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Trinity Concert Series - October Events

Carillon Concert October 6, 2019 at Noon

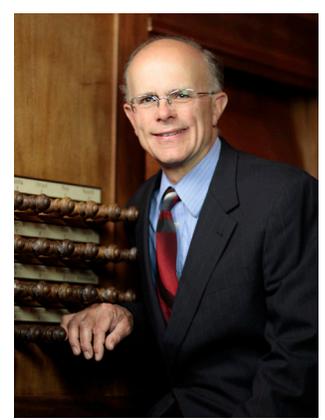
Trinity Concert Series presents a Carillon Concert featuring our own Carla Barrows, Carillonneur. The theme for the concert is "Give Thanks to the Lord!" and will include a collection of Thanksgiving hymns, compositions for the carillon, and classic pieces. It will also include the Festive Postlude on "Ein 'feste Burg" by John R. Knox which was commissioned to celebrate Trinity's 125th anniversary.



Sausage on a stick and ice cream will be served as you listen to Trinity's 25-bell Therese Mohnke Carillon, so come enjoy the music and some tasty food treats.

Silent Movie Shorts/Oktobefest October 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Organ concert featuring Todd Wilson playing Silent Movie Shorts plus a recital featuring seasonal favorites. Wilson, considered to be one of our country's finest organists today, is head of the organ department at the Cleveland Institute of Music.



Following the concert will be Trinity's annual Oktoberfest with brats and all the fixings, beer from St. Arnold's Brewery, a polka band, games and a time for great fellowship.

Bring your friends and neighbors!

the BRASS PROJECT October 27, 2019 at 2:30 P.m.



Hailed as "six superb brass players" (*Philadelphia Inquirer*), the BRASS PROJECT is a sextet committed to invigorating the brass chamber music experience through vibrant performance and fearless exploration.

Founded in 2016 at the Curtis Institute of Music, the ensemble now includes graduates of The Juilliard School and Yale School of Music, as well as former members of Carnegie Hall's Ensemble Connect, Finnish Radio Symphony, Malaysian Philharmonic, and La Orquesta Filarmonica de Sonora. The members of the BRASS PROJECT united around a shared set of goals: to expand the repertoire for chamber brass, to record and distribute new works, and to engage with diverse styles and audiences.

Greetings Trinity Downtown,

Early in September, Trinity Youth started off the fall by going to a Family Astros Game after worship. We had the pleasure of 21 total participants including 4 families, 3 mentors, and myself! We sat near Torchy's Tacos in the 250 mezzanine level and had great sight lines to all the action. It was a wonderful time together as the Astros beat the Mariners 21-1 while Gerrit Cole nearly pitched a no hitter. (Pushing my record of attending Houston sports games High School and pros to 10-0!) This certainly was a terrific way to spend a Sunday together as a family. Keep your eyes out for more opportunities of fellowship and service as a family here at Trinity Downtown!



Family events coming soon!

October 25th - Trunks 'n' Treats

December 1st - Decorating Trinity for Christmas

Keep The Faith,
Michael Winckler
Director of Youth Ministries

"Trinity Youth Ministries exists to equip and enable today's youth and families to love Christ, love others, and lead their neighbor to do the same."

Trunks 'n' Treats

October 25 is quickly approaching. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and host 2019's Trunks 'n' Treats. As you know, this event is special to many within our community. Not only does it invite our immediate community onto our campus, but it establishes relationships with them in the Spirit. We are a church that lives, grows and worships in His Triune Name. We hope to continue that this year with another Spirit-led outreach and community-engaging success. Joining us this year will be Houston Fire Department's Station 8 – The Houston Heat.



Similar to last year, we will have a parking lot full of decorated trunks – full of treats, several bounce-houses (including an obstacle course), good food and a host of yard games. This year's event will be Friday, October 25, from 5 - 7 p.m. (across the street in the Upbring parking lot).

Lots of volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk, serve food, monitor games or bounce houses, please contact Pastor Hofmann (mhofmann@trinitydt.org) or sign up on TCB. We also need lots of candy to hand out. Candy donations may be placed in the foyer.

Finance Corner - October 1, 2019

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

Dear Supporter of Trinity's Ministry:

Well, it's officially Fall. The temperature is moderating slowly, and parents and their kids have adjusted to their school or college routine. This is also the time of year the Governing Board, many of our MATs and all of our staff turn to praying and planning for what God has in mind for our church community in 2020. As St. Paul writes above, we are all "working heartily."

We are blessed with many new activities in this Fall season. Our "Alpha" program is off to a solid start on Monday evenings, and our redesigned confirmation process is now underway. Our Youth program continues to grow, and the youth mentorship program is adding volunteers. Trinity's facilities are busy on weekends and evenings hosting our ministries and folks coming to Trinity from community organizations that we work with. God is, indeed, working in our midst.

Thanks to your continued generosity, through August of this year tithes and offerings were 5% higher than our budget, and 20% higher than the same period in 2018. Our scheduled operational debt payments and "Asset Replacement Fund" building process continues as planned. Our operational expenses through August were 1.75% above our budget, but 2% lower than the same time period in 2018.

For your convenience, please remember that you can track your contributions and/or print contribution letters online by logging into your Trinity Community Builder ("TCB") account. Just go to the "\$" on the left-most panel on the screen. Select it, and you will see your contributions listed in detail. If you then select the "Giving Statements" options on the top right portion of the screen, you can print your contribution statement.

Your faithful contributions continue to make a real difference in Trinity's ability to share the Good News of Jesus' love to all people, now. Thank you for giving as God has called us to give—generously and with a joyful heart!

Joyfully joining Jesus alongside you,
Ron Lacy, CFO



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God's Peace Trinity Downtown,

It is that time of year again and Trinity Downtown has a new group of 8 confirmation students!

Along with these students we have 3 additional volunteers helping with classes. Mary Oliver continues to faithfully teach students and support them through classes. Additionally Hunter Simonsen and Krystle Marcis have volunteered to spend 30 minutes a Sunday with students to pray for, mentor, and guide them on how to have conversations with friends on what they are learning. Be sure to thank them for their time investing in the students of Trinity when you see them next!



You also can make an impact on these students as they journey through this important time of instruction. Research done within the LCMS Youth Ministry office, Fuller Youth Institute, and Pew Research has shown that students are significantly more likely to retain their faith past high school when they have five caring Christian adults other than their parents in their lives. This is called the **5-1 ratio**. As in previous *Trinity Today* articles, I am asking that members of Trinity Downtown make a special effort to be at least one of those 5 adults to at least one student before they graduate. You may be asking yourself or thinking "where do I even start?" "There is no way a kid will want to be in a relationship with me, they will think I am annoying or weird. It will be too awkward!" Those are legitimate fears, however below are three practical ways you can be a part of the **5-1 ratio** at Trinity Downtown.

1) With genuine warmth and consistency, begin by asking students meaningful questions.

- a. Trinity Youth Ministries has been collecting fun-facts about students and will be presenting them in cabinets and slides before worship and in future *Trinity Today* articles. Use this info to start up conversations. Ask simple things like "what do you like to do in your free time?" "What's your favorite TV show/book series." **Listen to what they have to say and be genuinely interested even if you don't understand exactly what they are talking about.** What a perfect opportunity to learn something new! You can learn passions and priorities in a few short conversations. If the student doesn't talk much, that is OK. Simply share that you are glad to see them.

2) Share in life with the student.

- a. Your wisdom and experience as an older adult are critical. Maybe you made a series of decisions that caused you to begin your career, or you went through a series of difficult relationships prior to finally meeting your spouse. Maybe you had a significant faith experience when you were younger and it's been critical in shaping your faith today. Maybe you made a mistake or you had particular doubts in your faith and had to work through them. **When young people hear the life experience (good and bad) of those who are older, it gives them a healthy view of their faith as they mature.** As you share these experiences, be cautious not to demand that young people walk the same journey you did. Instead, find common ground by focusing on how God has been faithful through each season.

3) Support their journey through prayer.

- a. Make sure you know when the student has games, performances, or special events in their lives like confirmation, learning to drive, etc... **(Special events can be negative things as well - did the student fail a huge test? - did the parents recently get divorced and there is a court date coming up?)** Help students navigate through transitions in life. Pray for them. Talk about and discuss these things with the student, show you care about what they are involved in, and if possible be present at these events, supporting them!

Those are three simple ways you can begin to be a part of the **5-1 ratio** we aspire to have for each student of Trinity Downtown. So exactly who are the confirmation students? See the list of names below, you can start praying for them now and maybe even start step one from above this Sunday when you see the students in worship. Also be sure to be on the look out for Youth Ministry Student Spotlight to learn about the students in future *Trinity Today* articles!

Benjamin Abby
Brayden Abby
Sebastian Bech

Anna-Sophia Flaviani
Jacob Johnson
Michael Menke

Elle Vandenberg
Joel Velazquez

Joining Jesus With You All,
Michael Winckler
Director of Youth Ministries

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Nominations for the 2020 Governing Board and Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Governing Board and the 2020 Nominating Committee. Nomination packets are available at the Welcome Desk in the foyer as well as on Trinity Community Builder (TCB). Nomination packets include a description of the requirements and duties of membership. Completed nomination forms are due to the church office by noon on Monday, October 14, 2019.



The positions available for the 2020 Board of Directors are one elder and two non-elders. The current Board members are Jim Baccus (Elder), Kim Davis (Vice-Chair), Delvin Dennis (Chair/Elder), Pastor Michael Dorn, Bo Hopmann, Steve Maynard (Elder), Janet Mueller, Joshua Rodriguez (Elder), and Cynthia Roney (Secretary). The current Board members with terms expiring on December 31 are Jean Minsch (not eligible for re-election), Brad Vieselmeyer (transferred out), and Dan Krueger (elder, eligible for re-election).

There are 5 regular and 2 alternate member positions available for the Nominating Committee. The current Nominating Committee members are David Boram, Bill Fischer, George Sacaris, Tommie Hartmann, Elizabeth Stoerkel, Elizabeth Oliver, David Jentho, and Dag Calafell.

Elections will be held at the Congregational Assembly Meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at noon. Please contact any of the Nominating Committee members if you have any questions.

Trinity 140th Anniversary

Mark your calendar now! Trinity Downtown will celebrate its 140th anniversary on Sunday, November 10th. Pastor Michael Newman, President of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will be our guest speaker at both the 8:15 and 10:50 a.m. worship services. Light refreshments will be served following each service.



Trinity Downtown and HPD

As a “downtown” church, outreach into the Houston first-responder community is an opportunity with which God has blessed us. Having the Houston Police Department’s Central Station next door makes good sense that God has prepared us with His Spirit to make inroads into this community. Praise the Lord for opportunities like this to be lights in a world of darkness. For God, who said, **“Let light shine out of darkness,”** has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6



He was in the beginning with God.

Since arriving at Trinity Downtown, I have become a chaplain for the Houston Police Department. There were some classes and a background check, but the process was simple enough. With this certification, I have some great opportunities to engage with HPD on a more personal and intimate level than before. So far, I have been blessed with seven ride-alongs with HPD. Each ride-along is an entire shift (eight hours). The shift in which I participate the most is in the evening (3:00 – 11:00 p.m.). This time frame has two advantages 1) it gets me into the busiest time of the day; and 2) it allows me to see both sides of police work: day and night, light and darkness.

All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

From a police officer's perspective, the difference between day and night in the city of Houston can be stark. Day time patrolling is what you might expect: rush hour, traffic accidents, results of Houston's business and commerce. But with the night comes a different side of Houston; crime comes alive and the light gives way to darkness.

These men and women of HPD are lights for peace on their patrols. Every ride-along I am impressed with their patience. I am stunned by their ministerial attitudes to the streets of Houston. I certainly learn more from them than they do from me. You might expect that in our patrols, we might see and deal with some difficult personalities. A couple rides ago, there was a dispute on one of our Houston streets between the neighborhood drug dealer and some property owners. While the officer spoke with one group about the dispute, I was able to talk to the other, keeping them away from each other, preventing further escalation that wouldn't be good for anyone. In the end, the officer can only work within and according to the law. That can be frustrating; but it can also yield to prayer – appealing to a *higher power*. That dispute was resolved within the bounds of the law; both groups were heard; both heard the truth that light will eventually cast out the darkness. As a chaplain, as a non-aggressive party, there is opportunity to cast out darkness with the light of peace in Christ.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

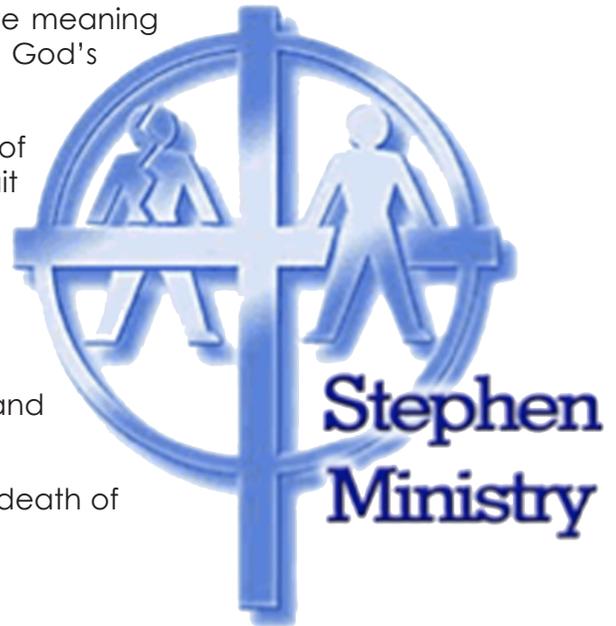
No matter where we are patrolling, we work at least one accident. You might be surprised just how open people are to prayer after a car accident. Sometimes I have prayed with both drivers *and* the officer, thanking God for no injuries and praising God for life. It is fascinating how moments of crisis, moments of darkness, seem to have the brightest light. Sometimes we spend our shift looking for a stolen car. Some shifts we end up taking someone to jail for outstanding warrants. But every ride I and an officer are alone, in a car, for eight hours, having plenty of conversation. Praise God for conversations. Thank God for His light.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:2-5

Pastor Michael Hofmann
Associate Pastor

What Kind of Man Could Use a Friend in the Stephen Ministry?

- A man like **Adam**, who was cut off from all that gave meaning to his life, and needed someone to remind him of God's promises;
- A man like **Noah**, who witnessed the destruction of everything around him, and needed someone to wait with him for a new beginning;
- A man like **Abraham**, who left everything he knew and loved behind him, but needed someone to journey with him in his new life;
- A man like **Moses**, who faced great opposition, and needed someone to speak on his behalf;
- A man like **David**, who sinned grievously, grieved the death of a wayward child, but needed a shepherd's care;
- A man like **Elijah**, who thought he was all alone;
- A man like **Job**, who needed a true friend to sit and comfort him;
- A man like **Jesus**, who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection and loneliness; and
- Perhaps, **a man like yourself.**



There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties. God never intended for us to go through these challenges alone. That's why God brought us together as a congregation—and why our church has a Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of specialized training to equip them to provide Christ-focused, **highly confidential** care to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge or simply going through a tough time.

If you'd like to learn more about how our Stephen Ministry could provide a listening ear and caring heart for yourself, a loved one, friend, neighbor or co-worker (inside or outside our congregation) please speak with one of our pastors, or reach out to Ron Lacy at rlacy@trinitydt.org or 713.229.2970.

“42” Fest Results

On September 21, 35 people enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and dominoes. Congratulations to the following winners.

Total Marks - Mark Anderson and Greg Gunn with 38

Most Low-bid Wins - Tim & Melinda Grady with 5

Most Ill-Mark-Bid-and-Up Wins - Pastor & Stacy Hofmann with 1

Finished at Table One - Pastor & Stacy Hofmann





Trinity Downtown
Oktoberfest

OCT 20, 2019 | 4:00PM

Following the Trinity Concert Series, Silent Movie Shorts, join us for our annual Oktoberfest with brats and all the fixings, beer from St. Arnold's Brewery, a polka band and a great social time. Bring your friends and neighbors!

FREE ADMISSION

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Upbring News!

- Upbring students donated \$620 to Lutheran World Relief during the 2018-2019 school year. Children brought an offering to chapel each week as we practiced sharing God's blessings to us with others.
- Upbring staff traveled to the Upbring School of Arts & Sciences in Austin during Inservice Week, August 19-23, 2019. It was great to be together, train together, and celebrate new ministry opportunities with our sister school.
- September 9th was a big day as Upbring students honored grandparents. More than 100 grandparents and family friends attended a Grandparent's Day Chapel. God is faithful throughout the generations!
- Kathy Entzenberger, Campus Administrator, attended the first meeting of the Houston Area Lutheran Schools Administrators at Concordia, Tomball on September 12th. Dr. Bill Hinz, Texas District Director of School Ministry, provided attendees with spiritual encouragement and leadership training.



Upbring Staff



Grandparents Day



HALSA Conference

Looking Ahead...

- October 16th – First Responder Chapel & Fire Truck visit at 9:30 a.m. (First Responders are invited!)
- October 23rd – Harvest Fun & Pumpkin Patch Pictures
- October 25th – Trunks 'n' Treats (Upbring families are excited to attend this Trinity-sponsored event!)

Help us outfit our STEAM Lab at Upbring!

Household items or extras are needed to inspire creativity. A box for donations is located in the foyer.

We Need.....

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| Legos | brown paper bags | string, yarn, ribbon |
| iPhone 3, 4, or 5 with cameras that we can turn into iPods* | bubble wrap | pipe cleaners |
| paper towel tubes | old CDs and floppy discs | cotton balls |
| craft sticks | packing foam | straws |
| duct tape | clean plastic containers | coffee filters |
| yarn | clean plastic soda and water bottles | card stock - plain or colored |
| wrapping paper tubes | screws, nuts, bolts | paper clips |
| felt | toothbrushes | rubber bands |
| egg cartons | marbles | safety goggles |
| corks | craft kits | plastic bins for storage |
| | | pegboard hooks |

If you are not sure if we can use something...call us at 832.301.3100 to ask!

Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

I am off and running in my vicarage. I've been introduced to most, if not all, of my primary duties by now. I've had several homebound and hospital visits, Bible studies, confirmation classes, board meetings, and even preached once, with a couple more weekends of preaching just ahead of me. I am also blessed to be able to partake in many activities at the seminary due to my close proximity.

One of these seminary activities was the 2019 Theological Symposium, which I attended this week. I thought it was very well organized and the topic was much needed. The theme was "Devoted: (Re)forming the Devotional Life". Dr. David Schmitt gave the keynote talk and laid the framework for the symposium. He said that we often have a too narrow definition of devotion, thinking of it only as reading scripture, leading to prayer and further meditation on God's Word. He offered a broader understanding of devotion which encompasses the broader being of the Christian life. He defined devotion as "a deep reverence for a particular teaching of the faith that manifests itself in contemplative and active practices in the world."

So, while all Christians hold to the whole body of teaching of the Church, we do not all have a deep devotion or reverence for every single teaching. Some are drawn to specific teachings and moved to live those out in the world. Dr. Schmitt gave a few examples: a couple who is devoted to marriage, supporting regular marriage retreats and mentoring young couples; a lawyer who is devoted to justice, ensuring she always had a pro-bono case in her caseload to give a voice in the courts to those who cannot afford it; an engineer who is devoted to helping the downtrodden, serving meals at a homeless shelter each week and offering life coaching to anyone who wanted it.

These examples help remind us that we can't do everything, but we can find something that we are passionate about and focus on that. We are often so overwhelmed by the variety and immensity of the opportunities to serve in our community and beyond that we end up doing nothing. The problems of distraction, disenchantment in the world, and disillusionment in the Church were wrestled with through the rest of the symposium. The blessing of this broader definition and recognition of these common cultural problems is that it helps us be faithful Christians without feeling like we have to do it all. This is very freeing! I encourage you to think through this broader definition of devotion and try to find ways you might enact this in your life.

Shifting back to my experience at Resurrection, the past month has gone by so quickly. I took on the role of organizing the Co-ed softball team that the previous vicar had assembled and led. That felt a bit rushed, since we only had two to three weeks from the time that we registered to the first games. This is intended to be a small way to build community within the congregation and allow interaction with others in our broader community who are not members of the congregation. I felt pressure building as we came to the day of the first game and I didn't have a good sense of who was committed and who was actually planning to show up. Add to that the fact that I had missed on my calendar another event on



Chuck Ridley
Seminary Student



Preaching my first sermon at Resurrection. Video can be located on the "Resurrection Church" YouTube channel.

the same night which Stephanie and I had recently started – a dinner and book discussion with one of her cousins.

Well, I ended up at home with my wife and her cousin discussing a chapter of a book that we're reading together while the softball team played the first two games valiantly (if that term can be used for a casual adult co-ed softball league). They lost, but were encouraged by the situation compared to last year. Plus, I got to experience the lesson firsthand that I wasn't necessarily needed at these games even though I was the organizer. While I fully intend on attending other games as my schedule permits for the sake of relationship building, I don't have to do it all. It's a lesson that's easier said than lived, at least for some of us!

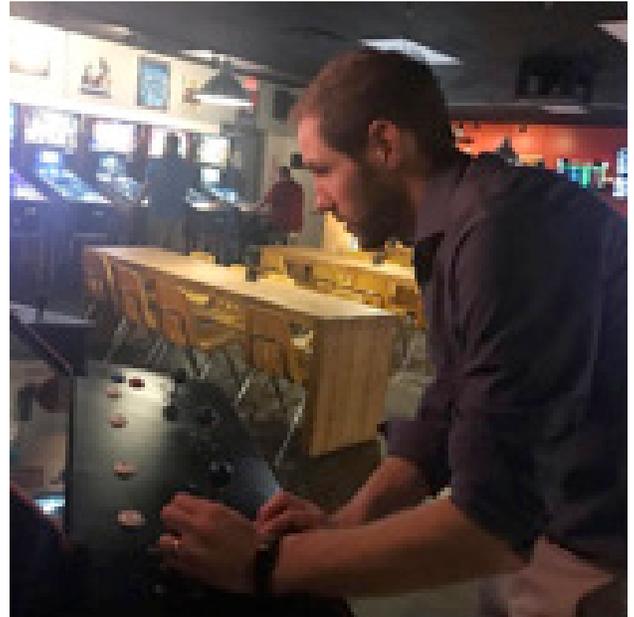
Another aspect to my vicarage experience which falls outside of my duties is the balance of work with other parts of life. My supervisor has been great at encouraging and allowing me to make that time for rest. Stephanie and I had heard from multiple sources that we should make every effort to establish a regular date night. It was a bit difficult during classes, but we have been able to put this into practice since starting vicarage. It's been nice getting out of the house each week and exploring the city a little more.

On a similar note, I've been enjoying being able to read more broadly. I've been reading more fiction as my supervisor gives me recommendations and even hands me novels to read in order to get a small glimpse into the lives of those I wouldn't normally encounter. For instance, reading a novel from the perspective of a man with mental illness so that I might get a sense of what that would be like. I've also taken more advantage of the Overdrive app to listen to audiobooks while I'm commuting. I've got a number of books I'll be reading and discussing with my supervisor over the next several months and this allows me to add in some fiction to broaden my horizons.

As you live your lives, trust God's promises, most especially that you are reconciled to Him through Christ. Delight in and care for the creation that God has made and is restoring through Christ. Look for Jesus' return with hopeful anticipation.

"The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful." (Titus 3:8, 14, ESV)

In Christ,
Chuck Ridley

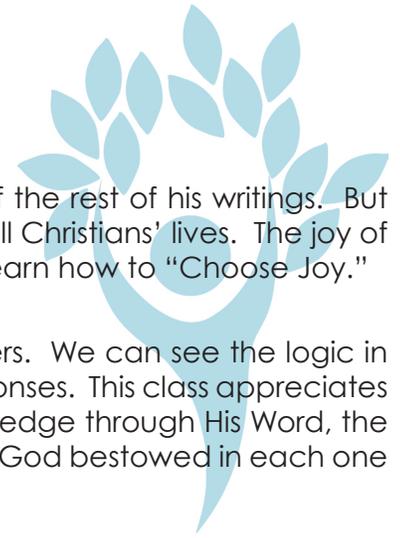


One of our date nights - Two Plumbers Brewery & Arcade. Dinner, drinks, and nostalgic arcade game playing. It made for a relaxing end of the week.

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Be in the Word



Adult Bible Classes - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

“Choose Joy - The Book of Philippians” - Led by Bill Fischer - Room 201

This “Prison Epistle” of Paul carries all of the doctrine and theology of the rest of his writings. But the underlying theme of the book is joy and how it can be a part of all Christians’ lives. The joy of being in Christ is there for the taking. Through this study we hope to learn how to “Choose Joy.”

“Christian Rubric for Life” - Led by Tom DeVries - Room 206

On a routine basis we face questions that do not have simple answers. We can see the logic in competing arguments, but we cannot be sure we see God in our responses. This class appreciates that the answers are not simple, but that God has given us the knowledge through His Word, the tools provided by history’s greatest theologians and the aptitude that God bestowed in each one of us to develop our own personal Christian Rubric for Life.

“Encountering Jesus” - Led by Jim Cleary - Room 205

In this study, we’ll examine the stories of how seven people—among them a scholar, a failure, a blind man and an adulteress—found their lives changed forever when they met Jesus Christ. Looking at their lives can give you hope when you find yourself dealing with failure or with an emptiness nothing in life seems to fill. Discussion-oriented.

“Faith Discovery” - Led by Pastor Michael Dorn - Room 123

Class for those desiring membership at Trinity Downtown.

“The Lutheran Mind - The Theology of the Cross” - Led by Pastor Michael Hofmann - Room 233

Why do bad things happen? How does God work his will in the midst of our sufferings? Why is there pain? Why is there suffering? Why did God let Adam and Eve eat from the tree? How do we reconcile what God has revealed with what remains hidden? These are some hard questions with which most of us have struggled. Even people we know who are “unchurched” probably have struggled with these questions. They might have even approached us with them. And regardless of the amount of our theological training, we all wrestle with these complex, yet fundamental questions about God, Jesus, sin, man, life and death. Join us as we explore the depths of our Lutheran Minds.

Kingdom Quest Sunday School - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-K (ages 2 & 3) - Room 212

Pre-K4/K - Room 211

1st - 4th Grade - Basement

Foundations 56 - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

5th/6th Grade - Room 207

Confirmation - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

7th - 8th Grade - Room 124

Youth - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

9th - 12th Grade - USC (Underground Student Center in the basement)

Adult Midweek Bible Studies

Tuesday Women’s Bible Study - “None Like Him” by Jen Wilkin

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Room 205 - Women’s Bible Study led by Pat Cleary

Ten ways God is different from us and why that’s a good thing. In this study we will learn how God’s nature transcends our own and why the difference between us is good news.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study - "Family Trees and Olive Branches"

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - Room 124 - Women's Bible Study led by Jan Case

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study - "1st Corinthians"

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. - Room 207 - Women's Bible Study led by Mary Oliver

Sonrise Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. - Room 124 - Led by Pastor Black

Class discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. Coffee is available. For more information, contact Pastor Black at 713.229.2917 or dblack@trinitydt.org.

TnT Young Adults Bible Study

Current Study: "Book of Isaiah" - Meets 1st Friday at 7:00 p.m. and 3rd Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Michael Hofmann for details at 913.500.2993 or mhofmann@trinitydt.org.

Seniors . . . Take Charge of Your Health!

I found this information a good review for me; we have followed these suggestions over the years, but these are a **GREAT WAKE UP CALL and GOOD REMINDERS**. These can also be helpful for the "youngsters" in our group and maybe encourage you in keeping wiser and better health records. I have this information available for my family and I update as necessary. I just added my most recent health issues.

- Keep a family tree of medical conditions on both sides of your family. Share this history with your physician.
- Don't skip your annual checkup even if you feel fine. Follow your doctor's instructions for routine health tests, screenings and procedures.
- Keep a record of all hospitalizations, major illnesses and surgeries. List all allergic reactions.
- Continue receiving regular immunizations for adults. Ask your physician which are right for you. We will be adding the Shingles vaccines and, of course, our annual flu vaccine very soon.
- Take medications safely and follow instructions provided. Keep a list of current medications, make sure you know any side effects and don't save old medications. There are disposal centers available for expired or unused medications. Check with your local pharmacy. I carry a list of our current medications in my purse at all times and update them as necessary.
- Stay active – physically, mentally and emotionally. Maintain a healthy weight, be open to change and reach out to others.



SOURCE: St. Dominic Village, A Senior Care Community

I am very thankful to our dear member, Debbie Leonard, for sharing this information with me to share with all of you. I thank all of you for your words of encouragement, support, prayers, emails, cards, and phone calls re: my recent surgery. You have touched my heart in beautiful ways.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Julie Bertrand, Retired R.N.

CHURCH REPORT
August 27 - September 22

REVENUE UPDATE

Year To Date through 09/22/19

Actual Receipts \$1,322,424
Budgeted Receipts . . \$1,274,248

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

Year To Date through 09/22/19

Total Contributions \$548,236
Remaining Balance \$43,646

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS

	PK-8	H.S.	Adult	Total
09/01	29	0	32	61
09/08	45	0	98	143
09/15	41	0	106	147
09/22	42	3	106	151

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5:00	8:15	10:50	Total
08/31	37			
09/01		156	130	323
09/07	44			
09/08		195	149	388
09/14	40			
09/15		189	179	408
09/21	53			
09/22		166	141	360

PEP Club - Texian Market Days

The PEP Club is planning an outing to the George Ranch Historical Park during its Texian Market Days on October 26. Advance tickets are \$15 for seniors and must be purchased by October 21. We will be traveling from Trinity to the park on the Precinct 1 bus which requires at least 20 participants. Bus transport is available for those 50+; carpools could be arranged for families if there is enough interest. You may bring your own food/drinks (in closed containers) or purchase from multiple vendors on site.

- Battle Re-Enactments • Food Trucks • Vendors • Pioneer Folk Life • Petting Zoo • Cowboys & Cowgirls • Games • Cattleworking Demonstrations • Historic House Tours • Live Music and Entertainment • Hands-On Activities

RSVP by October 21 via TCB or contact either Cynthia Roney (roneyc10@gmail.com) or Bea Uhl at 713.864.4919.



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Joyfully Sharing Christ's Saving Love With All People Now!

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- Pastor Michael Dorn
- Bo Hopmann
- Dan Krueger (Elder)
- Steve Maynard (Elder)
- Jean Minsch
- Janet Mueller
- Joshua Rodriguez (Elder)
- Cynthia Roney (Secretary)

Minutes of the Governing Board are available to our members at the Welcome Center.



October 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church



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Ladies Circle Ministries - October 3

The Ladies Circle will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, in Room 205. Come early at 9:30 or stay after the meeting for refreshments and fellowship. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Our speaker for the Christian Growth program will be Pastor Michael Dorn, our Senior Pastor, giving us a "State of the Church" report and a "Q&A" opportunity.

For more information about the Ladies Circle and its ministries, please call Debbie Leonard, president, at (c) 319.431.6804, or email to Debbie.Leonard.TX@gmail.com.



Additional dates to remember:

- **Sunday, October 6** - LWML Sunday - Wear purple!
- **Wednesday, October 16** - 10 a.m. - Devotions at Highland Park Care Center; 8861 Fulton St..
- **Thursday, October 24** - 10 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting

The 39 Club



The 39 Club is invited to meet in the foyer following the 10:50 a.m. service on October 13 and plan to have lunch together at Southwell's Hamburger Grill, 1909 Taylor Street

In September the group enjoyed food and fellowship at Berryhill Baja Grill.

Those who are single, 39 and over, are invited to join us. For more information, contact Jean Minsch at 281.550.4752.

40 Days For Life

The Fall "40 Days campaign" will be from September 25th thru November 3rd this year. Trinity Downtown has chosen Tuesday, October 29th for our day. On that day Trinity is responsible for covering the Planned Parenthood facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway with our physical presence and our prayers from 6:30 a.m. til 6:30 p.m. This is such a vital ministry because abortion has become such a political issue that more and more attention is being focused on abortion and more and more people are choosing LIFE. But we have to diligently continue with our presence and our prayers.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a two hour shift on Tuesday, October 29th. You will not be asked to confront anyone...this is a "silent" vigil. Bring a lawn chair and your Bible, Hymnal or prayer book and spend two hours praying for an end to abortion and giving a voice to the voiceless. Call or email Jan Case at 713.677.4286 or 281.392.5899 or jcase001@gmail.com.



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