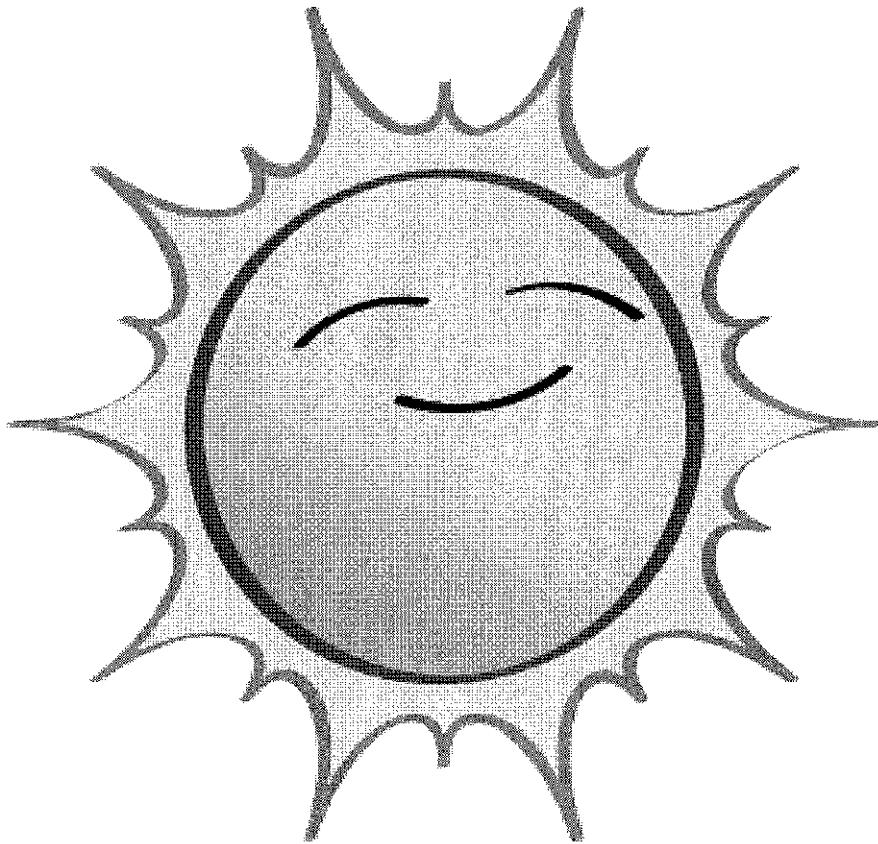


# The Herald

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1141 West Chester Pike Havertown PA 19083

JULY - AUGUST 2022



*"Here comes the Sun (doo, doo, doo, doo)  
Here comes the Sun and I say  
It's all right"*

*~~ George Harrison*

## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR**

*"It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones." Psalm 127:2 (NLT)*

Summer has finally arrived! School vacation has started, graduations have commenced, the temperature is more consistently in the 80's and above, family trips are taking place, and there are plenty of opportunities to eat, drink and be merry. At Trinity Havertown, "Summer Camp" has begun in the Nursery School and the smell of crabs and other shell fish is back in our kitchen. It's also a time for renewal, rest, and relaxation. The rhythm of life calls us to alter our steps. During **this** summer, I suggest the following:

**Breathe!** Slow Down! During your day take some intentionally connected deep breaths. Inhale deeply, feel the cleansing air enter your lungs. Exhale fully, experiencing welcome release. Physically you will feel calmer. Remember the Spirit is with you in each breath you take.

**Hydrate!** With high temperatures, drinking plenty of water, preferably cold, will not only be refreshing, but good for your body. Hydrating spiritually is important as well. Read your Bible and/or a good devotional often. Take time to be in a worshipping community, here at "Trinity", or where you are vacationing. Water is the substance of life. God's Word is living water for us spiritually.

**Pray!** Spend time with God in quiet reflection and meditation. Whether at home or in the beauty of God's creation, offer appreciation and gratitude to God for life and blessings. As we journey through this time of transition together, much prayer is needed. Pray for each other, our church leadership, your family, the surrounding community, and the ministry of "Trinity". Pray for the Spirit's guiding presence and direction as we journey. Trust God! Prayer works.

**Relax and Rest!** Take time off. Summer provides longer days with sunlight and gatherings around grills, ball fields and bodies of water. Be with family and friends. Travel if you can. Enjoy time outdoors, at the shore, in the mountains, on your decks, and/or in your back yards. Take time to put your feet up and relax. Let your body rest, its necessary if you are to be renewed.

The Transition Process will continue throughout the summer. Trinity's Transition Team will be hard at work gathering information, listening to the stories of members and friends of Trinity and discerning the Spirit's guidance for Trinity's future. Its members will also take time for rest this summer as well. Through fellowship, intentional conversations, ministry involvement and just being around in the community, I too hope to grow in my understanding of Trinity, its history, and the culture within and surrounding "Trinity, Havertown". Together, we will discover what is next in mission and ministry, what qualities of leadership are needed as we move forward, and what connections/relationships need to be developed and strengthened.

So, this summer, **enjoy** life and living! Whether it's to go to a sports game, an amusement park, a concert or theater production, traveling to the mountains or the shore, **have some fun!** Be sure to

breathe, hydrate and pray! Take time to rest, renew, and relax! Praise God! Remember, God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Gwen, Interim Pastor {AKA: Rev. Gwendolyn S. King}

### **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT**

Trinity's transition process is moving along and will continue throughout the summer. To date we have met 6 times. The Synod requires the completion of seven documents including: a history of the congregation, our budget and actual financial figures for last year and this year, an audit certification by an external financial professional, and the most recent Annual Report of the congregation in addition to the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) a computerized form used by congregations needing a pastor. We are currently preparing for the audit.

We will keep you informed of our progress. Please feel free to call on any of us with comments or questions. And most importantly, please pray for our Congregation, our Team, and the process.

Yours in Christ,

Your Transition Team

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### **MASK UPDATE**

Masking is now optional. This is subject to change should the levels of transmission rates increase in the future.

### **TRINITY IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**9:45 AM – Worship Time**

Those who cannot join us in person can follow us on “Facebook Live.” Please go to Trinity Lutheran Church Havertown on Facebook and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinitylutheranchurchhavertown>

## **Financial Update**

Our 2022 approved budget for the church expects an average income of \$9,950 a month from contributions, outreach, grocery dollars, etc. (Excludes Nursery School). While we have bigger income months due to Easter, Christmas, and the Crab group in the summer it would be wonderful if we could meet or exceed the budget each and every month!!

**January our income was \$6,281 versus the budget amount of \$9,950.**

**February our income was \$7,116**

**March our income was \$6608**

**April our income was \$19,098!!! Wow and Yay. Thank You.**

**May our income was \$5274**

**YTD our income was \$44,400 versus the needed budget amount for 5 months of \$49,700.**

**Expenses do not take a vacation in the summer.**

*~Barbara Ryan*

## **CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!!**

Did you know that Trinity offers a scholarship to any and all students in college? Trinity would like to provide a little blessing to any of its members that are participating in any type of college education. If you are interested please submit your application to Pastor King by August 7, 2022. Please tell us a little bit about yourself and what Trinity means to you.

If you have any questions reach out to Jenn Pruski or Pastor King

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Please think about joining us in the fall, date to be determined. Following our opening time of catching up with each other from the previous week, we begin with prayer. It is a wonderful time to share our concerns, sorrows and joys and then bring them to the Lord. After that time of fellowship and prayer we begin our study.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY – ADULT CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR**

You are invited to join the Adult Choir and/or Bell Choir when we begin to meet in the fall.

Voice for the Voiceless-Music and Mass

Proverbs 31:8-10 Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable. Speak out in order to judge with righteousness and to defend the needy and the poor.

In Catholic practice, there is a special mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Growing up at St. Mary's, I remember this mass vividly because I was intrigued at the concept of a voiceless mass. Mind you, it wasn't "voiceless" in that people didn't sing, but it was the above scripture that

dominated this service and the Catholic pro-life stance as well. The Sisters led the mass and only women were involved in the preparation. We adorned the statues and candles with wreaths of flowers and palm branches, and we acknowledged that Mary was our global mother.

Still held around the world, the Mass of the Voiceless has started to take on new meaning, that is, to highlight the voices of the underrepresented, marginalized and restricted. Awarded the Pulitzer Prize in music this past May, Raven Chacon is the first ever Native American composer to win the award for his work titled "Voiceless Mass." The mass is actually an organ concerto, and there are no voices at all. The music highlights the use of different stop combinations and alterations to imitate voice sounds and chant. Chacon wrote the piece during the pandemic, while thinking about his own heritage and the suppressed voices of his people. The piece is his exploration of space and utilizes huge, overpowering sound to symbolize how power is often not ceded by those who own it.

What are your thoughts about a voiceless mass? What does the scripture mean to you?

~~ Kirsten Kratz

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND MOTHERS MORNING OUT NEWS**

#### Staycation Summer Camp Session At Trinity

On the train to "Pottersville"! The train chugged along at the 9 3/4 Station at 10:10 on the first day of camp. The little cape-robed wizards were ready for all the adventures of Harry Potter, with the talking wizard hat and the wooden wands. The adventures were surreal and the children enjoyed "Wizard Training."

Move over Harry Potter, Baby Yoda is here. Baby Yoda went high up in the air in the parachute which the children shook till the three Baby Yoda jumped to the sky. Chewy, Darth Vader, Princess Laia and R2D2 came out to meet the Jedi training cadets practicing outside with the light-saber swords. (Oh the things you can do with a foam pool noodle!)

The Super Heroes arrived to push the Star War invasion away. They lifted weights in sync with their cohorts, Spiderman with Wonder Woman, along with Captain America and Superman. They were all together meeting challenges of maximum strength. They built and crashed through imitation brick walls (red boxes) with all their might, their strength was immeasurable! They conquered the balance beam, sometimes one foot in front of the other and sometimes sideways. They were a force to be reckoned with!

The Disney characters appeared at the Castle to enjoy the festivities of the Faire. They painted Alice's flowers, stacked tea cups, pushed an apple on Cinderella and played Skee Ball with the Three of Hearts. Some of the characters were so intent on balancing the scale with little plastic teddy bears. Perfect balance was a determined goal! So intent was the team that they set the sand hourglass to measure their time.

This week we are off to Jurassic Park in a homemade cardboard Jeep to tour the paper dinosaurs in our play yard.

~~ Miss Marian



Trinity has a prayer ministry comprised of 30+ members. We pray for concerns and joys not only for our Trinity family but for relatives and friends of our Trinity family. We also pray for those whom we do not know but whose story has touched our hearts. If you would like to be a part of this important and powerful ministry contact Peggy DiSciascio ([peggy@bytemonkey.net](mailto:peggy@bytemonkey.net)) or Darlene Leech ([office@trinityhavertown.org](mailto:office@trinityhavertown.org)).

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**PRAYING THROUGH MEMBERSHIP**

Dorothy Plantholt, The Polidoro Family, Jennifer Pruski and Liv Carson, and  
The Quarshie Family

**Please Pray for...** Dorothy Plantholt, Don and Nancy Cornman, Susan Haines, Carol Lyons, Dave Huntington, Louise Wallace, Glenn Miller, Margit Hibben, Debbie Maguire, Richard Campbell, Tom Shiffer, and Connie Young.

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

More than thirty people participate in Trinity's Prayer Chain Ministry. We love to hear good news that new can thank God for but we also pray for concerns and sorrows of our Trinity family and their friends and relatives. To be a part of this important ministry or submit a prayer request, please contact Peggy DiSciascio ([peggy@bytemonkey.net](mailto:peggy@bytemonkey.net)) or Darlene Leech ([office@trinityhavertown.org](mailto:office@trinityhavertown.org)).

**MEALS FOR THE LIFE CENTER**

**We NEED the following to make hot casseroles for the Life Center:  
Cream of Mushroom soup, Mayonnaise, Canned Tuna, Mixed Vegetables,  
and Shredded Cheese (you can put the cheese in the silver refrigerator in the Social Hall)  
Please help when you are out grocery shopping.**

Cooks for the June meal at the Life Center: Brigitte Gdovin. Servers: Ann Shiffer, Fred Sanger II and Fred Sanger III from St. Paul, Lansdowne.

We are now serving ice tea and/or lemonade from Swiss Farms rather than in powdered form, so any donations for drinks can be made in the gallon jug or perhaps a gift card from Swiss Farms or Wawa. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

**PLEASE HELP TRINITY HELP OTHERS**

Trinity is continuing to provide a hot meal the first Tuesday of each month for the Life Center.

In addition, we are going to provide **30 substantial lunches for PROJECT SHARE** to be dropped off at Trinity on the **first Sunday of the month**. **PROJECT SHARE** provides daytime mental health services for about 25-30 homeless persons. There is no meal program. The

lunches we and other groups provide are their only sources of a balanced cold meal. If you can volunteer to make lunches, please contact Ann Shiffer at [t.shiffer@comcast.net](mailto:t.shiffer@comcast.net) or Darlene in Trinity's office.

**These lunches will be dropped off at Trinity on the first Sunday of the month. Please label them (SHARE) and place them in the refrigerator downstairs in the Social Hall.**

**The lunches need to be dropped off the FIRST SUNDAY of the month.**

Ann Shiffer or a volunteer will take them to SHARE. Remember, we need 30 lunches; if you can make 5 that would make it easier for more to volunteer and share the love of helping others.  
~Ann Shiffer ([t.shiffer@comcast.net](mailto:t.shiffer@comcast.net), or 484-995-1751)

*Helen and David Koch made lunches in July – Thank You!!*

***HUNGER DOES NOT STOP DURING THE SUMMER!!!  
WE NEED LUNCHES FOR JULY (drop off on July 31) AND AUGUST  
AND FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR***

There is a sign-up sheet, indicating drop-off dates, on the bulletin board by the elevator. Remember, you do not have to make all 30 lunches yourself. Ask a friend or a member of our Trinity family to help. Folks love to help!!!

### **FREE MONEY FOR TRINITY**

SCRIP = gift cards for food stores and easy way to donate to Trinity. Acme, Giant (use them for gas as well as groceries), Colonial Village in Manoa Shopping Center, each will give the church 5% of the amount you purchase. Although the stores make these donations, you can still make purchases equal to the face value of the gift cards you purchase. Buy them on Sunday mornings from Peggy DiSciascio or call her during the week (610-446-2695) to make arrangement for purchasing during the week.

### **BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

**Thank you for participating so generously in past school supply drives.**  
Our annual School Supply Drive has begun and we are joining 15 faith communities to collect backpacks and supplies for distribution in Chester and Upper Darby where the need is greatest.

**The last Sunday to drop off backpacks and supplies is August 7.**

If you do not have the time I will be more than happy to shop for you. This drive is near and dear to my heart since I loved school so much, and having nice things to start off the school year is a great way to encourage learning in our students. Remember, the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

So have fun, go shopping, and remember how happy you were to get new supplies each year.  
~~ Darlene

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Church Council via ZOOM All are welcome!**

Let Alice Huntington, President of Council ([alicehuntington@gmail.com](mailto:alicehuntington@gmail.com)) or Darlene Leech ([office@trinityhavertown.org](mailto:office@trinityhavertown.org)) know you would like to attend and you will be sent the ZOOM link to join the meeting.

**BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

**Sunday, August 7 is the last day to drop off backpacks and school supplies**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, August 25, 1 PM – 6 PM in the Social Hall**







**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Charles Matsinger.....07/05  
 Karlee Johnson..... 07/05  
 Steve Schwoebel.....07/06  
 David Koch.....07/5  
 Crystal Mangr.....07/09  
 Peter Mark..... 07/14  
 Courtney Schwoebel..... 07/16  
 Edwin Johnson, Jr.....07/19  
 Daniel Matsinger.....07/20  
 Louie Harris.....07/23  
 Judy Hancock.....07/25  
 Paul Bazik.....07/28  
 Douglas Ward.....07/28  
 Jacquelyn Zalkind.....07/28  
 Peggy DiSciocio.....07/29  
 Diane Travlos.....07/31

if your name is missing from this birthday list, please call the church office at 610-446-6398 or e-mail us at office@trinityhavertown.org.

# JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:45 AM Worship and Communion	4 8 PM AI-Anon	5 9:30 AM AI-Anon 6 PM Weight Watchers	6	7 7:30 PM - AA	8	9
10 9:45 AM Worship and Communion	11 8 PM AI-Anon	12 9:30 AM AI-Anon 6 PM Weight Watchers	13	14 7:30 PM - AA	15	16





**Happy Birthday!**

David Huntington..... 08/02  
 Doris Gerisch..... 08/05  
 Vicki Schwoebel..... 08/05  
 Kristin Gdovin ..... 08/15  
 Alice Polidoro..... 08/23  
 Jenna Matsinger..... 08/28

If your name is missing from this birthday list, please call the church office at 610-448-6398 or e-mail us at office@trinityhavertown.org.

# AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:45 AM Worship and Communion  LAST DAY TO DROP OFF BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES	8 8 PM AI-Anon	9 9:30 AM AI-Anon 6 PM Weight Watchers	10	11 7:30 PM - AA	12	13
14 9:45 AM Worship and Communion	15 8 PM AI-Anon	16 9:30 AM AI-Anon 6 PM Weight Watchers	17	18 7:30 PM - AA	19	20

**GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Church Groups**

Choir - Kristen Halter-Kraiz  
 khalterk@warthmore.edu

**Homeless Ministry**

Linda Weiser - lndwiser@gmail.com

**Women's Bible Study**

10 AM Friday via ZOOM

**Community Groups**

Tinurs, A.A. - alcoholics-anonymous.org

Monday Camera Club

Monday Al-Anon & Tuesday Al-Anon

(888) 4A1-Anon

Recovery Meeting

Tuesday Weight Watchers

www.weightwatchers.com

800-275-2583

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