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THE VISITOR



A newsletter for Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, Oregon

Look what's new at TRINITY.....

Saturday, October 8 6:00 p.m.

***Contemporary Worship**

Official start date and continues on Saturdays



This is a worship that is different in style, delivery, environment and in the use of “*contemporary” Christian music.

*Music composed in this period of time, no matter what the style, is contemporary by definition. For this worship service, contemporary will refer to a specific genre of music that would be heard on KFISH radio station.



Sunday, October 9 10:00 worship

Rite of Confirmation - Kellen Utter

New Member Class... a one day session.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Date: October 9th

Time: 5 p.m.



Financial Update

Sally Davies, Financial and Business Manager

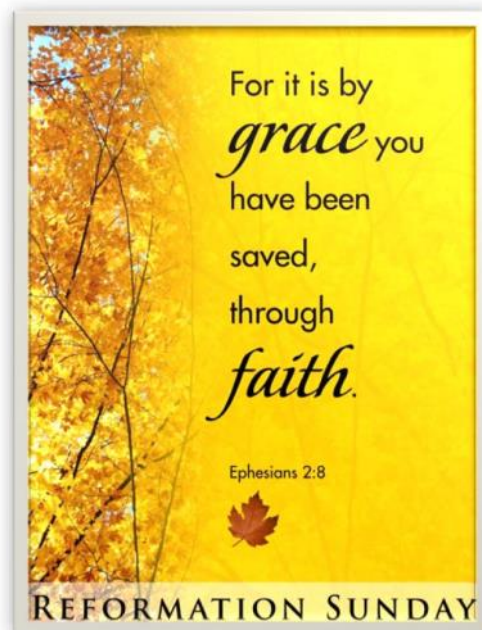
	2013 Year End	2014 Year End	2015 YEAR END	January - March 2016	April -June 2016	July 2016	August 2016	Year to Date 2016
General Fund Income	\$305,531	\$332,123	\$330,785	\$87,258	\$73,169	\$29,303	\$22,747	\$212,478
Special Donation	\$31,782	\$22,866	\$7,781	\$3,216		\$3,625		\$6,841
Total Income	\$337,313	\$354,989	\$338,566	\$90,474	\$73,169	\$32,928	\$22,747	\$219,319
Expenses (included \$8500 Faith mortgage payment)	\$349,817	\$353,161	\$371,924	\$83,991	\$83,871	\$26,498	\$32,798	\$227,158
Profit/Loss	-\$12,504	-\$18,996	-\$33,358	\$6,483	-\$10,702	\$6,430	-\$10,050	-\$7,839
My Stake Donation			\$291,439	\$33,600	\$2,676	\$11,990	\$2,920	\$54,602

As always, if you have any questions concerning the finances, feel free to contact Sally Davies, Financial and Business Manager at sallydallastlc@gmail.com

October 30 Celebrating God's continued reforming work through his son Jesus, in His church and in our lives! Through our transition to a new pastor, this Sunday's theme is a wonderful reminder that God is at work! What an exciting time!

Color of the Day is RED.

If you wish, wear red to add color to our worship area.



Council Meeting Update



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 25, 2016 (Ministry Site Profile Approval)

Immediately following the church service on Sunday, September 25, 2016, Dr. Jim Pence presented a review of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), as completed by the Transition Team with suggested revisions, to the congregation. The document had been made available to the council and congregation earlier in the week for review, questions, and comments. No further comments/changes were brought forth during the congregational meeting regarding the MSP. Cliff Barnhart (Council President) and Matt Davies (Call Team Chair) discussed the ongoing timeline of the pastoral transition. With Pastor Dave's acceptance of a call to a church in Windsor, Colorado, and his last Sunday worship scheduled for October 23rd, the church will now be moving into a "bridge ministry" phase to cover the time period between his departure and the arrival of a new pastor. At the last council meeting on September 13th, the responsibility of identifying options and putting a plan in place was delegated to the Call Team. The team will be meeting regularly beginning Thursday, September 29th and thereafter. Pastor Dave also addressed the congregation relating the journey he's been on the past many months in making decisions, with God's lead and timing, for this transition.

After the congregational presentation concluded, the Council met for final approval of the MSP.

A motion was made by Anna Hammond, seconded by Tammy Bird, and passed to APPROVE the Ministry Site Profile as presented. The MSP will now be forwarded to the Oregon Synod for their review and posting of the call. It is anticipated the names of potential candidates will be provided to TLC by the Synod sometime in early November and the Call Team will begin their contacts.

The Call Team will present recommendations for the bridge ministry at the next council meeting on October 11th. A request for names of available clergy was made to the Synod but may not be immediately available. All options, both within the church and outside locally, will be considered and weighed. Administration of staffing will also be addressed.

Prior to closing the meeting, much appreciation was expressed to the Transition Team for their incredible amount of hard work dedicated to the pastoral transition process and especially the MSP, as well as to Dr. Pence for his expert guidance on our journey in finding a new pastor. Trinity is truly blessed.

The meeting was closed with **The Lord's Prayer**.

Prayerfully submitted- Beverlee Linn, Council Secretary

Love God, Love Others

ELCA Colleges & Universities

Issues statement condemning hate

CHICAGO (ELCA) – Earlier this month, racist messages written in chalk were discovered on the Bethany campus. Following the incident, Jones received threatening phone calls from someone claiming responsibility for the messages and drawings.

The statement said:

"The Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities has watched with grave concern recent incidents at Bethany College. As the association of the twenty-six institutions of higher education related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are compelled to speak in support of Bethany College, our member institution in Lindsborg, Kansas.

"We have learned that threats from a hate-group appeared earlier this month in chalked messages on campus walkways and in messages conveyed by telephone. These racist messages focused on the family of Bethany College's new president, William Jones, and the two biracial children of the president and his wife. An increased presence of persons of color in the student body was also the target of this hate speech.

"We are diverse institutions in the Lutheran tradition, but we stand as one against these threats. With President Jones, we deplore these despicable actions that are, as he has shared, 'disgusting and completely contrary to our core values and intellectual identity.'

"The ELCA Network of Colleges and Universities condemns the racist attacks and threats of violence made against the president, his family, and members of the Bethany College community. Such behavior is antithetical to human, Christian and American values. All people of good will should stand with us against the racism, bigotry and hatred that is at the root of these recent attacks."



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:

Cancer: Steven Cameron, Rich Slope, Mary Nell-Hamilton, Beverly Solomon-Koussis.
Illness: Bernie Shodin, Mathew Thomas 11, Thelma Coates, Fred Thompson, Richard Garrison, Pat Klipfel, Alex Koussis, Jeri Joule.
Recovering: Chuck Pierce, Marsha Muller, Sharon Engeli, Kacy Bliss, Kirk Mathews.
Grieving; family & friends of; Shiela Taylor, Ardene Barnhart, Trudy Dick, Steve Large, Chuck Sekafetz, Ralph Wetter, Lois Stolpe, Judy Kindwall, Sandi Grewe, Barbara Gust, Virginia Miller



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

Transitioning toward Pastor Dave's departure, Oct 23rd

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**
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

Commentary:

To understand the future of Trinity, you quickly learn you must understand the past of Trinity. This church was built and is sustained by its members' love, compassion, and commitment to Christ, as well as to their church family. At a retreat in June, with our transition consultant, about 30 members of the church met and talked about what and who Trinity is. As this discussion unfolded, name after name and story after story testified of the guidance God has provided to members of the congregation. This is a church steeped in memories, memories dating back to the purchasing of the original building for \$1, up to the announcement of a beloved pastor leaving. Each memory along this path comes with the names of people who impacted the missions and ministries of the church and loved ones we laughed and cried over. Trinity is a home to many dedicated worshipers, but we are also home to occasional and repeat Sunday morning visitors, to community groups using the facilities for events, to residents who need a home for funerals and weddings, and to those who are lost and looking to be found. God has worked in the people of Trinity to build strong ministries and outreach programs, amazing community relationships, and fantastic partnerships with local and global organizations. As an outsider looking in, you may view Trinity through the eyes of many programs, building uses, missions, and events, but once you walk in the door and talk to a member, an entirely new feeling consumes you. A new member recently talked of her first time in the door at Trinity. When asked what prompted her to make Trinity her church home, she said, "Oh that's easy. It was how welcomed my family and I felt. We knew immediately we had found our church home."

As Trinity reflects on these horizontal relationships we also reflect on the vertical relationship we share with God. The symbol of the cross is ever present in our minds, reminding us daily of the relationships the church brings for its members with one another and with Christ. As we gather as a community of faith we gather as sinners, yearning for strong biblical preaching and teaching. Trinity's desire to be a family in Christ, led by a teacher of Lutheran faith, tells the story not only of our history, but the vision of our future. The story of Trinity is one enriched with Christ leading us on a journey led by the stories of our past.

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.

Choir practice will begin Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Consider giving choir a try! Ollie Bergh 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.

Choir practice times are Sundays at 9:00 a.m.



Youth Group

The youth group is working on our yearly schedule of events. If there are events that the youth group can help with, please email Chuck and we will try our best to provide support. On Sundays, the youth group are having bible study discussions. This weeks discussion will be **Matthew 18:21–35 dealing with forgiveness**. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to read the weekly readings and join in the discussion this Sunday.

Youth Group Lunches

The youth group lunch sign up sheet is posted and anyone interested in providing a lunch for the youth during their bible study time can do so now.

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.



**Be part of a lifesaving journey
Give blood to honor our Veterans**

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Friday, November 11
12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

**To schedule an appointment or for
information, contact Christina Sekafetz
at 971-716-8364**



**Community Clothing
Closet— Free Clothes**

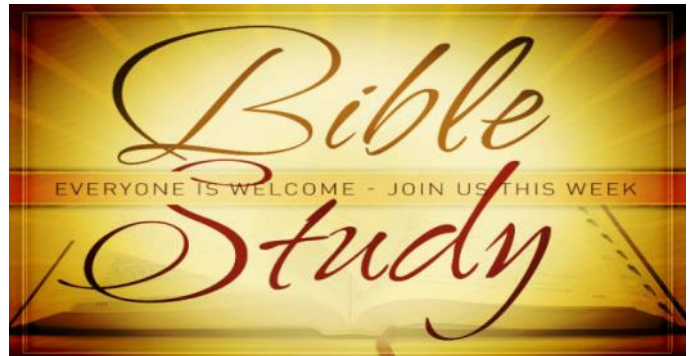
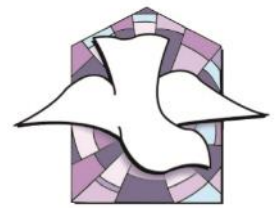
for anyone in need of quality used clothing.

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 at Trinity
this week!**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible study
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.

Kids Art Class—Richard Fenwick, instructor.
Still room to sign up!

Wednesdays at Trinity Lutheran. 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Ages 7-18. Drawing and water media. Call 503-879-4293 for details.



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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 dotdallastlc@gmail.com



A Letter from the Call Team

Calling a pastor is a deeply theological and spiritual endeavor. It is much more than a simple hire, as we as a congregation are not looking for a CEO or even a leader. The leader of our church is Jesus Christ, not our pastor. As Pastor Dave explained to me, “God calls a pastor through the church, and the pastor accepts the call after discernment. The church does not hire a pastor, but the pastor is a shepherd called by God to serve God’s people in this place. The call I have from Trinity is very simple. It is to administer the sacraments or gifts from God and to preach the Word.” It is through the sacraments of baptism and communion that we receive the Holy Spirit and the outpouring of grace and forgiveness. As you pray for the call process, pray that God leads our new pastor to us and that we as a congregation are led to our new pastor. We are seeking God’s will in this call, not our own.

The Call Team has two meetings scheduled before Pastor Dave’s last Sunday. One meeting will focus on developing and recommending a plan for our bridge ministry that will pass the baton from Pastor Dave to our new pastor. The second meeting will develop a timeline and checklist for the call process. One of the most important parts of this second meeting will be developing a timeline that will be published each week to the congregation. You will be able to see which step we just completed, which step we are currently on, and which step is upcoming. We will make that available in future issues of the Visitor, during announcements, in the bulletins, and on the church website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! If you have any questions please talk to Matt Davies at church or 503-931-8426

JAMES2 Community Kitchen is seeking volunteers. Help is needed in the following areas -

- Cooks—Thursdays at the Methodist Church
- Menu planners
- Dishwashers—Thursday at the Methodist Church from 4:00—7:00 p.m.

If interested, please e-mail: james2kitchen@gmail.com

For more information www.james2kitchen

New member class to be held in September

Pastor Dave will be teaching a new member class on Sunday October 9th at 5:00 p.m. If you are interest in becoming a member of Trinity, contact Pastor Dave or Dot Lee at the church office 503-623-2233 or by email: dotdallastlc@gmail.com.

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!

Scripture readings for October

October 2	Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10
October 9	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-5, 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19
October 16	Genesis 32: 22-31 2 Timothy 3: 14– 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8
October 23	Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14
October 30	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Romans 3: 19-28 John 8: 31-36





Library News for October 2016

Susan Middleton, Librarian

For those of you new to TLC, we want you to know the library has convenient hours: ANYTIME THE CHURCH IS OPEN. To check out a book, just sign the check-out card, insert a “date due” slip as a reminder, and leave the book card in the yellow box on the counter. Books may be checked out for three weeks and renewed if you need more time.

This summer the library team did some purging of old books. According to library experts, this is a critical activity to create interest in the books that remain on the shelves and to make room for new books. While doing some purging, we discovered many books we have read and loved are not being checked out. Starting this month, I will be reviewing some of these “gems” selected by the library team as GOOD READS.

Onward Crispy Shoulders by Mary Haakenson Perry. This is the story of a family with seven children who homesteaded in Alaska. Their oldest son Jim had Down’s Syndrome. His parents knew his limitations, but more importantly, they had great expectations for him. As a result, he developed into a capable employee, responsible adult, and well known and loved member of his town. Jim’s story will be encouraging to anyone struggling with the challenges of parenting. **(Find in nonfiction, 616.8/ Pe)**

The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. A Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew wrote this book as a gift to their children to explain the connections between their religions. “As the authors reveal their deepest beliefs, readers will see the blossoming of profound interfaith friendships and the birth of a new way of relating to others.” **(Find in nonfiction, 201.5/ Id)**

The Color of Water by James McBride. The author gives a stunning window into the life of his mother, a Jew from Poland, who married a black man and was disowned by her family. It’s a story of suffering and triumph. She rose above the divisions caused by race and religion in favor of love, family, friendship, and community: powers that allow us to embrace our differences and learn to be accepting. **(Find in nonfiction, 921.0/ Mc)**

Until next time

Some journeys take us far from home. Some adventures lead us to our destiny. C. S. Lewis from The Lion,

From the Crummy

by Tod Brostrom



I hope everybody had a nice and fun summer. Ours was full of fun trips and barbeques! We have been logging on this farm, south of Salem for several years now. It’s an old homestead, and as we travel around tis 500AR place working, we turn up several tidbits. Last month I was opening up an old road, pushing and piling brush. At one point it was way above the dozer blade, and I stopped and backed up to get a better bite on the pile. When I backed up I noticed the hood of my car had a bunch of brush on it. I looked closer and it was an assortment of fruit. It was a complete fruit tray, Blackberries, Apples, Pears and wild grapes, laying right there on my hood. As I worked the day away I was reminded of my grandma writing a letter back home to Nebraska in the 1940’s. She was upset she couldn’t get more sugar to can more fruit, its everywhere and going to waste!

This has been one of these years where everywhere I go I notice the fruit trees, berries, etc. are all loaded. I imagine coming from dry, dusty Nebraska looking for a better way to live and seeing all this would have been shocking. And we drive right by all this free fruit to the store to buy applesauce and a berry pie.

Serving during October Worship

Date	Lay Assistant	Lector	Greeters/Ushers
October 2	Matt Davies	Lori VanRiper and Logan	John & Lydia Shodin Red and Sherry Carroll
October 9	Kate Richardson	John Beck	Pat & Diane Klipfel, Cliff & Jill Simmons & fam, Dave & Nikki Dippel & fam
October 16 (Pastor Dave Morelli)	Steve Utter	Utter family	Alan & Jan Truetle Ken & Julie Oke
October 23	Tod Brostrom	Matt Davies	Don & Fran Brostrom Tod & Kathie Brostrom Susan Middleton & Janet Wheeler
October 30	Lane Shetterly	Diane Klipfel	John Grewe Greg & Sharlene Hattan

November Ushers

Nov. 6	Greg & Janet Brunner	Jim & Michaele Pelzer
Nov. 13	Clayton & Linda VanRiper, Lori VanRiper and Logan	
Nov. 20	John Beck, John Engelein, Stephanie Barth, Donna Wetter & Alvera Blanchard	

KIOSK Attendants

Oct. 2	Alvera Blanchard
Oct. 9	Julie Oke
Oct. 16	John Beck
Oct. 23	Janet Brunner
Oct. 30	Carol Christ
Nov. 6	Sally Davies
Nov. 13	Donelle Flammang
Nov. 20	Alvera Blanchard
Nov. 27	Julie Oke
Dec. 4	John Beck
Dec. 11	Janet Brunner
Dec. 18	Carol Christ
Dec. 25	TBA

Communion Care

Alvera Blanchard
Donna Wetter
Jim & Michaele Pelzer

Sunday morning child care ages 0 - 4

Oct. 2	Michelle Sekafetz
9	Emily West
16	Anna Hammond
23	Michelle Sekafetz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00 a.m. Free Clinic
2 9:00 Adult education hour 10:00 Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School meeting 5p.m. Silent Auction	3 <i>Church office is closed.</i> 9:30 a.m. Quilters 2 p.m. Bell Choir	4 9:00 Library team 9:00 Staff meet 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Council 6:30 Open House for PD	5 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA	6 8:00 Polk Co. 9:00 Community Partners 1:00 Piano lessons 1:00 Rug hooking 4:00 Worship pract 6:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Bunko! 5:30 Creat worship practice	7 8 a.m. CMS Training 9:00 Bible study 7 p.m. Monmouth Taiko	8 8 a.m. CMS Training 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 10:00 Confirmation
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Dear loved people of God,

Over 29 years is a long time to be a pastor in one church! God has been good to me and to us all!!!

I had been here about 12 years and I was thinking it was probably past time for me to move on. I prayed asking God for an answer. One day I was in the bookstore that was in the old Adolf's Electric building, and I ran into a pastor friend who was now selling cars between calls. We talked about how our families were doing. He suddenly switched topics, he said: "Dave, are you feeling like you need to leave Trinity?" I was surprised that he could figure that out but I said that I was. He said, "I want you to know that God has told me that your best years at Trinity are yet to come and that you are to stay."

Well, I did not need to be told twice! I felt that had to be an answer from God. He was right, they have been wonderful years! God has blessed us and me in powerful ways as we have trusted him to provide for us in every way.

Transitions are hard. But this church has faced many hard things like relocating to the east side of town. But I remember all the times that God was right there with an answer at just the time we needed an answer. The answer was never there before we needed it but just exactly when we needed it. That seems to be the way it works with God.

So we are all anxious. That anxiety is what we do when we don't trust God. God has not brought this church this far to let it fail now. The new pastor will be different from me. He or she will have a different personality and be interested in different things. The pastor before me was Jim Riede. He did so much for this church. Jim and I are quite different from each other. But, the ministry and church continued to trust God in Jesus Christ.

Church ministry is always, ALWAYS, about Jesus Christ and not a pastor. The church and the pastor will thrive as they look to him and not themselves.

Thank you for letting me serve you these 29 plus years. It has truly been my privilege to be your pastor.

I love you all,
Pastor Dave