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*Stars that shine above
 tell of God's love
 for even when clouds hide,
 still, they are there.*

*So we, dear Father, though shadows hide thee,
 know thou art keeping watch with tenderest care.*

~Rev. Chas. J. Keppel, c. 1938

On August 21, around 1:00 in the afternoon, the sun will be almost completely blotted out by the moon.

Now, this doesn't herald a "disaster of biblical proportions," as might have been thought even a hundred-fifty years ago, but it is a unique opportunity to witness a wonder of the "heavens above" right here, in Bixby and South Tulsa. It's also a good reminder of the majesty of God, who "sets the planets in the motion" and "arranges every star of the heavens." After all, for a window of a few hours, the stars will be visible in the "daytime."

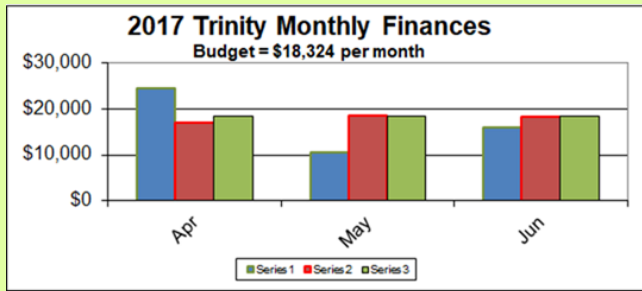
Whenever the universe reveals something out of the ordinary, I like to take note of it. To ponder in my heart what God has planned – and how I, one person among a multitude, can be able to participate in God's plan. I can't change the orbit of the earth and the moon – and I can't reveal the beauty of the stars in midday – but I can pray for those in my community and for those I've never met. And so can you!

Prayer is a powerful activity, that connects us with God. When we pray together in worship, we are "re-membering" the body of Christ – bringing it back together, and holding it by the ties that bind us together. Ties of love, of grace, of fellowship, of hope, and even of reformation. It's a bit like the stars peeking out at the height of the eclipse. Normally, they're hidden by the light – but that doesn't mean that the prayers aren't there, and aren't being seen.

So, when the eclipse comes, take a moment and marvel - maybe even pray and be thankful for the innumerable stars, uncountable prayers, and everlasting light that is God, who is always there, even when darkness – or light – hides God's presence from us.

-Rev. Lucus

Finance/Stewardship randy smith



2017 YTD	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$ 105,995	\$ 107,418	\$ 109,944



Fellowship News dwayne strasheim

During Trinity's Vacation Bible School July 9-13 and 16, the Fellowship team prepared and served six meals to the VBS students and their families. Average attendance was about 60 persons per meal. Six members of the Fellowship team were assisted by eleven additional volunteers. Certainly providing the VBS meals is a project that cannot succeed without volunteer assistance, and the Fellowship team sincerely appreciates the volunteers' hard work and dedication.

Respectively Submitted,
Dwayne Strasheim



Evangelism brenda cunningham

With a bit cooler temps this week, we begin to think about school starting, football, fall and Rally Day soon approaching.

We are finishing the details of the Trinity Directory (new and improved Pictorial Directory) to be ready to be handed out starting in September. So please send Kim Harvey, Trinity Admin, any changes of name, address, email, or telephone numbers. You can leave this on her desk in the office, call her or email her. If you want a new picture for the directory, please contact Joe Cunningham.

Respectfully, Brenda Cunningham

Presbyterian Women

We have been invited to attend the Presbyterian Women Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Fall Workshop on Saturday, August 26 at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Tulsa. The day begins with registration (\$8.00) at 9:30-10:00 am, then there will be three workshops before lunch, followed by a Bible study presentation at 1:15 pm.

I plan on attending, and have ordered 9 study books at \$9.00 for anyone who wants one. If anyone is planning on attending, kindly let me know.

Our regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 9:45 am here at Trinity Presbyterian. We will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each month thereafter.

Blessings, Sally Bright

Christian Education sue chancellor**A Summer Blessing**

Blessed are you, summer, with your generous gift of heat.
Your warm breath animates creation, encouraging all growing things to stretch toward the sun.

Blessed are you, summer, you call us into playfulness,
encouraging us to pause from work. You renew our spirits.

Blessed are you, gracious season of summer, you surprise us with a variety of gifts from the earth.
We, too, gaze into the earth of ourselves, beholding gifts waiting to be honored.

Blessed are you, nurturing season of summer, your fruits and vegetables appear on our tables,
changing them into altars. Tasting of your life, we are made strong.

Blessed are you, summer, host of a star that shines with passion.
Sun-soaked, we reach for your energy that drives us upward and onward.

Blessed are you, summer, with your firefly evenings
you minister to the child in us. You feed our hunger for beauty.

Excerpt from Joyce Rupp's and Macrina Wiederkehr's book, "The Circle of Life"

What energizing and motivating thoughts these words stir inside me. As the summer winds down and we look ahead to the changing season ahead of us, let us be grateful for this last full summer month and breathe in the warmth and energy of our ever-loving God! What joy it's been this summer to feel the delight and vitality of everyone who participated in any one of our summer programs: **VBS 2017, Camp Trinity, and Summer Sunday School** (children, teen, and adult classes.) Many of us adults have shared how our interaction/ involvement with the various summer programs does indeed "call us into playfulness" lifting our spirits and bringing us joy. And summer is indeed a great time "to gaze into the earth of ourselves beholding gifts waiting to be honored." So many folks of all ages have shared and continue to share their gifts in a variety of ways these summer months. You all are beautiful blessings and I thank you for sharing yourselves and your time. Everyone is encouraged to soak up more of our Lord's beautiful wisdom as Summer Sunday School continues.



Sunday School Opportunities

Please join us when you are able every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. for many learning possibilities:

"Living the Questions 2" led by Richard Spencer, resumed Sunday, July 30 in the classroom off Churchill Hall. Richard invites all adults to join in this insightful journey any Sunday you are able. This Sunday School summer's "Journey..." theme continues as Richard encourages each of us to explore our own personal faith journeys seeing where we are, how we're growing, and where we may be going in this endeavor. "Living the Questions 2" is an excellent tool with a variety of Christian theologians/educators sharing their theological insights, experiences, and revelations during their lifetimes. Each Sunday morning class is its own entity and individuals can join in on any given Sunday and pick up on a specific aspect of their personal faith journey.

On August 6, all children, tweens, and teens are encouraged to participate in the 9:30 Worship Rehearsal for the Camp Trinity Service." Teens and kids will all meet with Liz, the Clawsons, and Sue in the sanctuary at 9:30. Donna Bridenstine will also be on hand for little ones, who are invited to a Veggie-tale Celebration in the youth lounge. All children and families are invited to the Trinity Café for snacks around 10:10 am.

Children from pre-kindergarten through fourth grade are warmly welcomed to join the teaching team as they resume this summer's theme, "Our Joyful Journey with Jesus" through Labor Day Sunday, September 3. The teaching team and children alike are enjoying a variety of hands-on activities as they experience stories/songs of Jesus and his amazing love for us.

Tweens and teens will continue to explore their journey of faith through scripture, articles, video clips, and insightful questions with John Clawson, Royce and Sue Chancellor. Please meet one of them in the Café any Sunday between 9:15-9:30, and then the group will journey upstairs or to the youth lounge for engaging discussions/activities. We'll also schedule one more Starbuck's Coffee Discussion as well.

Attention: Book Study Group will officially meet in the Café at 11:00 a.m. the last three Wednesdays in August, the 16th 23rd, and 30th. Pastors Elana, Lucus, and Sue will lead discussions on this summer's read "Half Truths," by Adam Hamilton. Please come on August 16 ready for stimulating though-provoking conversation on chapters 1 & 2. Sack lunch fellowship lunch will continue at noon in the cafe for everyone who can come and enjoy friendly conversation with great folks!

Attention Tweens/Teens: All of your energetic awesome help this summer with VBS and Camp Trinity is so wonderfully appreciated by your Trinity family. You and your families are all enthusiastically invited to the Chancellors for sunshine, swimming and snacks from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27. We'd like to hear about the start of your new school year, too!

Get Ready for an exciting Rally Day: "God's Hope...God's Future"

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 10 at 9:15** in Churchill Hall for our traditional brunch and delightful Rally Day activities! We'll celebrate our wonderful Trinity teachers and look ahead to the new church school year with Hope and Joy!

Plans are in the making for an exciting Kick-off Activity for kids, teens, and their families following worship on Rally Day. Be looking for forthcoming details on this cool event.

A huge heart-felt **THANK YOU** is extended to **ALL FOLKS** who so willingly and lovingly volunteered to share their beautiful gifts and precious time with our summer programs: **Camp Trinity, VBS 2017 and Summer Sunday School**. We are extremely grateful to each of you and couldn't do it without you!



WHAT: Anniversary Celebration

WHEN: August 18, 2017

WHERE: Nancy Cain's Home
9910 S. Louisville
Tulsa, OK 74137

TIME: 5:30 pm—???

Join the fun! It's the 1 year anniversary of Elana and Lucus' arrival here at Trinity!

(That was Aug. 14, 2016)

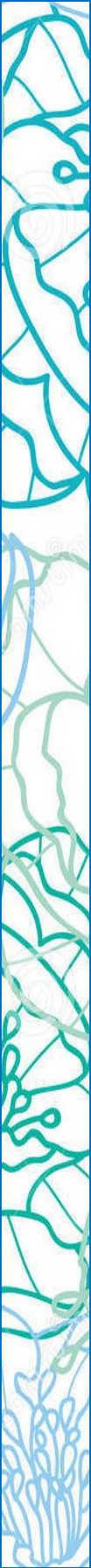
There will be a Taco Bar & fixins, and entertainment!

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VBS—CAMP TRINITY 2017







August Lectionary Readings

9th Sunday after Pentecost—Aug. 6

Genesis 32:22–31
Psalm 17:1–7, 15
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:13–21

10th Sunday after Pentecost—Aug. 13

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28
Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b
Romans 10:5–15
Matthew 14:22–33

11th Sunday after Pentecost—Aug. 20

Genesis 45:1–15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32
Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28

12th Sunday after Pentecost—Aug. 27

Exodus 1:8–2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1–8
Matthew 16:13–2



Happy Birthday August babies!



Florence Churchill	8/1
Jack Campbell	8/3
Jonna Adams	8/7
David Barnard	8/9
Darby Campbell	8/15
Lynn Sanstra	8/17
Ted Adams	8/19
Kate Hanson	8/26
Logan Wagner	8/27
Cindy Strasheim	8/29
Millie Spencer	8/30





August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:00—3:00 Camp Trinity	2 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 Banner Making	3	4	5
6 9th Sunday after Pentecost Camp Trinity Sunday	7 Pastors Lucus & Elana return.	8	9 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 Banner Making Team Meeting 6:00 dinner 6:30 meeting	10	11	12
13 10th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sun.	14 Yoga Class 10:00 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	15 Session Meeting 6:30 pm	16 11:00 am Mid-Week Book Study resumes 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making	17	18 5:30 pm Celebration/ Party at Nancy Cain's House!	19
20 11th Sunday after Pentecost 11:30 am Lunch Bunch	21 Yoga Class 10:00 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	22	23 11:00 am Mid-Week Bk. Study 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making	24 7:00 pm Central Regional Ministry Team Mtg.—Here	25	26
27 12th Sunday after Pentecost	28 Yoga Class 10:00 am Turning Point 7:00 pm	29	30 11:00 am Mid-Week Book Study 12:00 Sack Lunch Fellowship Hr. 1:00 pm Banner Making	31		

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