### July-August 2024

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# **Trinity Tidings**

### Dear Friends,



Can you believe we are 3/4 of the way through the summer? In just a couple of weeks, the new school year will be starting, earlier than in other parts of the country where I have lived. We have some things coming up in the month of August that I would like you to know about.

August 4 - This will be Sam McRae's last Sunday with us before she heads off to the Seminary of the Southwest in

Austin. She will be preaching one more time on that Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has shared in supporting and encouraging Sam. Learning to preach isn't something that happens just in homiletics classes; it's something that happens "by doing." I can tell you from experience (and I'm guessing many of you can too!) that one of the most rewarding and godly things that we can do as a community is to nurture persons going though the ordination process. Thank you for helping with this!

### August 5 - Regular office hours of 9-5 resume

August 11 - Rabbi Jack Shlachter will be our guest preacher. As many of you know, Rabbi Shlachter is a physicist who worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory for over thirty years, with much briefer stints at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, the Atomic Energy Agency, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization. He was ordained as a rabbi in 1995. He was the rabbi and spiritual leader for the Jewish congregation in Los Alamos for many years, and currently serves in far-flung places around the world for things such as the high holidays of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana. He will preach at both services and be available for informal conversation in Sherrill Hall from 9:15-10:15.

**August 18 - Instructed Eucharist.** Every three years, when Year B of the lectionary comes around again, we have a month of Gospel readings that are taken from the 6th chapter of the Gospel of John. The theme of that whole chapter has to do with Passover - specifically with God feeding his people with the Bread of Heaven. The majority of Episcopalians come into the church as adult converts, with varying understanding of the sacraments. Having an occasional instructed Eucharist (i.e. narration interspersed between the major turning points of the liturgy that explain what is taking place) is one way to help us be on the same page. Worship is our reason for existing as a Christian community, and celebrating the Eucharist is what we do most often as the Body of Christ.

**August 25 - Parish Picnic at Camp May.** We are taking our parish picnic on the road again. This year we will be going up to the old scout camp, where we have reserved the pavilion. We will have a church camp-style service starting at 10:30, followed by lunch (hot dogs and hamburgers provided). There will be one service that day, and we encourage people to carpool from TOTH. If you would like a ride and don't know whom to ask, please check with us in the church office. Dress is casual of course. Bring a lawn chair, a dish to share, and a beverage. We have the space reserved all day so plan to come and stay a while. Mary Ann Hill

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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

<u>Wednesday</u> 12:30 pm: Healing Service St. Athanasius Chapel

~ Come Worship With Us! ~ All are Welcome

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### FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Happy summer! I hope you are enjoying the blessings that summer brings: warm temperatures, the occasional rainy afternoon, beautiful flowers, time at the pool, birds enjoying your bird feeders, houseguests, or maybe the chance to visit friends and family. Hopefully, the blessings help you get through the not-so-pleasant things that summer has brought: illness, injury, kids fighting with their siblings, unexpected home repairs, or the inability to visit family and friends.

Our summer started with a fun trip sandwiched in between replacing our washer, dryer, and refrigerator. Jeff and I chaperoned a trip with Luke and the Los Alamos Speech and Debate Team at the National Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. We enjoyed hanging out with the teens and sharing this experience with them, as well as taking in what this mid-west city had to offer, including the Iowa Special - a breaded, fried, pork tenderloin sandwich!

Throughout the week, I became very aware that one of my biggest responsibilities as a chaperone was to be a positive role model for the teens. As I listened to their conversations with each other, or participated in discussions with them, I noticed how much they were paying attention and learning from what the adults were doing. Was I being kind and appreciative to all of the service people we encountered at the airport, restaurants, and the hotel? Did I react appropriately to people's bad driving? Did I treat the students that I met from all over the country with respect? I sure hope so, but in any case, I was reminded how much kindness matters.

Listening to numerous speeches at the tournament was another reminder of the importance of kindness, regardless of a person's life choices, experiences, or culture. The experience was also a reminder that kindness goes both ways; we must be willing not only to be kind, but to be open and receptive to kindness and love that is offered to us.

Sometimes we are unkind out of frustration, or because we're really busy, or many other reasons. As much as I try to be kind, I know I'm not perfect. I hope that if I treat someone poorly, I, first of all, realize what happened, apologize, and hope they will forgive me. Other times, we completely miss the kindness that is being offered because we're angry, or frustrated, or feel that we are different and that people won't be kind because of whatever that difference may be. I hope that we can be aware, open and accepting of the acts of kindness offered to us, regardless of our mood or our differences.

As I continue enjoying summer, with fingers crossed that our other appliances keep going, I will focus on being kind to my family, friends, and all the other people who cross my path, by remembering these words: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Happy summer!

In Christ,

Kandice Favorite



## FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

When last we left our Hero, it was about to succumb to a ravenous appetite

Later, the protagonist was noted as saying "Gad, that was a tasty little sucker!"

So here we are again. Wait, what? Oh yeah, Happy for the July? No? Well, it is inevitable, there is no stopping the passage of time. Don't you think? Or don't you?

What's been happening on your side of the street? Come on, go ahead, I have been so absorbed in my own world of water heater and work that I have probably missed something. Speaking of work, I really like my job. Anybody else? No? OK.

Well I think (therefore I will write) that life has been rather comfortable and quiet around the church. I can't think of major stuff at the moment which has broken, weather has not caused calamity this month past, parishioners and community alike have gathered and agreed (at least for the most part), our Vestry is humming along (not literally, but you know what I mean in the figurative sense) doing the work of the church, and for the moment the end of the fiscal year (in the minds of the finance committee) is only a "hmmm well ok it could be worse but let's hope it doesn't get to YIKES level". We still could use more help though. At least that is the view from where I am sitting for a moment while I write to you. Maybe I am wrong? Have I missed something? Messed something? (Other than my shorts) WHAT is, on your mind?

Father's Day was kinda' nice, although I missed having cake and then of course eating it, too. (snick snick) But seriously, light work on my water heater project, a Tomato juice with Celery beverage in a mason jar, Loony Tunes and Tom & Jerry playing all day long as I worked, and a nice phone call with the one to whom I am "Father". "Ain't this what living is all about?" you might say? Maybe not.

Ya' know, things aren't all Bloom and Swoon though. There is still that thing about the caulking outside Kelly Hall and the main sanctuary, and the other thing I mentioned about the heating system that we need to think about, but we have contracted with a door company to replace the failed doors into the undercroft. That one will be off my mind for a while but those other wooden doors in Kelly Hall... will continue to haunt my peace. And then there is the crazy cracks. Have any of you noticed other buildings deteriorating in the manner similar to our un-warranty-ed floor or wall cracks in Kelly Hall? OK, enough about that. I WAS thinking pleasant thoughts and peace. How about a few middle consequence thoughts? Now that summer is here, it is time to re-insert the AC unity into the window in the Nursery. Sometime soon we could enjoy having help to move the snow blowers back to summer storage. If anyone would like to dig out the flaky crust and smooth some resilient caulk into that jagged crack in the hallway outside the Acolyte Robes closet... Of course there is also the incessant blowing debris at the entryway outside the main sanctuary which could be momentarily abated with a leaf blower or broom and bags, if any would. Don't ask but I will tell: Restroom Door opener.



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Spilling over my allotted page, onto another, again, as I am wont to do (apologies Claire) and now continuing on this page from someplace before this:

SO.... what is pleasant and peaceful in your daily consciousness? I could use some help distracting myself from mine. Sometimes it is a cacophony.

I will offer you one of my favorite queries:

Your Thoughts?

Come on, don't be shy! Nothing? Well anyway, then I will close with "Wishing you all the best on your Journey (or whatever other music you like) as you go"

Your Junior Warden

(here is where you might be saying "what's that guy's name again?")

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ORDERED A CHARCUTERIE BOX IN JUNE AND JULY! THE NEXT SALE WILL BE FRIDAY, AUGUST 16. ORDERING IS OPEN NOW.

ORDER HERE: https://latoth.org/House-of-Hope/charcuterie-box/ (OR USE THE QR CODE OPPOSITE!)



Thank you to our volunteers!





Vegetarian box



Boxes ready to go!

HELP IS NEEDED on Thursday, 8/15, 5—7 pm and Friday, 8/16, 2—6 pm. Thank you!

## FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

## **CHARCUTERIE BOXES TO GO!**

### Fridays, June 21, July 19, August 16

**WHAT:** A charcuterie box to go for 2 people to enjoy at the summer concert at Ashley Pond. Vegetarian box option also available.

WHEN: Fridays, June 21, July 19, August 16. Pick-up will be 5 -6 pm before the concert.

**WHERE:** Drive-through pick-up from the **upper parking lot at Trinity on the Hill**, 3900 Trinity Drive (39th Street entrance).

COST: \$20 per box (serves 2), to be paid when ordering.

**ORDERS:** From 2 weeks before each concert, until 6 pm Wednesday before the concert. Order here: https://latoth.org/house-of-hope/charcuterie-box/

Sample Charcuterie Box\*



\*Contents may vary Typical contents: meats, cheeses, crackers, soft cheese, crackers, mixed nuts, pickles, olives, fresh vegetables, dipping sauce, fresh fruits and dessert item.



Sample Vegetarian Box\*



\*Contents may vary Typical contents: cheese, hummus, protein snack, crackers, mixed nuts, pickles, olives, fresh fruit, and fresh vegetables, dipping sauce, dessert item.

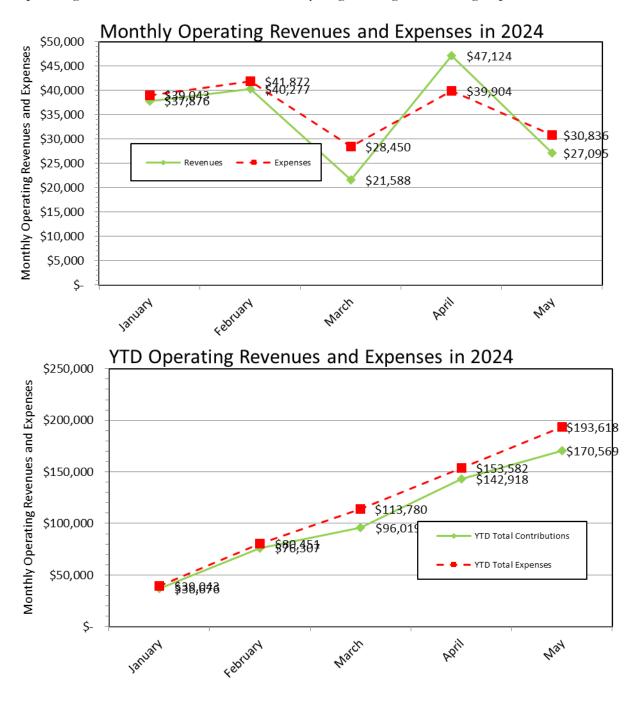


This is a FUNDRAISER for TOTH's housebuilding mission trips to Juárez, Mexico. <u>lahouseofhope@gmail.com</u>



### **TOTH May 2024 Financial Status**

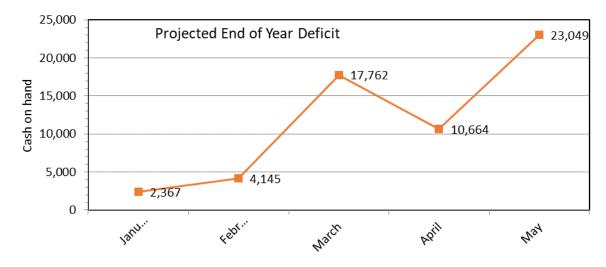
Welcome to TOTH's financial status as of the end of May. Unfortunately, in May our revenues dropped and came in \$20,000 less than in April; fortunately, our expenses followed suit and were a little more than \$9,000 less than last month. This reduction in expenses seems to be related to reduced spending from ministries. There weren't any huge savings or missing expenses this month.



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Reduced revenue resulted in an increase in our projected deficit to \$23,049. This is the amount we expect to be in the hole at the end of the year or, in other words, how much we expect to overspend the amount we bring in this year. The Vestry action to withhold extra mortgage principal payments will provide the cash necessary to cover this deficit at the expense of extending the mortgage on Kelly Hall. Based on the projected mortgage principal withholding rate and the remaining months, we expect to have approximately \$25,000 withheld. Any deficit over that will have to come from restricted accounts, as we did last year.



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thank you, Leni Moore - Treasurer

### For the record: July 2024

Baptism: Isla James Besante (grand-daughter of Tara and Stewart Voit): July 14, 2024



### Bishop Sean Rowe elected 28th Presiding Bishop, will begin nine-year term November 1

Rowe, 49, has led the Erie-based Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007, and also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York through a partnership the dioceses established in 2019. He previously served as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 2014 to 2018. Originally from western Pennsylvania, Rowe is a Virginia Theological Seminary graduate and was ordained to the priesthood in 2000 in Northwestern Pennsylvania, where he served



in congregational ministry until his election as bishop. He currently serves as parliamentarian of the House of Bishops and Executive Council.

Rowe becomes the youngest bishop ever elected to serve as the church's presiding bishop. He also was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained, at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32.

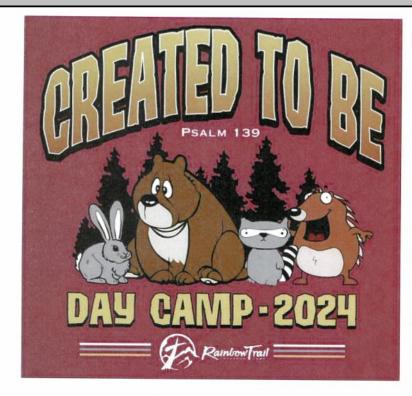
Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.



Pedals, Pipes and Pizza on June 22 was very successful, with 27 attendees.



We had a popular table at Pride Festival, June 14.



Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and White Rock Presbyterian Church

## July 29 - August 2, 2024

## 9:00am to 1:00 pm (8:30 check in)

Any youth entering Pre-K (4 years old) through 6th can sign up

Note: Friday, August 2nd is an end of camp celebration that includes families and breakfast burritos and ends at 10:30 am

### Call 505-662-5151 for information.

Counselors from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and adult volunteers will lead the children in bible study, games, music, and art in an awesome week of learning about what God created you to be!

Please register your child at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at: 2390 North Rd. Los Alamos, NM (by Mountain Elementary School) Forms availaible online at <u>www.bethluth.com</u> or use QR code below.

The fee is \$50 for the first child, and \$25 for every other child in the family. Scholarships are available

Fee includes snacks and breakfast burrito on





Day program for adults with developmental disabilities

3900 Trinity Drive Los Alamos, NM 87544

June 4, 2024

Hi Friends,

I wanted to tell you about All Individuals First, Inc. All Individuals First, Inc. has been making a huge difference in the lives of adults with developmental disabilities in Los Alamos for almost 10 years now.

I started All Individuals First, Inc. because I knew when individuals with developmental disabilities graduated from high school there were very few options for them. Many individuals would stay home and watch TV or sit and do nothing for hours on end. Our program gives them another option, we strive to get our individuals out into the community 50% of their time with activities like volunteering, recreation, shopping and participating in community activities. The other 50% of their time is spent on cooking skills, socialization skills and Arts & Crafts. Besides keeping them busy, the time away from home helped family members work, shop, relax and attend appointments knowing their individual was in a safe loving program.

We are doing some major fundraising this Summer. June 29<sup>th</sup> The Jemez Riders RC is hosting a Secret City Rally at North Mesa Park from 2-6 p.m., with proceeds going to All Individuals First. Then on July 4<sup>th</sup>, All Individuals First will be hosting a bake/food sale near the Lemon Lot for people waiting to ride the buses to White Rock. Finally on August 1<sup>st</sup> we are having our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle and games. Our goal is to earn \$20,000.00 to assist in our travel expenses off the hill by fixing the automatic lift in our van

and paying off the existing loan on our second vehicle. This would free up funds to provide our individuals experiences out in the community within a 3-hour radius of Los Alamos.

How can you help? We are asking for donations of items for our Silent Auction and Raffle in August, food items for our July 4<sup>th</sup> bake/food sale and our Anniversary dinner in August. Anything you could help with would be greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Sincerely,

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### LOS ALAMOS FAITH AND SCIENCE FORUM 2024 Summer Lecture Series June 5—August 6 SALA Event Center 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Center Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, light dinner; lecture at 6:30 pm

- 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 Brain Mapping during various mental states - 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 in September. Submission deadline: Monday, August 26.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

This is what "Monday night at the Pit" looks like, in case you are curious and/or interested in volunteering on an occasional basis. This program, run by the United Church, provides dinner and fellowship for summer students in Los Alamos. A sign-up sheet is up in the narthex.



### HOUSE OF HOPE FUNDRAISER—SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16—MEXICAN DINNER!

The House of Hope Committee invites you to a fundraising and awareness-raising event. Join us for a **Mexican dinner, complete with silent and live auctions, and a slide show and discussion** of the recent mission trips.

- Come enjoy a beautiful meal, bid to your heart's content, and learn just a little bit more about the House of Hope mission.
- If you have one or more treasures to donate to the silent auction, please contact Julie.
  Bulthuis at <u>iwbulthuis@msn.com</u> or (505) 490-6061 to arrange pick-up or drop-off.
- If you would like to donate to the sure-to-be-lively dessert auction, please contact Joanna Gillespie at joken94@gmail.com or 505-309-2518 to give her the name of your sweet offering!
- Is set-up or clean-up your jam? Want to help cook or decorate?
- Wait, you're ready to MC the event? Wonderful, please let us know how you'd like to help!

#### TRINITY TIDINGS

### CHURCH PICNIC, CAMP MAY AUGUST 25 10 AM



Worship Service will begin at 10:30 am

### What to bring:

- ♦ Chairs or something to sit on for you and your family;
- ♦ A side dish and/or dessert to share, and drinks;
- ♦ Bug spray.
- ♦ Friendly, well-behaved pets and friends!



We will provide burgers, hot dogs, and paperware, and we will need help with set-up and clean-up.

A **sign-up sheet** will be available to let us know you are coming (and how many burgers and hot dogs we need to provide!), as well as to offer help with set-up and clean-up.

### PLEASE CARPOOL!



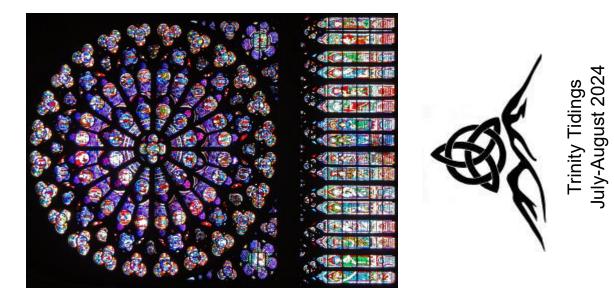
Please note: there will be no 8 am service on August 25!

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Return Service Requested



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