

The Trumpet August 2024

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



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Dear People of Holy Trinity

I am happy to offer this letter from our presiding bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, as our front page this month. Her words reflect the thinking of the peace-makers and prayerful folks that fill our pews. God bless each of you as you let the Holy Spirit change your fear and anxiety to faith and courage.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Beth
Interim Team

July 16, 2024

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us (Ephesians 2:14).

Just a few weeks ago in my June column for *Living Lutheran* I wrote, “I can’t think of an election cycle more fraught and divisive than this one. People all across the political spectrum claim that life as we know it is on the line. It’s not possible to agree to disagree—one must decide and put a stake in the ground. There is the potential for violence.” That potential is now a reality after last weekend’s shooting at a Trump campaign rally that killed Corey D. Comparator and injured other attendees. I am thankful that former President Trump’s injury was minor and pray for his recovery alongside those affected.

I also wrote, “But division and violence don’t have to be our inevitable future.” I believe this and that God calls this church to say a definitive “no” to political violence now and in the future. Political violence has a long history but no place in democracy. This church belongs to God, and our unity in Christ is a grace-filled and healing gift in a fractured society. As the ELCA we have theological and community resources to meet this moment through worship, discipleship and civic engagement.

In the face of violence, God’s resolve for peace in human communities is unshakable. In proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ’s forgiveness, healing and new life, the church addresses the ultimate root of violence. God calls us as church together in this moment to hear and embody this good news by embracing our identity as peacemakers through active civic engagement grounded in our baptismal identity and our institutional witness to foster justice, racial and social equity, reconciliation, and healing with compassion and imagination.

Last weekend’s shooting has distressed and destabilized our nation. Political violence breeds fear and can set in motion cycles of violence that will further shatter us. Consider how, as individuals and communities in our life together, you will:

- Confess and confront the violent tendencies within ourselves and our society.
- Resist use of dehumanizing language about people with different political leanings.
- Build bridges of curiosity and compassion with people who think differently.
- Find ways to cultivate the practices of nonviolence in civic life.

Our inevitable future belongs to God. In this certainty and bound together in Christian hope, consider how you can join me in ongoing prayer and actions for our nation, a peaceful election season, the safety of candidates for office, and a bold and life-giving witness of our church in the time ahead.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton®
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America®



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.



Please be ready to sign up for this service opportunity. There are three different events to participate in this year over that weekend.

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

The second service function, will be in conjunction with an agency in the community. It will be a half day service commitment.

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 August 21st 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.



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

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



Slowing the Waters

*The weather here has been as nice as it can be
Although it doesn't really matter much to me.
As far as I'm concerned each day's a rainy day
And it might as well rain until September*



Every time I heard that song as a teen, I could swear my summer was cursed with a rain shower. How times have changed. Today we pray for some summer rain (no lightening, please) and we look for ways to conserve.

Ten-plus years in planning, the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project's objective is to store water in the winter and spring in order to disburse it during dry summer month for salmon spawning and farm irrigation. The reservoir will create a climate resilient water supply and a new county park while restoring streamflow, recharging the aquifer, and providing floodwater management. It's a modern day application of ancient water retention practices.

For project up-dates: tinyurl.com/38krbzszy

We can use water in our gardens more efficiently in several ways. By watering less often but more deeply, we lose less to evaporation. Another trick to slowing water loss is watering between 4 and 9 a.m. Mulch (bark, wood chips, leaves, straw, etc.) also discourages evaporation and moderates soil temperature. Water at the roots. You can also trap water by building small berms around plants to create miniature reservoirs. Consider soaker hoses which ensure 90% of your water is going to your plants.

Did you know that dishwasher manufacturers compare their machines' water consumption with hand washing while the faucet is running? Am I the only one who doesn't leave the faucet on? Here's the beat-the-machine game I play when I

hand wash. Start with an empty dishpan and a wet, soapy dishcloth. Wipe the dish clean and rinse it over the dishpan, faucet on only when needed...a trickle works. Wet the dishcloth in the pan and repeat. Extra dirty dishes get wiped and rinsed outside then dishpan. This method only uses a gallon or two. Did I win?

During WWII, our parents and grandparents learned to live on less and make use of what was on hand. Hopefully we'll never need ration cards for water, but we too can learn to live comfortably with less. There are so many ideas and resources just a Google away. I'll leave you with this thoughtful quote from the Sioux nation:

A frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives.

Jan Wyman- Interfaith Earth Care Coalition

Holy Hikers



Lyre Conservation Area Tuesday, August 13 at 9am

2.5mi Round trip with a 235' elevation gain
Meet on the southside of the parking lot. Bring a picnic. Great hike for kids and dogs!

Directions: From P.A., drive west three miles on Hwy. 101, then turn right onto Hwy 112. Continue 14 miles, turn right on Reynold Road. This road dead ends, but look for a small parking area on the left side of the road, less than half a mile from your turn off. Park here, walk north on the road to two locked gates. To reach the beach, turn left at the gates.

Farm Church

Thank you to the Weavers and all who helped with food and fellowship! We had a great time in July and had a delicious dinner. Farm Church is fun for all ages. All are welcome!



**Join us next
on August 25th
at 4:30pm**

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

FARM CHURCH

This is fun for all generations.

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



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.



We once again are having a booth at the Clallam County Fair. The goal is to primarily promote our wonderful preschool that we've had for over 30 years and our youth choir. The fair runs from Thursday, August 15th to Sunday, August 18, 2024. Someone must be at our booth during fair open hours. We also need help with set-up and take down. Please sign up in the Narthex.

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@olympen.com. Our registration form can also be downloaded from our website go2trinity.org on the preschool page. Class size is limited.



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!

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.



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

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Pastor Gail Wheatley
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Congratulations

Huge congratulations to our very own Music Director Noah Smith. Noah traveled to University of Washington and took a test with the American Organist Guild and received very high scores. This test is an equivalent of a master's degree. Noah is also photographed and published in the August 2024 *The American Guild of Organists* for two events, one with their students participating in masterclasses and the other where Noah played in a masterclass. They will also have their photo and bio published in the September edition of *The American Organist* as an announcement to the American organists community regarding their achievement with certification. Congratulations Noah, we are so blessed to have your knowledge and talent here at Holy Trinity.



Kimberly Marshall (seated, center) with students at Seattle masterclass [photo: David Nichols]

Seattle, Wash. May 4, Kimberly Marshall of Arizona State University gave a Bach masterclass on the Noack organ of First Lutheran Church of West Seattle. The event was hosted by Andrew King and cosponsored by the University of Washington School of Music. Five impressively prepared students, including chapter members Tyleen Stults, Geoffrey Liu, and Noah Smith, delighted the listeners packed into the organ loft. Midway through the morning, dean-elect Christopher Stroh provided a continental breakfast with help from Susanna Valleau.

David Nichols

Olympic Peninsula and Tacoma, Wash. May 25, organists from both chapters gathered for a masterclass with Stephen Price, Paul B. Fritts Faculty Fellow at the University of Washington. Held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on Bainbridge Island (Sheila Bristow, host musician), the event offered insightful feedback on interpretation and technique as well as useful historical context. Zachary Lujan, a student of Wyatt Smith, played Bach, while Nathan Rodahl and Andrew Tjandra, students of Noah Smith and recipients of the Olympic Peninsula chapter scholarship, played Brahms and Pachelbel.

Noah Michael Smith



Olympic Peninsula and Tacoma masterclass participants with presenter Stephen Price and host Sheila Bristow (seated)

**Youth Choir and Chancel Choir
with Noah will be returning the end
of August!**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 July 2024 Financial Report
 Treasurer Dean Bensen
htlctreasurer@olypen.com

July 2023-June 2024 Fiscal Year Report

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	Jun 2024	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	2023/2024	Budget (YTD)	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue						
General Fund Offering	\$29,797	\$30,833	(\$1,036)	\$349,157	\$370,000	(\$20,843)
Radio Broadcast Offering	\$400	\$433	(\$33)	\$4,180	\$5,200	(\$1,020)
Rental Income	\$2,194	\$979	\$1,215	\$16,349	\$11,750	\$4,599
Preschool Tuition	\$346	\$1,155	(\$809)	\$11,677	\$13,860	(\$2,183)
Interest Earnings	\$84	\$67	\$17	\$1,698	\$800	\$898
Total Revenue	\$32,821	\$33,468	(\$646)	\$383,062	\$401,610	(\$18,548)
Expenses						
Ministry Expenses	\$3,851	\$2,456	\$1,395	\$28,363	\$29,475	(\$1,112)
Preschool Expenses	\$654	\$1,930	(\$1,276)	\$17,429	\$23,160	(\$5,731)
General & Administrative Expenses	\$9,192	\$8,892	\$301	\$98,529	\$106,700	(\$8,171)
Personnel Expenses	\$18,908	\$23,767	(\$4,859)	\$246,318	\$285,205	(\$39,887)
Total Expenses	\$32,606	\$37,045	(\$4,440)	\$389,639	\$444,540	(\$54,901)
Net Operating Revenue	\$216	(\$3,578)	\$3,794	(\$6,578)	(\$42,930)	\$36,352
Other Revenue						
Donor Restricted Income	\$5,131	\$233	\$4,898	\$61,450	\$2,800	\$58,650
Other Expenses						
Donor Restricted Expenses	\$1,004	\$100	\$904	\$98,813	\$1,200	\$97,613
Net Revenue before Adjustments	\$4,343	(\$3,444)	\$7,787	(\$43,941)	(\$41,330)	(\$2,611)
Adjustments						
Prior Period Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9,245)	\$0	(\$9,245)
Net Revenue	\$4,343	(\$3,444)	\$7,787	(\$34,696)	(\$41,330)	\$6,634
Retained Income	\$4,343	(\$3,444)	\$7,787	(\$34,696)	(\$41,330)	\$6,634

Bottom Line: We have spent \$34,700 more than our revenue. This was \$6,600 less than budgeted loss.

Below are the gross donations for this fiscal year.

General Fund Offerings \$355,380

The net GF offerings were \$349,157 leaving \$6,223 lost to us in credit card fees.

Elevator Upgrade \$704

Food Pantry \$2,060

Heating System Upgrade \$7350

Library- Memorial Fund \$20

Lutheran World Relief-Hunger \$125

Memorial Garden \$510

Music Program \$6,880

Pastors Fund \$1,285

Preschool Donation \$3,200

Quilting \$572

Radio Broadcast \$4,180
Rental Fees \$16,195
Thanksgiving Baskets \$3,630

The Preschool had a net loss of \$2,650. A decision will be made in mid August whether to continue offering a preschool as enrollment is still low.

The KONP Sunday Service Radio Broadcasting costs were \$4,800 with \$4,180 donated by sponsors. This leaves a net loss of \$620

The following accounts were over budget:
Elevator expenses \$4,320, Copier expenses \$1,140,
Online expenses (subscriptions) \$660 and Family and Youth Ministries \$640

In June, \$50,000 invested with the Mission Investment Fund was transferred to a 7 month CD. This CD will generate 5.05% interest, compared to the 1.4% interest currently earned. Interestingly, the 3 year rates are only 4%.

Proverbs 21:26b
"The righteous give and do not hold back."



🍉 Quartet of Dick Grinstad, Mike Epler, Elizabeth Christian and Vicki Corson for the beautiful anthem last Sunday.

🍉 Everyone who contributed to Farm Church!

🍉 Vicki Corson for the beautiful bread basket at the altar Sunday to open the Bread of Life gospel reading series.

🍉 Kathy Plocher & everyone who helped with VBS.

🍉 Brandon, William, and Elise Sirguy for burial site work in the memorial gardens

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

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

Called by God's  to

 the good news,

we are the  hands of Christ,

opened by ,

 joined in worship,

extended in ,

 offered in service,

reaching for justice. 

August 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 10 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:30am Worship 4:30pm Farm Church			7pm Theology on Tap			
Pentecost 11 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Worship						
Pentecost 12 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Worship 10:45am Farewell to Elijah and A/V volunteer training	9:30am LWR Quilters 9am Holy Hikers to Lyre Conservation Area					
Pentecost 13 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Worship 8:30am-7pm Booth at the Fair	2pm Executive Committee	1-2:30pm Threads of Love				
Pentecost 14 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30am Worship with backpack blessing 4:30pm Farm Church	9:30am LWR Quilters 6:15pm Council Meeting	7pm Chancel Choir				