



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL BELONG. ALL HAVE DIGNITY.



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REPORT OF THE PASTOR

"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

Dear Trinitarians,

Grace, Peace, and Compassion be to you from the God of all grace: the Trinity of love and power.

This year's annual report of the congregation comes at a time of exhaustion from pandemic rigors, a world of complex political and social upheavals, a foreboding future of climate change and its global impacts, and a time of continued cries for racial and gender justice. A year ago, the U.S. Capitol was breached by a domestic mob incited to violence. On the local level, our city of Manhattan Beach has been in the national news of Bruce's Beach and an ugly and lamentable time of racial discrimination. The cries of the poor continue to reach our ears: migrants fleeing violence and crime, those not given equal

access to housing and medical care, a crisis in the un-housed community, the radically unequal death tolls from the pandemic in communities of color, the global impact of climate change, drought, wildfires, and increasing famine.

In a time when it might be natural to want to flee such bad news and to escape to a place of willful ignorance, the command comes to us from Luke's gospel: "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon Peter's response to the command is as whiny and complaining as our own might be: "but we have been working all night and haven't caught anything."

As a congregation I sense that we are straddling the command of Jesus and the woeful response of Simon Peter. We are in a decisive place to move forward with vulnerability and risk or throw up our hands and "rest on our laurels." Most historic mainline congregations are in a similar place of uncertainty and churn. Beyond the congregations, we find a similar sense of ennui and despair in our regional and national church

bodies. Tried and true practices that have accompanied the church throughout generations seem to no longer be as impactful. We seem to not be able to decide what is important to keep and what is necessary to jettison as the ship seems about to be overtaken.

Here at Trinity, we are facing long shifting realities. Long before the pandemic, the congregation faced steep declines in giving, attendance, and community engagement. The preschool ministry of the congregation, long a central identity marker of the congregation, was suspended in September of this past year due to struggles with the pandemic, but also difficulties with staffing, funding, and mission. Two Sunday worship services were joined into one due not only to attendance but also due to the realities of funding. Ministries of formation for children and youth have become dormant. Can we weather the storm?

In the midst of the waves, I hear the clear cry of encouragement and care from our friend and brother the Christ: "Put out into the deep." The decisive response is ours. It is a response that is based on our faithful willingness to go into deeper waters to discover anew God's deep purpose for this congregation and our common ministry in this city of Manhattan Beach and the many communities where we live, learn and serve.

Last year at this time I invited you into consideration of some mission priority areas that I discerned from my intentional one-on-one conversations with the vast majority of the congregation. These insights were incorporated into a strategic plan that was presented to the congregation at our June meeting. The unexpected preschool closure necessitated a shift in many of those priority areas, but the vision remains the same: we are invited to "put into the deep" to look at how our congregation is organized and the processes that support it as well as to "put into the deep" to respond to the broader needs of our neighborhood, community and cultural milieu. The council continues to try to tackle the many challenges and opportunities that face our congregation. The closing of the preschool ministry has led to an amazing team working to discern the best use of the buildings with an eye to stabilizing the financial realities of the congregation. Much of this coming year will be devoted to that endeavor.

In this annual report, along with challenging and hard news, you will also see the good news of a year in the life of a "small but mighty" congregation. Your commitment, care and honesty lead me to believe that, with the gift of faith, we are being encouraged, invited and embraced into a mission that truly is prepared to "put into the deep." We cannot shrink from the challenge ahead because we trust the voice that calls us forward. We must live and love more boldly and, indeed, risk greatly for the greatest and most abundant catch. We have the courage, with the one who is faithful, to respond with Simon Peter, "Lord, because you say so, we will let down the nets."

I am proud to be your pastor and look forward to walking with you into the deep waters of faith, hope and love in the year ahead. Let us stay steadfast in purpose, hopeful in spirit, and eager in love. Let our hands be open in generosity lest we become too comfortable and complacent in material wealth. May our world be blessed with a peace borne of justice.

~The Rev. Douglas D. Barclay, pastor





REPORT OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



"...Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:2-5)

"Hope is not a strategy". I hear that phrase frequently at my job in healthcare IT which demands meticulous planning and torturous prioritization given the overwhelming amount of demand and the promising distractions of new and evolving technologies. Yet we sometimes revert to just hoping that something will get done, some deadline will be met, and things will fall magically into place.

"Hoping" that something will happen doesn't make it so. Early in the COVID pandemic, we hoped the disease and suffering would just disappear, thinking maybe it would subside in a matter of months.

Moving now into the third year of living with this virus, we hope for a speedy end to the latest Omicron variant surge, and closely watch the statistics to either affirm or refute these hopes.

Before Trinity's preschool ministry began to unravel, I saw the beginnings of new policies and governance that would help strengthen the challenged preschool team and hoped they would share in that vision. Ultimately, we decided to end the preschool ministry, recognizing an insurmountable hurdle of too few teachers to safely deliver on that promise to the community. We hope for our future as we approach a pivotal time in our congregation, where we look to define how we can best use the resources the Trinity founders granted to us to shape and sustain our mission.

Hope frames what we ultimately want to see in ourselves and in our world; hope is a cornerstone of our Christian tradition. "Faith, hope and love abide...."

But hope alone won't get us through the hurdles we face. We have proven to be a resilient, creative and caring community. We have approached the threat of COVID by continuing to offer online, interactive services and establishing a welcoming, outdoor setting for worship and other gatherings. While we have faith that God will guide us in our discernment, we are actively using contacts and resources to understand what options we have for our buildings and grounds to further our mission in the community. As we look for new ways to sustain and nurture existing relationships and build new ones with our neighbors and within the community, I invite you to not only hope for the change we wish to see but to create that change. With God's help and guiding hand, we can endure and accomplish all that we're called to do.

Blessings to you and your families as we navigate this time of change and uncertainty.

~Julie Castongia, Council President

PRESCHOOL CLOSURE AND FUTURE STEPS

After 50 years of providing high-quality educational and faith formation programs to preschool children in the South Bay, Trinity made the difficult decision to end its preschool ministry in October 2021. In the weeks following an emotional yet uplifting report at the June Congregational meeting, former preschool director Brittany Wilson demonstrated how difficult the strain of operating the school during the COVID pandemic along with increasing tensions among the teaching staff proved to be. With her resignation tendered weeks before the start of the new school year, and most of the teaching staff also resigning, exacerbated by a short supply of available teachers, the Council deliberated and came to the decision to close.

Meeting in person with the preschool family community to inform them of the decision was especially painful, given the timing before the start of the school year. The forum resulted in understandable tensions, but also yielded creative and collaborative conversations, where Trinity offered an interim program for those families that needed daycare in the transition to finding a permanent placement. Interim director Valerie Marquez provided amazing guidance and leadership during this transitional time, where the remaining teachers helped organize and thoroughly clean the space for a potential new opportunity, as families were able to locate alternate preschool options.

Trinity quickly formed the Ministry Partner Selection Committee (Jenni Green, Tara Humphrey, Jens Palsberg, Marie Puterbaugh and Scott Vila with Pastor Douglas and Julie Castongia) with the directive to identify and explore opportunities to use our facilities to further our ongoing mission. As we found in the weeks immediately following the closure there was considerable demand for preschool operations, the committee considered leasing the space to an existing daycare operator as a natural transition. We contracted with a local leasing agent, Woody Stahl, to help identify potential partners who would be appropriate for the space and to assist with contractual terms. An initial and formidable roadblock was almost immediately identified with city zoning ordinances, which would not allow a secular daycare facility to operate in the neighborhood. Pastor Douglas along with other congregational representatives met with city officials to more fully understand the issue and options, especially given the long-standing history of Trinity's preschool. As an alternative to more traditional leasing, the committee is now considering other ways of structuring a preschool management agreement, as well as exploring other potential options for the space as we look to meet the needs of the community while enhancing the ability to financially support Trinity's mission.

During this identification and discernment process, the committee strives to be transparent to the congregation in its findings and looks to provide ongoing updates such as the forum held after worship in December, where we openly discussed the hurdles we face with zoning. Once a direction is clearly identified, any contractual obligations and partnership will be voted on in a special congregational meeting. Thank you to the committee members who are so freely giving of their time, critical thinking, and discernment in this crucial endeavor, as well as to all Congregational members who can help with prayer, thoughtful questions, and emotional support as we forge a new path for our mission in the community.

~Julie Castongia, Council President



FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TREASURER REPORT



Trinity's fiscal year (FY) runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Planning for the following fiscal year begins in March with guidance and input from the Council, Pastor and Staff. Intermediate drafts are reviewed by the Council throughout the budget development process. Budget forums are held in June to solicit and incorporate congregational input. The final proposed budget is presented for approval at the June congregational meeting.

Key assumptions for the FY 2020-2021 budget were:

- Senior Pastor starts August 1, 2020.
- Offering budget held steady at the moderately optimistic assumption of \$312.5K informed by the offering at complete of the two prior years: \$301.5K for FY 2018-2019 and \$291.4K for FY 2019-2020.
- Phased preschool re-opening July 6 with necessary but cost inefficient pandemic related licensing flowdown of classroom and staffing requirements. Reduced hours (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) to mitigate increased cost of pandemic staff mixing restrictions.
- Music, youth minister and administrative staffing held at steady level from prior year.
- Property cleaning & supplies increased 75% (\$12K) due to pandemic protocols.
- Resultant \$88K overall net income deficit judged appropriate/acceptable in context of substantial liquid assets, preschool enrollment strength despite pandemic, and expected increased energy associated with a new Senior Pastor.

Key events contributing to FY 2020-2021 actuals at complete were:

- **\$101K unbudgeted PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan forgiveness** translated directly to bottom line net income.
- Moderately optimistic offering budget assumption not borne out - resulted in an **\$87K (28%) offering shortfall**. Offering decline accelerated rather than improving relative to prior year results (3.5% FY 18/19 shortfall followed by 6.8% FY 19/20 shortfall relative to same \$312.5K offering budget).
- **\$153K Preschool net income overperformance** relative to a \$7K budgeted deficit. Principal components of overperformance were \$50K tuition/fees overperformance, \$30K unbudgeted grants/FFRCA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) income; \$36K enrichment/music/snacks and \$14K labor expense not actualized due to pandemic protocols.

Analysis of Actuals vs Budget Results:

- **Overall Net Income was \$124K**, (see "FY 2020-2021 Net Income Actuals" chart) resulting from positive preschool net income (\$147K) significantly exceeding the general fund deficit (\$23K).
- **Resultant at complete net income of \$124K vs. \$88K budgeted deficit** represents a swing of \$212K of actuals from plan.
- This \$212K swing combines an **income overperformance of \$70K with an expense underrun of \$143K**.
 - Major components of **income overperformance of \$70K** were:
 - Offering: \$87K less than budget.
 - Other General Fund Income: \$70K more than budget. Unbudgeted \$101K PPP

loan forgiveness offset by no income from non-actualized events such as Pepperbellies and little facility use income.

- Preschool: \$87K more than budget. Major components were tuition (\$40K), unbudgeted grants/FFCRA (\$30K), other fees/fundraisers (\$17K).

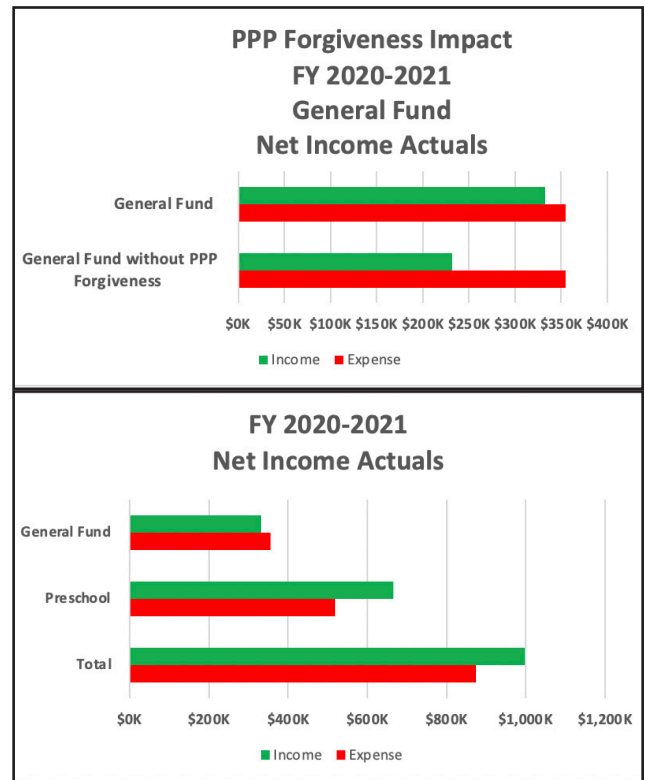
○ Major components of the **expense underrun of \$143K** were:

- Discipleship - 6 vs 12 months Youth Minister, no activities (\$21K).
- Generous Giving - No Pepperbellies, less mission support (\$19K).
- Parish Administration - No directory or synod gathering, less copies/supplies, etc. (\$9K)
- Property - miscellaneous non-actualized maintenance/projects (\$9K).
- Worship & Music, Evangelizing Church miscellaneous (\$14K).
- Senior Pastor started one half month late and underrun of non-salary expenses offset by move expenses more than budgeted (\$4K).
- Preschool expense underrun; major components per above (\$66K).

Summary: The \$124K net income realized vs. the budgeted \$88K deficit components consists of the unbudgeted PPP loan forgiveness (\$101K) and preschool grant/FFCRA (\$30K) income, preschool tuition/fee overperformance (\$50K) combined with non-actualized preschool expenses (\$66K) and non-actualized general fund expenses (\$76K) offset by the offering shortfall (\$87K) and non-actualized general fund other income (\$32K).

Future Implications: Applicability of the FY 2020-2021 financials to future year budgets is limited because going forward significant components of this FY (Preschool, PPP loan, grants/FFCRA) will not be present. As an illustrative example, the chart "PPP Forgiveness Impact FY 2020-2021 General Fund Net Income Actuals" shows what this FY General Fund results would have been without the \$101K PPP Loan forgiveness. On the other hand, the accelerating offering income decline continuing this FY is real and must be comprehensively addressed.

~Evelyn Rollins, Treasurer



2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget vs Actuals

	Annual Budget	At Complete	\$ Over / (Under)
Income			
Offering	\$ 312,500	\$ 225,696	\$ (86,804)
Other Income	\$ 37,150	\$ 106,657	\$ 69,507
Tuition	\$ 543,941	\$ 583,703	\$ 39,762
Other Preschool	\$ 35,250	\$ 82,411	\$ 47,161
Total Income	\$ 928,841	\$ 998,467	\$ 69,626
Expenses			
Senior Pastor	\$ 80,626	\$ 72,909	\$ (7,717)
Sr Pastor Transitional	\$ 21,645	\$ 25,670	\$ 4,025
Worship & Music	\$ 51,300	\$ 43,840	\$ (7,460)
Generous Giving	\$ 56,700	\$ 37,433	\$ (19,267)
Discipleship	\$ 31,308	\$ 10,166	\$ (21,143)
Evangelizing Church	\$ 7,100	\$ 347	\$ (6,753)
Parish Admin	\$ 62,728	\$ 53,452	\$ (9,276)
Property	\$ 119,716	\$ 110,953	\$ (8,763)
Preschool	\$ 585,722	\$ 519,229	\$ (66,493)
Total Expense	\$ 1,016,845	\$ 874,000	\$ (142,845)
Net Income	\$ (88,004)	\$ 124,467	\$ 212,471

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND LITURGY



The French have a phrase “raison d’être” that means an individual’s or a group’s “reason to be.” As a church our main reason to be is to worship: to confess our sins, be assured of forgiveness, and to assure others that they are forgiven, to give praise to God, to pray, to hear the word of God, and proclaim the Gospel, to learn from all of the above, and to share the sacraments – the Lord’s supper, and holy baptism. Each of those things are the “to do” list of the “work of the people” or liturgy. And by doing those things, and applying our calling as “little Christs” we give witness that in this place there is a people who prioritize a Eucharistic life – that is, a life of thanksgiving to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

In the last year the worship life of this congregation has “carried on” during very difficult times. We have done our best to remain faithful and observant even during a global pandemic. Just think, it was only in the recent season of Advent that after being here for over a year, our pastor was able to lead Sunday worship in our sanctuary – and we as a people were able to worship in our sanctuary.

So what transpired in the meanwhile? When Pastor Douglas arrived at Trinity we were only on Zoom – together but isolated – and “gathering” electronically to “carry on.” That is challenging for any church, let alone for a Lutheran church so steeped in liturgy and music and participation.

From the beginning, Pastor Douglas helped with on-line “presiding” and excellent sermons to take on more of a feeling of being “in church.” We carried on... Sometimes we used our own musical resources and we were able to borrow or share from available recordings.

A year ago on Christmas we had a “Parking Lot Mass” on Christmas Eve that was a unique and loving celebration of one of the three high festivals of the church year. If Mary could have a baby in a stable, we could have a liturgy in a parking lot. Those leading the service were masked and distanced. We even had a beautiful Gospel procession into the midst of the people complete with incense symbolizing “the sweet smell of the Gospel going out to the four corners of the earth.” Holy communion was later brought by “curb service” to the cars. The congregation had Zoomed in or driven into the parking lot mass where it only seemed like we were parked. But the truth is we were “in gear” and moving forward.

Whoever would have thought that we’d return to that parking lot to celebrated Easter. But we did – again with brass and celebration and Easter joy! From their cars and at home people could sing along with a festive liturgy. And, although “parked” again, we were moving forward.

Finally came a season of “in-person” opportunity under a canopy of trees, outdoors, behind the church. It brought us together in a new way – We “adapted” and in some ways got to know each other better in the sharing of Word and Sacrament. Perhaps that is yet another function of liturgy. We had participants of all ages and even squirrels. For the Fourth of July we had additional musicians from the community, including several singers from Mira Costa High School.

Now, a year later, we are back in our “place set aside” – our sanctuary. I am reminded after our recent rains, that the first thing Noah and his family did when they could step out on dry land was to build an altar to give thanks to God and affirm their and our *raison d’être* – to live lives of thanksgiving. What a joy this year to prepare for the celebration of the coming of Christ inside – with our altar and font and lectern and musical instruments and togetherness. (Even if it was and is “togetherness with caution” – but caution from care, not fear. We could truly say with the psalmist “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord.”

Exciting things have been happening. People are working on lovingly dressing the altar, and preparing the communion table. And what a joy to see pastor working with “kids” on various duties – like acolyting, and being crucifer, and reading.

The choir has worked hard – and led services inside, outside, and all around. We have new choir members, new worship assistants, new tasks for people of all ages and new experiences for young musicians, and seasoned ones as well. Bach wrote at the end of many of his works the Latin words “*Soli Deo Gloria*” – to the glory of God alone! We move forward to the glory of God alone.

On the first Sunday after Christmas I had lunch with Linda Darnier. Linda was a senior flight attendant with United Airlines and longtime member of Trinity. She told me that she had brought some of her flight attendant friends with her to church on Christmas Eve. She said “They loved the service.” And commented on the music “.... when I heard that singing with the organ and harp I felt like I had gone to heaven.” In fact, her “flight to heaven” would come on the following Saturday. She had spent her last days, as we must spend all of our days – sharing the Gospel, giving thanks, and seeing heaven before us. That is the goal of our liturgy and music.

~James Koenig, Director of Music and Liturgy

ALTAR GUILD

Ten Small Things, this is the book Pastor Douglas recommended to the Council for Devotions in September 2021. I was really taken by the title. I wish to paraphrase the statement. There are no small things if people will receive and use it. It may make a difference. Pastor used the parable “The Mustard Seed,” for discussion. This is one way I found Pastor helped us through the pandemic. It helped me focus and be more insightful. Altar Guild is one of my responsibilities to the congregation. Altar Guild took on a new look worshiping outside under the trees. We grew in numbers as Altar Guild with the help of Kathy Wright and Pastor Douglas. I wish to thank them for their faithfulness. As we have moved into the church, I also wish to thank Altar Guild for keeping us going in worship and communion. We also clean and keep things orderly.

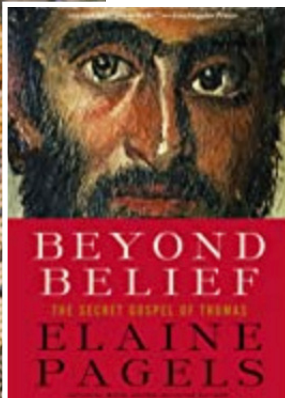
Altar Guild provides flowers for worship at Easter and Christmas to help provide a more pleasant worship atmosphere. We will be taking requests for flowers soon for Easter.

Keeping in touch with others has been instrumental in my continuing to better serve you. I hosted several people from church and neighbors on Dec. 15th for a Christmas cookie sharing, food and music.

~Geraldine Jaffe



SCRIPTURE STUDY



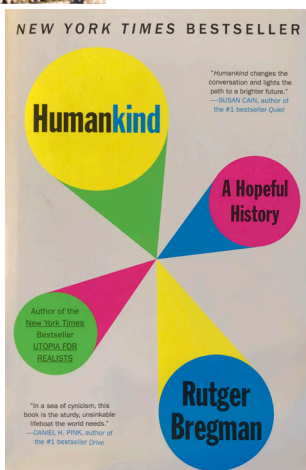
Monday bible study continued strong all year with Zoom meetings to help keep everyone safe. We started the year at the end of the Bible, with an open minded and historical look at the Book of Revelation assisted by *Revelation & the End of All Things*, by Craig R. Koester. Next, we took an in depth look at the Gospel of Mark, watching a video portrayal of the Gospel story performed by Dr. Philip L. Ruge-Jones. We finished out the year looking outside the canonical books of the bible, studying the Secret Gospel of Thomas (also a favorite topic of our dearly departed Dick May), using Elaine Pagels *Beyond Belief* and the *New New Testament*, edited by Hal Taussig. It was an eye-opening study, with some participants doing research on their own to supplement the readings and conversations. We even listened to talks by Elaine Pagels to supplement what we read.

~Bob Froehlig

KEENAGERS

Keenagers met once a month for all of 2021, taking Jul/Aug off for summer. Keenagers provided a \$500 scholarship. Our highlights were visiting MB Museum of art in November and meeting at the Jaffe house for lunch, holiday music and cookie exchange in December.

~Susan Lincoln



BOOK GROUP

Trinity's Book Group, first announced in September 2020, grew and flourished into July of 2021. We read a book each month or two with a mission to learn something new. We read individually and met via Webex the first Thursday of each month to talk about what interested us. Participants got to know each other better as we shared and considered different points of view. The group read a range of genres from a novel to auto-biographical works to heavier, non-fiction tomes. Favorite editions from 2021 included *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson and *Humankind: A Hopeful History* by Rutger Bregman.

~Jenni Green

MINISTRY SUPPORT/BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thanks to a group of committed volunteers (including those loyal, weekly Saturday "Spruce Up" helpers!), 2021 again marked significant progress in terms of Trinity campus improvements and maintenance. Noteworthy projects included:

Church & Preschool Grounds: electrical repairs, cleaning, and floor space re-arrangement to ready our Sanctuary for return to service; on-going service maintenance (heating, plumbing, lighting);



preventative Sanctuary & Admin Building roof repairs; professional organ maintenance; new Director of Music office space; review & clean-up of all church closet and attic storage areas; creation of new 2nd floor classroom space via wall build; total reorg of parking lot tool shed (John Palsberg's Eagle Project); Easter and Advent/Christmas decorations.

Coming Up: re-engage working group reviewing options for full replacement of Sanctuary Roof; Parsonage maintenance/repairs; arborist review/plan for all campus trees.

~Wolf Heim

FOSTER FAMILY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Dec 11th we held the 20th annual Foster Kid Party. The 2021 party was held live at Trinity with over 100 people in attendance including over 30 volunteers. The volunteers were: Trinity members, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and a few students from Westchester Lutheran who participated in setting things up, wrapping presents, crafts, and preparing a light snack-lunch. We shortened the party but I think the snowball fight, temporary tattoos, photo booth and Santa were the big hits.

~Kathy Gerds Wright



SANDWICH MINISTRY

Trinity continued its mission of delivering sack lunches weekly to St. John Lutheran in Gardena for distribution on Sundays. Demand in the community proved greater this year, and Pastor Maria Paiva reached out to us early in 2021 to request 50% more lunches, making our weekly count move from 50 to 75. We extend a special thanks to our dedicated volunteers (Susan Lincoln, Linda Darnier, Paige Rinnert, Joanne Traynor, Bob and Barbara Johnson) who make the sandwiches and pack the lunch bags and have introduced the program to other neighbors and volunteers. And a huge shout-out to Bob Black, who makes sure the lunches are consistently delivered on time to our partners at St. John.

~Julie Castongia

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Trinity Council started the term with a Council Retreat at the Parsonage where we reviewed planned strategic growth initiatives that were presented at the previous Congregational meeting. Main areas of focus include Faith Formation, Social Justice, Governance, Congregational Giving, Physical Property and Promotion and Publicity. Goals were organized with specific time horizons, including ongoing, short-term (1 year), mid-term (1 – 3 years) and long term (5 years). While some of the initial plans will need to be reshaped due to the preschool ministry suspension, we are pleased to report that many short-term items, such as the confirmation program, new website development, and review of governing documents are underway to help strengthen our educational and administrative underpinnings to further advance our ministries. We welcome your contributions of time and talent to any of these directional work areas.



QUILT AND CRAFT GROUPS

Formerly the Trinity Quilt Group, we renamed the organization to the Quilt and Craft Groups. Since 2018, a group of quilters has met about once a month at Trinity. They have donated quilts for the Foster kid's party and starting in 2019 we made small quilts, crocheted shawls and prayer pockets for use at Trinity. To date we have given away 40 items and have another 40 that just need labels.

~Kathy Gerds Wright

PEPPERBELLIES

More than \$9000 was generated to support inner city scholarships in the Los Angeles area – as well as lots of fun – at our 2021 Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair Pepperbelly Booth. Over 150 volunteer shifts were worked by Trinity's members and friends, New City Parish members and friends, Narbonne High School and Public Service Community School students.

The Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair went virtual in 2020 due to the pandemic, which made 2020 the first year in over 40 years that there was no Trinity Pepperbelly Booth on the first weekend of October. This year, the Fair resumed, and Trinity was one of a small number of food booths permitted to operate. Health Department pandemic-related rules capped our workers per shift to half the usual number, and but our group met the challenge and more! We were enthusiastically welcomed back by the community at our traditional (prime) location directly across from the Beer Garden.

If you've never had a Pepperbelly or volunteered at the booth or behind the scenes at the church, don't miss out next October – come join us!

~Paul Levin & Evelyn Rollins, Pepperbelly Co-Chairs



TRINITY MILESTONES

Michele Rogers joined together in holy matrimony with Stephen Kennedy on 09-18-2021 in Saratoga, California. We celebrated the life of Linda Darner who passed away on 01-02-22.



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