

The Trumpet JULY 2024

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Do you know this kid?



No? Me, neither. But I suspect we have all known this kid in our own lives at some time, or been this kid at some point. I am making some assumptions based only on what I observed. He was with his family, out to dinner, in Florence, Italy. There is no way of knowing if they are Italian or visiting from far away; we only observed him from a neighboring table.

He was turned away from the rest of his “family,” ignoring his drink and the food when it arrived. The rest of the group was chatting happily and really paying no attention to him. Perhaps sulking, bored, at his wits’ end with whatever everyone else was doing and upset that there was nothing to do. Recognize him, now?? Yeah, me, too. At least he was quiet, right?

Here he was, in a city that’s 2000 years old, walking on 1000-year-old cobbled streets, among some of the greatest art treasures in the world, the center of the Renaissance, breathtaking basilicas and cultural antiquity. Bored out of his mind. Been there. Had those kids.

The quick response is to encourage him to appreciate the glory which is around him, no matter that he doesn’t really care. But I think that we, too, are pretty quick to not recognize the glory which is around us at every moment and in every place. A side trip for us from Florence was to Assisi, the home and burial of both St. Francis and St. Clare. Francis was a radical of his time in the 1200’s,

refusing to accept his father’s money or way of life, choosing simplicity and poverty instead, seeing God reflected in everything around him and developing a different way of spiritual life, founding a new monastic order grounded in a deep appreciation of nature and all the gifts of God, calling all creatures his brothers and sisters.

This is a simplistic view of mine, of course, but how easy it is for us to be bored by yet more rain, to not pause and reflect upon the glory of God which is under our feet in seed and soil, to drive over the Hood Canal Bridge one more time without reflecting on the majesty of that glacial creation, to no longer be awestruck by the tides or even to marvel at the beauty of the deer I am more wont to curse for their appetite in my yard.

As I look at this bored kid, I’m reminded to take nothing for granted. All that we have is a gift from God; entrusted to us to protect and preserve. The diversity of Creation is nothing less than astonishing and miraculous, in grandiose and microscopic ways.

The weather is looking “good” as we enter into July, i.e. warm and dry. This month, take what has been called a Sabbath Walk. Have no destination, no goal, no particular intention other than to slow down, look down as well as up, marvel in the color and fragrance and touch of all that is around you. Take this kid along with you and show him the miracles which are around you and give thanks to God that we are alive on this glorious earth. In 10 or 15 years he’ll be better able to appreciate where he has been. We’re old enough to know that already. Summer blessings to you.

Gail

Ailanga News

Summer 2025 delegation trip in-person meetings

Plans continue for a youth and adult delegation to visit the Ailanga school in Tanzania next summer. We had a meeting at Maple Leaf in June and plan another one in mid-July. If you aren't on our email list and are interested, contact one of the Ailanga School Project board members below. We hope to add more youth to the group of 5-6 we have so far. They should have completed 9th grade this year so that they will have completed 10th grade before going on the trip.

For more information, check out the slide presentation available on our website: <https://www.ailanga.com/> under ASP news

Ailanga Background

The Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary is a boarding secondary school located in northern Tanzania near Arusha National Park and the Kenyan border. It was founded in 2003 by the Meru Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and educates students ages 13–20. In the summer of 2004, 17 Seattle students and chaperones journeyed to Tanzania answering an invitation to visit Ailanga. They experienced an incredibly warm and gracious welcome as they worked and played together. What was learned, or reaffirmed, is that we are bound together by the hopes and dreams we have for our children. The Seattle delegates fell in love with the students and staff at Ailanga. The trip marked the start of a partnership that continues today. The Ailanga School Project was formed in 2004 with member congregations Faith, Maple Leaf, Prince of Peace, and University Lutheran churches to support this partnership. Through contributions from our supporters, the Ailanga School Project has provided funds that Ailanga has used to improve their facilities and support their program, including addition of science laboratories that enabled Ailanga to obtain accreditation for advanced level science. Youth and adult delegations have traveled to Ailanga every two or three years; mostly due to COVID, the most recent trip was in

2019. Many returnees have said that this trip has been a life changing experience. We have been blessed to be a part of that mission with significant support for almost two decades.

Please keep the Ailanga School Project in your thoughts and prayers. Donations may be made via check or PayPal.

Please make checks to: Ailanga School Project, % Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, 98115.

For PayPal, please use this link: https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en_US. All money coming to the Ailanga School Project will go to meet the current need.

For more information contact:

Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary website: <https://www.ailanga.ac.tz/>

Ailanga School Project website: <https://www.ailanga.com/>

Ailanga School Project Board

President (Rick Reuter) - rjandshreuter@gmail.com

Maple Leaf (Carol Chilcoat) = acchilcoat@aol.com

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Asante sana! (Thank you very much)

The Ailanga School Project Board



Holy Hikers



JULY HIKE

On **Friday, July 5th** there is a unique opportunity for hiking the approximately 11 mile round trip to the Dungeness Lighthouse.

There will be a rare, -2.0 tide at 9:30am. This extreme tide allows ample time and exposed beach for hiking to the Lighthouse.

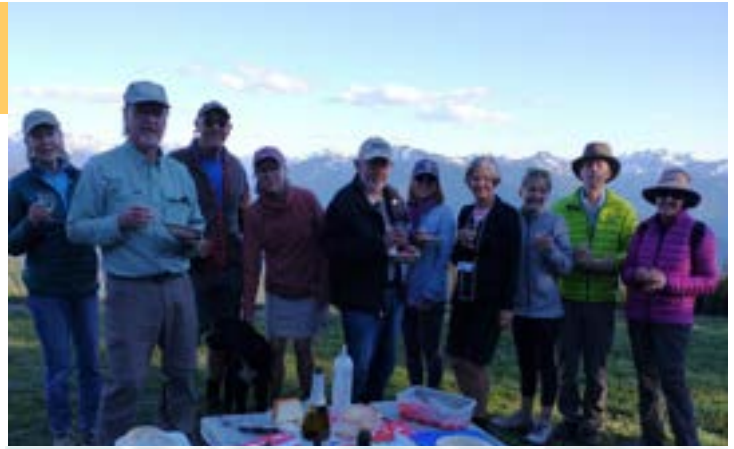
The plan is for P.A. people to gather on the south side of the church on Friday, July 5th at 8:00am. There will be carpooling to the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, lighthouse parking lot to meet up with the Sequim group at 8:30am.

The cost at the Refuge is \$3 per family unit.

Bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

Hopefully, many of you can join us for this once in a lifetime hike.

Mary Lange
360-683-9305



**Join us next
on July 28th at
4:30pm**

Gather for an inspiring time of volunteering, learning, worshipping and eating together, all outdoors.

This is fun for all generations.

Wild Edge Farm • Port Angeles • 360-452-2323

Carpooling is encouraged. Meet at the North parking lot for 4:00pm departure. Activities will begin at Wild Edge Farm at 4:30pm



**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.



**God loves you.
ALWAYS.
NO MATTER WHAT!**

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Here's some good news about some of our young people.

- Cordelia and Brogan Dexter both made honor roll.
- Elise Sirguy received gold honor roll every semester in middle school, was Elsa in her musical theater class performance of Frozen, Jr., and was chosen as "Stevens Middle School Citizen of the Year". She also helped found the Little Free Library near Jefferson Elementary School.
- Julianna Getzin (who is our youth council member) auditioned for Chamber Orchestra on Viola and made it and received a 100% score on a UW Precalculus final. She didn't need to take finals in Honors English and other science classes because her grade was over 100%. She will be training this summer for her Varsity Bowling and Tennis teams.
- William Sirguy, accompanied by Mom Katie, helped carry the torch for the upcoming Special Olympics on the "Law Enforcement Torch Run."
- Amalia Bell completed her sophomore year at the high school with a 4.0 GPA and played violin with the Chamber Orchestra for her second year. She earned another Varsity Letter in Community Service by completing 145 hours of volunteer time around our community. She also danced with the Port Angeles City Ballet in the Nutcracker, Don Quixote, and Scenes du Ballet. Amalia received the Most Improved Pointe Dancer Scholarship for next year.
- Annabelle Petersen received the Gold in Outstanding Academic Excellence from the President's Education Awards Program. She was also super citizen every year she attended her elementary school so this year she got the super seven super citizen award which all staff input on.

Congratulations, each of you! You are blessed to be a blessing and we are blessed that you are part of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!



Julianna Getzin



William Sirguy– pictured in middle



Annabelle Petersen Annabelle & Amalia Amalia Bell



Elise Sirguy



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 July 17th 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, or the church office.



FOOD DONATIONS

Dear Congregation,

We can always use more food donations for our little free food pantry.

Nonperishable items are welcome.

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



Please leave your donations of food in the box outside the church office or deposit the food directly in the pantry.

The food pantry is located on the north side of the church by the church garage.

Thank you,

Radio Broadcast

Did you know you can still catch our worship service which is broadcast on the KNOP 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.



Our library is OPEN

Finding yourself with extra time during summer? Our library has you covered. We're open during office hours (M-F 9am-1pm) and on Sunday mornings. Anyone is welcome to check out a book. Amazing selection of books. Our kids section is wonderful as well. Stop by for the first time or your 100th. Great reading awaits... see you soon!

Shorter bulletins save paper, toner, work and money!

On July 7 we are trying out a shorter bulletin. The main thing you will notice is that the hymns are not printed out. Prayers and readings are spaced across the page and there is less "white space". We may be saving as much as 50% of our paper, copy quota, toner, etc. and that's a good thing.

Your thoughts and comments can be directed to Debbie Bopp, Pastor Beth, or Pastor Gail.



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.

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May 2024 Financial Report
Treasurer Carol Marie Jackson
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In May, we received the following generous donor restricted donations: \$90 for quilting, \$135 for the food pantry, \$25 for LWR hunger, \$50 for the heating system upgrade, \$50 for elevator upgrade, \$400 for Sunday service radio broadcasts, \$100 for the preschool, and \$75 for the pastors fund. Thank you all.

Below is the overview for May, 2024. The fiscal year runs from July 2023-June 2024

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	May 2024	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2023/2024 (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue						
General Fund Offering	\$21,487	\$30,833	(\$9,346)	\$319,360	\$339,167	(\$19,807)
Radio Broadcast Offering	\$400	\$433	(\$33)	\$3,780	\$4,767	(\$987)
Rental Income	\$1,460	\$979	\$481	\$14,155	\$10,771	\$3,384
Preschool Tuition	\$1,106	\$1,155	(\$49)	\$11,331	\$12,705	(\$1,374)
Interest Earnings	\$86	\$67	\$20	\$1,614	\$733	\$881
Total Revenue	\$24,540	\$33,468	(\$8,928)	\$350,240	\$368,143	(\$17,902)
Expenses						
Ministry Expenses	\$508	\$2,456	(\$1,949)	\$24,512	\$27,019	(\$2,507)
Preschool Expenses	\$2,098	\$1,930	\$168	\$16,775	\$21,230	(\$4,455)
General & Administrative Expenses	\$7,834	\$8,892	(\$1,057)	\$90,413	\$97,808	(\$7,396)
Personnel Expenses	\$18,703	\$23,767	(\$5,064)	\$226,410	\$261,438	(\$35,028)
Total Expenses	\$29,144	\$37,045	(\$7,901)	\$358,110	\$407,495	(\$49,385)
Net Operating Revenue	(\$4,604)	(\$3,577)	(\$1,027)	(\$7,870)	(\$39,352)	\$31,483
Other Revenue						
Donor Restricted Income	\$1,085	\$233	\$852	\$56,319	\$2,567	\$53,752
Other Expenses						
Donor Restricted Expenses	\$1,007	\$100	\$907	\$97,809	\$1,100	\$96,709
Net Revenue before Adjustments	(\$4,527)	(\$3,444)	(\$1,082)	(\$49,360)	(\$37,886)	(\$11,474)
Adjustments						
Prior Period Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9,245)	\$0	(\$9,245)
Net Revenue	(\$4,527)	(\$3,444)	(\$1,082)	(\$40,115)	(\$37,886)	(\$2,229)

We have one more month for this fiscal year. Our projected net revenue is -\$18,000. On the plus side, operating expenses are under budget. A total of \$49,000 under budget. This leaves a net operating revenue of +\$31,000, but because we projected a loss, this number becomes confusing.

The budget gives us a guide line to follow, but since COVID we continue to experience confounding variables. For example, this year we did not expect the 5 year elevator maintenance to be twice what we budgeted for nor did we expect to lose our 2 pastors.

If we ignore the budget and look at the bottom line, our net operating revenue is -\$8,000. When we add in the donor restricted adjustments, our true net revenue decreases to -\$40,000. The main reasons for this deficit are due to a \$20,000 decrease in general fund offerings compared to last year, \$17,000 for second half of the heat pump bill, \$1,000 to cover the cost of radio broadcasts, elevator expenses and a few upgrades. Fortunately, we had set money aside for leaner years.

In regards to personnel expenses, because of the departure of our two 30 hour/week pastors, personnel expenses were \$35,000 less than projected. Besides their salaries, we are no longer paying for 2 medical plans and 2 retirement plans. Hiring one pastor for 40 hours per week plus benefits, will certainly help our bottom line.

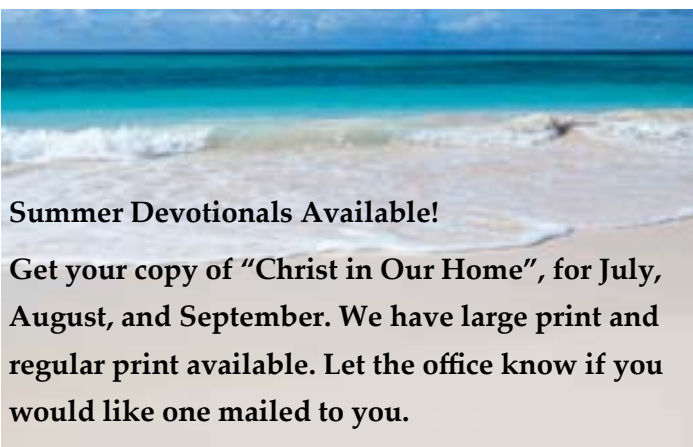
Unfortunately, we currently only have 3 students registered for next year's preschool. The church provides a preschool room, furniture, utilities, cleaning, and a playground. The preschool has almost no overhead, yet we are still unable to recruit students. How can we increase our enrollment? It would be a shame if we had to close our preschool.

The net preschool revenue (counting the fund raiser) is -\$2,643. Our preschool's mission is to provide children with a solid foundation to help them be successful. This year, we were able to help 6 children begin to build their foundations.

This month \$300 was spent for a new vacuum, \$230 for food pantry items, \$125 for food for the annual meeting, \$160 for confirmation supplies, and \$100 for portable toilet service for June for farm church attendees.

I am signing off now as Dean Bensen is taking over the checkbook.

Thank you for your prayers, efforts, and donations that help Holy Trinity Lutheran Church grow and develop as we continue our walk with the Lord. God's blessings are upon you.



Summer Devotionals Available!

Get your copy of "Christ in Our Home", for July, August, and September. We have large print and regular print available. Let the office know if you would like one mailed to you.

Dive in for a week of fun, August 5th-8th!

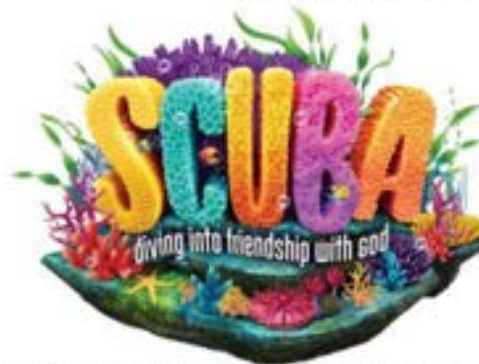
Registration Open!!

Open to all children entering Pre-K through 5th grade

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles

Price: \$10/child (Scholarships available)

Program: 9am-12n, Aug 5th-9th



Please check in at the church office to register your child or to learn about volunteer opportunities.

This Vacation Bible School cooperatively hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church.

This camp will benefit the non-profit organization Operation Kid-to-Kid



PRESCHOOL Registration



Preschool will be starting in September for the 2024-2025 School year. Registration fee is \$100. Students can be registered full or part-time. Full-time is 8am-12pm Monday thru Friday. Part-time is 8am-12pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. To get pricing information and/or a registration form please contact Natalie in the church office at 360-452-2323 or htlc@olypen.com. Our registration form can also be downloaded from our website go2trinity.org on the preschool page. Class size is limited.

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

Kathy Braun, Preschool Teacher

Brenda Kennedy, Preschool Teacher

Candance Hall, Caretaker

Elijah Sussman, 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: Kathy Plocher

Youth: Juliana Getzin

Christian Service: Mary Lange

Hospitality: Neil Dexter



On June 30 in church we thanked people who left our church council and we welcomed those who remain:

Mary Ann Unger, Council President

Wendy Clark-Getzin, Council Vice President

Sharon Reuter, Secretary and Communications

Dean Bensen, Treasurer

Dave Birmingham, Minister of Facilities

Neil Dexter, Minister of Hospitality

Kathy Plocher, Minister of Education

Debbie Bopp, Minister of Worship and Music

Mary Lange, Minister of Christian Service

Julianna Getzin, Minister of Youth

All these people promised to seek to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support so that the mission of Christ is carried out. And the members of the congregation promised to support and encourage them. May God bless all our endeavors and give us the strength to carry them out.

Enduring Gifts Committee

On June 30 during our worship service, we thanked Karla Strutzel, Lucy Nordwell, and Sharon Reuter for their service on this committee. They have fulfilled their terms faithfully.

We installed the newly elected members: Jim Ude, Deb Reed, and Rick Reuter. Thank you to everyone who serves on this committee which cares for our legacy gifts. The remaining members are Margaret Ruud, Dave Birmingham, Elizabeth Christian, and Jonathan Plocher.

Called by God's *Grace* to

 the good news,

 we are the hands of Christ,

opened by  love,

 joined in worship,

extended in  WELCOME,

 offered in service,

reaching for justice. 


JULY 2024



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

www.go2trinity.org

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pentecost 6	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am Worship 4:30pm Farm Church			4:30pm Holy Bookers			Hike to Dungeness Lighthouse
Pentecost 7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	9:30am Worship						
		9:30am LWR Quilters					
Pentecost 8	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	9:30am Worship						
		2pm Executive Committee		1-2:30pm Threads of Love			
Pentecost 9	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	9:30am Worship						
		9:30am LWR Quilters 6pm Council Meeting					
Pentecost 10	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	9:30am Worship 4:30pm Farm Church						