



**HOLY TRINITY**  
BY THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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Dear Holy Trinity Family,

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul states that “as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given us.”

God gives us talents, skills, and spiritual gifts for the good of the whole body of Christ and we are instructed to offer these gifts freely just as we have received them. This aligns so well with our 2024 Stewardship Campaign – Building Our Community – Together. The definition of community is a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. While I am sure this definition is technically accurate, I also think of community as the place I feel I belong and where I want to contribute and share my time and talents for the betterment of all.

As Sr. Warden, I have seen our members at Holy Trinity by the Lake share their unique gifts to serve our various ministries that are needed to support our services and our church operations. I have also seen excitement regarding the Heath July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade as we prepared our float and walked the parade. I have seen your generosity in giving financially with pledging and with fundraising for special projects like the Organ and the Youth’s Summer Mission Trip. As Rockwall/Heath and our surrounding communities experience population growth, the needs of our neighbors within our community are also increasing. Some examples of how we have been able to help other in 2023 due to your generosity are:

- Donations to charitable organizations such as Women in Need, Helping Hands, Forney Food Pantry, Lone Star Casa, Empower 7 and the Boys and Girls Club.
- Sponsorship of 5 youth in our Diocese to attend All Saints Summer Camp.
- Making sandwiches for Austin Street Shelter every quarter
- The Youth packing meals for Feed My Starving Children
- The DOK collecting toiletries in May for Helping Hands
- The Youth participating in the Chow Drive for Rockwall Adoption Center

As we look forward to 2024, we want to do more and we need your help. We want to be able to continue to offer new programs that benefit our current and future members. We want to be able to help our neighbors when asked. We want to be able to provide our share to the Diocese of Dallas to help with their operations and work. We want to continue to be a beacon in the community – a place where others can go for help and to belong.

I ask that you prayerfully consider how you will share what God has given to you whether it be financially, your time, and/or your talents to help build our Holy Trinity by the Lake community but also to allow us to continue our outreach to others.

Sincerely,



Karen King  
Sr. Warden 2023