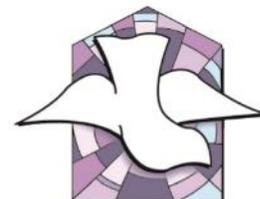


August 2016

# THE VISITOR



A newsletter for Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, Oregon

July—August

## Trinity Lutheran Church Dallas Food Bank Fundraiser “Fill the pantry—pay the rent”



How you can help—SIMPLE!

Ask 5 neighbors for 3 cans of food and/or cash donations.

Bring non-perishable food to Trinity or call for pick-up  
or donate by placing a check in the offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Dallas Food Bank Fundraiser.

The youth group has collected **319** pounds of food and \$139.

**Food items needed:** beans, canned corn, canned tuna, apple and grape juice, cereal, peanut butter, coffee, soap, any protein enriched items.

**Volunteers are needed.**

For more information contact:

Eddie Nelson (503) 857-5042 or

Mona Ordonez (503) 559-0456

Dallas Food Bank is an all volunteer organization—501(c)3 non-profit Tax ID# 93-0843261

## Summer Reading Program—still time to enroll



- Kids ages 5 through 17 (kindergarten through senior year)
- Date range Jun 12 through Aug 21, prizes distributed on Aug 28. (Join at any time)
- One prize per participant
- Participant with the most minutes read picks their prize first, all the way down to the least number of minutes read.
- Sign-up required by a parent, providing a valid email address
- Reading turned in via an online form sent to the registered email address

Assistance needed with prizes for the kids. Donations may be made through the offering plate marked “Summer Reading Program.”

# Council Meeting Update

Highlights from July 19, 2016



**Devotion:** Pastor Dave opened the meeting with a discussion on scripture verses Luke 11:1-13, which includes a shorter version of the Lord's Prayer.

**Financial Reports:** May and June financial reports were presented by Sally Davies and Nicki Dippel. Summary Financial Report notes were also provided. Sally Davies continues to work with Faith Foundation for signature approvals on the 10 year contract extension ("mortgage"). She is also requesting an updated amortization schedule showing the principal/interest payment breakdown-the \$33,000 payment sent in June 7 is currently applied all to principal. Nicki has been providing financial oversight, reviewing the various reports and entries generated the past six plus months. She has identified a couple duplicate QuickBooks entries (not duplicate payments) that need adjusting. Decision was made by Council to make the one-time adjustment effective July 1<sup>st</sup> rather than backdating, which would cause changes in prior months' reports for minimal dollar impact on each month's report. Important note: Although we are currently underspending our 2016 budget, our budgeted income is lagging by approximately \$12,989 –income is riding at 92.6% of budgeted. Council President will discuss this with the congregation at an upcoming Sunday service. ("My Stake" donations are not included in these figures, either actual or budgeted. They are separate and distinct.) Sally and Nicki continue to work on a Council requested "Cash Flow" report and a newly requested "Budget vs Actual" on a yearly comparison basis (e.g. 2015 vs 2016)

**Old Business:** Selection of Chairperson for the previously announced Start-Up Team.

As Dr. Pence wants to meet with the Chairs of the Transition Team, Call Team, Start-Up Team, as well as Pastor Dave and Council President Cliff Barnhart at the upcoming retreat Friday/Saturday July 22-23, following discussion a motion was made by Brenda Large, seconded by Beverlee Linn, and passed to invite Natalie Beck to be the Chair of the Start-Up Team.

*Office Manager Resignation-* Six applications have been received for the vacated Office Manager position. Interviews will be held the first week in August.

*Donated Lot-* Property sale has fallen through, and the lot is back on the market. Council President Cliff is coordinating the effort.

**New Business:** *Dallas Youth Garden-* Sally Davies is now on the Dallas Youth Garden board. She provided an overview of the MPFS (Marion Polk Food Share) backed venture that provides youth job experience as well as small stipends for their participation. The garden is located behind the church. All are invited to check it out. There is an article summarizing the mission and activities of the garden project, accompanied by a photo of the 2016 interns in the June 2016 *VISITOR*.

*Artwork –* An original painting entitled "Creation" has been given to the church. It can be viewed on the wall next to the right door entrance to the sanctuary.

*Amazing things happening at Trinity-* Pastor Dave shared how some great things are happening at the **Polk Free Clinic** and the impact the clinic has on the community and individuals in need.

Our visiting missionary **Themba** (Pastor Mkhabela) gave an excellent slide presentation/discussion to those attending a potluck/barbeque in his honor on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Themba is supported in part by TLC's Endowment Fund, along with other congregations and funding from the ELCA. He is a committed servant of God doing so many great things in several countries in Africa, representing the ELCA expertly and graciously. It was a pleasure to meet him.

**Ollie Bergh** – Our awesome choir director, Ollie Bergh, has recently taken steps to join the candidacy process of the ELCA to attend seminary to attain his Masters of Divinity and become ordained. He is currently scheduling visits to several seminaries (PLTS, Luther, Wartburg) and has requested our help both spiritually and financially. At a recent Endowment Committee meeting, he submitted a request to cover the \$850 fee needed for the ELCA application. His request was approved by the committee and forwarded to Council for their approval. A motion was made by Beverlee Linn, seconded by Tammy Bird, and passed to allow Endowment funds to be used to cover the \$850 application fee.

**Findings Retreat** led by Dr. James Pence is scheduled for July 22-23. Results and interpretation of the CAT (Congressional Assessment Tool) survey will be presented by Dr. Pence accompanied by a Holy Cow (survey creator) representative via skyping. After Sunday service on July 24<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Pence will also be presenting the results of the survey to the congregation and answering questions.

**Second Annual Congregational Meeting July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Immediately following Dr. Pence’s presentation on the 24<sup>th</sup>, a congregational meeting will be held for purpose of ratifying the already approved updated Constitution/By-Laws. This is a pass or fail vote. No other business to be conducted.

**The Lord’s Prayer-** The meeting was closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Prayerfully submitted – Beverlee Linn, Council Secretary

## Financial Update

## Sally Davies, Financial and Business Manager

	2013 Year End	2014 Year End	2015 Year End	January – March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	Year to Date 2016
<b>General Fund Income</b>	\$305,531	\$332,123	\$330,785	\$87,258	\$24,179	\$24,605	\$24,385	\$160,427
<b>Special Donation</b>	\$31,782	\$22,866	\$7,781	\$3,216				\$3,216
<b>Total Income</b>	\$337,313	\$354,989	\$338,566	\$90,474	\$24,179	\$24,605	\$24,385	\$163,643
<b>Expenses (included \$8500 Faith mortgage payment)</b>	\$349,817	\$353,161	\$371,924	\$83,991	\$27,795	\$26,350	\$29,787	\$167,924
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$12,504</b>	<b>-\$18,996</b>	<b>-\$33,358</b>	<b>\$6,483</b>	<b>-\$3,616</b>	<b>-\$1,745</b>	<b>-\$5,402</b>	<b>-\$4,281</b>
<b>My Stake Donation</b>			\$291,439	\$33,600	\$3,860	\$11,990	\$845	\$50,295

As always, if you have any questions concerning the finances, feel free to contact me.

Sally Davies

Financial and Business Manager

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## Love God, Love Others



### Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the

Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

### Trinity’s Mission Statement

Because God first loved us we celebrate  
the gifts of Christ  
by reaching out to others through  
worship, service and community.

## 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](mailto:jimmichaele@yahoo.com).

### Please continue to hold these people in your prayers:

The family and friends of Tim Stepper, Lee VanLaningham, Ralph Wetter, Lois Stolpe, David and Eileen Holmes, Sandi Grewe, Dick Kindwall, the Lyman family, the Southwick family, Ron Lines, Walter Boss, 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— Michael Graven, Joel, James Pederson, Jerry Swing, Ruth Swing, Judy Utter, Ardene Barnhart, Ritch Stolpe, Mary Nell Hamilton, Kacy Bliss, Jamie Bellinger, Greg Thompson, Willie Reindl, Brian Zaglauer, , Fred Walter, Austin Lee, Jeri Joule, Chuck Graham, Chuck Pierce, Matthew Thomas II

Those who are recovering—Alisha Shodin, Ken Johnson, Thelma Coates, Margaret Boss, Kirk Mathews, Dorothy Larson, Sharon Engelen, Mike McAllister

We offer prayers of blessing and thankfulness— “My Stake in Trinity campaign,” for our missionary, Lancelot Themba, for Polk Community Free Clinic, and Dallas Food Bank our mission of the month



# Transitioning toward Pastor Dave's retirement

**Pastor Dave will be leaving Trinity anytime between this fall and May 17, 2017.**

**Congregational Assessment Tool Survey Results are in**– Last month many congregational members completed a CAT survey which measures the levels of satisfaction and energy within the church congregation, identifies important success factors for improvement, and discovers where members would like to take ministries in the future. The CAT survey will become a critical piece in the planning process as the church transitions into finding a new pastor. Now that all the surveys have been collected and reviewed the Transition Team will be giving a results presentation on **Thursday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the church**. The Transition Team will be presenting more details and results of the congregational survey. This is your opportunity to understand the dynamics of Trinity.

The Transition Team is working on a draft of the **Ministry Site Profile** to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks. The MSP is the document provided to the Oregon Synod for the Call process which describes Trinity. This is the first information about Trinity that pastors participating in the Call process will see.

The scheduled **Profile Retreat** will be held September 23-25. At this retreat Dr. Jim Pence will meet with the Transition Team to review the MSP prior to a discussion of the document. After adoption by the church council, the MSP will be ready for presentation in its final form to the congregation on September 25.

## Transition Team

Heather Anderson  
Cliff Barnhart– **Chair**  
Tod Brostrom  
Sally Davies  
Brenda Large

## Call Team

Heather Anderson  
Stephanie Barth  
John Beck  
Sherry Carroll  
Pete Christensen  
Matt Davies– **Chair**  
Dot Lee  
Carolyn Nestingen

## Start-Up team

Natalie Beck– **Chair**  
Nancy Becker  
Kathie Brostrom  
Carol Christ  
Barbara Flugum

## **Pastoral Transition Mission Statement:**

With God's grace, Trinity prayerfully embarks on this transition, keeping in mind our mission of worship, service and community. As a church family we embrace the time of transition as both a gift and an opportunity. Trinity's goal is to honor our past in order to form our future together, while keeping the congregation informed, involved and secure in the transition process.



- **August 16th= Hot August Night Cruise In Like classic cars?-** Have one you would like to show off? Come down to the Cruise In on the Square. Check out some beautiful cars and grab a bit to eat.
- **September 13th= Art & Wine Festival–** A night of wine and art to entice your palate

## Trip to Germany - October 12-20, 2016

Join Dr. James Nestingen to explore Germany and sites associated with Martin Luther and others during the Reformation. All inclusive price of the 9-day study tour departing from New York is \$2,518. Brochures are available at the information kiosk.

## Church bus transportation

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



## Coming in September—the popular Silent Auction.

**When:** First preview of auction items will be on September 25th.

**Why:** The funds raised through the silent auction will be split between a Welcome Fund for our new pastor and helping pay for landscaping on the planned Columbarium.

**What is needed:** Looking for quality handmade items, locally produced items, home canned food, tickets to an event, theme dinners, baked goods, quilted projects, wood projects, wine gifts, dinner for 4 or 6, book, plants, etc.

Perishable donation items may be brought to church on 2 October.

Contact Barbara Flugum 503.831.3953

or

Carolyn Nestingen 503.623.7729



## October 2—Silent Auction closes, dinner will be served AND there will be a Talent Show

Looking for talent: all ages, groups, individuals, comedy, musical, drama, magic, instrumental... Time to start practicing!

Details to follow in August.

## From the Crummy by Tod Brostrom



## Community Clothing Closet— Free Clothes

for anyone in need of quality used clothing.

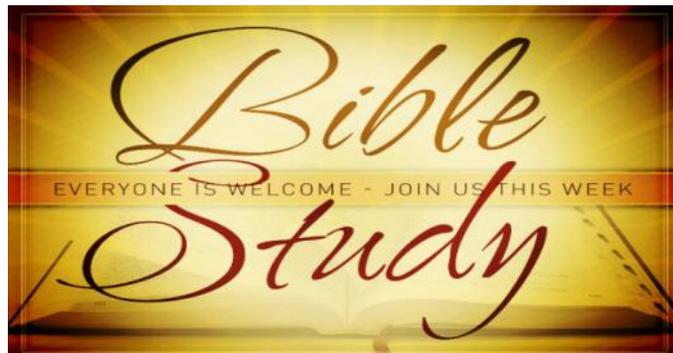
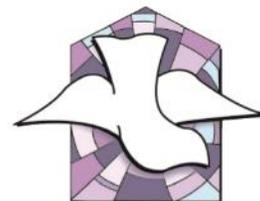
### Dallas Evangelical Church

(across from the post office)

2nd Saturday and Monday of every month  
9:00 a.m.—12 p.m.

4th Thursday of the month  
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

If you have quality, clean clothes you would like to donate they can be dropped off during operational hours or call and they can be picked up. 503-508-6461



### 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.

## Preserve and Protect! Home Canning Demonstration



You are invited to attend  
August 30th  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
At Trinity Lutheran Church



Presented by OSU Extension Service  
with Tonya Johnson

This will be an informational demonstration on some of the basics of home canning with Tonya Johnson. This is not a hands on workshop so you won't get hot and messy. Sit and enjoy learning in our air-conditioning. Light refreshments will be provided.

Tasty Samples  
Free and Open to All

*The Visitor* can be read:

Online at [www.dallastlc.org](http://www.dallastlc.org)  
Sent to an email address  
Mailed to your home address  
Picked up at the kiosk table

Are you receiving *the Visitor* in a format that fits your preference? Changes can be made at church office, by phone or email  
[kathydallastlc@gmail.com](mailto:kathydallastlc@gmail.com)

## The Above and Beyond projects

Do you have an interest in reaching out Above and Beyond?  
The Above and Beyond Team would like to invite you to join them.  
What we do:

### Imagine: Above & Beyond Objectives

The Imagine: Above & Beyond Ministry Team is responsible for having a toolbox full of tools to help everyone become the best manager of God's resources. This includes (but is not limited to):

1. Educational Classes
2. Community and Global Service Outreach
3. Estate and Will Planning
4. Employment and Career Development
5. Specialty Seminars
6. Budget and Financial Coaching

Some past projects include; Mosquito nets to halt malaria, Will and Estate Planning Seminar, Diaper Drive for Simonka Place, Coat Drive for UGM. What ideas do you have? What do you see in our area and the world that we as TLC can offer our gifts to?

Come join us!! We meet once a month for an hour to discuss and plan. Please contact Dot Lee at [503-931-4736](tel:503-931-4736) or [dotlee1117@outlook.com](mailto:dotlee1117@outlook.com) for more info.



### Vacation Bible School

Thank you to everyone who was involved with and donated to vacation bible school. This year was a success! We averaged about 36 kids a day who came to hear and learn about God's love for his flock of sheep. Putting together and running a vacation bible school program would not be possible with out all of the volunteers. Thank you.

### Pictures Wanted

Thanks to everyone who has brought in a picture for the picture board or had one taken here at the church.

We want everyone's photo on the board!

### OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

Trinity has an opening for Office Manager. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For a copy of the job description or to submit your application, please email Sally at [sallydallastlc@gmail.com](mailto:sallydallastlc@gmail.com).

*(Editors note: Many, many blessings accompany this position.)*

### Scripture readings for August

August 7	Genesis 15: 1-6 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
August 14	Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Hebrews 11: 29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
August 21	Isaiah 58: 9-14 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17
August 28	Proverbs 25: 6-7 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Serving during August worship

Date	Lay Assistant	Lector	Greeters/Ushers
<b>August 7</b>	Lane Shetterly	Kathy Grudel	Don & Fran Brostrom Tod & Kathie Brostrom
<b>August 14</b>	Tod Brostrom	Jackson Bouchard	Pat & Diane Klipfel Cliff & Jill Simmons & fam Dave & Nicki Dippel & fam
<b>August 21</b>	Red Carroll	Don Isensee	Clayton & Linda VanRiper Lori & Logan VanRiper
<b>August 28</b>	Steve Utter	Utter family	Red and Sherry Carroll John & Lydia Shodin
<b>September 4</b>	Ollie Bergh	John Beck	TBA

### Kiosk

<b>Aug. 7</b>	Donelle Flammang
<b>Aug. 14</b>	Alvera Blanchard
<b>Aug. 21</b>	Julie Oke
<b>Aug. 28</b>	John Beck
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Janet Brunner
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Carol Christ
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Sally Davies
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Donelle Flammang
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Alvera Blanchard
<b>Oct. 9</b>	Julie Oke
<b>Oct. 16</b>	John Beck
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Janet Brunner
<b>Oct. 30</b>	Carol Christ

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

Arlene Burger  
Sandy Pierce  
Phyllis Smith  
Velma Stepper

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

August 7 Michelle  
August 14 Anna  
August 21 Emily  
August 28 Anna

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>Church office is closed.</i> 9:30 Quilters	<b>2</b> 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA	<b>4</b> 9:00 Community Partners 1:00 Piano lessons 1:00 Rug hooking 4:00 Worship pract 5:30 Creat worship practice 6:00 Bunco 7:00 Bible study	<b>5</b> 9:00 Bible study	<b>6</b> 6:00 Free Clinic 
<b>7</b> 9:00 Adult education hour 10:00 Worship	<b>8</b> <i>Church office is closed.</i>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Titus	<b>10</b> 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA	<b>11</b> 8:00 Polk Co. 9:00 Community Partners 1:00 Piano lessons 1:00 Rug hooking 4:00 Worship pract 5:30 Creat worship Practice 6:30 Results Present. 7:00 Bible study	<b>12</b> 9:00 Bible study	<b>13</b> 10:00 Confirmation
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<b>28</b> 9:00 Adult education hour 10:00 Worship	<b>29</b> <i>Church office is closed.</i>	<b>30</b> 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 6:00 Canning Workshop 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA			

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Dear Loved by God,

I am writing this while on the youth mission trip in San Francisco. God has shown these kids so much as they learn to trust God by reaching out to the most needy in this area.

Trinity is going to trust God by reaching out with a new service on Saturday nights in September. It will be a different service with contemporary music, an interactive sermon and creative worship styles.

A task force of about 8 people has been working on this service for the last year. Their hope is that this service would be helpful for younger people and the young at heart. It is also hoped that those who cannot make Sunday mornings due to commitments would also find this service meets their needs.

The service will be located in the entrance area or narthex to accommodate a smaller number by providing a more intimate space.

Would you pray for this service and those who will attend?

Blessings and love in Jesus,

Pastor Dave