

TRINITY PRESS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Trinity Family,

Every year 4000 Protestant Churches in the United States cease to exist as a worshipping congregation. That is 11 churches *per day* close their doors for good!

It was just a few years ago that that was being talked about at Trinity. While that discussion is not on our minds anymore, Trinity Church does need:

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Revitalization is:

1. the action of imbuing something with new life and vitality.
2. the imparting of new life and vigor to.

What is clear: Trinity Church needs new vigor and vitality.

What isn't clear is WHY? WHAT? or HOW?

WHY has to do with vision. WHY does Trinity Church exist?

WHAT has to do with strategy. WHAT we do to fulfill our vision?

HOW has to do with values. HOW we go about fulfilling our vision?

God had a plan for revitalization.

God's plan:

WHY - to bless all people's on earth. (Genesis 12:1-3).

WHAT - select one people group on earth to bless so that they would bless other people (Deuteronomy 7:6).

HOW - love God and love people (Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18).

Jesus also had a plan for revitalization.

Jesus' plan:

WHY - to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).

WHAT - select 12 disciples to follow him and then go and make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20).

HOW - love God and love people (Mark 12:30-31).

Over the next 2 years (this is not a microwaveable endeavor) the ReNewal Team (Cora Hocker, Lori Schlunegger, Jesse Schlunegger, Ali David, Don Bosley, Joe Goeden and Jamie Crook) will meet 1-2 times per month to ponder, pray and thoughtfully consider the process of revitalization for Trinity.

Wonderful news - we are not alone!

The Presbyterian Church has a program called Vital Congregations that will equip, encourage and guide us through this process.

What I ask of you: **participate**. That's it. There will be activities - prayer, bible studies, sermons, congregational gatherings, surveys - that I/we will want you to fully participate in and DO!!

I am excited about the journey that we are on and I am looking forward to this challenging adventure as we participate TOGETHER.

My best,

Pastor Jamie



Hens and Chicks

Summer is over and the grateful little ones with Hens and Chicks send many thanks for the use of the church, not just to me, but to all of us here at Trinity. Until next summer little ones, I will miss your happy little faces, your symphony of laughter and sound of patriotic songs, that scream 4th of July.



- Bev Meier-as she continues to recover from surgery and infection
- The Barber family-as they mourn the death of Dennis.
- Prayers of thanks-as Evelyn Rapetti's recovery is going very well.
- Our neighbors Maddy and Hunter who are being bullied at school.
- Prayers for Gilbert , as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Terrie Watson-Prayers for remission of cancer



Trinity's Financial Update for the period January - June 2022

With thanks to our faithful congregation, our second quarter ended with a smaller shortfall than what we expected. The 2022 Budget was based on a faith budget of \$37,104 shortfall for the year, which would put us at a shortfall of \$18,552.00 for this quarter. However, we are only at a shortfall of \$9,722.00, which is 52.4% better than we anticipated.

Please keep Trinity in your prayers and continue to give what you can.

Total Income	\$78,647.00
Total Expenses	-\$88,369.00
Net Shortfall	-\$ 9,722.00

Submitted by Karla Rasmussen

Treasurer

Like to pay on-line?

You can now transfer funds from your bank to Trinity's US Bank Account using Zelle®. There are no fees charged to the sender or receiver. Check to see if your bank offers Zelle® transfers at <https://www.zellepay.com/>. We are registered with the email "Treasurer@trinitywestsac.org". If you have any questions, please let me know.

Karla Rasmussen, Treasurer

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See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19



MONEY MATTERS, PER CAPITA

Perhaps one of the most confusing aspects of how the Presbyterian Church functions is "**per-capita.**" Each year Trinity encourages its members to pay their per-capita apportionment. What is "per-capita"? Why do we do this? Where does this money go?

What? One of the great strengths of our denomination is that it is so interconnected. Trinity is tied to the larger Church ministry. One form of that connection is through our per-capita. Every Presbyterian Church in the country is required to pay a specific amount for each active member on its rolls to their respective Presbytery. *Per Capita rates are not "bills" or "dues" that are "charged" to members; however, this is an expense for Trinity.* This year, Trinity's per-capita apportionment is **\$30.26** per member.

Why? Each governing body above our Session has staff members and expenses that support the work of the Church. These individuals have no congregation to support their Ministry, but they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church.

Where? The per-capita payments for Trinity are split 4 ways, for the work of our: 1) General Assembly PC USA (\$8.98); Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22); North Central California Presbytery (\$15.06); and Presbytery's Pastoral Emergency Care Fund (\$1.00).

If you haven't done so already, please make out a check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church in the amount of **\$30.26** for each active church member in your household. *This is a gift we invite our congregation (not just members) to give as part of a larger faith community rather than just "our own."* Some of our members may not be able to afford this, so we can help cover each other as part of our covenantal relationship with the larger denomination. Make a note on your check that it is to be used for per-capita. You can mail your check to Trinity, drop it by the church office, or put it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

As of July 31, 2022, we have only received payments for 12 members totaling \$372. We have 83 members at Trinity, so this will only cover 14% of Trinity's cost. If you would like to know if you have paid already, please contact Karla Rasmussen at 916-397-9372.

*Thank
you*



Sometimes it's the little things that pull us together as a church. Like when our guest pastor suddenly tests positive for Covid. It's certainly not good news for any of us, but Judi held it together and made a few calls, and Pat Terry stepped up. Being the team player she is, she took on the challenge

of Sunday service on August 7th. Pat was up until the wee hours, but you'd never know it, because she pulled it off without a hitch! Thanks you Pat for being the beautiful dependable person you are. You are *truly* appreciated.





Backpack Blessing







- ◆ **Trinity Threads Together**-Bring a needle point, embroidery , or quilt project, and join the fellowship, first Saturday of each month, room 1 from 10am -12pm.
- ◆ **Pastors Bible Study**- Join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7pm, please call Maggie for the link.
- ◆ **Out of the Box, Food Packaging**, Sept 11, Join us at 2:00 in the café, to help put together bags of food to fill tummies in our community.
- ◆ **Out of the Box Food Distribution Exceptions**, please call the church office ANY time you are in need of food. We are happy to put something together for you as soon as we are able.
- ◆ **Out of the Box-Food Distribution** Sept 15 5:30p, join us in the café to distribute food, and connect with our community

We're on the web
www.trinitywestsac.org

Come join us for weekly service

Sundays 10:00am

Sunday School 10am-11:00am
 room 3

Spanish Services- 12:00p

Call the church office with questions 9:30-2:30 Tuesday thru Thursday, we are happy to help.

Coming Soon: Volunteer Training and Child Safety Screening

Are you thinking about volunteering in Sunday School? Would you be interested in helping in the nursery once in a while? Maybe you think you might help with VBS next summer. This fall we will be holding a Volunteer Training and Child Safety Screening for all volunteers who sometimes work with children. California State Law requires that all volunteers be properly trained and fingerprinted to ensure the safety of our children. **Stay tuned for dates and times**, and we'll make sure that all of our volunteers meet the requirements.

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What's coming up in September?

- ◆ **Hens & Chicks preschool begins on September 6, Room 7**
- ◆ **Ladies Luncheon returns on September 16**



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| Laura Singh | Sept 4 |
| Lori Schlunegger | Sept 10 |
| Carol Onalfo | Sept 20 |
| Lee Wallinder | Sept 26 |