



TRINITY TIMES

May 2023

The Friendly Church with the Heavenly View

“Wanting to Change”



There are few things in life more frustrating than knowing you need to change, wanting to change, and trying to change, but not actually changing.

How do I know that? Because I have tried it! My frustration is with trying to change my diet to eat smarter and healthier. I am learning to see that I am over-medicated and under-educated. So, I have begun to make some plans to be educated and then I am ever so hopeful that I will make those needed changes to make myself less dependent upon pharmaceuticals. A lack of discipline should not be overcome by pills! I know that. I know better.

Perhaps you do not struggle with cholesterol or blood pressure issues - good for you! But when there are things that I can do rather than simply to take a pill, I am not sure that simply taking a pill is the best answer. So, I am on a quest for knowledge! Do you have an area in your life where you know you need to make a change? Perhaps we can help each other.

I have found the number one obstacle we face is our own self-image. How we see ourselves. Are we victims? Are we capable? Can we seek assistance? I know that the answer lies outside of myself when I turn to God's Word. Romans 12:2 (NLT) says, *“Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.”* **To change what you do, you need to first change what you think of yourself.**

I have enrolled in a cognitive program to change the way I think about food and what I can know about food, but I, like you, will need the Lord to help me apply what I learn. What does this mean for you? Do you want to change? You know that you need to do it. You know that it is what you want. Then begin with who you are as a child of God. I know, it sounds crazy, but plans fail if you fail to know who you are and what you are capable of as God's child. Begin there and we can together make the changes! See you on the other side of change.

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COUNCIL CORNER...

✝ **FINANCIAL REPORT.** Our March 2023 receipts were \$1,542 more than Budget. Our March 2023 expenses were \$2,161 less than budget, which means we currently have a surplus of \$31,946.



✝ **PASTOR REPORT.** The Prayer Room was dedicated between services on Sunday, April 23rd. A “Care Ministry Board” has been established in the Crying Room and will be maintained by the Office Manager. Communion Kits are being purchased for the Elders, who are being trained to deliver communion to members who are not able to come to church.

✝ **ELDER REPORT.** Our 2022 year-end LCMS Report indicated the following. We have 184 baptized members. Our 2022 contributions were \$365,000. Our average attendance per service was 80. We had 2 baptisms and 7 funerals. It was also reported that an elder job description is nearly complete.

✝ **TRUSTEES.** Roof repairs on the East side have been completed. Sixteen other critical roof repairs are being completed. A second bid is being solicited to install a more secure front door and intercom system. The exterior of the church needs repairs and painting, which is estimated to cost \$30,000. That is not part of the current budget.

✝ **LAND COMMITTEE:** There will be a public hearing at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 2nd, at the FH Town Hall concerning the rezoning and proposed multifamily buildings that would occupy the land adjacent to the church.

✝ **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:** The completed Endowment Fund By-Laws were presented to the Council and approved for presentation to the congregation.

✝ **COUNCIL MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** Job descriptions for Council Members and other church leaders are being updated.

✝ **CHURCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** An electronic and hardcopy of existing and unapproved church policies and procedures are being collected and updated. They will then be reviewed by the Council and approved.

✝ **NARTHEX USE POLICY:** A policy for Narthex Use was submitted to the Council and approved. It is being posted.

✝ **NEW SERVICE BANNERS:** A new set of outside summer church service banners are being purchased to replace old ones that are no longer serviceable.

*BEGINNING MAY 7TH
OUR ONE WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE AT 9:30
A.M.*

PRAYER WARRIORS AND PRAYER TIME...



Prayer Warriors meets the second and fourth Mondays every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room. In May, they will meet on the 8th and the 22nd.

Prayer Time on Sunday mornings begins at 9:10 a.m., before the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Each Prayer Time session should last about 15 minutes. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICE...

Pastor John will offer the next Prayer and Healing service on **Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary and everyone is welcome.



Everyone needs healing at some time in their life. This service is for anyone seeking healing physically, spiritually, relationally and mentally.

Pastor John uses the biblical practice of anointing the forehead with oil and laying on of hands accompanied by prayer for personal needs. The service lasts 45 minutes and there is no offering collected nor sermon preached. Those seeking prayer and healing determine their own level of participation and comfort.

May 4th is also the National Day of Prayer! The Prayer Room will be open to anyone who would like to come and pray from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

LWML NEWS...



The LWML met on Saturday, April 15th.

OLD BUSINESS...

Extended Hands Food Bank Update - The May 7th food items were bagged up and delivered to the EHFB by Ed and Eunice W. The next collection day for EHFB will be Sunday, June 4th.

Caring Chef - A BIG THANK YOU to all of the Chefs, who have estimated they've cooked and delivered between 300 to 350 meals in the last 2½ years - WOW!!

NEW BUSINESS...

Backpacks for Homeless - The LWML is pondering over how to help the homeless in Fountain Hills. Having backpacks in the attic, they was decided that they could donate some to the Cornerstone (formerly the Baptist) Church so that they could fill and distribute them rather than having families come directly to TLC.

La Mesa - Gail S. brought up the idea of helping the clients with the expenses of doing laundry. Currently the clothes that are donated are worn until they are dirty and no good, so are mostly thrown out. A motion was made and carried to donate \$450 in laundry gift cards and detergent. Director Laurie McC. will distribute the cards to those who diligently participate in the activities designed to increase financial management skills of the participants. Gail will contact the nearby Coin Less Laundry and make the purchases.

The next LWML meeting will take place in Fellowship Hall on May 20th at 10:00 AM.

MINISTRY TEAM MANUEVERS...



The Ministry Team wishes to thank all who have supported the Team's activities this year. Without that support they would not have accomplished as much. They have made progress in all three areas of gather--grow--and go and look forward to your continued support for the remainder of the year.

GATHER:

* There is now a Narthex Usage policy in place that was created by a task force that included a member of the Ministry Team along with one each from the Elders, Council, Trustees and LWML. This was headed by Pastor John. In addition, greeters and ushers were added to the roster.

* A large 12 month calendar was bought and is hanging in the Crying Room. This will allow anyone to see upcoming activities. Dana will be the only one to write on this board and will handle any requests for activities to be added or subtracted.

GROW:

* The Prayer Room is now completed and dedicated. Anyone may use it for prayer and meditation. There are Bibles and devotional materials there to use.



MINISTRY TEAM MANUEVERS... (continued)

- * The Mens' Activity Group had its first social gathering at Phil's Filling Station last week and discussed some possible plans for the future. More later as they look forward to another get together in May.
- * The 40-day "**Being**" Challenge was successfully completed, led by John G., and had 60 people involved in small groups and many more in the Sunday morning Bible study. Next year the Lenten 40-Day Challenge will be on the subject of "**Forgiveness**". Thank you, John G.!

GO:

- * Ongoing support of the Food Closet through the Fountain Hills Ministerial Group is answering a need in our community that not only feeds people but lets them know that these gifts are shared with them through the love of Jesus Christ. They ask you to continue to bring in soups, rice, and canned meats in support of this community mission.
- * The La Mesa Ministry has been their strongest push this year, especially with clothes and toiletries. The needs are changing every other week. With summer, the need is tee for t-shirts, shorts, shampoos and other hygiene products. Last week, 6 Ministry Team members served food there, which gave them a new outlook of the value of La Mesa. Your continued support is needed. Now, if you would rather not shop or have depleted your closets, you can support it in another way. You may make a tax deductible donation by writing a check to TLC and place it in a separate envelope labeled "**MINISTRY TEAM-LA MESA**", and mail it directly to Trinity (please use the P.O. Box address), or put it in the collection plate on Sunday morning. The Ministry Team members will do the shopping for you based upon the current needs list we get from La Mesa.

To God be the glory!
Dick N., Ministry Team Chair

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Trinity Lutheran Church exists to **GATHER** people to *worship* God, to **GROW** people to *become* a community of Jesus Followers, and to **GO** and *serve* in the expansion of God's Kingdom.



May 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Say a prayer for school principals. Donate 10¢	2 Treat a teacher today. Donate 90¢	3 Sing LSB #706 Love in Christ is Strong and Living. Donate 40¢	4 Participate in the National Day of Prayer. Donate 70¢	5 Invite someone for Mexican food. Donate 15¢	6 Pray for nurses today. Donate 55¢
7 Call a friend and discuss today's sermon. Donate 30¢	8 Read Matthew 5:1-12. Donate 95¢	9 Go for a walk, thanking God for His creation. Donate 50¢	10 Pray for those working overnight. Donate 20¢	11 Express how blessed you are to those you meet. Donate 80¢	12 Donate to a backpack program. Donate 35¢	13 Have a piece of apple pie with someone. Donate 75¢
14 Mother's Day Praise the Lord for Godly mothers. Donate 60¢	15 Send a "thinking of you" card. Donate 25¢	16 Count the trees in your yard and give 10¢ each or Donate 65¢	17 Clean out a drawer or cabinet today. Donate 45¢	18 Sing a praise song as you wash your dishes. Donate 85¢	19 Invite someone to share a pizza. Donate 10¢	20 Pray for those in the Armed Forces. Donate 90¢
21 Start reading a Christian book. Donate 40¢	22 Graciously tip waitstaff today. Donate 70¢	23 Read Matthew 25:35-40. Donate 15¢	24 Pray for siblings to love one another. Donate 55¢	25 Brown bag it for lunch today. Donate 30¢	26 Write out your prayer requests. Donate 95¢.	27 Tape a list of blessings where you will see it. Donate 50¢
28 Pentecost! Praise the Lord for the Holy Spirit. Donate 20¢	29 Memorial Day! Remember those who served. Donate 80¢	30 Sing LSB #848 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Donate 35¢	31 Read Lamentations 3:22-24. Donate 75¢			

Our next MITE BOX COLLECTION DATE will be Sunday, June 29th!!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...



GREETING...

If you are interested in greeting and welcoming our congregation and guests to our church, please contact Carolyn. You would need to be at church by 9:00 a.m. for the 9:30 Worship service. This is a nice way for you to get to know people and for them to get to know you. Please remember to wear your name badges and a smile! Thank you for serving Trinity in this important way.



USHERING...



USHERS ARE ALWAYS IMPORTANT AND NEEDED DURING OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES. Their duties include passing out Sunday bulletins, counting the number of people attending the service, bringing the offering plate to the Pastor during the service, collecting the Welcome Book pages and any left-over bulletins, and locking up offerings in the safe. Please contact Carolyn if you are able to help in this rewarding way.

SHREDDING...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our office staff is looking for someone to help with shredding documents that cannot be thrown away as is. Please see Carolyn if you can help in any way.



ALTAR FLOWERS...



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR BEAUTIFUL FAITH FLOWERS going by signing up for the giving of our Altar flowers for a special occasion and/or a special person!! It really brightens a person's day to receive these in honor of a special occasion or just because!! **PLEASE NOTE: THE COST OF OUR ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IS \$36.00.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 JOYFUL PRAISE SERVICES 7:40am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 8:00am Worship Service with Pastor John "ARE YOU HEARING VOICES?" 9:00am Fellowship Time 9:30am Bible Study with Pastor John 10:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "ARE YOU HEARING VOICES?"	1 10:30am Staff Meeting	2 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 4:00pm MINISTRY TEAM MEETING 6:00pm Elders Meeting	3	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER *10:00am-12:00pm Prayer Room Open for Prayers* 6:00pm Prayer and Healing Service	5	6
7 9:10am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 9:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "It's Not the Yellow Brick Road" 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Bible Study with Pastor John	8 9:30am Prayer Warriors Meet 10:30am Staff Meeting	9 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 6:00pm Trustees Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9:10am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 9:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "We All Need a Friend" 10:30am MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH	15 10:30am Staff Meeting	16 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John 6:00pm Council Meeting	17	18 Newsletter Submission Deadline	19	20 10:00am LWML Meeting
21 9:10am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 9:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "Volunteers or Chosen Ones" 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Bible Study with Pastor John	22 9:30am Prayer Warriors Meet 10:30am Staff Meeting	23 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John	24	25	26	27
28 9:10am Prayer Time with Pastor John and Cathy 9:30am Worship Service with Pastor John "Does Anyone Need A Miracle?" 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Bible Study with Pastor John	29 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY	30 10:00am Bible Study with Pastor John	31	1 6:00pm Prayer and Healing Service	2	3

Updated calendars can always be found at the Trinity Lutheran Church website, or through the following link, <https://www.tlcfhaz.org/calendar.html>.

TRINITY NEWSLETTER...



Please submit articles, reports, and photos for the June/July 2023 newsletter to Dana B. by Thursday, May 18th. We would love to post articles and pictures of any special occasions like weddings, graduations, etc.!!

MAY CELEBRATIONS...



05/12	Z., Darrell and Cecelia
05/14	H., Jerry and Daena
05/23	M., John and Lisa
05/28	B., Doug and Nita
05/28	W., Herb and Matalynne
05/29	D., Kevin and Lynn
05/29	M., Kent and Kris



05/04	J., Jake	05/22	O., Laura
05/06	M., Randy	05/22	P., Monty
05/08	M., Fred	05/26	M., Rod
05/10	D., Gavin	05/27	G., Janet
05/13	W., Stephanie	05/27	H., Jerry
05/14	W., Michael	05/27	K., Steve
05/16	S.-H., Connie	05/27	K., Cathy
05/17	Z., Darrell	05/29	J., David
05/21	B., Susan	05/31	V., Pete

We sincerely apologize for any omissions. If your birthday or anniversary needs to be added, please contact Dana. Please also let us know of any personal or family milestones, including happy occasions or serious lifecycle events that you would like to share with the Trinity congregation.

Bozarth Call Day Announcement



Call Day was Wednesday,
April 26th and I received a
Call to

Trinity Lutheran Church

in

Blackwell, OK

For many months, our family has been praying for our future church. Every night, we would pray that this soon-to-be-named church and her members would be blessed by God, that God would prepare their hearts and minds to receive us in their midst, and that God would prepare our hearts and minds as we learn to call this future church our home. With much joy and since April 26th, our family has been praying for Trinity Lutheran Church by name.



With fervent passion, we are counting down the weeks and days until we are able to move down to Blackwell, OK. There is much to do prior to Ordination and Installation, but we will remain faithful to our tasks at hand, especially in my role as a student at Concordia Seminary and Avin and Adalyn as students at St. Paul's Lutheran School.



**James, Heather, Avin (9), Adalyn (7),
and Arwen (11 mo)**

May God bless you and we thank you
for your support!

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IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

Al A.
Grace L.
Sam M.
Jeri R.
Jack W.

Larry H.
Kyle L.
Carole P.
Matalynne W.

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYERS WE REMEMBER

Dana B.
Jack C.
Daena H.
Bob K.
Fred M.
Marv S.

Vonnie B.
Dave & Nancy D.
Johnny & Barbara H.
Bill & Donna M.
Dan P.
Joan W.

Chad B.
Hank F.
Jake J.
Jeannie M.
Cherie R.
Clarice Z.

Pastor John and Cathy's brother, Rick S.
Al A.'s niece, Michelle's grandson, Hudson, and friend, Mike
Pete and Jan V.'s brother-in-law, Bill G.
Martin S.'s granddaughter-in-law, Emily R.
Laura O.'s brother and sister, Bob B. and Amy E.
John and Lisa M.'s mothers, Gloria C. and Luann S.
Corky and Monty P.'s brother, Jim P.
Dorine T.'s daughter Karyn B., and friend, Sue R.
Jay and Trish H.'s nephew, Shaun S.
Irene F.'s friend, Diane G.
Al A.'s brother-in-law, Phil M., niece and husband, Jayne and Noy
Gail and Kurt S.'s sister, Susan C.
Cherie R.'s sister-in-law, Nancy Y.
Dianne I.'s friend, Celia R.
Barbara M.'s daughter, Laura and friends, Teresa S. and Barb S.
Alan and Dana B.'s mom and brothers, Lorraine, Steven, and Ted
Terry N.'s family, Laura, Don, Michael & Daniel K.
Pastor Jim and Dorine's friend, Don N.
Jason St. C.'s grandmother, Gayle
Terry and Debbie Olson's niece, Stacy Breidung

✠ *Every Member of Trinity Lutheran Church is a Minister, called to serve Jesus Christ by reaching out to the unchurched and caring for the needs of others.* ✠

✠ *Help us keep the Prayer Chain up to date. If you or a loved one would like to be put on or taken off the list, please notify Jan Visser. If you would like to be part of the TLC Prayer Chain, please give Jan your e-mail.* ✠