

Trinity Tidings

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News

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Happy GRADUATION

Class of 2022, we want to honor you!
send your picture and post graduation plans to
familyfaith.trinitynewlondon@gmail.com and join
us in worship on May 22 at 9:00am

Please send by May 16



May 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Sunday, May 15

- Bible Study 8:00 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Trinity Times 10 AM

Monday, May 16

Tuesday, May 17

- Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 18

- Staff Meeting 8 AM
- Confirmation Class 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 19

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Quilting 10 AM
- Yarn Crafting 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM

Friday, May 20

Saturday, May 21

Sunday, May 22 - *Honoring Our Graduates*

- Bible Study 8:00 AM
- Worship 9 AM
- Sunday School 10 AM
- Trinity Times 10 AM

The most current calendar and worship services can be found at

www.trinitynewlondon.com.

Summer worship volunteers!

Summers are busy! If you know of any Sundays you are not available, please let the church office know. If something comes up, you just need to find someone who can take your place.

- ◇ Ushers
- ◇ Lectors
- ◇ Communion servers
- ◇ Slides presenters
- ◇ Livestream

If you are not currently serving, but are willing to serve in any of these capacities, please notify the church office. If you were serving before the pandemic and want to help again, let the office know. Training is provided.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your request.
Email or call with your request.

Healing:

- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Tami - friend of Amy Van Dreef, recovering from spinal surgery
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Cindy Wolford - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Gerald Schroeder - health concerns
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

MAY 25

NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL

Trinity's next community meal is on Wednesday, May 25, from 5-6 pm. Barb and Kelly Lehl are the meal team this month and they are serving up grilled hot dogs. Kelly worked with Tyson Foods to get a generous donation of beef Ball Park hot dogs. Thank you Tyson Foods!

The Community Meals committee is looking for donations of:

- Healthy snacks (e.g. apple sauce, raisins, craisins, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- Desserts

PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION. Place in the deck box outside of church.



Medical Center-New London

Trinity has received a check for \$1000 from ThedaCare Medical Center – New London Endowment Fund grant program in support of our “Grab and Go” community meals ministry. Through this grant program, ThedaCare Medical Center-New London shows its dedication “to supporting and enhancing healthcare outreach, education, patient care, rehabilitation, and wellness services that contribute to a better quality of life for citizens in the Wolf River region, including New London, Clintonville, Manawa, Hortonville Marion, Weyauwega, Shioc-ton, Fremont and Embarrass.”

Trinity's Community Meals committee is very thankful for this donation! This funding helps Trinity to ensure its ability to outreach to those experiencing food insecurity in the New London area.



ThedaCare®



Crossways Congregations

“At Crossways we are committed to supporting the life and ministry of your congregation. Outdoor ministry can be an essential part of the faith journeys of your congregation members of all ages!

Whether it is through a congregation-wide family camp, confirmation camp, yearly retreats for youth or adults, or even special Sun-

day visits and programming for your congregation - Crossways is here for you. “

“Even though we are open for camp, things are not yet normal. Costs for supplies and labor are much higher than in previous years. Fewer campers and guests have been able to come since 2019, so we also have reduced revenue. We are grateful for the community of supporters who help us keep camp going strong!”

May's Joy of Giving is for Crossways Camping Ministry

Crossways has always been an important youth, family, and adult addition to our Ministry here at Trinity. We send our youth to Confirmation Camp in June, to help prepare for their Faith Formation classes beginning in the Fall. There is Family Camp and Grandparent's Camp and Women's Fall Retreat. And the list goes on.



Please prayerfully support this vital ministry with your May Joy of Giving. You can utilize the Joy of Giving envelope or online giving through our website.

Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of the New London Food Pantry! The needs continue to be great. Please drop your donations in the deck box outside of church.





Sunday School



Sunday's Scriptures

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon

us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise God in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.



⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²young men and maidens,
old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor
is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the
people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. Hallelujah!

"God himself will be with them; he will

Wipe Every Tear

from their eyes."

Revelation 21:3-4, NRSV

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

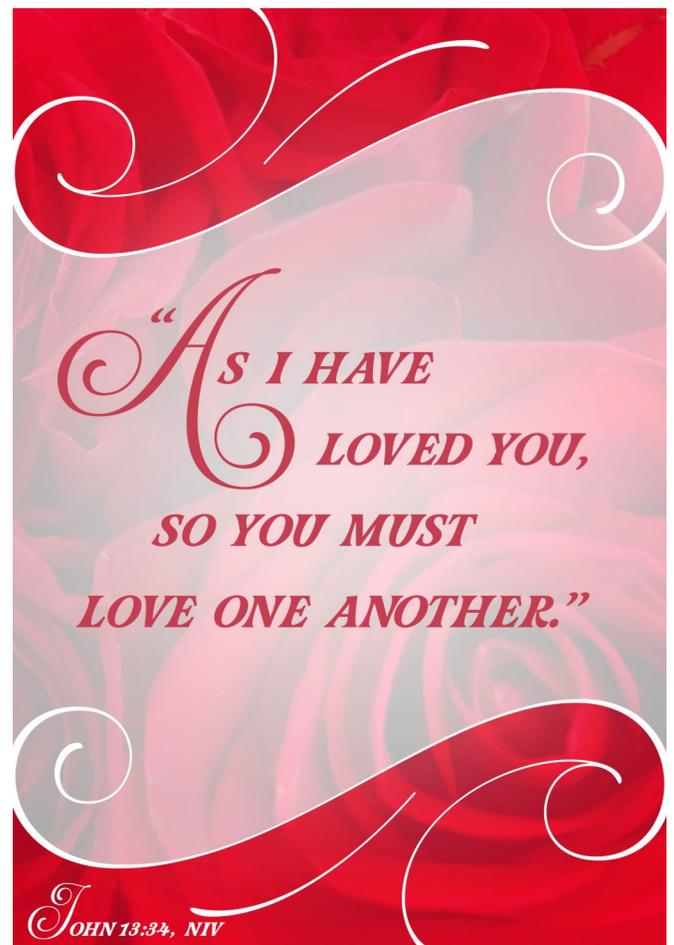
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the be-

ginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Gospel: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."





Love Love Love

I love the Beatles. Never forget as a youth saving up to buy my first album. Usually upbeat.

They sang a lot about love.

"All you need is love."

"Can't buy me love."

"Love me do."

Is it really that simple?

What does "love" mean?

Lots of different meanings.

Brotherly love, friendship love, romantic love etc.

My Old Testament Professor in seminary hammered in-

to our heads that "Love" in the Bible does not mean "love, love, love," it means "covenant loyalty, fidelity."

Jesus talked about love a lot.

Such as in the 13th chapter of John.

John's version of the last supper.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Notice he says "just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

It all starts with him.

Accepting God's love.

Then sharing it.

This goes against how the world works.

I went on a spiritual retreat this past weekend and heard a powerful speaker named Father Tom Weston, a recovering alcoholic.

His overall message: let go and let God work.

Father Tom shared what his sponsor called "The Rules of the World."

1. You cannot have anything wrong with you.
2. If you have something wrong with you, get over it fast.
3. If you won't get over it fast pretend that you did.
4. If you won't pretend, get out.
5. If you won't get out at least have the decency to be ashamed around the rest of us.

In the world love is often conditional, transactional.

I will love you if you do this...

If you do not measure up you are not loved.

You are not worthy.

You do not matter.

This is behind much of the anger and fear we see around us.

What I am hearing is that many people do not feel valued or appreciated.

People do not feel loved.

People do not feel accepted for who they are.

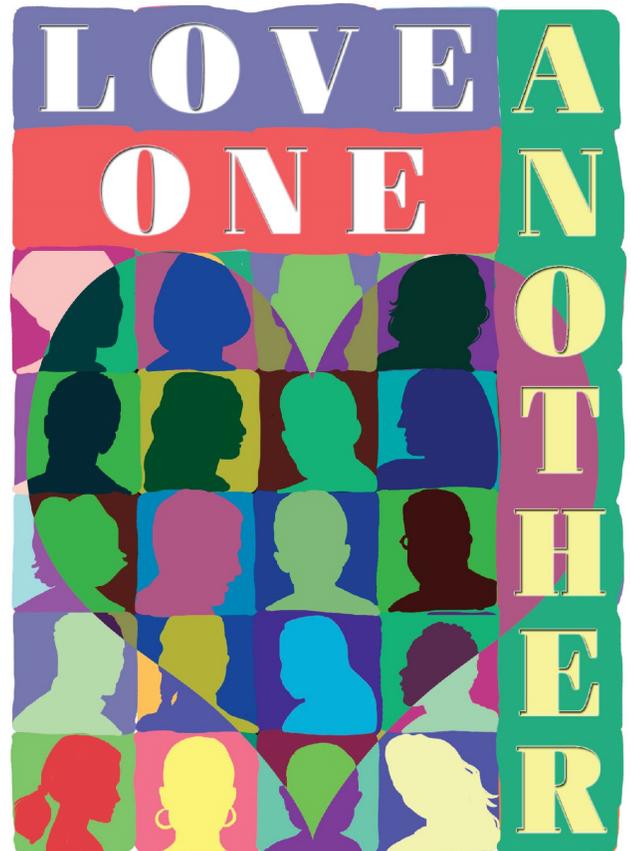
The world judges us and we can judge one another.

That is not how our God works.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are a relationship of unconditional love.

That is how Jesus loves.

Jesus loved Judas even though he betrayed him.



Jesus loved Peter even though he denied him.
Jesus loved all of his followers who abandoned him.
He did not say you guys are all going to blow it so good riddance!
He loved them first, and then sent them out to love the world.
How do we share Jesus' love?

One way is to listen.
Father Tom Weston story of woman coming to confession every week with trivial stuff. He was bored listening to her.
He told her that it was not necessary to go to confession for small, unimportant stuff.
But then she shared with him "I am married with 5 children. I listen to and care for my kids and husband all day long. This the only time someone listens to me."
This changed his attitude.
It has been said that attitudes can be like diapers: they need to be changed often or they stink.
Listening to someone who is hurting, taking time for them can make a world of difference.
Paying attention to those around us.
As a church all the ways we serve are done out of response to God's love.

We can all slip into what is called "stinking thinking."
"I am not good enough. I don't matter. I am going to get back at so and so."
Hurting people hurt people.
When someone is rude that means they are hurting.
Civility seems to be rare today as we are so polarized.

Jesus already loves us.
This is not fluff.
Sometimes Jesus' love is tough love.
Sometimes we need to experience pain, suffering, or failure in order to learn and grow.
He is with us through it all.
If you want to see true love, look at the cross.
We love because he first loves us.
Because we are loved we can live and serve others.

In the end, Jesus' love IS all we need. Amen.

