



Trinity Today

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Come Join Us for Trinity's Fall Kick-off on August 21/22!

It appears that the worst of the COVID pandemic is behind us, so we are planning for a good, old-fashioned celebration as we resume normal in-person activities on the weekend of August 21st and 22nd.

Here's the rundown:

- Our normal worship times of 5:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am on Sunday morning will continue. We'll carry on streaming our services for those that prefer that option
- In-person Sunday School, Youth Bible Studies and Adult Bible Studies will resume on Sunday morning at 10:15 am
- Your students will enjoy the "refreshed" Student Underground and Fellowship Hall environments for Sunday School and Youth Bible Study
- The Sanctuary Choir will be leading the congregational singing during our worship services, and
- Snacks and coffee will be available in our Gathering Space on Sunday morning, and warm cookies will again be available preceding Saturday's Satellite service!

Best of all, we'll have a BBQ lunch with all the fixin's ready to serve in the gym at 11:30 am on Sunday, August 22nd. Everyone's invited!

Mark your calendars now for August 21st and 22nd and be thinking of which friends you'll invite to come with you to Trinity's Fall Kick-off. It's time to come back to church! We can't wait to see you.



Youth and Children's Ministries!

I'm so excited that the National Youth Gathering (NYG) is in our backyard next summer! This year the LCMS hosted the National Youth Workers Conference in Houston to give us prominent information about NYG, in the city where it will be held, and a chance to talk about healthy youth ministry practices!

The conference had a series of main sessions for everyone and then a series of breakout tracks to cover specific topics! In one of three main sessions I heard the most impactful thing, that I would hear throughout

the conference and now frames the way I think about youth ministry. The speaker said, "We must move away from the statement 'the youth are the future of the church' because it makes them feel as if they don't matter until some arbitrary future date, instead we must tell them 'you are the church, now, today!' and then give them roles that reflect that!"

Following those main sessions, I went to breakout sessions about the gathering. I learned a lot about the gathering theme, registration process, picking adult leaders, group safety, fundraising and most importantly engaging the congregation! We will do mass event live stream watch parties, and prayer partners, and have opportunities for local congregation members to get involved! If you are interested in volunteering for the gathering, the flex team is for you! Find out more about it at <https://lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/> it's a great way for our congregation to get involved; just serve a few hours each day and then you get into the Mass Events at Minute Maid Park for free!

I also got to participate in two tracks that weren't gathering related, "Growing Young" and "Finding Yourself in a Secular Age." Both had really meaningful ideas but one stuck out to me most! In, "Growing Young", a track about how some churches are growing in the midst of organizational decline, this statement made tremendous impact on me "Growing young isn't about changing youth ministry, it's about changing church culture!" Sometimes I feel like it's all on me, everyone is counting on me to bring in the kids, drive up the numbers and this quote reminded me that I'm not alone and it's not on my shoulders. First, the Holy Spirit does the growing not me, (praise God) and second, I need all of you to support young people! Whether it be encouraging youth in their activities, training them now to become elders, or head ushers or MAT members, we must give them opportunities in leadership now because it shows them and others that young people have a dedicated place in our congregation. AND being a parent of a teenager or child isn't a requirement to do so! You have amazing gifts to share with young people no matter what your stage in life is! Sometime the church gets a bad rep of not being a welcoming place for young people, my generation included, but here at Trinity, that's just not true, we can show the world that the church is a place for young and old to be loved equally and always!!



Texas District Adult Leaders

Elizabeth Oliver also attended the conference with me and here are her thoughts:

Think back to elementary school, junior high and high school. Who was a supportive Christian adult in your life?

What made them supportive?

That was the opening exercise in an eye-opening breakout session at the 2021 National Lutheran Youth Workers conference a few weeks ago. Thank you for sending me along with Haley Davisson. She soaked up so much information about how to make the 2022 National Youth Gathering here in Houston a great experience for our high schoolers and their families. I focused on learning how best to support the youngest members of our church family as they grow in faith.

So, back to those supportive adults you were remembering. Can you think of at least five? Did any of them go to your church? (Parents and relatives definitely count.) What did they do to make it onto your list?

There are seven "practices" of healthy youth ministry highlighted in a recent study by LCMS Youth Ministry (<http://www.youthsource.com/2019/07/02/7-practices-of-healthy-youth-ministry-an-introduction/>). Some are actions needed by parents. Some are key tenets of the Christian faith we must make clear to students as they grow up in the church. Some are opportunities we should create for youth to serve and lead. But one key I wanted to bring back to you is the crucial role supportive adults play in encouraging the young people in our congregation.

According to the study, kids need at least five trusted, interested, encouraging Christian adults in their lives in order for them to stay involved in the church after high school.

I thank God for the many, many of you who showed me what it looks like to follow Jesus as I grew up here at Trinity. If you're reading this and you wonder if you might be on my list of 5(+), you are. You demonstrated by your words and actions that you cared whether I was going to follow Him, too. I saw you do that for my brothers and for the kids around us.

By showing up at church and VBS and youth events you proved that whatever we were doing here was valuable enough to be worth your time. You taught me the Bible stories in Sunday School and listened to my questions and answered them. You asked me about school and sports and was I practicing my violin? You listened to me talk about whatever I was interested in. You welcomed and encouraged me.

Of course our gracious Heavenly Father is not limited by "the research" in providing what His children need. But the sessions I attended at this conference threw into sharp relief something I learned from all of you: we all have a role to play in caring for His little ones.

Don't worry. Putting this into practice doesn't mean you have to stay up all night at a lock-in (although Josh Rodriguez and Hunter Simonsen are rockstars for doing that this summer). And you don't have to teach Sunday School (although, hey, I hear Haley is looking for more teachers!). It's about letting the kids see you worshipping Jesus and letting them know that you see them.

The "youth" in our church right now (people age 10-25) are "Gen Z." I was shocked and a little horrified to hear what Gen Z students from all over the country had to say about how disconnected they feel and how they don't know who they can trust or turn to. What a tremendous opportunity we have, as the church, to fill that need.

But where do we start? Try answering the following question:

- *Who are the kids in our church family that you know by name?*

Hint: if you don't know any, that is a great first step! Start with one!

Double hint: making a note so you will remember their name next time isn't cheating!

If you know one name, great! When you see them, say hi, and say their name.

Once you have that down:

- *Ask them a question.*
- *Listen to their answer.*

Then, keep doing that. Follow up on what they told you last time. Keep saying hi and saying their name. Show that you are paying attention to the fact that they are here.

It might be awkward. That's ok. Remember, people have been disconnected for a long time. It might take some practice. Try again next week with the family sitting right behind you. Above all, pray for them. And tell them you are praying for them.

The challenges facing Gen Z are daunting. As I left the conference, the responsibility of making sure Gen Z feels connected weighed on me. But I was reminded of what Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-30 . It was an encouragement to me and I hope it will be to you too. It is our Lord we are yoked to as we do the work He has given us to do. We can trust His promise that He is right here beside us, doing the heavy lifting. By His power, you and I can be those supportive adults our youth need.

Finally, I wanted to share another successful event for children's and youth ministry! Youth had a game night where we played finger rocket dodgeball and 9 square! They are both fan favorites and we had a lot of laughs. Unfortunately, I forgot to take pictures, but I have now appointed youth to do some photography for me at events so hopefully we will have pictures from the next game night! Children's Ministry did water games together this last Saturday and it was a blast! Here are some pictures!



Thanks again to all our volunteers who made VBS in a box possible! They helped me make videos, stuff bags and boxes galore and did it with style!



Lastly, I am so excited for August and the return to in person gatherings to learn and grow together! We are going to have some awesome "new" spaces that you will have to come and check out both for our children's ministry and youth! They are getting new decorations and I'm so excited for you all to see them!

Blessings,
Haley Davisson
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Join Us for the Fall Season of Sanctuary Choir and Trinity Bells

Rehearsals for the fall season for both the Sanctuary Choir and Trinity Bells begin Wednesday, August 18. Bells rehearse from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. in Room 205 and the Sanctuary Choir will rehearse from 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. in the choir loft.

We are planning to have the Sanctuary Choir sing for our Fall Kick-Off service on August 22 and Trinity Bells will play for worship the following week on August 29. What if you have no experience with either singing in a choir or playing handbells? If you can match pitch, we'd love to have you in the choir. If you can read music, you are a great candidate for Trinity Bells. Join us as we sing and ring praises to our God!

Questions? Please contact Mary Voigt at 281.543.0407.



Deepening Your Relationship with God

Trust in [God] at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8 ESV

Just one month ago, it seemed that the COVID pandemic might have been waning in the United States, and the nation began transitioning to a more “normal” life. While airplanes are still full and restaurants are still searching for workers, the storm clouds on the COVID horizon seem to be growing due to the highly contagious “delta” variant.

Whether our community is facing another “wave” of COVID seems uncertain. What's NOT uncertain is that our God is still on His throne, none of this is a surprise to Him, and we may be given yet another opening to “be the hands and feet of Jesus” to our neighbor and our community.

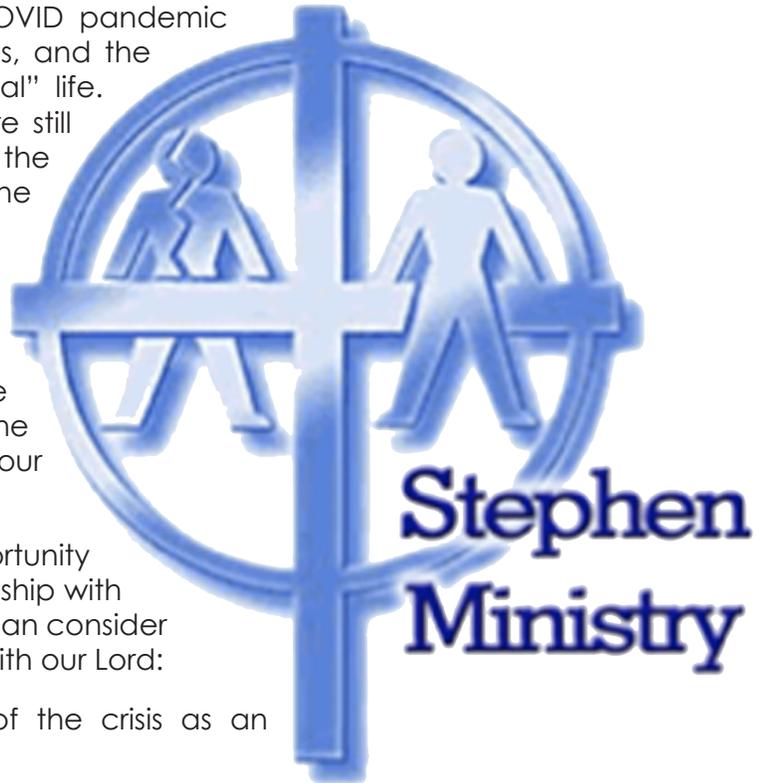
The COVID crisis has also given us the opportunity (and perhaps the time) to deepen our relationship with God. Here are a few habits and activities you can consider to help build a more meaningful connection with our Lord:

- Adjust your viewpoint. Start thinking of the crisis as an opportunity, not a threat
- Be actively looking for small acts of kindness that you can perform for the neighbors that God puts in your path
- Get into the habit of contacting at least one friend a day by telephone (or even texting)
- Don't neglect opportunities to join in corporate worship, even if it's online
- Join an Adult Bible Study class. Trinity has lots of them to offer. [Click here for the list.](#)
- “Pray without ceasing.”

As the reopening (hopefully) continues, it can cause its own set of anxieties. No one really knows how long immunity lasts, or if there are any negative long-term effects from the vaccine. No one who is alive today has ever gone through a global pandemic, so it's not a surprise that many folks are emerging from the pandemic feeling exhausted, burned out, anxious, or depressed.

Thankfully, our congregation has a set of Stephen Ministers who are trained to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to individuals facing difficult times in life—grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting, and they're equipped with caring ministry skills by their congregation's Stephen Leaders. They listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support. They may work in cooperation with licensed counselors, psychiatrists and other professional caregivers to help those suffering from depression.

Do you have an issue that you need to bring to the feet of our Lord in prayer? You don't have to go it alone! 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.



Finance Corner - August 1, 2021

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16 ESV

Dear Supporter of Trinity's Ministry:

For the month of June, tithes and offerings were 15% (or roughly \$18,000) HIGHER than our monthly budget. Total revenue for the year remains 5% (or roughly \$39,000) lower than our budget, and 15% less than the same period in 2020. Thank you to those who participated in our "Summer Catch-up" offering; your generosity clearly made a big difference in helping us reduce our deficit. If you haven't yet had a chance to participate, please pray and ask the Lord what He would have you do to help. You can give [online by clicking here](#) and selecting the "Summer 2021 catch-up offering" fund option, or mail a check marked "Summer 2021 catch-up" to the office.



Our operational expenses in June were just slightly less than our monthly budget, while our year-to-date expenses were 1% less than what was budgeted. When compared with the same time period in 2020, expenses in 2021 were almost exactly (within \$8!) what was incurred last year when we were in the midst of the COVID shutdown due to lower staff costs in 2021 offset by a faster pace of ministry activities.

Our weekly attendance in June averaged 385, which was 14% lower than June of 2020. Online attendees comprised 53% of our worship attendance in June, while in June of 2020 73% of attendance was online. We had an average of 100 attending (almost exclusively online) Adult Bible study or Sunday School each week.

As summer vacation season starts to wind down, please remember that our ministries (and expenses) continue unabated, so your faithful, ongoing giving is even more important. Your continued generosity during the remaining weeks of summer can make a real difference in Trinity's impact and outreach to our community, as God works His work among us.

Joyfully joining Jesus alongside you,
Ron Lacy, CFO

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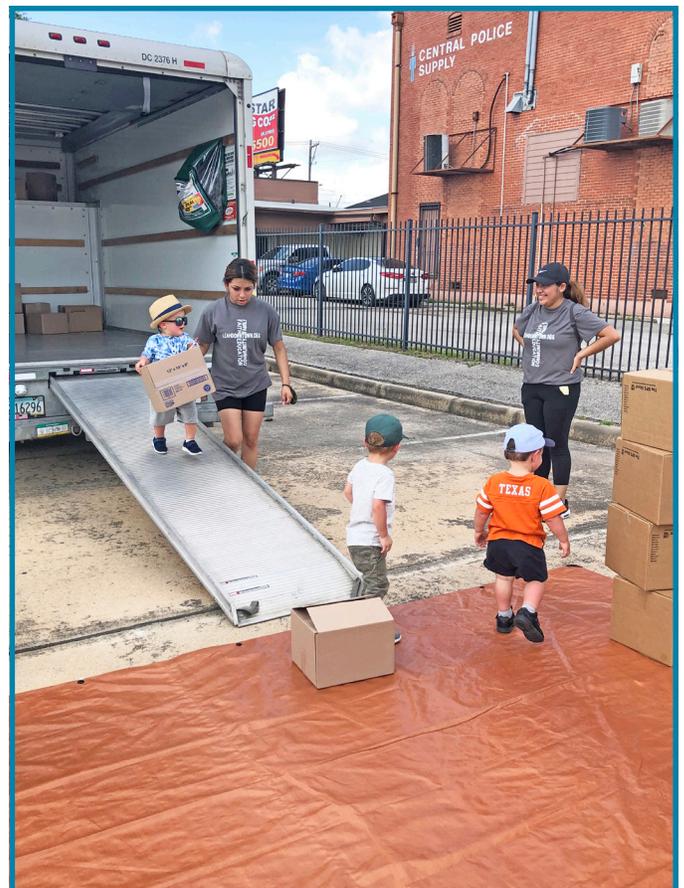
Using this service from Amazon won't change the cost of the products you buy, and all of your account settings and preferences will be retained. The only thing that will change is that Trinity will receive a rebate!

LEAH Downtown Academy News!

- We were welcomed on our first day as LEAH Schools Downtown Academy by the LEAH Schools Team! We are excited to be the LEAH Downtown Bears!



- Our theme for the coming school year is "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" based on the Bible verse Matthew 22:39. We would like to be well known in this community and provide acts of love and service to this neighborhood just as Christ calls us to. As we prepare to begin our first school year as LEAH Schools Downtown Academy, we have hosted a couple of community events this summer to begin growing this relationship. Our first Touch-A-Truck event was held on June 5 and hosted people and package movers. Our second was held on July 10 and included emergency services. We will host a third Touch-A-Truck Experience on September 11 that includes construction vehicles! We had many families attend and had a great deal of outdoor fun!





- **Looking Ahead...**

- August 6 – LEAH All-Schools Worship and Gathering held at Trinity and LEAH Downtown Academy
- August 18-20 – LEAH Downtown closed for teacher inservice and facility maintenance
- August 23 – 2021-2022 School Year begins!

- **Pre-Kindergarten available.** We will be opening a kindergarten readiness program this fall for children four by September 1. Full-time and part-time space is available. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to inquire by reaching out to us at 832.301.3100 or online at www.leahdowntown.org
- With our student body growing and new programs starting, we need more staff! We are looking for preschool teachers and assistants who are dedicated to work with children, share Jesus, and help us create a strong, faith-based learning environment for children. Applications are being accepted online at LEAHSchools.org
- Thank you for supporting LEAH Schools Downtown Academy (LDA) as together we seek to raise up a creative, kind, intelligent and strong, faith-filled generation!

Children, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Please consider joining one or more of our weekly virtual Bible studies. It's a wonderful way to begin a new spiritual discipline. Virtual login information is available on Trinity's website www.trinitydt.org. Beginning August 22, adult classes will either be virtual, in person or hybrid. Check the website for room number, format and time as August 22 nears.

SUNDAYS - CHILDREN (In person classes begin August 22)

2 yr - 5 yr Gathering - 10:15 a.m.

Second Floor

Led by Anna Eifert, Elizabeth Bertrand, Elizabeth Stoerkel, Michael Karle, Marilyn Clark, Lori Fischer, Wayne Leverkuhn and Lou Faszholtz

Studying Kingdom Quest Pre-K Year 2

1st Grade - 4th Grade Gatherings - 10:15 a.m.

Kingdom Hall (basement)

Led by Ross Krueger, Mary Simonsen, Kris Sonnenborn, Carla Barrows, Mia Sclafani, Amanda Klawinski, Chris Sonnenborn, Brooke Abby, Becky Richert, Ruanne Kuhlmann, and Trinity Youth.

Studying Kingdom Quest Elementary Year 3

Foundations 56 (5th-6th grades) - 10:15 a.m.

Second Floor

Led by Jane Suchma, Karen Maynard and Delynda Cruz

Studying CPH Bible Overview

SUNDAYS - YOUTH (In person classes begin August 22)

Confirmation Gathering (7th-8th grade) - 10:15 a.m.

2nd Floor

Led by Lydia Schinnerer and Hunter Simonsen

Studying Bible Project

High School Gathering (9th-12th grades) - 10:15 a.m.

Underground (basement)

Led by Elizabeth Oliver and Josh Rodriguez

Studying Year 2 of LIVE by Group

SUNDAYS - ADULT

Acts

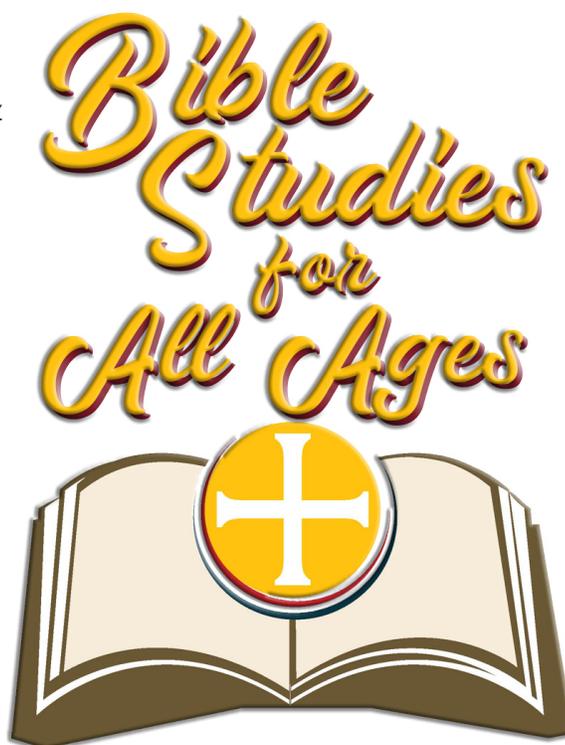
Led by Pastor Paul Dorn - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

As we journey through the book of Acts, we will read how the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ grew and the number of those who believed the Word increased mightily. It is in that Word that Christ will confront us also—strengthening our faith in Him and encouraging us to be His witnesses in Houston, in Texas, and to the end of the earth.

First World Problems - Modern Dilemmas

Led by Thomas DeVries - 10:30-11:30 a.m.

As Christians we find ourselves living in the wealthiest setting in history. We face challenges and questions that aren't readily answerable in the Bible or by the examples of the ancient Church. In



most cases, our dilemmas are not even relatable to many of our fellow Christians in other parts of the world. We will work through them honestly, openly and with an eye towards discerning God's will as we seek to answer these questions. We will explore topics that are applicable directly to how we live our lives and that we find ourselves debating about over dinner or in conversations with others. This is where the rubber meets the road on living our Christian faith.

Return and Re-Connect

Led by Bill Fischer's Team - 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Study of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Some Jews were returning from the Babylonian Captivity to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and the walls of the city. There may be some learning points in their journey and ours as we return to the life of our Current Normal as the Pandemic lessens.

The Bible Alive ... God In Action

Led by John Reisig - 10:15 a.m. (Begins August 22)

Each Sunday we will present a "new" single topic Bible Study. The material covered will provide a meaningful experience for regular attendees, visitors to Trinity Downtown, and those looking for a way to begin attending Bible Class again. The single topic format insures that no one will be lost, or feel behind in the class lessons, and will be welcome to attend at any time. Bibles will be provided and utilized during the class. Providing historical context to the scriptural message, and modern application of His Word, the Bible will "come alive", and show that God has indeed been working throughout history, and is still working today out of Love for His people.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Led by Jim Cleary - 10:20-11:30 a.m.

Confused about what exactly the Holy Spirit does? Join us as we examine passages regarding the work of the Spirit this Pentecost season. Discussion-oriented.

WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS

Bless These Lips (Women's Study)

Led by Jan Case - 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Make over your words to influence the world! *Bless These Lips: 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal* examines things we say that get in the way of our relationships with God and with others. Each chapter draws on lip product analogies and uses humor, anecdotes, and observations to introduce Scripture passages that address common behaviors and attitudes.

What Does It Mean to Be Chosen (Women's Study)

Led by Mary Oliver - 6:30 p.m.

A new study based on the television series, "The Chosen." Each week we will look at the Bible's description of God's blessings to us and expectations for us as we study what it means to have been called to follow Jesus. Participants are encouraged to watch an episode online before each lesson. The link to the Zoom meeting is <https://zoom.us/j/428635050?pwd=TXY5TXY5M240UmtnWkZWRO5NV241UT09>

Virtual Midweek Spiritual Check-in

Led by Jim Cleary - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS - ADULTS

Sonrise Bible Study

Led by Pastor Donald Black - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

The class discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. For more information, contact Bill Fischer at 713.827.8664 or bfisch@aol.com.

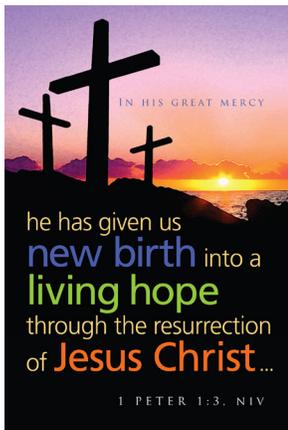
Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

Stephanie and I are now more or less settled into our apartment near campus and slowly finalizing preparations for the birth of our son and the beginning of the Fall semester. The days are flying by, and I still don't have a strong sense of how close we are to having a baby to attend to constantly. Instead, I've found myself often distracted by small annoyances with our apartment and the move, such as the shower that doesn't work as well as I'd like or the odors caused by our neighbors violating the policy of our complex (or so we suspect, at least). It's easy to develop expectations for how my life should look and operate without consideration for the impact my life has on others, or simply considering various factors of reality which I don't like. It's easy to get frustrated or annoyed when those expectations are not met. As difficult or even painful as it may be to receive and develop, humility is a gift which helps us address these situations. Humility helps us to accept what is outside of our control. It draws us out of ourselves, out of our self-centered way of thinking. It puts you in your place, so to speak – it brings down undue pride while focusing you on the relationships around you. It shows you where you've failed and where you can do better. As you read this, you may find that you need some humility. Certainly, I do!



**Chuck Ridley,
Seminary Student**

I've also been noticing recently how easy it is to (try to) justify ourselves. This may seem obvious to you, but perhaps some of the deeper reasons for this are worth considering for a moment. I think that in our culture of expectations, there is tremendous fear of failure. Maybe you grew up in a religious system that was based on your performance. That is, you had to keep a list of rules of to be 'holy' and essentially earn God's favor. Failing to stick to this code meant being ostracized by your community and great shame. I'm sure you can imagine what lengths someone would go to in order to convince themselves and others that they were righteous in this system and avoid such negative consequences. Or maybe you've simply picked up this mindset from the secular side of our culture. You might feel you have to prove your worth in a job, a relationship, or even just the value of your existence by performing to some standard. Whether its "Key Performance Indicators" at work, "keeping the magic going" in your relationship (or finding one at any cost), or finding some way to "stand out", it is likely that you've wrestled with this sort of 'performancism' in your life. When you feel like your life is on the line, it's easy to cast off any blame for our failures and point the finger anywhere else. Humility, again, helps us to accept these failures. But, without hope, this humility could easily descend into despair.



Thanks be to God that He does not simply humble us to 'put us in our place'! Instead, He humbles that He would raise up again. Indeed, "according to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Each day, the hammer of the law strikes you to bring you down from your pride, and to form you as a smith strikes a piece of metal to form it according to his intention. Along with the law, the Gospel of forgiveness is to be heard that you would know that your life is not dependent on you. God showed you favor before you could ever deserve it by sending His Son to live and die in your place and to rise again that your life would be hidden with Christ. When we stop trying to justify ourselves and let God (the only One who justifies) be God, then we can more readily appreciate the gifts He gives us and the meaning and purpose that He gives us. May we all have this mind of humility through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation." (Psalm 149:4, ESV)

In Christ,
Chuck Ridley

It is Truly a Blessing to See Beautiful Flowers at Our Altar Every Sunday!

If you are wanting to dedicate flowers for a special occasion or just because you love to see the beautiful flowers at the altar, please sign up on the Flower Chart that is hanging in the foyer by the Welcome Desk. You may also call our hostess (713.224.0684) to sign up as well.

You may use your own florist or you can make a donation to the "Flowers for Sanctuary" fund at <https://www.trinitydt.org/online-giving/> or send in a check with the memo "Flowers" for \$75. A florist in our congregation (Sue Clark) will make the arrangements for you with the flowers of your choice or you can elect to have her decide. You may take your flowers with you after the service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Trinity Garrett at 713.229.2937.



Ladies Circle Meeting on August 5

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Circle will continue its summer schedule with a meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021, in Room 124.

The program for the day will be a report by Sharon and Elizabeth Stoerkel on the recent convention of the national Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) which they attended in Lexington, KY.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m.



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



For urgent prayer requests, please call:
Lil Hohle - 346.207.7442 or
Alice Scherer - 713.984.0803

Trinity Foyer Displays

During the pandemic, with limited access to Trinity's campus, the foyer displays have been spaced out longer than usual. Among displays available for viewing during the last months of 2020 and early 2021 have been: German-American Day in October; Trinity's 141st Anniversary; "I'll Be Home For Christmas"; "It's A Boy" in early 2021; and currently "Go Ye Therefore" highlighting the Apostles and Prophets.

With the reopening of Trinity's ministries we look forward to our members sharing their collections. Contact Ruth Stoerkel at fws1pub@earthlink.net to schedule a display.

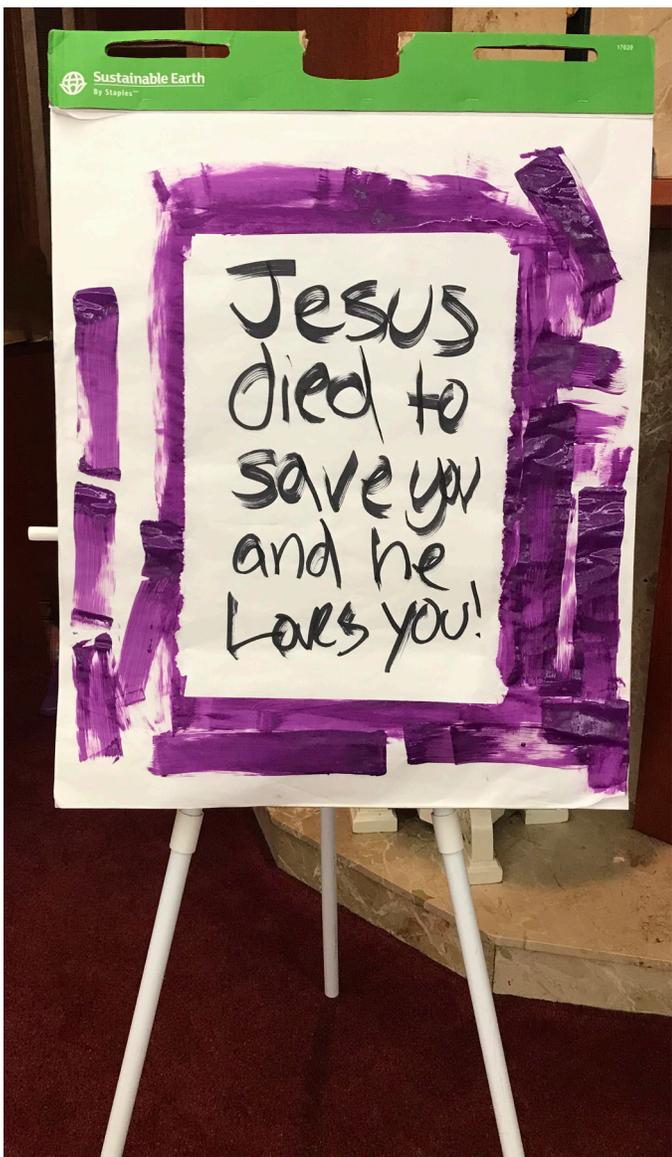
Share Your COLLECTION

Trinity Archives

The archives collection of Trinity Lutheran Church has received donations of newspaper articles, obituaries, Concordia Publishing House booklets, New Testament Bible, Sunday School Certificates, school Commencement programs, candid photographs, special service folders, vintage Catechism, and other miscellaneous mementoes.

Thanks to Estate of Faye Faszholz, Estate of Edward Hans, Lil Hohle, Janis Swearingen Taube, Estate of Albert Taube, Debbie Welsh, Estate of Gertie Wottrich and anonymous donors.

All donations are valued and appreciated. Contact Ruth Stoerkel at fws1pub@earthlink.net for information about Trinity's archives collection.



A few weeks ago Haley had the children paint during the children's message as she talked about not customizing Jesus. This is the picture of what was under the door they painted around! Thank God for His goodness!

Life Thoughts for the Church Year

August 1 – Pentecost X

“What if we can't afford this baby? What if we can't pay for these treatments? Abortion means fewer people in poverty, doesn't it? Assisted suicide leads to less stress on limited resources, right? The Gospel dissolves every panic in sweet promises. He who sends mouths has never failed to supply their meat (Exodus 16:13; Psalm 145:15-16). Ensuring survival poses no trouble for Him who has already engineered salvation (John 6:25).”

From the Summer 2021 issue of LifeDate, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org.



YOU SATISFY
THE DESIRE
OF EVERY
LIVING THING.
PSALM 145:16, ESV

Save the Date

The Trinity Concert Series

presents

Chelsea Chen
in concert Sunday, September 26 at 2:30 pm

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Drive-Up Holy Communion



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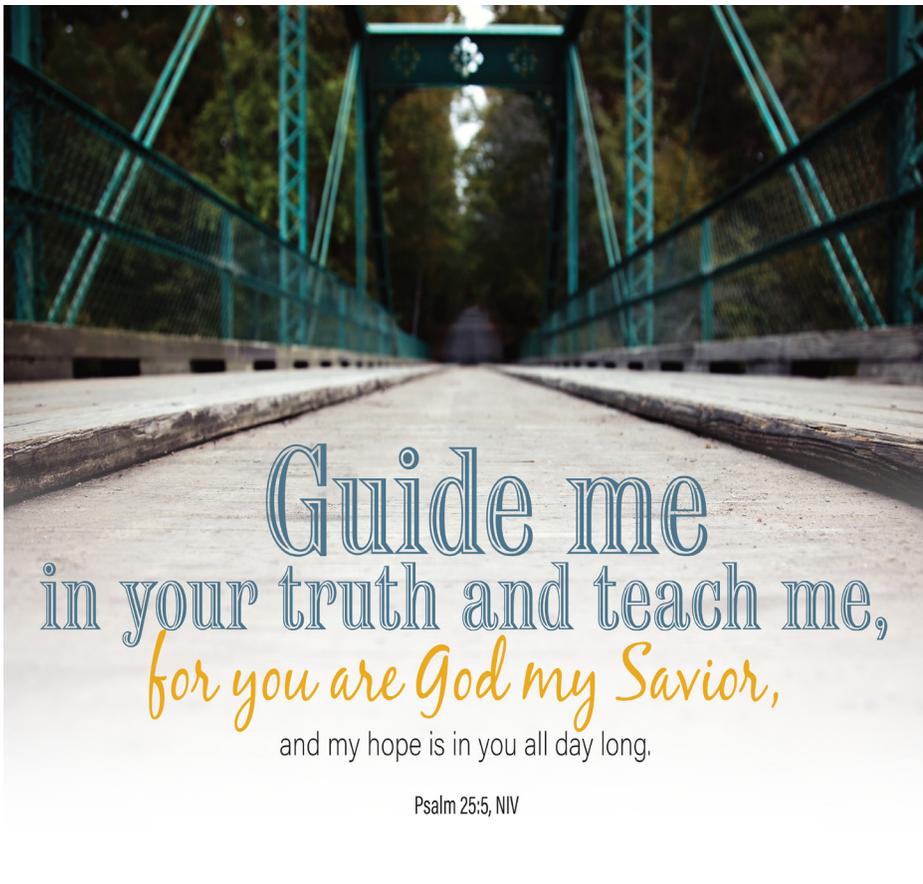
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Guide me
in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25:5, NIV



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