

Trinity Lutheran Church

A welcoming faith community
living together in God's love to
share the joy of Jesus Christ.

TIDINGS



Ways to Give at Trinity

What is the most convenient way for you to financially support the Ministry work done at Trinity?

Use Regular Offering **Envelopes**-either brought to worship (when we resume in person worship) or mailed in?

Have **automatic deductions** from your checking or savings account, done weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly? (Same applies to your credit card.)

Have the **flexibility** to donate whenever you want? Go to www.trinitylutheranfc.org and click on "Give" at the top of the webpage. Follow the prompts from there. Again, you can have the donation come from a checking account, savings account or your credit card.

Are **charitable rollovers** an option for you? If you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, you might be able have the check payable to Trinity, and not pay taxes on the distribution (please check with your tax advisor, or financial institution). The same applies if you have a charitable donor advised fund. Check with your financial institution on the frequency that works best for you.

Does your bank offer their customers a **bill paying option**? You can check with your bank about this. Some banks do not charge for this convenience.

Have the Venmo app? Trinity is also on Venmo! We are "Trinity-LutheranFC".

Thank you for taking a moment to consider these options. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions or need help; 970-482-1226 or email Debbie at dschwartz@trinitylutheranfc.org.

TLC book Group

The Trinity Book Group will resume meeting on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 am, but will meet via Zoom for the foreseeable future. So on **Monday, July 6** we will discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, a non-fiction book centered around the 1986 fire at the central library in Los Angeles. In **August** our focus will be on Virginia Hall, the Boston socialite with a wooden leg who established vast spy networks in occupied France during World War II. Her story is told in *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. Join our Zoom meetings here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85358221885?pwd=RWx6dTEwRzIzc0xuNmtkaWFzYzZldz09>. Meeting ID: 853 5822 1885 | Password: 662888 Questions? Call Nadine Hunt at 970-825-3730.

Young Adults!

Every 2nd & 4th Monday - July 11 & 25 at 7 pm at
<https://zoom.us/j/473253246>

Calling all young adults! There is no age limit, if you feel young at heart, this includes you, truly! This is a time to be together, build community with games, fellowship, and study because community matters and because having friends your age matters. This is a safe space to explore your faith and develop local friendships. Bring your own drink and snacks and join us via Zoom!

Larimer County Pop-Up Food Pantry

Pop-Up pantries are scheduled in Front Collins and Loveland. Anyone in need of food is welcome to attend. The pantries will be “drive-through” and Spanish translation will be available.

Thursday, July 2, 4-6 pm at Mountain View High School,
3500 Mountain Lion Dr., Loveland

Tuesday, July 21, 4-6 pm Front Range Community College,
4616 S. Shields St., Fort Collins

TGIF

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, TGIF will **NOT** meet in July. We will keep you updated about August!

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MON-THURS 9 am–3 pm

WORSHIP TIMES
SATURDAY: 5 PM
SUNDAY: 10:30 AM

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Minister's Message - Liturgy of the People

I attended the Black Lives Matter march in early June. There was a common voice uniting us, and for me it felt like worship. We were authentically showing up together and creating an authentic liturgy because of it, a liturgy of the people crying for justice and peace (values that we hold close to our hearts as Christians).

Webster defines 'liturgy' as: *the customary public worship performed by a religious group. As a religious phenomenon, liturgy represents a communal response to and participation in the sacred through activity reflecting praise, thanksgiving, supplication or repentance. It forms a basis for establishing a relationship with a divine agency, as well as with other participants in the liturgy.* Or in short, liturgy is the work of the people.

As Christians, as Lutherans, we are familiar with liturgy, and a worship service without it wouldn't feel like worship. We have a specific order for worship and that is what we are familiar with, comfortable with, and expect in worship. Which is part of the reason worship on Pentecost weekend was so disorienting – it wasn't what we expected, and everything was out of order. Like we said on Pentecost, all the parts were there, and the Holy Spirit was certainly present, and yet, it still felt "off". The Holy Spirit certainly shakes up our lives like that on a regular basis too!

But what about a Black Lives Matter march? Can that be liturgy? From the definition above, my experience definitely was "a communal response to and a participation in the sacred". What happened that day was sacred. People were chanting together, people were offering each other water and snacks, and people were praying for peace. It most certainly was a communal response and sacred, it was a powerful liturgy.

I have been missing the communal way we are so used to gathering, and I know many of you have too. Yes, there are benefits to zoom and we can be thankful there are ways we can still gather. And yet, we also grieve the loss of not being able to gather in person. (Please make sure to read the article in the newsletter with the latest update from the COVID response team.) I wonder, as we are grieving all of our losses right now, where are we seeing and participating in new liturgies? How are we experiencing being made new? Are we committed to seeing the sacred in the world around us? Do we hold the promises from Isaiah to be true, that God is at work, and new things are ready to spring forth (Isaiah 43:18-19)? I am praying that you are all feelings God's present as we journey through these times.

Katie Kline, Education & Family Minister

What is God up to in the Aelabouni family?

Find out more July 11 & 12

We are grateful to have Pastors Meghan and Gabi Aelabouni as part of this community of faith at Trinity; past, present, and future – as your pastors, teachers, leaders, and now missionaries in Jerusalem/West Bank, as country coordinators of Young Adults in Global Mission.

On the weekend of July 11/12, we have the opportunity to hear what God is doing in their lives, hear God's message for us through them, and also engage in informal conversation during Adult Forum.

You are invited to attend worship, and adult forum every week, but especially the July 11/12 weekend, as we receive greetings from the Aelabouni family, and give God thanks for their ministry.

Trinity's Virtual Offerings!

Join your Trinity family (virtually) for worship, education and more! We are a community that still gathers together. We are socially connected, even if we are physically distant in these moments. We continue to pray for this community, for our country, for our world, for those of us protected, and for those that go unprotected.

Click the link and join the meeting. You do not need a ZOOM account to access the link. However, you may first be prompted to download the software. This is safe, and you only need to do it once.

Adult Forum (Sunday 9 am) - <https://zoom.us/j/957189862>

Sunday School (Sunday 10 am) - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/165945052>

Worship (Sunday 10:30 am) - <https://zoom.us/j/658121275>

TLC Book Group (1st Monday 9:30 am) - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85358221885?pwd=RWx6dTEwRzIzc0xuNmtkaWFzZlZldz09> Meeting ID: 853 58221885 | Password: 662888

Men's Breakfast (1st Tuesday 7:30 am) - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86217059556>

Young Adults (2nd & 4th Monday 7 pm) - <https://zoom.us/j/473253246>

Pastoral Care & Check-In (Tuesday 9:30 am) - <https://zoom.us/j/831615536>

All God's Children (Wednesday 9 am) - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/149890505>

Worship (Wednesday 6:45 pm) - <https://zoom.us/j/305110854>

Bible Study (Thursday 9:30 am) - on break on break from June 25-July 30, resumes August 6.

Worship (Saturday 5 pm) - <https://zoom.us/j/924781616>

This is where you can access each weekend worship service! <https://vimeo.com/trinitylutheranfc>.

Don't have a computer or internet? You can still participate fully in the zoom worship services and other meetings offered through Zoom. Follow these steps, and if you run into problems, just ask one of our staff or your phone tree calling person for assistance. We don't want you to miss you. Remember, in order to be part of the zoom call, you need to call in at the designated time (for example, Sunday worship begins at 10:30 Sunday mornings).

1. Call (346) 248-7799 (this is a long distance number, so you **need** to have ability to call long distance.
 2. "Enter your meeting number followed by #". The meeting numbers are the numbers following the "j" in the link, then press #.
 3. "Please enter your user ID followed by #". You can skip this step simply by pressing pound.
 4. If the meeting requires a password you will be prompted to enter it now, if not then you are in the call. Worship does not require a password, some other meetings do. They will always be listed with the link.
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**2020 Ministry Fund Plan for the month of May
and for year-to-date as of May 31, 2020**

	May	Year-To-Date
Receipts:		
Offerings	\$ 31,731	\$ 169,506
1) Building Use	2,417	15,315
Total Receipts:	34,148	184,821
Expenditures:		
Operating and Support	26,134	138,187
Ministries	3,480	36,262
1) Benevolence/Gifts (Synod, Sky Ranch, etc.)	435	11,524
Total Expenditures:	\$ 30,048	\$ 185,972
Receipts less Expenditures:	\$ 4,099	\$ (1,151)
1) Thank you for your continued gifts-it is our prayer that you are reminded of God's love and grace for you, as we virtually come together for worship.		



Birthdays



Aida Schmidt	7/1	Linn Zink	7/7	Bethany Jackson	7/20
Michele Rose	7/1	Carrie Hansen	7/7	Daniel Burgoon	7/20
Lynne DeLozier	7/2	Jalen Foster	7/7	Amanda Riedel	7/20
Nathan Fosse	7/2	Trey Nosal	7/8	Judy Flatley	7/21
Calvin Skelton	7/2	Daniel Frye	7/9	Jim Laird	7/21
Finnegan Sauer	7/2	Hunter Nowles	7/10	Thomas Sersen	7/22
Vernon Sunset	7/3	Andrew Zuniga	7/10	Connie Toohey	7/25
Andrea Sauer	7/3	Robert Waltermire	7/12	Rufina Kaltenberger	7/26
Berton Lamb	7/4	Samantha Schueler	7/12	McKenna Dugger	7/26
Steven Cobb	7/4	Mary Armstrong	7/14	Steven Simske	7/28
Tiffany Helton	7/4	Alexis Dryg	7/14	Robert Drews	7/29
Palmer Andrist	7/5	Richard Morton	7/15	Blake Knipple	7/29
Marlene Schild-Cockroft	7/6	Cody Hopkins	7/15	Denise Faulkner	7/31
Sophia Gorsky	7/6	Alex Fairbairn	7/16	Marissa Hopkins	7/31
Kristal Schwartz	7/6	Janet Morton	7/19		



Anniversaries



Patricia & Donald Heyse	7/1	Debbie & Gary Schwartz	7/17
Cheryl & Tim Dolan	7/5	Theresa & Rocky Knutson	7/19
Nadine & Milan Cain	7/6	Joanne & Vernon Sunset	7/20
Susan & John Stark	7/6	Pat & Reid Jacob	7/21
Pam & Wally Jacobson	7/9	Katie & Kevin Dryg	7/22
Bethany & Reuben Jackson	7/11	Lindsay & Rick Reiten	7/23
Betty & John Wagner	7/12	Kaitlin & Matthew Thompson	7/28
Margaret & Jim Frye	7/15	Jeni & Scott Makinen	7/29

There are so many who are the heart, hands & feet of God

Thank someone who has lived out their faith by sharing their gifts and made a difference in the church OR community, please email Amanda, amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org.

Thank you to **Richard Morton, Jim Rose, Deana Andrist, Jack Arendt, John Behrens, Walter Hansen, Macee Dugger, Pastor Rick, and Scout Troop** who worked hard to clean up the graffiti around the church building. ~ Everyone

Trinity Lutheran, Thank you for your \$2,000 gift to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Your participation in the life of this ministry is deeply appreciated. As a seasonal ministry during this pandemic, Sky Ranch is a vital lifeline for over 3,000 youth and adult each year. We could not prepare for this ministry without your generous support! ~ Brad Abbott, Executive Director

Trinity Lutheran, Thank you for your gift of \$1,306 to ELCA World Hunger. Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. ~ Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director

Trinity Lutheran, We cant begin to thank you enough for your gift of \$356. Because of you, we can prevent homelessness to those facing crisis. ~ Brooke Cunningham, Philanthropy Manager

Thanks to all who participated in the FoCoLu Family Geocaching Adventure. Photos from the **Reiten** Family, **Sauer** family, and **Murphy** Family, not in photos are **Barron/Crosby** family.. ~ Faith Formation



Highlights from Current Council Minutes

Finance Committee Report:

- Receipts to the end of May were \$150,674, with expenditures of \$155,924, resulting in a negative balance of \$5,250 year to date.
- The Council unanimously approved a proposal to apply for the Payroll Protection Program available through the CARES act.
- To plan for a possible shortfall in funds due to the church closure, the Finance Committee is asked to recommend a minimum operating reserve amount, as well as various ideas as to how we might deal with a shortfall.

Reopening under Safer-at-Home Guidelines:

- The Council began to discuss when and how Trinity might begin to reopen. New guidelines will soon be available from the state, but the state may authorize reopening of churches before it is really safe in order to avoid criticism relating to church and state issues.
- Worship via ZOOM will continue at the present time.
- The Council established a Task Force to begin looking at reopening guidelines and procedures.

Committee Reports:

- The annual council retreat may be rescheduled depending on decisions made by the reopening task force.
- Property Committee reported that a sprinkler line was cut when new lighting was installed in the parking lot last fall.
- Social Eco Justice will host Rev. Peter Sawtell (Eco Justice Ministries Executive Director) as preacher and as adult forum leader on June 13-14.

Supplemental Meeting via Email:

- Due to the stressful nature of the work that Pastor Rick and Katie Kline have been doing during the COVID pandemic, the Council unanimously approved a proposal to offer both five days of Paid Time Off, without taking from their normal vacation time, and that each be given a restaurant gift card as well.

Complete minutes of Council meetings are available in the Church Office.

When You Give To Trinity. . . Neighbor to Neighbor



The mission of Neighbor to Neighbor is to open doors and advance lives from homelessness through home ownership by providing sustainable housing supportive services, and education to the Larimer County community.

Neighbor to Neighbor has always met a vital need in Larimer County by giving people who are facing an imminent risk of homelessness an opportunity for a stable home. Their programs include counseling people who are facing foreclosure on their home; helping people find housemates to provide extra income; and providing rental assistance.

On their website, Neighbor to Neighbor lists pages of figures to document the numerous ways they support our community. During this coronavirus pandemic, however, there is one comparison that says it all. Before the coronavirus, Neighbor to Neighbor distributed a monthly average of \$19,000 in rental assistance to 56 households in Larimer County. When the final figures are released, they estimate the total rental assistance for May will be \$152,000. This is a crisis. This is our community. This is an opportunity to give.

When you give to Trinity, you give to Neighbor to Neighbor



JULY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
5 FFH Host Week 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	6 FFH Host Week 9:30 am Book Group 6 pm Property	7 FFH Host Week 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Pastoral Care & Check-In 5:15 pm Soc/Eco Justice
12 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Executive Council 10 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Faith Formation	13 7 pm Young Adults	14 9:30 am Pastoral Care & Check-In 3:30 pm Finance 5 pm Trust
19 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	20 5:30 pm Council	21 9:30 am Pastoral Care & Check-In
26 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27 7 pm Young Adults	28 9:30 am Pastoral Care & Check-In 5:30 pm Joint Eco Mtg

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector/Prayer Leader

July 4/5 Gerry Olsen / Ron Bend

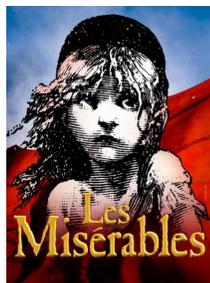
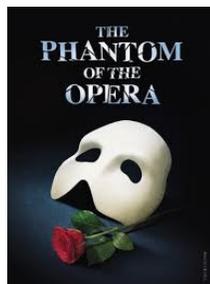
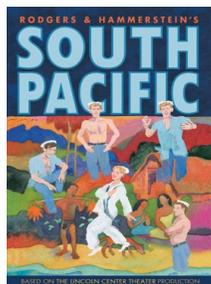
July 11/12 Lindsey Reiten / Vicky Splittgerber

July 18/19 Patty Hesse / Vicki Volbrecht

July 25/26 Margaret Wick / Ron Splittgerber

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am All God's Children 6:45 pm Worship	2	3	4 5 pm Saturday Praise
8 FFH Host Week 9 am All God's Children 6:45 pm Worship	9 FFH Host Week	10 FFH Host Week	11 FFH Host Week 5 pm Saturday Praise
15 9 am All God's Children 6:45 pm Worship	16	17	18 5 pm Saturday Praise
22 9 am All God's Children 6:45 pm Worship	23	24	25 5 pm Saturday Praise
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**PULL ME OUT! HANG ME UP!!
PUT ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

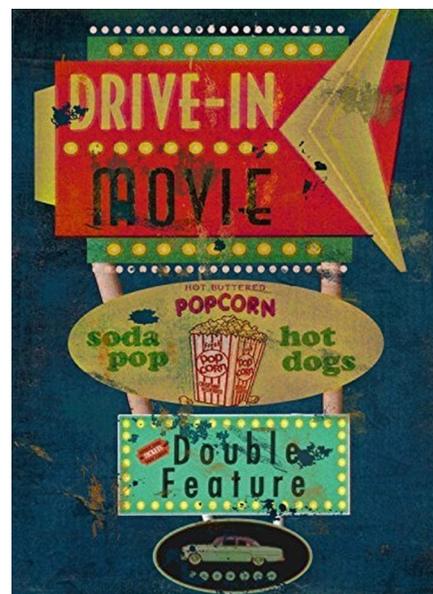


Wednesday Night Worship

Have you ever wondered what our faith has to say about the pandemic? Have you ever wondered if there is a place for a religious conversation about musicals? Would you like to talk about the Broadway Plays: Hamilton, Les Misérables, Sound of Music, South Pacific, and others and see how these musicals can speak to our current reality and faith? These musicals and others have been the starting points for our Wednesday evening worship. Please join us every Wednesday at 6:45 for a time of music, prayer, and reflection.

Lutheran Night at the Movies

Join the FoCoLu churches for drive in movie night on **Thursday July 9**. There will be two different showings, at **5 pm** Shrek is on screen and at **8 pm** School of Rock. Both showings will be at the Loveland Drive-In, located at 5661 McWhinney Blvd, Loveland. Suggested donation is \$20 per car per show. There is a limited number of tickets left (50) to “buy”— all by donation, so get them while you can www.lovelanddrivein.com/private-tickets.html.



COVID Task Force Update

Dear Trinity Family,

The COVID Task Force continues to meet and navigate these difficult situations. We know the last several months have been difficult, and we continue to explore ways to meet safely in person. As it was stated in the last newsletter (please refer to the June newsletter for the full article), Trinity is continuing to follow the Rocky Mountain Synod guidelines (in italics below). As the situation continues to change, so does our response - **updates to Trinity's response:**

1. It is recommended that congregations and communities of faith continue to use an online/digital platform for corporate worship through at least August 31; there is a strong likelihood that such need will continue through the end of the calendar year or longer given public health requirements for all parishioners to safely gather for corporate in-person worship in church buildings. This recommendation will be reevaluated in mid-August in light of any new developments.

Trinity will abide by this recommendation and not hold corporate worship in the sanctuary through at least the end of August. We are tentatively planning an outdoor worship service for the weekend of **August 2 and 3** (there will still be online options available). Please watch for a survey in the e-news to express your interest and comfort in this option; based on the results of the service we will determine how to proceed (eg, do people need to reserve a spot).

2. It is recommended that congregations and communities of faith consider how to offer low-risk in-person gatherings tailored to the needs and vulnerabilities of the various people within your setting.

We are encouraging small groups to meet in-person **outside**. This can be on the church property or wherever your group would like to meet (not inside the church building, yet). Please continue to practice physical distancing, the use of masks, and limiting the group size. Also, when meeting at the church, please bring your own chairs – do not take chairs from inside. Boards and other committees are encouraged to make their meetings hybrid incorporating both zoom and in-person options – your safety is still our priority, **if you are in the at-risk population, please choose the online options**. The task force will continue to implement best-practices so that when we are able to gather in small groups in the building, we can do so well and safely.

3. It is recommended that congregations and communities of faith use this time to pay particular attention as people of faith to those in your community, in our nation, and in this world who are most vulnerable during the pandemic and let that inform your ministry efforts.

Trinity has and will continue to focus our ministry on the most vulnerable. We are taking special care to realize the pandemic affects different people and different groups of people differently. Please let us know if you have needs we could be better meetings. Also, please know that Trinity still has a COVID response team to address financial and other needs, if you have needs (financial or other) or would like to contribute to that fund or other needs; please reach out.

This Task Force will continue to meet. If there is something you would like to bring to the attention of the task force, our next meeting will be Thursday, July 9. Thank you for your grace through this time. The church has never been closed because we, as people, are the church. We, all, continue to do ministry, we continue to do God's work in our world – and that is what it means to be church. The church was never closed, only our building.

In Christ's Love, -The COVID Task Force

