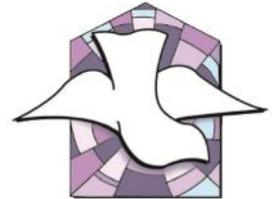


APRIL 2016

THE VISITOR



A newsletter for Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, Oregon

PLU Sunday

April 3 is PLU Sunday!

Celebrate and lift up higher education at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma Washington. Check out the information available at the table in the narthex.

Wear PLU apparel or the school colors of black and gold to show your Lute spirit!

Go Lutes!



Trinity congregation - Thank you all for the many contributions that enhanced our Holy Week and Easter celebration.

Thankoffering

Women of the
ELCA

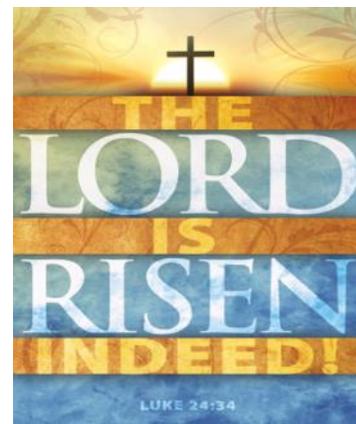
"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."
- Women of the ELCA Constitution

During the month of April, Trinity Lutheran Church women will be collecting money for the annual WELCA Thankoffering.

Stamped envelopes will be available for all women to use for offerings of thankfulness. Any amount is useful and welcomed.

Did you know that the concept of thank offering celebrations date back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans? It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, and of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us.

The offerings will be collected April 24 and sent to WELCA headquarters for the ministries of Women of the ELCA throughout the church at large.



Council Meeting Update

Highlights from March 16, 2016

Devotion: by Pastor Dave

Financial Reports: Sally Davies and Janet Brunner will also be exploring the possibility of generating a Cash Flow report through our current software QuickBooks which could provide an easier to follow presentation of our income vs expense balance. The past several years of giving were also discussed. Motion to approve February financials was made by Jon Uusitalo, seconded by Tammy Bird, and passed. A prayer for guidance in our finances and outreach was extended by Jon.

A special donation has been made to cover the cost of carpeting the offices, scheduled for the beginning of April.

Committee Reports:

Transition Team- Team members have been meeting during the past month discussing next steps in the pastoral transition process. The team is recommending an investigatory meeting with Jim Pence, Walkalong Consulting, to assess where we are as a congregation and if we have the capacity to do a succession planning model and if so, the best timing for the entire process. Cliff met with the Endowment Team on February 21st, highlighting the financial need for the consultant services and requesting financial support from the Endowment Team/Fund. Subsequent to his presentation, the Endowment Team approved \$1,000 for the initial contact with Jim Pence which will help to evaluate if we are a good fit for his services.

Jim Pence was contacted and will be coming to Trinity on April 18th to meet with Pastor Dave, staff, and a cross section of members. He will be conducting numerous interviews and will then make a presentation to the Council on April 19th on his observations and recommendations, providing a proposal, cost, and what he can do for us. If the consultant services are approved by the Council, funding sources will need to be identified as this expense is not budgeted. Cliff will be speaking with the Endowment Team again (March 20th), as well as the congregation and other church groups, to request financial support should the decision be made to proceed with Dr. Pence's services.

It will be an active year for the Transition Team and church. There will potentially be two workshops, one possibly during the summer. Surveys will be conducted. Applications for the call committee to select a new pastor are tentatively scheduled for early in Spring, 2017.

Constitution/By-Laws –A congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, for approval of the updated TLC Constitution/By-laws. After discussion, a motion to accept will be requested, with a 50% vote of those present locking the document. Ratification will occur at a later specially called meeting, possibly in June.

Imagine-Above and Beyond – A draft brochure was shared. A seminar on Wills and Estate Planning by Lane Shettlerly and Advanced Directives by Dr. Bob Davies is scheduled for the evening of April 10th. Other activities are schedule for May. Pastor Dave will be conducting Financial Peace classes for staff at Dallas Retirement Village. He also requires the class in his pre-marital counseling. Sally Davies is available for financial coaching.

Old Business:

Request from Grace Co-Op (Home School/ TLC classroom usage) - This was previously in discussion mode only and will not be happening. The proposal fell through.

New Business:

Youth Group Mission 2016 – The church Youth Group will be traveling to San Francisco the last week in July. Chuck and Lisa Sekafetz, accompanied by Pastor Dave, will be leading the group. Coordination for the mission trip is being made with Pelican Ministries, a non-denominational Christian mission organization. The Youth Group will be having a garage sale in early July to supplement their funds.

Sunday School – Pastor Dave has discussed the possibility of changes in the Sunday School teaching structure with Jamie Anderson. A meeting will be scheduled after Easter with parents/families of Sunday School age children to exchange ideas of how to best provide this critical sharing of God’s love and caring. Involvement of the parents is being encouraged (e.g. rotation of teachers, a co-op , etc.)

Synod Assembly- Synod Assembly is scheduled for the weekend of April 29-May 1, 2016. Carol Christ will be going as a delegate, in addition to Pastor Dave.



The meeting was closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Prayerfully submitted – Beverlee Linn, Council Secretary

Financial Update

Sally Davies, Financial Manager

| | 2013 Year End | 2014 Year End | 2015 Year End | 2015 January | 2015 February | 2015 Year to date |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund Income | \$305,531 | \$332,123 | \$330,785 | \$27,357 | \$26,465 | \$53,822 |
| Special Donation | \$31,782 | \$22,866 | \$7,781 | \$3,216 | | \$3,216 |
| Total Income | \$337,313 | \$354,989 | \$338,566 | \$30,573 | \$26,465 | \$57,038 |
| | | | | | | |
| Expenses | \$349,817 | \$353,161 | \$351,293 | \$25,973 | \$24,676 | \$50,649 |
| Principal Payment | | | \$20,631 | \$2,255 | \$3,786 | \$6,041 |
| Total Expenses | \$349,817 | \$373,985 | \$371,924 | \$28,228 | \$28,462 | \$56,690 |
| Profit/Loss | -\$12,504 | -\$18,996 | -\$33,358 | \$2,345 | -\$1,997 | \$348 |
| | | | | | | |
| My Stake Donation | | | \$291,439 | \$2,925 | \$5,455 | \$8,380 |
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As always, if you have any questions concerning the finances, feel free to contact me.

Sally Davies

Financial Manager

sallydallastlc@gmail.com

Love God, Love Others

Oregon Synod of ELCA Assembly

April 29-May 1

Carol Christ and Pastor Dave will attend the Oregon Synod Assembly. Carol will serve as a delegate on behalf of Trinity.

The Assembly will be held Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

The theme for the 2016 Assembly will be: “Back to the Future: Which wert and art.” Or, “What does it take to travel from yesterday into tomorrow? How do we as children of the Reformation keep our eyes on tomorrow?”

Delegates, visitors and guests who attend the assembly participate in worship Bible studies, conversation and business sessions. Last year approximately 345 individuals from around Oregon attended.

Resolutions may be presented at the assembly, and the 2016 budget will be voted on. Reports by synod officials and churchwide representative will be presented.

Please talk to Pastor Dave if you would like to attend the Assembly as a delegate or visitor.

Additional details about the 2016 assembly may be found at www.oregonsynod.org.

Building Maintenance

Steve Large

Thanks to all who worked to clean up the church before Easter Sunday. And a big thank you to all who donated flowers and worked so hard to decorate the church for the Easter season. The church looked beautiful.

If you would like to give some of your time to the church, let me know. There are always "extras" that need to be done.

Serve God, Serve Others

Prayer tree ministry

There are times in our lives when we need special prayers for a friend, neighbor or loved one. The prayer tree quickly sends prayer requests via phone calls or email. If you want prayers or would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Michael Pelzer 503.831.0993 or by email at jimmichaele@yahoo.com.

Please continue to hold these people in your prayers:

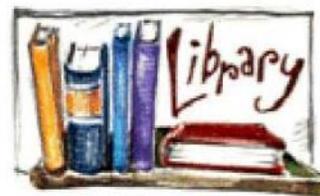
The family and friends of David and Eileen Holmes, Sandi Grewe, Dick Kindwall, Buck Buchanan, the Lyman family, the Southwick family, Ron Lines, Walter Boss, Bill Pfancook, Sam Cates, Terri Waller, Ken Jacobson, Barbara Gust, Bill Slack, Dolly Thielsen, Francie Simons, Joyce Frank, Jim Coates, Virginia Miller, Bob Flugum, Lloyd Graven, Shawn Howard, Erman Mays

Those dealing with health issues— Judy Utter, Ardene Barnhart, Mary Nell Hamilton, Kacy Bliss, Jamie Bellinger, Greg Thompson, Willie Reindl, Brian Zaglauer, David Holmes, Fred Walter, Austin Lee, Jeri Joule, Chuck Graham, Josh Kibbey

Those who are recovering—Jeff Scott, Eldon and Lois Stolpe, Ed Straka, Richard Fenwick, Thelma Coates, Margaret Boss, Kirk Mathews, Dorothy Larson, Sharon Engliem, Mike McAllister

We offer prayers of blessing and thankfulness— The baptism of Olivia Grady, John Collins, Lillie Fisher and Griffin Frazier, the confirmation of Mathew Sleeper and Matisyn Robischon, for the “My Stake in Trinity campaign,” for our missionary, Lancelot Themba, and for Polk Community Free Clinic.





Here is just a sampling of new selections available for your reading pleasure.

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi
This was Faith and Grace Book Group's selection for February and is one of my all-time favorite books. Qureshi's story is about his unexpected journey from Islam to Christianity. The author's style is captivating and reads like a mystery. You will learn the similarities and differences between the Gospel and Islam while experiencing the home-life of a loving Muslim family. Perhaps, in the process, your Christian faith will be strengthened.

Kitty, My Rib by E. Jane Mall

Katharina von Bora's and Martin Luther's paths crossed when she was 24 and living in a Cistercian monastery. It sounds like an unlikely story, but she wrote to Luther to ask him to smuggle her and twelve nuns out of the monastery. He did just that by hiding them in herring barrels in the back of a cart. That was just the beginning of their relationship and a more than twenty year marriage. This is historical fiction and will give you insight into the life and struggles of a great married couple.

Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers
by Anne LaMott

Think of this as an inspirational primer for prayer as only LaMott can convey. "Help" is the prayer we issue when we are at the end of our rope and desperate, when we're finally ready to give up control. The "Thanks" prayer may be an expression of relief, gratitude, or appreciation for God's favor. "Wow" is just that, amazement and wonder at life's every day mysteries and miracles. She sums it all up in the "Amen" chapter, how prayer doesn't change God, but changes us.

Faith and Grace Book Group

This is an open group that gathers in the TLC library at 2:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 5 at 2:30 p.m.

April's book for discussion is ***Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*** by Kenneth Haugk and is described as, "A much needed guide for giving people comfort."

Please join the discussion!

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

The Appalachian Trail is more than 2100 miles from Maine to Georgia. Bryson decided the hike would be a remedy to counteract his many years of "waddlesome sloth" on the sofa. He recruited an old friend to join him, an out-of-shape and recovering alcoholic. Together with a hiker named Mary Ellen who leeches onto them early in the hike, they create a funny and educational travelogue, a mixture of Mark Twain and Billy Crystal.

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

In this historical fiction novel, Elizabeth Keckley a former slave, is a woman with strength, religious faith, compassion, and skill. Keckley became an integral part of the Lincoln family inner circle as their seamstress. Through her eyes we see Lincoln's presidency, the Lincoln children, Mrs. Lincoln's insecurities and collapse upon the death of her husband, as well as Civil War history. The reader also learns of scandals and motives behind events that ended the long and dear friendship between Mary Todd Lincoln and Keckley. Are you hooked yet?

Until next time . . .

Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.

Vera Nazarian (American author of fantasy and science fiction)



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From the Crummy by Tod Brostrom

This year our annual March family trip took us to Alaska to celebrate Brit's birthday, our anniversary and we wanted to see the start of the Iditarod. (This is a sled dog race of more than 1,000 miles.) The ceremonial start is in downtown Anchorage which is where we attended, along with several thousand other people. And yes, I heard they hauled snow in! But what nobody else heard was that it snowed the night before and also, this was the fifth or seventh time snow was hauled to the downtown start. Also, not heard much was that the course north to Nome was snowy and perfect. Best ever!

Anyway, we had "behind the scene" passes given to us by a parent of one of Brit's students, so we got to walk through the back streets and get up close as they set up. Each team is introduced, then they race off and out of town. Every five minutes the next teams are introduced, then off they go. Over 80 teams take awhile, so we got to see the teams setting up. Those dogs are amazing. They travel the 1,000 miles in

under ten days. And the musher tends to his other dogs throughout the race while riding on a 2'x2' pad, basically the same distance as from here to Wyoming!

While walking the side streets we stopped to talk to a man who was helping with a team that was waiting their turn to go. We couldn't really understand him, he sounded Norwegian or something. We needed Jim Nestingen along to interpret! So we just moved on and looked at other teams. As we worked our way back to the starting line to see Lance Mackey get introduced, we saw that man with the hard to understand language go by on the sled and the announcer said, "Now welcome two-time Iditorod champion from Norway, Robert Sorlie!" Hey, that's the guy we were trying to talk to! Ha, that was funny. We had no idea who we were talking to. This probably happens more than we know. Hope I don't do that to Jesus someday!



Hospitality Week in Polk County

April 10-17—Churches and community members of Polk County will host up to four families who are without a permanent address at Christ's Church in Monmouth.

Christ's Church will take the lead offering space for meals and sleeping and providing welcoming hosts and meals.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer. Help is needed preparing a meal, spending time with the families, helping to set up or clean up after they leave.

Contact Christ's Church at
503.838.1724.

Relay for Life of Polk County Spaghetti Feed and Auction

Friday, April 8
at Christ's Church 412 W
Clay St, Monmouth

Food and silent auction
begin at 5 pm. Outcry
auction begins at 7 pm
Live music
\$5 per meal

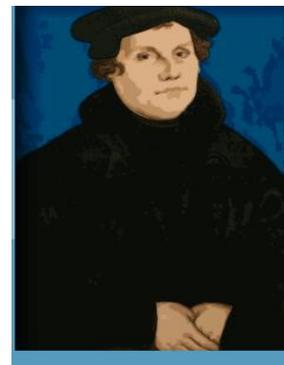
For tickets or more
information call -

Christ's Church:
503 838 1724, or
Denvy Saxowsky:
541 223 4462

Trip to Germany - October 12-20, 2016

Join Dr. James Nestingen and explore Germany and sites associated with Martin Luther and others during the Reformation.

Brochures available at the information kiosk.



Sunday morning “send a note”

As a community we gather each Sunday morning to worship the Lord, listen to God’s word, and share in communion. We do this in community.

Have you noticed someone who might not have been here for a long while or maybe just a Sunday?

Perhaps a person has been here one or two times and not again? As a community in Christ, we would like to let people know they were and are missed.

Sunday mornings, immediately after worship, there will be a basket of cards on the table in the library. If you would like to send a note to someone to simply say they were missed at worship, please do the following:

- 1) take a card from the basket
- 2) write an encouraging note
- 3) write the name on the outside of the envelope
- 4) place back into the basket.

The *Worship & Music Ministry Team* will make certain these notes are addressed and mailed.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry!

Church bus transportation

If you need a ride to church or would like to add your name to the list of bus drivers, please contact Red Carroll at 503-551-3021.

Free to good home—A Gulbransen organ and bench in great condition. If interested please call Tammy at 971.208.0135.

Thank you TLC!

The Easter Sunday collection of canned foods and peanut butter for the Dallas Food Bank totaled 100 pounds. Thank you for helping fight hunger in our community!

Youth News

Try some of the new coffee and tea drinks offered at the Corinthians Café. The Café helps support the high school youth on their mission trips. Coffee beans are provided by *Pressed*, a local coffee shop.

Mission trip

Trinity high school youth Chuck and Lisa Sekafetz and Pastor Dave will depart for a mission trip to San Francisco during the last week of July. Coordination for the trip is being made with Praying Pelican Ministries, a non-denominational Christian mission organization. The group will be doing inner city service projects.

The Youth Group will be having a garage sale in July to supplement their funds.



Vineyard Cluster

Women’s “Spring Fling”

Saturday, April 23

11—2 pm

Grace Lutheran

435 NW 21st St., Corvallis

Let’s get together for
LUNCH and FELLOWSHIP!

Updates from

*Luther House Campus Ministry and OSWO
Poland Synod Exchange Program*

Free will offering

Let us know if you are coming by April 15

Contact: Sue Buck suebuck2012@gmail.com or
541-451-2659 or
Denise Derby ddandstanley@comcast.net
707-775-9871

Seminar: Protecting your Family Through Estate and Life Planning

April 10, 2016 6:30-7:30 p.m. at
Trinity Lutheran
Presenters: Lane Shetterly, attorney and
Dr. Robert Davies, physician

Prepare yourself and your family now!

This will be an informative presentation for families on *Will and Estate planning* and *Advanced Directives for medical care*. There is no charge, and registration is not necessary.

Additional seminars are being planned by the *Above and Beyond* team.

Watch for information on classes in:

May—Home gardening
July—Home canning

Conversation: Why aren't there more Black people in Oregon?—April 9, at WOU, Free.

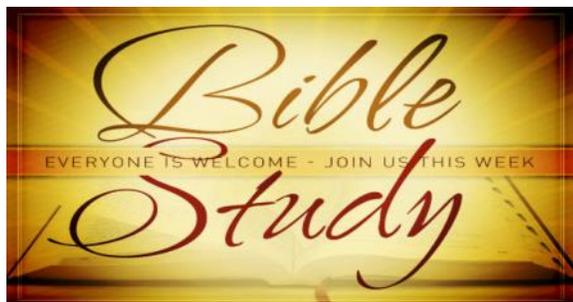
What? An interactive conversation with author and educator *Walidah Imarisha* around the timeline of Black history in Oregon. Oregon has a history of Black exclusion and discrimination, but it also has a vibrant Black culture that helped sustain many communities throughout the state. Participants will consider Black history that speaks to the history of race, identity and power in Oregon.

When? Saturday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where? Columbia Room at the Werner University Center on the Western Oregon campus (corner of Monmouth Ave N and Church St – Use Parking Lot H and follow signs)

Special accommodation – American Sign Language interpreters will be present.

Sponsors: The Polk Community for Human Equality, The Rural Organizing Project, Oregon Humanities, Western Compass, and the Black Student Union



Attend a Bible study this week!

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible study
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible study
at the Davies home
(Ph. 503-623-9235)
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bible study
Friday 9:00 a.m. Bible study
Third Wednesday of each month—WELCA
meeting and Bible study—10:00 a.m.

Scripture readings for April

April 3 Acts 5: 27-32
Revelation 1: 4-8
John 20: 19-31
April 10 Acts 9: 1-20
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19
April 17 Acts 9: 36-43
Revelation 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30
April 24 Acts 11: 1-18
Revelation 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35

Above and beyond



The Easter Giving Tree—continues in April

The Easter Giving Tree supports the ministries that fight hunger and transform lives through the programs of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Please browse the ornaments decorating the Easter Giving tree located next to the information kiosk. There are some great programs that you can help support with a donation. Feel free to take home any ornament you choose. Donations may be made through your regular giving. Please designate the program you wish to support. Donations may also be made online at www.elca.org/goodgifts.

Please give what you can afford. Together we can do far more than we can alone.

The *Above and Beyond* projects.....

The Above and Beyond projects replace the former “mission of the month.” Trinity’s Above and Beyond team meets regularly to decide on projects that go above and beyond our regular giving.

Additional information about presentations being planned by the team will be available next month.

May— Home gardening
July— Home canning

Pillowcase Dresses

Cute simple dresses can be made from pillowcases of all designs and colors. Please remember this when you are cleaning your cupboards or shopping at garage sales this summer.

Sandy Burger Pierce would like to make these dresses and/or send the pillowcases on to Nepal, Africa, South America and Central America.

The pillowcases can be left in the quilting room with a note “For Sandy Pierce”. This is a clever way to provide a needy young girl with a pretty outfit.

If you have questions please call Sandy at 503.835.6218 or 503.780.6223. Thanks!

26th Annual

Polk County

Master Gardener’s Plant Sale

will be held

Friday and Saturday,

May 6-7, 2016 at the

Polk County

Fairgrounds in Building C.



Polk Community Free Clinic at Trinity

is seeking **prayer team volunteers and Spanish interpreters**

The clinic meets on the first and fourth Saturday of each month.

Please contact Eddie Nelson at 503 857 5042 if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.

Serving during worship

| Date | Lay Assistant | Lector | Greeters/Ushers |
|----------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| April 3 | Ollie Bergh | Leanne Sleeper | Tod & Kathie Brostrom Don & Fran Brostrom Susan Middleton & Janet Wheeler |
| April 10 | Tod Brostrom | Stephanie Barth | Chuck & Sandy Pierce John Engeliem & John Beck |
| April 17 | Lane Shetterly | Carol Christ | Cliff & Jill Simmons family Dave & Nicki Dippel family |
| April 24 | Robin McAllister | John Beck | Gregg & Janet Brunner Jim & Michael Pelzer |
| May 1 | Red Carroll | Nancy Becker | Alvera Blanchard & Donna Wetter John Shodin & John Engeliem & Stephanie Barth |

Kiosk

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| April 3 | Julie Oke |
| April 10 | Janet Brunner |
| April 17 | Carol Christ |
| April 24 | Sally Davies |
| May 1 | Donelle Flammang |
| May 8 | Alvera Blanchard |
| May 15 | Julie Oke |
| May 22 | John Beck |
| May 29 | Janet Brunner |
| June 5 | Carol Christ |
| June 12 | Sally Davies |
| June 19 | Donelle Flammang |
| June 26 | Alvera Blanchard |

Can you help serve? Trinity's 10:00 worship service could use more ushers. The time commitment is 1-2 times every other month for approximately 2 hrs.



A few things ushers do: hand out bulletins, light candles, count attendance, answer questions, usher people for communion, take offering, and straighten up after worship.

For more information, please contact Janet Beck, Worship & Music Coordinator 503-623-2233

Communion Care Communion ministry

John Shodin
Lydia Shodin
Sherry Carroll
Red Carroll

Sundays in the Nursery Child Care—for ages 0-4

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| April 3 | Ellie Robischon |
| April 10 | Anna Hammond |
| April 17 | Michelle Sekafetz |
| April 24 | Anna Hammond |
| May 1 | Ellie Robischon |

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| 3 PLU Sunday 9:00 Adult education hour 9:00 Choir practice 10:00 Worship 11:00 Choir 11:30 MS/HS Youth | 4 <i>Church office is closed.</i> 9:30 Quilters 2:00 Handbells 5:00 Choir practice | 5 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 1:00 Piano lessons 2:30 Faith and Grace Book group 6:30 Boy Scouts | 6 12:30 Kids Art 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA 7:00 Bible study Davies home | 7 8:00 Polk County staffing 9:00 Community Partners 1:00 Piano lessons 1:00 Rug hooking 4:00 Worship pract 5:30 Creat worship practice 7:00 Bible study | 8 9:00 Bible study | 9 |
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Back Page

Church statistics show that over 60 percent of all church going persons are living paycheck to paycheck, with a credit card debt of \$3,000 to \$6,000.

I used to be one of those church going persons.

I remember when I was in Jr. High my parents got a new card. They were very excited about this card. It was called the "Diner's Club Card." It was so exciting to go eat at a restaurant and pay for it later!

It was the first credit card and only the beginning.

Proverbs 22:7 says: "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender."

Since Karen and I have gotten out of debt, we have felt the lifting of slavery and the freedom of being without debt, no long slaves to the lender.

If you are part of the 60 percent as I was, and would like to live another way, please talk to me or make an appointment to meet with Sally Davies (503-623-2233). Besides all the other things she does at Trinity, she is a trained financial coach. She can and will help. There is no shame or embarrassment in coming to her. Your pastor was once in the same boat.

Blessings and freedom in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Dave

