



**HOLY TRINITY**  
Lutheran Church

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## *Summer 2021 Trinity Trumpet*

**Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am**

Nursery provided 8:15—11:15 am

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# Summer 2021 Happenings

## Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$146,659	\$150,000
YTD Expense	\$140,279	\$150,000

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is so good to be back in person for worship! I love seeing your faces...even if they are behind masks. There are many of you who have already received your vaccinations which means we are safer every day! We continue to have worship inside and outside. Once it becomes too hot, we will add another service inside.

While we have an in-person community, we also developed through the pandemic, an online community. We are learning each day what that means for Holy Trinity. Some are unable to come to in person worship due to distance and health reasons, and still others have found that with other commitments it is just easier to watch online.

While watching online is an option, and will continue to be, it makes me wonder how we welcome people into our community. One of the things I love about being in person, is that we have the opportunity to meet new people when they come on the patio. We also get to catch up with one another and see how our weeks have been. Some may think that this in person contact is somewhat old fashioned, and maybe it is, but it is how I find community.

Our meetings over the last year have been almost exclusively online. Again, we were certainly able to stay connected through Zoom and get the business of the church done, but I must admit, I missed catching up before and after meetings to hear about your families, work and travels, that is harder to do over Zoom.

I am struggling with this lack of connectivity as your pastor. And while I struggle with it, I know younger people may feel even more comfortable online.

So I am looking for your input on the following questions (please talk to me or email me):

How do we remain community while we have two platforms, in person and online?

How do we welcome people to God's community when we don't see them and can't greet them through Zoom?

How do we remain connected through Zoom, YouTube and Facebook?

These are the questions we are grappling with as a council as a staff and in the congregation.

God has called us to this time and place to be God's people. What that will look like in the future, we don't know, but we continue to discern each day how to make God's love known in the world.

God's peace,  
*Pastor Chris*

## **LIVING GENEROUSLY**

### *A Message from your Holy Trinity Stewardship Team*

A question: what motivates a person to be generous to a church, a social service agency, or a charity? Dr. Mark Allen Powell in his book, Giving to God, lists a number of factors that motivate individuals to be generous with their time and financial resources. Here are but a few:

- To gain recognition**
- To attain influence**
- To appease God**
- To earn rewards**
- To give thanks**
- To express love for God**
- To convey the Christ within**

As you contemplate your gifts to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity, we ask you to consider and give due thought to what motivates you to be generous. We hope, as a stewardship team, that what motivates you is this: that you love God and giving of time, talent, and treasure is an expression of that love. We want to believe that you are motivated not out of recognition or to appease God or to earn a reward but because you have embraced the understanding that life is a gift of God, realize that everything comes from God, and that you view your material goods as unmerited blessings from a loving and generous God.

As a community of faith we have been blessed with many faithful people who have risen to the challenge to live generously during these trying times. We, as your stewardship team, are extremely grateful to so many of you who have chosen to express your love for God by living generous lives. Your generosity enables Holy Trinity to make a difference in the community and world in which we live. And we hope that your lives had been enriched by living out the biblical mandate that "it is better to give than to receive." Thank





## **Please, bring your babies to church!**

It doesn't matter if they fall asleep on the pews.  
It doesn't matter if they take off the little tie or hair bow.  
It doesn't matter if they whisper or cry during church.  
It doesn't matter if people give you dirty looks.

Church offers stability.

Church makes them feel safe.

Church is a place they hear the Gospel!

So, please, bring your babies to church! We love them!

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not,  
to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 19:14 KJV*

**Quillow Presentation  
to  
Senior High Graduates  
May 30 at 10:00 am**



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is back!  
For May, 25, 2021

We are collecting  
1 or 2 lb bags of beans and rice  
And Boxes of Cereal

Please bring them to church or drop them  
off in the office before May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

# Christmas in July

July 25th



This year we are collecting:

Socks, Shoes and Underwear—Any Sizes  
For Chandler Schools

Or

Books for Saplele

Holy Trinity in partnership with Mission Africa have supplied much needed text books for the children of Oghwere Primary School!

Write a check and put “Books” in the memo line.

You can bring your donations to the office or place on the altar anytime during the month of July.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper [beginning July 01, 2021](#). Accountable to the Church Council and under the direction of the Senior Pastor, the Bookkeeper position focuses on providing accurate accounting and financial record keeping to support the operations of the church. Primary responsibilities include basic accounting skills to record and track accounts payable/receivable. Uses Quickbooks to monitor and prepare timely financial reports for fiduciary planning and annual operations. Requires transparent reporting, attention to detail, and confidentiality to safeguard the congregation’s assets and personal information of congregants.

Part-Time: 10 - 12 hours per month / Some flexibility in work schedule

Hourly: \$18 - \$23 p/hour D.O.E.

All interested individuals should submit their resume to [judi@htlutheran.com](mailto:judi@htlutheran.com) no later than [May 15, 2021](#).

*The Nursery is now open*

*for both  
services!*



Habitat for  
Humanity is  
open again and  
they need your help!



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
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So many of their projects were put on hold and they need your help to catch up. Not interested in construction? That's okay! They have opportunities for all kinds of volunteers!

**Every volunteer must undergo a temperature check with a contactless thermometer and must wear a mask, and social distance** for the duration of their volunteer time.

**[Click here to learn more about volunteer opportunities!](#)**

## Matching Funds Challenge

Thank You!!

We exceeded our goal!

We have completed the sanctuary air conditioners and replacing all of the shingle roofs.

We are reviewing drawings for the bathroom update and are hoping to have it completed by the fall.

Once again, you are so generous!



Holy Trinity is participating in a 3-month trial for distributing POW WOW (Produce on Wheels With Out Waste) the 4th Saturday in June, July & August

*With P.O.W.W.O.W. getting fresh, affordable produce has never been easier. Anyone can contribute \$12 to shop up to 70 lbs. of fresh nutritional rescued produce, to share with friends and family.”*

Go to [borderlandsproducerescue.org](http://borderlandsproducerescue.org) for more information on the program.

We need about 20 volunteers to help package and distribute produce boxes here at Holy Trinity. Please call the office or talk to Mary Larsen or Mary Chavez if you are interested in helping.



## Hidden Treasures Thrift Store

610 S Alma School Suite 30

Chandler, AZ 85224

480 857-8310

Like us on Facebook

Web Page [www.treasurethrift.com](http://www.treasurethrift.com)

**Store Hours 10-3 Monday- Saturday**

Thank you for your continued support in donations, shopping and volunteer hours. You are helping us give back to the community. It has been a rough year for all of us and many need our support.

Department Spot-light: **Medical/Beauty** – lotions, soaps, curling irons, small bags for make-up, scales and adult protective undergarment. **Office Supplies:** Desk organizers, paper, binders, staplers and more.

**Pet Supplies:** Pet dishes, water dispensers, toys + leashes and collars

Volunteers: As more people feel comfortable coming into the store, we need more volunteers. If you can work a 4 hour-shift, come by and talk to Laura, our manager, or a day manager. You will make a difference and you will meet new friends.

Donations Needed: Books: children, mystery, fiction, science fiction, westerns, magazines, puzzles and games for all ages. Crafts: Yarn + needles, sewing notions, kids' crafts, Kitchen: Pots/pans, dishes, serving dishes, silverware, storage items with lids

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donated to Holy  
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## Endowment Fund Committee News



This month the Endowment Committee would like to share one of the notes of appreciation we received from our fall distribution.

*Thank you for your gift of \$1000 to ELCA World Hunger.*

*Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.*

*In Christ,*

*The Rev. Robin Brown*

Recently we completed our spring distribution and are pleased to announce the following recipients:

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Mission Africa

The Endowment Fund Committee thanks YOU and all those who have shared their legacy to help build this fund. It is through your donations we are able to continue supporting individuals and organizations making a difference in our local communities, nation, and world. Please prayerfully consider a one-time gift or giving on a regular basis to the Endowment Fund so that we may build this fund together, "*sharing the gifts God has activated*" in us as a Congregation.

Fall Application Deadline: October 10, 2021

Steve Brabec, Emil Gaumont, Sharon Gilbert, Rachel Gomez-Acosta, Michelle Nord, Mike Wells, Council Liaison



# Youth Ministry Youth Ministry



**Here's the Scoop**

**Sunday, July 25th**

**First Day of Sunday School—  
in person**


**&**

**Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday School at 10:00 am**

**Ice Cream Social at 11:00 am**

**Art Class**  
Tuesdays, June 4th  
to June 25th  
6pm-8pm  
2nd grade to adult  
Join teacher, Sharon Reese,  
to work on various  
projects



**TRE  
NEW**



THE GREEN VBS™

Save the Date

**VBS**

June 28 – 30th



**Confirmation Pool Party**

**June 5th**

**12:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Hosted by the Stephens Family**

**Backpack Blessing**

**July 18th**

**At the 10:00 Service**

**BACKPACK  
BLESSING**



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**Among us** ——*Those who have been in our prayers this past month.*



**Please pray for:**

**Illness:** Lois Miller; Kismet Weiss's friend, Julie; Kolleen Couch's friends Mike Unruh & family; Leroy Rohrbach; Ruth Bartling; Sandra Fischer; Julee Christian's great nephew, Brook Adams; Carolan Quenneville's friend, Jack & Char Sommerfield; Melinda Tarver's aunt, Eunice Toney; Linda Legreid; Mary Larsen's niece, Mindy Monteith and great niece, Ginny Mae; Anita Schebler's friend, Marty Smith; Marlene Marxman's granddaughter; Margie Probstfield; Sandra Fischer's friends, Maddie & Beth; Carolan Quenneville's sister-in-law, Phyllis Hosfelt; Marlene Marxman's relative, Marti; Ann Schieber's relative, Angie Schieber; Tina Lindsay's niece, Jane Crawford; Emma Weiss; Carolyn Searls; Liz Black's sister, Emily; **Surgery:** Carolyn Gloe; **Grief:** LaVaughn Pietz & family following the death of her husband, Clyde; Dave Couch & family following the death of his aunt, Andre Couch; Liz Black's friend, Daleen following the death of her husband; Tracy Lemons & family following the death of her relative, Debbie Lemons; **Other:** Sandra Fischer's cousin, Steve;