

Weekly in May

OUR

Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Wired Word, Rm. 212	
Theology for Presbyterians, The Chapel	
SongChimers Practice	9:00 am
Confirmation Class	9:30 am
Searchers Fellowship, the Parlor	10:00 am
Worship (Communion May 3)	10:30 am
Young Adult/Family Group	12:00 pm
Dead Theologians (May 24)	6:00 pm

Monday

CHS AP Testing Set-up, FSH (May 4)	7:00 am
CHS AP Testing, FSH (May 11)	7:00 am
Lunch Bunch, Rm. 114	12:00 pm
Preschool Ministry Mtg. (May 11)	4:00 pm
Sparrow Circle (May 18 - St. Marks)	2:15 pm
CHS Track & Field Banquet (May 18)	5:00 pm
Finance Team (May 11)	5:30 pm
BSF (5/4 Last Meeting)	6:00 pm
Office & Preschool Closed Memorial Day	

Tuesday

CHS AP Testing, FSH (May 12)	7:00 am
PW Bible Study Leaders (May 5)	9:30 am
Trinity Trippers (May 21)	9:30 am
PW Annual Salad Luncheon (May 26)	10:30 am
PW Coordinating Team (May 6)	10:45 am
Naomi Circle (May 12-Mbrs. Home)	10:00 am
Ruth Circle (May 12)	10:00 am
Preschool Chapel	11:30 am
Sewing Hope	1:00 pm
Esther Circle, Rm 114 (May 12)	1:00 pm
Staff Meeting, Conference Rm.	3:30 pm
Personnel Meeting (May 5)	6:00 pm
Property Meeting (May 5)	6:00 pm
Ministry Meetings (May 5)	7:00 pm
Diaconate (May 12)	7:00 pm
Confirmants Meet w/Session (May 19)	7:00 pm
Session (May 26)	7:00 pm

Wednesday

COM West Region (May 6)	10:00 am
CHS AP Testing, FSH (May 13)	11:00 am
Lydia Circle (May 20)	5:30 pm
PNC Meeting, Conference Rm.	6:30 pm
Wednesday Night Study	7:00 pm

Thursday

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
CHS AP Testing, FSH (May 14)	11:00 am
Sewing Hope (See page 6)	1:00 pm
Trinity Ringers	6:00 pm
Skycrest Elementary Concert (May 14)	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

Friday

Church Women United (May 1)	5:30 pm
CHS AP Testing, FSH (May 8)	7:00 am
Preschool Muffins for Mom (May 8)	7:00 am
Preschool Graduation (May 29)	6:00 pm

Saturday

BSF Leaders (May 2 Last Meeting)	6:00 am
Trinity Friends of Hope (May 9)	6:00 am
Church Picnic (May 16)	10:00 am
Church Work Day (May 23)	9:00 am

Education



Classes - 9:00 a.m. You are invited to drop in anytime for:

- ⇒ The **Wired Word** in **Room 212** offers current news with a Christian slant. Leaders: Various class members.
- ⇒ **Theology for Presbyterians:** This study focuses on what the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions have believed in the past and ways key theological understandings matter in our Christian lives in the church today. Leader: Sue Moore. In the chapel.

Sunday Small Group

The Young Adult and Families Small Group is continuing to meet at Noon on Sundays after church, and they gather at the Brown Boxer for lunch. They are using **10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe**. Leader: Jeff Davis

Wednesdays

10 Dumb Things Smart Christians

Believe: 7 p.m. in Room 114. This mid-week study will look at some of the "urban legends" of our faith. Upcoming topics in May include:

- Christians Shouldn't Judge
- Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide
- A Valley Means a Wrong Turn

Come enjoy this study and discussion.

Leader: Joel Alvis

**JESUS WAS
IN A SMALL GROUP.
I'M JUST SAYIN'...**

{ life change happens in small groups }

education



FAMILY MINISTRY

Our **Spring Fling** event with the preschool was a huge success! 35 families from the preschool and student ministry

participated. There were games, prizes, a bounce house, and a dunk tank for the kids. We gave hotdogs and chips to anyone who was hungry! Jeff and Kaitlyn Kotter volunteered to get whipped cream pies in their faces which made everyone smile. Sunny Warnock and Jaime Kotter did face painting and many, many more volunteers helped with the event.

On **Student Sunday**, we were all led in worship by our elementary students, and the preschool students shared a song that they sing at chapel.

Mark your calendars because you don't want to miss **May 24th, Pentecost Sunday**. **Trent Warnock** and **Meghan Hull** be confirmed into the membership of the church during the service. We will also honor **Mikayla Hull** as a graduating senior. We are excited about the roles each of these students plays in the life of the church and this will be a time of celebration.

Please be in prayer that the 5000 VBS cards targeting 5 local schools will be fruitful. You can help us with the cost of VBS by donating items (see below) or making a monetary donation if you prefer. Thank you for helping with VBS.

TRINITY

Meet New Director, Jaime Kotter



I want to take a moment to introduce myself for those of you who may not know me. My name is Jaime Kotter and I've been the VPK teacher here at Trinity. I am excited about the new position as director and the opportunity to help our center grow, while still providing the quality care that you have come to know. I look forward to meeting each of you. Please feel free to come by the office or call me at any time.

I also wanted to let you know of a few other changes Ms. Christina who currently teaches the 2's will be moving up and taking my place in the VPK and Ms.

Chelsea will be started at Trinity Preschool on April 27th as the new 2's teacher.

Preschool Activities:

- Spring Fling was a success with 30 students and their families participating (See page 7). Thanks to all who helped make it a success.
- May 19th, our Pre-K class will go to Build-a-Bear to make a special Trinity Bear.
- May 29th is Pre-K Graduation at 6:00 p.m. Please come to watch and enjoy cake and juice after the ceremony.

FIND THE HERO WITHIN YOU

V.B.S.

2 YEARS OLD -5TH GRADE **JUNE 8-12**
9:00AM-12:00PM

Trinity Presbyterian Church: 2001 Rainbow Drive, 33765
Register with Jeff Davis; jeff@trinityclearwater.com
or call 727-446-6210

(2)(d) The school is neither endorsing nor sponsoring this event nor approving or endorsing the views of the organization sponsoring the activity.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 8 - 12TH
9:00 A.M. - NOON

Volunteers Needed: Kitchen, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Music & Movement, Registration, Group Leaders: Grades K-5. Contact Jeff to sign up or if you have questions: 727-446-6210, jeff@trinityclearwater.com.

Donations are being accepted for the following items: Comic book pages, decals, stickers, acrylic paint (all colors), puffy paint (all colors), markers, Super Hero toys, Super Hero pencils, Super Hero items for give-aways.

You Need to Know . . .

Sewing Hope

Sewing Hope offers wonderful fellowship for those interested in sewing. Bring your alterations – we will help you to empty your mending basket.

Tiny totes made from ties are easy to make plus the ties make an unique bag.

Of course there are plenty of blankets that need to be cut and/or sewn. We could use your hands for this project.

Just drop in to visit if you are in the neighborhood. We are here most Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Hours in May: Sewing Hope will not meet on May 26 or 28.

Hours in June: Sewing Hope will not meet on June 9 or 11.

Hours in July: Sewing Hope will not meet on July 7 or 9.

Progress of Gulf to Bay Property Sale

Last August the Congregation voted to enter a contract with a franchisee of Culver's restaurant to sell 1.4 acres of property located on Gulf to Bay. The necessary work has taken place to move this sale forward. The sale is to close before June 30, 2015.

One item in preparation for that will be the demolition of the building often referred to as the Office Products Warehouse (or OPW). This is slated to begin the week of May 4. The church office has been told it will be completed within two to three weeks.

Arrangements have been made for the Preschool to have play time within the church building during the period of building demolition. Once the demolition is completed, the playground will again be able to be used by the Preschool.



Cedarkirk
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP YET?

Have you taken time to look at the summer programs offered at Cedarkirk? June, July, and August may seem a long way off, but Cedarkirk's summer programs are filling quickly and you don't want to miss out! Summer camps have something for everyone: games, songs, worships, cookouts, and time to be yourself with good friends - new and old. You can jump into exciting activities like: canoeing, Bible studies, the high ropes course, campfires, rock climbing, zip lining, and kayaking. All of this fun is offered within the context of a nurturing Christian community and allows for growing deeper in God's love. Pick up a brochure in the church office or visit www.cedarkirk.org to register online. For more information or to request a confidential scholarship, please contact the camp office at [813.685.4224 x2](tel:813.685.4224) or camps@cedarkirk.org.



Trinity Scholarship Program

Students seeking financial aid may apply for assistance through Trinity Scholarship Program. Applications are due May 31st.

Presbyterian Women

The **Annual Salad Luncheon** is Tuesday, May 26th, starting at 10:30 a.m. Please join us as we gather to remember our sisters who have passed on, dedicate the Birthday Offering, present the Honorary Life Membership award, and more. Naturally, we finish with a delightful lunch. Bring a salad to share and maybe a friend.



Trinity Trippers: May 21st

If the Shoe Fits: a wacky tale of love, murder and . . . Shoes! By Matt Thompson, Matt Chiorini and Dana Vermette. Join us for a trip to **Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre**. Cost is \$34 per person. The bus will leave at 10:30. Please sign up early so we can make reservations.

4th Carol Free
 7th Beth Gutermann
 10th William Caseber
 Tracy Joyce
 13th Mollie Bucy
 15th Joyce Barnett
 Cathy Abood
 16th Gene Upmeyer
 17th Debbie Hunting
 19th Marge Arnold
 Sara DeAngelo
 20th Sunny Warnock
 21th Bonnie Davis
 Patricia Salee
 Richard Stapleton
 26th Alice Carey
 27th Shirley Fennell
 28th Jaime Kotter



Prayer Concerns

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

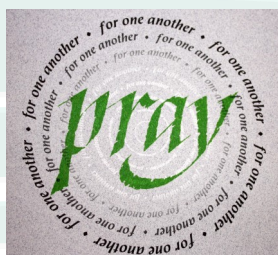
Elsie Arrington
 Ruth Baker
 Betty Cline
 Marilyn Donaldson

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Julie Bowyer
 Jonathan Cary
 Chuck and Marley Cassels
 Steven Cortes
 Dan DeAngelo
 Scott and Jessica Hives
 William Krompart
 Joshua Pillar
 Mike Sawall
 Tom Whissel

PRAY FOR

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY



The Living and Dead Theologian Society is an informal fellowship of Trinity. Meetings are on the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's on Enterprise Rd., just west of McMullen Booth. Everyone is invited. Reservations not required

May 24th - 6:00 p.m.

Beef O'Bradys

2471 N. McMullen Booth Road.



Around Trinity

Outreach/Fellowship Committee

FAMILY PICNIC SATURDAY MAY 16TH 11AM-3PM



PLEASE BRING:

A - R: SIDE DISHES

S - Z: DESSERTS

**MEET US AT: EAGLE LAKE PARK-
SHELTER #4
1800 KEENE ROAD, LARGO
6 MINUTES FROM TRINITY**



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

**May 23
9:00 a.m.
Until 12:00
p.m.**

**Your Help Needed &
Appreciated**



**Presbytery Night at the Rays
May 8th**

**Meet at the church at 5:00
p.m. to carpool to the game.
Game against Texas starts at
7:00 p.m.**

Just for fun

Spring Fling 2015



Super Heroes On the Way!

May Worship

Sermons:

- May 3rd:** *Two by Two*
Ruth 1:7-22; Luke 1:39-56
- May 10th:** *What Stops You?*
MOTHER'S DAY Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8
- May 17th:** *Carrying On*
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26;
John 17:6-19
- May 24th:** *The Hope to Come*
PENTECOST Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27
- May 31st:** *A Legacy and an Inheritance*
Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17



WORSHIP

Joel's Jottings (Cont'd)

- And now it is time for me to leave.

There comes a time to conclude all relationships. By the very nature of my temporary relationship, it has been known that this would happen. It is a natural and appropriate part of our life together. Knowing I would leave has made me a better pastor. My immediate plans are to return to my home in Atlanta. I anticipate receiving a call where my gifts can be used.

I will keep the Trinity congregation my prayers as you fulfill the journey of this transition. You have many gifts, skills and abilities. When Tina Harvey shared her testimony in worship, she noted that this congregation had great passion! I have seen that as well. Live out this passion to share God's love!

Blessings in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Joel Alvis Jr.

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Joel's Jottings

It has been a blessing for me to be part of the Trinity Presbyterian Church community as your interim pastor since January of 2014. When I came, I shared with you that I had several tasks:

- To be your pastor in this time of transition;
- To insure that a congregational assessment of strengths and weaknesses is completed;
- To provide perspective of the ministry context for Trinity;
- To ask questions;
- To identify and name leadership challenges at this moment;
- To Provide encouragement; and
- To leave when it is time.

As I think back over my time with you I can see where a number of these things have been accomplished while others are still in progress.

- I have found joy and pleasure in being with you and serving as your pastor as I have led worship, offered prayers in hospital rooms and homes, taught classes, and shared in the sacraments;
- I collaborated with the Session and church leadership in completing a survey that

produced a Vital Signs report. The challenge with any report is what to do next. The leadership has periodically reviewed the status of these results and taken account for next steps;

- I have asked questions about how plans and programs are ways to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ for Trinity;
- I have worked with leadership and members as they see issues of context and circumstance – an ongoing challenge has to do with who attends. You have a strong desire to be a place welcoming to young families. This is a worthy goal. At the same time, I'd encourage you not to lose site of the context where you live as retirement community where more and more individuals in early retirement are moving here. I do not think that being open, welcoming and inclusive of both age groups is mutually exclusive;
- In all I've done I have sought to encourage you in your faithful response to God in Christ;

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