



## Ladies: You are Chosen!

You are invited to a fabulous day of fellowship and digging into God's word! Donna Snow will lead us through a one-day workshop inspired by her study of Esther called "Chosen". Invite the moms and daughters in your life (Confirmation age and older) to celebrate our heavenly heritage as women chosen by God for great things! Plan to wear your best hat and bring your favorite tea cup and saucer along with the story behind it.



Donna Snow

**When:** Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Trinity Downtown in the gym (check-in at side door)

**Tickets:** \$25 includes light breakfast, lunch and worksheets. Purchase tickets by clicking [here](#).

**Bring:** Tea cup/saucer and hat

**Pray:** That this event will be of great encouragement to our sisters in Christ and a great refresher for those who might be feeling stuck in a season of life.

**Questions:** Reach out to Kim Flaviani ([kflaviani@trinitydt.org](mailto:kflaviani@trinitydt.org))



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**CHOSEN**  
One-day Workshop  
DONNA SNOW

Saturday, May 21, 2022 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

# Confirmation Class of 2022

On Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the twelve young people pictured below confirmed the faith into which they were baptized. We offer our congratulations and pray that God bless them as they continue their walk with Him.



**Andres  
Bech**

Psalms 8:3-4 KJV



**Sebastian  
Bech**

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV



**Ansley Rose  
Carl**

Psalms 48:14 NIV



**Mikayla Elizabeth  
Duch-Solomon**

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV



**Holly Joy  
Garrett**

Ruth 1:16 NIV



**Layne Elizabeth  
Lyda**

1 Corinthians 16:13



**Sophia Marie  
Patterson**

1 Cor. 13:4-7, 13 CEV



**Maddalyn Michele  
Richert**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 NIV



**Carys Reese  
Rodriguez**

Psalms 20:4-5 NIV



**Gianna Nicole  
Sacaris**

Psalms 89:24 ESV



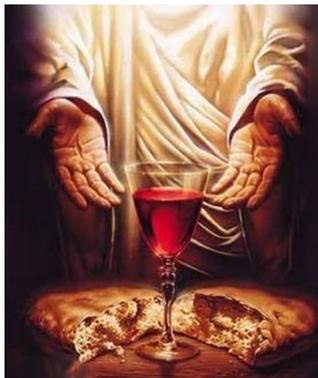
**Avery Elizabeth  
Tallinger**

Genesis 1:3 NIV



**Zoe Elise  
Valega**

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV



## First Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14.

Brody Lane Abby

Jadon Douglas Hill

Noah Aidan Cummins

Stephanie Kay Sonneborn

## Hey, Trinity Families!

Can you believe it's May already?! What a whirlwind! Easter and all the other wonderful events in April have left me truly full! May looks forward to a great girls and guys event and a children's ministry event! I am so excited!

Parents or grandparents of newborns/young children please email me ([hdavisson@trinitydt.org](mailto:hdavisson@trinitydt.org)) to make sure I have your most up-to-date email address so I can add you to our Children's Ministry email list and keep you apprised of all that is going on!



I am so grateful for all of you! Your support and encouragement is truly a blessing! If you are looking for a way to get more involved with either Children's or Youth Ministry but aren't sure how, please reach out; your God-given gifts are absolutely indispensable for the success of these ministries! Glory to God! Amen!

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

## Your Opportunity to Joyfully Share Christ's Saving Love with All People

Trinity's Homeless Sack Lunch Ministry needs substitute volunteers to pass out sack lunches to the homeless. Time commitment is just two and one-half hours on an occasional basis.

The Sack Lunch consists of a bottle of water, can of Vienna sausages, can of applesauce, package of cheese crackers, a plastic spoon and a Bible verse placed in a brown paper bag.

This vital ministry to Houston's homeless population has been serving the homeless for over 25 years and YOU are needed!

Please call Rick Berg at 281.455.5413 or Pastor Black at 713.229.2917 for additional information and/or to volunteer.



# Finance Corner - May 2022

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

*It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5 ESV*

Of course, being generous with our time, talent and treasure is NOT the ticket to Heaven. Only faith in Jesus can do that. But having said that, a generous spirit brings undeniable benefits to our earthly lives. Recognizing that God actually owns all that we call "ours" strengthens our faith and helps soften our incessant need to "get ahead". It engenders an attitude of thankfulness and gratitude, which brings great peace to our souls.



And, of course, the good works that the Lord has planned for us form some of the tools the Holy Spirit uses to spread "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 with our city.** Here are some important indicators of how we are doing as a congregation:

- **Worship**

- 867 worshippers attended Trinity's Holy Week worship services in-person, with 533 of those participating in-person on Resurrection Sunday. This compares with 665 in-person worshippers during 2021's Holy Week;
- In March, we averaged 400 weekly participants in our regularly-scheduled weekend worship services; and
- An average of 66% of participants worshipped in-person, which is the highest percentage of physical attendees since we started streaming our worship services online in 2020;

- **Grow**

- We had 12 confirmands complete the Rite of Confirmation on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and 4 students participated in First Communion on Maundy Thursday;
- An average of 196 individuals participated in our Sunday School and adult Bible classes each week in March; and
- Participation in our Spanish-language classes offered by CASA remains solid, with an average of 26 folks meeting in-person each week in March.

- **Finances**

- Tithes and offerings through March 2022 were 7% less than our budget, although total revenue in 2022 was 9% higher than the same period in 2021; and
- Expenses through March were 2% lower than our annual budget. YTD expenses through March 2022 were 7% higher than the same period in 2021 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 we join Jesus on His mission.

Honored to serve you,  
Ron Lacy  
CFO

# Joining Jesus in Listening Well

Folks who count such things tell us that the Gospels record Jesus asking 307 questions to His disciples, the crowd, and those that opposed Him. That compares to only 183 occasions when someone asked Him a question, and He (more than often) responded with an oblique answer intended to make the questioner think more deeply. Asking questions and listening well was central to Jesus' technique of teaching and learning.

It should be our approach, as well.

Too often, it seems, we live in a world where everyone is shouting their own opinions, expounding their own facts and expressing their own anger. That means we're often too busy shouting to actually listen to the person with whom we are speaking.

Jesus wasn't like that; He demonstrated the "art" of listening. He was more interested in getting to know the others' position than He was in shouting answers. He wanted to REALLY understand where folks were coming from, and the deeper motivations that drove them. He could then serve as an effective "mirror" to help them see what was really going on inside their heads.

To become commissioned, Stephen Ministry candidates undergo fifty hours of classroom and experiential training, a significant percentage of which is aimed at building effective listening skills. Listening deeply takes patience and practice, learning how to hear more than just the words that are being said, and becoming alert to what is NOT said. It often entails asking "open ended" questions that offer the opportunity for the speaker to dig deeper and say more.

As we go about our daily lives, joining Jesus on His mission to spread His grace and love, we would be more effective if we followed His pattern of deep listening...to our neighbors, our friends, and those that are outside our normal social circle. You never know how God will use you!

Stephen Ministers are commissioned members of our congregation who have received 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.

Are you or a loved one facing a difficult medical diagnosis? 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.

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. 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](mailto:rlacy@trinitydt.org) or 713.229.2970.



## Faith Discovery

Interested in being part of Trinity Downtown? Plan to join Pastor Dorn for Faith Discovery starting May 8th. Class meets at 10:15 a.m. in Room 123.

Contact Pastor Dorn at [mdorn@trinitydt.org](mailto:mdorn@trinitydt.org) for more information.

# Trinity's Family Picnic Enjoyed by All!

On Sunday, April 24, Trinity families and friends gathered to enjoy great food and fellowship at our picnic held on the field across the street from Trinity. Thank you to the Holy Smokers who prepared the food and to everyone who helped with set up, serving and take down. See pictures below!



# Blood Donor Sunday

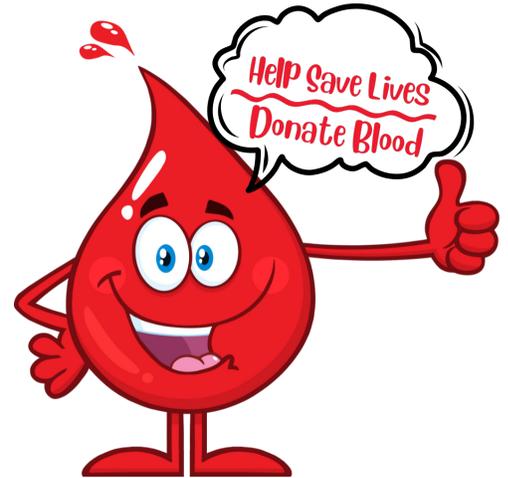
Our next Blood Donor Sunday will be held June 26, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym. If you would prefer a special time, please sign up online at <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/338574>. While scheduling an appointment ahead of time gives us an estimate of how many donors to expect and the Blood Center sends out the appropriate number of workers; an added bonus is we take scheduled appointments prior to walk-ups. **All successful donors will receive a free beach towel.**

We look forward to a very successful drive. Double red cell and combination whole blood and plasma machines will be available for those wishing to donate that way. Both count for two donations.

Save time with the DIGITAL DONOR APP. The App makes it easy to find a blood drive, schedule your donation and answer the CFL Express Pass health history interview before you arrive.

REMINDER!! The minimum donor age requirement to give blood is 16 years old with a parent's permission. Weight must be 122 lbs. (still 110 lbs. for 17 and older) and in general good health.

REMEMBER: one unit of blood can save as many as three lives as it is broken down into three components – red blood cells, platelets and plasma.



## 2022 GOVERNING BOARD

- Jim Baccus (Elder)
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- Pastor Michael Dorn
- Mike Gilmore
- Tim Grady (Chair/Elder)
- Ross Krueger
- Cassandra McGarvey (Secretary)
- Dan Krueger (Vice-Chair/Elder)
- Marie Munier
- Cynthia Roney
- Chris Sonneborn (Elder)

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

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# Tips for Toddlers from LEAH Downtown Academy (LDA)

As young children develop, they are bound to make wrong choices. We can look at misbehavior as an opportunity to teach children self-control and help them learn to identify and manage feelings of anger, sadness, and disappointment. Misbehaviors also provide a way for us to teach our children what is, and is not, acceptable by God's grace which translates into our Christian family values and expectations. Try these strategies:

- Set and enforce clear, consistent limits. (This includes consistency between mom and dad.)
- Stop misbehavior using words and actions, i.e. take the child's hand when they are hitting you or a friend. Hold their hand and say in a low, authoritative voice. No hitting. That hurts.
- When a child misbehaves, acknowledge his feelings, but let him know that his behavior, what he did with his feelings, was unacceptable, i.e. "I know you are really angry, but you cannot throw the toy."
- Use logical consequences; when a child throws the blocks, put them away until the child is feeling more in control.
- Model appropriate ways to express feelings, for example, tell a child that you are upset that you spilled the juice and you are going to take a deep breath to calm down.

Correcting misbehavior when we see it is not just about getting through the moment; it is how we guide children on the path to developing self-control, discernment about behavior, a conscience, and essential characteristics to becoming a thriving member of our family and community.

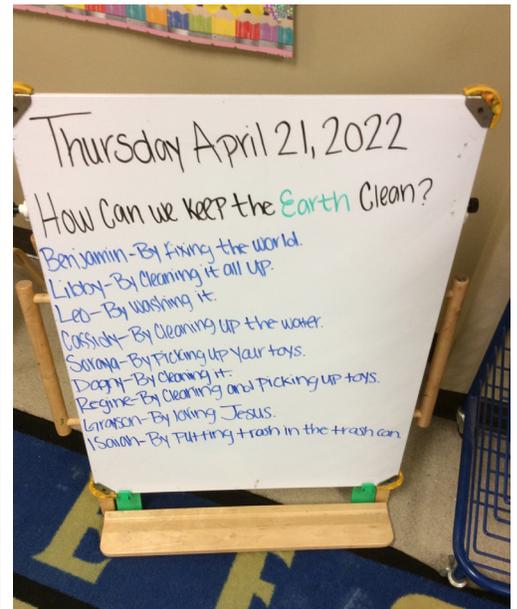
Check out what's been happening at LDA (below and on the following page).



**The Water to Wine Gala** at LDA was a wonderful event filled with delightful people, delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and generous giving. Thank you to all who came together in person or through contributions to make this event a blessing. The gala raised a little more than \$30,000 to support our LEAH ministry and education programs.



**We have a beautiful new garden area at LEAH Downtown** thanks to William Reinhardt, his family, and friends. On his way to becoming an Eagle Scout, William redesigned our garden area to create a more manageable place for young children to learn about gardening. Thank you William!



**We thank God for the beautiful world in which we live, and we want the children to know how important it is to take care of God's creation.** The children and their teachers spent some time on Earth Day planting in their new garden plots. We hope to enjoy some fruits of labor later this spring in our LEAH community garden. Children have also been learning about the value of recycling. Some of the older classes recycled some household "trash" to create a recycling project. They did a great job!



**LEAH Downtown recently held our annual trike-a-thon to benefit the children at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.** The children raised \$1,000 for the hospital, had fun bringing their "wheels" to school and riding their bikes, trikes, and scooters with their friends at school, and celebrated the joy we experience when we help and care for others.

**We are blessed to be able to provide children with so many wonderful experiences and activities through the LEAH Schools-Trinity ministry partnership.**

## Thank You, Friends!

Dear Trinity Downtown Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for your generosity to me and my family. Words cannot express to you how grateful and blessed we are with your gifts that will help us take care of our daughter's medical needs. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart. You all are the best.

Carris Richards



# Ladies Circle Ministries Meeting, May 5, at 10 a.m.



**Dr. Lou & Martha Jander**

Guests are especially invited to come and hear a special presentation from Dr. Lou Jander and his wife, Martha, of Crown Point Ministries. They will be joining us to talk about the vital work this organization provides for communities in crisis, with particular emphasis on the training that ChristPointe Care provides to equip Christians to "serve others, care for others, and be with others in everyday situations and in times of special needs/disasters. CarePartners are equipped to provide presence, compassion, and support through listening, sharing Scripture, and praying for/with the individuals."

Both Dr. Jander and his wife have a long history of ministry in churches, schools and districts of the LCMS. They also created a nonprofit that provides prayer, presence, hope, comfort and encouragement in times of disaster. They have five grown children and 13 grandchildren.

The meeting will be held in Room 124, with light refreshments at 9:30 a.m. A brief business meeting will begin at 10 a.m., followed by our special program.

Members and guests are invited to bring suggestions/ideas that may be considered as programs for the upcoming year of August 2022-June 2023.

Since May 5 is also the National Day of Prayer, those who wish to do so may go into the sanctuary for prayer time following the meeting.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022** - LWML Bayou City Zone Spring Rally & Prayer Day Service - Memorial Lutheran Church; 5800 Westheimer Road; - Registration 9:30 a.m.; Rally - 10 a.m.

**Saturday, May 21, 2022** - You are CHOSEN - One-day Workshop led by Donna Snow - Trinity Lutheran Church - 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - \$25.00 includes light breakfast and box lunch. (See related article on page 1.)

For additional information, contact Trinity Garrett, president, at [tgarrett@trinitydt.org](mailto:tgarrett@trinitydt.org) or Kim Flaviani at [kimberly@flaviani.net](mailto:kimberly@flaviani.net).

## **Tying Knots for LWR Quilts**

Would you like to help make quilts but don't know how to make tiny stitches? For many years members of Trinity congregation have been making quilts that are shipped all over the world by Lutheran World Relief to aid people in poverty-stricken areas or areas hit by natural disasters.

These quilts are pieced together in various ways and then assembled with strips of yarn that are knotted together instead of making tiny stitches. For details and pictures of this process, go to [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) and read more about these quilts and the other ministries of Lutheran World Relief.



It's time to renew this ministry and helpers are needed. Ladies Circle members are inviting anyone interested in learning about the process and desiring more information to contact Thelma Deterling at 713.643.5845 or [wtdeterling@outlook.com](mailto:wtdeterling@outlook.com).

# Eagle Scout Project Helps LEAH Downtown Academy

Did you know we have a young man working towards his Eagle Scout Award? William Reinhardt is a senior who attends Trinity Downtown regularly! Here's a little information about him and the project:

"I transferred to Trinity Lutheran and was later confirmed at Trinity in 2018. I have been involved in Scouting since the first grade as a Cub Scout in New Orleans and continued with Scouting when my family moved to Houston. As a member of Troop 55 at St. John Divine, I have served as a Troop Guide, Instructor, Order of the Arrow (honor society) member, and ASPL (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader).

My Eagle Scout Project benefits LEAH Downtown Academy by enhancing the outdoor educational area, more specifically, their garden. The garden beds will be replaced with raised beds and construction of a fence to hold individual hanging pots. My project included: removing the current garden beds, fortifying the area for raised beds, adding six raised beds, and building the new fence."

William completed his project in mid-April, the area is gorgeous! He is now in the final steps of the process to be awarded this prestigious rank! Please keep him in your prayers! If you didn't see the new beds at the picnic, take a look at these pictures! What an amazing blessing to our community!



# Membership Changes

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

## MEMBERSHIP IN

### New Members (03/20/22)

- Liz Berrones
- Deena Buford
- Reggie Buford
- Herb Koerselman
- Arlene Koerselman
- Karen Mattern
- Ross Mattern
- Rachel Powers

### Transfer

- Vivian Garcia from Immanuel LCMS - Houston, TX

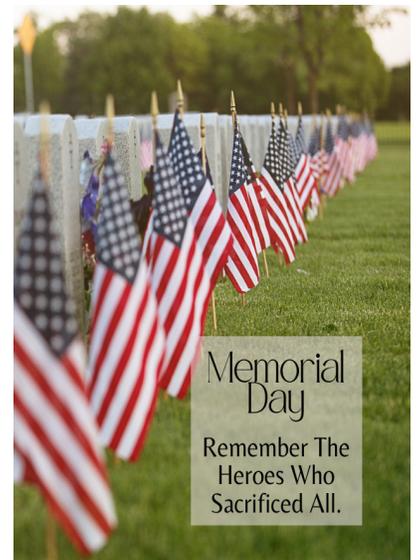
### Baptism

- Nicolas Anthony Tabor (04/10/22)

## MEMBERSHIP OUT

### To Glory

- Lynn Bedner (04/14/22)



# Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Our Lord lives and our faith is not in vain. And so, neither is this life. Jesus has broken into this world to redeem and restore it and His resurrection is the first fruits of that renewal. Jesus sent out His chosen apostles to proclaim this good news so all people would hear and believe and be saved through faith in the promises of God. Two days from the time I am writing this, I will receive a divine call from God through the church to a congregation where I will get to publicly proclaim this good news according to the apostolic witness every week! By the time you read this, I will already have my assignment and will be waiting for classes to finish on May 19<sup>th</sup> and to receive my theological diploma on May 20<sup>th</sup> before I can officially accept the call. If you missed the event and the assignment of calls, you may go to [www.csl.edu/callday](http://www.csl.edu/callday) to see it all.

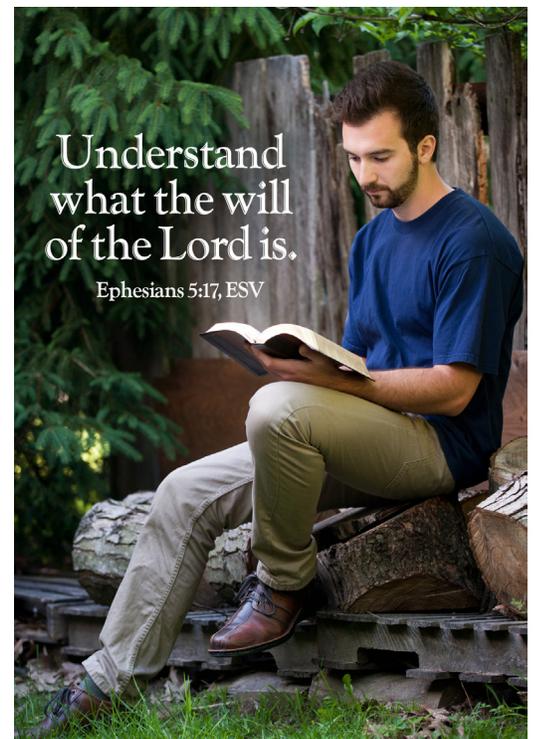


**Chuck Ridley**  
Seminary Student

With only three weeks of classes remaining, including two days for the Multi-Ethnic Symposium, my fellow concluding students are preparing for the transition into parish ministry in our Pastoral Theology and Leadership course. In my elective on the Holy Spirit, we have been reassessing the common assumption that the scriptures have little to say about the Spirit. We will briefly consider some issues in Pentecostalism and then learning about Spirit Christology, largely based on a new published work by our very own Dr. Leo Sánchez at the seminary (who also happens to be teaching the course).

In the Man and Woman in Creation elective, we have been considering God's design of creation as recounted in Genesis and how Paul upholds this in his letters to the churches, particularly in Ephesians 5. But Ephesians 5 is where the elephant in the room resides. Unfortunately, the perspective developed by our Enlightenment ideals of autonomous individuals has led most people in the West to hear the instruction to order ourselves according to God's design – “submit” (Paul uses the Greek root for order, arrangement, or structure) – as a denigration of women. This is a distortion based on our culture's conflation of position (namely, one's income and “net worth”) with value. Instead, God says that it is not good for the man to be alone and forms woman to be with the man. God assigns the role of “head” to the man (Eph. 5) and “helper” to the woman (Gen. 2), but this is not an indication of value. It is simply an assignment of roles. Furthermore, we do injustice to the text when we read “helper” as some sort of “hired help” or “underling”. This is not what the term means, but it is more closely related to the notion of military reinforcements without which the mission cannot be accomplished. We also tend to ignore the demands of the role of “head”, only seeing the so-called benefit of “being in charge”, virtually a necessity of the autonomous individual to benefit itself at the expense of others, rather than serving the other at the expense of self, which is the biblical picture of headship as epitomized in Jesus. Our sinful nature rages against God's will and distorts His design for creation by rejecting His gift of our body and our roles, as we seek power over the other, often in abusive ways. Rather than loving sacrificially like Christ and submitting to the will of the Father as Christ did, we seek to be our own god, to be autonomous and independent of our Creator and Redeemer. We do ourselves no favors by fighting God's design, but these general statements don't mean that our society must look like a Victorian country estate or like “Leave It to Beaver”.

Instead, there is a biblical design for creation according to God's will that brings order rather than chaos. It brings peace instead of strife. It brings certainty instead of doubt. Instead



of the Gnostic tendency that has haunted the church since its early days, which would deny the goodness of the God-given body and would seek to escape or transcend it, God's design is affirmed in the incarnation, the mystery of Christ coming into our flesh to save us from our destructive addiction to sin and restore God's good design for creation. We continue to wrestle with sin and the distortion of creation this side of the resurrection. The good news is that Christ has saved us despite our sin and brokenness. We don't have to get ourselves in order before we are saved, but having been saved, He gives us His Spirit to empower us to walk according to His will. We don't have to choose our identity, but God has given us our true identity as His child when He claims us in the waters of baptism. When Jesus returns, then we will see and know fully God's good will for creation as He comes to dwell with us forever in the new heavens and the new earth. All will be set to rights, and we will be at peace!

I've addressed this topic more thoroughly than I initially planned for this short letter because I know it is a sensitive topic for many people. There is much nuance that is not easily conveyed in a few short paragraphs. I haven't even been able to address the issue of marriage vs. singleness – another issue that is sadly under addressed in the church to the detriment of many faithful single Christians. Feel free to email me ([ceridley@gmail.com](mailto:ceridley@gmail.com)) if you have questions about this subject. I can't promise that I have all the answers, but I am willing to wrestle with them with you.

To end on a lighter note, William continues to grow and bring smiles to everyone around him, especially as he smiles and brings joy to family and friends alike. He has two teeth already and loves going on walks with Mommy now that the weather has warmed up.



**William enjoys his first outdoor swing experience in the local park.**



**We enjoyed Springfest at the seminary as a family before Call Day. William did impressively well, staying up long past his bedtime.**

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1–2, ESV)*

In Christ,  
Chuck Ridley

*Editor's Note: On Call Day, April 26, Chuck received a Divine Call to Fishers of Men LCMS, Sugar Land, TX. Please keep Chuck and his family in your prayers as they transition into this new chapter in their lives.*

# 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](http://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** (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>\* grades) - Room 207

**High School** (7<sup>th</sup>\*-12<sup>th</sup> grades) - Underground (basement)

\*7<sup>th</sup> graders can choose to attend Foundations 56 or High School Bible Study during the summer.

## SUNDAYS - ADULT

### Faith Discovery

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

Interested in being part of Trinity Downtown? Plan to join Pastor Dorn for Faith Discovery starting May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 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

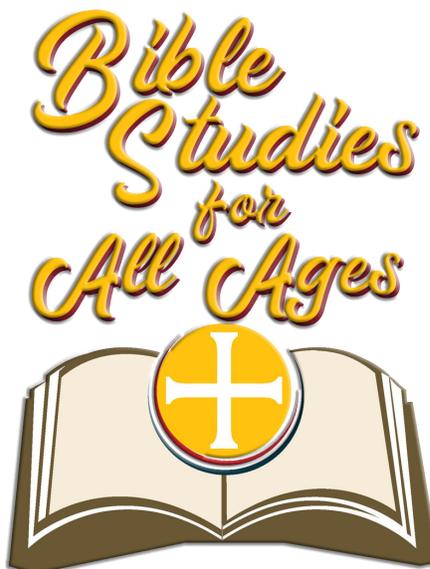
Led by John Reisig - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 124 - In Person

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**

### **Our Hope and Future (Women's Study)**

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

Based on Jeremiah 29:11-12, this study on comfort and hope presents the question: Are you concerned about the future? This study helps us gain insight by replacing the worries of the world with God's truth and reassurance. Discover God's plans for a life of hope, faith, and support in Him. By Donna Snow.

### **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](mailto:mmeier@trinitydt.org).

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

## **WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS**

### **Finding Jesus in the Old Testament (Women's Study)**

Led by Mary Oliver - 6:30-8:00 PM - Room 201 - Hybrid

Based on the book, "The Christ Key" by Chad Bird as a reference, this women's study will dig deeply into the Old Testament, viewing it through the lens of Jesus.

### **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](mailto:dblack@trinitydt.org).



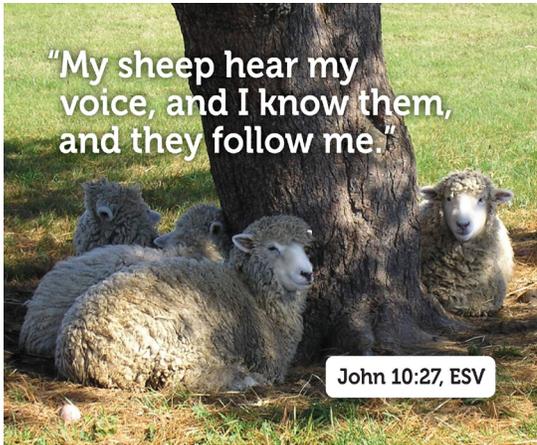


## Life Thoughts in the Church Year - May 8 – Easter IV/ Mother’s Day –

“Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Boundaries do not restrict freedom but complete it by releasing from the dangers beyond.

Moms—like God—discipline because they love. So let us heed His voice (John 10:27) and not shrink from declaring anything that is profitable, both in public and at home (Acts 20:20), including that abortion is sinful and every human life is precious.

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