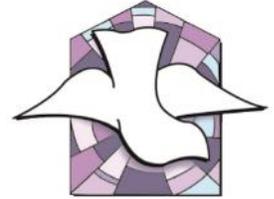


May 2016

THE VISITOR



A newsletter for Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, Oregon

Alleluia, Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia

Sunday, May 15 DAY of PENTECOST

Breath Wind Soul Helper

Comforter Change



“On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church’s birthday, but might more appropriately be called its **baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.** In Scripture, the book of Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us “with sighs too deep for words” when we do not know how to pray.” *Sundays and Seasons 2016*

Color of the day is RED for a flame. We are all encouraged to wear red that day to add to the color and celebration. If red is not a color you have, please feel free to wear any color of a flame, which can include yellows, oranges, violets, and blues.

Sunday, May 22 THE HOLY TRINITY

THE TRINITY



One God in three persons.

Submitted by Janet Beck, Worship & Music Ministry

Council Meeting Update

Highlights from April 19, 2016



The formal meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Dave requesting blessings for our upcoming pastoral transition.

Introduction of Dr. James Pence, Walkalong Consulting (Transitional Ministry) Dr. Pence was invited to Trinity by the transition team to present what services he could provide in our pastoral transition. He spent April 18-19 meeting with Pastor Dave, office staff, congregational members, and the transition team to get a feel for our church family and to see if we were a good fit for his services. Dr. Pence has been providing church consulting since 2007, working with 90 churches in 17 states and the District of Columbia, as well as having spent 20 years in higher education (e.g. PLU Provost, St. Olaf, Wartburg, Colorado State, Arizona) including a sabbatical walking in Spain. Both avenues provided him the opportunity to make a lot of valuable connections. He is deeply connected with the ELCA and lives in Washington. He formed Walkalong Consulting in 2013 to broaden his work in the area of evidence-based leadership for effective and meaningful change.

Pastoral Succession Planning is an intentional approach to calling a pastor by creating a “strategic bridge” from the past to the future and it is evidence-based. (See 1 Thessalonians 5: 13-24). Dr. Pence compared it to the hand-off in relay races. It is a comprehensive plan, coordinated between the council/staff/clergy/congregation and the transition team/call committee/start-up support team working together.

With this background, Dr. Pence gave an overview of what his pastoral succession planning services would include, based on a series of 3 retreats (running from Friday to Sunday) –

- (1) Foundation Retreat {teams identified}
- (2) Assessments Retreat — (congregation does own assessments via Survey Monkey which could be made accessible on church website-recommends 75% of regular attending congregation number to complete survey)
- (3) Findings and Recommendations Retreat

Transition team completes ministry site profile-required to launch ELCA search, have to have evidence. Before proceeding, Dr. Pence will be assessing three factors – Readiness, Willingness, and Capacity. Within the capacity category, questions to be asked: Can we allocate staff time to support transition? What can Pastor Dave give up or delegate? Financial factors that need to be considered are: Jim feels funding the ministry is more critical than debt reduction at this point. Ministry needs to be kept robust. At the same time, we should be celebrating the successes of My Stake in Trinity as it has put the church in a better place financially. Perhaps the focus for future debt reduction could be through wills and estate planning of members. *We need to think like candidates looking at our church.*

Next steps per Dr. Pence if it is decided we want to proceed with his services –Request proposal with specific steps: sign contract, select teams, choose dates for retreat, fund the costs (\$3,000 each for 3 retreats \$9,000 total plus travel expenses billed after each retreat). Communication (phone calls, emails) after retreats is included in the figures, connect with Synod and invite retreat participation (NOTE: TLC would be the first Oregon church to use this process) He emphasized that we need to be open, have clarity, be wrapped in prayer, and remember we are not hiring a new leader, we are calling a new pastor. With this thought, Dr. Pence concluded his presentation and thanked us for the past couple days. He also commented that he thinks we have something pretty special here at Trinity. After Jim’s departure, the Council discussed the presentation and our thoughts on the succession planning strategy advanced by Dr. Pence, as well as possible funding streams.

A motion was made by Janet Brunner to move forward and hire Dr. Jim Pence as our consultant and begin the process of transition. The motion was seconded by Tiffany Bouchard and unanimously approved by the council. Cliff will make an announcement at the next Sunday service.

Other Council Business: Approval of minutes from the March 19th council meeting and the March financials were deferred to the next council meeting. Financial Manager, Sally Davies, said we have sent in a 10-year extension on our loan contract to Faith Foundation and are awaiting signature. Cliff has recently signed a letter of acceptance for sale of some donated property – buyer signatures pending.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Prayerfully submitted – Beverlee Linn, Council Secretary

Pastoral Transition Succession Process – Call Team and Start-Up Team Applications

The Pastoral Succession Planning process is guided by Dr. Jim Pence of Walkalong Consulting and utilizes two teams comprised of five to seven people each: **Call Team** and **Start-up Team**.

The Council wants to provide an open process for gathering each team and thus is using an application process for any adult voting member to indicate their interest, willingness, and ability to conduct the work of a team.

Please prayerfully and carefully review the descriptions and duties of each team, and then assess your abilities, experience, time and energy for this exciting process. Applications will be available on the web site or in the church office beginning May 15.

For descriptions of duties, applications or more information, please contact a member of the transition team, email Sally Davies at sallydallastlc@gmail.com or call Trinity church office 503.623.2233.

Trinity Transition Team

Cliff Barnhart
 Tod Brostrom
 Brenda Large
 Heather Anderson
 Sally Davies

Financial Update

Sally Davies, Financial Manager

	2013 Year End	2014 Year End	2015 Year End	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	Year to Date 2016
General Fund Income	\$305,531	\$332,123	\$330,785	\$27,357	\$26,465	\$33,436	\$87,258
Special Donation	\$31,782	\$22,866	\$7,781	\$3,216			\$3,216
Total Income	\$337,313	\$354,989	\$338,566	\$30,573	\$26,465	\$33,436	\$90,474
Expenses	\$349,817	\$353,161	\$351,293	\$25,973	\$24,676	\$24,579	\$75,228
Principal Payment			\$20,631	\$2,255	\$3,786	\$2,676	\$8,717
Total Expenses	\$349,817	\$373,985	\$371,924	\$28,228	\$28,462	\$27,255	\$83,945
Profit/Loss	-\$12,504	-\$18,996	-\$33,358	\$2,345	-\$1,997	\$6,181	\$6,529
My Stake Donation			\$291,439	\$2,925	\$5,455	\$25,220	\$33,600

Please free to contact me with questions regarding the financial statement.

Sally Davies

Financial Manager

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Love God, Love Others

Members of Trinity congregation will receive two letters on May 1, 2016. The first, a letter from Pastor Dave announces his intention to retire after 30 years on May 17, 2017. Pastor Dave and Karen would like to be closer to grandchildren in Colorado. He will be open to a call starting this fall, 2016. That means he will be leaving Trinity anytime between September and May 17, 2017.

The second letter from Council president Cliff Barnhart outlines the process to transition to a new pastor. Trinity will be working with Dr. James Pence who specializes in working with congregations in this form of planning. Dr. Pence will speak to the congregation several times and as we go through the transition process and he will be available for personal questions as well. The transition process will begin in June and by September, 2016 we will be ready to launch a search for our next pastor.

More information will be provided at a later date regarding the call process. The Oregon Synod will play a key role in matching and recommendation of potential candidates. Please contact the church office for a copy of the letters and transition dates. If you have questions you can contact any member of the transition team. A transition page is posted at Trinity's website and may be used as a resource.

Transition Dates

May 15	Call Team/Start-up Team applications available
May 29	Call Team and Start-up Team applications due
June 7	Call Team and Start-up Teams selected
June 17-20	Foundations Retreat
July 22-24	Findings Retreat
Sept 9-11	Profile Retreat

Select a flowerbed. Thank you to all who have maintained the flowerbeds since we moved to Fir Villa!

We have a few flowerbeds up "for grabs." If you, your family or a group would like to maintain a flowerbed please contact Steve Large at church or phone 503.551.8202 or Phyllis Smith at church or 503.623.6128.



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— Jerry Swing, Ruth Swing, 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 Engeli, 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.

Peace
be with
you

THANK YOU TLC

Thank you to all the members that donated coats and other cold weather apparel for the Union Gospel Mission drive in January and February. Your generosity helped to keep **140** men, women and children warmer this year. The care that we showed as a community warmed not only bodies but hearts as well.

Below is a transcript of a note we received from Bill and Linda Bailey. Bill is the Executive Director for UGM in Salem and spoke to our congregation in January.

Dear TLC,

I wanted to write and not only thank you for inviting Bruce to speak to your church this past Sunday, but also express our heartfelt gratitude for all you do for Union Gospel Mission. From the clothing drive to the diaper drive—it all means so much. Every time I get the privilege to visit the women’s shelter, I am always touched by the big need the women have for the Lord—and then I am reminded of how big a need we all have for Him. And then we get to hear the stories of the lives that are being changed by those who have committed themselves to a relationship with Christ, and the blessing of such a miracle is inspiring.

Thank you again, everyone at Trinity, for all you do for UGM. The banter between Pastor Dave and the congregation reminded me of the church Bruce and I used to attend before we moved out here to Salem. You are blessed to have such a fun and close church family. I pray God bless all your good works.

Sincerely,

Linda Bailey



Library News, Susan Middleton, Librarian

Stop by and check out what’s new in the library this month. Thanks to the generous donations from TLC members, we have five new books to review for you. And as always, thank you for your continued support of TLC’s library.

All the Light We Cannot See (Anthony Doerr). A Pulitzer Prize winner and worthy of all the praise showered on it. The author has a lyrical style that is magical with its imagery. The story follows a young blind Parisian, Marie-Laure, and Werner, a young radio-obsessed German, at the start of World War II. Add in a priceless diamond, missing father, mysterious science lessons broadcast over the air and you have a page-turner-of-a-story. It’s an excellent read and one that will stay with you long after you’ve closed the last page.

By Your Side (Candace Calvert). A compelling story about a compassionate ER nurse and a police officer caught up in a romantic mystery with thrills and danger to keep your heart pounding. Faith is explored by the characters when life throws them painful experiences. If you love this book, we have three other books by Calvert recently added to the library.

The Invention of Wings (Sue Monk Kidd). A historical fiction account of the plight of slaves and women in the

U.S. in the 1800s. It is told from the viewpoint of two girls/women, one white and one black. On her 11th birthday, the white girl, Sarah Grimke, is given a ten-year old slave, nicknamed “Handful”. You will admire Handful and empathize with Sarah and her journey to change society’s rules regarding slavery and women’s rights.

The Nightingale (Kristin Hannah). A historical fiction novel. This book gives insight into the world of occupied France during World War II. The lives of estranged sisters, Vianne and Isabelle, are followed as they take two very different paths in their attempts to deal with the Nazi occupation. Hardships, mental pressures and the atrocities of war shape the characters and change the life courses of the two girls and their father.

The Search for the Twelve Apostles (William McBirnie, Ph.D.). An interesting and easy-to-read book for anyone curious about the legends of Jesus’ closest followers. For each figure, McBirnie includes details about what the New Testament says, traditions of the period, where they preached, what they are recognized for, how they died, and where they were buried.

Until next time. . . .

***A book must be an ice-axe to break the seas frozen
inside our soul. – Franz Kafka***



From the Crummy by Tod Brostrom



I pulled into the drive-through to get a one dollar coffee and realized I didn't have my wallet. I searched high and low in the crummy, but couldn't locate it. Then the panic set in, as I retraced my steps. Couldn't remember anything specific. Driving home that afternoon, I searched the shoulder of the road thinking I had set it on the side of the rig and it fell off, but to no avail. I searched everywhere, but it was gone. I had just cashed a check and had four \$50 bills in it too! So \$200 was a big reason also!

Two weeks went by, and I was sure someone found it, took the money and tossed the wallet. Then we got a generic envelope in the mail with no return address. Opened it to find by driver license taped to a note that read, "We found this at the intersection of so and so." No name to contact or anything. I told Kathy, "See I told you. Someone took the money and tossed the wallet." That intersection is six miles from our house.

Kathie said, "Let's go over there and look around." So we did and no more did we get out of the pickup and she pointed down and said, "There's your

insurance card." We started walking up the road and found more of my wallet goodies and then there it was. My old orange duct tape Walmart wallet with the kids pictures still in it, but no money. I knew it. Just like I said, take the money and dump the wallet in the highway. It was pretty damaged by all the traffic running over it. As we walked a bit more, I looked down and pointed. Kathie looked and we both smiled. A \$50 bill!

At that moment it became obvious no one was at fault but me. I set it on the top of the toolbox and it rode six miles before falling off. I must be a pretty good driver. Ha!

Why is it we, or should I say "me" blame others? I had it all figured out just like always. Instead, it was a very nice person that sent me that ODL, they didn't have to.

We searched pretty hard for those other \$50 bills but came up empty. I'm sure somebody picking up cans along that road had a very pleasant surprise.

Class: An Introduction to Vegetable Gardening

May 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran church. Free Taught by Dean Anderson, the coordinator for the Dallas Youth Garden. The youth garden is in its 4th year of production behind Trinity. The garden offers summer internships where high school students learn about market garden production, the nutritional needs of our community and gain job skills.

A short presentation will give an introduction to vegetable gardening. Followed by a hands-on session where we will plant some vegetables. **Plan to get a little dirty.**

Topics covered will be:

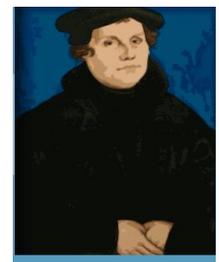
1. Placing your garden (soil, sun, water)
2. Preparing your garden
3. Planting seeds and starts
4. Maintaining healthy plants (weeding, watering, and bugs)
5. Harvesting
6. Resources available to you

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. All inclusive price of the 9-day study tour departing from New York is \$2,518.

Brochures are available at the information kiosk.



Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for your many prayers, calls, cards, and donations at Dick's passing. I drew an amazing amount of support from my Trinity family.

God bless each of you,
Judy Kindwall and family

Dear Friends at Trinity,

Thank you for your thoughtful notes and well wishes. Our trip to Idaho was long and tiring but we are settled in now and doing very well in our new apartment at Paramount Parks.

We really enjoy the chef prepared meals, made from scratch, the big bowls of fresh fruit everyday, and the very good care we receive at our new "home." Willie has more care giving attention here than we could have dreamed of previously.

The snow is slowly melting in the mountains here, and the Boise River is running fast and furious, so that has been quite a sight to see.

Our daughter and son-in-law live just 2 miles away, so we are enjoying their company on a regular basis now.

Thanks again for your caring words of encouragement. God bless you all,

Bob and Willie Reindl

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 have a **garage sale July 7-9** to supplement their funds. Items for the sale may now be brought to the church for storage until the date of the sale.

High School Graduation 2016

Sunday, June 5 Trinity's high school graduates will be honored at the 10:00 a.m. worship with a reception to follow the service.

Trinity's High School graduates 2016 are:

T.J. Arndt
Sam Barnhart
Andrew Cook
Brianna McAllister
Jordan Sage
Ben West
Myranda Willcox

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.

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Youth Coffee Cart

The best coffee in flavor and cost on a Sunday morning with the best service around!

Help support the youth in their ministry and mission trip by checking out the beverage menu and placing your order. You will be glad you did! Gift cards available.

“Free” Coffee—person(s) needed to help make the weekly brew!

The “free” coffee is available each week. We could use a person or persons to help make this Sunday morning brew. If you are interested, please talk with Janet Beck - Worship & Music Ministry Coordinator



Be part of a lifesaving journey.

Donate blood.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Friday, May 20

12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

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

Free group guitar lessons at Trinity

Ages 10 and up. Starting in June.

Contact Ollie Bergh at 503-347-8403 or at church if you need a practice guitar and for information on the beginning time and date.

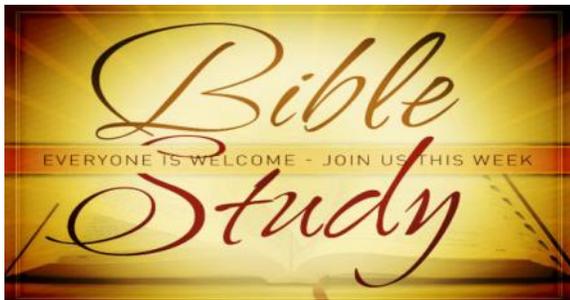
Pillowcase Dresses

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!



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 May

May 1	Acts 16: 9-15 Revelation 21: 10, 22: 1-5 John 5: 1-9
May 8	Acts 16: 16-34 Revelation 22: 12-21 John 17: 20-26
May 15	Acts 2: 1-21 Romans 8: 14-17 John 14: 8-27
May 22	Proverbs 8: 1-31 Romans: 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15
May 29	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43 Galatians 1: 1-12 Luke 7: 1-10

May and June's *Above and Beyond* project is -

Mustangs and MOHR*

(*Mustangs Offering Hope and Renewal)

Located near Dallas, Mustangs and MOHR is a foundation that rescues mustangs and works with at-risk youth.

One child - One volunteer - One special horse

On Sunday, May 22 Owner/founder Debbie Driesner will speak at the 10:00 a.m. service.

For more information please visit their website
www.mustangsandmohr.org



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

Polk Community Free Clinic

is seeking someone to coordinate other volunteers. The clinic meets on the first and fourth Saturday of each month. Please contact Gail Saxowsky 503 831-0551 if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.

Polk Community Free Clinic was recently awarded a first time \$5,000 grant from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation based in Redmond Oregon.



Serving during May worship

Date	Lay Assistant	Lector	Greeters/Ushers
May 1	Red Carroll	Nancy Becker	Alvera Blanchard & Donna Wetter John Shodin & John Engelien & Stephanie Barth
May 8	Jonathan Thompson	Diane Klipfel	John Grewe Greg & Sharlene Hattan
May 15	Matt Davies	Kathy Grudle	Allen & Jan Treutle Ken & Julie Oke
May 22	Bob Davies	Logan VanRiper	Jim & Michael Pelzer Red & Sherry Carroll
May 29	Steve Utter	Utter family	Clayton & Linda VanRiper Lori VanRiper & Logan

Kiosk

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
July 3	Julie Oke
July 10	John Beck
July 17	Janet Brunner
July 24	Carol Christ
July 31	Sally Davies

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

Arline Smith
Marge Colton
Dorothy Colombe
Lynne Uusitalo

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

1	Ellie Robischon
8	Anna Hammond
15	Michelle Sekafetz
22	Anna Hammond
29	Michelle Sekafetz

June 5 Ellie Robischon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 9:00 Adult education hour 10:00 Worship 11:00 Bus driver meet 11:00 Sound system meeting 11:30 MS/HS Youth	2 9:30 Quilters 2:00 Handbells	3 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 1:00 Piano lessons 3:30 Youth Garden 6:30 Boy Scouts	4 12:30 Kids Art 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA 7:00 Bible study Davies home	5 8:00 Polk Co Comm Part Partners 1:00 Piano lessons 1:00 Rug hooking 3:30 Youth Garden 4:00 Worship pract 5:30 Creat worship Practice 6:00 Bunco 7:00 Bible study	6 9:00 Bible study	7 9:00 Free Clinic 	
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15 Pentecost 9:00 Adult education hour 11:30 MS/HS Youth 6:30 "An Introduction to Vegetable Gardening" (Wear red clothing) 	16 <i>Church office is closed.</i> 2:00 Handbells	17 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 1:00 Piano lessons 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Council meet	18 10:00 WELCA 12:30 Kids Art 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA 7:00 Bible study Davies home	19 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	20 9:00 Bible study 12:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	21	
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Please contact the church office to receive the Visitor by email or to be removed from the mailing list.

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Back Page

Dear Loved by God,

I tried to add up the number of people, who are not attending Trinity, who enter our building each week. I stopped counting at over 100!

Boy Scouts, different community organizations, AA and Al-a-non, people coming for health care and prayer at the free clinic, people coming for mediation services with Ken Braun (Director of Mediation Services), the youth garden teenagers who are working to raise food for the food bank, forty future Master Gardeners taking classes to help others, piano students and many more.

We built this church hoping God would use it for this community, not just for the congregation and it looks like God has taken us seriously! In our increasingly secular culture, having people find a church as a welcoming and loving shelter is so valuable.

It is up to all of us to provide people who use this building with hospitality and grace. It is a bit like the same hospitality and grace God so freely provides us. A friendly smile and hello say, "You are welcome here." "Would you like some coffee or tea?" and is what you would ask someone who comes into your home. The Bible says by doing so you have provided hospitality to angels without knowing it.

A book I'm reading says a majority of people in America who are not Christian see church people as anti-gay, anti-abortion, anti-women, anti-sex, narrow minded, bigots, pompous people who homeschool children to avoid having them be defiled by "outsiders!" They sometimes see us help in food kitchens and homeless shelters, but besides that they see very little difference between Christians and the Muslim extremists (not the majority of Muslims!) who wish the equivalent of Sharia law for America!

Every time someone walks into this building, God's building, we have an opportunity to plant a seed of grace in a person's life. A seed that may change their life and the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

