



# Trinity Topics

The Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside CA  
Sharing God's love, hope and forgiveness since 1893



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Since 1893  
Kent Tuohino, Pastor  
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## Get ready to roll!

Join Sue Rogers and others for an afternoon playing bunco, an easy but fun game played with dice. This fellowship activity will be on Saturday, June 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in Cooper-Burkhart House. Contact Sue Rogers for more info.

## Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive



Our Social Concerns project for June is a peanut butter and jelly donation drive to help struggling parents feed their children this summer. The peanut butter and jelly will be distributed in Riverside by Lutheran Social Services and the Hope Food Pantry at Trinity. Watch for sales on large jars of peanut butter and jelly!  
Contact Kelly Krashin with any questions.

## Help Support Trinity with Scrip

We sell scrip cards as a way to help support our church. They are the same gift cards you can buy elsewhere, but when you buy them through our church, a percentage of your purchase is returned to the church. Cards are available for over 700 stores and restaurants. Visit [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com) to see all of the brands available.

To place an order, see Michael Myers or Judy McMichael on Sunday morning, or contact the church office on weekdays. You can pay when you order or when you receive your card(s); any checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. The weekly scrip order is submitted on Sundays at noon, and we usually receive the cards in time to hand out the next Sunday.



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## Our Church Calendar

You can find a calendar of events at our church on our website. Go to [trinityriverside.org](http://trinityriverside.org) and click on the menu for the calendar. It will display a calendar for the current month, with an option to print a copy. You can also check other months for upcoming or past events.

The online calendar is updated regularly, so check there when you want to find out what's going on at Trinity!



LRCC Summer Camp 2024



Based on Psalm 121: 1-2

I Lift my Eyes to the Mountains

## Day Camp at Trinity, July 15-19

Register now for day camp at Trinity, July 15-19! Day camp is for kids who will be entering K-6th grades this fall. This year's theme is "Moving Mountains," based on Psalm 121:1-2. Camp staff from LRCC will lead a week filled with games and music, Bible studies, crafts and more. To register, pick up a form at the church or contact our church office. The cost is \$25 for one child, plus \$10 for each additional child from the same household.

Volunteers are needed to help provide snacks, etc. Contact Brenda S. Lussier to volunteer or for answers to any questions about day camp.



To learn about the other camp programs offered by Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences (LRCC), visit their website at [lrcchome.com](http://lrcchome.com).

## Church Workday on Saturday, May 18 (Just a few of those who helped!)



Karen Myers cleaned sliding doors in Heinecken Hall.



Doug Brown cleaned the carpet in the sanctuary.



Theresa Husted cleaned windowsills, handrails, etc.



Willie Johnson & Gil Heth loaded Mike McMichael's truck with recyclable bottles and cans..

## Choir Concert on Pentecost Sunday, May 19



The Trinity Choir (above) and orchestra offered grateful praises. Jon Byron (below, center) moved us with his inspirational songs.



Our handbell choir (above) played two lovely pieces. Courtney Caldera (below) wowed the audience with a Mozart aria: Alleluia!



## Thursday Night Bible Study

This weekly Bible study meets online at 7:00 pm each Thursday and discusses the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. If you'd like to participate, let Pastor Kent know. He will email you the discussion questions along with a link to the Zoom meeting.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. — Psalm 119:105*



## Sunday Bible Readings

June 2: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; Mark 3:20-35

June 16: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34

June 23: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Mark 4:35-41

June 30: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; Mark 5:21-43



I was glad  
when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house  
of the Lord!"

## Sunday Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed to help with the coffee hour. If you would like to host and serve a simple treat on a Sunday, please sign up or call the church office.

## Altar Flowers

The Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please consider signing up to donate the cost of the altar flowers for a Sunday worship service. The price is \$34 for one bouquet or \$68 for both (make checks payable to Trinity).

### This Month's Flower Donors

6/02 The Tuohino/Kemp Family  
6/09 Brenda S. Lussier  
6/16 Mary Kantola  
6/23 Sue Richards  
6/30 Connie Fortier



## Pastor's Paragraphs

The days are growing longer as we move into summer, and the church's calendar reflects the change in the season. We are now in the long, green season of Sundays after Pentecost. In a sense, we are always living in the time after Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down to empower Jesus' followers to continue his work and to spread the good news of salvation through faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit continues to empower us to do the same today. The ministries we do together, and the ministry we each do in our daily life, are powered by the same Spirit of God.

This year we celebrated the day of Pentecost on May 19 with a special choir concert, and what a blessing that was! If you were there, you know what I'm talking about. The variety and the quality of the music were wonderful, and it was an inspiring event for the singers and the musicians as much as it was for the audience.

Glenn Pickett called it "an evening filled with love" and shared this anecdote with the choir after the concert:

*Eiley Lopez, our oboe player, told me that playing at Trinity is her "favorite gig." "There's such a sense of family in the room." I agree, and a good sense of family, one full of love.*

That love is a gift of the Spirit, and it's a gift we can all freely share with others.

Another special event at Trinity on Pentecost Sunday was that we welcomed 10 new members to our congregation. You can read about them on page 5 of this newsletter. They are a delightful group of people who bring a variety of experiences and personalities that will be sure to enrich our ministry and our fellowship.

In fact, one of these new members – Kathy Newlen – is taking on an important role in our congregation right away. She has just been hired to work in our church office as the new Administrative Assistant. Right now, she and Michael Myers are working together as she learns the ropes. Michael will retire from his office position on July 7. After that, he will still work a few hours a month to handle our monthly payroll, but Michael and his wife, Karen, will focus on getting ready to sell their home later this year and move to the East Coast.

Please welcome Kathy, her husband Steve, and the rest of our new members, and be sure to introduce yourself and get to know them. Together, we can all enjoy the welcoming Spirit of Trinity! As Paul writes in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." – *Pastor Kent*



## TRINITY'S GIVING REPORT (1/1/24 through 5/28/24)

Goal for regular offerings to date: \$ 112,528.29  
Regular offerings received to date: \$ 118,419.70  
Difference: + \$ 5,891.41

*Your faithful giving is helping us reach our goal!*

Scrip income received in 2024: \$ 310.41  
Century Club donations received in 2024: \$ 50.00

## New Members Who Joined on Pentecost Sunday, May 19

### Case & Cindy Bennett

Case writes, "Cindy and I were both born in 1971 in Long Beach, CA, at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. We both relocated and grew up in the city of Cerritos, where we attended Calvary Baptist Church and rode the same church bus for years, without meeting. We began dating in 1988 at 17 years old, while attending Cerritos High School."

They moved from Cerritos to Riverside in 1991. They were married in 1994 and have two children and two grandchildren. They began their HVAC business in 2004 and have been in business for 20 years. They previously attended Hope Lutheran Church, and look forward to being members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

### Johnnie, Jr., & Jackie Corina

[Jackie writes,] I was born in Los Angeles and attended school there. I grew up as a member of Community Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. My pastor was Rev. Nelson Trout, who became the first African-American bishop in the American Lutheran Church. I also attended Faith Lutheran Middle School in Los Angeles. I married Johnnie on February 14, 1976. We had two children together, Mahogani and Johnnie III. Johnnie already had 3 children and I had 2. Johnnie worked in real estate and I retired from the U.S. Postal Service. We moved from Carson to Riverside in 1987. I'm vice-president of the NAACP-Riverside, served on the board of human relations, and was very active with WELCA and Hope Lutheran Church Council. I love to cook soul food and watch old movies. I miss my old church – Hope – but look forward to making Trinity my new church home.

### Kerri Henderson

I have lived in California my whole life. I grew up in Orange and have lived in Riverside since 1990. I am a retired teacher and taught 2nd and 3rd grades for 32 years. I enjoy traveling with my mom, who lives in Maryland. I also love visiting my adorable grandson Mateo, who is three. He and his mother live in Colorado Springs, CO, and we do a lot of hiking when I am there. I enjoy helping to feed the homeless here at Trinity. My hobbies include reading (both fiction and non-fiction), taking walks, enjoying nature, seeing plays, and enjoying high tea. I am so glad to have found Trinity Lutheran Church and am happy to become a member!

### Beatriz Munoz

My name is Beatriz, but I go by Bea. I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I have lived in Riverside for almost 7 years now. I have a 3-year-old daughter name Emma – Emma was baptized by Pastor Kent when she was an infant. I currently have my own company working from home as a Transaction Coordinator. On Saturdays we enjoy spending quality time with Emma, we usually attend a local barn / zoo /

park /child museum or working on our backyard. At this very moment in my life – my favorite day of the week is Sunday, I get to attend the 930 service – I enjoy listening to the beautiful music, Pastor Kent's sermon, and hearing all the wonderful things and events this church is doing for our community.

### Steve & Kathy Newlen

Steve was born in Modesto, CA. Kathy was born in Hanford, CA. They met at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1972, and have been married 49 years. Steve is retired, after 35 years working in IT (information technology). Kathy worked for 7+ years as an elementary school teacher, and then as a mortgage loan processor for a number of years. She enjoys sewing, cooking, and crafts. They both enjoy reading, playing cards and board games. Kathy has just been hired to work as the Administrative Assistant in Trinity's church office. Steve served in the Army as a young man, and they are active in the American Legion, VFW, the 40 & 8 (Steve) and the 8 & 40 (Kathy) organizations. They were members of Grace Lutheran Church in Jurupa Valley before it closed in January of this year.

### Glenn & Julie Pickett

Glenn is a professor of music at California Baptist University, and has directed several choirs over the years. He began serving as Trinity's Director of Music Ministries in March 2023. In addition to directing our choir and worship team, Glenn enjoys composing music, accompanying singers, and improvising on familiar tunes. He composed the music for "Dietrich & Maria", a musical based on the life of the German Lutheran theologian and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, which was performed at CBU last November.

Julie writes, "I was born in Hollywood, California and raised in Beautiful Downtown Burbank. I began following Jesus in the summer of 1980 and was baptized shortly thereafter. I met and married Glenn in 1986 while attending Emmanuel Evangelical Free church in Burbank, where he was the Minister of Music. We were married there and began our lives together.

Our firstborn, Joanna, was born in 1988. We went on to have two more children, Jacquie and Jonny. I was a stay-at-home mom and enjoyed raising our children. As they say "The days are long but the years are short." The time went by so fast, and we now have four beautiful grandchildren.

I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Child Development from Cal State Northridge and most recently worked for Anaheim Elementary School District as a Pre-K Substitute Teacher. I love teaching Pre-K! Glenn and I enjoy spending time together. We love to travel, spend time with our children and grandchildren, take walks around the neighborhood, and have long talks on our front porch. We are very happy to be at Trinity and look forward to what the Lord has in store for us here."

# Council Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order on May 21 at 6:36 pm by Gary Goldberg. Members present: Gary Goldberg, Pastor Kent, Brenda S. Lussier, Sue Rogers, Peggy Fryc, and Wes Krashin. Absent: Mike McMichael, Larry Dodson, and Cherie Guillow.

## Meeting Highlights

**Pastor's Report:** The choir concert on May 19 was a great success, and enough donations were received to fully cover the costs.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Brenda S. Lussier. Our income has exceeded expenses during the month of April and for the year so far.

## **Property Maintenance**

- The stucco ceiling above the courtyard walkways has been opened to inspect for damage repair the stucco. The project should be finished by the end of the week.
- Mike McMichael is installing new flooring in the small office next to the LSS office.
- Waxing the floor in Heinecken Hall has been completed, but there is some touch-up work needed.
- New doors have been installed for the storage under the stage in Heinecken Hall thanks to a donation.
- HVAC work in Heinecken Hall has been completed as a donation. In addition, three new toilets have been installed in the Heinecken Hall bathrooms as a donation to the church.

## **New Business**

- Administrative Assistant: Approved the hiring of Kathy Newlen; she will begin working on May 28 alongside Michael Myers. Michael will continue to work a few hours each month to handle the payroll.
- Rummage Sale Funds: The rummage sale made \$1,600. Council approved splitting this evenly between the Quilting Bee and the music fund to help pay for the choir concert on May 19.
- Trinity Scholarship Eligibility: A discussion was held regarding who is eligible to receive a scholarship. It

was clarified that they may either be a member or, if not a member, be actively involved in our ministry. It was also decided that a student can receive a scholarship for several years in a row, for as long as the student is attending school.

- Summer Worship Schedule: During the month of July, there will be one worship service at 9:30 am. The 11:00 am service will resume at the beginning of August.
- Missionary Visit in September: One of our missionaries will be in California during September. We will invite her to come to Trinity for a dinner on Wednesday, September 11.
- Internship Stipend & Office Space: Approved giving Brenda S. Lussier a \$1,200 stipend for her 6-month internship at Eden and Trinity, and the use of the office space next to the LSS office at Trinity.
- Health Insurance for Joanna Tuohino: Since she is now 26 years old, her health insurance coverage is separate from the coverage for Pastor Kent and his wife. A proposal was approved to reimburse the Tuohino family for the cost of her health insurance. This will actually cost less than what had been approved in the congregational budget.
- Century Club: The Century Club is made up of members who donate \$100/year to the club. It was started at the time of Trinity's centennial in 1993. Prior to the pandemic, the council served a luncheon each year for members and invited them to make a recommendation for the use of the Century Club donations. The council decided to have a luncheon this fall, with the date to be determined.
- LGBTQ Ministry: Approved a proposal to start a committee at Trinity that will reach out to LGBTQ people in the local area.
- Tapestry Retreats: Approved a request for \$1,000 from Trinity's Endowment Fund to help with start-up costs for this new ministry.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 pm.



## Graduation Announcement

**Riley Nathaniel Goodman** graduates June 1 from Belmont High School in Belmont, MA. He will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall, studying Biomedical Engineering. He is the son of Steven and Krista Goodman, and the grandson of Barb Beaver.

*If you would like to announce a graduation in your family, send it to our church office and we will include it in next month's newsletter.*

## June Birthdays

[1] Marie Hinz; [3] Lea Arenas, Kerri Henderson; [6] Ashley Lowell; [7] Dana Reupert; [8] Disa DeFrese; [9] Phyllis Stumpf; [10] Kylie Gundrum, Brenda S Lussier; [13] Rob Clark, Luis Reza; [14] Bill Cole, [15] Catalina Wall; [16] Sadie Arenas, Theresa Husted; [18] Chris Zamora; [19] Noah Gundrum; [20] Maralene Taylor; [24] Ben Stuart; [25] David Husted; [26] Josephine Arenas, Robert Brooks; [27] Connie Fortier; [29] Beth Houlihan, Karen Myers



## Hairnet Brigade on Hiatus

For many years, Trinity's "Hairnet Brigade" has prepared dinner one Sunday a month for the men living at Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino.

We were recently notified that May 19 was the last Sunday meal we would need to provide dinner. They are undergoing a very big construction project that includes tearing down the kitchen and dining room.

I certainly appreciate all the work we have done together in the last several years to prepare a monthly Sunday dinner. It will be strange to not have those meals to plan, cook and deliver!

It's an exciting time for CCLM going forward. Once the new buildings are completed, we may be asked to help provide meals again, so keep your hairnets handy!

Blessings,  
Ann Herring



## Quilting Bee

Trinity's Quilting Bee meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12 pm in Cooper-Burkhart House. You are invited to come and join them! There are many different tasks involved in quilt-making, and you don't even need to know how to sew. Contact Kelly Krashin for more information.

The Quilting Bee also needs used sheets, curtains, and other large pieces of fabric to use for quilt backs.



## Taizé Service

Several churches in Riverside take turns hosting a Taizé service on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

It's a contemplative style of worship featuring simple but beautiful songs, inspiring readings, and prayerful silence. On June 10, it will be held at:

Madison Street Church  
3991 Madison Street

Most of the services are available to view online. For more information, visit [facebook.com/taizeriverside](https://facebook.com/taizeriverside) or contact Sandra Soares at [fccucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fccucc@sbcglobal.net).

## Thanks for Keeping Tabs!



Please save the pull-tabs from drinks and other canned goods and help support the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House. You can drop the tabs off at our church for the "House that Love Built"! — Sue Rogers

**Paula Teig** entered eternal life on May 28, 2024. She was a long-time member of Trinity, and worked in our church office for a number of years. A service for Paula will be held at Trinity on Friday, June 21, at 11 am. A lunch will be served after the service.

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." — John 11:25*



*(Carolyn Bolz wrote the following poem after the women's tea in May.)*

## THANK YOU, TRINITY LADIES!

Thank you to the ladies  
Who came to our Tea.  
It was a special afternoon,  
All of us would agree.



Of course, we had refreshments  
And there was plenty to eat.  
Yes, the time we spent together  
Was extra sweet.

Ann and her friend Sue  
Were the perfect hostesses, too,  
Despite the fact that they both  
Had lots of tasks to do.

During the Tea, we reviewed  
Many Bible women, who  
Kept their faith in God  
No matter what they went through.

After that, we visited  
With Pastor Kent,  
And enjoyed the very end  
Of this once-a-year event.

We hope that you will come  
To our next Women's Tea.  
We're looking forward to that date  
Here at Trinity!

Thank you so much to Sue Rogers and Pastor Kent for providing the perfect chair for me to use on Sunday mornings. I'm very grateful!

I also appreciate Sarah Boese's help with communion, Brenda M. Lussier's assistance with the microphone, and Judy Okamura's kindness, too.

It's so nice to have Trinity members who make sure that I can still attend worship despite my physical disability. I'm very thankful for those of you who give me rides to church and assist me in other ways also.

Carolyn Bolz



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