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Magnify Capital Campaign Underway

Worship space is at the heart of Trinity Downtown. Our church building brings brothers and sisters in Christ together to worship and praise our Triune God. As we live out our mission of "joyfully sharing Christ's saving love with all people, Now!", we do this in three ways:

WORSHIP, **GROW**, **LIVE**. You may have heard that Trinity Downtown will be starting renovations to update our sanctuary and enhance the worship experience for both in-person and virtual attendees. Renovations will begin in January 2023 and we are launching a capital campaign, starting October 2nd to support this project. Learn more about this campaign, including FAQs in this issue of *Trinity Today*.

The Campaign Leadership Team has selected Psalm 34:3 as the theme verse for the campaign, which reads, "Oh **magnify the Lord** with me, and let us exalt His name **together**." Our prayer is that the impact of this renovation serves to magnify (make greater) the Lord, and to facilitate our worship of Him together at Trinity as brothers and sisters in Christ.



Key components of this phase include:

- Replace the flooring and pews in the sanctuary (refinishing of the existing pews was cost neutral to replacement, and pew replacement will allow for more ergonomic pews and dramatically reduce the amount of time the Sanctuary will be "out of service")
- Improve the lighting, sound system and acoustics in the sanctuary to enhance in-person worship and online streaming experience
- Renovate the adjacent restrooms in the foyer
- Improve the lighting in the gym (which will be used as a temporary worship space during sanctuary renovations and to enhance the hosting of future events in this space)

Important Dates:

- 2020 – 2021
 - Master Facilities Framework Developed and Facilities MAT prioritized work scope
 - November 2021: Congregation approved this capital campaign for the sanctuary refresh
- 2022
 - October 2: Magnify Campaign Launching
 - October 23: Commitment Sunday
 - October 30: First Fruits Sunday
- 2023
 - January: Foyer restroom renovation and gym lighting update
 - February: Sanctuary refresh begins and worship moves to gym
 - April: Worship returns to a refreshed sanctuary
 - December: All pledged funds received for Magnify campaign

Look for commitment cards coming in the mail in early October and you may access online pledge cards and frequently asked questions [here](#). Please join us in prayerfully considering how you will support this work and please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the campaign committee members to discuss your questions.

Sincerely,

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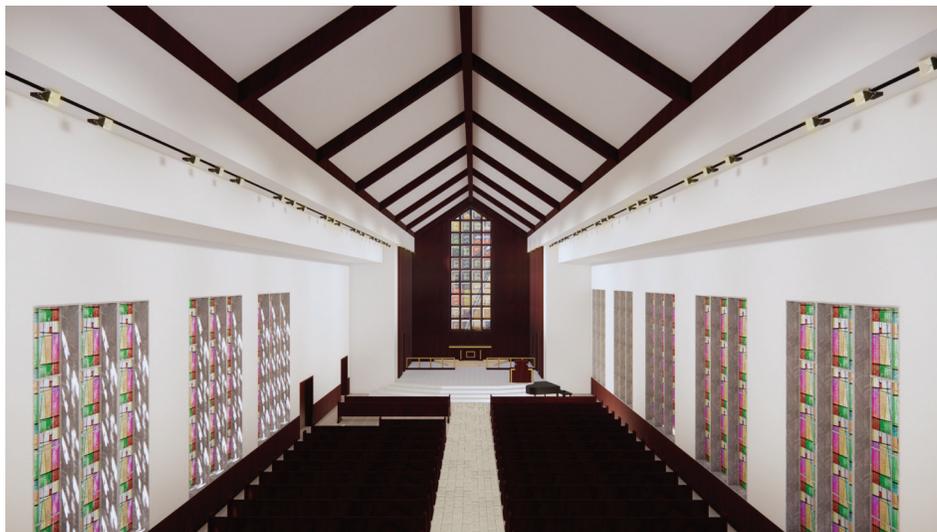
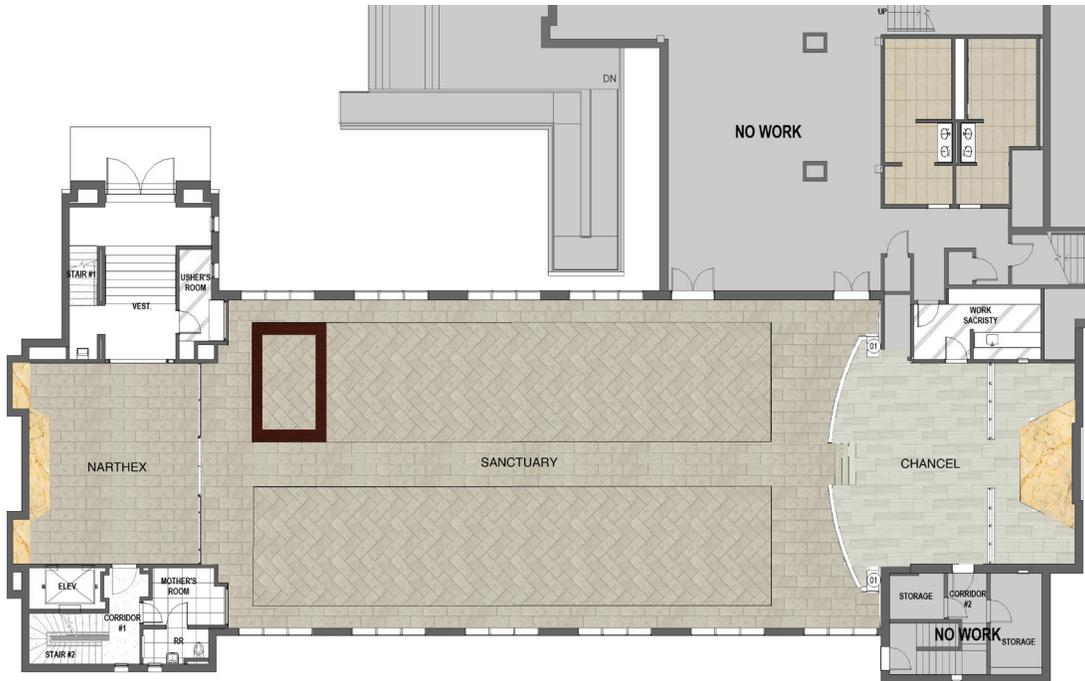
Magnify Prayer Request/Prayer Warriors

Please pray for the architect and general contractor in obtaining and securing appropriate bids, and for a smooth permitting process with the City of Houston.



Prayers Warriors for our upcoming Capital Campaign are needed to pray for God's guidance in Trinity's stewardship in completing the refreshing/updating of our Sanctuary. You may pray with other prayer warriors in person on Sundays (time to be determined) in the Gathering Space or by Zoom on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Please call Rick or Betty Berg at 281.455.5413 or 281.455.5426 for more information.

Architectural Renderings of Sanctuary Refresh





FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Why are we prioritizing this campaign now?

- To magnify the worship of God for both in-person and virtual attendees
- Improvements based on recommendations from the Facilities MAT and the Facility Master Planning team
- The Congregation approved the first of a series of “mini” capital campaigns at November 2021’s Assembly focused on Sanctuary improvements because
 - Facilities are showing their age
 - To plan ahead for expensive asset replacement/repair, and
 - Eliminates the need for us to incur debt to refresh the Sanctuary
- Data suggests that we have a tremendous opportunity to further increase our virtual and on-campus outreach capabilities.
 - Treating live streaming as “a front porch” introduction will be a vital part of our outreach efforts and will also meet the needs of our members who cannot always be physically present for worship.
- A refresh of the Sanctuary and adjacent spaces along with upgrades that improve our live streaming quality will help us with the above.

2) How much money will the Campaign need to raise?

- The minimum fund-raising target for the Magnify campaign is \$750k.
- The entire project is expected to cost over \$1.1m, but we have gifts that have been designated that reduce the net cost of the project to just under \$1m.
- So, our “stretch” fund-raising goal is \$1m.

3) How quickly can the Sanctuary refresh project get underway?

- The start-up costs for the Sanctuary and restroom renovations will be funded by current cash reserves, which will eventually be replenished by the campaign contributions. This will allow work to start on the Sanctuary improvements before all the pledges have been received. This will allow us to minimize the impact of inflation on the cost and enable us to refresh the Sanctuary without incurring debt.

- We have already received generous gifts that are designated for improving the gym lighting, upgrading the Sanctuary's sound system, and funds that may be used toward replacing the pews. These gifts will reduce the amount of funds that must be raised by the Magnify Capital Campaign.

4) Where will church services be held while construction is underway?

- It is anticipated that the Sanctuary will be unavailable for around 4 weeks.
- Both the traditional and contemporary services will be held in the Gym. Improvements to the Gym lighting will be finished before the sanctuary renovations begin.
- The Education Center's Multi-Purpose Room is used by our Spanish-language partner (CASA de Oracion) on Sunday mornings for their worship service, so it is not available as an interim meeting location.

5) Why purchase new pews instead of re-furbishing the existing pews? What will happen to the existing pews?

- The cost of refinishing versus replacing is approximately the same.
- New pews are more ergonomically proportioned to accommodate larger-sized persons and will be more comfortable for everyone.
- Refurbishing the existing pews would take months, and the Sanctuary would be "out of service" during the entire time. Removing the existing pews and replacing them with new ones can be accomplished within 3-4 weeks.
- We will attempt to locate a church that might use them. If we cannot donate them, we are considering using the end pieces of the pews as commemorative gifts to be given to capital campaign donors

6) Is this campaign the first of multiple planned campaigns based on the Master Facility Plan discussed a few years ago? I heard other areas needed updating. Is additional work planned?

- In 2019 and early 2020, the Facility Planning team worked with our architect (Gensler) to create a Master Facility Plan for renewing and renovating the Sanctuary and Christian Life building. This included plans to:
 - Refresh the Sanctuary flooring, pews, lighting, and sound
 - Refresh the foyer and gym, and add some kitchen facilities to the concession room
 - Add a stairway to the basement
 - Refresh the fellowship hall, adding restrooms and a central check-in station
 - Relocate the Youth Room near the gym
 - Greatly enlarge the Gathering Space
 - Change the main entrance and add a Porte cache
 - Relocate the administrative offices to the existing "mezzanine" level
- These plans were put on hold in 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic.
- In November 2021, the Congregation approved a capital campaign to fund the portion of the Master Plan aimed at refreshing the Sanctuary for \$750k.



Oktoberfest

OCTOBER 16, 2022
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

(FOOD SERVED 11:30AM - 1:00 PM)

BRATS | BEER | MUSIC | GAMES

FREWILL DONATION APPRECIATED

BRING YOUR TRINITY STEIN

BEER COURTESY OF ST. ARNOLD'S BREWERY

1316 WASHINGTON AVENUE



I will extol you,
my God and King,
and bless your name
forever and ever.

PSALM 145:1, ESV

2022 GOVERNING BOARD

- Jim Baccus (Elder)
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- Chris Sonneborn (Elder)

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

Happy October!

I am so excited for all the things to come this month. Look out for another chance at dunking me and/or Pastor Dorn at Oktoberfest on the 16th AND this year you can dunk some teenagers too!! Your donations will benefit the youth mission trip this summer where we hope to take 20 teens to serve in Colorado Springs!

Keep your eyes open for more about Trunks 'n' Treats. It's going to be a blast this year and I would LOVE to have your help making it a successful event!

Thank you for your continued love, support and encouragement! I pray the Lord blesses each of you as you serve Him and do His work!



In Jesus' Name,
Haley Davisson, Dir. of Youth & Children's Ministries

Volunteers and Donations Needed for Trinity's Annual Outreach Event!

Our annual Trunks 'n' Treats event will be held on October 28, from 5-7 p.m. Lots of help is needed to make this event a success. Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer at the event: Decorate a trunk, serve food, monitor games, etc. Watch your email for TCB sign ups coming soon.
- Donate candy for the trunks. A candy collection box is located in the foyer.
- Donate children's books for the Stephen Ministers to hand out at the event.
- Make a financial donation to help offset the cost of the food and games. Please place a check in the offering plate designated for Trunks 'n' Treats or give online at <https://www.trinitydt.org/online-giving/>.



Congregation Calls Rev. Lonnie Gonzales

At the Congregational Assembly on Sunday, September 25th, the congregation voted to extend a Call to Rev. Lonnie Gonzales as Associate Pastor focusing on Outreach Ministries.

Rev. Gonzales currently serves at LINC Houston as Houston City Director. Please keep him (and his wife, Joy) in your prayers as he deliberates his calls to Trinity Downtown and to LINC. We ask that the Lord guide him and give him clear direction as to where he should serve.



Finance Corner - October 2022

...for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7b ESV

Tithes and offerings in August were 5% lower than our monthly budget, and our year to date budget deficit remains at 11% (or \$125k). Total revenue for the year (which includes building reimbursement fees and other miscellaneous revenue) through August was 12% (or roughly \$148,000) lower than our budget while remaining just a bit higher than the same period in 2021.

Our operational expenses in August were 1% lower than our monthly budget, which resulted in Trinity's year-to-date expenses being 1.5% lower than what we budgeted. YTD expenses in 2022 remained 5% higher than what was incurred during the same period last year when we were still largely unable to have community and outreach events due to COVID.



As Fall approaches, our regular giving remains about 4 weeks-worth less than our budget. Your gifts of time, treasure and prayer are an important way you can participate in sharing the love of Christ to our city, so please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you respond to our financial shortage.

Of course, our financial picture is only one dimension of how we are fulfilling our mission as a congregation. Here are some other perspectives:

- Worship
 - In August, average weekly attendance increased to 397 participants in our regularly-scheduled weekend worship services, which is 3% higher than in 2021;
 - An average of 63% worshiped in-person in August, compared with 55% in August of 2021.
- Grow
 - An average of 170 individuals participated in our Discipleship Hour and adult Bible classes each week in August, compared with 150 individuals during the same period in 2021; and
 - Participation in our Spanish-language classes offered by CASA remains steady, with an average of 20 individuals meeting in-person each week.
- Live
 - In September, LEAH's Downtown Academy's enrollment topped 100 children who are hearing about the grace and love of Jesus;
 - All of our Fine Arts partners restarted their activities at Trinity in September, including the Houston Symphony Chorus, the Houston Bronze, Casulana, and the Houston Lutheran Chorale;
 - Our "Fall Kickoff" picnic in late August was the latest excuse we provided to invite your neighbors and friends, and was a great success.

The Magnify capital campaign team was installed in mid-September, and will be officially launched on Sunday, October 2nd. This campaign will focus on funding various improvements in the Sanctuary (such as new flooring and replacing the pews). You can find more information in this edition of *Trinity Today*, or by using your smart device to read this QR code:



Your continued generosity in helping us catch up from our financial shortfall can make a real difference in Trinity's impact and outreach to our community, as God works His work among us.

Joyfully joining Jesus alongside you,
Ron Lacy, CFO

God's Promises

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. John 11:5-6 ESV

As we journey through life, we encounter more joys and more sorrows than we probably would have imagined our life would be like when we were a teen-ager. We land a job at a company that finds a new market or develops a great new product, and the opportunities to increase our job responsibilities grows unexpectedly. Or, perhaps we happen to purchase a home in an area where house prices suddenly skyrocket, and we get to take advantage of the new-found equity (think about the folks that bought a home in, say, Austin 15 years ago!). Perhaps we are blessed with the unexpected opportunities to travel around the world.

The opposite can also happen. Our child is diagnosed with cancer or labors under a severe learning disability. Perhaps our job is threatened when another company decides to merge with our employer, and layoffs are forecast. Or, we suffer a divorce.

The list of joys and sorrows is almost endless, and God is not surprised. In fact, He has sprinkled promises and stories in the Bible specifically aimed at helping us understand how much support He offers to us during our times of crises.

We'll be looking at many of these promises in articles to come. This month, we'd like to concentrate on the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus. You know the story—Jesus is told that His good friend Lazarus is dying, and Jesus purposefully dilly-dallies a few days before making the trek to see Lazarus.

When He arrives, Lazarus has already died, and Jesus provides comfort and encouragement to Lazarus' sisters. Jesus knows that He is about to raise Lazarus from the dead; He knows that the sorrow the family feels will soon turn to joy. Even so, Jesus shares the pain of the loss of Lazarus; He weeps alongside his sisters.

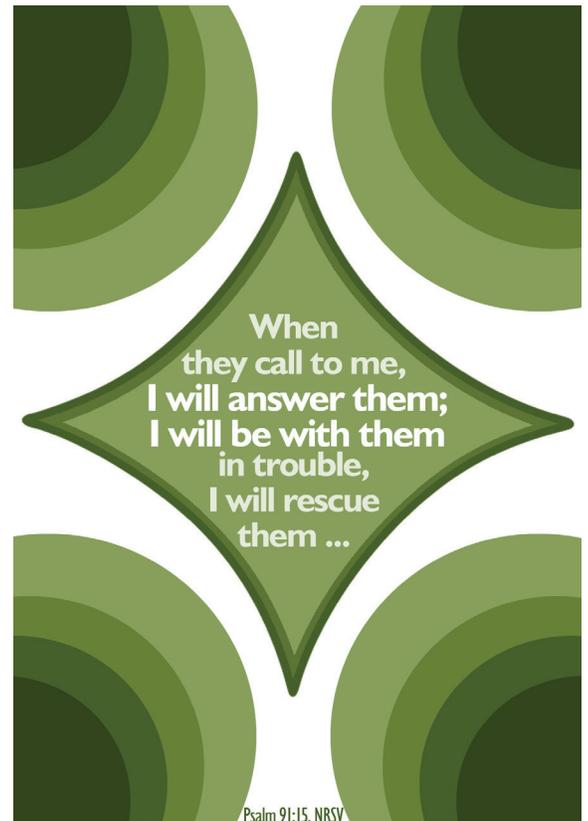
The same Jesus is alive and available to you today—to comfort, guide, admonish and eventually renew.

Are you, or a loved one, in the midst of a crisis? Do you need to hear God's promises, and feel His compassion conveyed through a fellow believer? You might consider contacting Trinity Downtown's Stephen Ministry.

Trinity's 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 those who are 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. And we're good listeners.

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.



Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an organization which works with Lutherans and other partner organizations around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. LWR was created in 1945 to provide relief to Europe after World War II and has continued providing help and support to over 37.3 million people in 40 countries including Lebanon, Ukraine, Chile, and South Sudan. When disaster strikes, LWR provides life-saving relief and support to those most in need and continues long after the headlines have faded, working with communities to rebuild their lives and recover their livelihoods. LWR, along with local partners, helps people to have access to clean water and health care, teaches people about water management, diseases of poverty, and agricultural techniques, and provides people with the skills to participate in the decision making processes that affect their lives. Small-scale farmers have access to markets through LWR such as Fair Trade Coffee and Fair Trade Chocolate. LWR is part of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative to eliminate deaths from malaria in Africa. To learn more about LWR, go to www.lwr.org. The Ladies Circle Ministries members support LWR by assembling the kits of care and collecting cancelled stamps to donate to the Stamporee Project to help pay shipping costs of the quilts and kits. The Houston area gathering of the quilts and kits to be sent to LWR will be on Saturday, November 5th.



The Ladies Circle Ministries members want to encourage our Trinity family to make the kits of care. A kit is a simple expression of comfort to those suffering, of love to those in need, and of dignity and hope in the direst situations. Please bring your kits to church by Sunday, October 30th and put them in the LWR container in the church office.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces each) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging



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

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

SCHOOL KITS

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no looseleaf paper
- 1 30-cm ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side; pack in a notebook
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black/blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½" eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



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

BABY CARE KITS

- 2 light weight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies®)
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn, up to 52" square



- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 ounces each) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

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

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



Lutheran North Academy Fall Comedy

Three dingy psychics and a man with X-ray eyes team up with two bumbling police officers, a walking lampshade, and the spirit of The Great Marvel to help Irene and her lazy housekeeper solve the murder of Irene's psychic aunt. Hilarious, escapist fun, and another entertaining whodunit by author Tim Kelly.

Saturday, October 15, at 2:00 pm
Senior Citizens Matinee

Free Dessert and Coffee for Senior Citizens
 Tickets: Free will donation for Seniors Citizens

Saturday, October 15, at 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 16, at 3:00 pm

Freewill Donation Bake Sale During Intermission
 Wine and Cheese Reception – One Hour Before Show
 (Freewill Donation)

Tickets: Adults \$10.00, children and students FREE

Reserve seats for shows by emailing paul.stuenkel@leahnorth.org, or JUST COME! Pay for your seats at the door. We have plenty of good seats with clear views of the stage. Call 713-880-3131 for information.

1130 W 34th Street at Alba

LWML Sunday

We are celebrating LWML Sunday on October 2. Join us in the foyer after service for cookies! Ladies Circle Ministries is affiliated with this wonderful organization.

The purpose of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District is to equip all women of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through inspiration, education and discipleship, enabling them to reach others with the Gospel as they live in service to the Triune God.



Abounding in *HOPE*, Lutheran Women in Mission are bold to declare we are:

- H*eld by Christ,
- O*bedient to His calling,
- P*erfected by His promise,
- E*ncouraged to share.



Ladies Circle Meeting - October 6

Calling all ladies! Please join us October 6 at 10 a.m. for our monthly gathering. We'll be in Room 124! Refreshments will be provided.

Our speaker for the day will be Mike Rathje, Houston Branch Manager for Orphan Grain Train (OGT). The ministry of OGT goes beyond providing aid to those in need at home and abroad but steps in to help provide relief after natural disaster. OGT is a Christian, non-profit, volunteer organization. Charity Navigator rates them highly for their accountability of funds and goods. Over 98% of all donations reach the hands of the people in need with 2% for administration and marketing. There are 30 branches (all volunteer) across the USA providing aid to over 70 countries.



Guests are always welcome. For more information about the Ladies Circle, please contact Trinity Garrett, president, at tgarrett@trinitydt.org or 713.229.2937.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

Cleaning out that holiday closet or knick knock cabinet? Feelin' crafty? Not sure what to do with that collection of Hummels you inherited? Our Annual Ladies Circle Bazaar will put it to good use!!!

Plans are underway for the Annual Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale fundraiser to be held in Room 125 on Sunday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Donations of items for the Bazaar may be brought to the church and placed in Room 125 throughout the month of October. Proceeds will benefit local missions (more info on that at the Bazaar!).



Items wanted anytime between October 1 - November 5:

- Good condition Christmas and Thanksgiving decor and dishes
- Good condition re-giftables (aprons, decorative towels, fancy doilies, vases, antiques and the like)
- Homemade crafts, quilts and crocheted/knitted items
- Craft kits and gift baskets
- Children's books, art tools and small toys
- Devotion books, unused journals, office supplies, etc.
- Jewelry

Items wanted on November 5 or morning of November 6 (day of Bazaar):

- Carrying-sized plants
- Baked goods (labeled with what it is)

What we cannot use (do not bring):

- Clothing/shoes
- Furniture
- Items over 10 pounds

Still not sure if we want it or need help with picking up? Feel free to send chairpersons Gay Shackelford or Kim Flaviani an email to inquire: dangay.shack@att.net or kimberly@flaviani.net.

Orphan Grain Train Fundraiser

Orphan Grain Train will host our FIRST annual fundraiser supporting this ministry in Houston.

This is your invitation to be a part of a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who need our help – physically and spiritually.

What: Enjoy a BBQ lunch, silent auction, and blessing of the site. All proceeds will help grow the building fund.

Date & Time: Saturday, November 5, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – Start time

Event Location: Current OGT site - 5050 E. Sam Houston Parkway S., Pasadena, TX 77505

Tickets: Tickets may be purchased throughout October. Payments will be received by check or via QR code - \$25 Adult / \$15 under 12. Checks payable to OGT Houston may be given to Trinity's liaison, Delynda Cruz (delynda@juno.com).



Relief for Human Need Worldwide



Orphan Grain Train – Packing Day - Saturday, October 1 - 8:00 a.m.

Volunteers, young and older, are needed to help count, fold, and pack donated clothing items.

Meet at 5050 E. Sam Houston Parkway S., Pasadena, TX 77505

If you have any questions, contact Holly Harris 713.890.2633.

OGT has received an abundance of donations to share with those in need and we appreciate willing hands to serve the Lord in this ministry. Visit ogt.org.



Happy Birthday Mr. Carris!

On September 25th, the congregation celebrated Mr. Carris' 80th birthday with Carris and his family (pictured above). Mr. Carris is a very valuable member of our staff and we thank God for him.

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

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

SUNDAYS - ADULT

Elijah

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

Every day the news reinforces what you want to forget—we live in an insecure world. Elijah's times were no safer. He faced famine, murder, and corruption—with both courage and fear. In this series on Elijah's life, we will try to discover how to look beyond the insecurity of the world to our sovereign God who reigns forever. Discussion-oriented.

Faith Discovery

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

Class for persons interested in membership at Trinity Downtown.

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.

Liturgical Arts

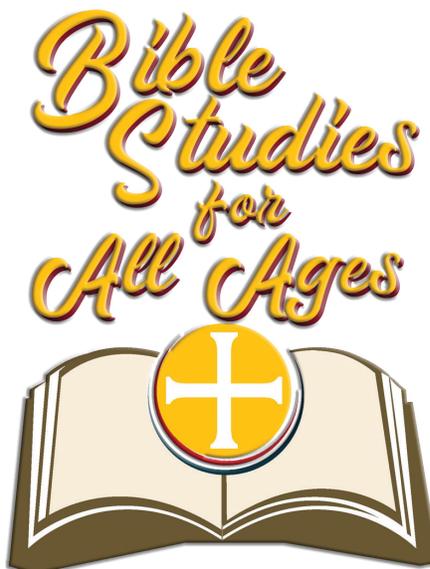
Led by Thomas DeVries and Anthony Flaviani - 10:15-11:15 AM - Room 206 - In Person

Ever notice that many churches are designed as a cross? Ever wonder where the liturgy came from? The Christian church over many centuries has built a beautiful mosaic of traditions and meanings behind what makes a church unique from anything else in the secular world. We'll go through the history, the why, and the meaning behind what we experience every Sunday.

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 Hebrews

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

In our study of Hebrews we will be challenged with a rich theology and with practical applications for Christian life. We also will be encouraged to live for Christ in spite of our circumstances for through Jesus we are made capable of enduring and overcoming all the struggles of life.

Welcome Reassurance

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

Paul is writing to the Thessalonians, a group of new believers, to reassure them of the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ because false teachers had raised questions with them. His words are for us also as we are continually bombarded with other "gospels" in our lives.

TUESDAYS - ADULTS

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study - LifeLight: Acts, Part I

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

This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

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

WEDNESDAYS - ADULTS

The Book of Romans

Led by Mary Oliver - 6:30-7:45 PM - Virtual

Virtual Midweek Spiritual Check-in

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

THURSDAYS - ADULTS

Sonrise Bible Study

Led by individual class members - 7:30-8:30 AM - Virtual

This member-led virtual class primarily discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. We plan to follow this member-led format while Pastor Black is recovering from his recent illness. For more information contact Bill Fischer at 832.459.3241 or the church office.





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Life Quote - October 30

"While we are on this side of eternity, the chance to serve and love our country and our neighbor and our community is as depthless as the Lord's love for us. Engaging is a good, right, and humbling call."



Serve
one another
in love.

GALATIANS 5:13 (NIV)

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