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- ◆ Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:20 am A celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a palm procession and trumpet soloist.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday, April 17  
5:30 pm We'll share a meal and the Lord's Supper together in Fellowship Hall. The church is providing the main course; please bring a side dish to share. RSVP to the church office (520-623-2579 or [office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org)).  
6:30 pm A Service of Tenebrae in the sanctuary - Scripture readings and music will relate the story of Jesus' life from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion as candles are extinguished and the sanctuary darkens.
- ◆ Easter Sunday April 20 A celebration of Christ's Resurrection  
6:30 am – Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden,  
9:00 – 10:15 a.m. – Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide pancakes; please bring a dish to share (eggs, fruit, rolls, etc.)  
9:45 am – Easter Story (Library) & Egg Hunt (Courtyard),  
10:20 am – Cantata Sunday During the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter we witness extraordinary images of hope gained, hope lost and hope reborn. Even Jesus' closest friends and disciples doubted his promise that, "In three days I will rise again." Death, however, was swallowed up in victory and through his death and resurrection, we who follow Jesus receive new birth into A LIVING HOPE featuring the Trinity Choir & Orchestra.

Join us in person or online for all of these services at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live).

# PASTORAL LETTER

Have you ever made a very long journey? If so, how did you feel and what did you do as you approached the end of it? Did you feel sad, or were you looking forward to completing the journey and getting home? Probably a little bit of both. Jesus had been on a three-year journey as he arrived in Jerusalem for the last time. Like all journeys, it had its high points and low points. But most importantly, it was a journey that Jesus not only expected to make, but the one for which he knew God had sent him as the Messiah. As Jesus approached the events of what we now call Holy Week, the gospels reveal certain moments where we see Jesus's emotional vulnerability in the face of what was to come. One such moment was when Mary, the sister of Lazarus, anointed Jesus's feet with a very expensive perfumed oil (John 12: 1-7.) Jesus's reaction, both to what Mary did and Judas's criticism of it, revealed a deep pathos within Christ's heart, along with a sense of finality. Another moment came as Jesus and his disciples camped in the Mount of Olives, which had a panoramic view of the Jerusalem and the Temple Mount (Luke 19: 41-44.) Both Luke and Matthew tell us that Jesus wept over the city, because he knew they were to reject him in the days to come, and he knew that Jerusalem was destined to fall. We might forget that Jesus had grown up travelling with his family to Jerusalem for the Passover, so his heart must have been flooded with both sad and joyful memories as he viewed Jerusalem at the conclusion of his work. In the days just before Mary had anointed Jesus's feet, Jesus had raised her brother, Lazarus, from the dead (John 11.) In this story we read the shortest verse in the New Testament – "Jesus wept." Those two words reveal the powerful emotions that Jesus experienced. John devotes an entire chapter to this event, which emphasizes its importance as Jesus comes to the end

of his journey. What follows all of these deeply emotional moments is Jesus's last meal with his disciples, his arrest, his crucifixion, and his resurrection, which was not only Christ's triumph over death, but ours as well. But while Jesus's journey ended at Jerusalem and at his ascension in Galilee, his disciples were just beginning their journey. Their journey continues for we who believe in Jesus as the Son of God and our Savior. If we think about it, the conclusion of the Lenten season is not an ending, but a beginning. In celebrating Easter, we not only affirm the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but we re-affirm our own spiritual resurrection to the purpose for which we have been called as disciples. On Easter Day, the beautiful music of our cantata will be declaring the good news: "He has risen." But afterwards, it is up to us to declare the good news with the commitment of our lives to Christ's love and mission. That is a joyful journey that we make with each other as a fellowship of faith and with our Lord. Have a wonderful and happy Easter. Jesus is risen!

*Dr. Mack*



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 6** Isa. 43:16-21 & Psalm 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**April 13** Isa. 50:4-9a & Psalm 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**April 20** Isa. 65:17-25 & Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

**April 27** Acts 5:27-32 & Psalm 118:14-29; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## YOUTH CLASSES

### GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 3rd Grade)

*Teacher: Kathy Moser*

#### Easter Crafts and To-go-bags project

We will be having Sunday School downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message. We will begin the month with a Holy Week Story Wheel craft. Our "Little Helping Hands service project" will be on the second Sunday of the month. We made 80 to-go-bags last month. On Easter Sunday, the children will remain in church to listen and to enjoy the Easter Cantata with their families. The fourth Sunday we will have a Bible Activity 'Jesus Lives!' and an Easter story matching game.

### THE CRUSADERS & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (4th Grade & Older)

*Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull*

#### GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

We encourage children and youth grades 4th and above to pick up activity sheets and supplies for worship-based activities from the Kids Korner in the narthex and to sit with their families during worship.

## ADULT CLASS

Mack's Lenten study this year is titled, "Enduring Love," based on a curriculum written by Lynette C. Schroeder. Published in 1987, it was originally written as an Adult Bible School study, but he has kept it all these years because it is so good. A light breakfast is planned for all the participants. The class will conclude at 9:45. There is no video, but there will be handouts each week (the book itself is out of print). I hope you will join me for breakfast and our Lenten study". Here are the titles of each lesson:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Jesus Loves All People          | 4) Jesus Helps People in Need |
| 2) Jesus Cares for Us in Sad Times | 5) Jesus' Love is Forever     |
| 3) Jesus Brings Us Joy             | 6) Summary and Discussion     |

## LIBRARY NEWS

Our theme for April will be "Journey into Easter". There are two new books on the credenza: "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects" that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. Starting on Ash Wednesday and leading you all the way through Holy Week, "Bitter & Sweet: A Journey into Easter" is an invitation to better understand Jesus's sacrifice as you delight in His ultimate love for you. Experience artwork and music that illuminate the impact-both personal and global-of Jesus' death and resurrection. These and other books will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. Instructions for checking out books and the "check out" card basket will also be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket on the desk in the library. The library is open before and after the worship service. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions. Thank you!

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## YEAR ROUND DEVOTIONS

The Christian Education committee recommends the D365 devotional for use during Lent (and year round). Visit <https://d365.org> or download the free D365 app from your app store. It has 5 steps of "pause, listen, think, pray, go" & includes scripture and music each day.

## LENT DEVOTIONS

If you prefer a book, Rev. Rachel M. Srubas of Mountain Shadows has written a new book called "The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey". The book is available for purchase from Westminster John Knox & Amazon.

Join us Easter Sunday at 10:20 am when the Trinity Choir & Orchestra present a new cantata during the worship service.. This beautiful and inspirational worship experience entails considerable expense so we invite members and friends to make contributions to help to underwrite the cost of it. All donors will be recognized by name (not amount) in the cantata program, and gifts can be made in honor or memory of someone. You may use the enclosed form & bring it to church or mail it along with your payment to 400 E. University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85705. You may pay online at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org). Please enter the dedication information in the memo area when ordering online

## NAMI SA (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS- So AZ)

"Please walk with us for our annual NAMIWalks on **Saturday, April 5**, at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, at Reid Park, S. Country Club & 22nd Street. This walk helps raise awareness & provide support to individuals affected by mental health conditions. There is no fee to join us.  
Derry and Tom Dean



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone special please use the enclosed form and mail it along with your payment to Trinity Presbyterian Church 400 E. University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85705.

You may also bring it to church or pay online at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org). Enter the dedication information in the memo area when ordering online.



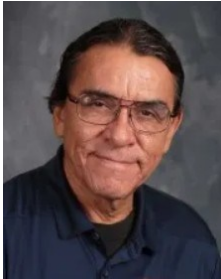
## Montlure Camp Montlure Camp

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CAMP? SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Montlure is looking forward to another incredible summer with campers. Montlure offers an experience where campers can unplug from both technology and stress/anxiety and connect with nature, their peers, their counselors, and their faith. All while having an incredible amount of fun! Space IS limited so register early to hold your spot. Overnight Camps: 10-12th Grade: June 8-13, 8-9th Grade: June 16-21, 6-8th Grade: June 23-28, 4-6th Grade: July 7-11. Traveling Day Camps are being planned too.

**Details at [montlure.org](http://montlure.org). Scholarships are available through our Christian Education Committee!**

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



## WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

### Meet Kevin Lopez

**What do you do for a career?**

I am a long-term, full-time English Language Arts (ELA) teacher.

**Where is your hometown?**

I am from Yankton, South Dakota, a town of about 50 thousand people.

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?** I play history games, do yoga, and play piano and sing in the Choir.

**What is your favorite food?** I like lasagna, but my overall favorite meal was shrimp and grits served in New Orleans.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice & be glad in it"

**What does this church mean to you?** The church means a whole lot of goodness and dedication to human beings.

**What is something that many people would not know about you?** I am a Drama Club sponsor at my school, putting together plays and events for 2nd grade - 8th grade students.



Birthday & Anniversary  
Celebration Sunday,  
April 20 in Fellowship Hall  
after worship

Need magnified hymns? Get the 'Glory to God' app from your app store, to view the hymns on a tablet. See J. Hill or C. Maycher for details.



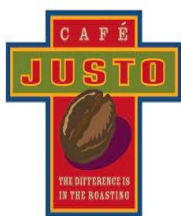
# MISSION NEWS

## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in basement of the Sanctuary building. Thanks for your food and monetary donations.

## Food Items are Needed for the Food Pantry:

Please bring your donations on Sunday or by the church office or food pantry during open hours. Crackers & tuna, sausage sticks, Vienna sausage cans, ramen, peanut butter, cheese & crackers, water



## Just Coffee For Sale

The Just Coffee display is near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall with volunteers handling the sales before and after church on Sunday. If a volunteer is not available you may still purchase the coffee and place your cash or check in the lockbox on the wall. Coffee will be \$10 and the proceeds benefit Café Justo, a Grower-owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico, formed to address the poverty & migration from Mexico to the U.S.A. More information is available at justcoffee.org.

## CASA MARIA SANDWICH MAKING

April's sandwich making in Fellowship Hall is after the Sanctuary service on April 13.

# SESSION NOTES

The March stated meeting of the Session was short and sweet. All committees are working on full cylinders and accomplishing their goals. A couple of committees welcomed new members-at-large. Here are the highlights of the March meeting.

- Session approved Joan Kingan as a new member-at-large for the Mission Committee.
- Session approved Paul Banghart as member-at-large for the Property Committee.
- Session celebrates the birth of Aziel on February 28, 2025 for Sanani Mukasine and Felix Nchimiye, brothers Faith and Aziel and sisters Sarah and Sandrine.
- Session approved that the Rev. Joseph Moore fill the pulpit on March 30th for Worship Committee.
- Presbytery Commissioners John Hill & Carolyn Maycher will attend the Spring Stated and Combined Presbytery meeting scheduled for March 29, 2025 at Chandler PC via Zoom.
- Deacons worked with Stewardship & Finance to discuss fundraising ideas and plan to sell snacks during the March 4th Avenue Street Fair. The monies raised with the fundraiser will augment the Deacons' Emergency Assistance Fund.
- Christian Education has planned a Kid Zone for the Street Fair and planned their annual Easter Brunch, Bible Story and Egg Hunt for the children.
- Trinity Presbytery Women are busy with a new Bible Study, sewing Ryan's Bears and hosting a program featuring the Pima Council for the Aging.
- Dr. Mack and the Mission Committee will plan a way to combine a churchwide mission project/fellowship combo like the bags for the homeless that are put together during the Ash Wednesday supper. Perhaps we can work with another church for a bigger project.
- Property Committee continues to fine-tune Property Use Policies and fees to be charged

for use of the Trinity facility.

- Session approved that our Treasurer, Eileen Lamse, can request from the Presbyterian Foundation the dissolution of the Frederick S. and Ruth Coleman Anderson Memorial Fund for \$4,955 that can be distributed to Trinity.
- Worship and Property Committees are looking forward to their afternoon visit with the Rev. Joseph Moore for advice about how to go about revamping the sanctuary and about possible funding streams to do so. This meeting takes place on March 30th so next month we can report to Session as a whole and to the congregation.
- The Easter Cantata will be advertised just as the Christmas Cantata was advertised. Big plans are underway for Palm Sunday and Easter worship.
- Session prayed for peace during times of stresses and strains. We asked that Christ's love be with us as we do His work.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## Spring Street Fair Highlights



Looking forward to December...with music too?

# TRINITY MILESTONES

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8 Helen Greer                      24 Lonzo Ray  
13 Rick Wickizer                24 Ward Spillers  
16 Barbara Sosna                28 Liz Barlow  
18 Lori Boston                    28 Grace Corona  
22 Gracia Alley

## MAY BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

3 Jessa Roggow                 9 Susan Casteloes  
6 Celeste Dzakpa               9 Turner Miller

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

6 Jeff & Debbie Hobbs  
14 David & Sheila Croteau  
19 Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano  
21 Barbara & Chuck Sosna

## Spring Street Fair Highlights



# TRINITY WOMEN

*The Horizon's Bible Study* meets **Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30 am in the Library.** Dr. Mack leads the study "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Siker. Nine lessons explore the "Who is Jesus?" through a theological lens of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, Abrahamic Faiths, & contemporary interpretations.

*Ryan's Bears* meets **Tuesday, April 15 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.** Everyone is welcome to help cut them out and to stuff them. Donations of fabric are always needed along with black embroidery thread, ribbon to put around their necks & buttons for their eyes, nickel size with two holes. Thank you for your help.



At the January gathering of the Trinity Women, it was decided that the money received from the sale of the figurines at Christmastime would go to the Non-Profit Sister José. The amount rounded out to \$1500. Sister José Women's Center that is located near Park and 22<sup>nd</sup> St is dedicated to the care and nurture of women experiencing homelessness in a welcoming and safe environment. They are a community built upon the values of compassion, dignity and respect. The Center offers: emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and showers, day programs, a pet-friendly environment, and case navigators.

They are committed to improving life circumstances for women who are unhoused. Please know that with the purchase of your figurine you contributed to a worthy cause.



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- ⇒ We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch on our website [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live)
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Visit our website at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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