

The Trumpet March 2024

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



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A Message from the Church Council By Mary Ann Unger

Greetings to all during this journey through Lent, 2024. Lent is a season in our church year for contemplation and discernment. I hope you will take a little time to consider the future of Holy Trinity and to be prepared to provide your thoughts and input to our Transition Team.

We are moving along, with care, patience and prayer, as we move through the process to define who we are as a congregation and who we want to become. Our Transition Team is meeting and planning for hearing from our members and from the friends of Holy Trinity. March Picker has provided an update in this issue of the Trumpet and I encourage you to read that article as well.

Rev. Rebecca Shjerven, Assistant to the Bishop, is working on our behalf to find an interim pastor. We learned earlier in February that we are among many congregations that are in need of interim pastoral care and among congregations that are looking for new pastoral leadership. This will not be a quick process, but we are determined to do a thorough job and find the just right person for us in this time and place.

We want to say a special thank you to the pastors and deacon that have been leading worship each Sunday over the last couple months and in the Sundays yet to come. Dick Grinstad, Karen Selig, Don Corson, and coming in March, Gail Wheatley. We are blessed and have their leadership and support.

Should you need a pastoral visit or special care during these days between pastors, Dick Grinstad and Don Corson are available to meet with you and your family when needed. Please call the office and Natalie can help you make arrangements.

As the church council we are moving forward with a variety of plans and initiatives. Here are a few that we are currently working on:

1. Our preschool is already looking forward next year, hopefully expanding the days and the number of students attending. We'll soon be searching for a preschool teacher to fill the position of our, soon to be twice retired, Kathy Braun. Please let your friends and family know about our preschool and that we'll be looking for a new teacher.
2. Lenten Holden Evensong services and soup dinners on Wednesdays at 6:00pm will continue until Holy Week.
3. We're still looking for more members in the choir, especially tenors. There are also some special events coming up, so watch for news regarding an upcoming concert
4. We'll be examining a proposal to upgrade our elevator, which will probably require a substantial fund raising campaign. This has the potential to put our elevator in good condition without needing to replace it entirely. More to come in the future.

In conclusion, we would also like to thank all of our staff members for their dedication and continued hard work during this transition time. We are grateful for them every day.

We continue to be a blessed congregation and we are thankful for your support.

Blessings,

Mary Ann Unger

Council President



Have you heard of Holy Trinity's Transition Team?

In these transitional weeks before God brings a new pastor here, we are a group of six individuals, asked by our church's Council to serve during this reflective time before a Calling Committee is formed. The Transition Team's main goal is to provide opportunities for our congregation to grow in clarity about our church's mission. To that end, we are holding Listening Sessions, similar to Town Halls, on various dates. We also will be reaching out to all members and friends of our congregation by phone and email to get your input. We have a list of questions we hope you'll give prayerful consideration to; samples of those questions are below. We want to hear your vision for Holy Trinity's future. Expect a phone call or email from one of us in the next weeks.

With thankfulness,

Dave Birmingham, Elizabeth Christian, Don Corson, Emily Dexter, Brendan Meyer, and March Picker

Listening Sessions

February 28 (as part of Lenten Supper)

March 3 (after Worship)

TBD later in March

Samples of Questions

What is our congregation clearly good at? What ministry activities bring out the best in us and seem to be valued by others? What are we excited about?

What are the needs of our neighborhood? Where do you see God's presence in our neighborhood and community? What would our neighbors miss if we were not here?

How has Holy Trinity changed in the past 3-5 years? What have been the challenges? What have been the opportunities?



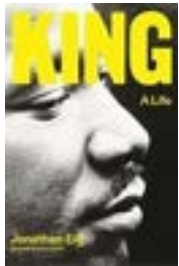
Transition Team



Blessings for March and an early Easter on Sunday, March 31st. Our very competent team, small but mighty, continue to invite all to participate in one activity. We have a Guideline available for reviewing books. Our team meets the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.... Join us.

Books for Adults:

Martin Luther King: A Life (2023) By Jonathan Eig.



This vividly told new biography of Martin Luther King is best described by Ken Burns, who comments “Jonathan Eig has pulled off a kind of miracle. Here is the King we know, think we know and ought to know.

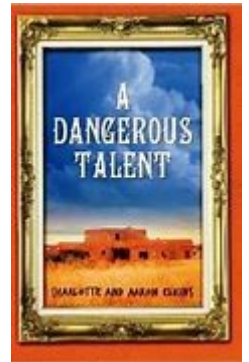
Here is the leader, the preacher, the orator, the husband, the father, the martyr, the human being. Not with melodramatic halo in place, but in all his heroic, tragic Glory. Hallelujah!” Highly recommended. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.

A Little Book of Self-Care for Those Who Grieve (2021) By Paula Becker. It speaks to us on a personal level, the tunes or song that keeps running through our head, the glimpse of a face or place that evokes connection with someone we have lost. Out of our numbness, we feel lost as to how to react, how to move ahead. It is a great companion, reminding us that you are in your own time, and that it is ok to feel, act and slowly process and experience grief. It’s poetic messages and simple designs validate and support the reader through their personal experience with grief. This small book is a short read for a single sitting or for



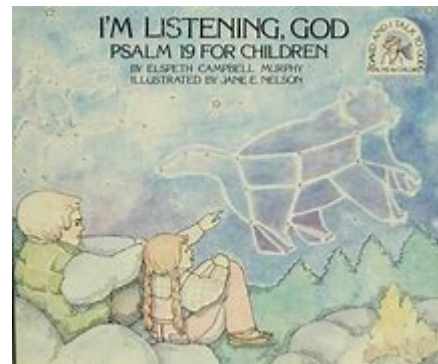
finding something that resonates for today. Donated and reviewed by Sharon Buck.

A Dangerous Talent (2012) By local Washington authors, Charlotte and Aaron Elkins, is a mystery novel with a few murders sprinkled in. Beyond that, it feels like a cross between the old TV series, “It Takes a Thief” and the Cary Grant movie, “To Catch a Thief”. Centering the plot around Seattle and the Santa Fe art worlds, the authors flesh out the fictional narrative with historical background. The primary characters are complex, and I was constantly trying to decide whom to trust or to suspect at each surprising turn. Donated by Zorba Alexis-Stricker and Re-Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



Books for Children of All Ages:

I’m Listening, God (1963) By Elspeth Campbell



Murphy. This book in a series of Psalms for children brings Psalm 19 to life in the story of a young girl admiring God’s handiwork in the stars.

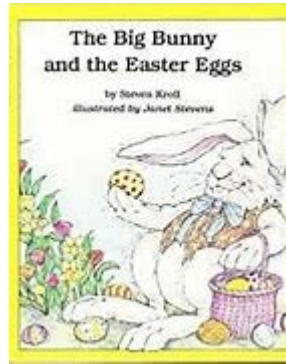
She is continually reminded of God as she vacations with her family. It is a worthwhile read for deepening children’s understanding of seeing God everywhere, listening for God and appreciating how God reaches out to us in love. Reviewed by March Picker.

The Leaving Morning (1992) By Angela Johnson. This wonderfully illustrated book tells the story of a day in the life of a family preparing to move from their home. The sadness and excitement of the

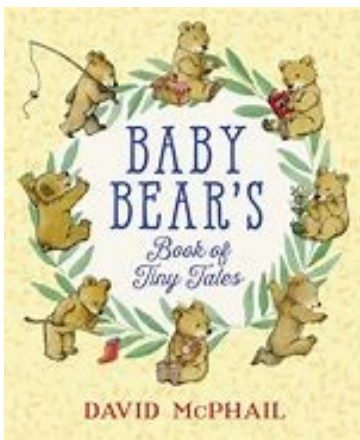


goodbyes are carried well by the paintings. It is told in words of a young boy and would be a perfect, reassuring read for a youngster or friend facing a move. Reviewed by March Picker.

The Big Bunny and the Easter Eggs (2018) By Steven Kroll and illustrated by Janet Stevens is an imaginative story of...maybe but probably not...how the tradition of hiding Easter Eggs came to be. The antics of this group of bunnies on Easter Eve are fun and silly as they scramble to accomplish their mission. The illustrations are quite detailed and the book is not large, so it is perfect for one-on-your lap reading aloud or for the elementary age reader. Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



Baby Bear's Book of Tiny Tales (2018) Written and illustrated by David McPhail, consists of four short stories about Baby Bear. In each story he finds something. The fun part is reading on to see what he does with what he finds. As with most cleverly written animal stories, the interactions between animal friends mimic human relationships and provide examples of problem-solving skills. Plus, these are just plain fun. I especially love the illustrations at the end of the final story, (No Peeking!) Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



Young Voices Choir

rehearsals are open to new members

KIDS CHOIR (AGES 3-10) free and fun
one day a week
all types of music
all skill levels
all backgrounds

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:45PM

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
301 E Lopez Ave Port Angeles, WA**

upcoming rehearsals:

March 6	April 10	May 1	June 5
March 13	April 17	May 8	June 12
March 20	April 24	May 15	
March 27		May 22	
		May 29	

Find out more and RSVP to rehearsal by calling or emailing us at

(360) 452-2323 or htlc@olyphen.com

HER VOICE

A FUNDRAISER CONCERT OF MUSIC BY WOMEN COMPOSERS

Beach | Clarke | Boulanger | Price | Barnett | Montgomery

With performances by Morgan Bartholick- LePore, Krista Smith, Kelly Sanderbeck, Avery Saul, Phil Morgan-Elis, Neah Smith, Nathan Rudolph and Liz Hopkins

Sunday | March 10th, 2024
Doors 3:30pm, Concert 4:00pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles
301 E Lopez Ave

PROCEEDS WILL AID THE RAPASKY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF MUSIC ON THE STRAIT- TO FUND MUSIC LESSONS FOR LOCAL YOUNG WOMEN!

NO PERSON TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF FUNDS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
htlc@olyphen.org



WOMEN IN MUSIC

March is Women's History Month, and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church we will be blessed by hearing the organ and choir music of women composers throughout the month. Before I dive into this subject, I would like to also invite you to come to our Wednesday evening choir rehearsals throughout March to gain greater intimacy with the choir pieces we will be offering.

Perhaps you have noticed that the majority of music used in a sacred music setting (or any setting for that manner) is composed by men. This is not a coincidence and is certainly not because 'men are more gifted composers'; it is actually because the profession was reserved for men for hundreds of years. There are of course historical exceptions, which I can give examples of, but the fact of the matter lies in the subjugation of women under men. This is a dark truth about human behavior and culture, and while matriarchal and equal societies have developed in pockets around the earth, we still struggle as a human race for gender equality.

In this way, the world of music is no exception. Until 1800 the profession of composition was limited anyway, more or less to Germany and Austria, and exclusively reserved for men. There were women composers and songwriters throughout history, but many were never acknowledged: Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) is one who was.

Fanny Hensel (1805-1847) was a giant in the musical community and often considered one of the most talented European musicians of all time. In letters she asked her brother's blessing to self-publish as opposed to ghostwrite, but sadly her brother Felix Mendelssohn discouraged her and scolded her for the idea of it.

In the 19th century, more women composers gained traction and exposure. Clara Schumann (1819-1896) was often referred to as being as good as, if not better than Franz Liszt as a virtuoso pianist and prodigious composer. In the 20th and 21st century more women composers emerged, not least luminaries like Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944), who also was an icon of the suffragette movement and an outspoken lesbian. In today's world, the art world is still dominated by men, with the concert hall and the world of sacred music featuring white male composers prominently.

I find my mind often going to *what ifs*, especially in the case of Fanny and the cultural requirement for her to get her brother's blessing to publish under her own name. I wonder if Felix were less conservative in this manner, what would have change. The relationship between Fanny and Felix as seen in their letters does change after this exchange, you can see the letters becoming shorter and, while still loving and devoted, less detailed and full of poetry and art. They become more logistical, and though the two virtuosi siblings remained loyal and entwined in the art world, there is a change. I wonder how things would be different if Fanny did self-publish.. Questions like how would reception have been? Would we have seen more women composers publishing in her wake? Would there be a richer repertoire of Victorian Era music by women composers?

These *what ifs* are thinkers, but they accomplish nothing. This is why months like Women's History month exist, to give us a calendar event to focus our efforts on social justice. But we must extend beyond that. This is why the music program at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will be making an effort to include music by Black, Indigenous and People of Color as well as women composers in our choir and organ repertoire-because the richness of music is too great to contain in just one month. Now ask me why there are so few women conductors!

-Noah Smith, Director for Music Ministry

Ailanga News

Target summer 2025 delegation trip

The Ailanga School Project board has decided to target a delegation trip to Ailanga in the summer (late July-early August) of 2025. We have identified some youth and some chaperones who are interested and available for a 2025 trip. We think that the 2025 trip will be a youth delegation trip, but are open to other possibilities depending on those interested. Youth delegation trips are normally 6-10 youth and 2-4 chaperones. Youth should have completed their 10th grade year in school before going on the trip.

We are planning to have a Zoom meeting in April and will invite all who have shown interest to during earlier discussion. Any others who are interested are welcome to attend. Topics to be covered include:

- Example itinerary
- Expected costs
- Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary information and photos
- Trip preparation (including passports, visas, vaccinations, delegate meetings, life at Ailanga expectations, fundraising opportunities)

If you have interest or questions, please let us know (see ASP board members below)

News from Ailanga

Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary website has been upgraded, and has more information about the school. Check it out! : <https://www.ailanga.ac.tz/>

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/>
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Asante sana! (Thank you very much)
The Ailanga School Project Board



Lenten SOUP Supper

Grab Family,
Friends or
Neighbors

Wednesdays
February 21-
March 20

6:00pm Holden Evening Prayer
a meditative Lenten journey through music
and prayer.

6:30pm Soup Supper
great fellowship opportunity! Sign up to bring
a soup to share.



Palm
Sunday

Our congregation will proudly wave Eco-Palms in partnership with Lutheran World Relief. We are helping palm harvesters in Latin America, their families and communities find pathways out of poverty.

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH US.

Palm Sunday March 24 at 9:30am
Reading of the Passion & Eco Palms

Maundy Thursday March 28 at 7:00pm

Good Friday March 29 at 7:00pm
Reflective Tenebrae Service in Sanctuary

Easter Vigil March 30 at 6:00pm
Bonfire at Camaraderie Cellars

Easter Sunday March 31 at 9:30am
Come early to decorate the cross with flowers!



Easter Vigil at Camaraderie Cellars

Don't wait till Easter Sunday, come join us for Easter's first celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This will be a joyous time together that begins in wine cellar darkness with ancient chants. Then we will move out to start a vigil bonfire and sing hymns and hear scriptures that lead us from Old Testament stories of redemption to God's love made manifest in Jesus' life and new life.

This event has become a favorite event to kick off the Easter Season. Bundle up and there will be treats at the end!

Event details: Saturday March 30th 6:00 PM at Camaraderie Cellars 332 Benson Road.



EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

AFTER EASTER SERVICE AND SNACKS



EASTER
CROSS
FLOWERS

Bring your flowers Easter
Sunday prior to the service
for our flower cross

Creation Care



Holy Trinity Creation Care and Farm Church folks invite you to join us for a tree planting adventure. Our Farm Church hosts, Jim and Karen Weaver, are starting a woodland restoration project on a portion of their beautiful land along the west bank of the Elwha river. We are invited to help get the little conifers into good ground and watch them grow over the years ahead! All ages welcome.

Date: Sunday March 10

Place: Meet at HTLC North parking lot at noon to carpool to Wild Edge Farm.

Tools: Bring work gloves and a shovel!

We'll plan to be back to church in time to attend the HER VOICE concert of music women composers at 4 pm.

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.

Sign up for 2024 on the poster in the Narthex or by contacting the church office.

Call or e-mail the church office to sign up!

Thanks for supporting our radio broadcast ministry.



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 March 21st from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. Bring your handwork and join us in praying and talking and working together. In addition to our regular hand work, we will be attaching lovely little gift/blessing tags to all of the shawls that we currently have on hand and offering prayer over them. 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.



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.



Holy Trinity Preschool

During February, we celebrated love and friendship and learned more about God's love for us and for the whole world. We read about how Jesus chose his helpers and how we can be helpers of Jesus too.

The colors for the month were pink and red. The shape was a heart so we decorated our room with pink, red and hearts. The children collected food for the Little Free Food Pantry. We enjoyed parties, exchanged valentines and sang songs about valentines and love including songs about how much God loves each of us.

After Valentine's Day, we learned about dental health. WE talked about the importance of brushing your teeth twice a day and what foods are good for your teeth and which ones are not. We read books about children going to the dentist, emphasizing that going to the dentist can be fun and helps to keep our teeth strong and healthy.

Our students really enjoyed the reading contest this year and we hope you all did too. At the end of the contest, we celebrated with a pajama party for each class and ate green eggs and ham! That was a bit intimidating for those who aren't adventurous eaters!

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

-Mrs. Kathy and Mrs. Brenda



KidsFest!

Saturday, March 2, 10am-2pm

Vern Burton Community Center

This year Port Angeles will have their annual KidsFest in person! We have a great opportunity to showcase our wonderful preschool AND our other family friendly activities (music, farm church, etc.). We've got a fun planting activity planned for booth visitors. Please consider helping the teachers, Amy & Noah set up or serve for a few hours. Give the office a call, email us or simply show up!

Holy Trinity Preschool Fundraiser BAKE SALE

Sunday, March 3

9:30-11:30am

~ kids sing during worship service ~
~ treats available to purchase ~

Please bring your favorite baked item to sell...
and all your sweet teeth to shop!

* Please list ALL ingredients *

Reading Contest



**Congratulations
Preschool!!!**

The preschool has won the reading challenge for the 8th year in a row!

The preschool read 177 books while the congregation only read 118 books .



Spilt Milk

During our brief deepfreeze this winter, I needed to thaw out the hummingbird feeder every two hours and bring it in at night to defrost. Each morning, boots and coat on, I'd rehang the feeder on the lilac bush at the crack of dawn. One day I was met half way by a hungry hummingbird. It sipped ravenously then moved to the opening near my thumb, looked at it, looked at my face and flew off, maybe deciding it had been a bit reckless. Luckily I wasn't a predator.



This brought up a snapshot from my childhood. I would often reach for something across the table and knock over my glass...milk spilt, dignity bruised, reaching for a goal without considering what stood in the way.

As a society, this is how we've traditionally operated. We've polluted waterways, hunted and fished species to extinction, released poisons into the air and soil, gouged great sores in Mother Earth and more for what often appeared to be noble goals, but without acknowledging, understanding, or mitigating the collateral costs.

Even today, when we "reach for the Charmin" we're inadvertently knocking over a carbon sequestering tree in a Canadian forest. That was not our intention, but there it is. When we reach for pesticides we're negatively impacting the very pollinators that make our gardens fruit and bloom. There are so many actions we take with good intent that need to be reexamined. It's a new world where we're challenged to be more mindful of how our decisions affect the whole.

Along with examining our personal actions, we can vote for candidates who weigh decisions on this new scale. Recently the EPA banned a permit that

would have allowed gold mine waste to be dumped into Bristol Bay in Alaska. The ban saved one of the best salmon habitats on the planet and thousands of jobs. We can search out candidates for public office that use this kind of critical thinking and support them.

The old paradigm has left us "crying over spilt milk". The new paradigm is asking us to "look before we leap"...an old adage for a new day and a new frontier. Let's pioneer on.

-Jan Wyman, Interfaith Earth Care Coalition

Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts

We need your help! Every year we send several Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed throughout the world to assist people during times of need (i.e. natural disasters, geopolitical unrest). These kits include soap (2 bath size bars, totaling 8-9 oz. per kit), a sturdy comb, a metal nail clipper, a toothbrush in individual packaging and a towel. Our greatest need is lightweight towels. The towels need to be lightweight because they are usually washed by hand and need to be dried outside. LWR requests towels that are approximately 20x40 or 27x52 inches or in between. These towels can sometimes be found online in bulk for \$2-4 per towel. Or they can be purchased at thrift stores, if they are in like new condition (no stains or tears).



You can place any donations in the box labeled LWR below the coat rack by the church office.



Sunday
Worship
Assistant
Ministers
Needed



Council Treasurer Report

January 2024 Financial Report

Below is our financial overview for January of 2024 (YTD- fiscal year to date)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	Jan 2024	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2023/2024 (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue						
General Fund Offering	\$22,289	\$30,833	(\$8,545)	\$202,603	\$216,833	(\$13,230)
Radio Broadcast Offering	\$300	\$433	(\$133)	\$1,680	\$3,033	(\$1,353)
Rental Income	\$1,100	\$979	\$121	\$7,910	\$6,854	\$1,056
Preschool Tuition	\$866	\$1,155	(\$289)	\$6,332	\$8,085	(\$1,753)
Reimbursement / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$132	\$0	\$132
Interest Earnings	\$83	\$67	\$16	\$1,277	\$467	\$811
Uncategorized Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$198	\$0	\$198
Total Revenue	\$24,638	\$33,468	(\$8,830)	\$220,133	\$234,273	(\$14,140)
Expenses						
Ministry Expenses	\$2,019	\$2,606	(\$587)	\$15,782	\$18,244	(\$2,462)
General & Administrative Expenses	\$20,024	\$8,892	\$11,132	\$57,674	\$62,242	(\$4,568)
Personnel Expenses	\$25,060	\$25,547	(\$487)	\$173,293	\$178,830	(\$5,536)
Total Expenses	\$47,103	\$37,045	\$10,058	\$246,750	\$259,315	(\$12,565)
Net Operating Revenue	(\$22,465)	(\$3,577)	(\$18,888)	(\$26,617)	(\$25,042)	(\$1,574)
Other Revenue						
Donor Restricted Income	\$810	\$233	\$577	\$50,534	\$1,633	\$48,901
Other Expenses						
Donor Restricted Expenses	\$1,181	\$100	\$1,081	\$93,275	\$700	\$92,575
Prior Period Adjustments	(\$9,245)	\$0	(\$9,245)	(\$9,245)	\$0	(\$9,245)
Net Revenue before Adjustments	(\$13,592)	(\$3,444)	(\$10,148)	(\$60,112)	(\$24,109)	(\$36,003)
Net Revenue	(\$13,592)	(\$3,444)	(\$10,148)	(\$60,112)	(\$24,109)	(\$36,003)

Year-to-date (YTD) offerings are \$13,230 below budget.

YTD operating revenue is \$14,140 below budget.

YTD expenses are \$12,665 under budget.

Year-to-date our net loss in revenue is \$18,888. When we add in our donor related finances, it lowers our loss to \$10,148.

Here are our Budget Busters

General Offerings: \$13,300 under budget

Preschool: \$1070 deficit

Radio Broadcast Donations: \$1,520 under cost

Photo Copy Machine: \$1,800 over budget

Support Staff Wages: \$8,200 over budget.

Note: the net personnel expenses are \$5,536 under budget.

Elevator Expenses: \$2,700 over budget

The preschool is exploring expanding hours for the next school year to help increase enrollment.

Continuation of radio broadcasts will need to be addressed by the council and concerned members before the end of this fiscal year. The increase from \$60 to \$100 per radio broadcast and high inflation has affected our revenue stream for this mission.

Before departing, the pastors trained our support staff to take over some of their duties. For example, Elijah Sussman is now our web master. We may see a permanent increase support staff hours, especially as we replace the pastor position from 1.5 to 1.0.

Now, the elephant in the room- the elevator. At our last annual meeting, members voted to keep the elevator operational, given that certain mechanical parts are no longer available and that Washington State will soon be implementing new elevator regulations that our elevator does not comply with.

We just received the elephant in the room. To upgrade our elevator to meet the new WA State elevator regulations as well as upgrade the system with new mechanical parts, a cost estimate of \$95,411.38 was submitted from the TK Elevator Company. This does not need to be decided today, but we will begin discussing this proposal after the sticker shock wears off.

During good times and with specific donations, we have been able to set money aside. Here are current balances of our savings and donor restricted funds.

Mission Investment Fund	
Contingency	\$ 41,431.11
Elevator	\$ 1,798.00
Interest	\$ 1,564.86
Memorial Garden	\$ 6,656.13
Organ Recital-Fischer M	\$ 3,948.65
Playground	\$ 5,743.60
Quilting & Kits	\$ 1,060.92
Special Projects	\$ 19,403.71
Total	\$ 81,606.98

First Federal Checking and Savings	
Contingency	\$ 541.19
Elevator 5 Year Maint	\$ 0.09
Elevator Fund	\$ 334.08
Food Pantry	\$ 2,351.00
Heating System Upgrade	\$ 100.00
Hospitality & Equal Exc	\$ 1,437.70
Library Memorials	\$ 2,443.58
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,250.00
Music Program	\$ 1,793.77
Pastor Educ & Pro fees	\$ 1,933.19
Pastors Fund	\$ 2,277.73
Preschool Program	\$ 2,481.96
Quilting & Kits	\$ 545.56
Technology Fund	\$ 1,523.72
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 301.33
Total	\$ 20,314.90

Besides your generous general fund offerings \$215,800 this fiscal year, \$1430 to the food pantry, \$500 to the memorial garden, \$5,700 to the music program, \$900 to the pastors fund, \$1,900 to the preschool, \$7100 was donated for heating system upgrades, and \$3,600 for Thanksgiving baskets.

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.

Staff & Leadership

Staff

Noah Smith, Director for Music Ministry
Natalie Petersen, Office Coordinator
Amy Burghart, Data & Special Project Admin
Kyle Lucas, Custodian
Kathy Braun, Preschool Teacher
Brenda Kennedy, Preschool Teacher
Candance Hall, Caretaker
Elijah Sussman, AV Engineer

Enduring Gifts Committee Members

Elizabeth Christian, Margaret Ruud (secretary),
Jonathan Picker, Sharon Reuter, Dave Birmingham, Margaret Ruud and Karla Strutzel (chair).

Church Council

President: Mary Ann Unger

* Vice President:

* Interim Treasurer/Finance: Carol Jackson

Secretary/Communications: Sharon Reuter

Facilities: Greg Bondy

Worship: Deborah Bopp

Education: Kathy Plocher

Youth: Madeline Irwin

Christian Service: Lucy Nordwell

Thank you to our volunteers in these leadership roles! * indicates available opportunities. These important roles are necessary for the success of our church community. There is talent! Talk to someone today that you think would be a great fit, then tell the Pastors. See brief descriptions or pick up full a copy at church.

Do you know about Thrivent?

It's a *non profit financial company* that allows it's members to GIVE BACK to their churches and communities with membership. Holy

Trinity has benefited greatly from current members through "Thrivent Choice Dollars" as well as "Thrivent Action Team" project grants. Contact the church office for more info or explore at <https://www.livegenerously.com/>. Already a member? Consider applying for a \$250 project grant.



Big thank you to Don Schuba, Kathe Smith and Lucas Plocher for fixing the holes in the ceiling downstairs rooms from the install of heating units. It looks fabulous.

Thank you Meyer Family for heading the Lenten Soup Dinners. They have been so much fun!

Thank you to all of our amazing worship leaders and for all those doing a bit extra during this transition time.

Thank you to all of you that make monetary donations and those that give their time.

Thank you Dick Grinstad for a wonderful Ash Wednesday.

LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is frequented daily by people in need, and the need is ongoing!

If you can spare something from your own pantry please bring food items to the labeled box across from our

church office or put donations directly into the food pantry located by the Memorial Garden.



Chocolate Bars, Tea, Coffee to have on hand for Easter or any other reason during Spring. Products that are fairly traded are available to purchase on Sunday or during office hours. Stop by to see what's new!

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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
2 Lent 25	26	27	28	29	1	2
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	6pm Council Meeting	4pm-4:45pm Kids Choir, 6pm Holden Evening Prayer 6:30pm Soup Supper			10am-2pm Kids Fest-Vern Burton
3 Lent 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am Worship Preschool Bake Sale 11am Sunday School-RM 3	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	5pm Right relations (zoom)	10am Winter Read-Fireside rm 6pm Holden Evening Prayer 6:30pm Soup Supper 7pm Chancel Choir			
4 Lent 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 and Fireside Chats-Fireside RM 12pm-Tree Planting 4pm Women's History Concert	4-5pm Confirmation Class Rm 1	10:00am LWR Quilters	6pm Holden Evening Prayer 6:30pm Soup Supper			
4 Lent 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 11am Fireside Chats-Fireside RM		2pm Executive Committee	1-2:30pm Threads of Love in Fireside RM 5:30pm Hospitality Meeting 6pm Holden Evening Prayer 6:30pm Soup Supper	9:30am Library Team Meeting 4:30pm Enduring gifts-Fireside RM		
Palm Sunday 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am Worship 11am Sunday School-RM 3 Easter 31		10:00am LWR Quilters 6pm Council Meeting		7pm Maundy Thursday	7pm Reflective Tenebrae Service in Sanctuary	6pm Easter Vigil at Camaraderie Cellars
9:30am Worship After Snack Easter Egg Hunt						