



Trinity Today

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THE CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK!!! APRIL 24 SERVING BEGINS AT 11:30 AM

As of this writing, plans for Trinity's Church Picnic are being finalized. Be sure you have April 24 on your calendar as we have the opportunity to gather and fellowship as a Trinity community and family. The Holy Smokers will be cooking brisket, pulled pork, and perhaps even ribs. Appropriate sides will also be served. Cooked meats can be purchased on a pre-ordered basis so watch for information on where to place your order. A tentative schedule is to have food service from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. with table games and outdoor events for adults and kids. Everything will be held across the street at the LEAH Downtown Academy site, including the field behind the school. Our newly-formed Hospitality MAT (see article on page 4) will be providing support to the Holy Smokers as servers. If you'd like to be part of this newly-formed MAT, speak to Matt Meier, mmeier@trinitydt.org or 832.301.3105.



A free will offering will be gathered to defer the costs of the event. Everything collected from the free will offering, after expenses, will be given to the Harms Behnken Fund for Missions. As you consider your donation, think about the cost of your recent restaurant meals with the family, especially if it included BBQ.

We can't wait to see you there!



LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 10, 2022

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship

10:15 AM - Bible Classes/Sunday School

11:15 AM - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

2:00 PM - Rite of Confirmation with Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022

Noon - Worship with Holy Communion

6:30 PM - Worship with Rite of First Communion

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022

Noon - Traditional Worship

6:30 PM - Tenebrae Worship

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 AM - Bible Classes/Sunday School

11:15 AM - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Lenten Season/Joining Jesus On His Mission Workshop

As Christians and members of Trinity Downtown, it's very easy for us to overlook the fact that there are so many people around us (and the number is growing) who are without a church home and even worse without a relationship with Jesus Christ. These people are in your neighborhood — in the places where you live, work, and play. God has placed you in the “neighborhood” for a reason. You have been given the responsibility of sharing His love.



As the Lenten Season continues, we will be looking at the mission of Jesus, especially His journey to the cross. On that journey, we will have an opportunity to see how Jesus interacted with the people in His neighborhood. He modeled how we are to interact with the people in our neighborhoods.

Pastor Greg Finke, author of *Joining Jesus on His Mission*, will be the featured speaker at worship on April 3rd. Pastor Greg will also be leading a special training on how we can join Jesus on His mission. **The training workshop will be held at Trinity on Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.** Pastor Greg has simple and practical ways to help us be on mission and he shares his expertise on the topic in a fun and engaging way. Please plan to attend this free event. Childcare will be available. If you will need childcare, please contact Stefanie at sbowman@trinitydt.org or 713.224.0684.

Ladies Circle Easter Bake Sale

April 17 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Proceeds benefit
Lutherans in Africa - an
organization formed for
the purpose of training
African Lutherans to be
teachers of the faith.

New Hospitality MAT Seeks Volunteers

The need to have a Hospitality MAT (Ministry Action Team) has been a topic of conversation for some time. We now have a Hospitality MAT with Matt Meier as the staff lead. I love working with Matt. He is a great communicator, has a wonderful sense of humor, and is very responsive to texts and emails.



So here is what the Hospitality MAT is NOT:

- A lifetime commitment
- A commitment to every event that needs this type of support
- Any kind of financial commitment
- Regular meetings

What it will be:

- FUN
- On an availability basis
- An attempt to staff events with the right number of people so you don't leave feeling you wasted your time
- Types of events where you will be given the opportunity to serve
- Congregational events where the Holy Smokers are cooking
- Holy Smoker events possibly off site
- Receptions (like following a Memorial Service or Funeral of a member)

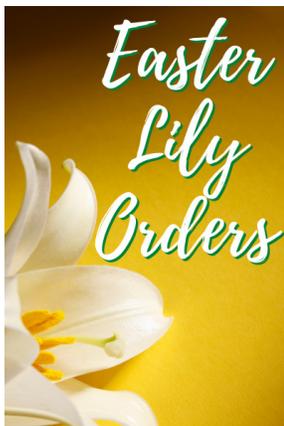
An idea as to how this might work.

- An event is on the calendar. Everyone on the MAT gets an email with the details of the event – date, time, how many people needed, etc. You respond with your availability. A NEEDS list would be sent to just those able to participate that would have the details of the different areas of opportunity (set up, serve food, clean up, etc.)

The Hospitality MAT is now set up in TCB with some names. If you want your name in the MAT as a contact, please email or text Matt Meier (mmeier@trinitydt.org or 210.639.5553) with your contact info. He'll get it done.

Ruanne Kuhlmann
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Easter Lily Orders



Beautiful Easter lilies will adorn our sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase one or more for \$12.00 each, please order in one of the following ways:

- Complete the form [online](#) and submit your payment by mailing a check earmarked for Easter lilies to the church office or submit payment [online](#).
- Write your dedication(s) on the Easter lily order form available at the Welcome Center. Insert your check and form in the envelope provided and place in the Easter lily box.

Lilies may be taken home after the 11:15 a.m. Easter service. Deadline to order and have dedication in the online Easter Service Folder and in the pre-service loop is Sunday, April 10th.

Trinity Downtown Welcomes New Members

On March 20th, Trinity Downtown was blessed with the addition of 8 new members. We thank God for (pictured left to right) Herb Koerselman, Arlene Koerselman, Liz Berrones, Karen Mattern, Ross Mattern, Rachel Powers, Deena Buford and Reggie Buford.



*Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow!*

Telephone Prayer Chain

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prayer requests,
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2022 GOVERNING BOARD

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

Finance Corner - April 2022

...give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38 ESV

At the start of 2022, who would have predicted that Russia would be at war with Ukraine in a few weeks? Our world seems so unpredictable, so it's good to remind ourselves that God is not surprised. There's no heavenly hand-wringing going on.

That means it's more important than ever for us to be "salt and light" to our neighbors and to our community. **Your gifts of time, treasure and prayer are an important way you can participate in sharing the love of Christ to our city.** Here are some important indicators of how we are doing as a congregation:



- **Worship**

- In February, we averaged 402 participants each week in our regularly-scheduled weekend worship services. This represents a significant increase compared with January;
- An average of 62% of participants worshipped in-person, which is the highest percentage of physical attendees since we started streaming our worship services online in 2020;

- **Grow**

- An average of 215 individuals participated in our Sunday School and adult Bible classes each week in February compared with January's average attendance of 197; and
- Participation in our Spanish-language classes offered by CASA continues to increase. An average of 26 folks met in-person each week in February.

- **Finances**

- Tithes and offerings through February 2022 were 5% less than our budget, while total revenue (which includes facility rental and miscellaneous income) was 4% lower than budget; and
- Expenses through February were 2% lower than our monthly budget. When compared with the same time period in 2021, YTD expenses through February 2022 were 10% higher due to the increased ministry tempo and outreach events.

Your faithful giving is making a real difference in Trinity's impact and outreach to our community, as God works His work among us during this Lenten season.

In His service and yours,
Ron Lacy

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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!

Hey, Trinity Families!

We are in full swing! March had a great youth hang out afternoon and Kingdom Quest has been lots of fun. Here are some pictures from our youth event!



April looks forward to 5 kids taking their first communion and 12 students confirming their faith! How amazing is that! If you want to join us to celebrate, the Confirmation Service will be April 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will also be live streamed. First Communion will be at the Maundy Thursday service on April 14th at 6:30 p.m!

We are bringing back Easter in a Box! I am making 20 Pre-K kits and 30 elementary kits that you will be able to pick up on April 10th and Easter!

Lastly, we will have a lot of kid friendly games at the picnic on April 24th! So come and join us for family fun and food!

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

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The Cost of Harboring Pride

According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride.

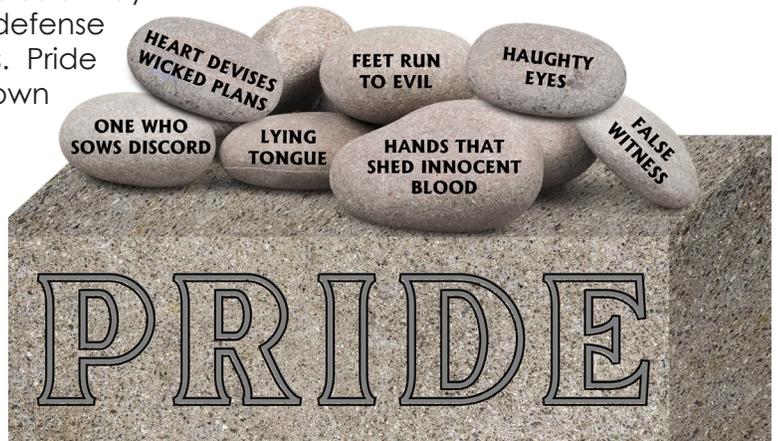
“Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. For pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.” C.S. Lewis

Statisticians tell us that approximately 40% of us will be diagnosed with cancer sometime in our lifetime. None of us want to ever hear our doctor deliver that diagnosis. We don't want it for ourselves; we don't want it for our loved ones. We know cancer is an ugly disease that eats away at our body and our life, and is often notoriously difficult to defeat.

Probably almost ALL of us, however, could be properly diagnosed as having at least some form of *spiritual cancer*—pride. **Pride could be defined as “A feeling that you are more important or better than other people” and “having an inordinate amount of self-esteem.”**

Weirdly enough, a person is often driven to become prideful by their own poor sense of self-worth and feelings of shame. They feel so badly about themselves that they try to compensate by exuding a superior attitude—they look for others' flaws as a way to conceal their own and criticize others as a defense against recognizing their own shortcomings. Pride prevents them from acknowledging their own faults and failures. Even to God.

Proverbs tells us that there are seven “things” that the Lord hates. The list includes haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness, and one who sows discord. If you look carefully, a prideful attitude is the foundation for each of these hateful things.



There's a good reason why the Church has considered pride one of the seven deadly sins. Pride prevents us from kneeling before our God and acknowledging our sins. It forms a barrier between us and our Savior.

Charles H. Spurgeon described pride as “an all-pervading sin.” He said, “Pride is so natural to fallen man that it springs up in his heart like weeds in a well-watered garden ... its every touch is evil. You may hunt down this fox, and think you have destroyed it, and lo! Your very exultation is pride. None have more pride than those who dream that they have none. Pride is a sin with a thousand lives; it seems impossible to kill it.”

How do doctors get rid of physical cancer? First, they use imaging techniques like x-rays, CAT scans and MRIs to locate the disease. Then they target the cancer with drugs, radiation or surgery. We can only *cooperate* with the medical team; we can't rid ourselves of cancer without their help. We do the hard work of going to appointments, taking our medicine or undergoing surgery.

So, how can we rid ourselves of our prideful, *spiritual cancer*? The short answer is—we can't. But we can cooperate with God as the Holy Spirit works in our lives to put us through a spiritual MRI. We can lengthen the amount of time we spend talking to God, reading the Word, attending worship services and meditating on His goodness. That's the “hard work” that will rid us of our *spiritual cancer*.

If you or a loved one is facing a difficult medical diagnosis, or would simply like to speak with someone about how you can build a more positive, Christ-centered mental outlook, Trinity Downtown's Stephen

Ministry is available to come alongside you. We're here to hear what you're thankful for, or what may be troubling you during this stressful time. Perhaps you or a loved one are struggling with the after-effects of COVID, an ongoing 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.

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.

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.

Thank You For Using AmazonSmile

Trinity Downtown recently received a \$109.21 donation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

Thank you to everyone who uses AmazonSmile and designates Trinity Lutheran Church (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1238451>) as their charity when making purchases on Amazon.com.



Membership Changes

The following are the membership changes approved at the March 2022 Governing Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP IN

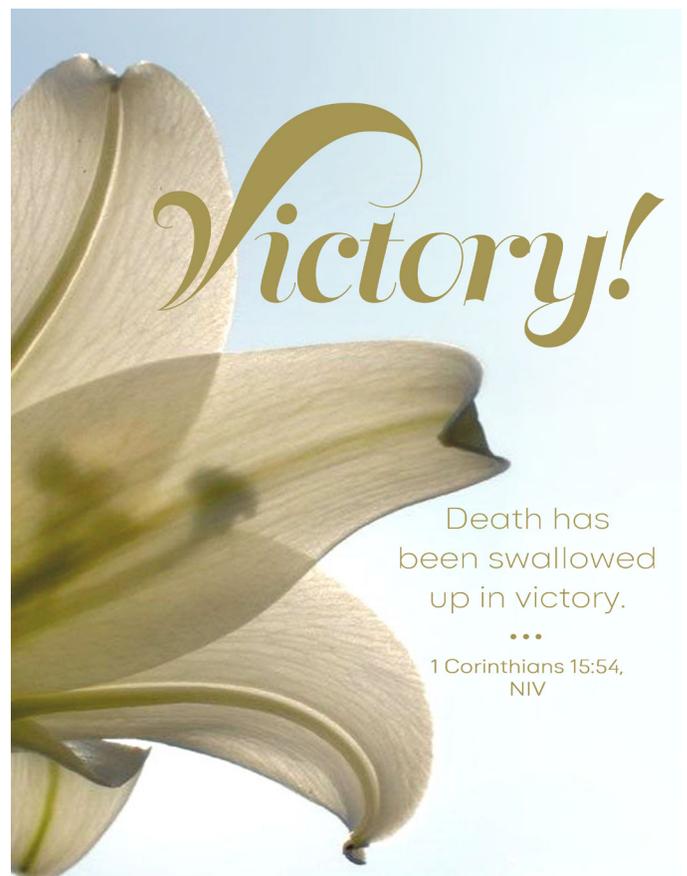
Baptisms

- 02/20/22 - Ruth Abigail Nietsche
- 02/27/22 - Piper Diane Lackey

MEMBERSHIP OUT

Transfers Out

- Debbie Furlow to St. John LCMS - Cypress, TX
- Barbara Urban to St. John LCMS - Cypress, TX



Ladies Circle Meeting - April 7

The monthly meeting of Trinity Lutheran Ladies Circle will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022 in Room 124. Members and guests are invited to come early at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and a time for fellowship.

Our featured speaker for the day is Kendall Collette, the Volunteer Resources Director of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) for the State of Texas. She loves the opportunity to work with the MADD staff, victims/survivors, volunteers, interns, law enforcement, etc. She is also passionate about MADD's mission to eliminate drunk driving, fighting against drugged driving, serving the victims of these violent crimes, and underage prevention.

Reminder; Cakes, pies, cookies, rolls, etc. are needed for the Annual Bake Sale to be held on Easter Sunday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gym, adjacent to the Gathering Area. All proceeds will go for the support of "Lutherans in Africa" - an organization formed for the purpose of training African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith. For more information, go to www.lutheransin africa.com. Brochures will be available at the Bake Sale.

For additional information, contact Trinity Garrett, president, at tgarrett@trinitydt.org or Kim Flaviani at kimberly@flaviani.net.



Chosen - Ladies Event

Ladies: It is time to reconnect and refresh ourselves in His Word...together. Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to give up meeting together and to encourage one another all the more as [we] see the day approaching! Well - none of us know the hour of His return but I DO know that we've got work to do before He comes back! You are CHOSEN, my dear sister...to glorify Him no matter what season, age, challenge or crisis in which you might find yourself.

Please join us for this special one-day event where published author and speaker Donna Snow will

walk us through digging into God's Word in the context of Esther where you will hear how YOU were made for such a time as this. Don't miss it! Tell/bring your friends. We.ALL.need.to.hear.this!

Proceeds from this event will fund more women's outreach events in the Houston area. Continental breakfast and lunch are included with your ticket purchase. [Tickets](#) are \$25.

You are
CHOSEN
One-day Workshop
DONNA SNOW
Saturday, May 21, 2022 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
<https://www.trinitydt.org/events/>

News From Our Ministry Partners



Lutheran South Academy
presents
Disney's
The Little Mermaid

Friday, April 1 **Saturday, April 2** **Sunday, April 3**
7:00 pm 7:00 pm 3:00 pm

Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center
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LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH SPRING MUSICAL

Friday, April 29th - 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 30th - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Wonderful Town is a 1953 musical with book written by Joseph A. Fields and Jerome Chodorov, lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green, and music by Leonard Bernstein. The musical tells the story of two sisters who aspire to be a writer and actress respectively, seeking success from their basement apartment in New York City's Greenwich Village.

To purchase tickets go to
<http://www.lutheranhighnorth.net/>

Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

I don't believe I've discussed my classes this semester yet. Now that I'm halfway through the semester and done with a couple of classes with two new classes starting up in the second half of the semester, it seems proper to share some of what I've been studying the past couple of months. Apart from the required Pastoral Theology and Leadership course, I picked up four electives this semester, all of which are half-semester courses and all of which I plan to 'upgrade' as dual credit toward my STM degree.

Quick refresher on that subject: the Master of Sacred Theology (STM) degree is considered the 'academic' counterpart to the 'professional' Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree. Candidates for the Pastoral office receive the MDiv degree. Some choose to extend their studies and pursue the STM, and some will continue to PhD level. Many who extend their studies will do so 'in residence', meaning that they stick around the seminary as full-time students. However, the seminary offers students to go through the program as 'reduced residency' status. This means that they do half of their work from a distance while working in their regular call as a pastor, chaplain, etc. Then they come to seminary for a two-week intensive to complete the work they started for the course. In other words, a 'reduced residency' student will have a few hours of classroom instruction along with some reading and writing assignments that they do on their own time during the Fall or Spring semester, and then they come to campus for two weeks to sit in class for two hours a day, five days a week. Depending on how much work the student can take on along with their 'day job', they can complete the process in as little as two years. I'm simply rehashing this because I think my previous accounts of this additional degree were not as clear as I thought they were when I first wrote them.

So, besides being interested in the subjects, I chose to take these electives so that I could get credits for the STM degree and cut down the amount of time it will take to complete it. But that means extra work this semester, which has destroyed our previous expectations of an easy semester that I would just breeze through. I like to think that this is better, because it keeps me from getting into the habit of having very little work or from building up expectations that my ministry will be easy. Either way, it doesn't change the fact that it has made this semester one of the most challenging physically, mentally, and emotionally. But I digress...

The classes I have finished are 'Civil Affairs' and 'Christianity & Literature'. Civil Affairs has been a fast-paced, hard-hitting reassessment of our understanding and application of Luther's teaching on the two realms (often called the two kingdoms). We often think of this distinction as 'church & state', leading to an oversimplification that reduces the entire temporal realm to 'government' and further turns into a dualism that separates the two realms in such a way that the temporal realm becomes bad and must be overcome by the spiritual realm (the church). There were different angles from which we approached the doctrine of the two realms, but the basic move that needs to be made to be in alignment with Luther's understanding is to look to God and His work of creation. In so doing, we recognize that the temporal realm – essentially everything that is not the church – is from God and is good for that reason. Yes, these things can be abused and corrupted, but abuse does not negate the goodness of what God has established. Both realms are from God, and they interact with each other, though they must stick to their appointed tasks. That is, the temporal realm is governed by God's law while the spiritual realm is governed by the gospel of Christ. The temporal realm bears the sword to keep peace, while the spiritual realm wields the Word of God to forgive sins and bring God's peace to hurt and terrified consciences. The temporal realm does not proclaim the gospel, but it should support the preaching of the gospel. The spiritual realm does not bear the sword for justice, but it should hold the temporal realm accountable to God's law.

There are a lot of concepts related to a right understanding of the two realms, but the one that came up the most and plays a central role is that of vocation. I have heard multiple times over the last



Chuck Ridley
Seminary Student

year or two how critical a proper understanding of vocation is and how it seems to be lacking in so much of the church. I think this highlights that we as Lutherans should diligently seek to have a solid grasp on the doctrine of vocation, live it out, and be ready to share it with others. Vocation not only guides us in our daily lives, but it brings meaning and purpose to our lives. It identifies important work in the world that God calls us to do and keeps that work from becoming overwhelming, even though we never complete it. Without trying to provide an exhaustive account of vocation, let this serve as encouragement to learn it better. Read through the Table of Duties in the Small Catechism and look through some other resources from the Synod.

The Christianity & Literature class is meant to help students appreciate the role of art – especially literature – in faith formation. We focused on the work of Flannery O'Connor, who wrote around the middle of the 20th century. As a Roman Catholic, her faith influenced her writing, but her stories aren't what you might expect from a 'Christian writer'. She is generally not overt in her Christian themes, but this reflects her own views of writing. Such views include a good understanding of vocation, which doesn't try to 'Christianize' everything she does as a writer to justify the writing. Rather, she writes because she has been gifted to write. Furthermore, she writes what she sees and what she sees is determined by her faith – her faith forms her to see the world around her in a particular way. Another part of her philosophy of writing is that good stories are meant to be experienced, so boiling them down to 'summaries', 'themes', or 'takeaways' is antithetical to the effort of writing a story. If you can get your point across with a summary, then you don't need the story! This is an all-to-brief summary of a great experience, so it doesn't do the class justice. But if you want a takeaway, I recommend reading the work of Flannery O'Connor. You might find yourself hearing something that you don't want to hear, but nonetheless need to hear.

In other news, William has been eating more 'solid' foods (pureed fruits and vegetables) lately. He likes apple sauce a lot, carrots can go either way, and he doesn't seem to like squash at all. But he's been a good boy by eating everything we give him.



William sports a bowtie and suspenders to match his grandpa.



William shows his Texas spirit with his Buc-ees attire.

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." (Romans 13:1, ESV)

In Christ,
Chuck Ridley

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

Holy Spirit Letters

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

This study is interactive and provides facilitated discussion. This is a wonderful study for new Christians as well as seasoned disciples.

Joining Jesus on His Mission

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

Participants are encouraged to join this 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.

This is a Spanish-speaking Bible study opportunity.

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 Book of Daniel

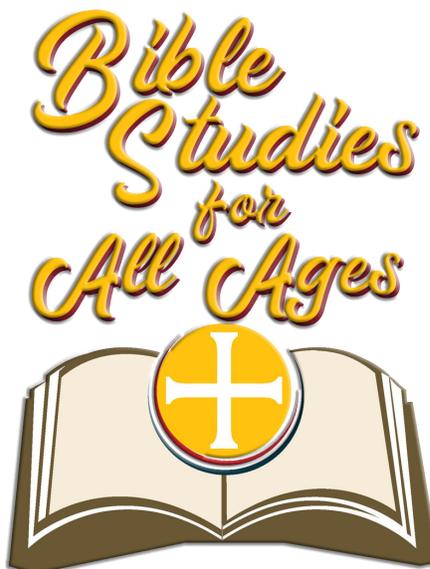
Led by Pastor Paul Dorn - 7:00-8:00 PM - Virtual

These days one may wonder if anyone is in control of history. In our study of the Old Testament book of Daniel we will be encouraged in our trust that God is in control and also will be encouraged to live in a way that demonstrates our trust in God who has established His gracious reign among us through Christ Jesus.

The Good News and the Bad: A Study of Galatians

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

Through this study we will look at the basic elements of Christian living that convinced Martin Luther to call Galatians his favorite book.



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

Focus Lost....Focus Restored (Women's Study)

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

This study is about a number of important people in the Bible and how they lost their focus and had it restored by God. It is geared to 30-45 minutes per personality in each lesson. We may do 2 in a session and compare the stories. There are 14 personalities to discuss. It should take us 7 to 10 weeks to complete this study.

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

Led by Maddie Meier - 7:15 PM on every other Tuesday - 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.

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WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS

The Mighty & The Mysterious: A Study of Colossians (Women's Study)

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

New Christians in 1st-century Colossae were not all that different from Christians today. They, too, struggled to understand who Jesus is, how Jesus alone reconciles us to God, and why things aren't perfect in the Church.

In St. Paul's letter to these Christians he had never met, he doesn't say they should stop asking hard questions. He doesn't tell them to stop searching God's Word, to stop seeking spiritual wisdom, or to stop striving for unity within the Church. Instead, Paul focuses on their questions and struggles on the Gospel of the mighty and mysterious God: the same God who created the universe revealed Himself among us and reclaimed us as His own through His Son, Jesus.

Walk with author Heidi Goehmann through God's Word to the Colossians. Though many things will remain a mystery until we see our Savior, this six-session Bible study will help readers discover that God fills them right now in every way, through the mighty and mysterious Body of Christ, the Church.

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.



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Life Thoughts in the Church Year - April 10 – Palm Sunday/ Passion of Our Lord

Philippians 2 outlines how the humble love of our Lord Jesus involved Him in human nature and our life from embryo until His own flesh failed in crucifixion. Not only does this sanctify every member of our race whatever their circumstances, but it also rests the rights and responsibilities for deciding the manners of our lives and the timing of our deaths in His hands (Deuteronomy 32:39). Both now come as gifts for our good!



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