



# Trinity Tidings

September 4, 2020

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**Prayer List** - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

**Altar Flowers** - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

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## Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom every Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#).
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). The meeting actually begins at 10:45am so that there's time to socialize before the study begins. For next Wednesday, the lesson Romans 14:1-12.
- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#)
- **Trinity Trekkers** meets on Zoom on the first Friday of the month at 9am [here](#).
- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)

- And Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#)
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara, Fr. Todd, and Mtr. Erika will be in on Sundays and occasional weekdays to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail us (Fr. Todd [[tbruce@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:tbruce@trinityfolsom.org)]; Mtr. Erika [[eessiem@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:eessiem@trinityfolsom.org)]; Barbara [[trinity@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:trinity@trinityfolsom.org)]), we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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## Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [liturgy](#). In the 20th century, when there was an increasing emphasis on the participation of the laity, people often said that liturgy, from the Greek word leitourgia, meant "work of the people." That's not quite right, and some scholars pointed out that the Greeks used the word to refer to work done on behalf of the people, not by the people. It has been over a decade since I've studied Greek, and even then it was only enough to read the New Testament, so I'm not qualified to give a firm opinion on the debate about the meaning of leitourgia. What I do know is that people bring all sorts of values, priorities, and preferences to liturgy, which is fine, but it's a shame when liturgical disagreements stem from ignorance and misunderstanding. We may tackle that in a future series of Sunday School for Adults, but for now, Word of the Week is going to go through the Sunday service, from start to finish, so that we can expand and strengthen our liturgical vocabulary. Some of the words might be totally new to you, and others you'll recognize from the bulletin or conversation, but perhaps you never knew exactly what it meant. And I'll try to point out what we do here at Trinity Folsom, what we don't do here, and why. And you'll accrue a whole slew of Greek and Latin words to use to impress your friends...just imagine the fun you'll have debating with your friends whether the epiclesis should precede or follow the anamnesis! ~ Fr. Todd+

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## Construction Pic of the Week



Though wiping out a lot of deferred and upcoming maintenance and giving us more room to accommodate our growth have been the main objectives in our redesign of our buildings and campus, we have also been attentive to issues of accessibility. For example, we know, from observation and from feedback, that the step up from the pews to the altar rail is a significant obstacle for some of us, and it may keep us from coming up to take Communion. That step isn't necessary, so we've eliminated it in the expanded church. We've also added doors, widened existing ones, and are adding ramps wherever we can, given that, except for the Parish Hall, our old buildings were not built with accessibility in mind. This pic shows the ramp to the new Children's Building. Though it would have been preferable to make

the main entrances accessible to folks with physical mobility impairments, we didn't have the space and clearance to add ramps to the front or back of this building. Instead, we turned a window into a door and are adding this ramp.

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## Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#).

For our younger children, who would have attended Children's Chapel and the kindergarten and elementary Sunday School classes, Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is hosting a story time. She'll be telling a story while she builds it out of Legos, and she'll invite the children watching to build with her – or draw, or whatever creative activity they like. This is a prerecorded video; it will be posted on our Facebook page after Sunday service and saved in the videos section of our Facebook page, or you can watch it before Sunday morning by clicking [here](#). Karen has also prepared some questions and conversation starters for you to use during or after watching the video; you can find those [here](#).

For youth in middle and high school, we're hosting a live Zoom with Karen and Mtr. Erika on Sunday morning at 10:15am [here](#). A special password is required to access this Zoom; e-mail [Karen](#) to get it.

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## Folsom Day of Service Food Drive

We're still looking for a few more volunteers for the Folsom Day of Service (see below), but even if you can't volunteer, you can participate – without ever having to get out of your car. We'll be hosting a "Stop, Pop, & Go" food drive, like the one we did this spring, as part of the Folsom Day of Service. The date is Saturday, September 19th, from 9am-4pm. You'll pull up into the parking spaces on Wool Street, and volunteers will unload your donations for the Twin Lakes Food Bank. Twin Lakes is especially looking for the following items: cans of tuna, soup, chili, ravioli, fruits, and vegetables; tomato products and pasta sauce; pasta; cereal and oatmeal; peanut butter; ramen noodles; baby wipes; and diapers – sizes 4 and 5 are most needed.

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## Volunteers Needed for Folsom Day of Service

We are a host site for the drop-off food drive for Folsom Day of Service (September 19th), and specifically, we are looking for two folks who have trucks or large vehicles that can haul a lot of food and (you'll drive it to the Twin Lakes Food Bank at the end of the shift to unload), and we're looking for three folks who will be unloading food from donors' trunks and loading it into the trucks/SUVs. There are two shifts: 9am-noon, and noon-4pm. Volunteers need to sign up by September 5th on the Folsom Day of Service website, under the Trinity Folsom volunteer slots. If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact [Mtr. Erika](#).

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## Christmas Around Town

We know it's still August, but it is never too early to begin preparing for Christmas, especially for our annual participation in Christmas Around Town. Christmas Around Town provides the clients of Twin Lakes Food Bank and other neighbors in need identified by local non-profits to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families. This year, as we have in the past, we are signed up to supply and staff the Women's Shop – so we get to help folks shop for their moms, wives, partners, and sisters. Everything is a little more complicated this year due to the pandemic, and instead of happening on one busy day, the event will be spread out in order to maintain physical distancing. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities – we'll be sorting and pricing at the Freebergs' barn so that we can distance, and then there are shifts to set up at the store at Lakeside, and twelve shifts of staffing. It would be very helpful to us if you can sign up to volunteer very early, so that we will have time to fill the gaps. The sign-up is [here](#). Thanks so much! We're looking forward to another fun (and safe and healthy) Christmas Around Town!

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## Love & Money

Friend of the parish Melanie Morat asked us to share this opportunity with you. Thrivent (formerly Thrivent Financial for Lutherans), the not-for-profit financial services company with whom we are working to get our construction loan, is hosting a webinar on Friday, September 11th, at 6:30pm to discuss money and relationships. Financial issues are a major contributor to relationship problems, breakups, and divorce. They'll talk about how couples can understand each individual's money habits and build shared habits that will strengthen their relationship. The webinar is free, you do not need to be a Thrivent member/client to attend, and all couples are welcome (married, engaged, dating, co-parenting, whatever!). You do need to RSVP; go to <http://bit.ly/LMPSfly> to RSVP. The RSVP form will ask for the name of the Thrivent professional who invited you, and you can put in Melanie Morat's name. Also, the RSVP form says it is at 7:30pm, but that's Mountain Time, so it's 6:30pm for us in California.

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## Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). We're reading Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility*; for Wednesday the 9th, read chapter ten. To help guide our discussion, reflect on these [questions](#). We'll be starting a new book in a few weeks, and you might want to go ahead and order it and get a head start. Our next book will be Sara Miles' book [jesus freak](#).

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## Wildfire Relief

Some of you have asked if we are taking up a collection for wildfire relief in California. We aren't right now, because we're waiting to see what the needs are, and where our donations will be most effective. Donations often flood in immediately after a disaster, but other needs later on go unmet, or one disaster area is well-funded and another is poorly funded because of timing. We save some money in the outreach budget every year, too, expecting to make a contribution to disaster relief as it comes up. When we have a better sense of what is going on, and where the most unmet need is, we will let you know!

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## How Can Everything Be Alright When Everything Seems All Wrong?

Even with faith in God, it can be difficult to see God in the midst of circumstances that seem to tell us God is absent. How, in the midst of our challenges, do we hold fast to faith and move forward in our lives with confidence? Come and join Deacon Libby, Mtr. Erika, and Mtr. Anne for a day of encouragement as we seek to “be alright” even when everything seems to be all wrong! We’ll be meeting on Zoom on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:30am-1pm. There’s no cost for this retreat and it is open to everyone; you can register [here](#).

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## Children's Choir Meetings Resuming

Does your child enjoy music? If your child is looking for meaningful connections and educational programs to help them grow and excel, Trinity Children’s Choir helps solve this problem. While we cannot meet to sing and resume our normal activities, Mr. J, Trinity’s Director of Music, will offer weekly online sessions to encourage children in their love of music and in building connections with one another. Sessions will include weekly check-ins, completing music workbooks, learning about music, and creating a virtual choir video. Weekly sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 4:30-5:15pm. To register for Trinity Children’s Choir, e-mail [Brett](#). Please register by Sunday, August 23rd, in order for us to mail the choral workbooks to your home in time for the first meeting.

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## Music Notes ~ The Soul's Longing

This week’s prelude is an arrangement of the hymn tune “Brother James’ Air.” You may recognize it as the tune to which we sing the hymn text “How lovely is thy dwelling place.” The text we sing, by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (a consultant to the Text Committee of the 1982 Hymnal), is a paraphrase of Psalm 84 taken from the 1650 Scottish Psalter. The tune, by composer James Leith Macbeth Bain, was originally named “Marosa” after the daughter of one of his friends. The tune is more commonly named “Brother James’ Air” because of a popular arrangement by Gordon Jacob. As we reflect on the coming months, let us pray for the workers who will be helping to build a part of God’s dwelling-place on Earth. We will all rejoice and be glad when we can be together in this place where our souls long to be. ~ Brett Judson, Director of Music

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## Meet Mtr. Erika - More Dates Added!

To give you a chance to spend some time with Mtr. Erika, we’re setting up small group Zooms with her on Thursdays at 3pm. The groups will be limited to four to ten people so that it will be easier to have a conversation. You’ll need to sign up in advance [here](#) to reserve your spot, and once you’re signed up, Mtr. Erika will send you the link to the Zoom. We’ve added some more dates, and if they fill up, don’t worry, we will schedule some more. Having trouble navigating the sign up? E-mail [Barbara](#) or call her in the church office (916.985.2495) and she will help you out!

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## Forward Day By Day

If you would like to pick up a copy of the Forward Day by Day, Barbara will have them on a table on the front porch of Trinity House when she is in the office. Her regular office hours are 10am-3pm Monday through Thursday, and on Sundays from 7:30am until 1pm. If you can't get here to pick one up, let us know and we will mail one to you.

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