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FROM THE SR. WARDEN

In early 2019 I read a lot of information explaining why there needed to be a pause before we would have the opportunity to interview a new rector; I read that a parish needed time to mourn the loss of what used to be. This was difficult to accept, but admittedly the recommendation was based on experience and truth.

At least for myself, I was not in a position to consider a future version of our parish upon being faced with an unwanted change. Unbeknownst to me, not only did I need time for grief and acceptance, but I also needed to endure my part of a global pandemic in order to truly experience gratitude for the opportunity to worship God at church. When we regained the opportunity to worship, my gratitude transcended the identity or style of our celebrant. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost took front and center in recent months, and rightly so. It is almost as though our Lord took a page from the book of technology, turning the whole world off, and back on again. This has been a global reset.

Despite what we have just experienced, the future of Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, Texas is tremendously bright. We have an outstanding choir and organist, talented and outgoing youth minister, skilled and knowledgeable church staff, a beautiful and warm church campus, and a devoted congregation. In addition to these assets, we have some present financial obstacles to overcome. These challenges are well within the control of our Lord to help us conquer.

Prayerfully, I report that our search committee is likely to make an offer to an exciting and qualified new rector in the near future. In order to equip us to make that offer in good faith, I ask that you be generous in your current contributions and to make a 2021 pledge to Trinity Episcopal Church.

A candidate under serious consideration will not only have the opportunity to see the past few years of financial reports, but also a current tally of incoming pledge cards as evidence of our congregation's commitment to funding the ministries of our church.

The goals for our 2021 stewardship campaign are as follows:

- For 70% of Trinity's parishioners to pledge and for 100% of the vestry to pledge.
- To encourage all to pledge as a percentage of income, even if it is small. As our blessings increase, our gifts also increase.
- To fully fund all the ministries and operations of Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshall, Texas for 2021.
- To increase the number of pledges and the dollar amount of all pledges to assist in meeting budgetary needs.

Ingathering Sunday will be November 22, 2020. Pledges may be made by calling the church office, by email, or by returning the pledge card you will receive by mail. New this year, we will have the option of giving via Automated Clearing House (ACH). ACH is a means of authorizing a monthly draft from your checking account. It is also possible to give marketable securities to the church. By transferring a marketable security asset to charity – as opposed to selling it and donating the proceeds –the donor avoids incurring capital gains on the sale and removes the asset from the estate for estate tax purposes. Additionally, donors who itemize their deductions generally qualify for a charitable deduction equal to the asset's fair market value. If you are over the age of 70 ½, there is also the option of making a Qualified Charitable Contribution directly from your IRA to the church, a non-taxable transaction that can be set up through your financial advisor.

I am so grateful for your support as the vestry commences work on our budget for next year. The vestry is working diligently to be good stewards of our resources and ensure that our 170 year old parish will stand strong to minister to generations to follow.

- Laura Rectenwald

Trinity Episcopal Church's Holy Vision:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.

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MESSAGE FROM FATHER GREER

Our Mission:

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by: Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry. Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new. Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

It is a blessing and joy to celebrate the Eucharist with you at Trinity Church each Sunday. I am praying not only for your future rector, but for all the priests under consideration.

I was ordained to the priesthood 65 years ago. I first served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia with two other priests. We were all under the age of 28! I recall one of the parishioners describing us "like three babies playing church up there."

Did you know?

Father Greer has visited 80 countries and enjoys spending time at a summer home that overlooks Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. He has accepted four calls to full time ministry, and eight to serve as interim minister.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sermon Notes:

Lord, by your Holy Spirit, help me today to make the tone of my life a loving and caring tone; that we may be people have a "CQ", a caring quotient, in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

FR. GREER | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

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FIX IT FRIDAYS

We are busy with lots of projects and improvements to our church campus during this time of transition and we could use your help! Recently we have been working on the rector's office so we can welcome a new rector to a clean, fresh, and inviting space. Check the church's Facebook page to see the current needs. Always keep in mind, safety first, and never work alone. If you can lend time or expertise, respond and we will coordinate a time to fellowship while we "fix-it" together.



2020 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our Core Values:

Commitment to Jesus Christ

Authority of Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

The last time we compiled a church directory was seven years ago. It is hard to believe so much time has passed! An update of our church directory and the contact information on file for your family will help us keep in touch. It will also help tremendously as we welcome our future rector.

Many things have changed in these seven years! For example, some no longer use a land telephone line and some prefer to communicate by text , email or social media. Others still prefer to be reached by mail, but have moved. Another thing that has changed is fact that we are now able to compile and print a current church directory on demand with photos from our ACS accounting system.

We are compiling data for the directory update in a variety of completely flexible ways. Please choose one that is easy for you and respond at your earliest opportunity.

Google Form

A Google Form has been emailed to everyone in the parish. You may submit your response through the Google Form.

Email You may submit your household’s names, photo, contact information and preferred means of contact by email to our parish administrator, Stacey Shaw at her email address: TrinityChurchMarshall@gmail.com.

Mail You may mail your contact information and a photo of your choice to the church. Trinity Episcopal Church , 106 N Grove St., Marshall, TX 75670

Text Fill out the form below, photograph it, and text it to (903) 238-7312.

To arrange for a photo to be taken after church in September or October at your convenience, email Laura.Rectenwald@gmail.com, text (903) 238-7312, or call the church office at (903) 938-4246.

Please provide the following information in your response as well as any additional or clarifying information:

	Family Member 1	Family Member 2	Family Member 3	Family Member 4
Name				
Birthday				
Anniversary				
Email				
Phone				
Address (Mail)				
Preferred (current) way to attend worship	In person on Sunday	Online Facebook Online Website	Please mail a printed copy	I would like a visit by a lay minister
Best Way to Reach You (one or more)	Phone	Text	Email	Postal Mail

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Our Clergy:

Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, Fr. David Greer

Our Staff:

Jim Johnson - Organist; Melissa Hammers - Choir Director; Stacey Shaw - Parish Administrator; Suzie Ward - Admin. Assistant; Angela Bray - Nursery Director; Magda Altnau - Children's Ministry; Rae Dickson - Youth Director; Alicia Anderson - Communications Coordinator



Our Elected Officials:

Our President, Donald; our Governor, Greg; our County Judge, Chad; our Mayor, Terri

Our servicemen & women:

Douglas Manly, James Ott, Zachary Vernon Walker, Jason Woodley, Michael Walsh, Lisa Sperhake, Barrett Horak, Christopher Love, Audrey Dobbs, Aubrey Toussaint, Edgar Simmons, Kenny Welch, Ryan Allgood, Wil Moseley, Chase Tondee, Chandler Province, Alex Cameron, Cole Cathey

Our Parishioners:

Charles Manly, Clarence Brown, Joe Weinberg, Rick Toussaint, Sandy Toussaint, Walter Fugler, Wanda Fugler, Charles Porter, Carol Hicks, Mary Lou Barkett, Ron Denney, Sr., Lynne Winn, Holly Hasty, Joyce Hammers, Yank Terrell, Richard Anderson, Harold Hoffmeister, Rusty Asaff, Mieko Hathaway, Mary Wasike, Nora Brown, Fort Staggers, Flo Lewis, Jim Shelton

In the Community:

Tommy Asaff, Brad Thomas, Philip Ford, Lola Duncan, Roy Garcia, Marty Alexander, Maureen Potter, Cason Bonsall, Diane McConnell, Stephen Ward, Raymond Nader, Janet Wells, Michael Bogue, A.D. Jordan, Harold McArthur, Kylie Neal, April McClaskey, Jeremy Fugate, Nola Honeycutt, Laurie Robb, John Heath, Laura Dunham, Glen Reeves, Debbie Dreesen, Chuck Dreesen, Regina Duke, Grayson Flanagan, Wes Grigsby, Duncan Lewis

Homebound:

Bill & Carolyn Sullivan – Home, Mary Jane McElroy – Reunion Inn, JoAnn Cason - Marshall Manor, Peggy Tracy – Home, Patty Whaley – Home

For our new priest:

Lord God, you who know things, and see all things, understand the circumstances that effect each of us: the challenging times, the times when choices seem confusing, and the time we cannot see far down our path. Today you remind us, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

As we wait eagerly for our new priest, the very one whom we have yet to discern and call, we ask you to be our Good Shepherd. Lead us beside still waters and comfort our souls.

October Birthdays

1	Hope D'Asto	21	Charles Cobb
1	Vicki West	22	Maggie Truelove
2	Dawn Kutner	22	Trent Staggers
2	Frank Strauss	22	Molly Welch
3	Irma Tanner	22	Patrick Ryan
3	Wendy Slayter	23	Cecil Portman, Jr.
5	Mieko Hathaway	25	Carolyn Sullivan
7	Fr. David Greer	25	Lula Waskom
9	Gary Beavers	26	Mary Lou Barkett
10	Robert DeSa	27	Woody Moseley
11	Cindy Duncan	28	Don Bramlett
11	Gayle Weinberg	28	John Bogue Sr.
12	Kim Ryan	28	Lynn Sanders
13	Bonnie Strauss	29	Blake Hammers
13	Julie Trexler	29	Gavin McAdam
13	Ron Denney, Sr.	30	John Bockmon, Jr
15	Diane Taylor	31	Curtis Weeks
16	Ken Kerr	31	Virginia Nader
17	Jeff Henderson		

On October 7th, Father Greer will turn 91 years young! We are so grateful for his preaching and celebrating the Eucharist for us each week. Please join us wishing Father Greer a happy birthday!



October Anniversaries

1	Mr. & Mrs. Reggie Hasty
4	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Anderson
4	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Steidley
5	Mr. & Mrs. Evan Welch
9	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kutner
11	Mr. & Mrs. Drake Lee

FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST, OCTOBER 19TH

St. Luke the Evangelist was not only an evangelist but also a missionary, a Biblical author, and also a physician. In Colossians, Paul describes him as "the beloved physician" and he is the patron saint of healing and the healing professions. St. Luke authored the Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Whether or not Luke was Jewish is debated but he nonetheless wrote in Greek so Gentiles could know Jesus.

Three of the oldest Christian hymns use texts from this Gospel: Magnificat (Song of Mary), Benedictus (Song of Zechariah), and Nunc dimittis (Song of Simeon). Because of St. Luke, we have the stories of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the shepherds visiting baby Jesus in the manger, and the story of a precocious and extraordinarily wise twelve-year-old Jesus staying behind in the temple in Jerusalem. Only the Gospel according to Luke contains the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, emphasizing that God is more inclusive, forgiving, and loving than we can make sense of.

A Syrian from Antioch, Luke traveled and worked with St. Paul as a missionary. In one of the appointed passages for this feast day, 2 Timothy 4:5-13, Paul tells Timothy that all except Luke have deserted him. He also speaks of longing for the appearing of the Lord. Perhaps you can relate to the feeling of going at it alone, after months of social distancing and a closed church building. Even if you have returned to church, many parishioners are still unable to or are choosing not to attend services at this time. Paul is writing from prison, and perhaps we can relate on some level from spending so much time at home! We Christians need the support of other Christians and the support of a faith community. Yet, in the passage, God is present to Paul in his isolation, helping him to persevere. His faith allows him to experience hope and even joy in his suffering.

I imagine that Luke's steadfastness and companionship also helped Paul. Consider reaching out today to a brother or sister in Christ whom you haven't seen in a long time or who is at risk and staying home. Let us not forget about them, and let us continue praying for those who live alone, for the sick, and for the healers.

- Alicia Anderson,
Communications Coordinator

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
- Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Martha's Kitchen

GRAB & GO SNACK MEALS

THURSDAYS 6:00-6:30 PM

PROVIDING MEALS TO GO IN A COVID CONSCIOUS WAY,
WITH WARMTH AND THE LOVE OF CHRIST!

*Served under Breezeway
At All Saints Hall*

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MARTHA'S KITCHEN

Covid-19 hasn't canceled Martha's Kitchen, although we have made safety accommodations. We are serving an average of 60 to 70 snack meals each Thursday evening.

Anyone interested in forming a team to serve in this valuable ministry may contact Steve Lewis for more information.

WHY SOCIAL MEDIA?

Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church includes:

Growing a dynamic youth program.

Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.

Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

At the beginning of 2020 who would have foreseen such a year. A year that has not only shaken our own parish, or our country, but in fact, the whole world. Since mid-March, we have seen such huge shifts and changes in how we do so much of life. We found ourselves separated on Sunday mornings, on Wednesdays, and in our Bible studies. We have seen significant changes in the way that we have been able to fellowship with one another and visit, and I know I'm not the only one who misses breakfasts, dinners, and Coffee & Cookies with you all. Even our goodbyes have had to be tweaked and adjusted to these new standards. Our return to church is also continually evolving and we are all working so hard to help make this new transition as smooth as possible.

But in these challenging times, we have also flourished in ways that we didn't even know we could! We have seen such amazing leaps in the way that we have tackled technology and bringing our worship to a whole new realm - the realm of social media. And I'm happy to report that we have seen the impact!

Did you know that between August 31 and September 27, 2020, our Facebook posts and Live videos reached over 2260 people! We also saw a 63% increase in how many engagements our posts saw; which means that more people have liked, commented, and shared our posts. Whether we initially realize it or not, these are all ways that our church gets to share our mission, our church culture, and Christ with a whole new audience.

Why Social Media? Because this is our chance to show Marshall and our surrounding areas who we are, what our church culture is about, how we worship, and what ministries matter to us. Not everyone who drives by our building knows what it means to be an Episcopalian, or what we do. Some will never brave the unknown to walk through our doors. But in the prayers, scriptures, services, hymns, ministries, and encouragements that we share on Facebook we are given an opportunity to both evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ in our community, as well as show people what matters to us as a church. We never know who we are reaching and who the Holy Spirit is encouraging or convicting through the messages that we share.

While we have been forced apart physically during these last few months, God has also given us the opportunity to connect in new and meaningful ways. I see the excitement of parishioners when they join the Facebook Live service on Sundays, wishing each other good mornings, and sharing the peace. I see how much you love

our church, and how many memories we have all shared here. We have a beautiful building, but we are so much more than a building. We are Trinity, each and every one of us. We carry the light of Christ out into our communities, our workplaces, and our homes. What we now get to showcase on social media, in a very intentional way, is that same light to a changing world and world more hungry for connection and community than ever.

As we use the social media sphere to connect, let it also be an opportunity to open our virtual doors to others, as we have always opened our physical ones. With every graphic, announcement, and worship service that goes live, I pray for God to use it to His glory, and that the Holy Spirit might use this space as a means of reaching people who need to know that God loves them. I ask you to join me in this prayer. I ask for your prayers as we navigate and grow our presence on social media. May it be a tool for evangelism and community building with open doors, and open hearts.

- Magdalena Altnau

Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his Name;
make known his deeds
among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek
the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.

Psalm 105: 1-4

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Sunday Services for October 2020					*schedule is subject to changes*
	Sunday, October 4	Sunday, October 11	Sunday, October 18	Sunday, October 25	Sunday, November 1
Worship 10:30 am	In Person & Facebook Live	In Person & Facebook Live	In Person & Facebook Live	In Person & Facebook Live	In Person & Facebook Live
Officiant	Fr. David Greer	Fr. David Greer	Fr. David Greer	Fr. David Greer	Fr. David Greer
10:30 AM Lectors	Phalby Porter	Ken Kerr	David Jones	Roy McCarroll	Paul Palmer
Vergers	Frank Strauss	Mark Trexler	Mark Trexler	Chris Altnau	Chris Altnau
Camera / Audio	Ken Kerr	Rae Dickson	Scott Rectenwald	Laura Rectenwald	Magda Altnau
Ushers	Need volunteer	Need volunteer	Need volunteer	Mac Abney	Need volunteer
Altar Flowers	Dried Arrangement	Mark & Julie Trexler	Dried Arrangement	Dried Arrangement	Dried Arrangement
	Monday, October 5	Monday, October 12	Monday, October 19	Monday, October 26	Monday, November 2
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild	<u>Cathy Cope</u>	<u>Angela Bray</u>	<u>G.Weinberg</u>	<u>Sue Boyd</u>	<u>Cathy Cope</u>
Schedule	C. Meyer	K.Abraham, D.Taylor	J. Jameson,	C. Abney, L. Rectenwald,	C. Meyer
	J. Truelove	L. Terrell	L. Jameson-Hatch,	G.Knutson, L. Westergaard,	J. Truelove
	I. Tanner	B.Strauss	S.Bogue, L.Carmony, J. Trexler	J.Asaff, N.Haynes	I. Tanner

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What a season this has been for Children's Ministry! It certainly hasn't been like anything that we could have foreseen or planned. I deeply miss our time together in the classroom, reading the Bible, the excitement of sharing gratitudes, talking about what we have learned, and just seeing your children, hearing their stories, and the things that are important to them. I hope that as we move towards our next phases of re-opening the church that we will soon find ourselves together again in person. I will keep you posted as to those developments as soon as I have permission to move forward.

In the meantime, our Parent's Facebook Group continues to be the place I will share resources for ways to engage in our faith with our children. We are currently following along with Drawn to The Gospels, a wonderful series of books that pair a coloring sheet and discussion questions for each Gospel reading according to Church year. Most of you know what a passion I have for having our lessons correspond to the lectionary readings because I think that it helps engage our children during church as they hear them again and are able to recognize what they have just learned in class.

I highly encourage our families to use these discussion questions with their children as an opportunity to have focused family Bible study time. Our children need us to dig deep with them into questions of our faith, and conversation is one of the best ways to engage them. Through conversation, through the sharing of our own faith stories, and in asking good questions, we set an example of what a lifetime of faith looks like and of the kind of journey they too can look forward to as they walk with and grow in Christ.

Lastly, I have started a new Weekly Prayer Challenge that is posted to the church's Facebook page every Tuesday morning. These are small prayer challenges paired with a few thoughts for the week. I hope that you will share these with your children and encourage them to join in.

In August, I made some surprise visits to all of our families with Back to School care packages and our blessed Backpack Tags. It was a true joy to see your smiling faces and hear how you all have been doing. I continue to pray for clarity and for a timely return to our Sunday morning routines where we will get to see each other face to face again.

- Magdalena Altnau



YOUTH GROUP (EYC)



The teen years are an important time to establish habits of worship that can flow into adulthood. This year, the youth at Trinity are missing their regular Christian Formation, coffee and cookie hour, and the fellowship with our church family. But with some creativity, our youth minister, Rae Dickson, has found a way to bring some of that connection and fellowship to our youth in their homes. She has prepared a syllabus through the end of the year and each week she will mail the youth a bible story and lesson, a word game, a little something extra to collect, and a ticket stub. The lesson plan is designed to tell the story of redemption from the creation of man to the redemption of mankind.

You, as the parent or grandparent, play a big part in making it fun and we hope you can do the lessons together. Nothing brings a family together like quality time and this shows them that God is important to you as well. Rae recommends establishing a set time each week to complete the lessons – ideally on Sunday in keeping with the Sabbath tradition, but any day and time that you can commit to works. Rae also suggests making your youth something special to eat or drink while they complete the lesson. A treat can open the door for them to associate good things with God's Word. There will be a drawing after the last lesson in December for something special for the winner.



EYC on Wednesday evenings is going well at Trinity School. The gym gives us room to play different games and still practice social distancing. There is a mixture of church youth and TES youth. The Trinity school kids are slowly coming in, it's great to see them in class inviting their classmates. We expect the high school students will come back when we resume our monthly activities, but in the meantime, the new younger youth are establishing themselves with peers that they already know.

These unusual times have naturally led to some trial and error with our youth program. The youth were not interested in a virtual classroom experience since they are already overloaded with virtual learning. Rae is moving away from GroupMe and going back to emails, text messaging, and Facebook since they have a better response. Magda's Facebook activity is very helpful and energetic! Rae has also started a Youtube page - search "Rae Dickson Trinity Episcopal Youth." Please reach out to Rae and let her know how things are working for your youth - especially with the new at-home lessons – if they are interested and how we can make it better.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The next meeting of the Daughters of the King is Saturday, October 17 from 10-11:30 a.m in All Saints Hall. We ask everyone to bring a snack and we provide bottled water. Each month we visit the life of a regular person who showed a spirit of faith during dark times in their lives and circumstances. Masks and social distancing will be practiced.

The Daughters of the King was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1885. Our Founder, Margaret J. Franklin envisioned the mission of the order to be the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our current vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Maybe in the still, small voice of Jesus, you have felt a longing to follow Christ more deeply, or to do more, or to experience a deeper walk in faith. Maybe during the pandemic, you have experienced a restlessness that leads you to call out to Jesus—Lord, I want to know you better and to follow you more closely.

If you would like to know more about the Daughters of the King, our local chapter is providing an inquiry class about the Daughters. If you are interested in knowing more about the class and expectations to become a Daughter, contact me by phone or text. Many options are open to attend the class during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

- Sherry Henderson



LAY MINISTRIES AT TRINITY

Ushers Ministry

Our Ushers Ministry is in need of new volunteers. As we continue to work safely towards transitioning Trinity to the next phases of our in person worship, we are in need of ushers to help keep those services running smoothly. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact the church office.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild needs your help! Please consider joining these very important volunteers as they help to ensure that our services run smoothly and with care. If you are feeling called to this ministry or would like more information, please contact the church office.

What is the Altar Guild?

"A volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers" (<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/altar-guild>).

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

Fr. Bill Carroll, from Trinity Longview provided Lay Eucharistic Minister training to our new Lay Ministry team on October 5, 2020, at 5:00 PM. In attendance were Rae Dickson, Sherry Henderson, Edwina Thomas, Steve Lewis, and Laura Rectenwald. A Lay Eucharistic Minister is a lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers will be licensed to go from a Sunday Eucharist or other principal celebrations of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who are unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity. This ministry is understood to be an extraordinary ministry, and is not to take the place of the ministry of priests and deacons concerning the administration of the sacrament. The visits will be planned and conducted in a way that is safe, even considering the Covid-19 pandemic. The visits will be conducted outdoors whenever possible, or if indoors, the visits will be brief and all in attendance will be asked to wear a face covering and sanitize their hands. Only the bread will be shared at this time. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from one of our Lay Eucharistic Ministry team members after 10:30 mass on Sunday, please call or email the church office so that a visit can be scheduled.



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH



Trinity will still host the Thanksgiving Outreach this year to provide Thanksgiving meals to people who may not receive them otherwise. These include our first responders who are working to protect us, those in jails, those who are homebound, those who live in poverty, or any other person who cannot enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. We already have the funds set aside, so we do not need parishioners to sponsor turkeys this year. But we do need volunteers, as this is a lot of work. Last year we served just under 1,200 meals, and this year we most likely will serve around the same amount. Please consider giving a couple of hours on Thanksgiving morning to this worthy cause.

Know that we are taking extra safety precautions to protect our volunteers and our guests. Meals will be given out through the All Saint's Hall drive-thru, and no one other than volunteers will be inside. Volunteers will be temperature screened at the door, and gloves and masks will be required. As it gets closer, we will have safety guidelines in place to make this as safe as possible.

In addition to distributing meals at the drive-thru, we can also use help on Thanksgiving day by cutting up desserts, boxing up meals, and delivering meals to different sites. (Please note that this year we will not have the Wednesday cranberry brigade; we will be purchasing packaged cranberry sauce.)

This is a great opportunity to give back, and we can use any age to help. So, come to the church on Thanksgiving morning to help serve those who truly could use a meal. This may be their only way to enjoy a meal on Thanksgiving. Contact the church office for more details.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Vestry designates an amount each year for monthly support to organizations or causes in the community. The deciding committee is comprised of five or six parishioners who review applications and meet to pray and discuss issues that arise. Usually the priest oversees this ministry. This year’s recipients are Twelve Way Foundation, Bridge of Compassion, and Living Alternatives.

Living Alternatives is an organization in Longview that helps young women facing unexpected pregnancy, offering services both throughout their pregnancies and their births, whether they choose to parent or adopt. Due to Covid-19, high school seniors missed so many of the happy traditions and events of their last year. Trinity had some extra funds and partnered with Sullivan Funeral Home to give out small yard signs that said “Celebrate, Seniors, God Bless.” We appreciate the generosity of the Sullivan family.

The Rainbow Room serves as a repository or distribution point for donations to meet basic needs of children or youth removed from crisis situations. The container is now in the front entry of the church. Items needed for Rainbow Room are the usual- diapers, socks, blankets, shoes, T-shirt’s, hoodies (no food items). Items should be clean, folded, and in a clear wrap.

Trinity has long supported Empty Stocking Fund; it originated in our church and it is close to our hearts. Trinity joins with groups all over the county to buy toys and clothes for children at Christmas. Many people contribute to these ministries in various ways. We are a giving church in a giving community!

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Your search committee continues to work diligently to locate our future priest. The first major step in the process was to finalize and release our Parish Profile last spring. Our Diocesan Transition Minister assisted with posting the profile as a web site, visible here: <https://profile-trinitymarshall.weebly.com/>. There is a diocesan web site, <https://www.epicenter.org/congregational-life/transition-ministry/churches-in-transition/> that lists all the parishes in the diocese that are seeking rectors. The link to our profile is provided there.

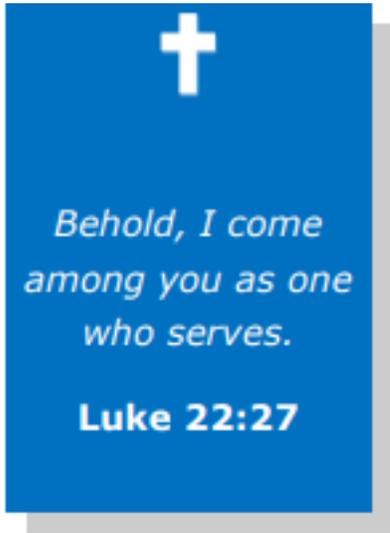
To date, we have received multiple qualified and exciting candidate resumes for consideration, and we are actively in the interview process with several. We continue to receive and review new candidates even as interviews are ongoing. The candidates have come from both inside and outside the Diocese of Texas, as well as from nominations submitted by members of our parish and search committee.

We have approached the interview process by dividing ourselves into smaller teams who then develop detailed interview questions based on a collective discussion that we pray help us discern God’s will. These teams then conduct a series of coordinated interviews with each candidate - oftentimes several hours long - which range in topics from pastoral care and children’s ministries to spiritual callings and conflict management. Following each interview, we regather as a group (virtually) to discuss our findings and determine if we believe the process should continue with that candidate. If so, we coordinate the next team’s visit and develop additional discussion topics and questions to be answered in the next interview. Following each interview, we regather as a group (virtually) to discuss the results and additional information to obtain in the next interview. The follow-up work is conducted over several days following the interview with meetings often taking place after working hours and during the weekend. We are striving to respect the process, giving due time for us to hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit and provide every opportunity to each candidate to be fully vetted. We’d ask that you all continue to do the same. Please be in prayer for our search committee and each of the candidates, their families, and their parishes.

- Mike DeSa

FINANCIALS

Financials	Jan	Feb.	Mar	April	May	June	July	August
Income	132,516.76	\$27,793.35	\$20,010.36	\$31,611.00	\$24,566.00	\$28,684.01	\$16,411.00	\$75,927.66
Expenses	\$48,774.85	\$36,266.37	\$36,008.19	\$22,998.37	\$41,951.24	\$22,760.26	\$31,212.92	\$26,871.46
	\$83,741.91	(\$8,473.02)	(\$15,997.83)	\$8,612.63	(\$17,385.24)	\$5,923.75	(\$14,801.92)	\$49,056.20



Parish Staff
Rae Dickson <i>Youth Director</i>
Magdalena Altnau <i>Children's Christian Formation Director and Social Media Manager</i>
Angela Bray <i>Nursery Director</i>
Jim Johnson <i>Music Director and Organist</i>
Melissa Hammers <i>Choir Director</i>
Stacey Shaw <i>Parish Administrator</i>
Suzie Ward <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Alicia Anderson <i>Communications</i>

Vestry
Laura Rectenwald <i>Senior Warden</i>
Sam Clark <i>Junior Warden</i>
Juli Jameson <i>Clerk of the Vestry</i>
Margot Lingold <i>Treasurer</i>
Chris Altnau
Steve Lewis
Blair Hammers
Roy McCarroll
Kathleen Abraham
Edwina Thomas
Bud Bray
Henry Henderson

Weekly Schedule
Sunday
Holy Communion - 10:30 AM
In Person & Facebook Live
Wednesday
Youth 5:45 PM
Trinity School Gym
Thursday
Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM
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