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2022 EASTER II

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE BEING ADDED AT
5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL EVERY SUNDAY
BEGINNING JUNE 12 THROUGH AUGUST 28
(see page 28 for more information).

2022 Easter II Newsletter of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 918 Tayman Avenue Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501

*Together in Jesus Christ our mission
is to serve faithfully,
boldly, and joyfully.*

**YOU ARE MORE
THAN WELCOME.
YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Weekly in-person Worship
with Holy Communion
on Sundays in the Nave**
8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy
10:00 a.m. Music and Hymns

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
in the Chapel each Sunday
beginning June 12
(See page 28 for more details)

**Healing and Holy Communion
Worship Service 1st Sundays**
5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
June 5

**DAY OF PENTECOST
June 5**



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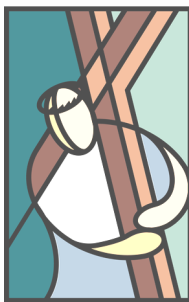
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From the **PASTOR**—



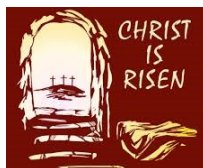
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You can tell when the climax of a well-written story or movie is approaching. Time slows down so we can take it all in and feel the full effect.

The same applies to our own lives. When we are on the threshold of life-changing events, our bodies seem to slow down. Our senses are heightened. Our hearts and minds work overtime to discern the ways in which this story changes, impacts, and affects our lives.

The same thing happens to Christians during Holy Week. Time slows down as together we move through the divine drama of Jesus' last week on earth to the climax of the story of our faith. Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus is betrayed, crucified, dies, and is buried. Then on the third day, God resurrects Jesus from the dead! Through Jesus, God conquers sin, death, and the power of the devil "not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and innocent suffering and death," to quote Luther.

For fifty-one weeks of the year, our worship seems to skim the surface of the great Christian drama of God's love for the world. But for one week, time slows down and we linger. We take time to receive the story, the tensions, and the teachings that are at the very core of our faith. We take time to receive the person, Christ Jesus, the gift of God's sacrificial grace. And then, Alleluia! Christ is risen!



On Easter morning women entering a dark and empty tomb are the first to experience Jesus' resurrection. An angel cajoles them, reminding them that Jesus told them that he would die, but in three days be raised again to new life. Peter

congregation. Had it not been for the pandemic and our pastoral vacancy, these funds would not have been held, but forwarded to qualified ministry recipients months ago.

March 29, 2022

Sunday we met the friend of a friend we'd been connected with, as she joined us at church and then for lunch. We were encouraged by her faith, and while she might not be staying in this area for long, we're so glad we got to meet her. She never meant to leave Ukraine, but her city was under attack, she couldn't get to her bomb shelter, it wasn't safe to stay where she was, and they were pushing people to get on the one train that was leaving. She thought it would stop again, but it went straight to Poland. After a few more turns of events, she ended up in Jastrzębie-Zdrój.

After much prayer, she believes the right thing for her to do is to go back to care for her parents. Please pray for her safety, for her church as they help people who have fled the city, and that she will be blessed as she has been a blessing to us in just a few weeks of knowing her.

As the Church Council discussed the work that Corby and Ashley are doing on behalf of Jesus Christ, members talked about opening up the opportunity to support their ministry to members and friends of Trinity. With prayer and sacrificial giving, it is hoped that we might match the original \$5,000 gift with another \$5,000 from individual givers.

To participate in this special offering, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark "UKRAINE REFUGEE MINISTRY" in the memo section. The entire offering will be forwarded directly to the Whites in Poland on a timely basis. Your donation will be included in your giving statement from Trinity for tax purposes.

An Opportunity to Support Missionaries Serving Ukrainian Refugees in Poland



Corby and Ashley White, originally from Shanksville, have served as missionaries in Poland since November 2014 through the World Venture Organization. For their first six years, they worked alongside a local church in Lublin, Poland. Then, God called them to the south-central part of the country, where they were helping with a church plant in Jastrzębie- Zdrój. That is until February 24, 2022.

On that day, Ukrainians woke to the sound of war. Immediately life was thrown into chaos. Just as quickly, Corby and Ashley's ministry in Poland became one of providing emergency relief—temporary housing, food, clothing, medical care, spiritual support, job counseling, language classes, and sharing the never-ending promises of a loving God who has not forgotten the people of Ukraine.

Communication was tough at the beginning with no common language, but they're getting better at it. They house refugees in their home, help them through government office formalities, opening bank accounts, applying for assistance, signing up for school, and searching for jobs.

"Unfortunately," Corby and Ashley report, "not everyone is nice. It turns out that our landlady hates Ukrainians and can't stand the fact that we are helping people under her roof. Pray for us, please!"

At their April meeting, the Trinity Church Council voted unanimously to send Corby and Ashley White \$5,000 to support their ministry with Ukrainian refugees from Endowment Funds paid to the congregation prior to the beginning of the pandemic and designated specifically for ministry support beyond our own

rages to the tomb to see for himself. Then Jesus begins appearing in places he is least expected – behind the closed doors in an upper room; cooking fish on the shore of the Sea of Galilee; walking on the road to Emmaus, talking with two of his disciples. The hearts and minds of each and every witness to his resurrection work overtime as they attempt to discern the ways in which his suffering, death, and resurrection has changed, impacted, and affected their lives.

At the end of a well-written book or movie, viewers always seem to ask, "So, what's next? A sequel? A prequel? A part two?"



So, dear friends, what's next for you? How have Holy Week and Easter of 2022 changed, impacted, or affected your lives? After hearing about Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day, what is next for you?

A good pastor friend reminded me this week that after Easter and certainly after Jesus' Ascension (May 26 this year), the disciples were likely asking themselves "What now?" If you read St. Luke's account of Jesus' ascension, you will discover that the disciples "worshiped Him, and returned (without Him!) to Jerusalem with **great joy**" (Luke 24:52). Despite seemingly being left alone, Jesus' disciples had great **joy**.

The response of Jesus' disciples is a great example for us today as we contemplate "What now?" and "What's next?" on the back side of Easter. Like the early disciples, we know that although we may not be able to see the physical Jesus,

- 1) He is with us
- 2) His resurrection means death doesn't have the final say and
- 3) we can trust in His promises to forgive us, save us, and grant us abundant life with Him.

So whatever is next, we can do it with great **joy!**

And, brothers and sisters, I strongly believe that this is where we are as people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are in a time of great joy. Yes, there are challenges we face as a congregation, challenges our communities are facing, and challenges and uncertainty around the world. There will always be challenges. But claiming Jesus' death and resurrection as our own, we can have joy in our hearts as together and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we discern what's next for us as participants in God's Divine Drama of Love and Salvation for the Sake of the World.

Blessings,
Pastor Ruth Jensen

A LITURGY of HEALING with HOLY COMMUNION took place in the Chapel at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 1**. Beginning on **Sunday, June 5**, this is our new worship schedule for the Chapel only:

SUMMER AND FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 5	5 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
June 12	5 p.m. Holy Communion
June 19	5 p.m. Holy Communion
June 26	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 3	5 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
July 10	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 17	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 24	5 p.m. Holy Communion
July 31	5 p.m. Holy Communion
August 7	5 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
August 14	5 p.m. Holy Communion
August 21	5 p.m. Holy Communion
August 28	5 p.m. Holy Communion
September 4	4 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
October 2	4 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
November 6	4 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion
December 4	4 p.m. Healing and Holy Communion

ALLEGHENY SYNOD

Upcoming Youth and Family Events

Intergenerational Day at Camp Sequanota

Saturday, May 14

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.

"God's Great Creation"

For All Ages—Youth and Youth Groups Welcome
with Chaperones

Register at www.sequanota.com

\$8/Person | Ages 5 and Under—Free

(Optional Overnight Accommodations Friday Night—
\$20/ person)

Confirmation Camp

Sunday, June 19—Thursday, June 23

A supplemental week to your confirmation program where Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Lay Ministers join their confirmands for a week of learning in a camp environment.

Go to www.sequanota.com for registration and pricing information.

Youth Day at Kennywood

Friday, July 1

7th-12th Graders with Leaders and Chaperones
(families welcome). More information to come!

Introducing . . .

A New Worship Service for the Summer Months



During June, July and August, Trinity's weekend worship schedule will include THREE opportunities for worship:

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (Nave)**
A 45-minute spoken liturgy based on the assigned scripture texts for the day.
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (Nave)**
A 65-minute liturgy with singing led by the organ, scriptures, sermon, and Holy Communion.
- 5:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (Chapel)**
A 45-minute spoken liturgy with one or two hymns, based on the assigned scripture texts for the day. On the 1st Sunday of each month, prayers and the laying on of hands for healing will be offered.

5:00 p.m. Summer Worship Calendar

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August 28	5 p.m.	Holy Communion

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

BAPTISMS:

April 3, 2022 Taylor Corinne Jensen

Taylor Corinne Jensen, daughter of Michael and Kayla Jensen, was received into Trinity's family by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 3.



May 1, 2022 Rowen Patrick Sanner

Rowen Patrick Sanner, son of Samuel and Bailey (Barron) Sanner, was received into Trinity's family by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 1.

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH:

April 10, 2022 Virginia Rue (Walker) Lloyd

April 19, 2022 Craig Custer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MARCH, 2022

- ▲ Parochial Report has been completed.
- ▲ Motion approved to donate \$1,000 for the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for support of Ukrainian refugees
- ▲ Motion approved to donate \$1,000 to St. Jude; \$1,000 to Shriners Hospital for Children; and \$1,000 to Lutheran World Relief for Ukrainian refugee children support.
- ▲ Transfer Healthpeak Properties, Inc. stock into Trinity's Trust Fund to be managed by Somerset Trust.

VIEW FROM THE LOFT

IDENTITY – Part 1

How we define ourselves— our identity, has an incredible impact on our relationship with ourselves and God. I will be exploring identity in several ways in my next several writings. I would like to begin with our identity of work. One of the biggest lies we are told from the outset of life is that if we are naturally gifted at something (talent) and we work hard (effort) we will be successful, loved, respected, and have a blessed and prosperous life (reward). Since, this is not true, when we all inevitably come up against a contradiction of our equation, we often decide there must be something lacking in us, or that God doesn't like us. We feel it is our fault that the equation doesn't balance. The conclusion is always false however, because the mistake is the flawed formula that effort and talent combined equal reward.



We humans equate our identity with what we do. This is evident even in the way we introduce ourselves, “Hi, my name is Nick, and I’m a musician.” As if being a musician is the core summation of who I am. We say things like, “Pleased to meet you, and what do you do for a living?” What we really mean is, “How do you make money to pay your bills.” However, we see it as more than that, we see it as “living.” I’m not talking about the difference between vocation and career here. Those are distinctions that are important and I’m not down-playing vocation, but I am warning that even vocations can take over our identity and when they do, we are always the worse for it. Since our actual core identity is being God’s beloved—made in the image of God and being declared by God to be good (Genesis 1:27; 1:31), we are always let down by a belief system in which our identity is based on what we do.

JOBS AT SEQUANOTA

Sequanota is seeking staff for our summer camp season. There are a variety of positions and time schedules available. Sequanota’s team provides Christian camp experiences for children, youth, and adults. We seek staff to work as counselors, lifeguards, swim instructors, lawn mowers/facilities assistants, and cooks.

Year round, part time: Guest Registrar (10-20 hrs/wk)
Gift Processor (5-10 hrs/week)
Cook (5-15 hrs/week)

Summer seasonal - Lawn mowers/Facilities assistants, lifeguards, swim instructors, cooks, housekeeping, counselors, and crafts.

Sequanota’s ministry makes an impact on the lives of staff and guests every year. Sequanota strives to provide a safe, flexible work environment where staff are valued.

You can apply for summer seasonal work at: www.sequanota.com under the staff dashboard. If you are interested in year round, part-time work, please contact Pastor Nathan Pile: nathan@sequanota.com or by calling the Camp Office (814) 629-6627.



ALLEGHENY SYNOD NEWS

Allegheny Synod Assembly nominations for various committees are open now. Males, females, and youth are needed. Volunteer representatives are needed for: Synod Council (to serve in 2- or 3-year terms); Synod Consultation Committee (in 4- or 6-year termed increments); Synod Discipline Committee (in 4- or 6-year termed increments); and Mission Endowment Committee (in 1- to 3-year termed increments). Duties of respective committees and Nominations Forms are available in Trinity's Office or contact *Pastor Drew McCaffery* (pastordrew0604@gmail.com).

MENTAL HEALTH DAY

SOMERSET COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

AWARENESS DAY

STAIRS PIZZA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 (ALL DAY)

Wear Green or a Mental Health Shirt

to show your support.

10% of your total bill will go directly to sponsoring Mental Health Awareness Activities in Somerset County.

Cornerstone Community Services

I have become acutely aware of the problem of identity as I grow older. Throughout life I have had many identities: son, husband, brother, nerd, perfectionist, musician, Christian, Lutheran, etc. However, for whatever reason, the one that tends to stand out in my mind is musician. This is true for a lot of us I believe, because our culture is very good at reinforcing the idea that our core identity is based on what we “do for a living.” Many times, I have felt “not good enough” because something I was trying to accomplish as a musician failed. Examples like, low concert attendance, inability to get my compositions published, comparing myself to the success of famous people, etc. Failures like these are common in any field, but they always seem crushing because we place so much weight on our identity of work. We feel like since we worked hard and are doing what we are gifted at that any failure must be due to some lacking on our part. So instead of mere disappointment we are left with a crisis of identity.

I am here to remind you (and myself) that our identity is not what we do. Our identity is not our talent, our efforts, our accomplishments, etc. As a Lutheran, I am acutely aware of the theology of grace we are blessed with as our tradition, but it is so difficult to truly accept. Sure, I want



God's grace and it is nice of God to offer, but I still want to earn it. Yet, that contradicts the very nature of what grace is. I have always had difficulty accepting gifts without feeling the need to write a “thank you” card or get someone a gift in return. I have been intentional in the last couple years at trying to get better at receiving gifts from people. To let them just give me something without guilt. I think the better we get at this the better equipped we are to try and accept God's grace. As one of my favorite theologians and authors, Father Richard Rohr, often puts it, “We are human beings, not human doings.” Amen to that.

Nicholas Carroll, Director of Music

WEEKLY AT TRINITY

DROP IN ON ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL for coffee, doughnuts, and a short film that explores our world from a perspective of Jesus. Using “NOOMA” resources and a video presentation by Rob Bell, each week provides a Bible-based invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Nicholas Carroll is the facilitator.

TRINITY’S MEN’S GROUP meets **every Tuesday** at the Turnpike McDonald’s at 9:00 a.m. We welcome any men that would like to join us for this coffee fellowship.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets on **Tuesdays** in Adult III from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Led by Pastor Ruth, each week’s session includes a short video clip, sharing (if you like), and topics relating to ways God provides comfort and solace on the grief journey. Due to the generosity of others, there is no cost to participants. A devotional book and personal workbook are provided. For further info, talk to Jo Balsley (814) 443-1871 or Pastor Ruth or simply drop in!

BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Wednesdays** in Adult III from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. *The Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study* workbook is now being used. All are welcome!

LOVING JESUS BOOK STUDY will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, May 12** in Adult III. The group continues reading PAUL by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

WORSHIP SERVICES are livestreamed on Facebook live. Trinity’s Online Worship is available in real time and remains available afterwards on Trinity’s Facebook page.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS continues during the Sunday School hour on May 8. The children will then receive First Communion in the Nave at 10:00 a.m. worship that day.

Stephen Ministry Is Coming to Trinity!

At their April meeting, the Church Council of Trinity Lutheran Church voted unanimously to grant permission as well as provide start-up funds for initiating the Stephen Ministry Program as part of our ongoing ministry.

The program will be coordinated by a 3-person leadership team including Pastor Ruth and two laypersons. The first step is for the coordinating team to complete training which will be provided by Stephen Ministry.

Once this happens, the leadership team will recruit and train Stephen Ministers – laypeople from our church who will provide one-to-one care (averaging one hour per week). Our Stephen Ministers will be carefully selected, well equipped, supported, and supervised within our congregation to provide that ongoing care. They will be trained in essential caregiving topics like:

- Active listening
- Confidentiality
- Crisis theory and practice
- Maintaining Boundaries
- Ministering during specific types of crises;
- and more

Then, our Stephen Ministry leadership team will match our Stephen Ministers with people who need care in our church and the wider community.

Does this mean that Pastor Ruth will no longer provide pastoral care and counseling for those in need? **Absolutely not!** Pastor will always be available and willing to meet with any person(s) in need of pastoral care. This **does** mean that through caring conversations and an ongoing commitment to meet together, Stephen Ministers can provide additional emotional and spiritual support for as long as the need for care exists.

Please pray for this new and vital ministry venture and its leaders.

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE



What Is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Who's Involved in Stephen Ministry?

STEPHEN LEADERS are pastors and lay leaders trained to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation's Stephen Ministry. They are equipped for this key role through the Bridge Leader's Training Course offered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

STEPHEN MINISTERS are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

CARE RECEIVERS are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

What are the Blessings of Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "*Love one another as I have loved you*" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.

Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.

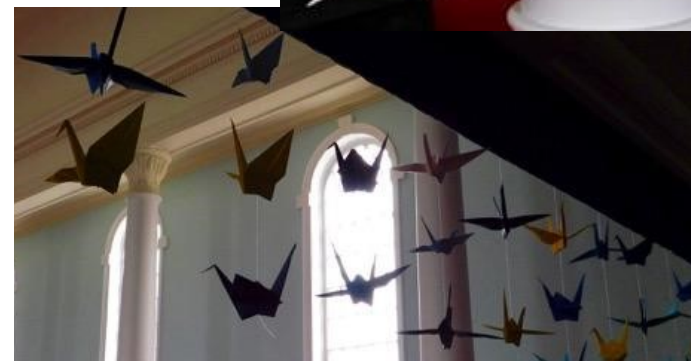
Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.

People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRANES FOR UKRAINE: Origami cranes are like a visual prayer offering hope and friendship. To express our concern for people of Ukraine, Kathy Reed has helped others to learn how to fold the cranes. They are now displayed in the Nave.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE PRAY FOR PEACE
A SERVICE OF WORD, PRAYER, AND SONG
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

Now through the Wednesdays of the Easter Season:

May 11, 18, and 25

Trinity Lutheran Church, Somerset

This service, which should last about 1/2 hour, will be a time for God's people to gather to plead for peace.

As we worship, we will pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, and all nations asking God to end all war and bloodshed and praying that God would lead the nations to invest in "the things that make for peace."

CHILD CARE CHICKEN BARBEQUE FUND RAISER

will be held **Friday, May 20** from 2:45 until we sell out. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis (no sign-ups). You will have the option of purchasing a meal (with two sides and a roll) for \$9.50 or half a chicken for \$7.50.

Come and let us cook for you while supporting Trinity's Child Care. Please call Jody Jurgevic, Child Care Director, if you can volunteer to help that day or earlier (814) 445-5436.



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED to schedule lecturers for Trinity's worship services. Call Trinity's Office if you would be willing to do this (445-5446).



Chalice Bread Grapes Star of Bethlehem Bible

Donkey Wheat Cross Heart I love God Circle

Symbol of the Trinity Son Love Forever Father

Shepherd's Staff God is the Light God is Love

Shepherd's Hook Holy Spirit Jesus Cross Empty Cross

Holy Communion Instruction for Children
 Sundays April 24, May 1, and 8
 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

"First Communion" on Sunday, May 8
 (Mother's Day)
 at 10:00 a.m. worship

according to Martin Luther:

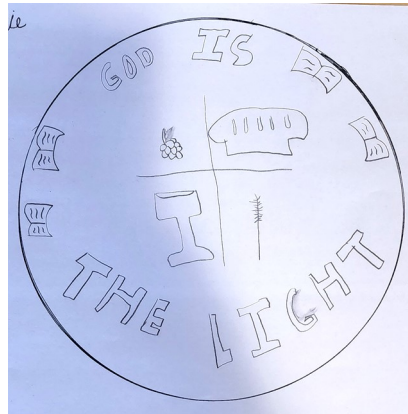
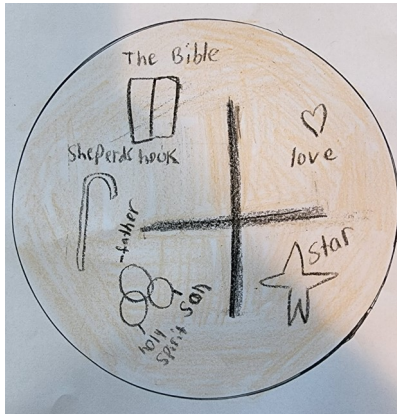
**When is a person rightly prepared to receive
the sacrament of Holy Communion?**

"... a person who has faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you ... for the forgiveness of sin," is really worthy and well prepared. The words "for you" require truly believing hearts.

Do you believe Holy Communion is *for you*?



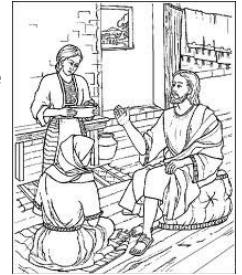
If you were to design your own communion wafer,
what would your wafer look like?



Artwork by Holy Communion Instruction participants on April 24, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARYS AND MARTHAS Bible study group for women of all ages will meet in the Parlor on **Monday, May 16** at 7:00 p.m. The group uses the ELCA women's magazine, Gather. (Current issue extra copies are in the Chapel Kiosk, Trinity's Office, and Narthex information desk.)



RED GERANIUMS AT PENTECOST

(**Sunday, June 5**) are a tradition at Trinity. The bright red color reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit. You may order a geranium by placing \$4.00 per plant ordered in your offering envelope and marking it "Geraniums."

The flowers will be planted on Trinity's grounds as a summer reminder that the Holy Spirit gives us power to share the Good News of the Resurrection. Order deadline is **Wednesday, June 1**. Please wear red on Pentecost Sunday (ONE service at 10:00)!

TRINITY'S OFFICE AND CHILD CARE
WILL BE CLOSED on **Monday, May 30**
for the holiday.

We Will Be
CLOSED



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 8

HONOR GRADUATES



TRINITY WILL HONOR ITS GRADUATES on **Sunday, June 5** during 10:00 a.m. worship. Please inform Trinity's Office by calling 445-5446 (or by filling out the form below) with the names of the seniors in your family graduating from high school, college, technical school, or graduate school **by noon on Tuesday, May 31** so that they may be acknowledged in the bulletin.

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2022 Graduate's Name _____

School/College Name _____

If applicable, degree earned in _____

Home Phone # _____



NICHOLAS CARROLL PIANO STUDIOS RECITAL is scheduled for Trinity's Nave on **Sunday, June 5** at 1:30 p.m. The recital is free and open to the public. All are invited!

ANY MEMBERS OR GROUPS wanting to use Trinity's facilities or Pavilion should call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to schedule the date and time for the year, even if you have used it for the same date/event in the past. Often we have multiple requests for the same date, especially the Pavilion.



Whether Mother's Day for you is awesome or awkward, joyful or tearful, a time for celebration or a time for hibernation, it does speak to the sacrificial love of motherhood, which can point us to the boundless love of our mothering God.

Our individual experiences may vary, but we all had someone give birth to us. Some of us, like me, have mothers who are incredibly awesome. Yet for some, the word "mother" is not synonymous with love. Sadly, too many of us know mothers who are far from the loving archetype. Even our God, through the prophet Isaiah, recognized this painful reality. "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you" (*Isaiah 49:15*).

For some of us, it might be challenging to imagine God as Mother. When I think of our mothering God, I immediately think of our Savior in Matthew's gospel. Jesus himself steps into the role of mother: "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings" (*Matthew 23:37*). There are many other maternal similes in the Bible. In Hosea 13:8, God is imagined as an angry mother bear defending her cubs. In Deuteronomy 32:11-12, we witness God as a majestic mother eagle. This imagery reminds us that God's grace stretches far beyond our human understanding. Not even a mother's love can compare with God's love for us, which is powerful, everlasting and unfathomable. God's love never changes and never fails. This is something we all can celebrate.



Angela T. !Khabeb is a pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. She enjoys an active home life with her husband and three children. Reprinted with permission from LIVING LUTHERAN, May 5, 2021.

On Mother's Day, the people of Trinity honor all women – mothers who are living and those who have entered the church triumphant; women who provide Godly nurture, wisdom and love for children of all ages who may/may not be their own. We pray God's blessings, love and faithfulness on women who long to give birth but are unable; on women who have lost children to death; on women who have lost the privilege of raising their children; on women who suffer in silence and in loneliness. May God bless and keep you all in God's mothering care.

Mother's Day: It's complicated

By Angela T. !Khabele

Every year on the second Sunday of May, people across the United States honor the sacrificial love of mothers. It's a time for family and festivities. Many celebrate by buying flowers, greeting cards, and brunch. Although a secular holiday, Mother's Day is observed in certain ELCA congregations. Some churches give carnations or ask mothers to stand for a round of applause. But these well-meaning moments of recognition can be painful; for many, Mother's Day is complicated. *(Even Anna Reeves Jarvis, the "mother" of Mother's Day, grew to resent the commercialization of the holiday and fought against it until the day she died.)*

My love/hate relationship with Mother's Day began years ago after my husband and I had a stillbirth. Our first daughter, Baby Joy, entered the world in silence, and our lives were shattered. Consequently, Mother's Day for me is equal parts joy and sorrow. Even though we have three living children whom we adore, my husband and I walk through life with a lingering incompleteness. When we look at our three wonderful children, we recognize that somebody is missing. This incompleteness is especially palpable during holidays, and for me, Mother's Day is the worst.

"Whether Mother's Day for you is awesome or awkward, joyful or tearful, a time for celebration or a time for hibernation, it does speak to the sacrificial love of motherhood, which can point us to the boundless love of our mothering God."

In years past, I've given myself permission to simply opt out—stay at home, pull my kids in close to my heart, and just ... be. Perhaps you are without your mother. Or you're like me and your son or daughter is gone. Or maybe you've always wanted children but, for whatever reason, that is not your reality. For some of us, simply attending church on Mother's Day is an act of courage.

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

May 1: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

**Jesus appears to the disciples
at the Sea of Tiberias**

May 8: 4th Sunday of Easter



Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

**Jesus promises eternal life
to his sheep**

May 15: 5th Sunday of Easter



Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

**Jesus gives a new commandment:
Love one another
as I have loved you**

May 22: 6th Sunday of Easter



Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

**The Father will send
the Holy Spirit**

May 29: 7th Sunday of Easter



Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

**Jesus prays that the disciples will be
one and abide in his love**

June 5 : Day of Pentecost



Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17(25-27)

**The Father will give you another
Advocate, the Spirit of truth**

June 12 : Holy Trinity



Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

**The Spirit will guide you
into the truth**

MAY 2022		Tuesday	
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET			
1 3 rd Sunday of Easter 8 am Worship-Nave 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Holy Comm Inst 10 am Worship-Nave 11:15 TLC Choir/Bells 4 pm Healing Service	2 Pastor's Day off 7 pm Marys & Marthas	3 9 am Men's Group at Turnpike McD's 11 am Clergy Pericope 6:30 pm Grief Group	4 1 1 7
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We are going to continue to work with our children here as we prepare to head into our summer season. I am still looking to hire Child Care Workers, so please spread the word. If anyone is interested in a job or volunteering, please reach out to me. As you can see we have several church members that have helped our program from sewing projects to fundraisers to fixing outside items. We thank all of you and want everyone to know that you don't have to work with the kids in order to help our program. There are several things that you can do to be involved. Reach out to me any time for more information (445-5436).

Jody Jurgeovich

Trinity Lutheran Child Care Director

CAMP SEQUANOTA

SPRING BENEFIT DINNER

Friday, May 13, 2022

Cost: Suggested donation of \$55/person

4:45 p.m. Tours of Camp
5:15 p.m. Appetizers/Social Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Entertainment/Annual Report

An evening of fellowship to support camp and raise money to help kids attend summer camp. Three meal options for those attending in person: Two meat options, one vegetarian. Please choose one when you RSVP to (814) 629-6627.

TRINITY'S CHILD CARE

Here at the Child Care program we have all enjoyed the Easter season. The back and forth with the weather, provides lots of good conversations about the weather. The children have been able to enjoy some time outside playing and time back inside with the weather changing every day.

The month of May brings a lot of new activity here at our program. Not only do our preschoolers here at Trinity's Learning Academy get to put on their graduation gowns, made by Shelby Rhodes last year, but all the public school kids will also be ending their school year.

We are looking forward to having our students graduate on our stage, Thursday May 26. After a year of fun with Ms. Angela, our students will be ready to start their kindergarten year off at their new schools. Our Learning Academy provides children with a playful learning environment. If you ever want to learn more about our new classroom, please stop by. We will also be looking forward to starting our summer season off with all of our summer kids coming back to join us.

The month of May we will also be having our annual Chicken BBQ on **Friday, May 20**, starting at 2:45. It will again be first come, first serve, and setup as a drive-thru in front of the church. For half a chicken it will be \$7.50 and for a meal it will be \$9.50. A meal consists of half a chicken, 2 sides of your choice (green beans, macaroni salad, or applesauce) and a roll. I would like to thank Becky Minnich for her help with the Thrivent grant and all of the church members that donate their time to help us with the food the day of the barbecue. We are all very grateful for all the support the congregation gives us and look forward to seeing you come and get a delicious meal.

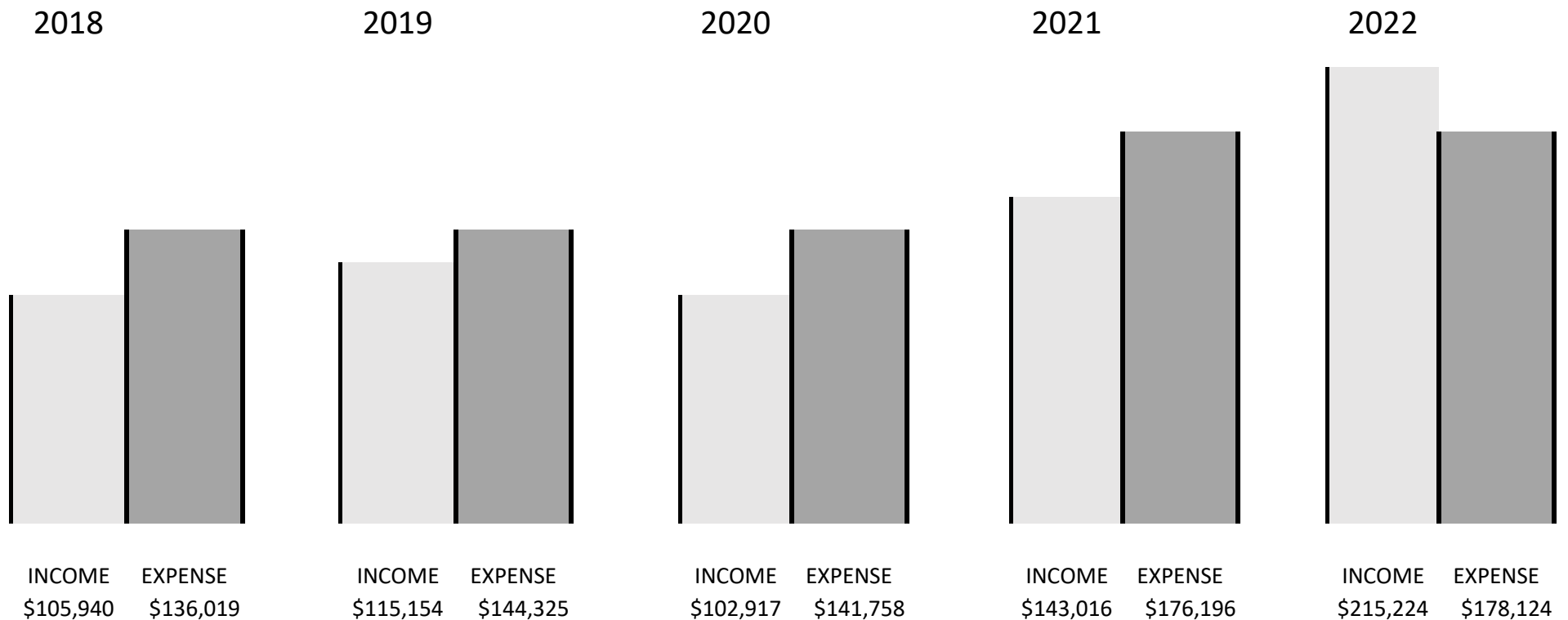


Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 am Food Pantry 0 am CC Chapel pm Bible Study pm Prayer for Peace	5 CC Teacher Appreciation 3:30 CC God and Me	6	7 11 am Funeral Dorothy Stahl & Meal
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une 8 am Food Pantry 0 am CC Chapel pm Bible Study	June 9 3:30 CC God and Me	June 10	June 11 Allegheny Synod Assembly via Zoom

25-Apr-22

RECAP OF GIVING & EXPENSES 2018 - 2022

PAST 5-YEAR 1ST QUARTER COMPARISON



These numbers represent gross income and expenses. As requested in a recent Congregational Meeting, we will continue to report these numbers to you each quarter. As you can see, income in 2022 is greater than expenses for the first quarter. This income is inflated by Child Care grants we have received. Expenses continue to be high in 2022. This reflects growth in the Child Care labor costs along with higher than usual costs for heat and winter services. The Child Care continues to grow in number of rooms, number of kids, and number of employees. There are estimated to be 2,000 Kids under the age of 5 that need Child Care in Somerset County. The resources we have invested in this outreach effort have helped to reduce that number.