



Message from Council President Kim B

Dear Trinity,

You may have heard me say that I am an optimist. As I approach the end of my year as president, I am not going to declare mission accomplished but am definitely optimistic for this congregation. The members and volunteers have amazed me by how they come together; and Pastor Paul, too, expressed surprise at how much is done even without paid staff. We have many blessings to appreciate.

Regarding the pastoral transition, the Call Committee has given me great confidence. We have reached a point where the call process, not the interim process, will define how and when we emerge from transition. I know that as long as we make the most of the interim period, the call process will be in good hands.

With the support of Carol and the Staff Support team, I have enjoyed getting to know candidates for the new position of Office Coordinator and look forward to making an offer for this important position soon.

We will become an inviting congregation. At the April Council meeting, we reflected on how to move Trinity from being a “welcoming” church to an “inviting” church. We realized that we can create opportunities to be inviting across our ministries. When we are excited about what we do, we have opportunities to invite others. For a start, the spring picnic is a good opportunity to invite someone.

Finally, to borrow a phrase from Pastor Paul, “I wonder....” I wonder what Trinity might do in the way of fresh ministry, with resources and blessings that we already have. I will propose a new challenge this month and will be seeking ideas from the Congregation. What do you wonder?

God bless,
Kim B, Council President

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon

Sunday, May 7th following worship (approx. 10:45am)

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81548574447>

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The theme for the luncheon is Salad Bar. Please bring a salad to share. Be creative and think outside the box...or bowl!

Graduate Recognition Sunday | May 14

Trinity will be honoring all people graduating: high school, college (associate, bachelors, graduate degrees), and certificate programs, on Sunday the 14th. Please notify the office if you have a recent or upcoming graduate in your family. Please include the school; and for high schoolers, also their next destination in the fall.

Church Picnic | Sunday, May 21st following worship

Bring a friend to church and stay for the picnic! Come play in the sunshine (hopefully), share in conversation, and enjoy wonderful food. Along with a side or dessert, bring a blanket or lawn chair, and any yard games you would like to play.

A-M side/salad

N-Z dessert

May is Mothers' Month

The Social Ministry Team has expanded Mothers' Day to a Month! During May we will be collecting disposable diapers for the Greater DC Diaper Bank. Our goal is to collect 3,500 diapers (about the # of diapers a newborn uses in a year). All size diapers are welcome, but there is always a great need for larger sizes (4-5). Opened packages of diapers are accepted as long as the size is marked. Drop off diapers any Sunday in May in the Social Hall or during our monthly food drive on Saturday, May 20. If you do not have time to shop, feel free to make an offering noting that the donation is for the “diaper drive”.

The Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB) works to empower vulnerable families and individuals by providing an adequate and reliable source for basic baby needs and personal hygiene products across the Washington, DC metropolitan area. GDCDB is one of the largest diaper banks in the country, distributing 9 million diapers a year. Check out greaterdcdiaperbank.org - We believe changing babies changes lives.

God's Work, Our Hands



Social Ministry Opportunities to Serve:

Food Collection on May 20, 2023

Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives to support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and 10-20 gift cards. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter. Trinity's food drives will continue the third Saturday of the month from 9-12. The list of food donation requests is on Trinity's website at <https://bit.ly/3nn7WQD>

If you have any questions please contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com



May Birthdays:

03. Anya N	17. Katherine S
06. Robert C	17. Christopher T
09. Vi DeV	18. Frederick V
10. Tigist G	23. Leonard S
14. Kevin D	25. Steve S
	26. Karen T

May Baptismal Anniversaries:

01. Peggy J	15. Adelyn C
01. Dan S	16. Kathy H
03. Jim M	16. Anusha A
03. Atticus D	19. Leslie C
03. Logan D	20. Nancy M
05. Margaret F	20. Cathy C
09. Margo W	22. Ann K
09. Vi DeV	27. Alarich L
10. Tigist G	
13. Christopher S	



Congregational Meeting | May 7 | 11:00 am

Graduate Recognition | May 14

Food Drive | May 20 | 9-noon

LVC Hike-a-Thon | May 20

Congregation Picnic | May 21 | Following Worship

New Wine Performs *The Sound of Music* | June 16

June Blood Drive | Tuesday June 27 | 1-6 pm

Trinity Women's Retreat

September 29-30

Friday 7:00 pm through

Saturday 3:00 pm

R.S.V.P. Deadline is June 1st



We will be going on retreat

Friday through Saturday in September, staying in the main camp area at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, MD (1 hour from Trinity). The cost for the 1 night plus breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be \$90. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated. Staying at the main camp will give us easy access to the dining hall, labyrinth, chapels, and the trail to shock rock for those so inclined. The theme and schedule (including end time) will be worked out over the summer, but there will be a mix of structured time and down time.

We are looking into the option of adding Friday dinner for those who may wish to arrive a bit earlier. Otherwise, Friday dinner will be on your own before you leave or bring a bagged dinner to have upon arrival. Snacks and water will be supplied for our stay. The cabins have 2 sleeping rooms and 2 bathrooms downstairs and a gathering space upstairs. You will need to bring a pillow, bed linens (twin) or sleeping bag, and toiletries and towel. Carpooling will be an option. Please watch for more details as plans come together. If you have any questions or want to reserve your space, please see Valerie M.

Upcoming Blood Drive at Trinity

In April 2023 Trinity hosted a very successful Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. Given the continued need for blood and our success, our next drive is scheduled at Trinity: **Tuesday, June 27, 1-6 pm**

To donate sign up here: <https://rcblood.org/41DDhxx>

Trinity needs a few volunteers for each drive to welcome donors. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com

Take a hike for social justice | May 20

Lutheran Volunteer Corps is sponsoring a Hike-a-thon to raise money for social justice fellowships on May 20 at 11:00 am at the US National Arboretum. This hike is organized by LVC's Bon House and Sydney Johnson. For more info visit LVC's website at

www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org



It's time to order Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 28! Deadline for ordering is May 21.

I wish to order red geraniums @ \$6.00 each

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

You may place your order form and cash or check, made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, in the offering plate on Sundays, or mail it to the church office.

New Wine High School Theater Troupe Returns to Trinity to Perform *The Sound of Music* | June 16

New Wine is sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation located in Cloquet, MN (about 15 miles south of Duluth, MN). New Winers are high school students grades 9-12 from area schools and area churches. Starting in January, they meet Sunday afternoons to work on that year's musical. In May they begin performing for area churches and in June they embark on a 10 day, cross country tour performing at churches along the way. This year there are 35 members from 14 different congregations who will be touring and performing *The Sound of Music* from Minnesota to the East Coast. 2023 is the 31st year of the New Wine youth ministry at Zion; you can see more about the group on Zion's website:

<https://zioncloquet.org/faith-formation/new-wine-musical>

When New Wine travels, they partner with churches in the places they visit by performing the musical for the congregation at the host church then sleeping over in their Family Life Center/all purpose room/etc. The Sound of Music performance is free of cost to the church and the attendees, and they usually take a free will offering at the exit. Come see their performance at Trinity on **Friday, June 16 at 7:00 pm.**

Remember in Your Prayers

THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O
our missionaries: Stephen D & Marta G, Cent. America
our congregation: Trinity Church

THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Korea, India, Iraq, Israel, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center:

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)
Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N, Pam B, Julie N, Jim K

family and friends*

Lonnie B, *friend of Carol B*
Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*
Rebecca E, *online prayer request*
Members of Faith LC, Cambridge, MA, *friends of Kim and Pam B*
Pastor Sarah F-M, *friend of Anita S*
David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*
Tracey L, *friend of Tom K and Sarah M*
Timothy K, *friend of Len and Ani S*
John M, *brother of Sarah M*
Martha R (Sterling Care), *friend of Trinity*
Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*
Margarita S G, *sister of Ana S G*
Family of Eduvigas T, *cousins of Lineth M*
Gerry W, *friend of Tom K and Sarah M*

first responders

Lisbeth N-D
Greta S & Linda A, *sister & sister-in-law of Anita S*
Vanessa B, *friend of Elizabeth & Ben R*

births

Henry S-M, April 24, 2023, *son of Scott M and Meredith S, grandson of Karl and Miriam M*

deaths

Lewis Corcoran, + April 9, 2023, *father of Cathy C*
Eduvigas Torres + April 14, 2023, *aunt of Lineth M, sister of Fermina*
Darrell Cooper, + April 25, 2023, *friend of Carol B*

**For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card.*



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Thank you for your offering. Your gifts make the ministry of Trinity possible. Electronic giving may be available through your bank or financial institution. Offerings mailed to the church office will be promptly deposited.

Online offering is now available via Paypal! See details on the Trinity website <http://www.trinityelca.org/give>

Thursday Tidings deadline is 12:00 pm Wednesday.

The Trinitarian deadline is the 15th of the prior month.

Submissions should be no more than 150 words. The editor and church staff reserve the right to determine the content of The Trinitarian and may edit articles for clarity, grammar, or length.



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May

SUNDAY, MAY 7 | 5 EASTER

Worship | 9:30 AM

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting | 10:45 AM
and Luncheon

SUNDAY, MAY 14 | 6 EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY

Worship | 9:30 AM (Coffee Hour Following)

Graduate Recognition

Youth Faith Formation | 10:45 AM

Adult Forum | 10:45 AM

MONDAY, MAY 1

Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Stephen Ministry Supervision | 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Worship Team Meeting | 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Trinity Singers Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

MONDAY, MAY 8

Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Trinity Men's Group | 1:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Trinity Singers Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Congregation Council | 7:30 PM



See the full calendar here:
www.trinityelca.org/calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 21 | ASCENSION SUNDAY

Worship | 9:30 AM

Church Picnic | 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 28 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship | 9:30 AM (Coffee Hour Following)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Trinity Singers Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Food Drive | 9:00 AM

MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day--Church Office Closed



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