

# The Trumpet November 2024

## Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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...For this moment; this meal; these people...

One of the Celtic Eucharistic liturgies that I love is from the *Wee Worship Book* from the Iona community in Scotland. These particular words come from the post-communion prayer: "In gratitude, in deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to You. Send us out as changed people because we have received the Living Bread and cannot remain the same."

And this is really the point, isn't it? To come to church, being among others on this journey of faith, not to stay the same, but to be changed, formed more and more into the people God has created us to be: loving, generous, compassionate, forgiving, welcoming. If we came to church on Sunday or any other day to feel good about ourselves and then just go about business-as-usual, whatever that means, why bother? We come to the Table, to take Jesus into ourselves, to have him become a literal part of us, to strengthen us to do the work we've been given to do.

In this month of November, and season of gratitude and thanksgiving, our hearts turn toward those things for which we are grateful: our family, friends, home, vocation, community, church, this beautiful place where we live. And we pray about how we might be more faithful stewards of all that we have been given and how to be generous givers in return. Generosity begets generosity; story after story tells it. Jesus confirms it: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

It reminds me of a conversation I once had with pastors about the Widow's Mite; how she put in everything she had, she gave extravagantly, not so little that it wouldn't be noticed when gone. One pastor said, "We're asked to give until our life is changed by our giving." Which brought to mind the CS Lewis quote, "I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." Until our life is changed by our giving...because we have received the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

For the moments and the meals we share, for the people with whom we gather, for the Holy Spirit that binds us to one another, generation by generation, and sends us out as disciples of Jesus, I give God thanks. For the privilege it is to be together in worship, I give God thanks. For the ministry to the least, last, lost and lonely that we do, I give God thanks. For the generosity, welcome, inclusion, and compassion that is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, I give God thanks.

Pastor Gail



We still need a few more people to help with our children's programming, so if you're willing to serve one or more times a month on the teaching teams, please contact Sharon Buck at [drstbuck5@gmail.com](mailto:drstbuck5@gmail.com)

July-September 2024 Fiscal Report  
 Carol Marie Jackson filling in for Treasurer Dean Bensen

Below is our financial overview for September, 2024.

	Sep-24			Fiscal Year (July - Sept 2024)		
Revenue	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget
General Fund Offering	37,271.20	29,166.67	8,104.53	76,045.33	87,500.01	-11,454.68
Radio Broadcast Offering	100.00	400.00	-300.00	895.72	1,200.00	-304.28
Rental Income	2,370.00	1,250.00	1,120.00	3,700.00	3,750.00	-50.00
Preschool Tuition	503.19	3,982.92	-3,479.73	951.74	11,948.76	-10,997.02
Interest Earnings	0.01	84.17	-84.16	50.57	252.51	-201.94
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$40,244.40</b>	<b>\$ 34,883.76</b>	<b>\$ 5,360.64</b>	<b>\$ 81,643.36</b>	<b>\$104,651.28</b>	<b>-\$ 23,007.92</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$40,244.40</b>	<b>\$ 34,883.76</b>	<b>\$ 5,360.64</b>	<b>\$ 81,643.36</b>	<b>\$104,651.28</b>	<b>-\$ 23,007.92</b>
Expenditures	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget
Ministry	1,722.46	1,920.84	-198.38	4,963.44	5,762.52	-799.08
General & Administrative	7,784.09	9,500.67	-1,716.58	21,025.35	28,502.01	-7,476.66
Personnel	21,506.68	22,249.20	-742.52	59,486.91	66,747.60	-7,260.69
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$29,290.77</b>	<b>\$ 37,329.38</b>	<b>-\$ 8,038.61</b>	<b>\$ 85,648.08</b>	<b>\$111,988.14</b>	<b>-\$ 26,340.06</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,953.63</b>	<b>-\$ 2,445.62</b>	<b>\$ 13,399.25</b>	<b>-\$ 4,004.72</b>	<b>-\$ 7,336.86</b>	<b>\$ 3,332.14</b>
Other Revenue	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget
Total Donor Restricted Income	700.00	225.08	474.92	1,810.00	675.24	1,134.76
Other Expenditures	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget
Total Donor Restricted Expenses	43.56	170.00	-126.44	5,087.54	510.00	4,577.54
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 656.44</b>	<b>\$ 55.08</b>	<b>\$ 601.36</b>	<b>-\$ 3,277.54</b>	<b>\$ 165.24</b>	<b>-\$ 3,442.78</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,610.07</b>	<b>-\$ 2,390.54</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.61</b>	<b>-\$ 7,282.26</b>	<b>-\$ 7,171.62</b>	<b>-\$ 110.64</b>

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> month of this fiscal year. Year to date we have a net loss of \$4005. Our expenses were \$8,000 less than budgeted as well as receiving \$5400 more in income than budgeted this month. The net loss is due to the low offerings in July and August. Offerings during the summer months are typically lower than the rest of the year, but this year's was lower than the last 3 years.

The \$0.01 in interest earnings listed in the spreadsheet is not a typo, unfortunately. Our one cent is the accrued interest from First Federal. Not listed as interest earnings is \$135 with the Mission Investment Fund.

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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)





<b>Detailed Expenditures July - September, 2024</b>	
<b>Ministry Expenses</b>	
5110 Worship, Sound, Music	1,020.94
5120 Organ Tuning & Maint	777.50
5210 Radio Broadcast	1,200.00
5410 Family & Youth Ministries	415.00
5920 SW Synod ELCA	1,550.00
<b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,963.44</b>
<b>General &amp; Admin Expenses</b>	
6110 Office Supplies	1,301.21
6120 Postage	103.55
6130 Online & Computer	961.68
6210 Utilities	1,896.69
6220 Propane	1,001.48
6230 Telephone	546.68
6410 Office Equip & Maint	2,840.25
6420 Building & Yard Maint	501.06
6430 Janitorial Supplies & Equip	28.68
6440 Building Systems & Elevator	901.66
6510 Service Charges	255.87
6610 Accountant Fees	7,097.24
6620 Building Insurance	3,363.21
<b>Total General &amp; Admin Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,025.35</b>

Here is a further breakdown of our year to date donor restricted expenses:

\$200 Food Pantry, \$170 Pastors Fund, \$470 Contingency Fund (Organ), \$3,900 Organist Houlihan Concert, and \$320 Bible School Total: \$5,100

Below is our year to date special and restricted donations:

\$170 Coffee & Chocolate, \$250 Elevator Upgrades, \$375 Food Pantry, \$75 LWR, \$50 Piano Maintenance, \$225 Pastors Fund, \$750 Preschool Donation, \$900 Radio Broadcast, \$4125 Rental Fees Total: \$8,000

In the short term, our personnel expenses will decrease as we no longer are paying a full time salary and benefits for a music director. With the weather getting colder, Dave may have to turn on the old furnace and we will see an increase in propane expenses.

The Preschool's current balance is \$1,600. The net revenue is due to \$900 in donations. Sadly, our preschool will close at the end of October.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

**2 Corinthians 9:6:** "What we reap is a reflection of what we sow."

## From the bishops of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America):

In a perfect garden, created by God for the sake of humanity, evil entered in the form of deception and lies. Christians refer to this story, found in the biblical book of Genesis, as the *fall of humanity*. This foray into human sin began when Adam and Eve, the first humans created in the image of God, were deceived.

Humans have contended with the powers of deception ever since.

Yet we are a people who know and proclaim the power of God at work in the world. We proclaim the power of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, the one who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

We know that the power of truth is greater than the power of deceit.

We, the members of the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, speak with one voice to condemn the hateful, deceptive, violent speech that has too readily found a place in our national discourse. We lament the ways this language has led to hate-fueled action.

We refuse to accept the ongoing normalization of lies and deceit.

We recommit ourselves to speaking the truth and pointing to the one who is truth. We find courage in our collegiality and implore the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as our partners and friends, to join us as we:

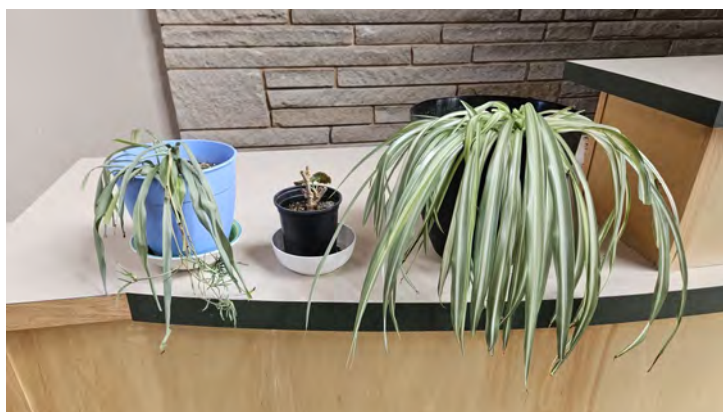
- Pledge to be vigilant guardians of truth, refusing to perpetuate lies or half-truths that further corrode the fabric of our society.
- Commit to rigorous fact-checking, honoring God's command to "test everything; hold fast to what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

- Reject the use of humor that normalizes falsehood, remembering that our speech should "always be gracious" (Colossians 4:6).
- Boldly advocate for the marginalized and oppressed, emulating Christ's love for the least among us.
- Courageously interrupt hate speech, standing firm in the knowledge that all are created in God's image.
- Lean in with curiosity, engage with those who think differently and "put the best construction on our neighbor's action" (Luther's explanation of the Eighth Commandment).
- Amplify voices of truth.

Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, may we resist deception and lift up the truth that all members of humanity are created in the image of God.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all as we respond to the Spirit's invitation into this intentional commitment against deception and for truth.

In Christ,  
The Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



### **FREE PLANTS!**

These plants need re-homing! They just got watered and trimmed after fading for 3 or 4 weeks. So, they should perk up, but it may not be instantaneous. They'll go to compost next week, so if you'd like one or all, come and get it!



# Holy Trinity Library

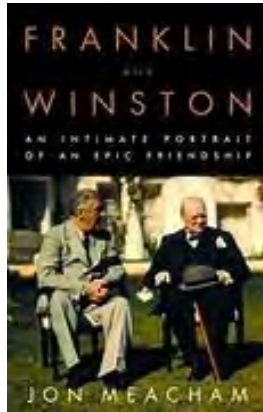


Welcome to the start of the Holiday season. Thanksgiving, National Animal Shelter Appreciation week, Election Day, National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week and Puzzle Week are some of the special days this month. As the days get shorter, what better activity is there, than a good book.

## BOOKS FOR ADULTS

### Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship

(2003) by Jon Meacham describes the complex political and personal relationship between FDR and Churchill at the peak of their powers during World War II. While not a complete biography of either man, it details numerous aspects of their political and private lives during 1939 to 1945. I was intrigued to read how political need grew into an amazing friendship and the Anglo-American alliance that helped safeguard the outcome of the war. I am not a history buff but I learned tremendous background information on both iconic leaders in this highly entertaining, factual account. Donated and reviewed by Anita Bonham.



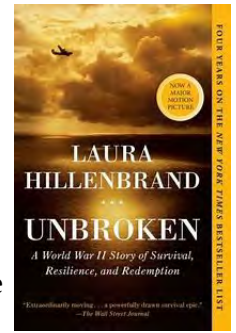
### Green Winter: Celebrations of Old Age



(1997) by Elise Maclay. Do our prayers change as we get older? Have the prayers of older people changed over time? Read these prayerful reflections from 1977. Then, if you are seventy-five or eighty, try your hand at writing your own thoughts. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.

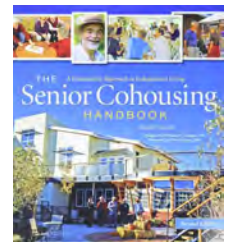
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resistance and Redemption (2010) by Laura Hillenbrand. The subtitle tells the story. Louis

Zamperini, an incorrigible youth turned Olympian runner, becomes a Navy airman in World War II. His plane crashed. He survives 47 days drifting on a raft, only to be captured and spend 2 and a half years in a Japanese prison camp. He remains unbroken; able to forgive his captors. Beautifully rendered by Hillenbrand, this account has become a modern classic. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.



### The Senior Cohousing Handbook

(2009) by Charles Durrett, subtitled "A community approach to independent living". This book outlines how seniors can custom-build their neighborhood to fit their needs and aspirations. Review from book subtitle and back cover. by Anita Bonham.



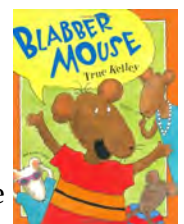
## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

### The Very Fairy Princess Sparkles in The Snow

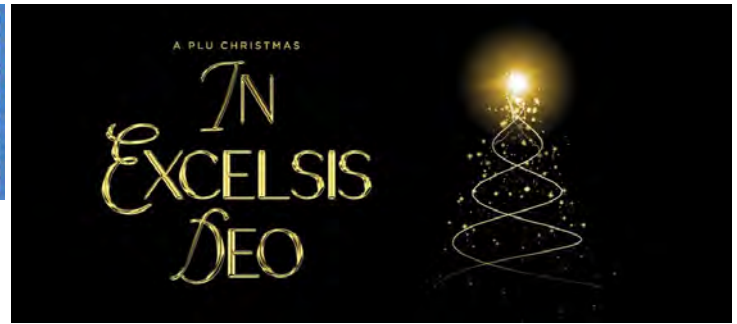
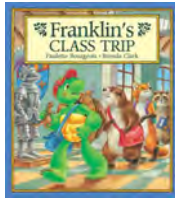


(2013) by Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton (Julie's daughter) Illustrated by Christine Davenier. Geraldine is a fairy princess who has something SPARKLY inside. She wants to spread joy and wonder to all her subjects. There is a Winter Wonderland Festival at her school and she wants so much to sing the solo. She sings her best to get Mr. Higginbottom, her music teacher, to pick her. Will he choose her and let her show her sparkle? Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.

Blabber Mouse (2003) by True Kelley, published by Scholastic, Inc. Blabber Mouse loved to talk about everything all the time...nonstop. He spoiled surprises and embarrassed his friends. One day they came up with a plan to help him with this problem, a big surprise. Read and find out what gift could stop his motor mouth! Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.



**Franklin's Class Trip** (1999) by Paulette Bourgeois & Sharon Jennings, Beautifully Illustrated by Brenda Clark. Franklin goes to a museum and gets scared. These lovely stories always entertain and encourage. The books will be relevant for generations. Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.



**A PLU Christmas: In excelsis Deo**

**Do Rivers Ever End?** (2015) by Janet D. Sweet, art director Travis Rader. Part of the "Ask me" series, this informative juvenile nonfiction answers many questions about the natural world. In addition to the title itself, "What's under the ocean?" and "Why are volcanoes red?" are some of the questions that receive brief yet scientific answers. A combination of photographs, color illustrations and fun facts keep the pages turning for the curious, science-minded child. Grades 2-5. Reviewed by Liz Ehr.



Join us for our beloved series of PLU Christmas Concerts as the Choir of the West, University Chorale, and University Symphony Orchestra present "In excelsis Deo", featuring John Rutter's exhilarating setting of Gloria. Other works by Sergei Rachmaninoff, David Willcocks, and Brian Galante mix with traditional carols and other seasonal favorites as we celebrate beauty and joy in this Christmas season.

Tickets go on sale October 30, 2024 at 10am

**Concerts:**

- December 6 at 7:30pm in Lagerquist Concert Hall
- December 7 at 2pm in Lagerquist Concert Hall
- December 7 at 7:30pm in Lagerquist Concert Hall
- December 8 at 2pm in Lagerquist Concert Hall
- December 9 at 7:30pm in Benaroya Hall

Learn more - and purchase online here: <https://www.plu.edu/christmas/>


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## The Parent of All Virtues

That's what Roman philosopher Marcus Tullius Cicero called gratitude.



The quote: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." This implies that gratitude is a foundation for developing qualities such as kindness, empathy, and humility.

Modern science confirms that the practice of gratitude actually rewires the brain, releasing dopamine and serotonin, fostering an overall sense of wellbeing. Consistent practice can retrain the brain to more easily deflect negative thoughts and experiences and to retain the positive. Three ways to practice gratitude:

Appreciate others: This doesn't have to be grandiose. Some people find it hard to accept compliments. How about "Thank you", "Well done", "You're the greatest", "That was wonderful" ...you get the idea.

Volunteer: Again, simple works: Smile, hold the door for someone, allow someone to go first, lend a hand, share what you have.

Appreciate what's in front of you: This is earth-friendly gratitude, and where the "western" mind can have a blind spot. Like a stone skipping across the water, many of us hop along the surface of our lives, skipping from purchase to purchase, person to person, event to event in stead of slowing down and enjoying what's at hand. For our and the planet's benefit, our response to what we have could be mindful, deep, and satisfying. Mindful appreciation is really nothing new. We can take a cue from native cultures: The Plains nations' respect for and sustainable relationship with the bison; our Pacific Northwest indigenous nations' practice of song, prayer and permission before harvesting berries or cedar bark. Some practice ideas: When you peel that potato for Thanksgiving dinner, think about what a delicious miracle it really is. The next time you put on a pair of socks, have the mind of someone unhoused with a new

pair of socks for cold, wet feet. Slow down, observe and appreciate. When we appreciate what we have, we need and use less.

And finally, a quote from Meister Eckhart: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

Jan Wyman-Interfaith Earth Care Coalition

## Holy Hikers



**NOVEMBER HIKE- Mouth of the Elwha Beach**  
**Monday, November 4 at 9:00am**

We will meet at the South side of the church.

Take Hwy 101 W about 4 miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 112 W at 2.2 miles, turn right onto Place Road. At 1.9 miles, turn right onto Elwha Dike Road. Follow to the end and the Mouth of the Elwha trail-head parking.

The trail is approximately 1/2 mile to a rough beach. The beach walk is about 2 miles round trip, making the hike a total of three miles.

This hike is dog friendly.



In October the Holy Hikers went to Sol Duc Falls and had an amazing time. Feel free to join any hike even if you haven't participated before. The hiking group is a bit different everytime. Our December hike will be Thursday, December 12th at 9am to Marymere Falls. Afterwards we will meet in the Lodge for a beverage and goodies, while we enjoy the Christmas decorations and fireplace.



# Lutheran Disaster Response

## Hurricane Relief by Lutheran Disaster Response

### **The situation:**

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, dropping heavy rains on the southeastern United States and leaving millions of people without power. As the storm has moved inland, it has caused dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines.

### **Our response:**

Lutheran Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

To give by phone, call **800-638-3522**. Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Dear friends ,

So many changes and disruptions and challenges in our church family these days. I find myself praying this prayer more and more often. Many of us learned it at Holden Village, but I believe that it was penned during WW2, by a British theologian...no matter, it is timeless..

"O God, you have called us your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us."

In Good Courage, Elizabeth Christian



Downtown Port Angeles Trick-or-Treat was an absolute blast. We had people arriving an hour early. By 3pm we were almost done. Thank you to everyone who donated candy and for those that passed out treats. We cannot wait until next year!!!



**Rehearsals on Wednesdays.**

**7pm**

**Come and sing!**





Join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for a conversation about God's Love Made Real. This ELCA movement encourages us to create a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 12 p.m. Pacific time**

What can I expect?

Bishop Eaton will share why God's Love Made Real is meaningful to her and the future of the church. The Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, will host the conversation, and participants will have a chance to ask questions and share stories.

Is this event for me?

This webinar is especially for people who care about the ELCA and live in the Alaska, Northwest Washington, Southwestern Washington, Northwest Intermountain, Oregon and Montana synods. If you don't live in one of these synods, stay tuned for an upcoming event in your region.

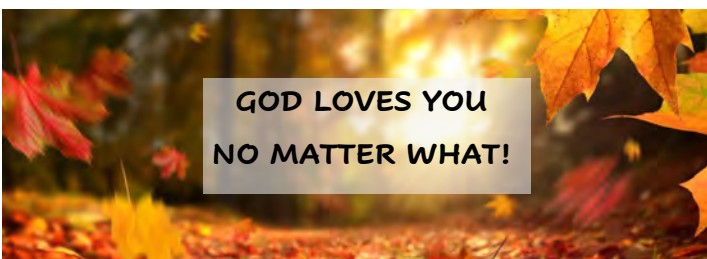
Can I watch the event later?

A recording may be available at some point in the future, but we encourage you to stream the event live on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 12 p.m. Pacific time.

What else do I need to know?

Learn more about God's Love Made Real at [lovemadereal.elca.org](http://lovemadereal.elca.org).

We look forward to sharing this time with you!



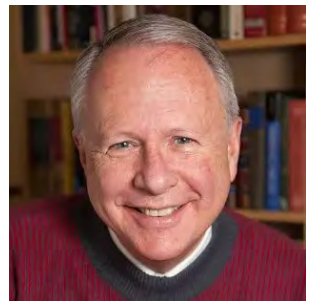
**Our Congregation in Transition: What is Our Calling?**

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**10 AM to 4 PM (lunch provided) at HTLC**

In this workshop, participants will consider the Lutheran understanding of vocation; how this understanding guides a congregation; the cultural context in which the congregation lives out its vocation; discerning congregational strengths and weaknesses; and learning to tell the truth so that the healing of bumps and bruises encountered during transition can begin. This workshop will include short presentations; discussion; and some small groupwork. The workshop will conclude with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Workshop leader Samuel Torvend is Director of External Relations in PLU's Wild Hope Center for Vocation, emeritus Chair in Lutheran Studies, and Faculty Fellow in



Humanities. He has served as interim pastor in two Episcopal parishes in Western Washington.



On October 27th we welcomed our Confirmation Class. This year we have 6 students. Pictured are Brogan Dexter, Annabelle Petersen, and Carol Dunlap. If you are wanting to learn more about Lutheranism please contact Pastor Beth Orling.

**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 items which are available to purchase on Sunday or during office hours, M-F 9am-1pm.



**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.*

**LWR Quilting Group**

We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday to create quilts that are shipped to those in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief. We meet next on Tuesday, November 11th and 25th from 9:30am-12pm downstairs in the quilting room.

**Theology on Tap**

Thursday, November 7, 2024  
7:00pm

Gather at Mighty Pine Brewing fellowship and discussion, over a cold pint or non-alcoholic drink. 1st Thursday every month.

You can even bring your own snacks!

**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.

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 November 20th 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 or the church office.





You're invited to [nominate a student](https://LSMacademy.org/nominate) for LSM 2025! Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students (grades 8-12) who come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in musical excellence and build an intentional, supportive, and FUN community. LSM 2025 takes place at Valparaiso University in Indiana from June 22-July 20 (Full Session) or June 22-July 6 (Half Session). Priority Enrollment is open now through December 1. Nominate students at [LSMacademy.org/nominate](https://LSMacademy.org/nominate), and watch and share this [LSM Experience Video](#) to learn more!



This year we will be having 3 Christmas services.



**Tuesday, December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve, 4pm family service**

**Tuesday, December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve, 8pm candlelight service**

**Wednesday, December 25th**  
**Christmas Day service 9:30am**



Our fundraising drive has started for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets. We are working with Lutheran Community Services and hope to provide a Thanksgiving meal to a dozen local families. Please leave your donation check or cash at our display in the Narthex on Sunday morning or in the church office.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for any person or family unit that is interested in shopping for our Thanksgiving Baskets on Sunday, November 24th after the Sunday School hour. We will meet at the east side Safeway.

Any congregation member who gets their flu shot or covid vaccine at Safeway will receive a 10% coupon off their groceries. These coupons can be donated to our Thanksgiving Basket shoppers. Please consider donating your coupon for this ministry.



On Friday, November 15th Holy Trinity will provide a meal for the Friday Friendship Dinner at the First United Methodist Church. This meal will be cooked and served by a volunteer crew from Holy Trinity. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.  
 Deacon Don Corson Preaching



**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.*

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🍂 Big thanks to everyone that has helped clean and organize the Sunday School Storage Room. It looks amazing!!

🍂 A big “thank you” to all who shared their creative pieces for display during our celebration of the Season of Creation. What great variety, textures, and visual interest that added so much to our Sanctuary and Narthex décor. It was a great way to celebrate your “creative” talents.

🍂 Thank you to Vicki Corson and Kelsey Redlin for the beautiful colorful changes each week during our Creation Season.

🍂 Thank you to Vicki Corson that you for doing such a wonderful job displaying everyone's creative pieces.

🍂 The Memorial Garden looks so nice thank you to everyone that helped clean-up.

🍂 Thank you Candance Hall for putting up the beautiful winter lights on the tree in the Narthex and downstairs by the fellowship hall.

## Staff & Leadership

### Staff

Beth Orling and Gail Wheatley, Interim Pastoral Team

Natalie Petersen, Office & Financial Administrator

Kyle Lucas, Custodian

Brenda Kennedy, Preschool co-op volunteer teacher

Candance Hall, Caretaker and AV Engineer  
Sage Bateman, Youth Choir Director

### 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: Sharon Buck and Karen Selig

Youth: Julianna Getzin



We have been blessed with amazing Preschool Teachers throughout our over 30 years of Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool. On October 27th we had a preschool farewell and luncheon. Many wonderful memories were shared. Thank you teachers, parents, and students.





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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
Reformation 27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>9:30am</b> Worship with reception of Confirmation class- wear red <b>11am</b> Preschool Celebration and Farewell Lunch	<b>9am</b> Garden Work Party	<b>3pm</b> Transition Team Listening Session- Fireside Rm	<b>4-4:45pm</b> Youth Choir <b>4:30pm</b> Holy Bookers-Fireside Rm <b>7pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>2-5pm</b> Downtown Trick or Treat  		
All Saints 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>8:30am</b> Chancel Choir <b>9:30am</b> Worship - <b>11am</b> Creation Session Fellowship hall and Sunday School RM 3	<b>9am</b> Holy Hikers to Mouth of Elwha	<b>12-1pm</b> Election Prayers- Sanctuary	<b>4-4:45pm</b> Youth Choir <b>4:30pm</b> Holy Bookers-Fireside Rm <b>7pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>7pm</b> Theology on Tap at Mighty Pine		
Pentecost 25 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>11am</b> Creation Session- Fellowship hall and Sunday School RM 3 <b>11am</b> Confirmation		<b>9:30am</b> LWR Quilters	<b>4-4:45pm</b> Youth Choir <b>7pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>9:30am</b> Library Team Meeting	<b>10am-4pm</b> Rev. Torvend "What is our Calling?"	
Pentecost 26 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>11am</b> Fireside Chats- Fellowship hall <b>11am</b> Sunday School RM 3		<b>6:30pm</b> Executive Committee	<b>1-2:30pm</b> Threads of Love <b>4-4:45pm</b> Youth Choir <b>7pm</b> Chancel Choir			
Christ the King 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>9:30am</b> Worship with Baptism <b>11am</b> Fireside Chats- Fellowship hall <b>11am</b> Sunday School RM 3		<b>9:30am</b> LWR Quilters <b>6:15pm</b> Council Meeting <b>7pm</b> Community Thanksgiving Service-First Presbyterian	<b>7pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>Church Office Closed</b>  	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	