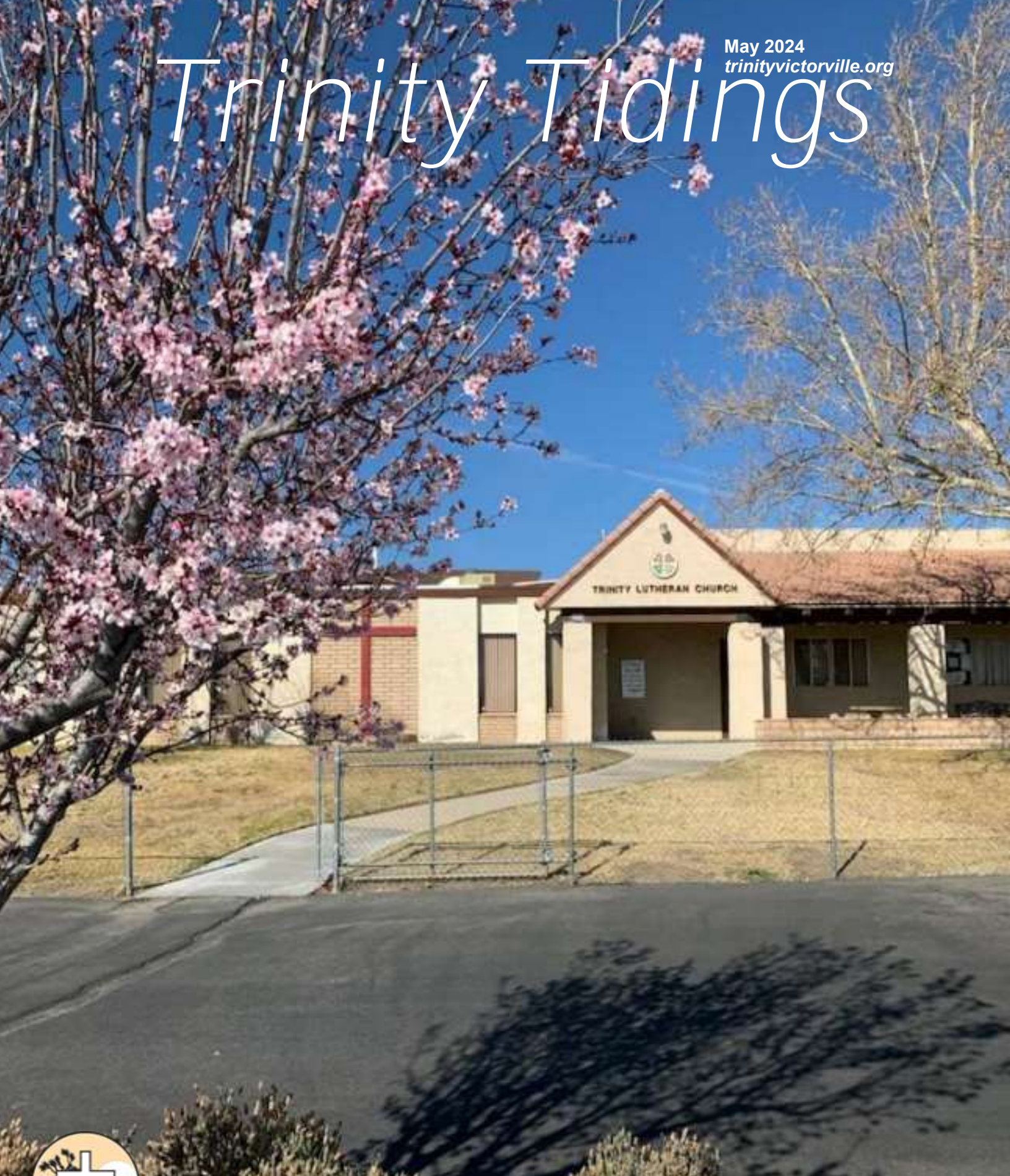


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Trinity Tidings



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Trinity Church Council members can be identified by their blue name tags. These individuals, along with ushers, are good people to consult with if an issue arises on a Sunday morning.



In Need of Prayer

Help us keep the prayer list up-to-date...

If the need for prayer that put you on the list is no longer pressing or ongoing, please let the office know. Thank you!

Please continue to pray for:

God's continued direction in selecting a new pastor. For the lives, health, and healing of Shayna Bruker, Larry Dunn, Ulla Edwards, David Harris, Janice Harrison, Jim Heinz, Carol Kruse, Cathianne Lang, John Rude, Joy Ryce, Sally VanDenBerg, Julia Wadagnolo, Steve Wendlandt, for those who are shut-ins or lonely, those who are grieving, those who are in danger around the world, and for all those serving in the military.

Please note: The full prayer chain and updates are distributed by email or phone. Prayer is available to anyone. Please contact the church office to add prayers for you or your loved one.

If you would like to receive prayer updates by email, please contact the office.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are interested in having a short list of substitute nursery attendants in the very rare events that Debbie is unable to make it to service. If you are interested, please contact Jessica in the church office at office@trinityvictorville.org



Financial Summary

| End of February 2024 | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Actual Income: | \$ 15,237.21 | \$ 45,128.52 |
| Budgeted Expenses: | \$ 20,772.70 | \$ 41,545.40 |

THE INTERIM PASTOR'S MISSION MEMO – May 2024

The following is my favorite Easter story. It is called “Philip’s Egg”, and comes from Harry Pritchett, Jr. I hope it touches your spirit.

“Once upon a time I had a young friend named Philip. Philip was born with Downs Syndrome. He was a pleasant child - happy, it seemed - but increasingly aware of the difference between himself and other children. Philip went to Sunday school at the Methodist church. His teacher, also a friend of mine, taught the third-grade class with Philip and nine other eight-year-old boys and girls.

You know eight-year-olds. And Philip, with his differences, was not readily accepted. But my teacher friend was creative, and he helped the group of eight-year-olds. They learned, they laughed, they played together. And they really cared about one another, even though eight-year-olds don't say they care about one another out loud. My teacher friend could see it. He knew it. He also knew that Philip was not really a part of that group. Philip did not choose nor did he want to be different. He just was. And that was just the way things were.

My friend had a marvelous idea for his class the Sunday after Easter last year. You know those things that pantyhose come in - the containers that look like great big eggs - my friend had collected ten of them. The children loved it when he brought them into the room. Each child was to get one. It was a beautiful spring day, and the assignment was for each child to go outside, find a symbol for new life, put it into the egg, and bring it back to the classroom. They would then open and share their new life symbols and surprises one by one.

It was glorious. It was confusing. It was wild. They ran all around the church grounds, gathered their symbols, and returned to the classroom. They put all the eggs on a table, and then the teacher began to open them. All the children stood around the table.

He opened one, and there was a flower, and they ooh-ed and aah-ed. He opened another, and there was a little butterfly. “Beautiful,” the girls all said, since it is hard for eight-year-old boys to say “beautiful.” He opened another, and there was a rock. And as third-graders will, some laughed, and some said, “That’s crazy! How’s a rock supposed to be like new life?” But the smart little boy who’d found it spoke up: “That’s mine. And I knew all of you would get flowers and buds and leaves and butterflies and stuff like that. So I got a rock because I wanted to be different. And for me, that’s new life.” They all laughed.

My teacher friend said something to himself about the profundity of eight-year-olds and opened the next one. There was nothing there. The other children, as eight-year-olds will, said, “That’s not fair - that’s stupid!--somebody didn’t do right.”

Then my teacher friend felt a tug on his shirt, and he looked down. Philip was standing beside him. “It’s mine,” Philip said. “It’s mine.” And the children said, “You don’t ever do things right, Philip. There’s nothing there!” “I did so do it,” Philip said. “I did do it. It’s empty. The tomb is empty!” There was silence, a very full silence. And for you people who don’t believe in miracles, I want to tell you that one happened that day last spring. From that time on, it was different. Philip suddenly became a part of that group of eight-year-old children. They took him in. He was set free from the tomb of his differentness.



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THE INTERIM PASTOR'S MISSION MEMO – May 2024

Philip died last summer. His family had known since the time he was born that he wouldn't live out a full life span. Many other things had been wrong with his tiny body. And so, late last July, with an infection that most normal children could have quickly shrugged off, Philip died. The mystery simply enveloped him.

At the funeral, nine eight-year-old children marched up to the altar, not with flowers to cover over the stark reality of death. Nine eight-year-olds, with their Sunday school teacher, marched right up to that altar, and laid on it an empty egg - an empty, old, discarded pantyhose egg.

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Have a blessed Easter Season!

Rev. Milo Ken Anderson

Pastor Ken

LOOKING AHEAD– MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Church in the Park

POTLUCK PICNIC LUNCH

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9
9:30
DORIS DAVIES PARK**

**SERVICE PROJECT:
HYGIENE KITS FOR
THE HOMELESS**

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We will be donating items and assembling hygiene kits for the homeless:

Travel size bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, Band-aids, tissue, toothpaste, toothbrush with case, disposable razors, combs, socks, and washcloths.

Gather Bible Study groups are returning to Trinity on May 16th at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet regularly on the Third Thursday of each month (except December) in the conference room at Trinity at 10:00 am. We will continue to use materials from *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, that offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge to help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. A print subscription is normally \$19.95/year but there is currently an intro offer for new subscribers for just \$9.95/year. You can visit trinityvictorville.org/gather for the link to subscribe to the magazine.

Gather includes articles from male pastors as well, and the bible study at TLC is open to our men if they wish to attend.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, so for our May Gather bible study we will use the free Devotional entitled *Compassionate companions* by Elise Seyfried. Elise Seyfried is the author of five books full of humorous spiritual essays. Elise recently retired after 20 years as director of spiritual formation at Christ's Lutheran Church in Oreland, Pennsylvania and has written several articles for *Gather*. You can download the devotional at trinityvictorville.org/gather. We will have print-outs available for those unable to download from the website.

Bring your favorite bible. We will provide a light brunch and beverage.

As long as humans have existed, there has been mental illness. By some estimates, as many as 20% of all adults live with a mental health issue. In biblical times, mental illness was often misunderstood and thought to be caused by demonic possession. In modern times, we have learned much more about brain chemistry. Although the stigma around mental illnesses has decreased, we still have a long way to go, and our faith communities can help. Looking particularly at biblical people and passages that relate to living with mental illness, the May 2024 devotional reminds us of Jesus' compassionate care for those who struggle. Together, we'll learn how congregations can become "stigma-free" zones and welcome and support those with mental health issues and their loved ones.

Upcoming...

Summer 2024 "After Certainty: A Biblical Guide" By The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni
A global pandemic, political upheaval, a changing climate... these days, the future is more uncertain than it has ever been. Or is it? For the people of the Bible, life was often shaped by deep uncertainty. Encounters with God sparked awe, confusion or courage, but rarely certainty. Instead, God's people have always been called to follow God into the unknown, trusting in God's certain grace and love. This three-session summer Bible study explores God's invitation to the people of the Bible and to us, to take the holy journey beyond certainty to curiosity, community and compassion, where we find abundant life in Christ.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| Date | Lectors | Ushers | Communion | Acolytes | SS Teacher (children) |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| May 5 9:30 | Anita Holmes | Elias Barson/ Larry Andersen | Anita Holmes/ Beva Heath/ Teresa Nava | Aundrea Gonzalez | Allison Baughman |
| May 12 9:30 | Connie Johnson | Mark Olson/ Ray Wolf | Connie Johnson/ Blake Danser/ Lynn Heinz | Crystal Piccoli | Paul Sanchez |
| May 19 9:30 | Lynn Heinz | Beva Heath/ Teresa Nava | Lynn Heinz/ Sue Tyler/ Allison Baughman | Sawyer Weygandt | Mark Olson |
| May 26 9:30 | Marilyn Gonzalez | Barb Dresser/ Lynn Heinz | Marilyn Gonzalez/ Eric Amundson/ Judy Johnson | Eden Weygandt | Therese Moore |
| June 2 9:30 | Eric Amundson | Mark Olson/ Lynn Heinz | Eric Amundson/ Connie Johnson/ Blake danser | Paxton Baughman | Vicki Hall |

Are you interested in serving at Trinity as an acolyte (child), reader, communion assistant, or usher? We would love to put you on the schedule! Contact the office or email Allison Baughman: amlbaughman@gmail.com



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Confirmation

Sunday, May 5 - 10:40 am

Sunday, May 19 - 10:40 am

May Acolyte Schedule

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|--------|-------------------------|
| May 5 | 9:30 - Aundrea Gonzalez |
| May 12 | 9:30 - Crystal Piccoli |
| May 19 | 9:30 - Sawyer Weygandt |
| May 26 | 9:30 - Eden Weygandt |
| June 2 | 9:30 - Paxton Baughman |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|-----------|---|---|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 10:00 California Retired Teachers 6:30 Bell Choir | 3 6:00 Casa De Oracion | 4 9:30 Widows & Widowers Meeting |
| 5 9:30 Worship 10:40 Bible Study 10:40 Confirmation 12:30 Mt. Moriah 4:00 Casa De Adoracion | 6 9:30 Dorcas Quilting | 7 9:30-11:30 Pastor Ken Office Hours 11:30 Lunch & the Word Bible Study 6:00 Executive Team | 8 | 9 6:30 Bell Choir | 10 6:00 Casa De Oracion | 11 9:30 Widows & Widowers Meeting 10:00-2:00 Synod Assembly |
| 12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 Worship 10:40 Bible Study 12:30 Mt. Moriah 4:00 Casa De Adoracion | 13 | 14 9:30-11:30 Pastor Ken Office Hours 11:30 Lunch & the Word Bible Study 1:30 Worship Team 6:30 Property Team | 15 | 16 10:00 Gather Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir | 17 6:00 Casa De Oracion | 18 Funeral for Lynn Lewis: 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Service followed by lunch |
| 19 9:30 Worship 10:40 Bible Study 10:40 Confirmation 12:30 Mt. Moriah 4:00 Casa De Adoracion | 20 9:30 Dorcas Quilting | 21 9:30-11:30 Pastor Ken Office Hours 11:30 Lunch & the Word Bible Study 5:00 Council | 22 | 23 6:30 Bell Choir | 24 6:00 Casa De Oracion | 25 9:30 Widows & Widowers Meeting |
| 26 9:30 Worship 10:40 Bible Study 12:30 Mt. Moriah 4:00 Casa De Adoracion | 27 Memorial Day | 28 9:30-11:30 Pastor Ken Office Hours 11:30 Lunch & the Word Bible Study | 29 | 30 6:30 Bell Choir | 31 6:00 Casa De Oracion | June 1 9:30 Widows & Widowers Meeting |
| June 2 9:30 Worship 10:40 Congregation Meeting 12:30 Mt. Moriah 4:00 Casa De Adoracion | <u>Note:</u> <i>Bolded= Trinity</i> <i>Non-bolded= Outside Group</i> | The Newsletter submission deadline for the June issue is <u>May 27 @ 8:30am.</u> Please submit articles to: jsantiago@trinityvictorville.org | | | <u>Pastor Ken's Office Hours</u> Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 | |



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