

INITY The Messenger

July 2022

Growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, learning, fellowship and outreach

NO "DOG DAYS OF SUMMER" AROUND TRINITY

It may be summer, but there are lots of exciting things going on at Trinity right now! Keep reading to find out more about the exciting opportunities to participate and volunteer!

Sanctuary Readiness Study

During the month of July, we will be engaging in a preliminary study to gauge our readiness to move toward the construction of the sanctuary. In May, the Board called for the formation of a committee to find, interview,



and recommend a firm to professionally evaluate our readiness. That committee, comprised of Ray Watson, Angelo Haddad, Edwin Camp, and Lynne Hall, got right to work and, after prayerful interviews and consideration, recommended the firm of JD Klote and Associates to the Board of Directors. The Board met to receive the report and ask questions, and then voted to engage JD Klote for the readiness study. Our consultant will be Greg Holt, who will be coming to Bakersfield by July 1.

While Greg is here, he will be organizing multiple Focus Groups to present the scope of the anticipated project. It is our hope that as many members as possible will attend and offer their feedback and input.

Also getting back to work are two care ministries: Home Communion Visitors and the Rosewood Service.

Home Communion Visitors

Deacon Ron is re-launching our Home Communion Visitors ministry. These are the folks who take the reserve sacrament to those who are temporarily, or long-term, homebound. They are licensed by the Diocese for this ministry, and are commissioned after passing a short online course. Watch for the Visitors to come to the altar before the post-communion prayer to receive the reserve sacrament and to be sent forth in the name of the Church! If you have a heart for visiting those who are homebound and have a burden to see people receive the grace of Holy Communion, talk to the clergy about what it takes to get involved as a Home Communion Visitor.

Rosewood Service

The Rosewood Service, which our seminarian, David Peterson, began just before covid caused it to be shut down, will be on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. We have multiple members who reside at Rosewood, so it makes a natural place to extend our Sunday services. David is re-launching this ministry alongside Deacon Ron, and it will be wonderful to see it back up and running. If you are interested in volunteering your skills as a lector or musician, or just your loving presence, talk to David or Deacon Ron!

So, there are no "dog days" here! It will be an exciting Summer as we prepare for an exciting Fall. Don't miss the chance to be a participant, and pray about how you can serve in these vital ministries!

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Yours in Christ.

Summer Reading

There are so many good Christian books out there for us to read. Some are light reading that lift up the soul while others challenge us academically to increase our understanding and faith. If you are looking for your next theological book to read or add to your list, here are some of my favorite books depending on your interest.

The Drama of Scripture by Bartholomew and Goheen

The bible is simply a story. It is a series of books, historical and allegorical, but together they still make a single story of God working for his people in Salvation. This book walks you through how that singular story unfolds. Though slightly academic, it reads like a story, increasing your understanding of Scripture and the way it impacts us as a story.



Faith and Practice by Frank Wilson

Faith and Practice is a book written by a Bishop in the early 20th century for lay Anglicans. It is a nice introduction to everything that is important in our faith and understanding. It is written so well that it is a super easy read. Though introductory, even the more knowledgeable Christians can gain a lot from this book. I read it right before going to Seminary and found it very beneficial.

Ye are the Body by Bonnell Spencer

The history of the church is complex and long. If you are interested in history but want it to be made readable and in a single book, *Ye are the Body* is the perfect book to pick up. Starting with the very beginning of the church up to modern times, this book is a great read for the historical buff.

The Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis

Everyone is familiar with the Chronicles of Narnia, but it isn't the only Christian fiction that C.S. Lewis wrote. The space trilogy is a great science fiction read with Christian ethics if you want to enjoy a great story as well. The books are also quite short!

Praying Shapes Believing by Leonel Mitchell

If you love the liturgy of the Anglican Church like I do, this is a great read. It is a theological commentary on the prayer book that gives a better understanding of everything we do and say during the liturgy. It is academic and historical in nature, but still an enjoyable read.

Christ and Culture by Richard Niebuhr

Christ and Culture is a philosophical book about the different ways the Culture and Jesus/the Church interact. It also goes into the mission of the church as to ensure that this interaction is as pure as possible to complete the mission of Christ. This is something that is particularly useful in today's society

Blessings,

Fr. Spencer Stubblefield

In The Parish Family

Congratulations to...

belated congratulations to Andrew Hollman, who is one of our high school Graduates.

Mark Smith who won in the primary election for Superior Court Judge.

Our Sympathy is with...

The Dietze family on the recent death of father and grandfather, Walt Dietze.



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Summer fun has begun! Trinity Preschool teachers and staff have created a Summer Fun Day Calendar! Days are filled with exciting activities, movies, popcorn, and Disney. Also, we can't forget. the Water Play days!





Look at these cuties on Ocean Day! One of our students brought in the cutest pair of lobster glasses to share with her friends. Other students pictured did a fun craft that our students colored and then wore!

Father's Day was extra sweet. Each student gave their amazing daddy a donut! They also created a craft to gift to their daddy in honor of Father's Day! We loved to be able to celebrate our special daddies! Thank you to all the amazing fathers and father figures who are in our lives!





AUGUST 1, 2022, will be our 5 year Anniversary! How great is that! The preschool Board and I are so proud of our Trinity preschool! When starting in my position at Trinity in May of 2017, I could only imagine how wonderful our preschool would be! Now almost 5 successful years later, I can only imagine how more wonderful another 5 years will be! Trinity Preschool is proud of their Beautiful Bakersfield nomination in 2018. We were featured in the Seven Oaks Magazine and honored to be in the original Kern

County Family Magazine monthly. Trinity Preschool was shared on KGET 17 news, featuring fun events we offered our students. Trinity Preschool had one of the best books fairs for Scholastics for a small sized facility. We have paired up with Trinity Church for outreaches and our students and staff connected with the clients at ADAKC (Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County). Then Covid hit,....and we had to sadly put a halt on some of the ways we ran things in the preschool! Yes, never did we not go above and beyond in ways to support our preschool families and students! Prayers were answered and we have begun to get back to where we were before Covid hit! I can't wait to see what the next school year brings! Thank you to all who have prayed for Trinity Preschool, who have supported our preschool and thank you for always believing in me!

Ms. Jennifer Preschool Director

A Word from Your Deacon

From the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew we read, "I was in prison and you visited me". Without a doubt we can "count ourselves lucky" if we never find ourselves in the circumstance of having to visit a loved one or friend incarcerated within a prison system. Even for seasoned religious volunteers it can sometimes prove to be a trying experience.

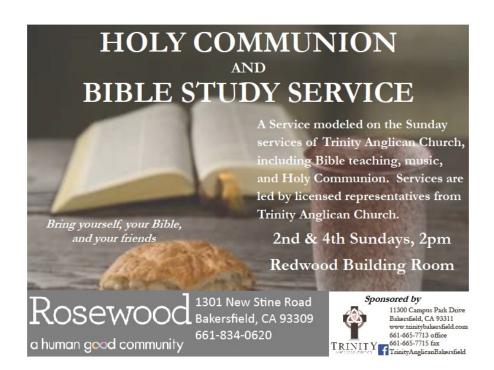
Just recently we have initiated a new ministry endeavor in a modified form of *prison visitation* using a series of bible correspondence courses to engage US Marshal detainees housed in the *Central Valley Annex* located at McFarland, CA. These bible study courses are made available through our partnership with *Gospel Echoes Team* in Goshen, Indiana. *Gospel Echoes* has provided these study courses to interested inmates throughout the prisons in both the United States and Canada for many years now.

With the full support of *Gospel Echoes*, we make their materials available to the interested detainees, collect the final exams when completed, grade them with encouraging comments and return them within a week of picking them up. They are returned with the next course booklet for study. Upon completion of the first four courses the detainee/inmate receives a personalized bible and a certificate of completion. Upon completion of the final four of the eight courses the student receives an *Advanced Certificate of Completion*.

By using our own volunteer *graders* from *Trinity* the students receive their graded exams returned to them in a timelier manner and receive the personalized comments and words of encouragement less than an hour away from where they are housed. It is not only a blessing for the student but for the *Trinity grader* as well.

The students, prison program director and myself extend our heart felt gratitude to volunteer graders, *Berney De La Cruz*, our Spanish language grader, and Steve and Becky Napier, our English language graders. "Well done good and faithful servants."

Dcn. John





SANCTUARY READINESS STUDY FOCUS GROUPS

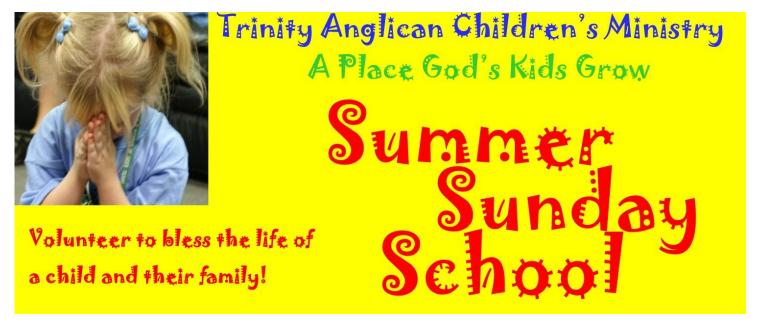
The Board of Directors has hired a consulting firm, JD Klote & Associates, to gauge our readiness to build the Sanctuary. Our assigned consultant, Greg Holt, has organized a series of Focus Groups to help study our readiness and make a recommendation to the Board. These Focus Groups are no more than one hour long and will present the current plans for the Sanctuary and allow for feedback and questions. We will hold both in-person and online meetings. We want as many people as possible to attend and participate. Make sure you get one of the dates below on your calendar!

In-Person

Saturday, July 9 at 10am (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, July 10 at 9am (Conference Room)
Sunday, July 10 at 11:30am (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, July 12 at 10am (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, July 14 at 6pm (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, July 16 at 1pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, July 17 at 9am (Conference Room)
Sunday, July 17 at 11:30am (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, July 19 at 1pm (Fellowship Hall)

Online (must register for link)

Sunday, July 10 at 11:30am Sunday, July 17 at 11:30am





CELEBRATE WITH CARE

Independence Day is upon us. We hope all of you have a wonderful holiday. We ask that you take extra care with celebrating. Since we are in a draught, it is very dangerous to play with fireworks, because of the awful spread of fire. Instead, why not go to one of the many displays around our town. Have fun, but be careful!

HOME COMMUNION VISITORS

Are you interested in visiting those who are unable to attend Church Services and taking the sacrament to them so that they can join with those gathered on Sundays to share in Christ's body? Then talk to the clergy about being licensed as a Home Communion Visitor!

Deacon Ron oversees this ministry and has made the preparation and examination available online. Each Visitor is assigned a pyx (bread box in picture) and a homebound parishioner to visit at least once a month.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

When you are writing a check to our church, it is most helpful if you write a separate check for each account. For instance: one check for your Pledge or Donation, one check for Ages to Ages, one check for a Memorial, one check for the Altar Guild, one check for each of our Deacons, 1 check for our Seminarian. This makes donation tracking much easier. If you have any questions, please call Tara at 665-7713.

MEN'S GATHERING



TRINITY CRUSADERS
LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
4:30PM—6:00PM

Crusader Brewing Co. 5880 District Blvd, Suite 18 (right in the middle) 661-859-6040

For more info call/text: Will Adams 760-889-0436 Garrett Ming 661-332-3600 Steven Napier 661-827-7082

Grab a beer or soft drink and unwind with the men of Trinity. Invite your friends and enjoy some fellowship before calling it a day.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Dietze Kathy Dyer Janet Poteete
Peter Leigh-Pink Claudia Moore

Kathleen Schoen Larry Ray Enrique Salazar

Meg Pryor Shane Coburn Peter Nommensen Ray Watson

Regina Pryor Dreda Pitchford
Donnie Steward Olga See

Chase Coburn
Ken Knight Lisajo Radon Susan DeNatale

Mary Jones Chris McEnulty Paul Steward
Den John LaMar Tara Michaels

Vicki Moore Ava Steward

Patti Quijada Max Kutzner
Paul Pruett Zoe Bogië

Paul Pruett
Dave Schieber

TRINITY STATS

Financial

 May 2022
 Month
 Year-to-date

 Operating Income
 \$47,713
 \$237,066

 Operating Expense
 \$46,160
 \$222,764

 Building Debt Payment
 \$9,800
 \$49,000

Ages to Ages II (collected in May): \$6,243





Our Vision is to be followers of Jesus in the Anglican tradition, connected through discipleship groups, with every member engaged in traditional Worship, in-depth Bible Study, Parish Ministry, and local and global Mission Outreach.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Holy Communion Livestream at 10 a.m.

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