

Holy Women

By Pastor Kristin Luana Baumann

Who are the heroes in your five favorite bible stories? Let's see..... I love the Joseph story in Genesis; Exodus is another favorite, and the hero would be Moses; the book of Jonah; Balaam and the donkey, the book of Daniel ... these are already five stories, and I haven't even arrived at the New Testament yet!

The bible, inspired by God, contains a plethora of insightful and highly valued stories for our sacred learning pleasure. The bible, written by human beings, is also a product of her times. Therefore most of the biblical accounts are written from a male perspective, as men have been more active and visible in the public sphere in most of human history. But women live out their faith with the same passion and dedication as men do. We can be inspired by both, men and women. So, let's fill in some of the gaps and take some time to tell stories of holy women!

I will start today with the story of the friendship of Mary and Elizabeth. Mary, the mother of Jesus, the Christ; and Elizabeth, the mother of John, the Baptist, are relatives. The Gospel of Luke begins by interweaving the most important turning point in both women's lives. Elizabeth is beyond child-bearing years when the account begins. Mary,

unmarried and a virgin, is before child-bearing age. Both learn through the angel Gabriel that they are to bear very special children. The angel gives their names, Jesus and John, and prophecies their greatness. While this announcement is a time of pure joy for Elizabeth, it is frightening for Mary. It was customary to stone unmarried mothers to death at that time and place! Mary has reason to worry. She escapes to Elizabeth, seeking protection and solace. Now Elizabeth has a choice: She can ban scandalous Mary from her place or grant her refuge. The choice seems obvious for Elizabeth: Of course she will welcome her relative. And not only that: She rejoices with her, and she shares with her a keen sense of the importance of Mary's calling. Mary and Elizabeth's friendship and mutual solidarity exemplify the relationship their sons Jesus and John will develop. Jesus and John are always in support of each other and each other's calling and ministry. They learned that from their mothers!

I am inviting you to find stories about Holy Women and to present them to your sisters and brothers in Christ in a creative way of your choosing: Write up your story and frame it, produce a collage, sculpture, poem, painting, drawing, theatre play or any mix of the above. In the four Sundays after Martin Luther King Day we will celebrate Holy Women. We will exhibit your stories in

the narthex, have a preaching series about Biblical Women, and Sunday School and Adult Education will be filled with Holy Women as well.

We are looking forward to learn about the Holy Women are close to your heart! And now, as we enter into the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we wish you a time full of friendship and family, giving and receiving, and service to God and neighbor.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

Please remember to have a family member or friend contact the church office during business hours or Pastor Kristin Luana at (360) 912-1245 or Pastor Olaf at (360) 912-1830 if you are hospitalized or need pastoral care. The hospital does not inform us if you are admitted. e-mail:
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Radio Broadcasts

Our worship services are broadcast on KONP 1450 AM at 11:00 AM
The broadcast on December 10th will be at 8:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion is at 9:30 AM



Deaths & Services

Dolores Mangano

November 4, 2017

Private services.

Bonnie Weekes

November 8, 2017

No services scheduled at this time.

Mission Statement

Called by God's grace
to share the good News,
We are the hands of Christ:
opened by love,
extended in welcome,
joined in worship,
offered in service,
reaching for justice.

Congregational Life

No Tuesday Bible Study December 5, 19, and 26.

December 12 - Bible Study at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room looks at **demons and the devil**. You may purchase the accompanying book Reviving Old Scratch – Demons and the Devil for Doubters and the Disenchanted by Richard Beck online at amazon.com or order it through a local bookstore.

The Lutheran World Relief Quilters



meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays **10 AM - Noon** in the quilting room downstairs. They will meet on **December 12**

(not meeting on Dec. 26.) If you would like to sew quilt tops at home, squares will be provided. New participants are welcome! Contact Charlotte Sellin at 452-2788 or Marianne Ude at 452-3932.

The Saturday Men's Breakfast group in the Fellowship Hall is open to all men. They start with breakfast at **7:30 AM** and conclude around 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

All are invited for a **Friday Night Movie at 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Popcorn is provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Confirmation Class for students in 7th & 8th grade is on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM.

Holy Bookers - Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 5:00 PM in the library. This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

- December 6, 2017: Seeds of Hope by Jane Goodall with Gail Hudson, led by Elizabeth Athair
- January 3, 2018: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd, led by Rosemary Peterson
- February 7, 2018: Letters from Yellowstone by Diane Smith, led by Anne Murray
- March 7, 2018: Angle of Repose by William Stegner, led by Elizabeth Christian
- April 4, 2018: God's Hotel by Victoria Sweet, led by Carol Dunlap

Not Ancient Mariners – Over 60ish Men's Group gather on the 4th Friday at **5:30 PM**. Contact Bob Dunlap at 360-452-2537 for location and more information.

If you are missing someone in church... give them a call to let them know.

You can follow us on Facebook. Look for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Port Angeles and "like" the page

Sunday School and Adult Education

Sunday School at 11:00 AM for children age 2-high school.

Gather in your age groups and dig deeper into every week's sermon topics.

Sunday School will spend much time in Dec. preparing for the Christmas Pageant. This year, we will tell the story of the birth of Christ in our own version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Pr. Kristin Luana, who has been trained in Hawaiian Hula by Roselle Keli'ihonipua Bailey, will teach this Christmas hula. In song and dance, we recall and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! (No Sunday School – Dec. 24 & 31)

Adult Education at 11:00 AM Sunday School

Dec 3 - Gospel Parallels - One of the most fascinating insights into the development of the Gospels is to read famous stories side by side. That reveals how closely – or not – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are related.

Dec 10 & 19 -Michael Hatch, Attorney-at-Law: Estate Planning – the practical legality and spiritual significance, part I and II

Learn from our very own Michael Hatch what you need to know about Estate Planning to achieve peace of mind for yourself and your family!

(No adult education on Dec. 24 & 31)



NorthWest Women's Chorale Concert

Monday, December 4
at 7:00 PM at HTLC

We get a small taste of the music in worship, December 3rd!

The NorthWest Women's Chorale is pleased to be introducing yet another large work for Women's voices to the Olympic Peninsula this December. "The Seven Joys of Christmas", arranged by Kirke Mechem, is a sequence of delightful arrangements of carols from around the globe. Mechem covers the Joy of Love, Bells, Mary & Joseph, Children, the New Year and Dance, finishing with the Joy of Song. The music origins are from the traditional English, French, German, Burgundian, Japanese and Spanish.

The concert showcases two very different versions of "Ave Maria" for double choirs, one by Gustav Holst and the other by Franz Biebl. The mix of the voices is very different than in past performances and you will delight in listening to these favorites of the chorale.

“Two Echo Carols for Christmas”, Arranged by Nancy Grundahl also features the double choirs. The pieces are designed to take advantage of an echo or antiphonal effect.

Newcomers to the Chorale, Tiara Delatorre and Sally Bays are featured in “The World For Christmas” with music and lyrics by Anders Edenroth from “The Real Group”. This piece returns the chorale to the core values of what this holiday means.

I continue as Director and believe that this concert will be a “gift” for all that come to hear the concert in December. Kristin Quigley Brye is the group's collaborative pianist.

The Chorale is entering its 11th year, and this season the group has 5 new members and is 24 voices strong. The group continues to work on and develop their vocal blend and this coming March, many of the members of the chorale plan to attend the American Choral Music Directors Association conference in Portland where they can experience other groups from the western region of the country and beyond!

“What I Want”, written by Stephen Smith, the collaborative pianist for Elektra (the renowned women's chorus in Vancouver, BC) helps us return to a generous and charitable consideration of the season.

Soprano Judy Moilenan is featured in the Magnificat by the young Canadian composer, Christine Donkin. Written as a prayer labyrinth supported by a small group of 10 singers this piece is about the thoughts whirling around in Mary's head and an echo of her own loneliness as she contemplates her situation. And as always, the famed Sing-Along is sure to please those of all ages. Be sure and save the date. This is always a very special event. Perfect to invite that neighbor, as well!

Joy Lingerfelt

Choirs

Chancel Choir Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 PM. (No choir on Dec. 27 & Jan 3)

Children's Choir for K-6th Grade on Wednesdays 3:15 to 4:00 PM. All young children in this age group are very welcome to join us, as we learn not just how to sing, but worship skills, and music reading skills as well! (No choir on Dec. 20 & 27 and Jan. 3)

For more information about choir, contact Joy Lingerfelt in the church office.

Christmas Worship Schedule



December 24, 2017, 9:30 AM Family Service with Communion

This year, the 4th of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day! We will gather in the morning to light the 4th candle on the advent wreath AND to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. With help from Pr. Kristin Luana, Sunday School has prepared a beautiful Christmas Hula for you. Pr. Kristin Luana was born in Hawaii, and has preserved her love for Hawaiian Hula throughout her many travels in life. She is trained as a dancer by Kumu Roselle Keli'ihonipua Bailey from Maui, Hawaii.

**December 24, 2017, 8:00 PM
Festive Candlelight Service with Communion.** On Christmas Eve, we will welcome the arrival of our Lord and Savior here on earth with special music before and during the service. Make sure to be there when we light the candles and sing Silent Night, accompanied by Deacon Joy and guests!

December 25, 2017, 10:00 AM

The people of Holy Trinity are invited to join our Friends-in-Christ at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** for a Pyjama Mass. Yes, you read that right, people are encouraged to wear what they would be wearing on Christmas morning at home. The mass is followed by a Christmas morning brunch potluck. Please RSVP to Holy Trinity's office if you are planning to attend.

HTLC's 6th Annual Fall Bazaar Update

There is no way to adequately thank all who helped in this fun and worthwhile fundraising opportunity.

It was another successful bazaar. We have made a difference in our community raising just over \$3,100. **The Boys and Girls Club, Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics and our dishwasher replacement fund will each receive \$1,000.**



The Vietnam War

The documentary series by
Lynn Novick & Ken Burns continues.

Fellowship Hall

Thursday at 6 PM

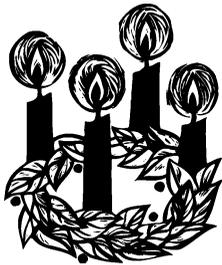
(pick up a flyer in the narthex)

December 7 & 14; January 4, 11 & 18
Episodes run 90-120 minutes

The screening are followed by a listening circle where you have the opportunity to share your experiences, memories or opinions in a safe and non-judgmental environment, or just listen.

Healing prayers are available upon request.

Pastor Olaf & Pastor Kristin Luana sermons can be listened to online on our Facebook page and at www.go2trinity.com



**Interfaith Listening
Circle Tuesday,
December 12th at
6:00 PM
in our Chapel**

As part of an Interfaith Community, we have invited people of all faiths to join us to share in small "listening circles". Listening circles can generate compassionate understanding and deeper respect for the experiences of each person present. Invited are members of churches, and those who are not affiliated with a church, including those who are "spiritual but not religious".

The topic for discussion this month is: *Hopes and visions for a new level of community cooperation for 2018. Think creatively. Be specific.*

Contact Marilyn Eash at 457-2068 or marilynnoe@msn.com

If you **need a ride to church on Sunday morning**, contact the church office Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM.



Advent Devotions and ELCA Good Gifts Christmas Tree

Advent is such a precious time of anticipation: As the days get darker, we await the coming of the Christ Child, the light of the world. We wait in the spirit of thanksgiving, knowing that Christ is coming to earth for us in the greatest gift of all.

Advent devotions “*Living Well through Advent 2017, Practicing Wonder with All our Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind*” are available for you to take home in the narthex.

Why not share our gratitude with others this advent season. A Christmas tree will be up soon in the narthex. It will be full of ornaments showing goats, chicks, cows, water jugs and many other gifts we can make on behalf of the **ELCA Good Gifts project**. These gifts will help families all over the world take care of themselves and their communities. **Take** a good gift ornaments and **replace** it with a decorative ornaments provided under the tree. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, memo line: ELCA Good Gifts.

The Answer for Youth Dinner for December

How blessed we are to have a turn to provide a December Christmas meal to our friends at T.A.F.Y. Since it is the Christmas season let us provide them a meal with the flavors of Christmas! The items needed are:

Ham or Turkey Casserole
Salad
Pies or Desserts
Milk

Date: Saturday, December 23, 2017

Time: 4:00 PM

Where: Please leave your donated food items in the **kitchen by the Fireside Room by 3:30 PM on Saturday**. I will pick up items and deliver to T.A.F.Y.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter outside the church office. Let's make this their best meal this year.

Pamela Wise
Minister for Christian Service



Preschool

November was a month of praise and thanksgiving. We discussed what we are thankful for, brought food for the “share box”, earning non-perishable foods by helping out at home. One student even helps as a hostess at her parent’s restaurant to earn cans of food!

Our classes shared special Thanksgiving snacks. The bible stories that we listened to told about many people giving thanks to God.

The color this month was brown and our shape was a square. We finger-painted with chocolate pudding and made collages with a variety of shades and sizes of brown squares. If you look at the bulletin board by our classroom, you can read what the children are thankful for on the colorful turkey feathers.

Our older class has begun visiting the HTLC library once a month where we enjoy listening to a story and checking out books. Thanks to Merry Van Deusen and her staff of wonderful volunteers for this special ministry. In January, the 3 year old students will be starting their monthly library visits.

We are thankful for all the prayers and support from the congregation and

We wish you peace and joy this holiday season!

Kathy and Brenda



Preschool Children with food collected for the food bank.

Preschool Facebook Page

Our preschool has a Facebook page, please search for Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool, like and share! Take a look at the awesome pictures of our preschool children.



Thanks!

Thank you to all who worked to make “500 Years Reformation - Celebrating the

Global Church” a special event. Special thanks go to our guest speaker Moses Penumaka, to Deacon Joy and the Chancel Choir, to decorator Vicki Corson, to Neil Dexter and all other people who made food and helped in the kitchen, to the Fair Trade Team, Terry, Paula and Zorba and, last but not least, to Don Corson for preparing the gift to Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church. (Please see Don’s article for details.)

Thanks to *Enduring Gifts* for funding Rev. Dr. Moses Penumaka travel expenses.

Thank you so much for all crafters, *bakers and organizers* of the Fall Bazaar, especially Sue Priest and Peggy Romero!

Thanks for *Thanksgiving Basket donations and shoppers*. A great big THANKS to Anita Bonham and Marianne Ude for coordinating this event! **Eleven families were blessed** by your helping hands!

Thank you to the *Messy Church Team!* Especially Mary Lange, Merry Van Deusen, March Picker, David Shargel and all the kitchen staff. Your work is greatly appreciated by families in our community!

Quotes from the Thanksgiving Basket families:

"Got so much, I'm very thankful. This will help beyond the holiday. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

"Thank you for blessing me with a Thanksgiving dinner! You're the best!"

"Thank you for helping to make our holidays a bit brighter!"

What a wonderfully huge turkey you gifted us! We sure appreciate it!"

"We would not have a holiday without this blessing"

"I just got custody suddenly of my two grandsons. My resources are so limited, and this gift will allow us to have a great holiday"

"I wanted to thank you for the basket and whoever brought it over. My refrigerator is overflowing with goodness. So amazing, thank you so much!"

What Will You Find in Your Church Library

Our mission statement says among other things ‘...the library provides books and periodicals for adults and children in the congregation and community to nurture Christian faith and life through information inspiration and enjoyment.’ This is a ‘living library’, nurtured and cared for by the library board. Choices are offered in literature, geography, philosophy, religion, social sciences, science, applied science, the arts, recreation, history and related classifications. These are books of life, of love, family, relationships, and the spirit of Jesus. A board member reflected, “I read often and find many times God speaking to me. We do have a library full of ‘religious books’.” We hope you will spend some time soon finding a book to read from your library.



Theology on Tap

“Despair makes priests and friars.” We find the most memorable Martin Luther quotes in a book titled “Table Talks.” Luther’s students and colleagues recorded those remarks as they sat around a table, drank beer and talked theology.

What is good for Martin Luther is also good for us. So we will also meet around the table, drink beer and talk theology. We will meet at the **New Moon Craft Tavern** 130 S Lincoln St, PA. on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. *The next is December 21st.* The New Moon has a wide selection of craft beers and non-alcoholic beverages that should be able to fuel our conversations.

All are welcome, because this is not just a “guy thing.” This is a good opportunity to bring an unchurched friend, family member or co-worker. All questions are allowed. Doubts are welcome.

If you want to join us for beer and conversation, speak to Pastor Olaf or Neil Dexter. If you come, please **DRINK RESPONSIBLY!!!**

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Neil@thedexterfamily.com

“.. whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

At a recent forum on homelessness I was privileged to learn first-hand the power of one. Most of the speakers at the forum proposed legislative changes to help homelessness. That will prove true but the embodiment of helping the homeless came from the personal story of a woman at our table. She put her passion to help into action and is making a difference.

When she was threatened with foreclosure she turned her home in a vacation rental and made enough money to retain her home. Once that stability came, rather than continue to make money, she converted her five- bedroom home into a place for the homeless. She rents out each bedroom and charges the renters 30% of their income (a standard portion of income to rental in economic studies). They all share the kitchen and other parts of the home. If someone cannot pay their rent they can work on home repairs at the rate of \$15/hour. One renter used his woodworking skills to convert her dilapidated deck into a thing of beauty.

Not content to just provide rooms she took her mission into the neighborhood. When a new neighbor moved in she met them and discovered they were from

Montana and had purchased their home as a second home to enjoy the Northwest during the summer. Over the course of the next few weeks she told her new neighbors about the lack of affordable housing in Jefferson County (which is similar to Clallam County in that respect). Currently it has less than a 1% vacancy rate which make it difficult for people to find a place to live. For a community to be healthy, studies point to the ideal rate of 7% vacancy.

As a result of these conversations the neighbor decided that perhaps a family should have a first home before they had a second one. They put their home on the market, for the same price they paid for it, and set their personal criteria for purchase to be a family. They received dozens of offers and only considered the ones from families.

Her new neighbor now is the family that bought the home. Truly, one person can make a great difference.

Norma Turner

Please wear your name tags!

Name tags help us get to know each other and helps visitors get to know us. If you don't have a name tag, contact the church office or tell Terry in the narthex on Sunday morning.

A Reformation Olive Branch



On Reformation Sunday our congregation extended an olive branch to the Roman Catholic parish at

Queen of Angeles here in Port Angeles. Actually, we did more than that. We gave them a whole tree! It is just a little one now, but with the half wine barrel and three bags of “Eden” brand soil, we have high hopes it will flourish.

Our letter to them said, in part, “... Our prayer for both our parishes is that we will grow closer together as we learn new ways to provide God’s substance and light for our community and the world.”

Queen of Angeles wrote back a warm thank you in return. Their letter concluded with these words. “The roots of our Christian faith bind us together, and it is hoped that that tie will keep us ever connected in the future”.

Let’s pray our gesture of friendship will be as long living and productive as the olive trees of the Holy Land... and I don’t mean Minnesota.

Don Corson

Lutheran World Relief Stewardship Project

Baby Care Kits

Lightweight Cotton t-shirts
Receiving Blankets
Jacket, Sweatshirt or Sweater with a hood or include a baby cap
Cloth Diapers
Socks
Gentle Body Soap - bath size
Diaper Pins
Dark Hand Towel

Welcoming Table”

HTLC Cookbook

Cost is \$15.00

For sale through the church office.
These make a great gift!



Library Notes

Advent and Christmas books are displayed throughout the library and Fireside Room for you to check-out and enjoy. Season of Advent begins November 27.

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

Skipping Christmas (2010) by John Grisham. On the block every house sported a 7-foot Frosty The Snowman. With John Grisham's superb writing skills we follow a man who is 'skipping Christmas' this year. What could go wrong? It's an easy read-and just plain fun. It pokes fun at Christmas rituals in a very humorous way—I laughed aloud in parts. This book is a good comic relief as one prepares for the Christmas holiday – a great Christmas story.
By Dennis Duncan

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America (2016) by Jim Wallis. So what is America's original sin? The phrase was first used in a 1987 story for *Sojourner's* magazine, editor Jim Wallis. "...the historical racism against America's indigenous people and enslaved Africans was indeed a *sin*, and one upon which this country was founded." This is a compelling and powerful, and yes even an uncomfortable book that I hope you will decide to read, understanding and acknowledging the realities of racism and bigotry that continue to be part of our country today

is the first step in changing that reality. Some of the facts in this book are startling and made me sad. Example: the post WWII GI Bill "...was deliberately designed to accommodate Jim Crow". Of the 67,000 mortgages insured by the GI Bill in New York and northern New Jersey, fewer than 100 of these supported home purchases by nonwhites. Most encouraging is the book doesn't stop with just pointing out the problems, but presents solutions: *Crossing the Bridge to a New America*. It gives me hope. Before you can solve a problem, you have to admit and understand what the problem is. I hope you will challenge yourself to read this well written book. I couldn't put it down. *By Merry Van Deusen*

Common English Bible Gospel Parallels, (2012) edited by Joel B. Green and W. Gil Shin. This book locates similar texts from each of the four New Testament gospels in parallel columns for easy comparison. Each page has a side-by-side arrangement of the Common English Bible translation (with every word of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), presenting all parallel events and sayings in parallel columns for easy comparison and contrast. This is a very usable and understandable version and will prove to be an excellent reference book. For example, you can quickly discover stories that appear in all four gospels, or only one. Jesus visits Martha and Mary...only found in Luke, Parable of the Net...only found in Matthew. The

adult education class is studying this text in November and December.

By Merry Van Deusen

Parenting with Love and Logic (2006) by Foster Cline, MD & Jim Fay “Need help with your kids? Learn how to parent with love and logic and be amazed at the great results! Now with a new look and updated content, readers will enjoy passing along this best-kept parenting secret to their friends.

EFFECTIVE PARENTING WITHOUT THE POWER STRUGGLES. As parents, you have only a few years to prepare your children for a world that requires responsibility and maturity for survival. Responsibility is like anything else, it has to be learned through practice. ...take advantage of the win-win approach to parenting.” (*This review from GoodReads.com*)

BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Yah’s Wild Gift of Imagination (2017) by Gene Bradbury, illustrated by Roxanne Grinstad. The author and illustrator are two very special people to the HTLC congregation, and they have created this wonderful, imaginative book about the creation. Children and adults will love the colorful and delightful illustrations of Yah’s marvelous ideas to fill the darkness! And then Yah’s exclamation of “**TOV**” in the results! Explosions of color, delicate spider webs, and pillows...yes find out about the pillows Yah created. Several people

we know from our congregation were models for some of the figures featured in the illustrations. Can you find Rachel, Julianna and Pastor Dick? Enjoy this special Christmas gift from Pastor Gene and Roxanne. *By Merry Van Deusen*

Books can be purchased at:

- www.GeneBradbury.com
- Port Book and News - Port Angeles
- Call Gene at 360-477-4278.

Kitten Kitty Reads a Book (2017) by Gene Bradbury, illustrated by Jean Wyatt. Story time on Mama’s lap for Kitten Kitty is a favorite time. But the doorbell keeps ringing, and each time it means yet another friend arrives to hear the story. Just how many kittens can one lap hold? At the end of the story is a list of helpful things to know about cats, and kittens. Your toddler will surely enjoy this bright, colorful book.

By Merry Van Deusen

BOOKS FOR YOUTH

Betsy’s River Adventure (2004) by Veda Boyd Jones. Betsy doesn’t know what to do when her parents decide to move from Boston to the frontier city, Cincinnati. A long journey down the Ohio River with her annoying cousin George only adds to the fun! Will Betsy be able to change her way of life so quickly? *Good lesson on faith.*

By Emily Bundy

The Rescuers by Margery Sharp. This marvelous mouse tale tells the story of the quest for freedom for an imprisoned Norwegian mouse. During an International Organization of Mice meeting, this tragic news is unfolded, leaving the quest to find a communicator, Miss Bianca a privileged white mouse. Will Bernard be able to find her and save the day?

By Emily Bundy

The Luck of the Buttons by Anne Ylvisaker. Life in a small town in Iowa during the Hoover presidency provides the background in this story about twelve-year-old Tugs Esther Button who comes upon a mystery that only she can solve. Her family is unable to help and, in fact, remind her that they believe Buttons are destined to be unlucky, non-achievers. Then tomboy Tugs wins the three-legged race with the popular Aggie Millhouse, learns that her patriotic essay is awarded first place, and wins a brand new Brownie camera at the Independence Day raffle! Read how all combine to make clumsy, spirited, funny Tugs Button, from the luckless Button family, the town heroine! *By Viola Nixon*

Nine new books have been added for the month of December. Eight of these books were donated by library board members and friends of the library. Thank you for your generous donations.

*The Library Board meets monthly (August through May) on the **third Thursday at 9:30 AM.** You are most welcome to attend a meeting if you are interested in joining, or simply to see what the library board is all about.*

Board members: Pam and Emily Bundy, Dennis Duncan, Helen Harvey, Lois Larsen, Karen Meuir, Viola Nixon, Rosemary Petersen, Ann Marie Rahfeldt, Caralee Rupprecht, Zorba Alexis-Stricker, and Merry Van Deusen (chair).

Mission Partners for 2017-2018

Boys and Girls Club
MANNA – Ministers Assisting
Neighbors in Need with Agape
VIMO – Volunteers in Medicine
of the Olympics
First Step Family Support Center
TAFY – The Answer for Youth
Healthy Families of Clallam County
Serenity House
Lutheran Community Services NW
Port Angeles Food Bank
Southwestern Washington Synod

Your general fund offerings provide a \$300 donation to each of the nine local mission partners in addition to our \$1,175 monthly gift to the SW WA Synod.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Financial Summary
October 30, 2017**

Income: \$34,958

Expenses: \$35,085

YTD Income: \$131,984

YTD Expenses: \$131,554

Church Council meeting minutes and financial reports are available to members in the church office.

Thrivent Choice Donations

We appreciate the support of our Thrivent members! Please let us know if you are a Thrivent member, so that we can thank you!

Electronic Giving

You may sign up to have **your offering electronically sent to HTLC** from your checking or savings account or credit card through the church office. It is very easy to start, stop or change. There are slips in the pews for you to put in the offering plate on Sundays mornings, stating that you give electronically. Questions? Contact Peggy or Paula in the church office.

Consider remembering the church in your will. Leave a lasting legacy to our Enduring Gifts Fund.

Committee: Mary Lange, Deb Reed, Sylvia Peters, Gary Sirguy, Holly Rockwell-Irwin, Gene Unger and David Christian.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team at Holy Trinity invites **everyone** to participate in our **Prayer Ministry!**

There are several ways you can help:

Pray at home

Phone Prayer Chain - contact

Lois Larsen at 360-457-9706.

Call the church office if you can't reach Lois.

E-mail Prayer List - To receive the e-mail prayer list weekly or to add, delete or update a prayer request, call the church office.

The HTLC Prayer Team is available to pray with you by request, in person or on the phone. All information shared will be kept strictly confidential.

Ann Kennedy at 457-6177

Gary and Martha Sirguy at 452-9432

Dave Shargel at 457-2006

Enduring Gifts

Electronic Trinity

We will publish videos regularly on our website, on Facebook and on our YouTube channel 1517GraceGuerrilla.
Rev. Olaf Baumann



Check out our website at www.go2trinity.org



2018 Radio Broadcast Sponsors

The 2018 Radio Broadcast Sponsor poster is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$60 to sponsor a Sunday, sign on both lines. If you would like to share sponsorship with someone else, please sign on one line, and the cost is \$30. Thanks for supporting our radio broadcast ministry!

Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate



We always have a fantastic selection of Equal Exchange coffees, chocolate bars (we carry 10 flavors!), hot cocoa and baking cocoa available. Purchase at the church office which is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Chocolate and Coffee make excellent gifts!

Thanks for supporting our fair trade coffee and chocolate ministry 😊

Perfumes and After Shave
Please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne to church! We have members with severe allergies, and exposure to even small amounts of perfume/cologne can cause headaches, watery eyes and difficulty breathing. For the well-being of all of our worshippers, please leave your perfume & cologne at home. Thank you!

Kitchen Update

Many of you have noticed with disappointment that we did not serve soup at our Fall Bazaar as usual. Here's why: Clallam County now requires that all meals cooked and served to the public are prepared in a commercial kitchen. Unfortunately our kitchen does not meet this standard. But, of course, we would like to be able to continue to use it for public events! Here's the next step: Pr. Kristin Luana will convene a kitchen task force, and that task force will find out what we need to do to meet the requirements, and how much that would cost. The replacement of the broken dishwasher will be part of that research. **Will you be part of the kitchen task force? Please let Pastor Kristin Luana know!**

Need a current directory?

We have up-to-date directories without pictures for members. Please stop by and pick one up, or get one on Sunday from a staff member.

Upcoming Music Events at HTLC

Monday, December 4th at 7:00 PM
NW Women's Chorale Concert
(Suggested donation \$15 at door)

Friday, January 19th at 7:00 PM
Port Angeles Chamber Orchestra
(tickets at the door)

Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 AM
**Young Artists Scholarship
Competition**
Watch for more details.





The next Messy Church is
Wednesday, January 24th
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Verse: Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. (Mark 4:39)

Story: Jesus and the disciples cross the lake on a boat. A huge storm comes up, and the disciples are very afraid. But Jesus calms the storm. (Mark 4:35-41)

Theme: Jesus is the Son of God, even the wind and the sea obey him.

Mark your calendar!

Would you like to be part of the Messy Church Team? Let Pastor Kristin Luana know.

Snow removal ...



When the raindrops turn to snowflakes, we need volunteer help shoveling the sidewalks and entry ways and walk ways at church. We also need someone to spread ice melt on icy mornings as we have Mosaic and Encore clients in our building most weekdays.

The snow shovels and ice melt is in the chapel or you can bring your own shovel.

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