are no auditions, and even though it says the “Adult” Choir, the group warmly welcomes youth to join the group. If interested, please e-mail Pastor Parham at the address below.

Handbell Choir will rehearse in May up until the last ringing event for the season to be worked out among the ringers. Rehearsals are at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. Rehearsal locations include the Handbell Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building and the worship space for that day.

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, hearts, and minds. If interested in this unique kind of musical community, please contact Pastor Parham at [jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws).

If new to the community and feel drawn to share your instrumental gifts in worship, please contact Pastor Parham at [jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws) or 864-242-5702.

## 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](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 1

Queer-Led Worship in the Gym at 6:30 pm  
Refreshments and fellowship following the service

Sunday, May 4

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym  
Reception of New Members  
Special refreshments in honor of new members  
to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Sunday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 25

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

## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



Trinity's Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all adults who would like to enjoy fellowship and a meal together after worship. The group will gather on Sunday, March 18, immediately following worship, at *Gather Greenville*, 126 Augusta Street, Greenville. Please reach out to Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 to reserve your space at lunch.

## PENTECOST PARTY

Let's Celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost  
with a Pentecost Party

Sunday, June 8 following worship

A Sandwich Bar will be provided in the Multipurpose Room  
that includes deli meat, cheese, chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad,  
and peanut butter and jelly along with pasta salad, fruit salad, chips  
and brownies and ice cream for dessert.

Followed by a Bounce House, Music, and Lara Wannemacher DJing  
in the Gym

Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited and encouraged  
to be a part of the fun and fellowship.

## PEACE CAMP

Make plans to attend Trinity's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Peace Camp

June 15, 16, and 17

5:30 to 8:00 pm

In the Multipurpose Room

Each evening will include dinner and programming  
for pre-schoolers, children, youth, and adults  
as participants learn about the call to love and serve our neighbor  
through activities, service projects, and experiences.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This class continues to meet at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 on Sunday mornings and finishes the lesson and discussion in time to attend worship at 10:00 am. Topics will be announced soon.

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:50 am with three classes divided by age ranging from infant to grade 5. Children's Faith Formation will continue through Sunday, May 11. The curriculum is interactive, fun, and rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith. Infants/preschoolers are developing social-emotional skills while learning about God's love for them. Middle and Upper classes are exploring a different New Testament story about Jesus each week. If interested in serving as a teacher or teaching assistant, please contact Jeff Rehm at [jarehm41@gmail.com](mailto:jarehm41@gmail.com) or Patrick Preacher at [pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdp preacher@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 am 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.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children 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 heard in worship each Sunday, the children hear the scripture read from an age appropriate text and enjoy an activity related to the theme of the day. They return to worship in time to share the peace and participate in the family meal of Holy Communion. Adults interested in volunteering for this ministry should contact Patrick Preacher at [pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws).

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Youth and Children will gather together, following worship on Sunday, May 4 to celebrate the upcoming end of school and the kickoff to summer, with lunch and activities. The event is open for ages K5–12th Grade. Volunteers and parents are needed to help with lunch and activities. Reach out to Angie McCormack to get involved or for more information at [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) or 864-630-4026.

## 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 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 [pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws)

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER4</div> <div>9:00 FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS 9:00 FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS 11:30 YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S EVENT</div>	<div>5</div> <div>6:00 FIBER ARTS GROUP</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP</div>
<div>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER11</div> <div>9:00 FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS 9:30 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 9:00 FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>
<div>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER18</div> <div>9:00 FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW  11:30 HISTORY READING GROUP  11:30-3:30 STRATEGIC PLANNING LEADERSHIP RETREAT</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>
<div>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER25</div> <div>9:00 FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</div>	<div>26</div> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>27</div>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP IN THE GYM	2	3
7  9:00 PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN PROJECT  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:15 ADULT CHOIR	8	9	10
14  6:30 MEN'S REFLECTION AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:15 ADULT CHOIR	15	16	17
21  11:30 WELCOME TABLE  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:15 ADULT CHOIR	22  6:30 LOVE WINS GROUP	253	24
28  6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR	29	30	31

## Dates for Listening Sessions with Strategic Planning Consultant

Everyone's help is needed as the Trinity family discerns the future of our life together! Members, friends, and everyone invested in Trinity's life together is invited and encouraged to attend a Listening Session hosted by Mark Tidsworth, Trinity's Strategic Planning Consultant.

What are your hopes and dreams for Trinity's mission and ministry?  
What is God's unique call upon Trinity at this moment in time?  
How is God calling Trinity to serve God's beloveds,  
especially the oppressed and marginalized?  
How can Trinity best turn the world upside with love?

Each listening group will be hosted by Mark Tidsworth and will include up to ten people. All gatherings will be held in Rooms 12 and 13 in the Activities Building, except where otherwise noted. A QR code for registering is included below. Reservations for a specific session can also be made by calling the Church Office or reaching out to Kay Cook at [kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:kmcook@trinitylutheran.ws).

Dates and times for Listening Sessions are as follows:

### Saturday, May 3

9:00 am to 10:00 am

10:15 am to 11:15 am

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

### Sunday, May 4

8:45 am to 9:45 am - Multipurpose Room

11:45 am to 12:45 pm

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

### Monday, May 5

9:30 am to 10:30 am

10:45 am to 11:45 am

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm



## 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.

Lydia Ashburn — May 11  
Madi Ashburn — May 11  
Duke Barsody — May 31  
Jessica Bigby — May 12  
Ida Blalock — May 31  
Penny Bostain - May 31  
Sarah Bowers— May 30  
Barbara Crawford — May 27  
Abel Crosby — May 5  
Janie Dillard — May 25  
Anne Fagala — May 18  
Brad Fanning — May 14  
Richard Farstad — May 16  
Jaime Fivecoat — May 6  
Karen Fivecoat — May 25  
Camille Glymph — May 2  
Jo Glymph — May 2

Bethany Hybl — May 10  
Silas Kolb — May 9  
Wayne Landreth — May 29  
Ken Lanier — May 4  
Jenna Mast — May 14  
Vanessa Mazzoli — May 4  
Casey Moon — May 6  
Brandon Moose — May 17  
Anna Kay Robinson—May 2  
Tyla Sherwood — May 16  
Leah Somerville — May 6  
Jess Thomas-Harewood — May 18  
Chris Wannemacher — May 21  
Bill Weeks — May 7  
Jamie Wesley — May 13  
Matthew Wessinger — May 7  
Sadie Zhou — May 13



## 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 Sitting Room. 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. Upcoming dates include May 14.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 10:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The group is reading the book *Saving Grace* by Kirsten Powers. Discussion this month is on Chapter 5.

## 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.

### May Prayer Volunteers

May 4 – 10  
Jackie Hickey

May 11 – 17  
Donna Potts

May 18 – 14  
David Potts

May 25 – May 31  
Suzanne Rudisill

## 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, May 21, the Welcome Table lunch will be served at 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. All are always welcome to attend! There will be no Welcome Table in June. The next date is July 23. Please contact Patrick Preacher at [pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.



## PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN AND GARDENING FOR GOOD

On Wednesday, May 7, volunteers are needed to staff the soup kitchen from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Opportunities to work in the garden may also be available. Volunteers must be middle school age or older. Anyone ages 15-17 must be accompanied by an adult. If interested in helping, please contact Caroline Otten at [caroline29712@gmail.com](mailto:caroline29712@gmail.com) or 864-354-4457. For additional information regarding Project Host and their mission of building community through food, visit [www.projecthost.org](http://www.projecthost.org).



## NEW! FIBER ARTS GROUP



During these anxiety producing times, research shows being in community and having social support produces significant positive effects to mental and emotional well-being. Along that “thread,” a Fiber Arts Group is forming at Trinity to simply make space for being together while creating and keeping hands busy. Those who enjoy (or want to learn) crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, sewing, latch hooking, or some other fiber-based craft not listed here are invited to come together for a time of crafting and community. Really, all crafts that travel well are welcome! Attendees should bring supplies to craft. Those who are interested in learning a craft but do not have supplies are welcome too. Someone will be happy to share and teach! The group will meet on Monday, May 5 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-purpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan at 314-605-2605 with questions or to share your excitement for this new endeavor!

## HISTORY READING GROUP

The TLC History Reading Group will meet Sunday, May 18 at 11:30 am in Rooms 12 and 13 to discuss *The Shortest History of China* by Linda Jaivin. Please use <https://meet.google.com/grm-zqty-srn> video link to attend remotely. Contact Bob Schirmer at [rwschirmer@gmail.com](mailto:rwschirmer@gmail.com) or Don Todd at [dktdod47@gmail.com](mailto:dktdod47@gmail.com) for more information.

## QUEER - LED WORSHIP



On Thursday, May 1 worship will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gym. New queer leaders are always welcome. Please email Patrick Preacher at [pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws) if interested. Absolutely all people, queer and allies alike, are welcome to worship. This service will be live-streamed. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

## LOVE WINS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Love Wins is a group that meets monthly to discuss a book/podcast and to enjoy some social time together. The group will meet Thursday, May 22, to discuss the podcast, *FreedHearts - It's Ok to Hold a Grudge*, based on the book, *How to Hold a Grudge*, by Sophie Hanna. The group will meet at 6:30 pm at *Southern Growl*, 155 North Buncombe Road, Greer. Contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) for more information or to sign up for this event.



## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



Yes! Pride Month is already just around the corner! God's queer people and allies definitely need the joy, spirit, and energy of Pride now more than ever. Trinity eagerly and joyfully participates in several Pride events throughout the month of June. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Trinity crew at a Pride event should reach out to Patrick Preacher via text (864) 483-2590, or email [pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws). June will be a fabulous month of sharing the good news of God's love with and to the LGBTQIA+ community.

**Pride @ Queer-led Worship with Front Lawn Display Blessing:** Thursday, June 5, 6:30 pm

**Pridefest:** Saturday, June 7, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Hampton Station

**Trinity's Annual Pride Worship Service:** Wednesday, June 25 at 6:30 pm

# WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY...

## Hospital Patients

Ralph Boeker — 4309, Prisma Greenville Memorial

Richard Delap — Discharged

Angie McCormack — Discharged

Patrick Preacher — Discharged

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## ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

Sundays	4/6	4/13	4/20—8:00 am	4/20—10:00 am
Online devices	720	618	338	676
In Person	<u>134</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>235</u>
	854	801	423	911

Maundy Thursday Worship on April 17, 85 in person, 482 online devices

Good Friday Worship on April 18, 82 in person, 397 online devices

Queer-Led Worship on April 3, 33 in person, 485 online devices

## OFFERING SUMMARY FOR MARCH

*The offering totals reflected below include the total amount of offering received in March.*

*The April total income will be included in the June Tidings.*

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 95,403	\$ 286,208
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 69,623</u>	<u>\$ 226,561</u>
Difference	\$ (25,779)	\$ (59,646)
Given to World Hunger	\$ 60	\$ 235

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