

# The Trumpet September 2024

## Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



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Office Hours M-F 9am-1pm

### *Place. Time. Generations.*

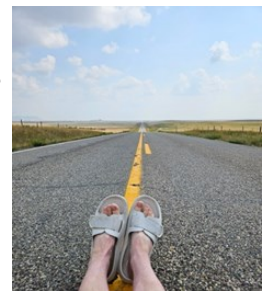
My computer has a screen saver that cycles through all the photos I have in it. I think there are about 20,000. Seriously. They show up randomly, having been selected by the computer somehow; they stay for a couple seconds and fold into the next one. It's quite hypnotizing. Before my eyes scroll pictures of my mom, both of our families over the years, places we've been, things we've seen, trips we've taken, church and life events. Most things I can identify as they pass by but some I can't quite remember. Nonetheless, they are a part of my history and I love looking at them. Now they include pictures of Frank and Asa, the shared joy of two families united as one as they make their way into the world we have given them.

In the pictures are images of the people we have loved who are no longer with us in the old way; those who now rest in the loving arms of God. Members of my family and yours; those who formed and guided and mentored you, whose memories may be held physically in the space around us. I've read in a couple different places about how ground and walls/structures hold the spirit of those who had been once present there. Your family home, a beloved garden, a cemetery, the place of your ancestors, a church then or now. So many people who have sat beside us in the pews, shared the sacred bread and wine with us, who have knelt next to us asking God's blessing and embraced us in joys and sorrows. You can name them, hold them, feel them. It could be anywhere, but place matters and this place of Holy Trinity and its Memorial Garden is holy ground for so many of us. The ground, the walls, the space; all hold the spirit of those who have been here before us. Isn't that why we care so deeply for a place?

My sister and I make an annual driving trek to the ground of so many Montana places, visiting family past and present to stay connected with the ancestors and those who gave us life. And a home in Auburn, WA, which holds the great treasure of another generation.

September reminds us that as days shorten and nights cool we are part of the grand seasons of life. Nothing changes and yet everything changes. Life cannot be born within us without change. God has set us with these people at this moment and in this place. Treasure and protect it. Engage with this community; be among us to share the gifts of God. We cannot do any of the work God has given us to do alone; we need each other. The ground and walls and air testify to it.

We begin many things again in the fall as we reengage with each other, respond to the needs of the world, resist that which does not give life, express gratitude for all that has been given to us and help usher in the next generation with hope for a world of justice and peace, generosity and compassion, equality for all, and a planet to sustain them with beauty and diversity. Plant a tree, write our officials about what is important to you, be sure to vote, give up plastic bags, advocate for our schools, take a walk and sing a song. God is speaking in the ground and the walls; can you hear?



With love and prayers, "on the road" in northcentral Montana, near the Sweetgrass Hills

Pastor Gail

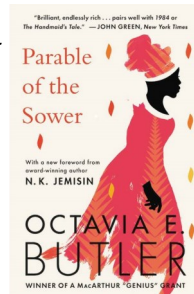
# Holy Trinity Library



September is the month for reuniting with friends, co-workers and school pals. Our library is here to inspire, uplift and educate. We are rested, after several months off, and are looking forward to reviewing, updating, organizing and welcoming any of you who would like to join us on the TEAM. We meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.

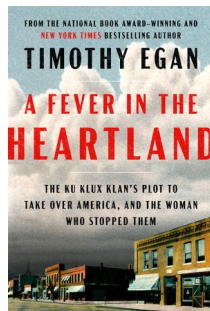
## BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

**Parable of the Sower** (1993) by Octavia E. Butler. This speculative fiction novel sees the world through the eyes of fifteen-year-old Lauren, a person of color living in a walled community near Los Angeles in 2024. Climate Change and an almost total breakdown of society has made life very precarious. Lauren survives this time with her ability to embrace change, which she claims as a new religion. "All that you touch, you change. All that you change, changes you. The only lasting truth is change. God is change." With that she is able to embrace the rapidly changing world. This book has been much acclaimed in recent times. Highly recommended if you can stomach grizzly details. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt



## **A Fever in the Heartland: The Klu Klux Klan's Plot to take over America and The Woman Who Stopped them**

(2023) by Timothy Egan. The ascendancy of the KKK in the Midwest in the 1920's has been largely forgotten. But in the Midwest, especially in Indiana, the surge of modernism of the the 20's brought the charismatic charlatan named D. C. Stephenson to the forefront. This time around black folk weren't the only perceived villains. The KKK hated anyone different from themselves... Blacks, Jews, Catholics, New Immigrants...they were all on the hit list.

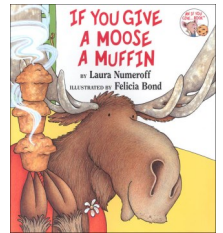


But it couldn't go on forever. If you haven't read this fast moving true story, READ it now. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt

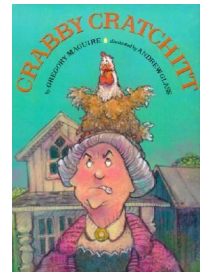
## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

### **IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN** (1991) by

Laura Joffe Numeroff, & illustrated by Felicia Bond. It asks children to imagine what would happen if you invited a moose into your home and offered him a muffin. After all, just like any other houseguest, this moose should be entitled to all the comforts of your home, shouldn't he? The illustrator certainly thinks so and personifies this moose in the most comical ways. Donated and reviewed by Anita Bonham



**Crabby Cratchitt** (2000) by Gregory Maguire & illustrated by Andrew Glass is a silly story about a woman desperately trying to get some peace and quiet. The hen in the barnyard will not cooperate and things get more complicated for Crabby on even page. The rhythmic, rhyming prose parodies a familiar song, but tells its own story. Even my very first time, I had to read it out loud, using different voices and inflections. It is just that type of book. The hilarious illustrations make it perfect for reading to preschoolers, and an older primary student could enjoy reading it alone. Donated and reviewed by Anita Bonham



## **REPLACEMENT BOOKS:**

**Each New Day** (2002) by Corrie Ten Boom. This is a book of reflections for each day of the year.

**The Hammer of God** (2005) by Bo Giertz "A classic novel about faith and the power of grace"

**A Tale of Two Cities and Great Expectations** (2010) by Charles Dickens. One volume with two of Dickens' best known stories.

Kitty, My Rib (1959) by E. Jane Mall. "The heart-warming soy of Katharine Luther, a woman of courage and devotion"

Letters and Papers from Prison (2015) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "Despite Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theological achievements and writings, it was his correspondence and notes from prison that electrified the postwar world".

The Cat in the Hat (1985) by Dr. Seuss. This is one of Dr. Seuss' best known stories and all libraries must have a copy. If it's been a while since you read this, give it a read. It still works.

Winnie the Pooh and Tigger too (1975) by Walt Disney Company with permission by A.A. Milne

## Ailanga News

### Update from Headmaster Rev. Majola

"Receive greetings from Ailanga and Meru Diocese and Tanzania. How is it in Seattle? The school was opened on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, but the turn out was very low. The registration as per today is 216 students (90%) of the total. During the holidays, the Seminary manages to renovate girls' washrooms and build boys' new toilets (see photos). Please convey our best wishes to all of our friends.

Yours,  
Rev. E. Majola"



### Delegation Trip Summer 2025

On Sunday, July 14, 10 members from Maple Leaf and University Lutheran walked on the Edmonds ferry to go to Kingston to meet with members from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port

Angeles. The purpose of this gathering was for the people who are interested in joining a 2025 delegation to the Ailanga school in Tanzania to meet each other. General logistics of the trip were discussed, questions answered, and future timelines set. Trip applications were mailed out and 8 were received by August 12. These included applications from HTLC members Tracy Beals, Amalia Bell, and Julianna Getzin. There is still an opportunity to submit an application, until monthly planning meetings begin in late September (specific meeting date and time to be coordinated with the applicants). Contact Rick Reuter for more information. Feel free to check out the slide presentation available on our website: <https://www.ailanga.com/> under ASP news.

Please keep the Ailanga school and the Ailanga School Project in your prayers. Donations may be made via PayPal at [https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en_US) or by check to Ailanga School Project, c/o Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, 98115.

For more information, contact the ASP board: President and Holy Trinity (Rick Reuter) - [rjandshreuter@gmail.com](mailto:rjandshreuter@gmail.com)

Asante sana! (Thank you very much!)





# WANT TO REALLY STAND WITH SMALL FARMERS?

Do you like the coffee we serve on Sunday mornings? It's available to purchase for your own home!



Chocolate Bars, Tea, and Nuts too. Stop by to see these fairly traded which are available to purchase on Sunday or during office hours, M-F 9am-1pm.



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Please be ready to sign up for this service opportunity. There are two different events to participate in this year.

One project is adopting a section of the Memorial Garden to tend, check and maintain throughout the year.

The third opportunity to serve, will be helping with the assembly of LWR school kits and Personal Hygiene bags. This will be in the fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8th, after the worship service. After putting our school and hygiene kits together, we will share a celebratory lunch together. Everyone in the congregation is invited to the God's Work Our Hands Lunch.

Thank you,  
Mary Lange, Minister for Christian Service

## FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you to the seven people at Holy Trinity who have committed to checking the Little Food Pantry, one day a week for the entire year!

Congregational members, please keep your nonperishable food donations coming in! The donation box is located across the hall from the church office or you can deposit the food directly into the pantry. Summer is an especially busy time for HTLC's Little Food Pantry.

Some suggestions are:

1. Rice
2. Beans
3. Canned soup
4. Granola Bars
5. Peanut Butter
6. Crackers
7. Applesauce
8. Pasta
9. Cereal
10. Tuna

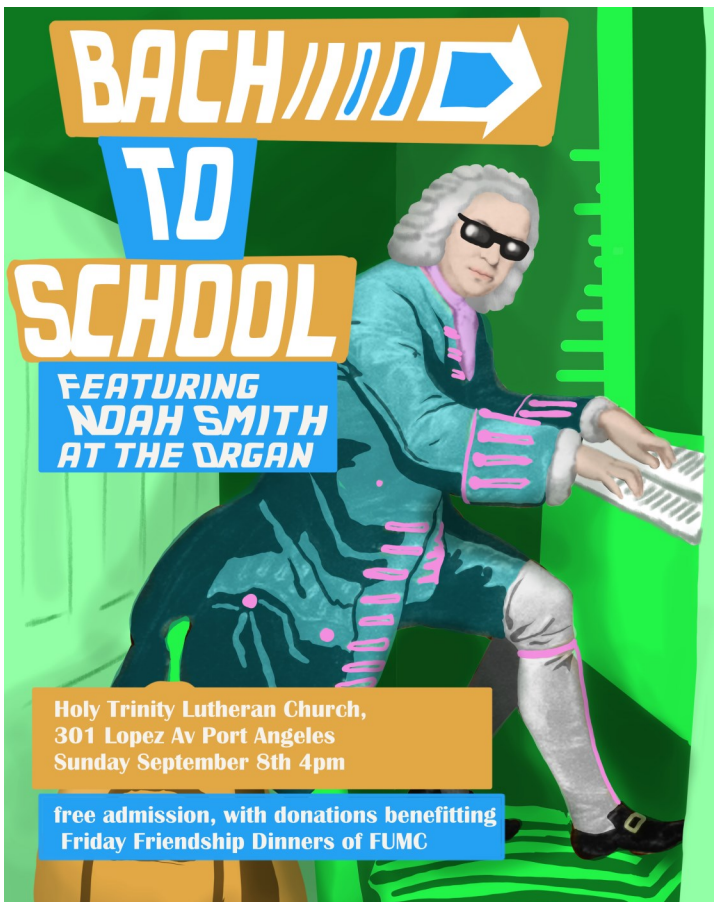


Thank you,  
Mary Lange

**THREADS OF LOVE** shares the power of love through compassionate creativity, using knitting, crocheting, and other handwork to invite, involve, and serve people in our own community and around the world. We gather in the Fireside Room on September 18th from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. Bring your handwork and join us in praying and talking and working together. Don't knit or crochet, but wish you could? You are welcome at our meetings! We will do our best to help you learn whatever technique appeals to you. We even have needles and yarn and patterns to help you get started!



If you have questions contact our coordinator, Karen Selig, [revkarenselig@gmail.com](mailto:revkarenselig@gmail.com) or the church office.



program through challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and recently resumed operations. The event receives ongoing support from organizations such as the Olympic Community Clinic, which provides essential healthcare services. New initiatives, including family-friendly activities and entertainment, are also in the works to further enrich Friday evenings.

Your donations during the concert will directly benefit the Friday Friendship Dinners, helping them continue their mission. **Contributions can be made via PAFUMC's website or by sending checks designated for "Friendship Dinner."**

**Event Details:**

- Date: September 8, 2024
- Time: 4:00 PM (Doors open at 3:30 PM)
- Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E Lopez Ave, Port Angeles, WA
- Admission: Free (Donations for Friday Friendship Dinners appreciated)

This event is free and open to the public, with doors opening at 3:30 PM. Any donations collected at the concert will benefit the Friday Friendship Dinners.

Noah Smith will showcase a powerful program featuring works by Bach, Vierne, and Philip Glass, promising an afternoon of exceptional organ music.

This recital also supports the Friday Friendship Dinners, a vital community initiative started in February 1992 by Port Angeles First United Methodist Church. The dinner has grown from serving 4 people on its first night to an average of 100-150 meals each week by 2005. Now managed by 13 community organizations, the dinner continues to provide nourishment and fellowship to everyone, regardless of faith or economic status.

The Friday Friendship Dinner has been a beacon of community spirit, with dedicated individuals like Anne Todnem and Betty Nicholson contributing to its success. Coordinators Carolyn Stimbert, Evelyn Simpson, and Jeff Bohman have steered the



## Farm Church



Thank you to the Weavers and all who helped with food and fellowship! We had a great time in August and had a delicious dinner. Farm Church is fun for all ages. All are welcome! Our last Farm Church for this year will be Sunday, September 22nd. Carpooling is encouraged. Meet at the

North Church parking lot for 4:00pm departure. Activities will begin at Wild Edge Farm at 4:30pm.

**Driving Instructions:** (do not rely on address based instructions from Google Maps...they are dead end WRONG)

Leave Port Angeles heading west on hwy 101, at about 4 miles, turn Right at Laird Road. Continue straight north to Elwha River Rd, turn left on Elwha River Rd winding down toward the river and cross the double decker bridge.

After the bridge, turn right at first opportunity, onto Sisson Road. Proceed downhill to the fork in the road and bear left (don't drive into driveway of brick house)

Wild Edge Farm is at the end of the road. Park at Wild Edge near the barn where you will see a greeter who will give directions to the gathering down the hill.

**Bikers:** head west on the Olympic Discovery trail, cross the river and head to Sisson Rd as above.



## Holy Hikers



The Holy Hikers had a great hike in August to the Lyre Conservation Area. Alex Wilson from North Olympic Land Trust was amazing! They learned a lot about this area. Join Holy Hikers for their September adventure!



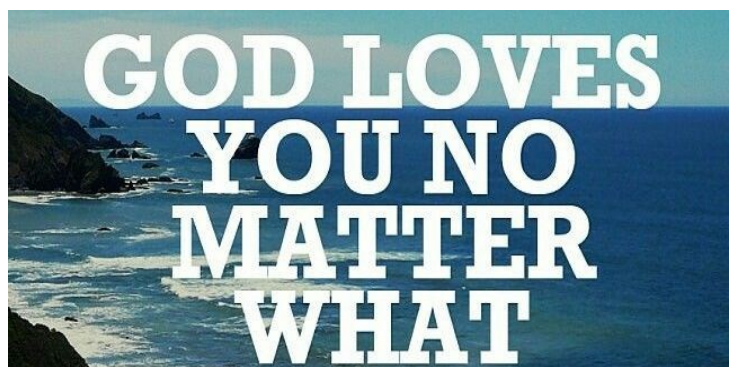
### Hike the West Elwha Trail Loop September 12th

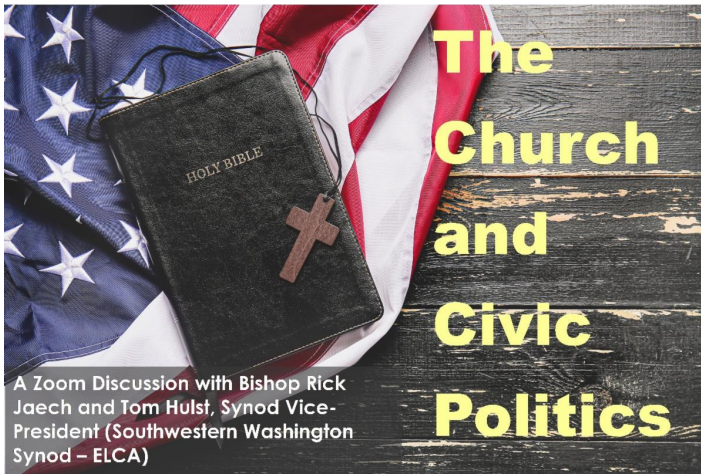
On Thursday, September 12th we will meet on the south side of the church at 8:00am.

Drive west on Hwy. 101 across the new Elwha Bridge. Continue one more mile, turn left on the Herrick Road. Drive 600 feet to a small parking lot.

The hike is approximately 5 miles long with an elevation gain of 250 feet. The trail ends at the Madison Falls parking lot.

There will be cars to shuttle back to Herrick Road.





Through Jeremiah, God said, “seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you.” In our discussion together, we will learn from each other and ask the Holy Spirit to help us know how to do just that.

*Bishop Rick Jaech is the bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. Tom Hulst, the Vice-President of the Synod Council, has enjoyed a career in education and public service and currently teaches political science at Tacoma Community College.*

**September 19, 6:30-8:00PM**

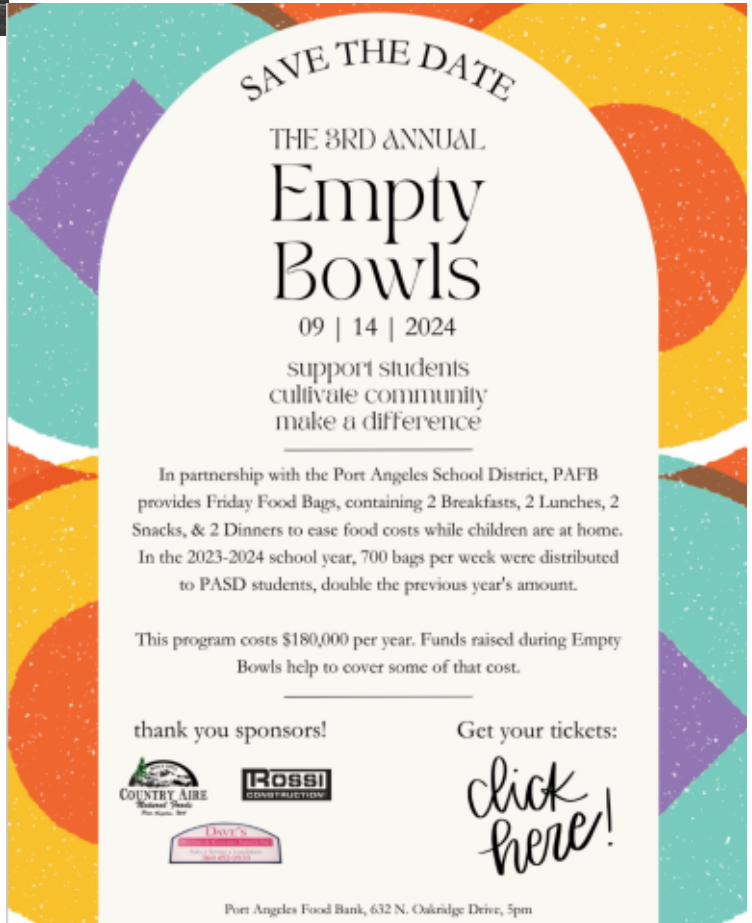
As we look at both our Lutheran teachings and the Constitution of the United States, what are the rights and duties of church members and church denominations as we guide our cities, states, and nation through complicated times? We invite all of you to join us to consider and discuss together the working relationship between the Church and Civic Politics.

There is much media discussion currently about those who, on one hand, promote Christian nationalism and those who, on the other hand, insist on a wall of separation between church and state.

Lutherans in the United States have the tradition of practicing a third, middle way.

- What is that third way?
- How do Lutheran Christians work together with civic political institutions to build and maintain a just society?
- How do we help democracy to function in a way that the voice and well-being of every person is honored?
- How do we follow Jesus and “love our neighbor” in the face of the critical problems that often divide us?

To register for this discussion, email the Synod Office at [swwsynod@plu.edu](mailto:swwsynod@plu.edu). Registrants will receive the Zoom link to join the event and also background resource material.



### Radio Broadcast

Did you know you can still catch our worship service which is broadcast on the KONP radio station?



Each Sunday, someone sponsors this, with a donation of \$100. You can, too! Dedicate your donation in memory of someone or an event.

We’ve still got some dates available! Call or e-mail the church office to sign up!

*Thanks for supporting our radio broadcast ministry.*

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 July 2024 Financial Report  
 Treasurer Dean Bensen  
[htlctreasurer@olypen.com](mailto:htlctreasurer@olypen.com)

July 2024 Fiscal Year Report (Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025)

	JUL 2024		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
4010 General Fund Offering	21,377.82	29,166.67	-7,788.85
4120 Radio Broadcast Offering	97.16	400.00	-302.84
4130 Rental Income	200.00	1,250.00	-1,050.00
4140 Preschool Tuition	221.24	3,982.92	-3,761.68
4420 Interest Earnings	34.43	84.17	-49.74
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$21,930.65</b>	<b>\$34,883.76</b>	<b>\$ -12,953.11</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$21,930.65</b>	<b>\$34,883.76</b>	<b>\$ -12,953.11</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
5000 Ministry Expenses	1,853.95	1,920.84	-66.89
5990 Preschool Expenses		3,658.67	-3,658.67
6000 General & Administrative Expenses	7,252.25	9,500.67	-2,248.42
7000 Personnel Expenses	16,078.65	22,249.20	-6,170.55
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,184.85</b>	<b>\$37,329.38</b>	<b>\$ -12,144.53</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -3,254.20</b>	<b>\$ -2,445.62</b>	<b>\$ -808.58</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
8000 Donor Restricted Income	740.00	225.08	514.92
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>	<b>\$225.08</b>	<b>\$514.92</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>			
9000 Donor Restricted Expenses	4,400.38	170.00	4,230.38
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,400.38</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>	<b>\$4,230.38</b>
<b>NET OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -3,660.38</b>	<b>\$55.08</b>	<b>\$ -3,715.46</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -6,914.58</b>	<b>\$ -2,390.54</b>	<b>\$ -4,524.04</b>

We have a \$3,254 deficit in net operating revenue for the first month of this fiscal year. Our lower than budgeted expenses were off set by \$7,800 lower than expected general offerings.

Other donor restricted expenditures included payment for a concert for \$4,400. Reimbursement for this concert was donated last month which was in the last fiscal year. Thus, this month's net revenue and frankly this fiscal year will look worse in this category that it actually is.

The monthly preschool income was entered into the budget for a 12 month period, not for a 9 month period. I will correct this oversight after the decision has made in regards to the continuation or cancellation of preschool for this year.



If preschool is canceled for this year, I will need guidance here in regards to readjusting the budget or leaving the budget alone.

Our financial position is as follows:  
First Federal Checking     \$42,482  
First Federal Savings     \$620  
Mission Investment Fund \$82,062  
 Total                                 \$149,924

Revenue	Jul-23	Jul-24	Change in Revenue
	Actual	Actual	
General Fund	\$ 35,348	\$ 21,378	\$ (13,970)
Radio Broadcast	\$ 620	\$ 97	\$ (523)
Rental Income	\$ 1,585	\$ 200	\$ (1,385)
Preschool Tuition	\$ 46	\$ 221	\$ 175
Interest Earnings	\$ 52	\$ 34	\$ (18)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 37,651</b>	<b>\$ 21,931</b>	<b>\$ (15,720)</b>

To the left is a comparison of our revenue from July of 2023 and July of 2024. As you can see we have some financial challenges.

At these times I hear Matthew calling.

Matthew 6:34: "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today".

This month's generous donations were

- Elevator Upgrade \$50
- Food Pantry \$125
- Lutheran World Relief-Hunger \$25
- Pastors Fund \$75
- Preschool Donation \$400
- Radio Broadcast \$100



Bless you all,  
 Carol Marie

**JOIN CHOIR!** Rehearsals on at Wed. 7pm  
 No requirement to attend or sing at worship service.

Join us on downstairs Sunday, September 8th after our worship service for our ministry fair

**Theology on Tap**  
 Thursday, October 3rd  
 7:00pm  
 Gather at Mighty Pine Brewing fellowship and discussion, over a cold pint.  
 1st Thursday every month.  
 You can even bring your own snacks!

**Thrivent Grants Available!**

Thrivent Financial, is a non profit company (wow!), allows its members (or associate members) two \$250 grants per year. Consider it seed money for any pay-it-forward type of project that benefits your church or your community. You can apply by visiting: <https://www.livegenerously.com/>. Call the office for more information. We've got lots of T-shirts if you'd like one!





PASTORAL CARE

# Staff & Leadership

## Staff

Beth Orling, Lead Interim Pastor, for worship and administration  
 Gail Wheatley, Interim Pastor for worship and Pastoral Care  
 Noah Smith, Director for Music Ministry  
 Natalie Petersen, Office & Financial Administrator  
 Kyle Lucas, Custodian  
 Brenda Kennedy, Preschool Teacher  
 Patty Smith, Preschool Teacher  
 Candance Hall, Caretaker and AV Engineer

## Church Council

President: Mary Ann Unger  
 Vice President: Wendy Clark-Getzin  
 Treasurer/Finance: Dean Bensen  
 Secretary/Communications: Sharon Reuter  
 Facilities: Dave Birmingham  
 Worship: Deborah Bopp  
 Education: VACANT  
 Youth: Juliana Getzin  
 Christian Service: Mary Lange  
 Hospitality: Neil Dexter

**We are always here for your spiritual care when you need it.**

*Feel free to call the office (and leave a message) or email us if you know of someone who should be added to the prayer list or who needs a visit.*

Pastor Beth Orling  
 609-506-5865                      bethorling@aol.com

Pastor Gail Wheatley  
 406-788-5989                      gail.wheatley@gmail.com

Did you know we have a locking mailbox outside of the church? You can safely drop off an envelope outside of church hours. Another option is to sign up for automatic donations (ask about the form at the office). Lastly, you can make direct donations on our website, [www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org)



- Everyone who contributed to Farm Church!
- Thank you Linda Dowdell for your wonderful music in August.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Fair!
- Big thanks to those who helped put together soup mixes at the Food Bank.
- Kathy Plocher thank you so much for a wonderful year and all your time and energy you put on council working with the education of your youth..

Called by God's *Grace* to

**SHARE** the good news,

we are the hands of Christ,

opened by *love*,

joined in worship,

extended in *WELCOME*,

offered in service,

reaching for justice.

# September 2024

Visit our YouTube channel for Sunday worship, devotional videos and more!

[www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org)

*This is a great way to "introduce" curious friends or neighbors.*

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pentecost 15	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30am Worship				4:30pm Holy Bookers-Fireside Rm 7pm Chancel Choir	7pm Theology on Tap at Mighty Pine		
Pentecost 16	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30am Chancel Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am God's Work Our Hands- 4pm Bach to School Concert		9:30am LWR Quilters	7pm Chancel Choir		8am Holy Hikers-West Elwha Trail Loop		
Pentecost 17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30am Worship		2pm Executive Committee	1-2:30pm Threads of Love 4-4:45pm Youth Choir 7pm Chancel Choir		9:30am Library Team Meeting		
Pentecost 18	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30am Worship 4:30pm Farm Church		9:30am LWR Quilters 6:15pm Council Meeting	4-4:45pm Youth Choir 7pm Chancel Choir				
Pentecost 19	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
9:30am Worship and First Sunday of Creation Season- wear green!				4-4:45pm Youth Choir 4:30pm Holy Bookers- Fire-side RM 7pm Chancel Choir	7pm Theology on Tap at Mighty Pine		