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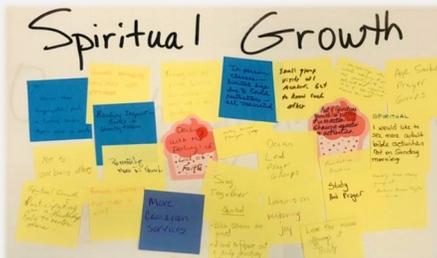
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8/8 Caring & Sharing Activity - Post-It Brainstorming
At Trinity's Caring & Sharing worship service, the group in attendance discussed ideas for **Community Growth, Spiritual Growth and Outreach (Growth Beyond Trinity)**. Many exciting ideas were proposed!

Community Growth Ideas: Physical games, outdoor events, small lunch groups, make calls to friends you have not seen for a long time, visit outdoors, visit friends at home when they need a friend, more opportunities with fellow members to share activities we individually want to learn, sanctuary drama, create a music liturgy to bring out into community, campfires, free community carwash with another church, virtual meet & greet sessions with random assignments (30-60 min in length), place hero signs at clinics and hospital entries, morning coffee at Trinity every 2 weeks or so, Every Meal, or clothing donation locations, new colorful banners, fellowship activities with food/song/talking, nighttime campfire singalong with/guitar for community, Mission trip for all ages, local mission to help alleviate hunger and/or homelessness, bring your own beverage and meet in Fellowship Hall (mornings, afternoons or both), recipe swaps to come together to cook and taste, relay races for community children w/donated prizes, hold community events (ie: talent show, open mic, back to 50's), music jam sessions monthly for fun (instruments, voices, dance), reaching out to those in need, outdoor community book swap, better incorporate our multiple cultures in worship, share Trinity's outdoor space with music periodically, weekly campfires, build a labyrinth, sing outdoor hymn songs to neighbors on east and west side of church, lunch and learn sponsored by a congregation member, volunteer to organizations who serve others, invite a couple food trucks and play music, small group activities like art, science, music and dance.



Spiritual Growth: Have the congregation pick a Sunday sermon topic monthly, participating in a leadership role to mentor others, calling members who are not attending, reading inspirational books and sharing them, reconnecting more at church, avoid blaming of others, praying constantly for those in need, more Cameroon services, trying not to place blame for where we are at with this pandemic, dealing

with the feelings of lack of faith, sing together, Bible studies and daily devotionals, monthly personal prayer group, in-person classes with limited size to do Covid-19 restrictions with vaccination required, deacon led prayer groups, lessons on restoring joy, meditation practice, study and prayer, small group visits with member, get to know each other, part of spiritual growth is putting it in to action by sharing spaces and activities, encourage the whole congregation to participate in educational opportunities at convenient times for all, age similar prayer groups, more adult Bible activities (not Sunday mornings), a weekly book study group with a book by Barbara Brown Taylor. (continued on pg 2)



Join Trinity for worship on Sunday, 9/12.
Back to School Blessing

Trinity will bless the youth as they resume school for their 2021-2022 academic year.

Drive-In Worship with Communion
September 12th



Donation Summary

Actual program donations for 2021 thru July : **\$110,687**

Budgeted program donations through the month: **\$126,997**

Difference: **(\$16,310)**

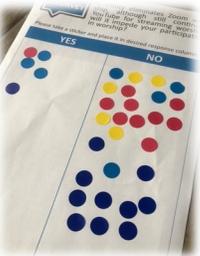


Outreach-Growth Beyond Trinity: Bring in public speakers and publicize to community, have a monthly 'show' in the community like helping in a nursing home or bagging in a store, donate to organizations that help others in need, pack meals, write thank you notes to front liners, reach out to organizations that we can work together with, contact Girl/Boy Scouts, environmental student groups and our own youth to learn about raingardens on Trinity's site, reach out to those without a church home, learn about other faith traditions, sponsor a dinner for the community, fun activities for youth, small group volunteers to make blankets, pack meals, connecting youth with adults, cards to front line health care and first responders, create a labyrinth in our front lawn that is open to all, try to stream all services and advertise the opportunities, volunteer together, provide meals for seniors, participate in sharing our wealth with others who need help or assistance, package meals together.

Survey Results

Thanks for all survey responses!

"If Trinity removes the Zoom viewing platform, but continues with YouTube, will it impede to your participation in worship?"



YouTube, will it impede to your participation in worship?"

RESULTS

Yes: 5 No: 28

Session met 8/26 and has elected to continue with Zoom

for worship in addition to YouTube.

The topic of Zoom will be revisited monthly by the session.



The **Mission Committee** is looking forward to your help in collecting all sizes of waterproof snow pants and gloves or mittens. As we move into the fall season, businesses tend to put out unsold items

from the previous year with bargain pricing. We thought we might be able to keep our eyes out for these sales. The Mission Committee will not receive the actual list of individual winter wear needs, however, Dr. Cheryl Jogger stated that waterproof gloves/mittens are always high-demand items. It is also important to keep in mind that today's youth are taller than years ago. More large sizes will be needed and a few small to medium sizes.



Kathie Wilkinson will lead the food program. The goal is to feed children by filling boxes, making deliveries with Every Meal, and assisting in any areas where she finds opportunities for Trinity involvement.
-Mission Committee

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	Jul-21
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$11,654.33	\$110,687.23	\$126,997.42	\$216,500.52
Total Program Expenditures	\$14,282.30	\$113,188.20	\$134,189.87	\$230,115.14
Donations Less Expenses	(\$2,627.97)	(\$2,500.97)	(\$7,192.45)	(\$13,614.62)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,135.00	\$7,945.00	\$7,945.00	\$13,620.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$1,492.97)	\$5,444.03	\$752.55	\$5.38
Mortgage Fund Donations	\$3,736.30	\$36,791.88		
Mortgage Expense	\$6,269.32	\$44,885.24		
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$5,524.04	\$38,600.73		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$745.28	\$6,283.25		
Mortgage Balance	\$218,136.73			

Placed for SEPT Newsletter

Upcoming Worship Services



SUN, 9/12 Drive-In Worship w/Communion & Back to School Blessing.

Join Trinity for in-person worship outdoors on Sunday, September 12th. Trinity will serve holy communion and bless the youth for their return to school for the 2021-2022 academic year. Drive-in services are weather permitting. If Trinity experiences inclement weather, worship will be moved indoors. YouTube & Zoom will also be made available. Reminder: Drive-in worship is in-person only.

SUN, 10/3, Special Offerings - Peace & Global Witness Offering The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3rd, there will be a **Peace & Global Witness Offering** at Trinity. The Peace & Global Witness Offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers; enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Please give generously! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. The Special Offerings envelopes will be available in the sanctuary during worship. It is remarkable what your gift can do.

THE
LIGHT
OF
PEACE

The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Visit Trinity's EXPO Booth - **WOODBURY COMMUNITY EXPO 2021**



Photo: EXPO 2019

This year's annual spring Expo is being held on **Saturday, October 2nd, from 10am - 4pm** at the HealthEast Sports Center. Celebrate over 10 years of bringing together commerce and community. The Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to experience the Community EXPO, a lively family friendly atmosphere where you can visit with a variety of businesses from many industries all under one roof. There will be fun for multiple generations including entertainment, activities and more. Visit more than 175 local businesses and organizations, along with enjoying tasty food by local restaurants. Check out a list of exhibitors and entertainment scheduled for the event in the digital EXPO Guide!

Activities for all ages: **Main Stage Entertainment:** Experience high energy shows throughout the day from juggling, magicians and Science Wizards to dance shows, Tae Kwon Do and more! **Vehicle Fair:** Feel like a kid again and climb inside police squads, City trucks-large and small to construction equipment and more! **Kids Area:** Entertain the kids for hours for FREE with a bounce house, face painting, science experiments, animal zone, giveaways and more! **Food Area:** Stop by the food area to satisfy your craving with a variety of flavors from the Woodbury area. **Enter to Win:** Gift cards from a variety of local businesses given away at the main stage throughout the day!

Trinity Booth Volunteers Needed: The Outreach & Communications committee is seeking volunteers to help represent Trinity at our EXPO booth. There are opportunities from 10:00 to 4:00 PM. Two hour shifts (or longer) are requested (10-12, 12-2, 2-4). If you are interested, please call the church office at 738-0045 as soon as possible so that we can accommodate your interest. Thank you!

FRIDAY BLAST

Subscribe to Trinity's Weekly News *The Friday Blast!*

Get all of Trinity's news, holiday announcements, events, and more right at your fingertips. Please contact the office to subscribe to the Friday Blast if you are not yet subscribed. You will receive a news email every Friday.

Trinity **Text Alerts** for Smart Phones!

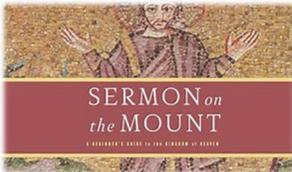


Trinity utilizes **SK Notify** to send important text announcements. Subscribers to SK Notify will receive no more than one text per week. Please contact the church office if you would like to have Trinity text alert messages sent to your mobile phone. Also, please keep the church updated with any phone number changes.



Game Night "In-Person" Returns!

Game night is back on Friday, 9/10. Mark your calendars! The group meets on the second Friday of each month at various locations. Come for the fun. If you have any games you like to play, bring them along! Need info? Contact Brad Wright.



Tuesdays @ 2

The Sermon on the Mount,
By Amy-Jill Levine.

Details: Meets from 2:00-3:00 pm. Please contact Pastor April with any questions.



Spiritual Nourishment for All

The Letter of Paul to the Philippians study is finished.

SNFA is on break. The study will resume soon. Stay tuned!

Details: This Bible study meets after worship. All ages are invited. Please contact Pastor April with any questions.



Prayer-Full Pause on Facebook Live Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

Details: 10 minutes of prayer-full pause on Trinity's Facebook page through Facebook Live. The prayer-full pause will also be saved on Trinity's Facebook page on Trinity's website: <https://www.trinitywoodbury.org/videos>



CLERK'S CORNER

BY JAY WILKINSON

Highlights of Session meetings:

- The Session has modified the Covid-19 policy in response to the heightened activity surrounding the Delta variant. This policy revision is following a lengthy discussion by the Session considering the recent changes in recommendations from the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health. The

revisions are given below and are effective immediately until further action by the Session.

- Drive-in worship service is planned for September 12. Communion is planned for all drive-in worship services. We will not be streaming drive-in services any longer.
- The Community Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers to help man our booth at the Woodbury Expo, planned for October 2. Please contact chairperson Brad Wright to volunteer for one or more one-hour shift at our booth to heighten the community's awareness of Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- The Building & Grounds Committee has the Fall Clean Up Day tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 9am-noon.
- Treasurer Dan Freeman has reported that we currently have a year-to-date surplus of just over \$5,000. Thank you to all who continue to support Trinity.

As always, the Session appreciates each member and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

Excerpt from Policy amended by the Session on August 26, 2021 (Changes are italicized and underlined)

3. Cloth masks will continue to be required inside the church building for those who are not fully vaccinated, including those too young to be vaccinated, including during all indoor worship. Masks for those who are fully vaccinated are *strongly recommended (in keeping with CDC recommendations)*. While social distancing will be voluntary at this phase, activities requiring crowding will not occur.

a. Outside of the building on the church property, wearing of a facial mask is voluntary for all.

b. Inside the church building and outside on the church property, "social distancing" (maintaining at least 6 feet separation from people not in your household unit) is voluntary.

6. Singing during worship services while wearing a mask is *required*. If one chooses to sing, it is recommended to be softly and not full voice when inside the church building. When outside, full voice is acceptable so long as others nearby do not object, and masks are voluntary. It is recommended that handshakes and hugs be only with those in your household unit. Fist or elbow bumps are an alternative with other people. *There will be no live choir singing during indoor worship services. Choir practice and/or recording may occur indoors with those fully vaccinated, without masks, with appropriate distancing.*

8. Fellowship/coffee time may occur. Seating at tables shall be limited to one household unit or a maximum of 4 people not in one household unit.

Simpler Church Financial Statements approved by the Session At the August meeting of the Session, a proposal was made and approved to simplify our bookkeeping and financial statements by including our mortgage payment in what has been referred to as our Operating/Mission budget. We still have about 5 years remaining for our mortgage payments. When we ask for member estimates of giving for 2022, we will ask everyone to give to one general fund rather than separately to mortgage and operating/mission funds. When asked your plans for 2022, please consider at least the amount you contributed to both funds for 2021. We will have the same or inflated expenses, just being reported as one General Fund.

We have been told that most churches are now including their mortgage payments in this manner and that members have a better understanding of the church's finances when presented as one "general" fund. We want to encourage a deeper understanding and transparency of where your donations are used for God's work in our community and in our world.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any member of the Generosity & Finance Committee. Lee Houck, Chair, John Griffiths, Rick Wasiluk, Jay Wilkinson, Treasurer Dan Freeman, Financial Secretary Stephanie Hoekstra

A Year of Video Moments for Generosity

Over the next year during worship service, Trinity will share videos of the Trinity family within the Sunday worship slideshows during **Moment for Generosity**. This will occur on the last Sunday of each month. During the videos, Trinity will hear from individuals of all ages speak on the topic of generosity and what it means to them. Pastor April is greatly appreciative to those of you who participated in her ECRF generosity project. Thank you for your generous contributions!





Trinity's crabapples: 2" diameter

APPLE SEASON IS HERE! - Trinity's Crabapple Tree

What are crabapples? Crabapples are small, extremely tart fruits in the same genus as table apples, and some botanists believe that they may be the survivors of wild ancestors of the domesticated apple. The fruits and their trees look remarkably like apples, which can lead to unfortunate confusion, as the taste of crabapples is rather distinctive, and often unpleasant on its own. In addition to being

grown for their fruit, crabapple trees are also cultivated for their decorative flowers and often dwarf size, which makes them suitable for landscaping in cramped places. Some consumers call crabapples wild apples, since the trees and fruit have a more wild look. As a general rule, crabapple trees are smaller than regular apple trees, and they may develop twisted, gnarled branches and thorns. The small fruits may be yellow to red when ripe, and they often grow in dense clusters. If well cared for, the trees can live for decades, and many of them are remarkably frost hardy, dropping their leaves in the fall to conserve energy through the winter. Anyone who has bitten into a crabapple can describe the flavor. It is intensely sour and tart, much like biting into a lemon. Because the flavor alone is distasteful, crabapples are sometimes added to other dishes as a supplement. A few crabapples in a batch of cider, for example, can make the end flavor more interesting and complex. They are also pickled for use in chutneys and savory sauces. The place where crabapples come into their own is crabapple jelly. The small fruits are high in pectic, a natural fruit based gelatin, and when they are cooked with a liberal helping of sugar, they develop a rich, flavorful, very tart ruby red jelly which some consumers find quite delightful. Crabapple jelly may be cut with other ingredients, or used plain. It is often paired with toast, scones, and other baked goods, especially sweet ones. Just as with apples, there are a wide range of crabapple trees. Some are hardy all the way to USDA zone one, while others cannot tolerate winter conditions colder than those found in zone seven. The flowers range from white to pink, and the trees may or may not develop thorns. People who are interested in cultivating crabapples should seek out trees suited to their climate, and they may want to research how large the trees will grow, as some crabapple trees can get quite large. Hardy crabapples also make excellent rootstock for grafting. (Written by Mary McMahon, Delighted Cooking researcher and writer)

Are crabapples edible? A common misconception is that crabapples are toxic. This is not the case, as long as you don't eat the core and seeds, just like with bigger apples, they're perfectly edible. A good rule of thumb is that if the fruit is less than 2 inches (5 cm) in diameter, it's considered a crabapple. Those bigger than that are simply called apples. The larger the type of crab apples, the better. Crab apples are generally safe to eat, though like apples, the seeds do contain a type of cyanide. However the amount is so small you would have to thoroughly chew and eat quite a few apple or crab apple seeds to experience any toxic effects.

How do crabapples differ from supermarket apples? The apples we buy in supermarkets and at grocers today are simply a domesticated variety of crab apple species. The wild apple (*Malus sieversii*) from central Asia is thought to be the ancestor of a huge variety of our domestic apple varieties today. These domestic apples have been cultivated for centuries, and hybridized. Farmers and orchard owners mixed varieties together to optimize characteristics of the fruit, like size and sweetness.



 Trinity's parking lot and lawn is blanketed with crabapples every season. If you'd like to help with apple cleanup, stop over any time! Want some crabapples? Grab a bag and help yourselves!

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