

May 7, 2023 — Confirmation Sunday



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 & FELLOWSHIP — Join us for cake and meet our Confirmands!

10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

WE WELCOME Pastor Peg Otte and thank her for leading our worship today.

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY! These members of our Confirmation class will stand before this congregation and God and affirm the baptismal vows their parents and sponsors made for them on the day of their Baptism:

Henry Thomas Benigni

Halle Simone Schneider

Taylor Emily Felten

Levi Asher Schueneman

Luca James Gabriele

Emmeline Phoebe Sherborne

Katherine Blair Reno

Thomas Charles Stewart

William Kirtland Reno

Jonathan Emerson Weissinger

We rejoice with our youth and their families, and pray God's blessings on them.

CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR immediately following the worship service—Join us for a reception, meet our confirmands, and celebrate this milestone in their lives.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Alan & Peg Hoskin, with thanks for the caring work of Stephen ministers, deaconesses, and altar guild.

NEWS YOU CAN USE . . .

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/TLCgives22 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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2023 STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTION for 1st 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.

Please keep your contact information up-to-date with the office: office@trinityevanston.org; 847-673-8564

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A BLESSING . . .

FOOD DONATIONS for THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY welcome—located outside Trinity’s front entrance. No glass or perishables. Suggestions: protein bars, peanut butter, mac & cheese, chili, soups, canned tuna, chicken, 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/aZHkhr>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP . . .



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR— If you are not able to attend Trinity in person, please consider joining us for casual fellowship in our virtual coffee hour after the live service on Sundays (around 10:30AM).

If you need technical support, please call or email Tera Moskal at 847-902-1265 or t-moskal@northwestern.edu Tera Moskal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Trinity Virtual Coffee Hour

Time: Every week on Sundays starting around 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053005894?pwd=ZzBsN25FbUoxeXZEcM5DWjk3Rk5GZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5300 5894 Passcode: 555846

One tap mobile: +13092053325,,83053005894#,,,,*555846# US

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053005894?pwd=ZzBsN25FbUoxeXZEcM5DWjk3Rk5GZz09> +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: ages 3-4th grade @ 10:45 am

5th—8th grade Donuts & Chill Hangout begins Sunday morning @ 10:45 am

CONFIRMATION for ages 6-8th grade — Contact Lauren for the in-person class schedule.

MUSIC Contact Philip McPeek, Director of Worship & Music: philip.mcpeek@trinityevanston.org

TRINITY CHOIR & HANDBELL rehearsals — Thursday evening: Handbells at 7pm and Sanctuary choir at 8 pm

SPIRIT ENSEMBLE meets once/month for dinner followed by rehearsal.

Our next SPIRIT ENSEMBLE dinner and rehearsal is Friday May 12 at 6:30 pm. We will gather at the home of Dick & Lois Rock Peterson.

Contact Philip for further details and of your interest in participating.

philip.mcpeek@trinityevanston.org / church office: 847-673-8564

WOMEN’S BOOK CHAT — You’re invited to join us at 7 pm for our discussion of the following:

Wed May 17: BRAIDING SWEETGRASS by Robin Wall Kimmerer (non-fiction) This interesting book is about respect for Nature that indigenous tribes were taught and the ways in which their spirituality reflect this in the lives of their communities.

Let us know if you’d like to join us! We will either meet at Trinity or on Rebecca’s patio, depending on weather. Please EMAIL Rebecca or Thea Rebecca Mestelle (Rebecca.mestelle@gmail.com) and Thea Halvorson (tlynn46@gmail.com) for the location of our meeting.

All are welcome!

Looking ahead, we’ve chosen the following:

Wed June 21: FAR FROM THE MADDENING CROWD by Thomas Hardy (classic)

Wed July 19: WEST WITH GIRAFFES by Linda Rutledge (fiction based on a true story). It is about transporting giraffes across the Atlantic ocean and then moving them over land to San Diego zoo in the 1030’s. The story is based on the actual transport of these two animals.

TRINITY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED: Sign up to serve as ASSISTING MINISTER, GREETER, USHER, LECTOR, DEACON, or PREPARER

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!



COFFEE WITH PASTOR KELLY — a new LSSI weekly video series featuring The Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson, Manager of Church and Community Engagement. Pastor Kelly shares information about LSSI’s programs while reflecting on connections to our Lutheran faith. Weekly episodes will be released on LSSI’s YouTube channel every Sunday morning and advertised on our social media channels. Episode 1 debuted as part of our celebration of LSSI’s Good Shepherd Sunday April 30th.

Watch the first episode on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zlwd67VvVM>

Pastor Kelly is an experienced educator, youth minister, and ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). To access future videos, visit LSSI.org/Coffee or YouTube. Learn more at LSSI.org/GSS

* Note: Trinity has selected LSSI to be our monthly Mission Possible recipient for the months of August and November.

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

MEMBERS:

Joan Borgeson
Valerie Braun (ACL injury/reconstruction surgery and recovery))
Robert Gertenrich
Signe Kilen
Judi McKiernan
Gina Musielski
Bill Olson (rehab at home)
Rob Payne (recovery from surgery 3/24)
Annie Peterson
Hortense Plummer
Candy Reesh
Holly Ruch-Ross
Bill Sachse (recovery and healing from surgery)
Donna Schroeder
Arlene Sigle
Gail Slamar (hospitalized, Lutheran General)
LaVerne Stamer
Lorna Van Houten (healing from surgery and support))
Chris Viau
Dave Yandell (continued healing)

BAPTIZED:

April 30, 2023 — Adalynn Annabel Yob, daughter of Philip & Julia & Philip Yob,

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Joan Aldrich (friend of Lois Wurl)
Kara Baylor (pastor at Carthage College, friend of Becca Payne, bone cancer)
Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee)
Robert Bond (friend of Ken Schaeffe, kidney related surgery)

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)
Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch)
Katie Grassmann (colleague of Charlie Slamar) injuries from riding accident.
Cathy Hardison (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovery from broken wrist)
Virginia Lee (mother of Dick Lee, rehab)
Mary Connolly (friend of Sam Lewis)
Rosita Meggs (mother of Lorna Rubio, recovery from knee surgery)
Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor)
Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera's sister-in-law, recovering)
Jim Provenza (friend and former member, recovery from surgery April 12)
Ryan (Lorna Van Houten's son, healing)
Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer)
Steve and Dawn Taskay
Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS)
Carol Verre (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from surgery)
Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)

SYMPATHY:

Mike & Nancy Sims on the death of Mike's sister, Peggy Sims Heaton, who died April 26 in Muscatine, Iowa.

Trinity members and friends on death of Rick Merrell, who died on April 29, 2023 after a brave battle with cancer these last four months. Rick was an employee of Trinity for almost 28 years (until his retirement on Feb.1) and a member for nearly 4 decades. Arrangements for the memorial service have not been made.

Dyna Martin, sister of Rick Merrell, facing the loss of Rick as well as their brother Randy.

TRINITY STAFF

To reach a staff member, email is best! office@trinityevanston.org

We've updated our email address:

Philip McPeek, Director of Worship & Music: philip.mcpeek@trinityevanston.org
Lauren Busey, Faith Formation: Lauren.Busey@trinityevanston.org
Paula Selvig, Office administrator: Paula.Selvig@trinityevanston.org

DURING THIS INTERIM TIME, IF YOU HAVE NEED OF A PASTOR, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

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

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CHURCH COUNCIL & OFFICERS 2023

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Death of Trinity Member, Rick Merrell

May 13, 1954 -- April 29, 2023

April 29, 2023

Dear friends,

It is with sadness, thankfulness and joy that I write to you this morning. We received word from Rick Merrell's sister this morning that our friend, partner in ministry and 27 year + employee of Trinity (until his struggle with Lung Cancer prompted his retirement just 4 months ago) died in hospice care in Waukegan.

There is sadness this day because, even though we are people of faith and trust in God's promises, we will miss our friend with whom we have shared in the work of the Gospel for nearly 4 decades. There is thankfulness because Rick's life was lived faithfully and he blessed us all. There is joy because Rick fully grasped the promises of our Lord and trusted in the promise of life just as we do.

When I visited with Rick on Thursday morning, I asked if there were any scripture passages that were particularly meaningful to him. He began to quote Psalm 121. As we grieve and give thanks and celebrate with joy the Lord's promises, it seems quite appropriate to share that Psalm with you now:

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore. —Psalm 121

Please join me in praying for Rick's sister, Dyna, as she faces this loss as well as the death of their brother just a little over a week ago.

Arrangements are pending. We'll share more information with you as it becomes available.

Pastor Brown

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