

Trinity Tidings



From the Rector:

One of my friends when I was a young adult, and a big supporter of my quest to become a priest, was a shy and modest professor named David Nanney. While going through a very difficult ordination process in a diocese that wasn't ordaining women, David and his wife Jean welcomed me into their home and their hearts, and even helped me with expenses during seminary.

I knew that David was a geneticist and was in the same PhD program as James Watson at Indiana University, but I never knew much more than that. Only after David died in 2016, and I read his obituary, did I discover that he was the founder of tetrahymena genetics. I would so love to be able to ask him about recent developments in genome editing, especially CRISPR technology, and the ethical considerations around altering human genomes. Knowing David, I suspect that he would say that just because we *can do something, doesn't mean that we always should, and that we need to maintain a strong moral compass.*

SPOILER ALERT: I'm about to mention something that happened in Oppenheimer. It's not essential to plot but you can skip the next paragraph if you're worried.

What was the deal with the episode with the apple when Oppie was a student? Did that really happen? I've heard that his son said it didn't. I've also heard that Oppenheimer talked about it himself, but that it may have been a similar incident but not actually involving an apple or Niels Bohr. Regardless, I think that Christopher Nolan used the apple as a metaphor for the moral dilemmas that Oppenheimer would face in the future.

For Christians (and others too), war and weapons come with heavy ethical considerations. You may have heard about some of that at the talk on "Just War Theory" at the Faith and Science Forum a few weeks ago. When people asked me about how I felt about weapons work before I came here, I told them "it's complicated." Of course, my preference would be for no war and no weapons. But humans are fallen and as my former deacon said "We live on this side of Eden." And with bad actors all around, I've long recognize the need for strong deterrence.

My perspective on war has been shaped by the history of the twentieth century, and in particular, my family's history. My father met my mother when he was stationed with the 3rd Infantry Division in Würzburg, Germany, in the early 1960s. He sometimes jokingly credits the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914 for bringing them together, because it set off a course of events that eventually led to the US military having a number of bases in Germany and elsewhere.

When I think of the history of Germany - especially WWI, the Weimar Republic with its crippling hyperinflation and political extremism, the rise of the Nazi party, WWII, the Marshall plan, the establishment of the German Democratic

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

**10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist
(with music)**

Wednesday

**12:30 pm: Healing Service
St. Athanasius Chapel**

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



We have been so busy, and yet I see this church beginning to flourish and blossom again as it did pre-Covid. We have new families, excited little faces, amazing youth activities, and a rousing children's service every week, in many ways thanks to the efforts of youth leaders such as Maggie Moore, Kelli Maginot, and Zandrea Glenn and the energies of Mother Mary Ann.

One more way to bring us back up to speed is to volunteer in whatever capacity you find your strengths. **WE NEED A BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COORDINATOR DESPERATELY!** Please contact me directly—I have done this job before, and it is not difficult or time consuming; it just requires organizational skills.

I want to thank all in the congregation who contributed in any way to the funeral service for Sue Ellen Kelly. I know we have been praying for her and Colin for a long time and that Sue Ellen met Jesus surrounded by friends and family. And yet the real gifts of her service were multitudinous. The number of clergy in attendance was a testament to both her and Colin's dedication to the Lord and His people. I was so incredibly proud of all the people who were there to help and to make it the celebration they both deserved. First on my thank-you list would be the incredible kitchen staff (especially Ellie Giovanielli and Judy Crocker and all their faithful and upbeat teams), the unspoken heroes who ensured that the food was prepared and distributed beautifully, as well as their ability to graciously prepare and clean up in what seemed to be an effortless (but we know better, of course) ballet of beauty incognito. And to all the congregation who participated in whatever way they could, whether providing food, recording the service, taking out the garbage, or serving others as they could—thank you. I was truly amazed and proud of how we were able to tag-team without having to say a word and I know, as Colin was able to say at the end of the service, how very, very much he appreciated all that we did.

In that same vein, by the time you read this, the funeral for Judy Crocker's son will have passed; I know that Judy, who has taken such good care of us in our need, needed and appreciated our presence, if at all possible, for the funeral service for her beloved son James on July 29. I pray that we were able to show her the same kind of love and compassion in her time of need as she has shown in so many ways for us. Please continue to support our sister throughout this most difficult time.

And then there was our baby shower for our dear Margaret-Mary and Josh Sauppé the day after Sue Ellen's funeral. Isn't it interesting that when we lose someone we love, God gives us new life to bring hope and joy? I was excited to see what a great turnout we had and that we could make it a church-wide event. It had been such a busy week, but in true Trinity on the Hill style, we did well. I am so appreciative for such a well-oiled parish that chips in and does what is

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FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN



Call me obscure, I don't mind. Humor is part of my coping mechanism, although sometimes obscure. I always say "Look on the Light side" [snick snick].

We recently had another flooding incident so I wrote The Rules of SWAMP COOLER CLUB. It is a little bit wordy but probably sage advice. Someone was trying to fill one of the swamp coolers so they started the hose and walked away. I have re-written those "rules" here in a small typeface so as to not exceed my page limit. Indulge me if you like or skip ahead to another part. Hear is the shortened version:

*Don't fill the swamp cooler reservoir unless you are trained to recognize the dangers of doing it, such as, if you are using the hose at the coffee sink **NEVER NEVER NEVER** (did I say NEV-*

ER?) walk away and leave the water running while filling the cooler. The hose will retract by itself when you turn your back and you will cause a flood.

SO... if you read all that, great. If not, let's get on with it and move along to another thought but reach out to me to review that swamp cooler training sometime in the future.

And now for that next thought thing I mentioned: We are STILL looking for people to help out with projects, repairs and general churchy stuff nearly every day of any week. **Projects** such as the restroom door motors, additions to the outdoor lighting in the parking lots, being a holder/learner as I do some electrical wiring upgrades in the Nursery and Office, pounding posts for signage in the parking lots. **Repairs** such as tightening door hinges and door stops, faucet handles, and cabinet hinges in the KH kitchen, filling in jagged cracks in the walls from the shifting building foundation; should we repaint the wooden benches in the courtyard? I am looking for help to move and setup a ladder so I can get up on the roof to deal with a dangling wire. Brad reminded me that water dripping on us Friday was from rain gutters needing to be cleaned now, and then cleaned again every couple of months hence.

We have begun the formation of a **Buildings and Grounds Cadre** and invite one and all to join in the fun. Many projects wait for you to step up and volunteer your help. Maybe just to be the person to make calls to others and cajole them into getting something accomplished?

One case in point: thank you Brad, once again as the second person helping me to install a window AC unit in the nursery. That thing is not very heavy but I did not want to drop it on a passing pedestrian below so having a second person was a relief.

As for the **General Churchy Stuff**, day to day moving items around the church, setting up or taking down tables and chairs in the meeting rooms for changing events, bringing out and putting away snow shovels and ice melt, are just a few of the things that require additional help so as to lighten the load on the usual suspects. I think it was quite a few more than a hundred chairs I and some others moved for the Sue Ellen Kelly funeral a couple of weeks ago.

Thank you to the people who have already stepped up. A group met to discuss renewing the Buildings and Grounds Ministry. Richard and I will review the light bulb plan in days ahead and I think others are getting ready for their contributions to the cause too. All this and more...

OH... and this just in. watch for painters working around the Hacienda in the coming weeks.

Submitted for your approval,

– Mark Hartman –

Your Junior Warden

needed in order to do what God has asked of us. Few questions, no stress, just community following His guidance.

Father Kelly (Colin) is lost right now, but he will strengthen in time, as is common after the death of a loved one. Please keep in contact with him if you feel so moved, and perhaps bring him a home-cooked meal once in a while. The same will apply to Judy, as well, in the days to come (and perhaps Margaret-Mary, too). It is the days after the service that are usually the most difficult for anybody, and I hope that we can remember those of our own who are suffering and bring a bit of Jesus into their life, as a gift to our Lord, to others, and ultimately, to ourselves. God sees into our hearts, and He smiles abundantly at our love of others.

And finally, please continue to pray for Mother Mary Ann to find the house of her dreams (well, OK—something really nice) at a reasonable price. God brought her to us, so I know He will come through! And I am thankful that she is settling in and has a place to stay in the meantime. We are so blessed!

Blessings,

Lisa Rothrock
Senior Warden

Matthew 25:40: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

For the record: June-August 2023

Birth: *Benedict William Sauppé, August 1, 2023*

Baptism: *Sebastian Scott Schilling, August 6, 2023 (at Holy Faith, Santa Fe)*

Marriage: *Beth Eloise Pattillo and Roger Dallin Smithson, June 24, 2023*

Funerals: *Ivar and Allene Lindstrom, July 8, 2023 (memorial concert)*

Sue Ellen Kelly, July 15, 2023

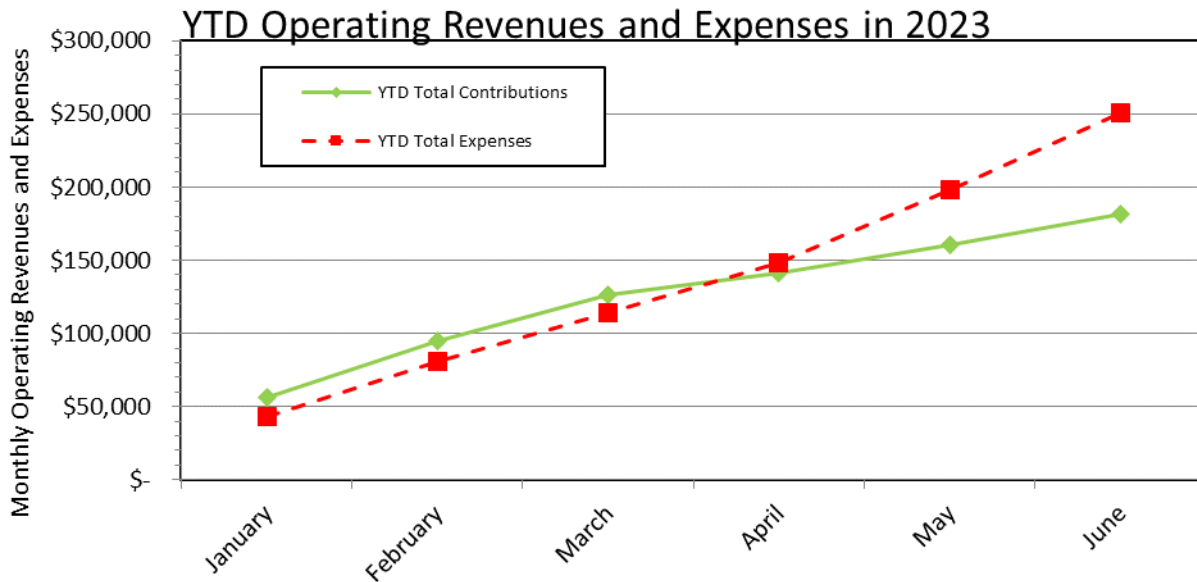
James Andrew Crocker, July 29, 2023



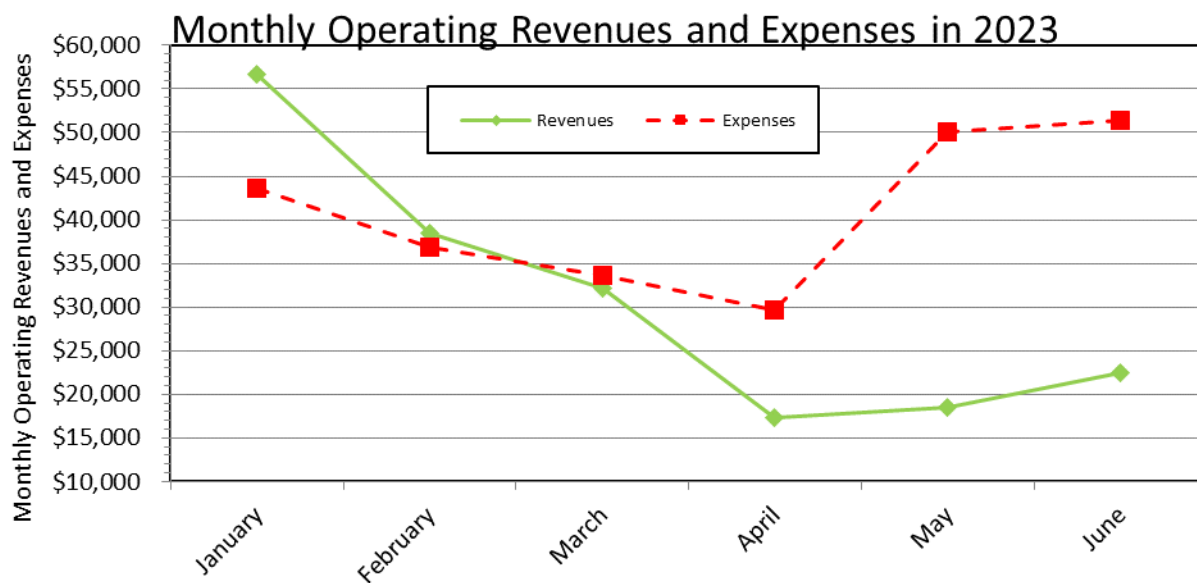
TOTH June Financial Status

Greetings from your friendly neighborhood Treasurer. I present for your perusal our financial status as of June of this year. Last year we enjoyed lower costs because we were still in our rector search. Now that we have been blessed with Mother Mary Ann and our Organist, Margaret-Mary, our expenses have gone back up to where they are supposed to be. It is now time for our revenues to match.

On a cumulative basis for the year, our revenues are **\$68,636** below our expenses.



The month-by-month data shows a better picture of how our expenses increased in May. Contributions typically drop during the summer so I am confident we will be able to make up the deficit by the end of the year.



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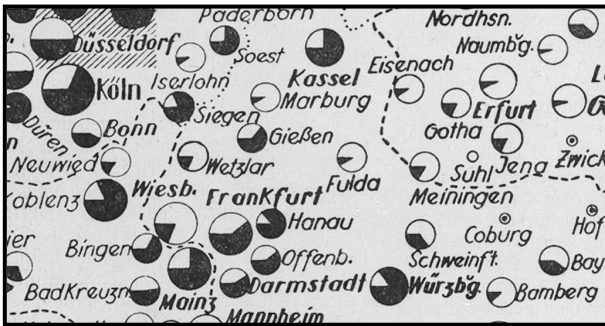


Republic, and the Cold War, I think of my great-grandmother (pictured left). She lived through all of that. The only thing she didn't experience was reunification. She and her children nearly starved to death while my great-grandfather was away fighting in the first World War. She managed to keep her family fed during the deprivations of the reparation era. She saw the fire-bombing of her city six weeks before the war in Europe ended. And she eventually welcomed an American grandson-in-law into her family while he was in Europe protecting the remainder of her country from Soviet invasion.

During the height of World War II, Hitler instituted an award for women to encourage large families. This award came in the form of a medal called the Mother's Cross (example shown right), and was awarded on the Führer's mother's birthday to women who had had four or more children. Anna Maria Heid, my great-grandmother, had five children, so she was issued a request to come receive her Mother's Cross. She refused.



I'd like to say that it was for entirely anti-fascist reasons - I've heard that she was no fan of the Nazis, but my overwhelming sense was that she was also simply sick of it all - all of the events of the 20th century that she had no control over but that overwhelmed her life like a tsunami. As a result, when asked one day on a crowded city bus about not accepting the Mother's Cross, Anna Maria said, loud enough for informants to hear, "Mr. Hitler can keep his stinking Mother's Cross." And that outburst earned her regular visits from the Gestapo for months until the mayor intervened on behalf of her family.



The allied bombing of Würzburg (see map, left) right before the end of the war was a horrible tragedy. Of all the cities in Germany, it suffered the largest percentage of destruction (yes, more than Dresden). The city was not a strategic target. It's still a small university city, the place where Roentgen discovered x-rays and, less famously, the birthplace of Heisenberg. Before the bombing, much of the city still consisted of timbered buildings from the middle ages, and that's part of what accounts for the level of destruction.

Würzburg is the home of the Residenz, or Bishop's Palace, now a UNESCO world heritage site. The eventual arrival of American troops was met with some trepidation but also great relief. The Residenz was heavily damaged during the bombing, but thankfully, an American "monuments man" saved the most important part of the building by covering the roof with logs cut from nearby forests. You can still see the largest ceiling fresco in the world, painted by Tiepolo, if you go there, thanks to Lt. John D. Skilton.

I don't know if my grandmother ever saw the East German border. My parents and I visited it when I was eleven, and I still remember the mine fields, barbed wire, and guard towers. I was aware of the precarious détente that we had with the USSR, and the ramping up of tensions in the 1980s and what that could mean to my family. As unhappy as some of my German friends were with the US, I knew that our forces and our government were what was holding the line between their freedom and Soviet invasion.

Holding that line was, and is, a heavy burden. That's the paradox that the Bible (and Spiderman) tells us is so: with great power comes great responsibility. But part of the responsibility isn't simply to make ethically sound decisions about how to use technology and scientific advances, it's also about maintaining a society in which people understand what is at stake and how to make ethical decisions. My fear is that our increasing polarization is muddying the waters of sound discernment and healthy cooperation. But that's a topic for another time.

So what's my point? Apples make great metaphors for ethical and moral decision making. And everything else? Well, it's complicated.

UNITED THANK OFFERING RAMPING UP AT TOTH

Be on the look-out for UTO boxes on display soon! For those who don't know about this National Episcopal Church program, it is very simple: There are two main components to UTO, which has been around for over 130 years.

First, UTO seeks to encourage church members and families to be more aware of our generous heavenly Father's blessings on a daily basis. The Bible tells us that God wants us to give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess 5:18). Thanking Him daily will awaken our awareness of a multitude of blessings. It will also cushion the impact of trials when they come against us.

Second, UTO provides a means of acting on this thankfulness with "Little Blue UTO Boxes," in which we drop coins or spare change as we pray our thanks. The money generated comes to the church, is combined with the gifts of all other Episcopalians in the Diocese, and is sent from there to the National Church, where it is used to provide grants to congregations who have applied for funds for specific programs and initiatives to help others. Our own Diocese has received over \$600,000 in grants over the years.

Please watch for the display of boxes in the Narthex and pick one up to take home. I hope the summer has been a time to rest, reflect, give thanks and reassess your priorities. With school starting soon, this is a good time to start a routine of giving intentional thanks with prayers and your coins.

Something new this year is a special UTO box in the narthex, into which anyone is welcome to drop a few coins on the way into or out of church services. Our "ingathering" when everyone is asked to bring their full boxes back to church, will be Sunday, October 29. TOTH will tally up the total offered and write a check to be presented at the Diocesan Annual Convention, slated for November 10-11 in El Paso.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions at 505-690-2309. I'd also like to hear how you use your blue box. Thanks to all for your generosity!

Cathy Walters

UTO representative for TOTH

Quote found on the boxes:

"Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your blessings become blessings for others."

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS—COMING SOON!

How do Fellowship Dinners work?

You get to know new church members, and you get to know old ones better, too. You know—the ones you see often at church and wish you had more time to talk to? With fellowship dinners, households are randomly grouped into sets of six or eight people. Once a month (or whatever schedule everybody in the group chooses), one family hosts a dinner in their home and provides the entrée. Other families come and provide appetizers, salad, and dessert (or, again, any other combination you choose). This process rotates until each family has had a turn in their own home.

When will the Fellowship Dinners begin?

Fellowship Dinner participants (hopefully) will be assigned to groups sometime in August or whenever we have enough interest. When your group starts after that will be up to the group members.

Can I bring my children?

That decision will be up to the group to which you are assigned.

How do I sign up?

A signup sheet is posted in the Narthex and is also available in the office. But if you have further questions, you can always call or text me at 505-660-5564.

I'm really looking forward to getting new groups started!

Blessings,

-Lisa Rothrock-
Senior Warden

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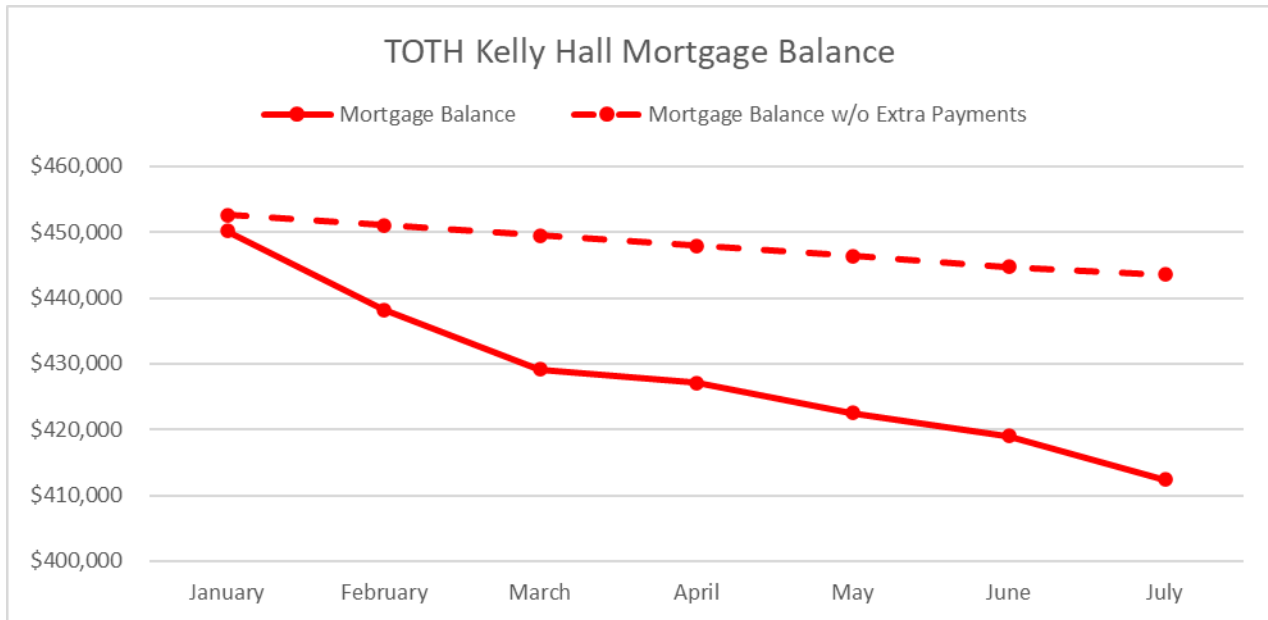
Trinity on the Hill's Mission

*The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of
God's love, to fully embrace all God's children,
and to respond to the needs of our community
and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ*

**The next regularly scheduled issue will be
in September, 2023. Submission deadline:
Friday, August 25, 2023.**

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

One last topic is the mortgage on Kelly Hall. We have made great strides this year due to extra principal payments we have been making. In the chart the dashed line is what the principal would be if we didn't make extra payments above the bill.



Leni Moore, Treasurer



Trinity on the Hill, along with many friends and fellow mourners, bade a fond farewell to Sue Ellen Kelly on July 15. Above are some of the funeral reception team, who always produce a delicious spread (shown left and above left). Thank you to all involved!

Photos: Linda Light.

Come, make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Welcome back, veteran Chancel Choir members, and a heartfelt **invitation to all** who would like to join in our tuneful activities. Weekly choir rehearsals will resume in the choir room on **Wednesday, August 30, from 7 to 8 pm**. This will give us a couple of weeks not only to practice but also to sort out folders and vestments before our first participation this fall in the Sunday morning service on September 10, preceded by a warm-up in the choir loft starting promptly at 10 am.

After almost a year away from Trinity on the Hill, I truly look forward to making music with you all once more while Margaret-Mary is on maternity leave. If you have any questions about what to expect, please feel free to contact me at casenm@potSDam.edu. Here's hoping the remainder of your summer allows for rest and rejuvenation in anticipation of new vocal ventures together.

Sincerely,
Nelly Case
Substitute Choir Director and Organist

From the Editor

Dear friends,

Welcome back to *Trinity Tidings*! I hope you all had the chance to take a break and perhaps cool down over the past couple of months. Give thanks for the recent rain!

Please take the time to read our Wardens' articles in particular and give some prayerful thought about how you could respond to some of our parish's needs.

As a reminder, the TOTH office is still operating summer opening hours of **9 am to 3 pm** every day **until Labor Day (September 4)**. Thanks for your understanding if you happen to find the office closed when you drop by. We have enjoyed our summer schedule!

Best wishes,
Claire

AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 2023

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Aug 6	8:00	Richard Triplett	Rozelle Wright				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server/Crucifer Olivia Conner-Lee, River Yamada, TBs	Lisa Rothrock Lynn Godwin	Nancy Coombs	Nancy/Mark	Rick Rothrock	
Aug 13	8:00	Joe Cox	Joe Cox				Ellie Giovanielli Jo Moore Marybeth Stephens Sarah Rochester
	10:30	Andy Light, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Renee Roybal Linda Light	Lisa Rothrock	Richard/ Michelangelo	Maggie Moore	
Aug 20	8:00	Luke Favorite	Luke Favorite				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server Josh Moore, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, River Yamada, TBs	Lynn Godwin Susan Sprake	Marilyn Lisowski	Bill/Rachel	Damon G.	
Aug 26	8:00	Ben Schilling	Kay Dreamtrader				Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Susannah Smith
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Ben Foley, Crucifer Olivia Conner-Lee, Gregory Maginot, TBs	Susan Sprake Marilyn Lisowski	Linda Light	Richard/Robin	Andy Light	

**Sundays:**

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only.
- **Choral Eucharist Rite II** at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome! **Note: no Compline August 6 and August 13.**

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** via Zoom and in Sherrill Hall at 7:30 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email (admin@latoth.org for more information)

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person and Zoom service.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
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