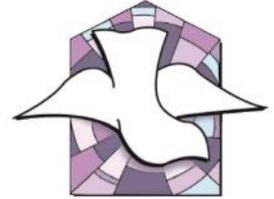


THE VISITOR



A newsletter for Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, Oregon



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday - Worship 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. This day, we process with Eco-palms, shouting "Hosanna!" as Jesus enters Jerusalem, riding on a humble donkey. This celebration takes us into the Holy Week Journey of the Last Supper, to Jesus' crucifixion and ultimately the resurrection.



Friday, March 25 - Good Friday - begins at 6:00 p.m. with a soup supper.



Share a meal of soup and bread, the "Last Supper" and move to Good Friday "Prayer Around the Cross."

Sunday, March 27 Easter Day

Worship services:

6:30 a.m. Easter sunrise service - outside, weather permitting

10:00 a.m. Easter celebration with Holy Communion

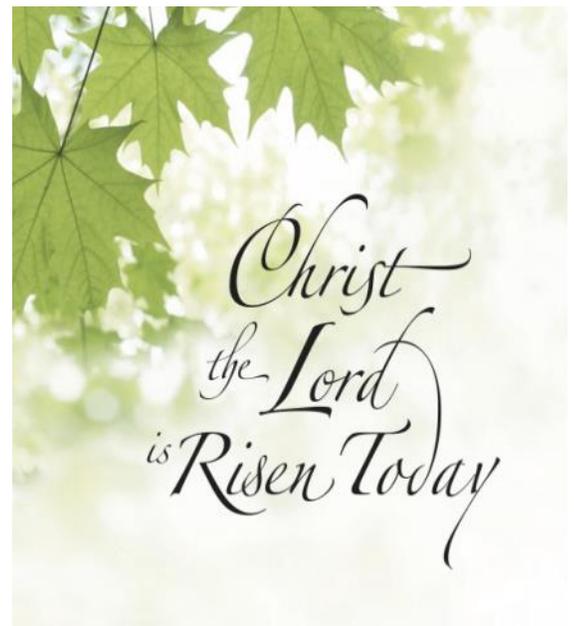
Breakfast - free will Donation: 7:00 a.m.

Provided for by the generous men of Trinity

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt: 9:00 a.m.

Bring your Easter basket for the hunt. Bags will also be available.

Bake Sale Before and after worship service



Worship and Music

Janet Beck

Easter Flowers

Three options are available to help decorate Trinity for Easter:

1. Bring an already arranged bouquet of flowers that can be placed around the church.
2. Bring cut flowers ready to be made into an arrangement. Please bring Saturday around 1:00 p.m., or if unable to bring on Saturday, bring early Sunday morning.
3. Money may be donated towards purchase of flowers and plants. Please designate “Easter flowers” with your contribution.



Your help is appreciated!



Easter breakfast—A Trinity tradition

The **men** of the congregation will once again be preparing and serving a delicious Easter Sunday breakfast. Many volunteers are needed. Please talk to Red Carroll at church or by phone at 503-551-3021.

Serving will begin at 7:00 a.m.

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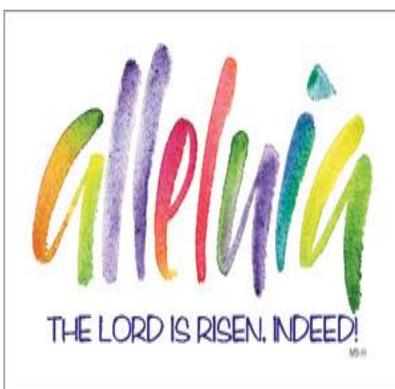
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What is Easter anyway?! MANY people don't know what it really means, and are waiting to hear the story. Many may think it's just another commercial holiday to eat out, have an egg hunt, and give Easter baskets full of candy and gifts. Yes, those things are also enjoyed, but there is more.



Easter is a celebration of a risen life, Christ the Lord.

A celebration that even death is conquered!

What hope that gives meaning to lives,
our own lives and for the world!

Invite! Share the story! Someone is waiting and ready to hear!

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Council Meeting Update

Highlights from the February 16, 2016

Financial Reports: Sally Davies, Financial Manager, reviewed the January, 2016 Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, and Transaction Detail. For the month of January, our income exceeded our expenses by just over \$2,200. Summary figures will continue to be reported in *The Visitor*. Communication from Dan Kerr of Faith Foundation was shared. The foundation is pleased with our payment history and offered to extend our current contract for 5-10 years.

Old Business:

Constitution/By-Laws—A tentative congregational meeting date of Sunday, April 10th has been scheduled to address any questions related to the updated, revised TLC Constitution. After discussion, a motion to accept will be requested, with a 50% vote of those present locking the document. Ratification of the “50% approved” revised/ updated constitution document, as well as the updated Endowment Resolution approved by the Council, will be set for the next annual meeting. Notice of the April 10th meeting will be posted on the TLC website and in March and April Visitor publications.

Transition Team - Research will resume on the possibility of acquiring a consultant to help us through the pastoral transition. During Pastor Dave’s vacation periods, guest preachers will be invited for Sunday sermons.

New Business: Pastor Dave shared several New Business items

Buck Buchanan –Services for long-time Dallas resident will be held at Trinity, Monday, February 29th.

Parking- As the number of large events being held at Trinity is increasing (e.g. community wide funerals, etc.), the possibility of adding additional graveled parking areas was presented. Further discussion pending.

Youth Group Mission 2016 - The church Youth Group will be going to San Francisco this summer.

Coordination for the mission trip is being made with Pelican Ministries, a non-denominational Christian missions organization. The church bus will be used for transportation.

Request from Grace Co-Op.- Pastor Dave has been approached by a co-op of home school families inquiring as to the availability of TLC for one day a week usage of our building to hold classes for their home-schoolers, as well as the possibility of five parties a year. They currently are using EBC, but need more space. There are currently 60+ students (nursery through high school) attending during the school year, 9 a.m.-12:00 noon. The inquiry is focused on the school year starting Fall, 2016. There is potential for some incoming revenue for TLC based on a percentage per child usage payment. This inquiry is in discussion mode only at this time. Further details pending.

Imagine- Above and Beyond (replacing the Stewardship Committee)- Upcoming events being planned include seminars on Wills and Estate Planning by Lane Shetterly, Medical Advance Directives by Dr. Bob Davies, How to Plant a Garden by the OSU Master Gardeners, and possibly an event on canning in late summer/early fall.

Sanctuary Curtains – Steve Large has washed the windows, pulleys have been installed, cloth has been sewn, and curtains will soon be installed. The projector has also been moved.

Security System – Pastor Dave has purchased a security system to be installed, with cameras focused on the Fellowship Hall, sound equipment in the sanctuary, offices, and other critical areas.

Council Officer Elections:

Officers for 2016 were elected as follows:

President – Cliff Barnhart

Vice President – Tiffany Bouchard

Secretary – Beverlee Linn



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

Love God, Love Others

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the prayers and cards you sent to my wife, Sandi. She was totally overwhelmed by the love and concern expressed in them and certainly amazed at the number of them. She felt your love and was comforted through them. If cards and prayers alone could cure, she would still be walking among us. Guess God had different plans, must have been short an angel or two.

Anyway, you're a great family and I feel blessed to be a part of it.

Again I say, thank you for all of the cards and prayers you sent our way.

May God bless you all,
John

....from the Quilters.....

Thank You!

To Lee Proctor for donating a sewing machine and serger to the quilters.

Thank You!

To LaVerne and Don Rutledge for donating a fabric cutting board.

We appreciate your generosity.

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 Sandi Grewe, Dick Kindwall, Buck Buchanan, the Lyman family, Ron Lines, Walter Boss, Bill Pfancook, Sam Cates, Terri Waller, Ken Jacobson, Barbara Gust, Bill Slack, Dolly Thielsen, Eileen Holmes, 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, and 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 Engalien, Mike McAllister

We offer prayers of blessing and thankfulness— The baptism of 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.

Invitation from St. Thomas Episcopal Church:

"A Queer Dialogue: Listening and Speaking with an Open Heart"

Sunday, March 13, at 6:00 pm at
St. Thomas Church,
1486 SW Levens St

The program will include a talk, "The Importance of Speaking Out" by Dr. Dana Schowalter, WOU Assistant Professor in Communications.



**American
Red Cross**

Be part of a lifesaving journey.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Blood Drive

Friday, March 18

12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information,
contact Alvera Blanchard at 503 623 8284.

Library News for February 2016 Susan Middleton, Librarian

Spring is in the air! Stop by the library to view our lent and Easter books on display. I'm repeating Arline Smith's Easter picks from a couple of years ago. These are books enjoyed by adults as well as children: *The Very First Easter* by Paul Maier and *Peter's First Easter* by Walter Wangerin, Jr. She also recommended *Benjamin's Box* by Melody Carlson. Arline wrote: "This book goes through the week from Palm Sunday to Easter. Benjamin's grandfather gave him a box with just a piece of straw in it. He told him it came from a stable where a King was born. When Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Benjamin decides to follow him. What are the things he finds to put into this box, and what is the story it tells?"

On the New Books Shelf Thanks to those who donated these books.

Lord, I Want to Know You by Kay Arthur
Transform your walk with God and become closer to Him by studying the roles He has in your life: Creator, Healer, Protector, Provider, and more. Gain insight into who He really is and how He works in our lives, how He makes us strong in times of trial, gives comfort for our pain, and provides for our soul's deepest needs.

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 March 1.

The book selection for March is Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening by Carol Wall. "The true story of a unique friendship between two people who had nothing and ultimately everything in common."

"In this profoundly moving memoir, Owita teaches Wall how to find grace amid heartbreak and to accept that beauty exists because it is fleeting—as in her garden, as in life." —*People*, 4 stars

Healing through Humor by

Charles & Francis Hunter

Humor is good for the soul and your health. This book is filled with funny stories, jokes, and facts. It comes with a guarantee to make you laugh, well, at least to chuckle!

Lutheran Church Basement Women by

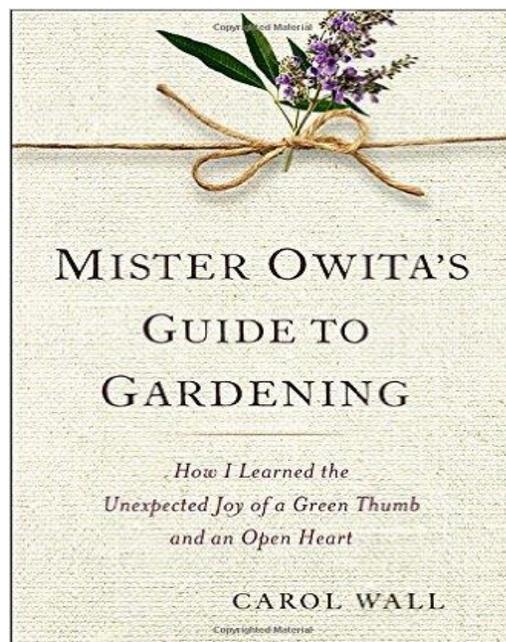
Janet Martin and A. Todnem

The library committee has had a good time reading this book when we take our coffee break on Tuesday mornings. It is filled with oldie but goody recipes such as egg coffee, Watkin's nectar, recipes for funerals, and information on the proper apron to wear for special church occasions. And that's just the beginning!

Until next time . . .

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances." Robert Flatt.

Robert Flatt is a great photographer. Check out his inspiring story and marvelous photos at robertflatt.com





From the Crummy by Tod Brostrom

It seems like every kid you see is on a cell phone texting or something. I hear how bad it is, nobody just talks anymore; they are just on their phone all the time. Don't text ME, just call!

Well I was at the doctor's office in the waiting room, waiting when I noticed how many people were using cell phones. The guy across from me was a LOUD talker and he was trying to book a cruise. He was really working the deal and appeared to be the smartest guy in the room! I felt kinda bad for the person on the other end. Then, the lady next to me had her phone start ringing in her purse. It was loud and she couldn't locate it to answer. She finally found it and didn't recognize the number so she just let it ring. I was starting to chuckle. This is a large multi-doctor waiting room with lots of people. Then I noticed a lady on her iphone and it's on speaker. I guess so that she can hear it better, but we all heard her conversation with her daughter about the soon-to-be medical visit

and questions to ask. And then of course, there was a man in the corner on his phone but couldn't hear what was being said to him so he said, "what," and "I can't hear you" a lot.

I glanced over to the receptionist and we both laughed and she pointed at all the signs for phones on "silent only!" One sign was just a foot over the head of the LOUD talker.

It was like a living Saturday Night Live skit! Oh, and what they all had in common was that they were at least seventy years in age or older. So even though the retired get a pass, it appears cell phones can make all of us a bit rude!



Financial Update by Sally Davies

Please contact Sally, Trinity's financial manager if you have any questions regarding this report. sallydallastlc@gmail.com or 503-623-2233

	2013 Year End	2014 Year End	2015 Year End	JANUARY 2015
General Fund Income	\$305,531	\$332,123	\$330,785	\$27,357
Special Donation	\$31,782	\$22,866	\$7,781	\$3,216
Total Income	\$337,313	\$354,989	\$338,566	\$30,573
Expenses	\$349,817	\$353,161	\$351,293	\$25,973
Principal Payment			\$20,631	\$2,255
Total Expenses	\$349,817	\$373,985	\$371,924	\$28,228
Profit/Loss	-\$12,504	-\$18,996	-\$33,358	\$2,345
My Stake Donation			\$291,439	\$2,925

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 c 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!



Daylight savings time

Don't forget to SPRING forward.
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour
Saturday night, March 12.

Soup suppers - Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

The Wednesday evening soup, bread and conversation series will be held March 2, March 9, and March 16. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by discussion. Kids time is at 6:30 and includes an activity and Bible story.



Note cards

The library would like your blank, unused note cards and envelopes. They may be dropped off at the library; there is a basket on the counter.

Youth News

Try some of the new drinks offered at the Corinthians Café. The Almond Joy drink is on sale through Palm Sunday. The Café helps support the high school youth on their mission trips. Help support the youth by purchasing your morning coffee or tea drinks with coffee beans provided by *Pressed*, our local coffee shop.

Bake Sale

The annual youth bake sale with cookies, pies, cupcakes and more will be held on Easter Sunday. Items will be available before and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip.

Mission trip

Trinity high school youth and three adult leaders 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. More info to follow next month.

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.

Therapeutic Foster Care Program

Polk Youth Services, Inc. is a therapeutic foster care program based in Dallas. The program serves youth ages 14-21.

The program is looking for homes in Polk, Marion, Yamhill and Benton counties. Training and support are provided at no cost and income earned is tax free.

If you would like more information, please contact David Valencia at 503-623-3310 or email at davidv@polkyouthservices.com.



Choir needs your voice

Have you joined the choir? If you haven't, you are missing an amazing experience. Under the direction of **Ollie Bergh**, the choir is being lead in an enriching experience that enhances the individual voice and ultimately enhances worship.

Ollie is a great director. He brings enthusiasm and excitement to the group and has a real joy for music, people, and working for the Lord.

If you want to give it a try, the group is currently practicing in preparation for Easter.

Practice times: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and
Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 1 at Trinity

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Endowment Team Spending Requests

The Endowment Team will soon be selecting charities/requests for funding this year. The Endowment Fund has about \$8,000 available for worthwhile projects to support this year. In past years they have supported two missionaries, Lutherwood camp for Trinity kids, improving our play area for kids, Dallas Christmas Cheer for needy Dallas residents, and projects to support our military persons overseas.

Do you have an activity you would suggest the Endowment Fund support? Please put a note in Pete Christensen's mailbox by **Sunday, March 13**. The note should include: The name of the charity or activity; what the charity or activity does; the amount being requested; a contact person/phone for more information; your name.

The Endowment Team will meet on March 20 to review suggested activities/programs for support. There are usually more requests for funding than we have dollars available, so often we cannot fund all the worthy projects/activities considered.

Where does the Endowment Team receive the funds they give?

Persons are encouraged to leave endowments to the church at their death, or just as a gift. The donations are invested. The Endowment Fund can distribute up to 5% of the fund proceeds each year.

More questions? Contact Pete Christensen **503-623-3113**

Above and beyond



CELEBRATE

The Easter Giving Tree

The Above and Beyond team would like to ask you to join in the celebration of this joyful season with the EASTER GIVING TREE.

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.

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

April—Protecting your family through estate planning.

May— Home gardening

July— Home canning

NEARLY SPRING



A time of new growth and new beginnings in nature.



NEARLY EASTER

A time to celebrate a new life in Christ and new growth in ourselves

Serving during worship

Date	Lay Assistant	Lector	Greeters/Ushers
March 6	Steve Utter	Calista Utter	Gregg & Janet Brunner Jim & Michael Pelzer
March 13	Kate Richardson	John Beck	Allen & Jan Treutle Ken & Julie Oke
March 20 Palm Sunday	Jonathan Thompson	Diane Klipfel	John & Lydia Shodin Red & Sherry Carroll
March 27 Easter	Matt Davies	Kathy Grudle	John Grewe Greg & Sharlene Hattan
April 3	Ollie Bergh	Leanne Sleeper	Tod & Kathie Brostrom Don & Fran Brostrom Susan Middleton & Janet Wheeler

Kiosk

March 6	Sally Davies
March 13	Donelle Flammang
March 20	Alvera Blanchard
March 27	John Beck
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

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

March 6	Michelle Sekafetz
March 13	Anna Hammond
March 20	Ellie Robischon
Palm Sunday	
March 27	Michelle Sekafetz,
Easter	Anna Hammond
April 3	Ellie Robischon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 1:00 Piano lessons 6:30 Boy Scouts	2 8:30 Master Gardeners 12:30 Kids Art 6:00 Soup supper 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA	3 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	4 9:00 Bible study	5 9:00 Free Clinic 10:00 Confirmation 
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Back Page

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ;

Pretty big deal, to rise from the dead! What hope would we have without this one thing? We believe in the One who was killed and rose from the dead.

Life would be pretty sad without it. All we would have is our life and then nothing.

But we have something! Something very real, very specific and very exciting. We have LIFE! FOREVER!

There is actually someone who had life after death! Jesus!

He is the example of how to live forever. He is The Way to living forever. He is The Way to knowing how to live today.

“Death, where is your sting now?”

Have a very blessed Easter! Easter is a lot more than bunnies, candy and nice clothes. Easter reminds us that death is no longer in control of our lives, Jesus is creating new life in us.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Dave

