

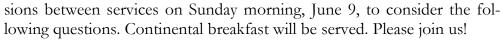
Trinity Tidings

From the Rector:

I can't believe it's been a year since I came here! Rather than writing one long column this month, I have several things I want to share with you.

Diocese of the Rio Grande

Bishop Hunn is asking parishes and mission to help the diocese identify priorities for the coming year. We'll be holding a meeting of small group table discussions between services on Sunday morning. June 9, to consider



- Tell a story about a moment that was a high point, when you felt that our Diocese, or the wider Episcopal Church was doing God's work and fulfilling God's mission. What was happening?
- What are the 3 things you value most about our Episcopal/Anglican Tradition.
- Think about the time when you most appreciated the ministry of the Episcopal Church in your life (either at this congregation, or another.). What was happening? What did you appreciate most?
- Imagine that it is five years from today and you're looking back on everything our Diocese has done since we had this meeting.

Kids in Church

We have a great group of families with kids here at TOTH, and I know you enjoy them as much as I do. One thing we are working on with them, is making the transition from nursery to "big church" go more smoothly. Nursery care stops at when children turn six, so we have put together some "church bags" for kids and a basket of kid's Bibles and books about our liturgy. I appreciate your patience with kid noise and with "littles with wiggles." Both are signs of congregational vitality. Smiling at kids, offering them a "high five" at the Peace or after church, saying hello to them by name are all was we can continue to foster this part of our parish family.

Church Day Camp

We have been invited to partner with Bethlehem Lutheran again on children's ministry - specifically on this summer's Day Camp. "Created to Be" Day Camp will run from July 29-Aug. 2, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, for older preschool (i.e. "potty-trained") through 6th grades. It will follow a rotation method with stations for Bible study, crafts, games, snack-time, lunch, and worship. More information will be available soon. Volunteers from TOTH will be needed, so please keep this in mind as you make your summer plans.

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday 8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

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

7:00 pm: Compline

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

~ Come Worship With Us! ~ All are Welcome

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



The month of May included many blessings. I am grateful for the first year of Mother Mary Ann's ministry at Trinity on the Hill. She, and of course Cuthbert, have been such a blessing to our church and community. I look forward to many more years with them.

This past weekend brought a whole collection of things to celebrate. I am proud of Luke for graduating and all the things he achieved throughout his years at Los

Alamos High School. His graduation brought Sydney home for a nice visit, as well as Jeff's mom, Shirley. Additionally, as Memorial Day symbolizes the start of summer, college students are returning to Los Alamos and it was lovely to see them around town.

As we head into June and the official start of summer, I look forward to more blessings. My family will take a few trips, some to visit family, and some just for fun adventures and memory making.

At Trinity on the Hill, we can look forward to visiting with each other and having some conversations about our Diocese and the Episcopal Church. Please read and consider the discussion questions before we all meet on June 9. I anticipate interesting and fruitful conversations and hope that you will attend.

I leave you with this prayer from the BCP which seems appropriate for this season of endings, new beginnings, reflection, and thoughts for the future.

A General Thanksgiving (1979 Version)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*.

In Christ,

Kandice Favorite

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

By the time you read this...

I will be onto something else

So, missed me last month? No? Oh well, I will write to you anyway. Hold still, this may hurt you more than it does me.

We had a few moments of fun, a few moments of despair, a few moments of me expletive-ating (softly to myself of course, or when no one was there to hear me, then it was otherwise), mostly about that weird Mother's Day storm and resulting interior flooding (imagine if you can, some choice expletives now).



Discussions of the aforementioned fun and despair I will leave to moments among yourselves unless, that is, you wish to include me, but that flooding thing, well that impacted me directly in addition to causing some damage to the building and inconvenience to our wonderful tenant, All Individuals First. Fortunately, they have sort of made not much mention of the impact but I still hate (is that OK to say?) that it happened to them, again. Sadly, we have had some recurrences of the flooding thing raining down on their heads. An absurd swamp cooler filling mistake, a freak rain storm last summer, Winter thaw running through the cracks into the morgue, and now the latest whack-a-doo pile up of icy-wet-snow-hail-sleet-slush that accumulated in the outside area at top of the north stairs and between Kelly hall and the Sanctuary. The wet yuck was actually drifted and piled high right in the worst possible corners where it could just run right in down to the undercroft. That stuff was incredibly heavy and I could barely lift a partial snow shovel of it. I had to resort to using the snow shovel as a scraper blade to drag the piles away from the building out into the middle of the cement. We had the potential beginnings of our own Beverly Hillbillies seement pond.

But enough about me and the injury I sustained. How are you all doing? May flowers showing up? Kids, grandkids, or offspring of friends matriculating? Summer vacations in the offing? Any other joyous thoughts? Join me in celebrating joy while we can. Share it with your fellow persons, share it randomly, share it early and share it often. You will love it. It's a way of life.

Oh, returning from philosophical tangential ramblings, and back to one of a familiar, we will need to do some repair/replace things at our church. One, actually sooner than later. The wooden entrance doors to the undercroft are falling apart (Hey! Aren't Pella wood doors supposed to be good? Actually not, sadly) so estimates are being prepared for that 20K expense. We <u>REALLY</u> need to find some entity that can dig out and replace the failed caulk around that aforementioned cement area outside Kelly Hall and the Sanctuary along with some way to seal up the serpentine cracks out in the middle of that cement where the heating tubes were not installed properly. Fr. Chris and I asked about warranty but the builder was not any help. I hold professional opinions and could share more about this but not in the newsletter.

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Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza

Organist and Choir Director Margaret-Mary is organizing a program to introduce young people to the pipe organ on the morning of Saturday, June 22. This is an exciting opportunity for outreach in our community. Please check out the poster opposite. Besides encouraging our families to bring their kids, we will also need volunteers to help. Please let Margaret know if you are available.

Committee Structure

As in so many churches, the pandemic did a number on our committee structure and volunteer ministries. Old-school type committees were often large and unwieldy, and the meetings overly long and tedious. Even before Covid, it was a big challenge to get younger people interested in serving on committees.

How do you organize ministries with fewer people? FRACTALS!!! What? Well, about twenty years ago I went to a workshop on using the model of fractals to organize ministries. Like fractals occurring in nature, the fractal method uses self-repeating patterns. Following this methodology, ministries are divided into smaller, task-specific teams of four, and each team has sub-teams as appropriate. This model of ministry organization requires fewer people for start up; it's task specific, replicable, and nimble.

Unfortunately, I could never get people in Tulsa interested in this model, because the very name "fractal" was a huge stumbling block. But this is Los Alamos. There is a mural of a fractal painted on the side of our hardware store. When I talked to our Vestry about this idea, no one looked at me like I was crazy. The consensus was that we should try this. Hopefully, in the coming months we'll have a plan for implementation.

Pride Festival

This year's Pride festival is **from 3-7 pm, Friday, June 14,** on the lawn at Central Park Square (adjacent to Boese Bros and the Y Express). As I've said during Sunday announcement times, our participation in Pride activities matters. We are one of the few churches in Los Alamos that is open and affirming. The only way people will know that this is a safe and loving place is if we get out there and let them know. So if you would like to get out there and help us spread the word, please let me know. TOTH will have a table at the festival, and I'd love to have your join us.

Summer Celebrations

Woo-hoo!!! We got word today that Michelangelo Lobato's band SYZYGY will be opening at the Friday concert at the pond on June 21 at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there! [Editor's note: the Hill Stompers are the opening band at 6:15 pm on May 31!]

A party celebrating Louise's birthday will be held at the Jandeceks' in White Rock on July 21. More information will be coming but the parish is invited so please mark your calendars now.

Planning on attending the Tuesday evening concerts at Central Park Square? Let me know if you would like to join a group from Church. The concerts are from 6:00 - 8:00 pm starting June 11.

Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza

Learn how the pipe organ works! Summer program for ages 7+

Saturday, June 22, 2024 flam-2pm

Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church 3900 Trinity Drive 505-662-5107

10:45-11am: Registration in Kelly Hall

11-12pm: Demonstration and show and tell

- 12-12:45pm: Pizza in Kelly Hall with local organists

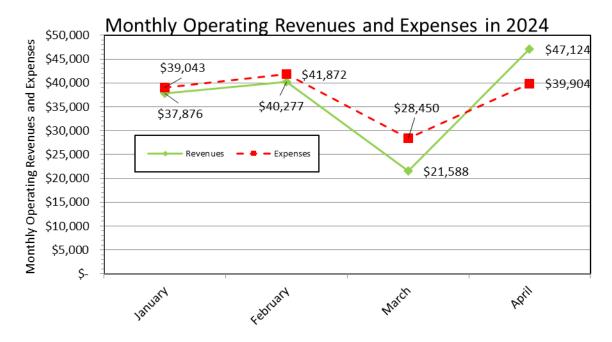
12:45-2:00pm: Optional open console time for students

Pre-register at 505-662-5107 Cash at door

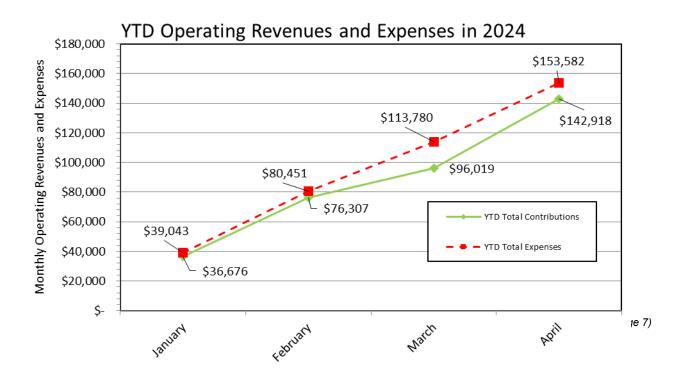
\$5 for ages 18 and under \$10 for 18+

TOTH April 2024 Financial Status

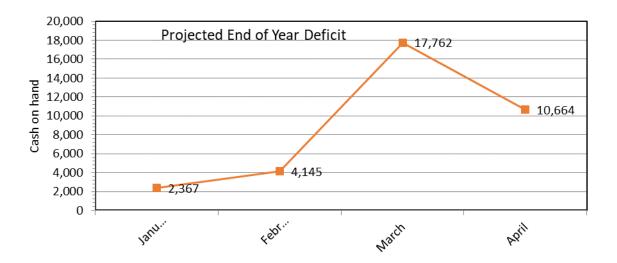
Hello again from your friendly parish Treasurer. I present to you the status of TOTH finances as of April. This was a great month; our revenues exceeded our expenses for the first time. Thank you all.



Although this bump did get us back closer, our cumulative expenses continue to hover slightly below our revenues.



In light of this trend, in March the Vestry voted to suspend additional mortgage payments from the budget. We had budgeted an extra \$460 per month to be sent to the mortgage principle and were also sending half of the revenues from rent to pay against the mortgage principal. Donations that have been requested to apply to the mortgage principal (we call them restricted donations) will continue to be applied according to the donor's wishes. The \$460 extra payments and the rent revenues dedicated to mortgage reduction are now being placed in a restricted account. At the end of the year the Vestry will decide whether to apply that to the mortgage or it may decide to use it to cover any deficit at the end of the year. Throughout the year the Vestry will continue to manage the budget and make changes to help reduce expenses to match the current contribution levels. The goal is to drive the deficit down to zero. We currently sit with a deficit of \$10,664.



If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Thank you, Leni Moore - Treasurer

"Monday Nights at the Pit"

As you may know, the United Church provides a meal for LANL Summer interns every **Monday night from June through mid-August.** We have been asked if we would like to take a turn hosting, and/or sending some volunteers for one of the dinners that United Church puts on. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please speak to Mo. Mary Ann.



2024 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 9 AM—4 PM, JUNE AND JULY ONLY

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From p. 3

Oh, yeah, do you remember me writing that we will need to replace heating and cooling apparatus for the Old Parish Hall where beloved Shop On The Corner resides? We have been delaying that in hopes of "just one more season" but the day of doom will dawn and we could benefit from help with that expense, if any would be so moved.

Bringing it back around like the refrain from a favorite song,

SO.... how are YOU doin'?

Mark Hartman Your Junior Warden (at present)

THE SUNDAY OF PENTECOST MAY 19, 2024



Michelle Carr was awarded the St. George Medal for services to scouting



Our 2024 graduates: Sasha Carr and Luke Favorite



The Pentecost Children's Sermon with Mother Mary Ann

House of Hope Festive Fundraiser By Julie Bulthuis

If you are new to Trinity on the Hill, you may not know the legacy that is House of Hope. For many years Trinity on the Hill and numerous other churches have taken part in home-building mission trips to the north colonias of Juárez, Mexico. The trip is a culmination of many months of fundraising efforts, and brings the light of Christ to a family in the form of a simple, but well constructed house. Additionally, the community is blessed with an afternoon of children's activities and food outreach. The basic cost of the home is \$14,500, and the food outreach program is additional.

We are expanding our fundraising to try something new: charcuterie boxes designed for 2 to be enjoyed at the Los Alamos summer concert series. Boxes will be priced at \$20. A vegetarian option will also be available. Thank you to all who participated in our trial run and for the feedback you gave! We are looking forward to providing this for the community on the 3rd Friday of June, July and August. The dates will be June 21, July 19, and August 16. We will be doing presales and prepayment only, using a digital sign-up. Ordering for each date will open two weeks prior to the event. Boxes will be picked up from Trinity on the Holl before the concert. The picture (right) shows what was included in the May 5 trial boxes.

How can you help? We will be needing volunteers to provide help with shopping, food prep on Thursday evening, and assembling and distributing boxes on the Friday of the concert. It is a lot of fun to come together and be part of making this venture possible. Look for the digital sign-up coming soon in the weekly church bulletin insert (Tidbits), as well as a page on the TOTH web site.





Children's craft activity

Since the trip date is dependent on the success of fundraising, we do not yet know when we will be heading to Juárez again, but hope that a 2025 date can be scheduled. We would love new members for our team! Children 7 and up are welcome. It is truly an amazing experience that we would love to share with anyone who is considering making the 4-day, 3-night trip. We thank you in advance for supporting our charcuterie box sales in any way you are able!



The team and completed house

"I am going to seminary."

These words, though exciting and promising, are as scary as the words that preceded them. For a year and a half, I have followed the path of discernment to this moment, but I believe the process started long before. Seven years ago, I stood in the kitchen of our home in Georgia and told my husband I wanted to work for God. "Not in the church. I'm not trying to become a pastor or anything," I told him. I didn't yet have the same vocabulary I have now, and I wasn't exactly clear on what working for God meant in that context. I simply knew that it was what I wanted to do, in whatever way that took shape. But even before this conversation, I look back and see little moments where God was nudging me- the times I was asked to preach, the work I felt called to do within the realm of acceptance and accessibility within the church, the constant searching for God's truth, unadulterated by dogmatic rules and man-made doctrine, and the inability to withdraw myself from God, even when I hated the church.

Years ago, when I was no more than 7 or 8 years old, I climbed the bottom branch of a tree in my grandmother's front yard. On this rare occasion that I was visiting by myself, without the mass of cousins extending from our vast family tree, I took the opportunity to do what felt natural to me. I didn't play sports at the time, I wasn't as loud or outgoing as the rest of my family. I was different from my cousins. I liked to sit by myself, spend time alone, and wore a mix of melancholy and introspection that was strange to the adults in my life. As I climbed this tree, and sat on its lowest branch, miles away from the ground in a young girl's mind, the breeze passed through the leaves and I felt...something. I was filled with a sense of fullness, peace, and contentment. The moment was quick, but the feeling remains with me to this day. Later that night, sitting on my aunt's bed, her window open to the cool night air, I said, "I love having the windows open and the breeze come through. It's almost like you can feel God." I felt strange saying that, like I was saying something I knew to be true, but didn't quite understand. The moment my aunt affirmed what I said was the moment I believe this discernment process truly began.

When it was time, I was alone in my car, no murder-podcasts or children or music to fill the silence. I looked out over the desert at the setting sun and was filled again with something inexplicable. "Did I just make that up?" I asked myself out loud. In my spirit I felt it. God was giving me a choice, and I had the opportunity to say yes or move on. We always have a choice, but I knew that only one answer would lead me to wholeness. I called my husband, and for the first time said out loud, "I think God is calling me to be a priest." I knew this moment was pivotal, but I wasn't sure how it would be possible.

The words "I think I am being called to be a priest" were some of the most terrifying words I have ever spoken. I felt arrogant, and (if we are being honest) possibly delusional. How could I, without any sense of false humility, be called to represent God in this way in the world? I am still unsure of that answer. After a year of hard questions, communal wrestling, challenging God and my faith, even asking if I truly believe in the God who calls me, I am trusting God and saying yes.

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Going to a masters program feels like cheating. I don't even have an associates degree, and yet this school, my bishop, my priest, and the countless lay and clergy members who have guided me along this journey, have prayerfully and earnestly said we believe God is calling you, too. I believe God is calling me to become who I am deep within; to fulfill a part of me that has been working towards this, completely unaware, since that moment in my grandmother's front yard. Despite my years of living a life that I would not, by any stretch, constitute as Godly, I believe God calls us as we are, at exactly the moment we are meant to move. I am ready for this shift in my life, to align with the way I want my daily life to look, and to aim towards the goal of doing the work God wants me to do. I want to be a priest because I believe God has given me the opportunity to deepen my connection with him, give the same love I have received to others without any expectations, and speak to others whose life may lead them to believe they are unloved. I believe the work I am being called to do extends far beyond the walls of the church, into the streets, encampments, and homes of the traditionally distrusted or rejected. I believe the road I have to travel is not only long and weary, but exciting and adventurous.

I do not expect to remain the same as I am now. The growth, knowledge, and wisdom I anticipate is not only an expectation of seminary, but also of this life I will lead moving forward. I ask for your prayers, your love, and your patience. This is a communal journey.

In August, I will begin my studies at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. My husband, whose love and support knows no bounds, will remain in Los Alamos with our daughter. We want to continue to make our life here, and the work he is doing within his industry has blossomed from dream to possibility. Over the next three years, I will have breaks throughout the school year when I will travel back to Los Alamos, and my family will visit me in Austin as they are able. If the time comes that we decide this situation is no longer fit for our family, they will come to be with me, and we will determine what to do from there. This time will be difficult, surely, but I am confident we will survive.

Sam McRae

NOTE: At our April meeting, the Vestry voted unanimously to sponsor Sam for seminary. On the recommendation of Bishop Hunn, Sam will be attending seminary in Austin for three years. If you would like to make a contribution to help defray her costs, you can make a donation to TOTH with "seminary fund" in the memo line. We also hope to add the seminary fund to our list of online giving options. - Mary Ann+

From the Editor:

Dear TOTH friends,

Happy Summer! That seems to be the general sentiment around town, although I know the school year is not over for many. Congratulations to Luke and Sasha, our high school graduates at TOTH, and to all those for whom late May marks a milestone in their lives.

The next issue of *Trinity Tidings* will be a double issue for July and August. I did not deliberately skip May's issue, but Easter fell at a very inconvenient time for me this year! So now we're almost into June and I am looking forward to swimming outdoors and summer evenings on my deck.

Safe travels to all those taking a vacation soon.

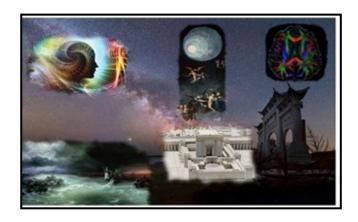
Blessings,

Claire

LOS ALAMOS FAITH AND SCIENCE FORUM 2024 Summer Lecture Series June 5—August 6 SALA Event Centre 6:00 pm light meal; lecture at 6:30 pm

In 2024, The Los Alamos Faith and Science Forum invites you to a summer celebration of continuing to examine issues at the interface of faith and science. Our 11th season will run from **June 5** to **August 6**.

Presentations will begin **Wednesday**, **June 5**, with an exploration by Dr. Chick Keller into *Galaxies vs. People Interacting with the Creator* as we consider the countless galaxies and how alien species may interact with our Creator. The theological implications are numerous.



SALA Event Centre
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, light dinner; lecture at 6:30 pm

June11	Dr. James Carroll – An Ancient Near Eastern Cultural Context for Israelite Temple Worship
June 18	Dr. (Rabbi) Jack Shlachter - Antisemitism and Anti-Science: A Deadly Overlap and the Case of the Missing Hyphen
June 25	Dr. Steven Collins, Archeologist – An abundance of archaeological and historical evidence links the Exodus events to the collapse of Egypt's mighty 18th Dynasty.
July 9	Dr. Kirk Weisbrod - Impact of Moral Values upon Religion and Science
July 16	Dr. Nelson (Nels) Hoffman – "Ritual, Religion, and the Scaling-Up of Society: Insights from Anthropology"
July 23	Dr. Andrew Newberg – Neurotheology <i>Brain Mapping during various mental states</i> - prayer, meditation, religious and mystical experiences
July 30	Dr. Roy Hill - Psychology and the Near-Death-Experiences
August 6	Dr. John Ambrosiano - Knowledge and Certainty: How do we come to know what we know? How certain do we need to be to say that something is known?



Sundays:

- Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 am.
- Holy Eucharist Rite II with music at 10:30 am; streamed via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!

Tuesdays:

• Women Alive at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

• Service of Healing, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel.

Thursdays:

- Men's Group, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Bible Study,** 12 noon, Library

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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 the July/August double issue. Submission deadline: Monday, June 24.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

WE "SAW RED" ON PENTECOST!



































JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June 2024

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
June 2	8:00	Joe Cox	Joe Cox				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server Josh Moore, Crucifer Anna Moore, Cece Gulsby, TB	Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR, Susan Sprake, LEM	Lisa Rothrock	Nancy/Rachel	Nancy/Rachel Maggie Moore	Andy and Linda Light
June 9	8:00	Luke Favorite	Rozelle Wright, LEM Rob Baran, LR				Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Mariah Stephens, Crucifer Gregory Maginot, Susan Sprake, TB	Sam McRae, LEM/LR Lisa Rothrock, LEM	Linda Light	Rick/Bill	Andy Light	
June 16	8:00	Richard Triplett	Richard Triplett				Renee Roybal
	10:30	Mariah Stephens, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Gregory Maginot, River Yamada, TB	Renee Roybal, LEM/LR Lynn Godwin, LEM	Lynn Godwin	Rachel/ Robin	Bill Godwin	Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey Kate Whitty
June 23	8:00	Richard Triplett	Rob Baran, LR Richard Triplett, LEM				Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TB	Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR Andy Light, LEM	Linda Light	Mark/Rick	D. Giovanielli	Jo Moore Susannah Smith Sarah Rochester
June 30	8:00	Joe Cox	Joe Cox				Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Isabella and Mariah Stephens, TB	Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Sam McRae, LEM	Sam McRae	Nancy/Bill	Rick Rothrock	Jo Moore

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