



# Trinity Tidings

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## *Ascension* OF THE LORD

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual

Circuits 4 & 19 Ascension Service at

Trinity Lutheran Church

We will enjoy fellowship around a potluck dinner table  
at **6 pm** in the fellowship hall,  
and at **7 pm** we will gather  
in the Sanctuary for Worship with Holy Communion.  
***Please bring something to share for the potluck.***

**Outreach Corner**

Hi Everyone,

Being a volunteer Monday evenings at the Money Work\$ class offers a unique opportunity to share Christ’s love. After a couple of weeks, one of the girls who attends the “homework club” felt comfortable enough to begin asking questions. Her “church school” homework is very similar to what I remember learning during my confirmation classes years and years ago. Later in our conversation, she asked “What is this ‘John 3 16’ that I see spray painted around town?”. Imagine the joy in my heart to have this opening!

The next session of Money Work\$ began April 18th. Trinity offers babysitting and homework help while the parents attend the classes. Are you interested?

Another idea we are looking into is a “Grief share” program. This would be for all types of grief—loss of parent, spouse, a child... Stephen Ministry is also something I would love our church to participate in.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please let me know.

Sincerely, Barbara

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**Mission Board News**

Hello Trinity Congregation:

I wanted to let you know I am the new chairperson of the Mission Board and I wanted to let you know what has happening here at Trinity...

Monday, March 28 we had a graduation ceremony for students for their participation in the Money Work\$ class here at Trinity. There was a dinner to honor the students as well as the people who had helped facilitate this program.

Barbara provides tutoring services the children of the adults who attend the Money Work\$ class and Joy and Ruth provide child care for the younger children.

Joy is here every Monday to open the doors at Trinity so the Fellowship Hall can be set up for class. She is here every Monday by 4:30 to let staff I and stays until 8:00 p.m. to close up our church.

I had the pleasure of attending the graduation and the dinner on Monday. It was so wonderful to see all of these people graduate from this class. I was especially excited to meet the new CEO of Opening Doors, Deborah Ortiz. Deborah was a Sacramento City Council rep for many years and served as a State Senator and as an Assemblywoman until she was termed out. She said the Opening Doors organization is especially thankful to Trinity for providing a facility and child care for the students. It was so appreciated and is very essential in order to keep these programs ongoing.

So I wanted to extend a Great Big Thank You to Trinity for welcoming Opening Doors to our facility.

Lynn

**TCCA Update**

Town & Country Christian Academy (formerly Town & Country Lutheran School) has been around Sacramento for many decades. Town & Country Christian Academy is the only remaining Lutheran elementary school in Sacramento.

Their enrollment numbers were dropping in the past but have been climbing slowly for the last few years. Members of the church are coming together and trying new ideas, to keep providing a Christian education to students in the area.

To try and bring up the enrollment numbers will not be easy. They need your to help by enrolling your children or your grandchildren, and they need your prayers and gifts as well. This past month, Trinity’s council has started a fund (for members only) to make contributions to, that will be matched up to \$5,000. These funds will help our sister congregation in dire need keep their school open.

As members of Trinity, we can help by making a gift of any size to Trinity and marking your envelope “TCCA” (short for Town & Country Christian Academy) or “T&C” will also work. This matching offer ends at the end of June this year. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

The matching funds will come equally from both the Education and Mission funds. If you have questions, please see a Council Member or Steve M.

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California

Help LSS raise the most on the  
biggest fundraising day of the  
year!

<https://bigdayofgiving.org/>

**BIG  
DAY OF  
GIVING** **MAY 3**



Big Day of Giving is a 24-hour day of philanthropy. Please donate to LSS on May 3, and help us provide housing and supports to the homeless, creating a foundation for them to build their lives.

For more information contact Julianne at [jcarroll@lssnorcal.org](mailto:jcarroll@lssnorcal.org), or 925.825.1060  
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by outreach to the community  
through the spreading  
of the Gospel of Christ  
by spirit-filled worship,  
education, fellowship and service.

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## Announcements

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or the Tidings please give it to Sharon in the office. Bulletin announcements are due by **Wednesday morning**.

The Tidings deadline is the **15th of every month**.

Announcements for the screen may be sent directly to Brian or through the church office email, [tlsecsharon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlsecsharon@sbcglobal.net).

## Directory Changes

Please let the church office know if you have moved or have a new phone number or any other changes in your family. Thank you.

## **River City Food Bank**

Is in **GREAT** need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, and pasta. Please bring items and deposit them in the container in Friendship Hall. Always **NEEDS** plastic bags and brown paper bags!

We are also in need of volunteers. Please talk to Dottie if you are interested.

Thanks!

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## **Youth News**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At our last Council Meeting it was mentioned that we should put something in the Tidings from the youth, so I give you my first Tidings entry. On my way home from Oakland today I was listening to my favorite radio station, KLOVE (99.5 in Sacramento), and a caller shared a story that I felt like the Lord was putting on my heart to share with you. The caller worked at a nail salon and often spoke about Jesus with her customers while she was doing their nails. One day she was talking with a girl who told her how she came to know Jesus. The girl bullied people from middle school through high school and one of the girls that she bullied one day approached her and invited her to a youth group meeting. The girl was taken aback, but she wasn't doing anything that night and ended up going to the meeting and receiving Jesus. Amazing right? Well, just like the manicurist, you are helping show out youth Christ by supporting and helping them raise funds to go to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering in July. There are a total of 13 kids going with three adult chaperons. All of the youth going from Trinity have shared Christ with their friends and invited them to attend the gathering also. These kids will be with 25,000 other Christian youth. Amazing!! We also rejoice that one of the youth that is going was just baptized at Trinity. On behalf of the youth, thank you for all that you do and for sharing Christ.

Blessings and Thanks,  
Tim  
Co-Chair Board of Education

PS. We raised \$820.00 at the Easter Breakfast, so with that and other contributions that were made to the youth via the offering we are around \$14,000 raised so far. Wow!!!