

The Trumpet May 2024

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Dogwoods by Pastor Gail Wheatley

For those who were at the 11:00 “meet and greet” in the Fireside Room April 21, you heard me talk about the Memorial Cross at my seminary (Sewanee – University of the South) and what a part it played in my path to ordination. Well, here it is in its springtime dogwood splendor. I didn’t know a thing about dogwoods until I went to Tennessee and found a beautiful one in the courtyard of a local church; parishioners there swore it bloomed right on schedule during Holy Week every year, no matter the date of Easter. Who was I to argue?

There is a legend about dogwoods, most of which IS completely legendary, but it makes for interesting imagery. Legend has it that Jesus was crucified on a dogwood although where that came from no one knows, because dogwoods do not grow in Israel. The blossoms are not really the blossoms, they are bracts and the flowers are the small round clusters inside. Nonetheless, the four white bracts are associated with the arms of the cross and the red tinged tips of each bract with the wounds or nail prints of Jesus. Therefore, the blooming of the tree at Easter is symbolic of the beauty of new life and resurrection. It’s a lovely story and it probably sells trees even if it is fiction. There are dogwoods growing here on the peninsula as well and I see them in bloom near Lake Crescent where they are an understory tree, on the edges of the forest. We have one in our yard which is the last of all the trees to bloom. Even now, it barely has leaves beginning to bud, let alone “flowers.” But bloom it will in its time.

Humans have a way, and perhaps a need, to use visual imagery and metaphor to express what words sometimes fail to do. There is certainly no



“harm” in seeing Christ’s death and resurrection in the beauty of a blooming dogwood. But we can also take that meaning we are trying to express to a deeper level; perhaps the metaphor helps us swim in the deep theological waters, as my spiritual director describes it, as we attempt to express the inexpressible.

Resurrection is the ultimate of God’s love in the promise and assurance of new life from what we once thought was dead. And how we respond to that gift of life is an expression of how we receive, internalize and then act upon resurrection. Br. Curtis Almquist from the Society of St. John the Evangelist wrote a beautiful paragraph about this very thing and it applies equally well to individuals and a parish in transition, such as we are; not necessarily about death, but change. “The ancient language of the church speaks of the “Paschal Mystery” – that life comes out of death, amazingly enough. Out of Christ’s death comes life, and so for us. If there’s something you need to pronounce ‘dead’ or ‘deadly’ in your life, pronounce it. If there something of your past life that’s simply on a ventilator, let it die. It’s the only way you will know life, know the resurrection life that Jesus promises.”

The dogwoods will soon be in bloom and the Great Fifty Days continue for a couple weeks yet. This is a time of reflection and discernment about what gives life at Holy Trinity, what is no longer life-giving and can be left behind, and what the blossoms of new life and possibilities can be. With God, all things are possible; alleluia alleluia!

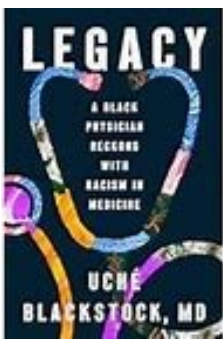
Holy Trinity Library



It's May, It's May, the lovely month of May. As we come in from gardening, dusting, sweeping and making our homes ready for Summer, we reach for a good book. This month is Be Kind To Animals, National Foster Care, Jewish Heritage, Mental Health Awareness, etc. Also, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Children's Book Week, World Bee Day, International Tea Day. Our library will have something for everyone. Come see us.... HTLC Library Notes May, 2024

ADULT BOOKS:

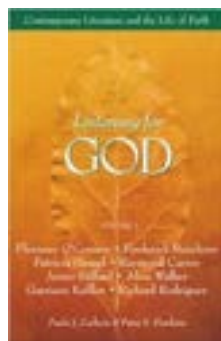
Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons With Racism in Medicine (2024) By Uche Blackstock, MD.



This mesmerizing book is true to its blurb... "The rousing, captivating story of a black physician, her career in medicine, and the deep inequities that still exist in the US health care system." Uche and her twin sister, daughters of a pioneering Brooklyn black physician, never dreamed that they would not follow their mothers lead to also become physicians. That happens, sometimes with unexpected results. This is Uche's beautifully told story. Do not miss it. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.

Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith (1994) By Paula J Carlson & Peter S. Hawkins.

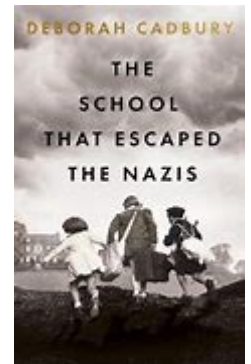
In this classic, somewhat timeless, work we explore how we can read contemporary fiction with eyes of faith. Short selections by Annie Dillard, Raymond Carver, Flannery O'Connor



and others are discussed. I found this approach fascinating, making one eager to read more by these authors. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.

The School That Escaped the Nazis (2022) By Deborah Cadbury.

This is the biography of Anna Essinger who began a progressive school in Germany and realized the dangers to her Jewish students with Hitler coming to power, promoting his hate and plans against them. She established a school in Kent, Eng-



land in 1933 and moved her students there amid restrictions on emigrating. Parents signed up and sent their children away knowing they might never see them again. "Featuring moving, firsthand testimony from surviving pupils, and drawing from letters, diaries and present-day interviews... This is a dramatic human tale that offers a unique perspective on Nazi persecution and the Holocaust. It is also the story of one woman's refusal to allow her belief in a better world to be overtaken by hatred and violence" (From Book Jacket) Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

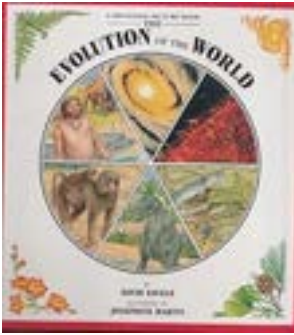
AND THE YOUTHFUL:

I Can Talk to God (1985) By Christine Harder Tangvald and Illustrated by June Goldsborough is one of the short "I Am Special" books which help young children understand God's love and care.

The pages are thick and easy to turn. The color illustrations tell a story all by themselves. We can reach God at any time of day, no matter where we are, what we are doing, or even if we feel sad or afraid. Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



The Evolution of the World (1991) By David



Saville and Illustrated by Josephine Martin provides a simple explanation of the scientific theory of evolution by using revolving pictures.

Each picture shows one of the six steps in the evolution of the universe throughout bil-

lions of years, with a circular dial that can be spun with the pull of a ribbon. As the spin reveals the results of each change, young readers will find this scientific explanation intriguing as well as interactive. Donated by Mike and Karen Epler/ Reviewed by Anita Bonham.

My Pen (2015) By Christopher Myers. A fantasti-



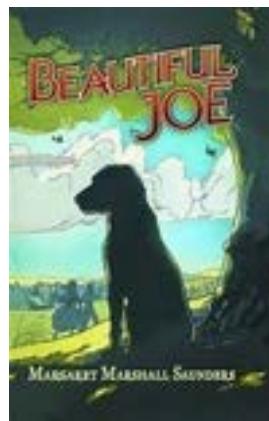
cally illustrated pen and ink story about how one can change perspective with drawings. The gentle tale describes varied ways to observe the world and how each of us can create our own space. Pick

up a pen, a crayon or a brush

and discover your world. Donated and Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

Beautiful Joe (1920 edition)

By Margaret Marshall Saunders. The title pulled me in. The story, narrated by Joe, a dog, had a heartbreaking beginning. He relates how his life changed. The lovely family who saved him and his life on the farm with other ani-

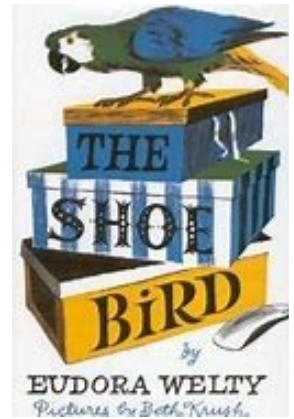


mals gives the reader a positive view of kindness to all living beings. This book was written over 100 years ago and still resonates truth. Re-reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

The Shop Bird (1993) By Eu-

dora Welty and Illustrated by Beth Krush. This is the only children's book by Ms. Welty.

It is a magical tale about a parrot, Arturo, who lives in The Friendly Shoe Store. Arturo speaks, helps shoppers find a seat and in general makes eve-

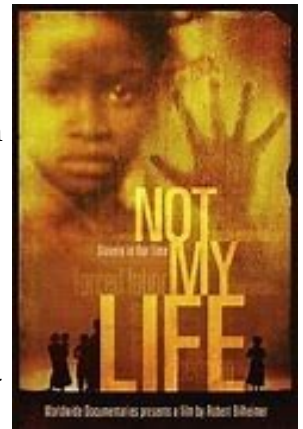


ryone's life richer. This is a delightful story that readers will definitely enjoy. I did. Re-Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

DVDs

Not My Life (2011) Written/ Directed/Produced by Robert

Bilheimer is a documentary on the global problem of human trafficking and modern slavery. Filmed in twelve countries, including the U S, it is both heartbreaking and inspiring. Yes, it describes cruel and



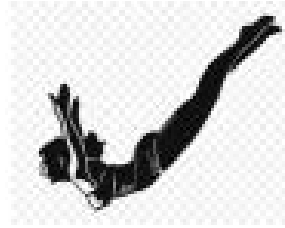
evil situations. It also contains fifty interviews with previous victims and their advocates, showing that the human spirit is resilient and that change is possible. The brilliance of this film is that it presents a final message of hope and challenges us to say, "this is not OK" Everyone needs to see this film.

Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



A Boomer's Deeper Dive in the Plastic Pool

Shortly after writing last month's article, I received a publication from Green America with more plastic reduction ideas. (Read full article here: <https://www.greenamerica.org/ways-ditch-plastic-your-daily-life>)

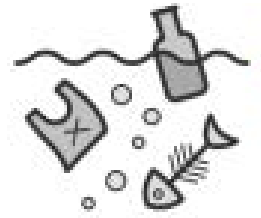


Laundry: This usually entails a large plastic jug of detergent and non-recyclable polyester squares infused with chemicals (dryer sheets). Boomers: remember when powdered detergent came in a cardboard box? Still a good idea today. Or try detergent strips. Dryer sheets can be replaced with wool dryer balls or white vinegar in the rinse cycle.

On The Go: One million single-use water bottles are sold every minute resulting in 25+ million tons of plastic waste annually. Also, a study by the National Academy of Science revealed that single-use plastic bottles release micro-plastics into our bodies where they can migrate to the lungs and bloodstream. Invest in a reusable water bottle. Also, bring your own coffee cup, sustainable straw, and reusable to-go containers to your local café or restaurant.

Bath: I've been using both shampoo and conditioner in bar form for several years with no complaints. Shaving soap, lotion, and (wait for it) soap are also available in this form. (BTW: When shaving soap was first introduced, Einstein supposedly said, "Why would I need another soap?" While no one wants that hair, it's a principle worth pondering). Boomers: remember the Push-Up, that frozen treat in a cardboard tube? That's how my deodorant is delivered (plastic free pit performance)...available from many sources.

Lobby: Talk to the owners of your favorite shops, restaurants, and cafes about switching to more sustainable materials for straws, bags and the like. Read about the Break Free From Plastics Act introduced in Congress in October 2023, and consider contacting your US senator and representative to support it. We're all in this soup together. Every little change helps.



-Jan Wyman, Interfaith Earth Care Coalition



Easter Sunday

All the children had a fabulous time looking for eggs around our playground area. Thank you to everyone that donated candy and non-food items. The kids loved everything! We even had a few for our older kids and the young at heart get eggs. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary and helped with the egg hunt. Our flower cross looked beautiful.

Ailanga News

Target summer 2025 delegation trip

The Ailanga School Project board has decided to target a delegation trip to Ailanga in the summer (late July-early August) of 2025. We have identified some youth and some chaperones who are interested and available for a 2025 trip. Youth should have completed their 10th grade year in school before going on the trip.

We had a Zoom meeting in late April and invited all who have shown interest. Topics covered include:

- Highlights of activities (participating in classes, interacting with students, visiting a Rehab Center, coffee farm, and local markets, going on safari)
- Expected costs and logistics
- Trip preparation (including passports, visas, vaccinations, delegate meetings, life at Ailanga expectations, fundraising opportunities)
- We had good participation by most people who had expressed interest. As the next step, we plan to have in person meetings (one in Seattle, one in Port Angeles) in mid-May for those interested in participating in the 2025 trip to address any questions in more detail. We will coordinate the dates with those who would attend.

If you have interest or questions, please let us know (see ASP board members below)

News from Ailanga Headmaster

(4/18) Receive greetings from Ailanga and Meru Diocese.

All students and staff members are fine and continue well with teaching and learning activities.

At Ailanga it is quite safe due to heavy rain falls, although in some areas it has been reported destruction and loss of lives. The Seminary is

working for final revisions with form VI because of their National Examinations, which will start early May (next month). We thank God for the good moral and physical health of students.

How is Seattle. is safe from snow and storm! We do see though the weather forecast that the situation in the USA Is not normal. We always stay in prayers for you.

We thank God that the Seminary managed to borrow funds from Board members and buy used car, better than the old one. The reasons were the old pick-up needed repair nearly every week and cost the seminary.

Please keep the Ailanga School Project in your thoughts and prayers. Donations may be made via check or PayPal.

Please make checks to: Ailanga School Project, % Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, 98115.

For PayPal, please use this link: https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en_US. All money coming to the Ailanga School Project will go to meet the current need.

For more information contact:

Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary website: <https://www.ailanga.ac.tz/>

Ailanga School Project website: <https://www.ailanga.com/>

Ailanga School Project Board

President (Rick Reuter) - rjandshreuter@gmail.com

Maple Leaf (Carol Chilcoat) - acchilcoat@aol.com

Maple Leaf (Bruce Ritzen) - britzen@q.com

University (Lynn Farrier) - scottlynn@hotmail.com



Nadia and her two-year-old son Kyrlo were forced to flee their home when Russia invaded Ukraine. When they lost everything, your loving support delivered a warm quilt and a lifesaving kit filled with essential supplies.

Do you like the coffee we serve on Sunday mornings? It's available to purchase for your own home! Chocolate Bars, Tea, and Nuts too. Stop by to see these fairly traded which are available to purchase on Sunday or during office hours.



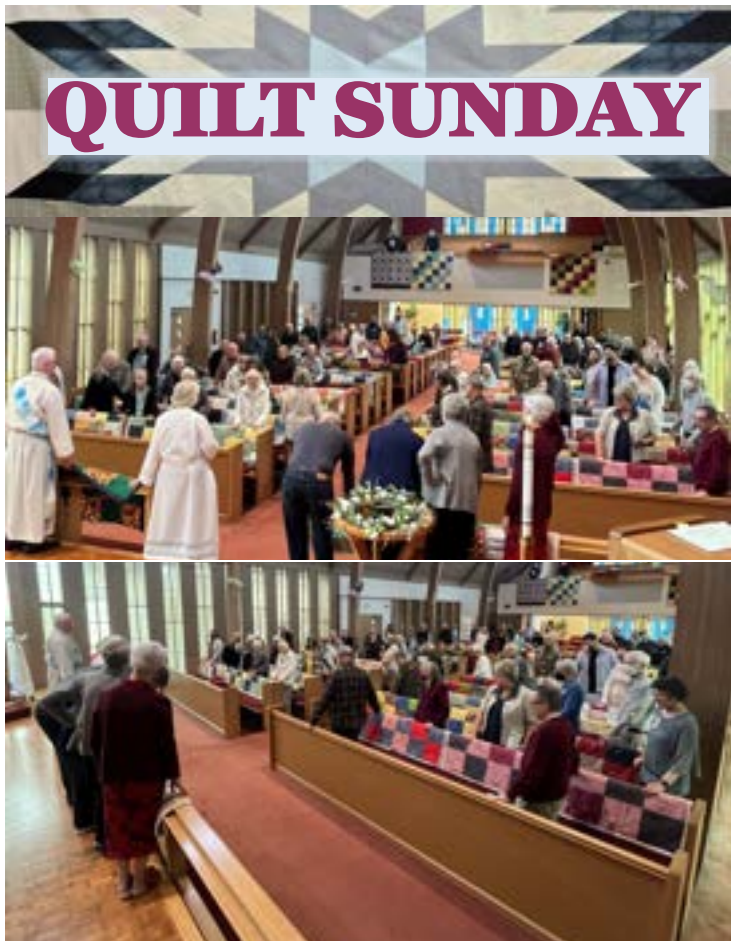
HUGE thank you to Jack and Mary Lange for driving all 537lbs of LWR Quilts and Kits to Ballard!!!

**Lutheran World Relief
Quilt and Kits Sunday:**

Amazing! We had a church filled with quilts covering the back of every pew (and the balcony, and the narthex..)

Our total this year? 71 Quilts, 18 personal care kits, 33 baby care kits, 48 school kits and 6 sewing kits. All these items ship to those in need around the world. Those numbers are impressive but it gets even better:

Thank you to everyone for donating items for our LWR Quilts & Kits plus your generous donations for shipping!



Holy Trinity Preschool

During April Jesus time, we learned of Jesus returning to Earth. Jesus is the King and He is alive! We also read about how God made the Earth, the sky and sea and all living things.

The colors for April were green and gray and our shape was a diamond.

We took a field trip to the Coast Guard Station and toured both the boat station and the helicopter station. We had glorious weather, wonderful and patient crew members to guide us, and many enthusiastic students. They even gave us a helicopter fly-by! A great time was had by all.

With Earth Day in April, we took the opportunity to discuss what each of us can do to help take care of the beautiful creation that God has entrusted to us. We read books and sang songs about caring for the Earth and learned that preschoolers can make a difference!

Graduation will be Thursday, May 23rd at 10:15am. We are proud of the accomplishments and growth of the 6 students who will be celebrating this milestone!

Thank you for being a wonderful and caring congregation!

-Mrs. Kathy and Mrs. Brenda



Holy Trinity Preschool

Over 30 years in PA!

- ♥ Small Class Size
- ♥ Christian Curriculum
- ♥ Kindergarten Readiness
- ♥ Math & Science
- ♥ Music & Creative Arts
- ♥ Social Skills
- ♥ Early Literacy

Be sure to tell neighbors friends and family members!

Young Voices Choir

rehearsals are open to new members

KIDS CHOIR (AGES 3-10) free and fun one day a week all types of music all skill levels all backgrounds
WEDNESDAYS 4-4:45PM

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
 301 E Lopez Ave Port Angeles, WA**

upcoming rehearsals:

March 6	April 10	May 1	June 5
March 13	April 17	May 8	June 12
March 20	April 24	May 15	
March 27		May 22	
		May 29	

Find out more and RSVP to rehearsal by calling or emailing us at
 (360) 452-2323 or
htlc@olyden.com



Mariners vs. Rangers Saturday, June 15th at 4:15pm

Contact the church office if you are interested in attending. Ticket prices are reduced for church groups.

Council Treasurer Report

March 2024 Financial Report
 Treasurer Carol Marie Jackson
 htltreasurer@olypen.com

Below is our financial overview for March of 2024 (YTD- fiscal year to date).

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	Mar 2024	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2023/2024 (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue						
General Fund Offering	\$27,959	\$30,833	(\$2,874)	\$274,539	\$277,500	(\$2,961)
Radio Broadcast Offering	\$900	\$433	\$467	\$2,880	\$3,900	(\$1,020)
Rental Income	\$1,400	\$979	\$421	\$10,830	\$8,813	\$2,017
Preschool Tuition	\$1,951	\$1,155	\$796	\$9,359	\$10,395	(\$1,036)
Interest Earnings	\$86	\$67	\$20	\$1,444	\$600	\$844
Total Revenue	\$32,296	\$33,468	(\$1,171)	\$299,052	\$301,208	(\$2,155)
Expenses						
Ministry Expenses	\$1,945	\$2,606	(\$661)	\$19,151	\$23,456	(\$4,305)
General & Administrative Expenses	\$6,597	\$8,892	(\$2,295)	\$69,732	\$80,025	(\$10,293)
Personnel Expenses	\$15,550	\$25,547	(\$9,997)	\$205,810	\$229,924	(\$24,114)
Total Expenses	\$24,092	\$37,045	(\$12,953)	\$294,693	\$333,405	(\$38,712)
Net Operating Revenue	\$8,204	(\$3,577)	\$11,782	\$4,359	(\$32,197)	\$36,557
Other Revenue						
Donor Restricted Income	\$2,471	\$233	\$2,238	\$53,992	\$2,100	\$51,892
Other Expenses						
Donor Restricted Expenses	\$1,365	\$100	\$1,265	\$95,853	\$900	\$94,953
Prior Period Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9,245)	\$0	(\$9,245)
Net Revenue before Adjustments	\$9,310	(\$3,444)	\$12,755	(\$28,257)	(\$30,997)	\$2,740
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Our year to date net operating revenue is \$4,359! Thank you all!

We are also \$11,782 under budget. This number looks good on paper, but is deceiving as our budget prediction for this fiscal year was for a loss of \$32,000. So we must continue to keep our eye on the prize- the net operating revenue.

In the other revenue section, we have donor restricted income. These are donations that were given to the church for a specific purpose, such as the heat pump or the food bank. The majority of these funds are not budgeted for. Actually the only budgeted amount was \$2,100 for preschool donations.

Our net revenue for other restricted income shows a loss of \$28,257. This means that we are using funds that we have set aside for a specific purpose, such as a heat pump. This is a double edged sword, as we are using funds appropriately, but this lowers our bottom line. Our savings balance has decreased. I know, treasurers are never happy.

The 2024-2025 budget proposal was distributed at the church on April 21, 2024 and can be found on the church's website. I would be more than happy to email a copy of the budget to you as well. The budget proposal will be printed in mid May for the annual meeting on June 2, 2024. Please contact me with any budget questions or concerns as we are still in the negotiation stage, at least until Natalie pushes the print button for the annual report.

Thank you for your prayers, efforts, and donations that help Holy Trinity Lutheran Church grow and develop as we continue our walk with the Lord. God's blessings are upon you.

Admin **INFO**



Staff & Leadership

SAVE THE DATE...

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

DUE MAY 15th



The HTLC Enduring Gifts Committee awards educational scholarships annually to HTLC students. This includes graduating high school seniors, new college students AND continuing college students. You may pick up application forms at the HTLC office OR call Natalie to email forms to you. **Due no later than Wednesday, May 15th.**

Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, June 2nd
11:00am**

Members and Visitors are all invited

We'll view the annual report,
conduct elections and approve the budget.

**Please send the office your submission
for the annual report no later than the
Tuesday, May 14.**

Special Sundays Coming Up!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FEATURING CONFIRMATION

Sunday May 19th-Pentecost & Confirmation

The confirmands are Elise Sirguy, Mia Francis,
and Emily Dexter. Fun Fact Pastor Grinstead
baptized Elise.

Baptism

**Sunday May 26th-Trinity Sunday & Baptism
of Jasper (son of Veronica Kennedy).**

Staff

Beth Orling, Lead Interim Pastor, for worship and administration

Gail Wheatley, Interim Pastor for worship and Pastoral Care

Noah Smith, Director for Music Ministry

Natalie Petersen, Office & Financial Administrator

Kyle Lucas, Custodian

Kathy Braun, Preschool Teacher

Brenda Kennedy, Preschool Teacher

Candance Hall, Caretaker

Elijah Sussman, AV Engineer

Enduring Gifts Committee Members

Elizabeth Christian, Margaret Ruud (secretary),
Jonathan Picker, Sharon Reuter, Dave Birmingham,
Margaret Ruud and Karla Strutzel (chair).

Church Council

President: Mary Ann Unger

* Vice President:

* Interim Treasurer/Finance: Carol Jackson

Secretary/Communications: Sharon Reuter

Facilities: Greg Bondy

Worship: Deborah Bopp

Education: Kathy Plocher

Youth: Madeline Irwin

Christian Service: Lucy Nordwell

Hospitality: Hana Meyer



🌸 Greg Priest thank you so much for mowing the grass on Saturdays. Our grass is looking green and beautiful.

🌸 Thank you to Elizabeth Christian for doing some weeding and tidying up the church.

🌸 Thank you to all of our crafty members and friends that made the prayer shawls and quilts. You are all so talented!

May 2024




Visit our YouTube channel for Sunday worship, devotional videos and more!

www.go2trinity.org


This is a great way to "introduce" curious friends or neighbors.


	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Easter	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				4:30pm Holy Bookers			
6 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am Worship		4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1		4-4:45pm Youth Choir			
11am Rogation Day garden walk				7pm Chancel Choir			
11am-11:45am last day of Sunday School							
7 Easter	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Worship		4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	10:00am LWR Quilters	1-2:30pm Threads of Love	9:30am Library Team Meeting		
11am Budget Presentation			5pm Right relations (zoom)	4-4:45pm Youth Choir			
				7pm Chancel Choir			
Pentecost	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Worship with Confirmation RM			2pm Executive Committee	4-4:45pm Youth Choir	10:15am Pre-school Graduation- Fellowship Hall		
				6pm Hospitality Meeting			
				7pm Chancel Choir			
Trinity Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	1	1
9:30am Worship with Baptism			10:00am LWR Quilters	4-4:45pm Youth Choir			
			6pm Council Meeting	7pm Chancel Choir			

Called by God's  to


 the good news,

we are the hands of Christ,

opened by ,

 joined in worship,

extended in ,

 offered in service,

reaching for justice. 