

TRINITY CHURCH - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
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## Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday!

With all this snow on the ground it's hard to remember that Easter is right around the corner! Palm Sunday, April 1st, all kids will be invited to take part in the Worship Service by leading some of the music. Meet in the lobby that morning for instructions. 1st-5th graders will remain in the service for its entirety.

Sunday, April 8th is Easter Sunday, a wonderful celebration of Jesus' resurrection! All kids will remain in the Worship Service for Easter to celebrate with their families and the entire church body. Activity packets will be available.

We look forward to celebrating Jesus' sacrifice for us and resurrection with you and your family this year!



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BLAST 45 serves kids at Children's Lunchbox in Muldoon!

## 30 Minute Service - March 25

Serve as a family others in the community...anyone can do it!

Sunday, March 25th is our annual 30-Minute Service! Worship at Trinity at 10:30am (normal time) to be sent out to serve Anchorage in many different ways. Some options are serving cookies and cocoa to folks at a park, grab another family from Trinity and invite a family outside of Trinity to lunch, set up a play date with some kids from Trinity and some who aren't, make a meal with another family from Trinity and deliver it to someone in need. The possibilities are endless!

Contact Megan Holliday for more ideas or info on how to sign up!



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## Events to Look Forward To:

Check out what's going on for parents and kids this month & beyond...

### 1. 30 Minute Service

Sunday, March 25th from 10:30am - 12pm. Serve folks in Anchorage with folks from Trinity.

### 2. BLAST 45

BLAST 45 is our service & social group for 4th & 5th graders. We meet (usually) on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month to do a variety of service & social activities.

Friday, March 30-Saturday, March 31st - RETREAT!

Meet at Trinity at 6pm to go to Birchwood Camp in Chugiak for an overnight trip of outdoor fun. RSVP to Megan by Monday, March 26th. Cost is \$50. Pick up back at Trinity at 5pm on Saturday.

Sunday, April 1st - Dinner for Pastors

Meet at Trinity at 4pm to take dinner over to Tom & Tammy's house and share it with them. Cost is \$10. Pick up back at Trinity at 6pm.

### 3. Date Night

Go out on the town (or stay in!) and we'll watch the kids for the evening!

Friday, March 23rd, 6-9pm is our next Date Night. Cost is \$8 and all proceeds will go to Huffman Elementary School. Register online at [www.trinityalaska.org](http://www.trinityalaska.org) by Thursday, March 22nd.

### 4. Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 1st  
1st-5th grade in the service  
Good Friday - April 6th, 7pm  
Childcare through 3rd grade  
Easter Sunday - April 8th  
All kids in Worship Service



Introducing...

Megan Holliday,  
Director of Community Outreach

A year ago the Personnel Team began working with Pastor Tom Letts and Megan Holliday to develop a newly formed job description for Megan's position as Director of Children's Ministry. As they worked through the time spent on daily tasks, it was clear her position had expanded beyond Children's Ministry. Other tasks and projects Megan has been working on over the last few years fit into a new category, Director of Community Outreach.

We celebrate that this addition of a new title on Megan's door comes out of Megan's heart and passions. The natural work in her week already taking place made this an especially sweet change. She will continue to be the Director of Children's Ministry, of course, with the new title as a clarification of what Megan actually does.

Megan Holliday has been partnering with Megan Tompkins (the Outreach Elder) on a variety of initiatives to continue to grow Trinity's involvement in loving our neighbors in the Anchorage bowl. This is an exciting time for us!

In addition to her added title, Megan has begun a Masters program through Fuller Theological Seminary. She will be working toward an MA in Global Leadership (could also be called an MA in the Missional Church). We look forward to seeing how God will use her education to further His purposes at Trinity.

Please join us, the session, in welcoming Megan to her new position on staff!

Trinity Town Hall  
Sunday, April 1st  
Immediately After Worship!



Sunday, April 1st immediately after worship will be a Town Hall to cover topics including Children's Ministry. The Children's Ministry Team has noticed a few topics we feel necessary to cover with the congregation - especially parents. A children's activity (not just a movie) and lunch for the kids will be provided. The meeting will be under an hour.

While we, of course, can't require that you attend, we ask you to do your best to find the time to be there. We are excited about some new things coming up for Children's Ministry and want you to be informed. We also have some decisions to make that can't be made without YOUR input.

If there is anything else we can do to make attending easier for your family, please don't hesitate to contact Children's Ministry.

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Parents,

As you are well aware, Trinity has a long history of wonderful summer programs for children. Vacation Bible School (or Kids Fun Week as it's now called) has been a tradition for us and something the surrounding community looks forward to.

Recent changes in the culture at Trinity and the culture around us has led the Children's Ministry Team to reevaluate the way we put on summer activities for kids. We've tried many new things like changing the name of the program, trying new locations, new times, new curriculum and other little things. Each new experiment brings more understanding to what may or may not work for us.

Another significant change we've noticed is in the availability and willingness of Trinity's community to participate in summer children's activities as volunteers. We don't believe this is a symptom of indifference toward the spiritual development of kids, rather we hope it's an indicator that the time commitment is inconvenient for most adults at Trinity and also that the format/style of the program isn't exciting for adults.

This led us to ask the question, "If folks at Trinity really care about kids (which they do) and they aren't volunteering for activities, what could we do to get adults excited about spending some time mentoring kids as we all grow in faith together?" Another way to say it is, "What are people at Trinity passionate about and how can we connect that passion to kids?"

We think we found one thing (although not the only thing) that a lot of adults at Trinity are passionate about - The Fine Arts. We also think we've come up with a really cool way to connect these natural passions and talents to kids in a way that can grow all of our faith and engage our community as well!

Here's the idea: Rather than have a 5-day, 9am-12pm program over a week in the summer, we are going to have a 4-week in the evening Fine Arts program for families. Every Tuesday in June families can come to Trinity from 6:30-8:30pm to engage in some sort of Fine Arts activity (piano, painting, ceramics, instrument lessons, singing, drama, music tech, graphic design, art education, etc.). We will have an opening time of a Bible lesson, some Small Group Time (as families or other small groups) to build on the lesson and apply it to life, 45 minutes to 1 hour of Fine Arts time, and a closing. The theme of the Fine Arts Summer Series, as it will be called, will be God-given creativity and worship through all means.

We are SO excited to see how this next phase in summer activities for families will grow the faith of all involved and introduce new people to a God who loves them so much and has given us all creativity and talents.

Registration will be available beginning April 1st and continue through the event. Sign up for a series of a class, a new class each week or a combination. Come when you can and feel free to move about your life in a way that fits your family best.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Fine Arts Summer Series!