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# the Vision

## Summerfest!!!

*Summerfest begins June 3rd.*

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### Patriotic Potluck & Sing-Along Sunday July 5 after worship!



Trinity's annual "Star-Spangled Potluck and Sing-Along" will take place on Sunday, July 5 in Trinity Hall immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The Worship Committee will provide chicken; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to join us for some great summer fellowship as well as an opportunity to sing some favorite patriotic songs!

July 2014 (L) Trinity Sing-Along and (R) The Street Car Grand Opening downtown



# PASTORAL LETTER

## Jesus Christ

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . .  
... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

“Jesus is Lord” (Jesus = Lord, as in God, Yahweh, “I Am”) is the simplest affirmation of faith in the essential Gospel. It is the quintessential proclamation, the root of the Trinitarian Creeds, from which springs all that is distinctive, true and transformative in Christian theology and ethics—belief and life. Put negatively, there is no Gospel if Jesus is not Lord and Christ. Jesus who is not Christ, is not Lord. Jesus who is not Lord, is not Christ.

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. Acts 2:36*

There are on my bookshelves at home, two hefty tomes by the great Belgian Roman Catholic scholar, Edward Schillebeeckx, entitled respectively “Jesus,” and “Christ.” These volumes explicate from scripture the radical distinction, developed by Rudolph Bultmann, between the “Christ of Faith” and the “Jesus of History.” (Hence “the quest for the historical Jesus.”) Behind this dogmatic distinction lay Western philosophical dualism, (soul vs. body, physical vs. spiritual, intelligible vs. sensible, Jesus vs. Christ-the-Lord) against which the Nicene Creed was written! Oops! I have lapsed into academic mumbo jumbo! Bad Pastor! But not to worry, I shall cut to the inevitable chase! Suffice to say, brothers and sisters, taking Jesus without Christ, or Christ without Jesus, is the most ancient, persistent, pervasive, perennial, and pernicious of Christian heresies. In every age it claims to be progressive, enlightened and liberating. It is none of those things! One does not follow Jesus who does not also worship him as Christ the Lord.

*Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16:16*

*Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” John 20:28*

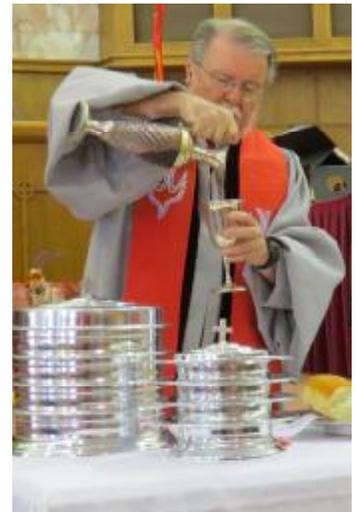
It follows that proclamation of Jesus who is not Lord

and Christ, is not even news, much less good news—that Jesus who is not worshiped as Christ the Lord is not worth following, for we have already made him out to be a liar. (1 John 5:10)

*Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Philippians 2:9-11*

Blessings, *Jerry*



### ***At Root: provocative passages— pastoral selections***

So who is lying here? It's the person who *denies that Jesus is the Divine Christ*, that's who. This is what makes an antichrist: denying the Father, denying the Son. No one who denies the Son has any part with the Father, but affirming the Son is an embrace of the Father as well.

I John 2:22-23

The Message

*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

Philippians 3:10-11 NRSV

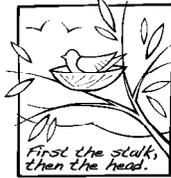
# WORSHIP

## JUNE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS



June 7 - I Samuel 8:4-11; *Psalm 138*;  
II Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35 (Rev. Jerry Foust preaching)



June 14 - I Samuel 15:34-16:13; *Psalm 20*; II Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34 (Rev. Bill Voigt preaching)



June 21 - I Samuel 17:32-49; *Psalm 9:9-20*; II Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41 (Rev. Bill Voigt preaching)



June 28 - II Samuel 1:1, 17-27; *Psalm 130*; II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43; (Rev. Jerry Foust preaching)

## MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

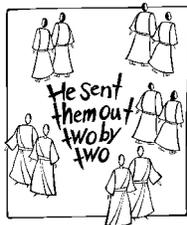
May 3rd



## JULY

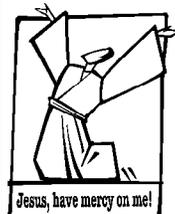
### SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5 - II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; *Psalm 48*; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13



July 12 - II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; *Psalm 24*; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19 - II Samuel 7:1-14a; *Psalm 89:20-37*; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



July 26 - II Samuel 11:1-15; *Psalm 14*; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life began a new study after Easter - AN ODD COUPLE, JONAH & RUTH:

*Lessons for Our Fractured World* by Carol J. Miller. Jonah shows the original readers of the book, as well as us, what a picture of their bigotry and hatred of foreigners and enemies looks like to God. Ruth shows what life lived in performing deeds of *hesed* (acts of loving kindness) looks like to us and to God. Come explore these concepts in relation to Old Testament times and our time through lively discussion. *We now meet in the Lower Level Lounge (new location!) at 9:00*

## HOW IN THE WORLD DID CHRISTIANITY SPREAD INTO THE WORLD?

Like the rush of a mighty wind, the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples thousands of years ago. Following that event, the birth of the church, the message of Jesus as Messiah, Christ the Lord, began to spread out from Jerusalem. In time it would spread to cities far and wide. It was not done, however, without risk. Many lost their lives proclaiming the Good News. Today, over two billion people profess Christ as Lord and Savior. Come discover the early roots of that beginning, as we see the story come alive on DVD during the next five weeks. We begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings with a southwest breakfast and lots of good fellowship. Join us in the Upper Room West.

## THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

We do not meet in the summer. Join us in September!

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Summer has finally arrived in the Old Pueblo. Teachers throughout the valley have done their happy dance and are looking forward to lazy days – and no classes. Which is all fine and good for teachers.

But whatever are we to do with those children? We need to welcome them into the full worship service. This is an opportunity for the congregation to fulfill its role as ‘god parents’. Remember their baptisms – when we said we would help raise them in the faith? Well, now is your chance. If you have the pleasure of sitting near a young person, let him know you’re glad he is here. Help him find where we are in the bulletin or locate a hymn.

The first part of the service involves a lot of congregational participation – responses, standing up, sitting down, singing, maybe even some hand clapping. Even a five year old won’t get bored if we work with her. But, oh my, that sermon. That can try the most stalwart of us. So we will be providing clipboards with a children’s bulletin (complete with puzzles) that follows the lectionary so they will have the same scriptures. And there is a small bag with bookmarks, pencil and crayons.

Our church is growing from the bottom up. And our children are an important part of our ministry.

*Children’s classes ended after Pentecost, May 24 for the summer months.*



They need to know we want them in our worship service. They need to feel comfortable here and know that they are an important part of our church.

Look for our youngest members and show them with smiles and actions that we are SO glad they are here.

**Truman Spillers hands out the worship bulletins.**

**Photo by Kathy Moser**

# Summerfest!!!



**6:00 pm**      **Supper**

**6:30 pm**      **Movie & Conversation**

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## **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Movie:** *Unconditional*

When her husband is tragically killed, Samantha loses her faith and will to live. A death-defying encounter with two children leads to a reunion with Joe, her oldest friend. As Sam watches "Papa" Joe care for and love the kids in his under-resourced neighborhood, she begins to believe that the love of God is always reaching out to her. A true story.

## **June 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Movie:** *Soul Surfer*

An inspiring true story of a teen surfer, Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again through her sheer determination and unwavering faith.

## **June 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Movie:** *When the Game Stands Tall*

At age 23, with no teaching or head coaching experience, Coach Bob Ladouceur launched the legendary Longest Winning Streak. A true story.

## **June 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Movie:** *Lilies of the Field*

Lilies of the Field- Homer Smith (Sidney Poitier), an itinerant handyman, is driving through the Arizona desert when he meets five impoverished nuns. Stopping to fix their leaky farmhouse roof, Homer discovers that not only will the Mother Superior not pay him for the job, but she also wants him to build their chapel for free! Hesitant at first, Homer soon finds himself single-handedly raising the chapel and the financing. But although he will not receive a monetary reward, Homer knows that when his work is done, he'll leave that dusty desert town a much better place than he found it.



## **July 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Movie:** *Big Hero 6*

A 2014 animated Disney film about a young robotics prodigy named Hiro Hamada who forms a superhero team to combat a masked villain.

### TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, June 23 in the Lovejoy Library at 7:00 pm. June's book is *Death of a King* by Travis Smiley. July's book, on July 28, will be *The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson.

*The following are the books that we will be reading for the next months:*

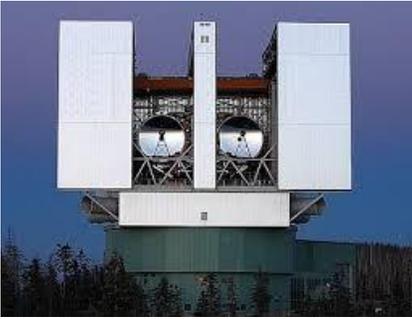
8/25 *The Other Side of the Ice* by Sprague Theobald

9/22 *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson



**WNA! presenters: YAV (Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers) including the new site director Alison Wood along with Steve Bronson and Debbie Hobbs .**

# Congregational News



**Road Trip to Mt. Graham**  
On Saturday June 6, John Hill will lead a road trip to Mt. Graham to tour the world's largest telescope -- the Large

Binocular Telescope (LBT = 5000 x 8408 binoculars). We'll leave from Trinity at 10 am and return before 10 pm. RSVP is required if you want to go: Send the NAMES OF EVERYONE WHO PLANS TO ATTEND to John Hill by NOON ON MONDAY JUNE 1 ([jhill@as.arizona.edu](mailto:jhill@as.arizona.edu)).

Lynn Moser and friends got together to sing some of the contemporary worship music and learn some new praise and worship songs in the hymnal on Wednesday, May 6 in Trinity's sanctuary.



Catherine Dimenstein, guitar and Errol Dimenstein, drums  
Photos by Kathy Moser



*WednesdayNiteAlive!* Barbeque and Concert on the Courtyard patio with Greg Morton, guitarist



Clifford Frederick (Peggy Andrews' son), graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary on Sunday, May 24.



# Mission News



## HELPING HANDS PROJECT STATISTICS FOR SPRING 2015

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| Project Linus No-Sew Fleece Blanket                                | 1   |
| Sculpted Clay Beads for Ben's Bells                                | 112 |
| Children's books collected for Literacy Connects                   | 71  |
| Valentine cards for Diamond Children's Center (UMC)                | 50  |
| Sandwiches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen                             | 100 |
| Food Packs for Trinity's Food Bank                                 | 152 |
| Easter cards for Trinity's Homebound                               | 24  |
| Protein bar/water bottle packs for Trinity's Food Bank             | 130 |
| Mac & Cheese/water bottle packs for Youth on Their Own             | 60  |
| Cereal bar/water bottle packs for Salvation Army Hospitality House | 200 |
| Hygiene packs for Casa Paloma Women's Center                       | 40  |
| Sandwiches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen                             | 600 |



***Salvation Army Hospitality House/Sunday project in April/Hygiene Packs***  
***The Sunday projects in April and May (cereal bar/water bottle packs and sandwiches) were funded by the Mission Committee.***

***Thank you Mission Committee for teaming up with Helping Hands!***

### TRINITY FOOD PANTRY



**SUMMER VOLUNTEERING!** The Trinity Community Food Bank can use some help. On Sunday, 12-2 pm and Tuesday and Thursday 12-4 pm, volunteers welcome guests and distribute food. To be part of this ministry, contact Community Ministries Coordinator, Alice Smedley.



***SANDWICH MAKING*** for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, June 14 and July 12. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.

# SESSION NOTES

Session Notes from May 19, 2015

Trinity is truly blessed these days by some special gifts. Bill Voigt announced in April that in addition to a \$22,000 gain on our investment portfolio, the children of Lorraine Lovin gave Trinity a grant of \$10,000. And with a 35% to 65% split with Adrian College the Carl and Aggie estate left \$160,000 for Trinity. This helps explain why Leone Mohney, Treasurer, could report a surplus in May of \$16,454.72. The Session with Stewardship & Finance continues to be wise and careful with Trinity expenditures.

Session approved the report from the Appreciative Inquiry Team that Roberta Westergaard, Lynn Moser, Carolyn Maycher, Harriet Marsh, John Hill, Nancy Hamadou, ALL OF YOU and our Pastors helped to produce. Our liaison from Presbytery de Cristo Committee on Ministry, Jim Nelson, was on hand to carry the finished document to the June 4, 2015 COM meeting. Once the Committee on Ministry approves Trinity's report our Congregational Nominating Committee will begin their work to find four representatives from the congregation, one Deacon and two Elders to be nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The congregation will elect the PNC. Session approved dissolving the Appreciative Inquiry Team and gave special thanks to Sheila Sievert for collating the data for the report – all 44 pages of it!

Session approved the job description for a choir intern to be hired this fall to attend and provide musical/vocal leadership at Thursday rehearsals and at Sunday worship among other responsibilities.

The Temporary Pastor contract with the Rev. Jerry Foust is renewed for another year to end July 6, 2016 unless terminated earlier by a 30 day written notice from Jerry or 30 day written notice by the Session. Administration & Personnel and Property Committee asked Session to approve renting the large two-bedroom apartment (former Synod office) to Jerry for the remainder of his contract with Trinity. He will move in around July 1<sup>st</sup> and be a needed nighttime presence on the Trinity campus. Plus, he can walk to work!

Another action taken by Session at this May meeting was to extend the Letter of Intent with our Development Team – Don Bourn, Randi Dorman, Ron Paulus – until June 30, 2016. Our developers are working hard to find the perfect fit for developing our property and CESL is continuing their interest with presentations to the U of A Provost to include drawings and figures.

Our Presbytery Commissioners Leone Mohney and Harriet Marsh will attend a Called Presbytery de Cristo Meeting on May 30, 2015 in Trinity Hall. They will be voting on a recommendation to transfer the House of Neighborly Service to another mission partner (perhaps the YWCA) as severe financial problems are evident and the partnership with Our Family Services is not working.

This meeting was busy with many decisions made. Each committee works tirelessly to keep our programs, property and people engaged in serving God in the heart of the city. Session prayed for many in the congregation. Share your gratitude for all of their hard and thoughtful work with your deacon and your elders.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session

*Trinity  
of  
Services*



**Pentecost Sunday, May 24**

# Memories, Hopes & Conversations



The Memories, Hopes and Conversations Team has completed the compilation and summary of your responses to the Appreciative Inquiry questions and would like to thank everyone who participated. The resulting 44-page Mission Self-Study document gives a comprehensive look at Trinity's strengths and shows that Trinity's members have a quite coherent vision for the future. Trinity's Session accepted the document at its May meeting and has sent it to Presbytery de Cristo's Committee on Ministry for its approval at its meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. When this approval is received, Trinity's Congregational Nominating Committee will begin the process of putting together a Pastor Search Committee. **You are invited to peruse the complete document on Trinity's website or in Trinity's library,** and please continue to pray for entire pastor search process.

## **Summary Statement from Trinity's Mission Self-Study 2015:**

**We Belong:** Our faith in Christ brings us together in an inclusive intergenerational family of believers. Fellowship in that church family supports us and grows our

faith.

**We Believe:** We express our faith in God in a traditional worship service with an emphasis on Biblical preaching and excellent traditional and global music. Educational opportunities that teach God's Word strengthen our faith at all ages and open our minds and hearts to God's work in the world.

**We Behave:** Jesus calls us to love and serve our neighbors. That love and service ranges from congregational care, to assisting the underserved in our local neighborhood, to supporting projects with our neighbors on the international border, to involvement in world-wide mission.

**We Celebrate:** We are grateful for God's faithfulness that has established Trinity in a location between the University of Arizona and downtown Tucson. We look forward in hopeful trust to God's purpose of continuing to use Trinity in this place which is rich with ministry opportunities.

**We Pray:** As we raise up a new generation of disciples teaching them Christ's love... As we worship God with music and song in our hearts and praise on our lips... As we start new projects to work alongside those in need as brothers and sisters in Christ... We pray for faith, wisdom and courage to continue **Serving God in the Heart of the City.**

# Trinity Women

# SUMMER



The last meeting of the Bible Study Circles was May 12, followed by lunch at Delectables. The Horizons Bible Study will begin in September. It is *“Come to the Waters”* featuring the use of water imagery in the Bible (creation, baptism, storms are just three of the topics). Leone will be ordering the Study Books in June. Let her know if you want one.

Leone will be going to the Church Wide Gathering in Minneapolis, June 18-21, 2015. It is the custom to take gift cards to give to a social service agency in the host city. We have been asked to bring \$10 TARGET gift cards for an agency that works with the Native Americans on the nearby Rosebud Reservation--\$10 so the agency can have greater flexibility in distributing them; Target, because that is the only store on the reservation. If anyone wants to join in, give your gift card or money to Leone by June 14.



Trinity Presbyterian Women are meeting July 7 at 1:30 pm (note time change) in Fellowship Hall for a “Tea Party” (ice tea) to plan for the coming year. Everyone is invited. We will also sort out Box Tops for Education and prepare them to mail to Menaul School in Albuquerque. The box tops are used to obtain equipment for the school. If you have box tops please bring them or leave them marked for TPW in the closet in Fellowship Hall or give them to Ruth Myers, Leone Mahoney or Pat Whiting.

Ryan’s Bears will not meet in June but they will on July 21. Cutters, stuffers and stitchers are always needed.

Are you looking for a knitting or crocheting project while you watch TV or sit in front of the air conditioning or while traveling this summer? We still have yarn and a pattern can be supplied for caps or scarves. Contact Ruth Myers, 326-6888.



## Combined Presbyterian Summer Arts Camp

Designed to Draw Out Everyone's Talent  
Summer Arts Camp for children  
scheduled for June 8 – 12, 2015.

**Contact: Pastor Lesley Abrams**  
**520-271-2067, [pastorlesley@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlesley@gmail.com)**

St John on the Desert Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Christ Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are collaborating again this year to present Summer Arts Camp for children entering first through seventh grades in 2015. The camp is being held between Monday, June 8 and Friday, June 12, 2015, and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at St John on the Desert located at 2695 N. Houghton Road in Tucson, Arizona. Summer Arts Camp 2015 tuition is \$60 per child for the entire week’s offerings. Additional children from the same family are \$40. There is some scholarship money available. More information is available by calling the church office at 520-749-3615.



**Trinity Presbyterian Women luncheon at Delectables on Tuesday, May 12th. Photo by Kathy Moser**

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