

August 6, 2023



9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY. IN PERSON and ONLINE. LIVE-STREAMED on Facebook: Bulletin & Facebook Link on our website: <http://www.trinityevanston.org/>
In addition to our livestream, services are archived and available to access any time on our website: www.trinityevanston.org/
Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>
10:30 AM COFFEE HOUR — Join us for refreshments and conversation.

NEWS YOU CAN USE . . .

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS for the family of Amelia “Mickey” Gaza, who passed away on July 21 at the age of 90. We remember her family and friends, and especially the Wielgus family, at this time of loss. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Tuesday, August 8th at 11:00 am, luncheon to follow at Trinity. The service will be livestreamed: <https://www.trinityevanston.org/gaza>

Sunday, Aug 6 FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & HOT DOG ROAST 5:00—7:00 pm lauren.busey@trinityevanston.org

A WORD FROM PASTOR BRIAN—Over the next few months as your interim Pastor, I look forward to getting to know you, to look back and look ahead in this time of transition, and to keep the momentum going as a community of faith with a critical witness in the neighborhood and the wider world. Please feel free to reach out: stop by the church, set up an appointment for coffee or a walk, and introduce yourself after church in an upcoming Sunday. You may also call the church office (847-673-8564) or email me (brian.johnson@trinityevanston.org).

CALLING SINGERS! OPPORTUNITY TO SING with a PICK-UP CHOIR Sunday morning, Aug 20. Meet at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary to learn a piece of music to sing that same day during worship. Questions or interest — speak with Philip. To reach him by email: philip.mcpeek@trinityevanston.org

THANK YOU for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share. You can share your offerings by mailing them to the church office, or by using your bank’s bill-pay system. Go to our website to donate online: <http://www.trinityevanston.org/> using the Vanco online giving platform, scan the QR Code, or paste this link into your browser: bit.ly/TLGives22 This QR code will take you to our Vanco online giving platform, where you can direct your giving to General Fund, Mission Possible, or Other.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A BLESSING . . .

FOOD DONATIONS for THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY welcome—located outside Trinity’s front entrance. No glass or perishables. Suggestions: individually wrapped protein bars, peanut butter, mac & cheese, chili, soups, canned tuna, chicken, canned fruit, cereal boxes or instant oatmeal cups (not envelopes), toiletries Always open for anonymous pick-up and drop-off. We hope to be a blessing to those in need who need a little help. **Thanks!** Contact Lauren or the office if you have questions. **If you shop online, orders can be delivered to Trinity —our office is open Monday—Thursday.** Check out this list on Amazon if you’re looking for suggestions: <https://a.co/aZHkhbr>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP . . .

YOUTH Contact Lauren Busey, Director of Faith Formation: lauren.busey@trinityevanston.org

We hope you can join us for VBS this summer. We encourage you to bring a friend! VBS is open to families. We’ll meet on Sunday evenings from 5—7pm on these dates: June 4th, June 25th, July 16th, August 6th and August 20th! Please [Register Here!](#)

COUNCIL MINUTES & TREASURER’S REPORTS — Printed copies are also available on the See Sign Serve Table in the Gathering Space. Questions or comments, contact the office: office@trinityevanston.org / 847-673-8564 or Dick Lee, treasurer.

2023 STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTION for 2nd quarter giving have been sent. If you did not receive a statement and feel you should have, contact us. financial.secretary@trinityevanston.org Thank you for your partnership in our ministry. If you need assistance, contact Financial Secretary: financial.secretary@trinityevanston.org
Note: Statements are sent via emailed to all who have an email address on file with us. All others are sent by US mail.

TRINITY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED: Sign up to serve as ASSISTING MINISTER, GREETER, USHER, LECTOR (READER), DEACON (SERVE COMMUNION), or PREPARER (PREPARE COMMUNION) **Go to our signup page and select a date and position that works for you — Scan this QR code or click this link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA5AE2AA75-worship1> Questions, contact Sandie Schlauch: sas1946@comcast.net Thank you!



WOMEN’S BOOK CHAT —

You’re invited to join us at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church for our discussion of the following:

Wednesday, August 16 — I SWEAR by Katie Porter (non-fiction)

Wednesday, September 20 — POWER AND THE GLORY by Graham Greene (classic)

If you have any questions, email Rebecca Mestelle (Rebecca.mestelle@gmail.com) and Thea Halvorson (tlynn46@gmail.com)
We will let you know the location of our meeting. All are welcome!

ATTENTION THRIVENT POLICY HOLDERS—

IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT POLICY HOLDER, you may qualify for one or more Thrivent Action Grants — up to \$250 each. Make a difference at Trinity or in your community! Simply gather a team of friends, family or neighbors to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. We’ll provide the resources you need to get started – including up to \$250 in seed money. Then you and your team can get busy bringing your project to life. <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

IDEAS include support for a soup kitchen, a Trinity fellowship or outreach event. Talk to Lauren or Paula for ideas.

ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL

The Trinity Life Safety Committee invites you to an Active Shooter Drill.

When: Sunday, August 20th

Time: 10:45—11:45 am

Officer Wilken of the Skokie Police Department will lead us in an Active Shooter Drill in order to help raise our awareness of what to do in the event of an active shooter on Trinity premises.

Officer Wilken and his team will lead us through some scenarios to help clarify what we can do to prepare ourselves. All are welcome, but please be aware that these scenarios are meant to be realistic and can be potentially scary for some especially children.

ALTAR FLOWERS — Contact the office if you’ like to sponsor altar flowers, or sign up for a date on the flower chart in the Narthex. The cost of flowers is \$40 per Sunday. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin. Flowers may be picked up after the service. Contact the office at 847-673-8564 / paula.selvig@trinityevanston.org Thank you.

TRINITY PRAYER LIST:
 Contact the office if you desire to add someone to our prayer list.
 Please contact the office and let us know if changes should be made. office@trinityevanston.org

<p>MEMBERS: Joan Borgeson Marilyn Crow Robert Gertenrich Geof Hiltwein Signe Kilen Judi McKiernan Bill Olson (rehab at home) Hortense Plummer Bill Sachse Donna Schroeder Arlene Sigle Gail Slamar LaVerne Stamer Lorna Van Houten (in need of healing prior to surgery) Chris Viau Dave Yandell</p> <p>FAMILY & FRIENDS: Jack Bakke (brother of Bob Bakke, hospitalized/cancer treatment) Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun’s dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow transplant this summer) Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee) Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from fall)</p>	<p>Eleanor Ehresman (friend of Carol Wilson, battling leukemia) Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch) Katie Grassmann (colleague of Charlie Slamar) injuries from riding accident. Sanah Khan (friend of Cathi White, recovery from reconstruction surgery) Robert Lins (friend of Laurel Lovestrom, cancer surgery) Keaton McCormick (Arlene Sigle’s sister’s grandson, complicated medical issues) Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor) Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera’s sister-in-law, recovering) Ryan (Lorna Van Houten’s son, healing) Sherri (friend of Gina Musielski, healing from medical challenges) Dave Skvarla (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from open heart surgery) Debbie Stahr (sister-in-law of Julie McWilliams) Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer) Steve and Dawn Taskay Linda T (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from a fall) Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS) Jennifer McWilliams (niece of Gary McWilliams, treatment for breast cancer) Tim McWilliams (nephew of Gary McWilliams, recovering from a stroke) Theresa Wilson (cousin of Carol Wilson, facing lupus and cancer diagnosis) Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)</p> <p>SYMPATHY: Family and friends mourning the death of Mickey (Amelia) Gaza, who died on July 21 at the age of 90. We especially remember the Gaza and Wielgus families. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Tuesday, August 8th at 11:00 am., luncheon to follow. The service will be livestreamed: https://www.trinityevanston.org/gaza</p>
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TRINITY STAFF

To reach a staff member, email is best!

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If you have a **pastoral emergency, text 507-469-9961**

For a quick response, email is best: office@trinityevanston.org
 Email is monitored even when the office is closed. We will respond as soon as we are able.
Trinity office is open: Monday—Thursday, Closed Friday (open by appointment only)
 office: 847-673-8564

CHURCH COUNCIL & OFFICERS 2023

<p>Executive Board: Charlie Slamar, President Steve Meyer, Vice President Vicki Donati, Secretary Dick Lee, Treasurer Joan Kerr, Financial Secretary</p>	<p>Council Members: Valerie Braun Abigail Holcomb Laurel Lovestrom Andrew Lussen Wendy Mohrenweiser</p>	<p>Gina Musielski Rob Payne Lois Rock Peterson Art Stewart Holly Smith</p>
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Please consider supporting the work of LSSI through your Mission Possible donation.

