



Trinity Today

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Oktoberfest

October 24, 2021

11:30 a.m.

**Join us at Trinity for an Oktoberfest
celebration with an Oompah Band, Brats,
Beer & all the fixings.**

Freewill offering.



JOIN TRINITY DOWNTOWN FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN!

October 29, 2021 / 5-7pm
1316 Washington Avenue



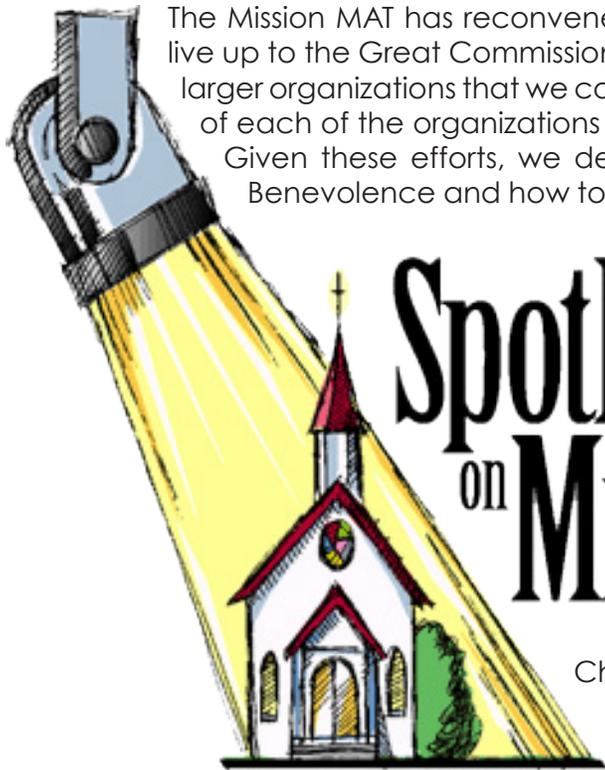
TOTALLY FREE EVENT WITH TREATS,
GAMES AND FOOD FOR EVERYONE!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Volunteers are needed to make this outreach event a success. Watch for TCB sign ups coming soon.
- Lots of candy donations are needed! Boxes are located in the foyer for those who would like to donate candy.
- If you would like to make a financial donation to help offset the cost of the food and games, please place a check in the offering plate designated for Trunks 'n' Treats or give online at <https://www.trinitydt.org/online-giving/>.

The Dynamics of Ministry for Poverty in a Broken World

From the book, "Helping without Hurting in Church Benevolence" by Steve Corbett and Brian Finkert, Section I



The Mission MAT has reconvened post-Covid and has resumed its exploration of how to live up to the Great Commission. In particular, we have been in contact with a number of larger organizations that we could partner with in service. We have examined the integrity of each of the organizations and the Christian orientation of the services they provide. Given these efforts, we decided to re-orient ourselves to the dynamics of Church Benevolence and how to do that more effectively. Our faith compels us to seek the lost, heal wounds, and bring all to Christ, not just to provide for material needs.

Spotlight on Missions

Several years ago, our MAT read a book entitled "Helping without Hurting" that discusses the concepts that can lead to effectiveness in Mission. These concepts may run counter to our natural inclinations and good intentions. We will be preparing a series of monthly newsletter articles that review the principles in the book "Helping without Hurting in Church Benevolence" by Steve Corbett and Brian Finkert.

Church Benevolence" by Steve Corbett and Brian Finkert.

Is Poverty the absence of Material things or is it the absence of right relationships? It's both. As a church, we tend to perceive poverty as the lack of the material means to care for oneself and one's family. So, we seek

to supply the material needs. Are our good intentions truly helping? Are we doing harm to materially poor people in the very process of trying to help them?

In reality, we are all spiritually poor and in need of the fullness of life that God intended: a deep communion with a loving God, dignity, and a positive, giving relationship with others. We fail to see the real causes of material poverty: behaviors, exploitation, oppressive circumstances, and demonic forces. Material poverty is simply a symptom of something deeper: a breakdown in the relationship with God, self, others and creation. Our church should strive not only to provide the material needs, but to build a healing path for restoration of those broken relationships.

How do we help those in need without hurting? The author has some tips:

- Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment and then move forward humbly but without fear.
- Avoid paternalism: habitually doing things for a person that they can do for themselves.
- Ask oneself; am I helping to build a right relationship with God, self, others, and His creation and ministry?
- If you are in doubt, generally err on the side of providing material assistance.

If you would like to help us build that path, please join us at our next Zoom meeting on Sunday, October 10th at 2 p.m. Please contact Pastor Dorn at mdorn@trinitydt.org to obtain the Zoom credentials.

Hey, Trinity Families!

August was so much fun getting ready for the fall! So far we have had a great turnout of folks both online and in person! During September we had some awesome teens come and help me organize our supplies and they have been taking ownership of their different spaces! As we look forward to October we are so excited about Trunks 'n' Treats for our kids, hang out opportunities for our youth group as well as service opportunities! We will start collecting candy for Trunks 'n' Treats soon! We are so excited for this event to intentionally love our community!



You will also start to hear more about how to support our high school students as they prepare for the National Youth Gathering, next July! Our goal is 20 high school kids attending and we have lots of interest from our families! If you would like to hear more about how to support, volunteer or attend the Gathering, please feel free to email me at hdavisson@trinitydt.org!

Thank you so much for your support, encouragement and prayers!

Blessings,
Haley Davisson, Dir. of Youth & Children's Ministries

Important Dates to Remember

Please mark your calendars for our Congregational Information Meeting on Sunday, November 7th, in the gym and our annual Congregational Assembly on Sunday, November 14th, in the gym.

The Congregational Information Meeting will give congregants the opportunity to ask questions about the agenda items for the Congregational Assembly the following week.

At the Congregational Assembly we will elect Governing Board members for 2022 as well as seek approval of the 2022 budget. Nomination forms for the Governing Board and the Nominating Committee will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning October 3rd. All nominations must be received in the church office by noon on Monday, October 18.



For urgent prayer requests, please call:
Lil Hohle - 346.207.7442

Finance Corner - October 1, 2021

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24 ESV

Dear Supporter of Trinity's Ministry:

Tithes and offerings in August were 15% lower than our budget, which put our total offerings for the year at 4% under our budgeted revenue. Our operational expenses through August were virtually identical to our ministry budget. When compared with the same time period in 2020, expenses in 2021 were 4% (or \$47k) more than what was incurred last year when we were in the midst of the COVID shutdown. The overall financial posture of our church remains strong and we greatly appreciate the congregation's generous financial support of the ministry to our community.

Our weekly attendance in August averaged 385, which was 16% lower than August of 2020 (when all of our attendees were online). Online attendees comprised 45% of our worship attendance in August.

The resumption of in-person Sunday School had a big impact on our Bible study attendance; in August we had an average of 150 participants each Sunday!



THANK YOU to those that have signed up for Amazon's "Smile" program. We recently received a \$120 donation from Amazon, which represents a 0.5% rebate for all purchases made by our supporters when making their normal purchases at Amazon. It's very easy—whenever you are shopping on Amazon, go to this web address (instead of www.amazon.com): <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1238451>

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 gets a rebate!

Your continued generosity is making a real difference in Trinity's impact and outreach to our community, as God works His work among us.

It's an honor to serve you,
Ron Lacy, CFO

Silent Movie - The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Join us on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at Trinity Downtown, where the Houston American Guild of Organists will present *Silent Movie - The Hunchback of Notre Dame* featuring organist, Rob Landes.

Native Houstonian, Rob Landes, began playing the piano at the age of two. He made his "debut" on the Art Linkletter *House Party* program at the age of four.

His Rob Landes Trio has been performing in various venues in Houston and around the world for the past 25 years. They are well-known to television viewers from their weekly appearances on Channel 13's *Good Morning Houston*.



Rob Landes

Composer, arranger, organist and pianist, Rob has been the Organist and Artist-in-Residence at St. Luke's United Methodist Church for the past 20 years. Rob grew up at St. Luke's and has been a part of that family for the majority of his life.

LWML Sunday is October 3rd

The first Sunday in October is designated as LWML Sunday. The theme for this year's observance - "Our Hearts in HIS Hand" - is based on 1 Peter 4:8.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is composed of women's groups within congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings. The LWML seeks to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the Synod through education, inspiration, and service. It encourages the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of Mite Box offerings. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the local congregation and the Synod. The Mite Box offerings have funded over 100 million dollars in district, national, and international mission grants since 1942. To learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML go to their website, www.lwml.org.

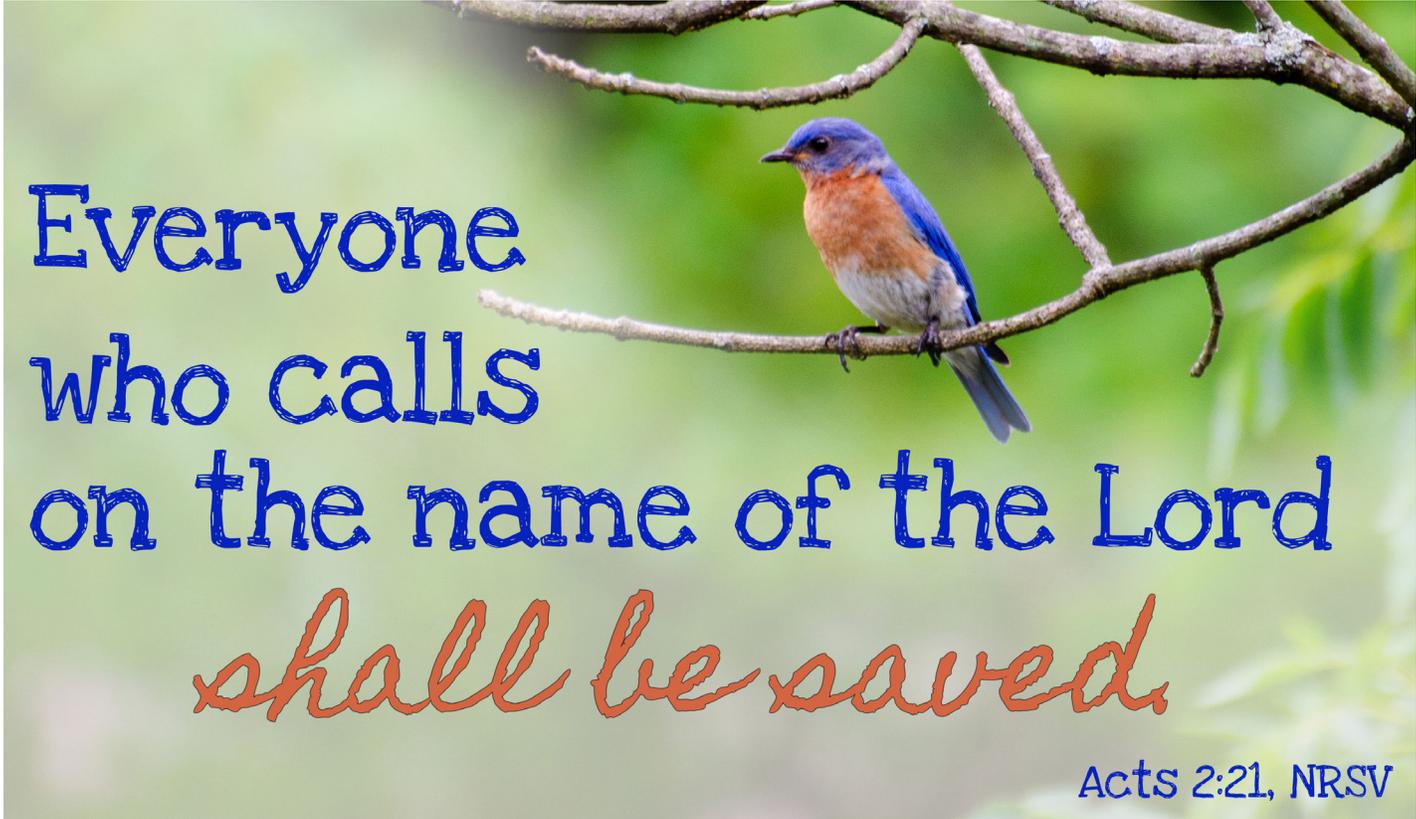


Our hearts
in HIS hand

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

Trinity Ladies Circle Ministries has been affiliated with this organization since the LWML's founding in 1942. Our activities include providing financial grants for Trinity members preparing for full-time ministry in the church, assembling school kits and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and keeping in touch with homebound members. Our annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for November 14, and we anticipate the time when some of our other ministries can also be safely resumed.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 7th at 10 a.m. Members and guests are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact Trinity Garrett, our newly-elected president, at 281.300.5660 or tgarett@trinitydt.org.



Everyone
who calls
on the name of the Lord
shall be saved

Acts 2:21, NRSV

What's Up with the Stephen Ministry?

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you... Colossians 1:9a ESV

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. Matthew 18:19 ESV

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

Following their commissioning, Stephen Ministers also commit to a continuing education program aimed at sharpening their caregiving skills. Trinity Downtown's Stephen Ministers meet twice a month to study a variety of relevant topics. For example we recently reviewed "best practices" when communicating with someone via telephone. Upcoming topics include:

- How to talk with someone with Dementia (October 21)
- The Art of Listening (November 3)
- Ministering to those experiencing grief (November 18)

If you are interested in attending any one of these continuing education classes, we'd be thrilled to have you join us. We generally meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month (currently, via Zoom) at 7:00 p.m. You might find the October 21st topic about Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease especially interesting, since the material is not specifically directed to Stephen Ministers. If you'd like to participate via Zoom, please email Ron Lacy at rlacy@trinitydt.org for the Zoom credentials.

It sometimes seems that health challenges, job difficulties and stresses within our wider family are the only constants in our lives. That may be true, but God never intended for us to go through these challenges alone.

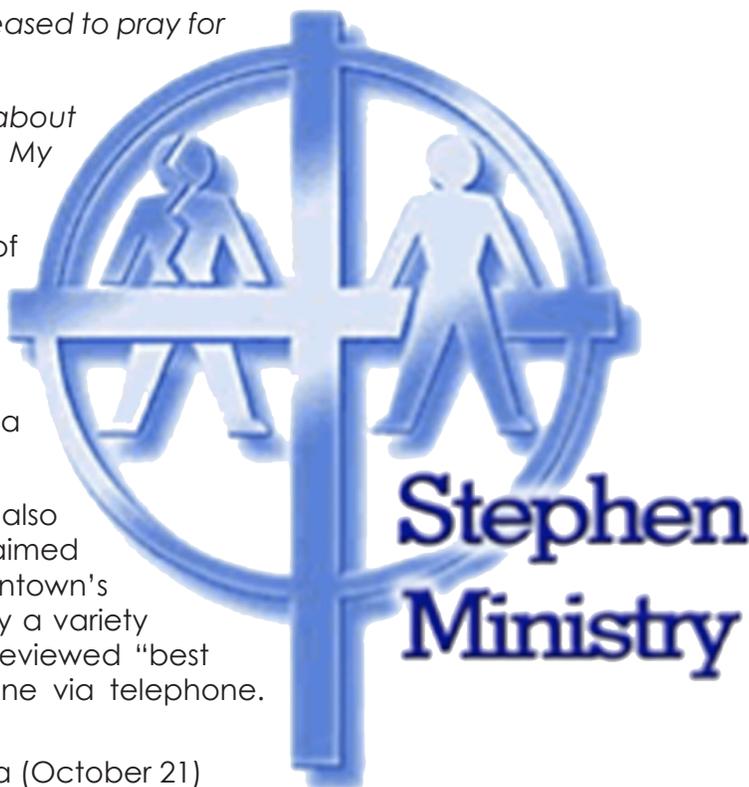
Trinity's Stephen Ministers actively pray for those that are on Trinity's weekly prayer list, and each need is assigned to a specific Stephen Minister for their attention. If appropriate (and assuming we have the relevant contact information) a Stephen Minister will reach out to the individual or family to pray directly with them, and to determine if there are any other prayer needs that they might have.

Perhaps you or a loved one are struggling with an **illness** or **loneliness**, and you want to ask for God's comfort and healing. Or maybe you're facing a difficult and potentially **life-altering decision** and you need God's direction. Or, you've received a real **blessing** from the Lord for which you want to offer sincere thanks. Either way, we want to pray alongside you!

You can send your prayer request or praise report to us:

- via email to prayer@trinitydt.org or
- submit a prayer request online by going to <https://www.trinitydt.org/prayer-request/>

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.



Children, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Please consider joining one or more of our 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. Children and youth classes are in person unless indicated otherwise. Adult classes are either virtual, in person or hybrid.

SUNDAYS - CHILDREN (10:15 - 11:15 AM)

Nursery (Infants - age 2) - Room 234

Kingdom Quest 2 & 3 year olds - Room 233

Kingdom Quest 4 & 5 year olds - Room 232

Kingdom Quest 1st Grade - 4th Grade - Kingdom Hall (basement)

Casa de Oracion Spanish (all grades) - Room 209

SUNDAYS - YOUTH (10:15 - 11:15 AM)

Foundations 56 (5th-6th grades) - Room 207

Confirmation (7th-8th grades) - Room 208 - Hybrid

High School (9th-12th grades) - Underground (basement)

SUNDAYS - ADULT

A Study of the Gospels

Led by Pastor Jose Flores of Casa de Oracion - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 211 - In Person

This study of the life of Jesus as shared in the Gospels is offered in Spanish for the community of Trinity Downtown, our ministry partner Casa de Oracion, and downtown Houston.

Exodus

Led by Pastor Paul Dorn - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

The book of Exodus will lead us through the pivotal event in the history of God's dealings with His people. The deliverance from Egypt and the covenant God made with Israel is the event which the prophets held in the memory of the people as they called them to repentance and faith in God, their Savior. The Old Testament exodus points us to the New Testament exodus, the deliverance, which God won for us through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89192043843>

Faith Discovery

Led by Pastor Michael Dorn - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 123 - In Person

The Faith Discovery class offers an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith and how you can become part of the Trinity Downtown community as we each live out our faith every day. Class participants will discover how God has uniquely gifted them, and how they, in turn, can use their gifts in service to Him and to our neighbors.

Martin Luther's Back Story

Led by Thomas DeVries and Anthony Flaviani - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 206 - In Person

We spend a lot of time studying Martin Luther's life and works starting with the 95 Theses, but what about that seminal event that brought him to the monastery? What can we learn of the Will of God, of the Divine Call and of the other, more local forces acting on Luther, similar to what we may face, that was crucial to the formation of the theology we know today?

Return and Re-Connect: A Study of Ezra and Nehemiah

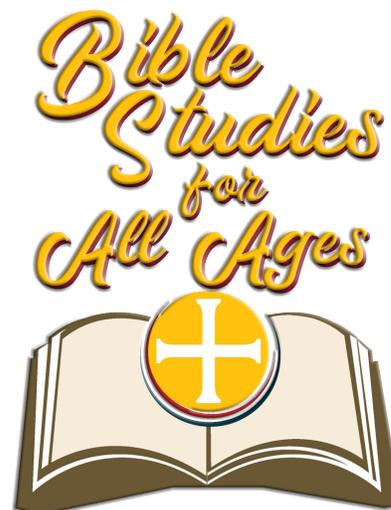
Led by Bill Fischer - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 201 - Hybrid

This study is based on 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 - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 124 - In Person

In this study, each Sunday offers a single stand alone topic. The material covered each week will provide a meaningful experience for regular participants, visitors to Trinity Downtown, and for those simply looking to get



back into a routine of attending Bible study. The single topic format insures that no one will be lost or feel behind during the study, and will feel welcome and encouraged to attend at any time. Bibles will be provided and utilized each week. Providing historical context to the scriptural message, and modern application of His word, the Bible will "Come Alive," and show that God has been working throughout history, and is still working today out of love for His people.

The Word Became Flesh: John

Led by Jim Cleary - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 205 - Hybrid

Join us as we look through the Beloved's gospel, describing what an intimate relationship with Jesus looks like. This will be a fast-paced, discussion-oriented class, with lots of opportunities for questions. The class is geared to all, from new believer to seasoned disciple.

TUESDAYS - ADULTS

Your Strong Suit: Women's Bible Study on God's Armor (Women's Study)

Led by Karen Maynard - 10:00-11:30 AM - Room 205 - Hybrid

This eight week, verse-by-verse study of the armor of God details the incredible protection that God has provided to His children. Even though we may not like discussing spiritual warfare, it is necessary because it is real. Spiritual warfare has the potential to rob us of peace and security only to leave behind doubt and unrest. But God offers protection to us – HIS protection. Journey through this study as we learn about the battle, our enemy, our armor and our place in God's army. But most importantly, we come to know the rock solid truth that God has provided everything we need to proclaim ultimate victory.

Joining Jesus on His Mission - Virtual Bible Study for Young Adults

Led by Maddie Meier - 7:15 PM on every other Tuesday (October 12 & 26) - Virtual

Young adults are encouraged to join this virtual study using the book and videos for *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. Written and produced by Trinity's deployed missionary, Pastor Greg Finke, *Joining Jesus on His Mission* is a simple, powerful, and practical book that will move you and your tribe from merely thinking about being everyday missionaries to launching. You will feel both relief and hope as you gain insights into how to recognize where Jesus is already at work in your everyday world and join Him. Books are available in the church office and can be obtained by emailing Matt Meier at mmeier@trinitydt.org.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92015984452?pwd=ZUh4dnNTT3lzdVnQNTVmQWcwNDBKdz09> Meeting ID: 920 1598 4452, Passcode: zGND4G

WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS

Bless These Lips (Women's Study)

Led by Jan Case - 1:30-3:00 PM - Virtual

This small group Women's Bible Study is based upon the book *Bless These Lips: Make Over Your Words to Influence The World*.

The Chosen Season One: What Does It Mean to Be Chosen? (Women's Study)

Led by Mary Oliver - 6:30-8:00 PM - Virtual

In this Women's Bible Study, 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. Mary prepares the lessons using the book which is based on the television series *The Chosen* by Amanda Jenkins. The study spends most of the evening discussing the Old and New Testament verses in which God reveals His character and plan for us, His chosen. There is always time for catching up with each other's lives and prayer time at the end of the evening.

Virtual Midweek Spiritual Check-in

Led by Jim Cleary - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

THURSDAYS - ADULTS

Sonrise Bible Study

Led by Pastor Donald Black - 7:30-8:30 AM - Virtual

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

Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

We now have a newborn, so I'm going to make this month's letter nice and easy: a brief accounting of the birth followed by pictures!

Our son, William Edward Ridley, was born on 9/2/21 at 6:57 p.m., weighing in at 6 lbs. 12.6 oz. and was 20.75" long. The doctor had to use forceps to get him out largely due, it seems, to the fact that he had the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck and one of his legs. It was a demanding labor for Stephanie, but she did well and says she enjoyed it, despite the pain and exhaustion. Mother and son are doing well...when they can get enough sleep, that is!



**Chuck Ridley,
Seminary Student**

In Christ,
Chuck Ridley



William was born 9/2/21. He had a lot of bruising on his head at birth because the doctor had to use forceps to get him out.



But the bruising healed up quickly, as you can see in this photo, taken less than three days later.



*We are headed home from the hospital.
The adventure begins!*



William at 9 days old.



William was baptized by his grandpa in the seminary chapel on 9/22 - his mother's birthday!



Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

(Romans 6:3-4, ESV)





Join Trinity Handbells

Rehearsals are Wednesdays
at 6:15 p.m. beginning
October 6th.

What if you've never played bells before? If you can read music, we can teach you to play bells. And we currently have some open positions just waiting for an eager volunteer. Need more information? Contact Mary Voigt at 281.543.0407.



Join the SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals
Wednesdays
7:15 PM

If you love to sing and can match pitch, we'd love to have you join us.

Contact Mary Voigt at
281.543.0407 for more
information.

40 Days For Life

Pastor Black has chosen Tuesday, October 12th, for Trinity's day to stand and pray in silence for the babies being aborted, their parents and also the workers - that they may see these babies as precious and to choose to walk away from the abortion facilities. This ministry is so vital and we are making inroads. This is such an easy ministry - it doesn't cost a dime and all you have to do is pray for two hours in silence. Please consider volunteering one time and I think you may be hooked on how important this ministry is. We really need someone for the 6:30 - 8:30 and 2:30 - 4:30 time slots. If you can do this, please call Jan Case 713.677.4286 or email jcase001@gmail.com.



Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an organization which works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. LWR was created in 1945 to provide relief to Europe after World War II and has continued providing help and support to over 4 million people through 133 projects in 42 countries including Philippines, Syria, and South Sudan. When disaster strikes, LWR provides life-saving relief and support to those most in need and continues long after the headlines have faded, working with communities to rebuild their lives and recover their livelihoods. LWR, along with local partners, helps people to have access to clean water and health care, teaches people about water management, diseases of poverty, and agricultural techniques, and provides people with the skills to participate in the decision making processes that affect their lives. Small-scale farmers have access to markets through LWR such as Fair Trade Coffee and Fair Trade Chocolate. LWR is part of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative to eliminate deaths from malaria in Africa. To learn more about LWR, go to www.lwr.org. Ladies Circle Ministries members support LWR by making quilts throughout the year, assembling the kits of care, and collecting cancelled stamps to donate to "Project Comfort" to help pay shipping costs of the quilts and kits. The Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will be Saturday, November 6th to gather and send the quilts and kits to LWR. Please bring your kits to church by Sunday, October 31st and put them in the LWR container in the church office.



PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces each) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing the individual toothbrush in a business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new or in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarns. Do not use any plastic bags.

SCHOOL KITS

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no looseleaf paper

- 1 30-cm ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side; pack in a notebook
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black/blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½" eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



Do not add other items or leave out any item listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove excess packaging; pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its items in plastic bags.

Donated items should not have any religious symbols, messages or Trinity's name or be decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

BABY CARE KITS

- 2 light weight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies®)
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn, up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces each) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Varying sizes of the clothing items will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows. Sweaters with buttons or tie down the front are preferred. Diapers can be made from flannel. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its items in plastic bags.



BOARD OF ELDERS - CONTACT INFORMATION

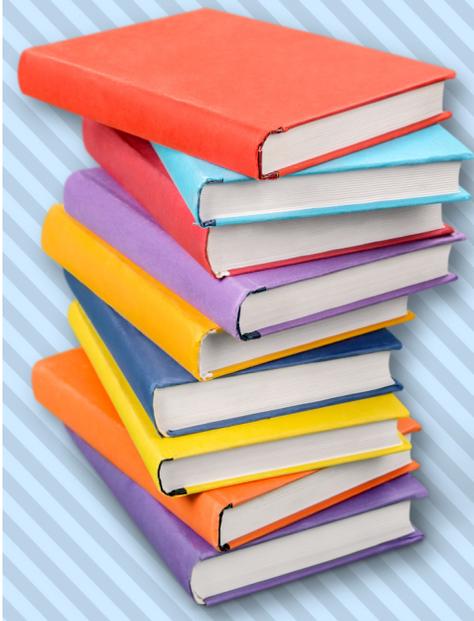
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Coalition For Life

As of the end of August 2021, participating Lutherans have donated 9,875 baby blankets to be distributed between the busses and the Coalition office. This number does not include the many burp pads and LWML devotions for the mothers. If anyone would like to join this ministry, call Ethelene Marshall at 713.849.9266 or email her at ethelenem@sbcglobal.net. We need people willing to shop for material, cut the material, hem the material and people willing to crochet a pretty border on them. These blankets are given out to mothers who choose life for their babies! The demand for these blankets, we are hoping, will increase due to the changes in the abortion law in Texas.



BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED



Trinity Stephen Ministers are collecting all kinds of books (especially children's books) to hand out at Trunks 'n' Treats.

Check your bookcases, closets, garages and attics for any spare books!

Donations may be placed in boxes in foyer.

2021 GOVERNING BOARD

Jim Baccus (Elder)
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Elder)
Janet Mueller (Secretary)
Cynthia Roney

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

Celebrate Our Lutheran Heritage!

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021 - 9:00 AM

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



Lutheran High North Fall Comedy – *The Alibis* – Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17

Eight playwrights were challenged to outdo each other to create eight absurdly hilarious alibis for eight rascalion suspects in the murder of an eccentric billionaire who wants to start his own crime family. A clueless detective and a devious butler interview a candy-loving thief, a vengeful diva, a hamster murderer, a teenage plagiarist/detective, a badger poisoner, a disgruntled chef, a TV hater, and an arch nemesis billionaire. All are innocent . . . because they were all busy committing other ridiculous crimes at the time of the murder.

THE alibis

So, whodunnit? Find out on Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, as Lutheran High North presents, *THE ALIBIS*. Shows are Saturday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m., with wine and cheese receptions before each show, and dessert bakeoffs during intermission. Adult admission is \$10.00. Children and students always attend our shows for free. We appreciate donations for the wine and cheese. For more information, or to reserve seats, contact paul.stuenkel@lhnlions.org. Reservations not required. We have plenty of seats with great views. Pay for seats at the door.

Drive-Up Holy Communion



Wednesdays
11:00 am - 1 pm

Saturdays
9:30 am - 11:00 am

Call the Church Office
at 713-224-0684
8:30 am - 2:15 pm
Monday - Friday
to RSVP

Life Thoughts in the Church Year - October 10 - Pentecost XX

"I would never choose it for myself, but I'm not comfortable telling anyone else how to act." Our neighbors need more from us than lukewarm. The Lord God invites the same courage and compassion His salvation has shown us. "Hate evil, and love good" (Amos 5:15). Real love proclaims both the Law and the Gospel directly (Mark 10:19-21). Jesus makes us nothing less than gentle but relentless!



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

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