



# TRINITY TIMES

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*Those who welcomed [Peter's] message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

*Acts 2:41,42*

Dear Trinity Friends,

**We have been together for a full year now**, sharing nature's cycle (long, harsh winter, glorious spring so far) and moving through the Church calendar. For a full year we have *devoted ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers*. On **June 7<sup>th</sup>** five new persons (all just one year old or younger) will be added to the Body of Christ at Trinity through baptism. That's a tad fewer than three thousand souls added on the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, but it is a sign of continuing growth. The big 2,000-year-old picture of the Church is one of explosive growth; the small one year picture of growth here at Trinity does not knock our socks off. But it is steady, healthy and faithful. And we are thankful.

When the Church was young, the new Jesus movement within Judaism threatened the political grip of the Roman Emperor as it had threatened the control of the religious leaders in Israel several years earlier when Jesus was brought to trial and killed.

Why? *What was the nature of that threat?* Simply that thousands of ordinary people who had formerly lived in fear and subjugation, were no longer afraid. They were full of joy. They were in the grip of a strange new freedom. They were loving God and

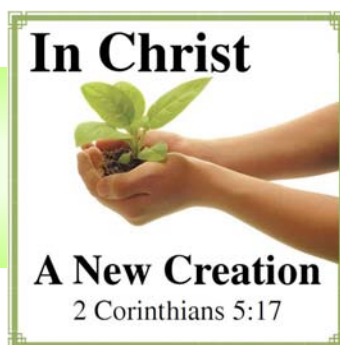
each other to the point that they were unable to deny that love. They had to express it or they felt less alive, in danger of spiritual death and emotional loss. The Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit had infused life, energy and conviction into ordinary Jew and Gentile alike.

What had changed? Old threats were no longer effective over these changed people. Political systems had not changed; the "standard of living" had not improved. The normal round of family and work life remained essentially the same. But the people who believed in the Resurrection of Jesus met together regularly and eagerly, with joy, confident of being God's own and empowered by God's love. Loved ones were born, married, died as they always had. But now they were children of God, heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Everything that Jesus had taught and promised was real and true. To the unbeliever nothing had changed.

But to those irrepressible believers, God's power working through them had changed everything and they were thankful. **And so it is here at Trinity: God's power, working through us, still doing more than we can ask or imagine, from generation in the Church, in Jesus.**

Thankful with you in the risen Christ,

*Jane +*



## Service & Outreach

### Feeding the Hungry at The Salvation Army: Calling All Volunteers!

It's time to prepare and serve another dinner for the Salvation Army!



**Sunday, May 17, Sunday:** we will prepare chili and salad at church after the 10:30 worship service, beginning prep at around noon. (Volunteers from the 8:00 service may begin prep after I bring in the produce at 9:15.) **I need at least 8 prep cooks.**



**May 18, Monday:** we will setup at the Salvation Army at 4 pm, serve at 5 pm, and begin clean-up at 6:30. I only need a couple of people at 4:00, but **need 5 servers.**

Peace, **Lori Wilson**



### UNITED THANK OFFERING: Our Change Changes Lives!



Hello Fellow Parishioners,

Your Change not only Changes Lives, but it gives YOU the opportunity to experience thankfulness.

Now is the time to adopt a **new box** and begin again—filling the box for the next Ingathering—or storing up memories of Thanks to include in a November Ingathering check. Thank you!



— Your Trinity UTO Coordinators,  
**Betty Ann and Don Lockhart**



### You Pray, We spray!



Trinity's Youth Group will be washing cars from **9:00 am until noon on Sunday, May 31**. The car wash is free of charge, but donations are much appreciated and will go directly to a charity chosen by Youth Group members (to be announced soon).

**Congregation:** please bring your dirty car(s) to church that morning and while you pray, let the youth wash and spray your car clean!

**Youth Group Members & Parents:** please let **Mark Ray** ([mray@ksvc.com](mailto:mray@ksvc.com)) or **Breanne MacFarland** ([bmmacfarland@gmail.com](mailto:bmmacfarland@gmail.com)) know if you'll be able to help out at this annual event. We need lots of assistance. **Thanks!**



### 2015 COTS Walk



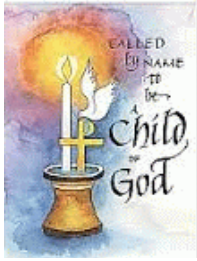
The **Trinity Episcopeds** once again walked for the Homeless and raised over \$1000, which will be matched by a generous donor at Trinity. Thanks to all for supporting this important mission.

Molly O'Brien, Lori Wilson, Sandy Walsh, Nora Senecal,  
Maura Senecal-Albrecht & Veronica Travis



## Sunday School Info

### No Sunday School on Sunday, June 7



There will be NO Sunday School (Story Hour, The Believers and SAM4U).

The children will come to church to help welcome our newest members **Ann and Kathryn Foss**, and others as they are baptized!

### Volunteer to Read for Summer Story Hour June 14 - August 30

During the summer, **Story Hour** takes the place of regular Sunday School year. The typical routine is to gather, read or engage the children with a story and, most importantly,

**have fun!**

Examples of books you can read are:

"St. Francis,"  
"Beatrice the

Goat," and "If Jesus Came to My House." Bring some from home or come a few minutes early to get them from the shelves upstairs (outside the Story Hour classroom). You can read outside when the weather is nice.

Or you can do a different activity if you want—like acting, making music, or tending the children's garden, library or supply cabinets upstairs (the kids love testing out markers and glue sticks for the coming year!).

If everybody signs up for just one Sunday we'll be covered for the summer.

Don't forget that the older kids make great Sunday Story leaders too! It's fun and easy! If you'd like to sign up for a Sunday, please email **Breanne MacFarland** at [bmmacfarland@gmail.com](mailto:bmmacfarland@gmail.com).

### The Children's Garden



The Sunday School children (with **Emily Kallock** and **Amy Knight**) have cleaned up and re-planted their garden. Watch for new green shoots!

### The Children's Ministry Steering Team

invites your family to join us for a light brunch on **June 21st at 10:10am**.

*They're also planning to have a little something special for fathers in celebration of Father's Day.*



# THANKS

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the teachers who have made Sunday School possible this school year: **Jessica Allen, Annick Cooper, Emily Kallock, Amy Knight, Rick Neu, Mark Ray and Nora Senecal**. Your time, talent and dedication is very much appreciated by the youth and the church family.

**Youth Media Release Forms:** Parents, if you haven't done so already, please fill out the media release form(s) mailed to your homes a month ago for your child/children and return them to the church office. If you need a new form, there are copies available on the table across from France's office.

# Important Dates: Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, May 24

**Pentecost**



**Wear Something Red**

Sunday, May 31

**Youth Group Car Wash**



**9:00 a.m. - noon**

Sunday, June 7

**Baptisms**



**Both Services**

Saturday, July 5

**Trinity's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Celebration!**

THE BISHOP ARRIVES FOR PENTECOST...



(Actually, Bishop Ely will be at Trinity on Sunday, May 31st.)