

Trinity Today

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Mission MAT Service Project Opportunity

The Mission MAT had a second opportunity to serve as sorters and packers of clothing for the charitable organization, Orphan Grain Train. We joined forces with other Lutheran communities for a successful sorting and packing day!

The tally for the morning's work was 115 boxes of clothing ready to be loaded onto a container to be shipped to any worldwide area of need. Clothing is sorted in infant, children, ladies, and men's categories; then by season; then packed, labeled, and sealed.

We had the privilege to play a very small role in carrying out Orphan Grain Train's mission statement: "In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near." As we are assigned our tasks at OGT by the volunteer coordinator, Holly Harris, we can just imagine the smile or warmth or joy the slightly used clothing will bring to God's children somewhere around the world. Oh, the places these clothes can go!

Afterwards, we took a group picture and then joined in fellowship with other volunteers for lunch and conversation. Existing friendships were renewed, and new friends were made.

Would you like to join us for a day of serving at Orphan Grain Train's Houston location (Zion Lutheran Church, 5050 East Sam Houston Pkwy S, Pasadena, TX 77505)?

We would like our Trinity Downtown community to join us for the upcoming workday on June 11. We will need approximately 10 volunteers.

If you would like to join the fun, please email Delynda Cruz at delynda@juno.com.



Trinity Youth Gathering T-Shirt Drive

As mentioned in a previous Mission MAT article, the Trinity volunteers at Orphan Grain Train learned of an opportunity available for our church to gather t-shirts for a diaper project which is being highlighted at the National Youth Gathering, that our youth can participate in!

The project, led by Orphan Grain Train, is transforming cotton t-shirts into diapers. The need for cloth diapers is constant! Imagine diapering 40-60 infants and toddlers – every day in various orphanages around the world!



If you would like to donate t-shirts, you may bring them to Trinity's foyer and place in the donation box, starting June 5th. Last day to drop off t-shirts is July 3rd, one week prior to the National Youth Gathering.

Here are some parameters:

- T-Shirt should be 50% - 100% cotton.
- Men's large size or women's size extra-large work best.
- T-shirt should be new or clean gently used.
- Colored shirts can be used but refrain from donating black t-shirts.
- Plain t-shirts are best; screen printing does not absorb.

Gathering participants, youth, and sponsors, will have the opportunity to participate in the t-shirt to diaper project. With your support, each day 24 students an hour can come to the booth and make 2 diapers each! After the gathering the completed diapers will be boxed and shipped! If you want to learn how to make diapers and continue to make them after the Youth Gathering, contact [Delynda Cruz](#) for the pattern and instructions!

Thank you for helping to diaper needy babies all around the world! Orphan Grain Train takes collections of all sorts of clothing items every Saturday. Let Delynda Cruz know if you are interested in contributing other items!

Hey, Families!

I am so excited for the summer! June will have a middle school mission trip in partnership with Trinity-Klein and one of our high school students will serve as one of the junior chaperones! June will also have a children's ministry water games event on June 25th! It will be a fun month!



Our youth will be planning the events for this coming year together! It's a great exercise in leadership for them and I am so excited to see the results!

Our ministries are running steady and strong and I am so proud of all of our students! They are each gifted and seeking the Lord! We have several seniors graduating this year and I am truly excited for their next steps!

We will be diving deep into what it means to be a worshiper of God in high school Bible hour this summer! It will be a great experience! Our kids ministry is walking through Paul's missionary journeys! It's truly an exciting time! Thank you for all of your support and encouragement!

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

Finance Corner - June 2022

[Jesus said] Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Matthew 24:45-46 ESV

The good works that the Lord has planned for us can be used by the Holy Spirit to spread His love 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 April, we averaged 565 weekly participants in our regularly-scheduled weekend worship services, which is 5% higher than in 2021 (this growth is despite the fact that most of our worship participants in 2021 were virtual); in fact,
- An average of 64% of participants worshipped in-person in April, compared with 39% in April of 2021.

- **Grow**

- An average of 178 individuals participated in our Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes each week in April. During the same period in 2021, an average of 103 persons attended our (exclusively online) classes; and
- Participation in our Spanish-language classes offered by CASA remains solid, with an average of 28 individuals meeting in-person each week in April.

- **Finances**

- **Tithes and offerings through April 2022 were \$71,000 (or 13%) less than our YTD budget**, although total revenue so far in 2022 is 9% higher than the same period in 2021; and
- Expenses through April were 4% higher than our monthly budget, while YTD expenses were on par with our annual budget. 2022's expenses were 9% higher than the same period in 2021 due to the increased ministry tempo and outreach events such as the Super Sunday outreach and our post-Easter church picnic.

We are entering the summer months with (what amounts to) a two-week deficit in our tithes and offerings. Of course, our ministries (and costs) continue unabated in the summer, so your faithful, ongoing giving is even more important. Your continued generosity in helping us "make up" for our two weeks of deficit before summer gets in full swing can make a real difference in Trinity's impact and outreach to our community as God continues His work among us.

Honored to serve you,
Ron Lacy, CFO

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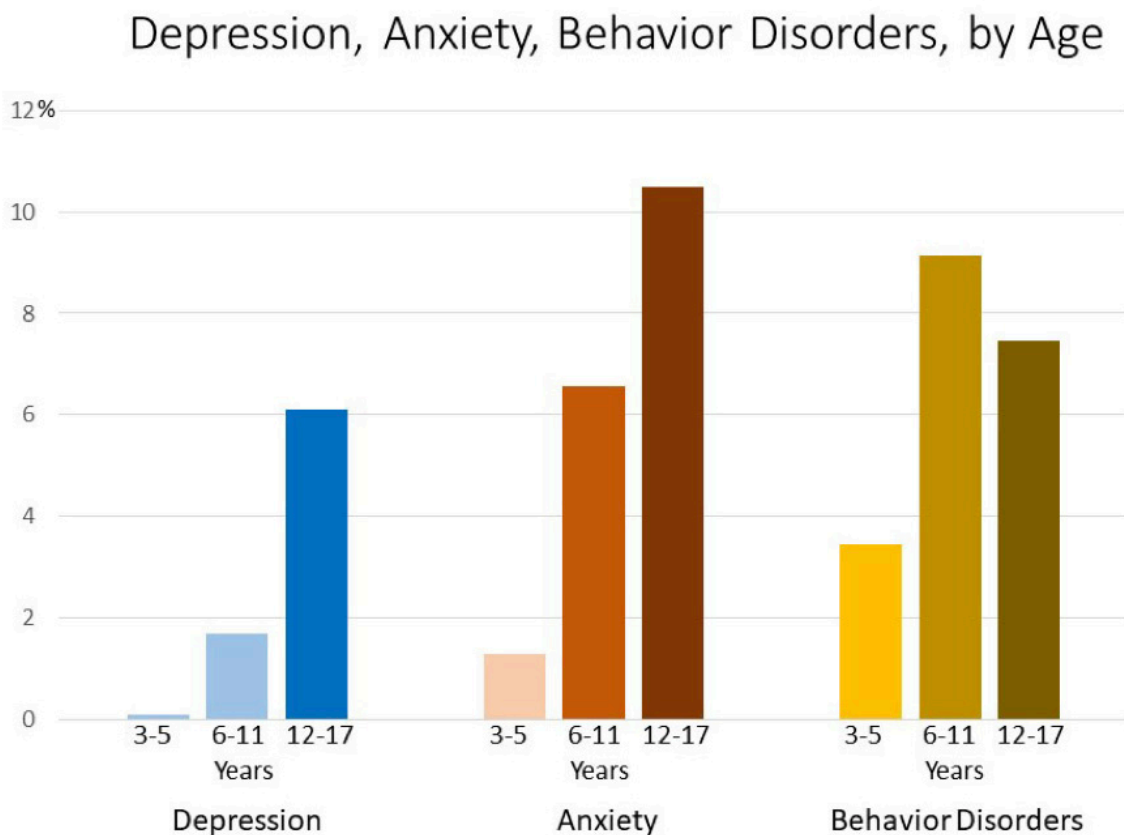
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Mental Health Crisis Among Children

It is becoming increasingly apparent that demand for mental health and psychological services for children has increased dramatically in the post-COVID period. While some school students benefited from remote learning, many others were faced with the trauma of a loss of a family member, no escape from an abusive home life, increased drug and alcohol usage by parents and guardians, the loss of predictable daily routines, or just the everyday anxiety of living with the COVID epidemic.

Surveys of parents around the country would indicate that over 70% of parents said that the pandemic had taken a toll on their child's mental health, and the CDC reports that *mental health*-related emergency room visits for children ages 5-17 increased over 25% in 2020 compared with 2019.

And COVID simply accelerated an accelerating prevalence of depression, anxiety and behavioral disorders in children, as seen in this graph from the CDC comparing children's mental health issues in 2016 with (pre-COVID) 2019:



So, what can we at Trinity Downtown do about this?

First, **we can be aware** and watchful for potential issues in our extended family. Here are some patterns you can watch for:

A child may be experiencing mental health challenges if he or she:

- Is irritable, sad, withdrawn, or seems bored most of the time.
- Loses or gains weight.
- Shows little emotion.
- Loses interest in friends and activities they previously enjoyed.
- Complains about headaches or stomach aches that don't seem to have a medical explanation.

- Sleeps too much or too little.
- Feels hopeless, worthless, or guilty.
- Has trouble concentrating, thinking, or making decisions.
- Discusses death or suicide a lot.

It's wise for us to be aware of these warning signs while also being careful to steer away from "diagnosing" them.

Second, **we can pray**, asking God for His healing and to provide the connections to those who can provide the professional care that is needed. We can also ask Him to guide parents as they navigate the difference between developmental moodiness and true mental health struggles.

Finally, **we can ask for help**. Teachers, school administrators, counselors and pastoral support are resources that can be of assistance.

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. While Stephen Ministers are NOT trained to assist those (of any age) suffering from serious mental health challenges, they CAN provide a listening ear to parents and care givers of children who are facing the anxiety of a child who is facing difficulties.

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 or 713.229.2970.

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 or sign up at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. 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.



A Special Musical Treat on June 2

Featuring Carla Barrows at the Organ

The Ladies Circle meeting on Thursday, June 2, will begin with a business meeting at 10 a.m. in the Mary/Martha Fellowship Hall.

At 11 o'clock we will go up to the sanctuary for a 45-minute "Organ Workshop" with Carla Barrows telling us about the pipe organ as an instrument and then playing some of her favorite hymn settings and classical pieces.

Following the musical presentation, we will return to the Fellowship Hall for our quarterly potluck covered dish birthday luncheon. Guests, including men and women, are invited to enjoy this musical treat our very own talented organist will share with us. Bring a covered dish and stay for lunch or come at 11 a.m. and enjoy just the music.

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



'Gifts From The Heart'

An important part of each Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is to bring along some gifts to assist a ministry in the local community. This will also take place at the LWML Texas District's 42nd Biennial Convention being held June 16-18, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Houston West.

Members and friends of Trinity are invited to participate in this effort. Please bring your gifts to the Ladies Circle meeting on June 2nd or to the church office by June 12th.

- TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWELS for Turning Point Ministries, which provides a variety of supportive services to help the homeless elderly to re-enter society.
- WALMART MAINSTAYS 300 THREAD-COUNT EASY CARE COTTON TWIN SHEET SETS (\$16.84 per set) in only neutral colors (grays, tans, soft silver) for Gracewood, which offers a home-like environment where family well-being is restored and goals are set.
- LARGE (4,5,6) DIAPERS AND PULL-UPS, BABY WASH AND BABY LOTION for Pregnancy Assistance Center North, which gives a voice to the unborn, shares the compassionate love of Christ and educates hearts and minds.
- RECENT ADDITIONS TO THIS LIST INCLUDE SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR for children - all sizes.
- ALSO WALMART OR TARGET GIFT CARDS will be accepted for the purchase of bulkier items that are too difficult to bring to the convention.

For additional information, contact Audrey Black at 713.782.6307.



LEAH Schools Welcome Scott Fogo

The Lutheran Education Association of Houston (LEAH) is excited to announce Mr. Scott Fogo as the new Executive Director of the Association effective July 1, 2022. He replaces Mr. Randy Einem, who is retiring after serving 46 years in Lutheran education.

Scott brings outstanding leadership and experience to the four campuses of LEAH Schools;

- [LEAH Schools Downtown Academy](#)
- [LEAH Schools North Academy](#)
- [Lutheran South Academy](#)
- [Westlake Preparatory Academy](#)

Scott is a lifetime educator, bringing experience both as a teacher and administrator. He has been successfully impacting the lives of students in Lutheran schools for over 25 years.



He is completing the current 2021-2022 School Year at the largest Lutheran school in the United States, namely Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School in Las Vegas, NV. Under Scott's administrative leadership these past 11 years, students have been experiencing progressive instruction in a vibrant, caring school environment. In addition to overseeing daily instruction, Scott was responsible for initiating the "Academy System" in which students were offered specialties in Law, Fine Arts, Film/Broadcasting, Business/Entrepreneurship, STEM, and Flight Training/Licensing.

Scott looks forward to leading the schools of LEAH and helping each student grow to their full potential. The opportunities to raise up the next generation of leaders is now. When asked about his new role as Executive Director, Scott said, *"Lutheran schools exist so that each student's faith is strengthened and that they grow closer to Jesus. God has designed each student with gifts, talents, and traits meant to give glory to Him and point people towards Jesus. All schools, especially Lutheran schools, should endeavor to help students explore these God-given gifts through coursework, athletics, the arts, service, and other activities."*

To contact Scott – scott.fogo@leahschools.org
To learn more about LEAH Schools visit [LEAH Schools](#)

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A Journey Through the Book of Esther

What do you get when you have 40 women representing 8 congregations, warm tea, worship music, Bibles and pens in a room together for 5 hours? You get bonafide, truth-filling, seed-planting, spiritual-journey-enriching fun! Keynote speaker and Bible study writer Donna Snow (pictured on right) took us on a mini-exegetical journey through the book of Esther in "fire hose" fashion (as she called it). She walked us through this powerful story chapter by chapter alongside Persian history and cultural insights from that time period that shed light on various aspects of this seemingly familiar story. There was plenty of time for group discussion and fellowship, too! (See pictures on the following page.)



- Did you know that the "gallows" Haman built to 'hang' Mordecai on were not the rope-noose-style we might have pictured in our minds? Nope. It was a 75 foot tall spear that Mordecai would have been impaled upon! Gross, I know, but it's important because this helps us better understand the terror that the Jewish people were facing and the boldness of Esther and Mordecai.
- Did you know that in that time period for a Jewish family they would have thought death a better option than intermarrying with the Persians? Going further, did you know that if a woman at that time had served as a candidate in the King's court, even if not selected, she would not be allowed to marry and have a life of her own thereafter? So, just the fact that Esther's uncle allowed her to go into the court as a potential wife for King Ahasuerus was an act of profound faith!
- Why did Esther choose to drag out the banquet for the King and Haman over multiple days? She trusted God and waited to ask the King to spare the Jewish people from the genocidal decree at just the right time! If she had asked sooner, Haman's plot against Mordecai would not have yet unfolded!

You want to go re-read the story now, don't you? Go for it and grab a friend! If you are interested, Donna Snow has a complete study over this epic drama called, *Chosen*. (Available on Amazon and through Concordia Publishing House online.)

You are chosen for such a time as this and we are called to actively abide in Him and keep God's word in our hearts and on our lips - so that - when we face enemy fire, we are ready! So, we want to encourage all ladies to consider checking out one of Trinity's Bible Study classes for women (see listing at end of this newsletter). If those times don't work for you, seek a Bible study near you or start one! There is no time to waste as the days draw near.

Ladies Circle Ministries would like to give special thanks to Pastor Dorn (for providing his sound-tech skills and warm welcome), Matt Meier (for also arranging tech and procuring our amazing worship leader, Matt Kortze), Trinity Garrett (our MC for the day), the ladies who made tea and served and greeted (Audrey Black, Thelma Deterling, Wallie Womack, Gay Shackelford, Elizabeth Stoerkel, Roseann Gamez, Bea Uhl) and our incredible custodial staff, Carris and Ron, who moved tables, made coffee and served with a smile as they always do.

God bless you all, God bless our congregation and may the fruit of the Spirit be evident in us all to the glory of God.

Kim Flaviani



Save the Date - Saturday, November 5, 2022

Orphan Grain Train Houston will host their first fundraiser supporting the local Branch. OGT Houston Board members are excited to launch this annual event - we hope to see you there!



What: Fundraiser to grow the building fund and support the ministry operations. The distribution center will be built on an acre of land on the Beltway in Pasadena between Crenshaw and Preston. Current operations are housed in a seavan container providing minimal storage for collected donations and packed boxes.

When: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: TBD

Who: The Fundraiser will bring together our supporters from Epiphany, Gloria Dei, Hope, Trinity and Zion along with other volunteers from the Christian community.

Where: Event location will be OGT's future building site next to Zion Lutheran Church in Pasadena.

What else: Friendly grilling and cornhole competition are in the works. Tickets will be sold and donations will be accepted.

Event Coordinator: Board member Erika Adams (Hope, Friendswood) eadamsogt@gmail.com.

Updates will be shared as plans come together. Remember to mark November 5 on your calendar to Save the Date!



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

Thank You, Trinity Volunteers!

Orphan Grain Train Packing Day April 30 was teeming with over 30 volunteers from 5 churches. Young and older joined together to count, fold, and pack 115 boxes of donated clothes for shipment to those in need.

Visit ogt.org for more information about aid being sent to Ukrainian refugees.

Thank you.

His peace and joy,
Marti Rathje,
Public Relations OGT Houston



Membership Changes

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

MEMBERSHIP IN

Baptism

- Sophia Arguello (04/24/22)

MEMBERSHIP OUT

Transfer

- Jeffrey and Paula Fredette to Gloria Dei LCMS - Houston, TX

“Have You Been Saving Cancelled Stamps?”

The LWML Texas District has a Stamporee Project - collecting cancelled stamps. Funds from the sale of these stamps are used to support the Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. Please bring your cancelled stamps to the church before June 12 and place them in the designated box at the Welcome Center in the foyer.



For more information contact Audrey Black at 713.782.6307 or dgb32@att.net.



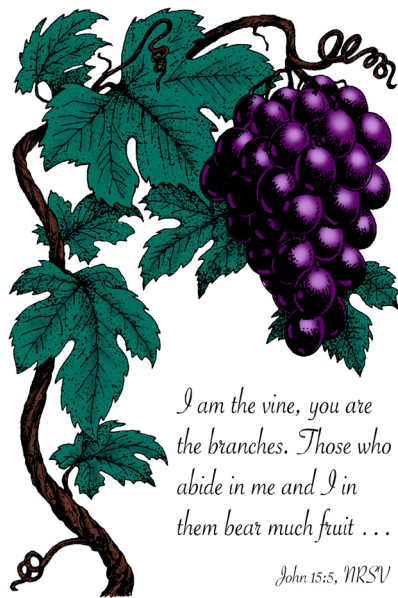
Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis!

The end is near. The end of my time as a residential MDiv student, that is. With that end comes a host of new beginnings. But along with that end comes the end of these newsletters. Taking the time and effort to reflect on my experiences and learning in these updates has been a blessing to me and I pray that it has blessed you as well. I think I've grown a lot over the past five years, being renewed, strengthened, and guided by the Holy Spirit. But I know there is a lot of growth ahead – a whole lifetime of it!

Stephanie and I are eager to get to Texas and get settled. Although we are always sojourners in this life as Christians, awaiting the return of Jesus, there is something to be said of routine, familiarity, and stability. I think it's no coincidence that much of the imagery in Scripture is that of plants. Certainly, this appealed to the agrarian roots of many of the original audiences of what God spoke through His prophets and apostles. But I think that an analogy can be properly applied to our lives by comparing them to plants. Just as trees need to be rooted and stable in the ground to flourish, we too need to be rooted and stabilized in a community to be strong and flourish. Of course, every analogy breaks down at some point, but Jesus Himself uses this analogy when He tells His disciples, "I am the



Chuck Ridley
Seminary Student



*I am the vine, you are
the branches. Those who
abide in me and I in
them bear much fruit ...*

John 15:5, NRSV

vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned" (John 15:5-6).

God has designed us with a need for companionship and community, but we find the truest, most necessary, and ultimate community in unity with Jesus, which we live out in the church. Here, as members of the body of Christ, rooted in Christ Himself, we are fed and nourished by the Word of God – written in Scripture for us to read, study, and take to heart; spoken to us in holy absolution and faithful sermons that proclaim the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus for our salvation, along with the whole counsel of God; distributed to us in the Sacraments, uniting us to Christ in baptism and giving Jesus Himself to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. Along with these, as we gather as members of Christ's body, we encourage one another and speak gospel words of peace and

forgiveness to each other. Clubs and man-made organizations may provide some social benefits, but only the church has the gospel, the means that God has established for the delivery of the Holy Spirit, who works faith in you for your salvation. Being rooted and settled in the church gives you the stability you need in so many ways, which the world cannot give you. This is how we truly flourish – not according to the world's standards, but according to God's will.

Part of the reason I am focusing on this now is that it is simply true and always bears reaffirming in our lives. But I am also bringing this up, I suppose, as one last appeal to resist the dopamine-high driven culture in which we live that always seeks for the new, the flashy, the impressive (according to worldly standards, of course). The church is not new, she is rarely flashy, and worldly standards don't seem to allow her to be considered impressive. But this merely expresses the truth that the church is to reflect and model her Lord, who has been from eternity and who, while He lived His earthly ministry, was not flashy and disappointed many who expected something else of the Christ of God. Our calling as Christians is not to be entertained while we wait to go to heaven, but to follow our Lord in His mission to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. This is the way of the cross, which includes dying to yourself and trusting the Spirit to conform you to the image of Christ, who abides in you through His Word. This is one

more appeal to stay rooted in Christ through faithful participation in the church, the only place that God has instituted for the proclamation of the gospel, by which we receive faith and are saved.

Thank you all for your dedicated support to me and my family through my time of formation for the pastoral ministry these past five years. Please continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send out workers to serve His church through Word and Sacrament ministry, to strengthen and encourage disciples of Jesus to remain rooted in our Lord through His Word.



William shows off his teeth in a great smile as he enjoys his bouncer.



Family photo at my field work congregation as we near the end of our time with them.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:1–5, ESV)

In Christ,
Chuck Ridley



FLAG DAY JUNE 14

**"I pledge allegiance to the
flag of the United States
of America, and to the
republic for which it
stands, one nation under
God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all."**

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-7th* grades) - Room 207

High School (7th*-12th grades) - Underground (basement)

**7th graders can choose to attend Foundations 56 or High School Bible Study during the summer.*

SUNDAYS - ADULT

Depending on Jesus

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

As believers know we have to depend on Jesus for many things: for salvation, for guidance, for forgiveness, for daily needs. But to depend on Christ for everything? Excluding nothing? It's a scary—but also a profoundly biblical—idea. Join us for our series of people in the Bible learning that they could rely on Christ to see them through, even when all other avenues of help failed. They encountered every kind of obstacle: hostility, loneliness, injustice, failure, and other seemingly impossible difficulties. Just as they discovered that Christ is sufficient for any and all circumstances, you will be encouraged to discover the same. Discussion oriented.

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

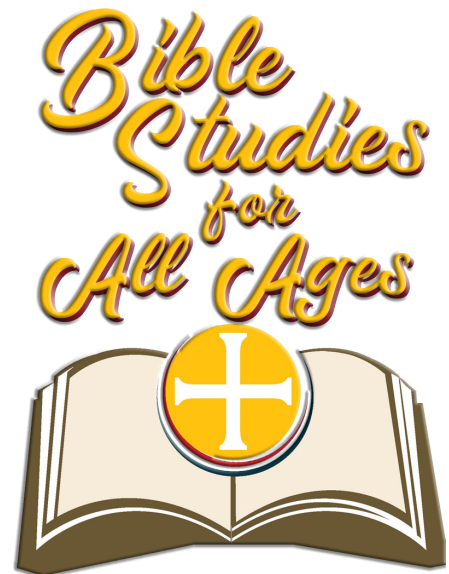
Participants are encouraged to join this study using the book and videos for *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. Written and produced by Trinity's deployed missionary, Pastor Greg Finke, *Joining Jesus on His Mission* is a simple, powerful, and practical book that will move you and your tribe from merely 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.

TUESDAYS - ADULTS

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

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

The class will not meet during the summer. Class will resume after Labor Day.

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.

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.



Drive-Up Holy Communion



Drive-up Holy Communion is available from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year - June 19 – Pentecost/ Father's Day –

The unique dignity of fatherhood includes protecting others as God does (Psalm 3:3)—even defending them from themselves. Practices like abortion and measures like assisted suicide situate our people among the tombs (Isaiah 65:4). Let us not abandon them to demonic deceptions about “bodily autonomy” but instead with courage and compassion proclaim how much God has done for us (Luke 8:39), creating and redeeming and calling every member of our race precious.

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“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.”

Luke 8:39

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