

The Trumpet March 2025

Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Pen

Have friends ever told you with a proud grin or a sad smile how they were giving up chocolate or ice cream or meat or alcohol for Lent? I always felt a little guilty, hearing this, as I am not a particularly pious or disciplined person. One friend tells me every year she's giving up Lent for Lent. She says she doesn't like "wallowing in sin" and feeling bad about Jesus' hard work and suffering.

It doesn't have to be that way. "Lent", which comes from the word for Spring, is simply the time in the church year when we read the stories of Jesus' last days on earth. Life is not always happy and neither was Jesus' work and life. This year we hear powerful stories we love, such as the Prodigal Son (and his brother) and Mary anointing Jesus. There is the story of Jesus' temptation (40 days in the wilderness emblematic of the 40 days of Lent). People warn Jesus about Herod wanting to kill him. There is the answer – or non-answer – to "why bad things happen to good people" and the gardener who begs his boss not to cut down an unfruitful tree but to give it one more year. We'll hear the Palm Sunday and Holy Week stories in April. These stories lead us into a time of self-examination and gratitude, perhaps also to awe for the grace and love we see in Jesus' resolve to go to the cross and his words and tears along the way. The *stories* of Lent guide us. I don't challenge you to "give up chocolate" or anything else – but feel free to do that. I offer the list below for us to consider some practices to "take on" during these 40 days. You can learn about some of the saints of the church if you play "Lent Madness" described later in this newsletter. You can quietly offer money to groups that help the poor.

May God bless your Lenten practices whatever

they may be and may God's Holying Spirit open our ears and hearts to the stories and prayers of Lent and bring us all to a joyful Easter Day!

Grace and more grace, and peace to you all,
Pastor Beth

- Day 1: Pray for your enemies
 - Day 2: Don't turn on the car radio
 - Day 3: Give \$20 to a non-profit
 - Day 4: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon
 - Day 5: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
 - Day 6: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill
 - Day 7: Do someone else's chore
 - Day 8: Buy a few \$5-\$10 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter
 - Day 9: Call or text or email an old friend
 - Day 10: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)
 - Day 11: Forgive someone
 - Day 12: Tell someone what you are grateful for
 - Day 13: Introduce yourself to someone at church whom you don't know yet
 - Day 14: Light a candle
 - Day 15: Pray for peace
 - Day 16: Bring food to church for the little free food pantry
- Return to the top and continue again.



Christ in Our Home
Devotionals for April, May and
June are available in the
Narthex. If you need one
mailed to you, please contact
the office htlc@olyphen.com or
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“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

Jesus told his disciples that what we do to the “least of these” people near and far is what we do to him. The quote below from the Episcopal Office of Government Relations expresses our beliefs as well. We do not tell people how to vote. But we do take notice when even a “mere” 1% of our national budget which was to go to help the hungriest, sickest and most destitute people in the world is withheld. Here is part of how the letter from the Episcopal office reads.

“...we express alarm at the changes made to the US Agency for International Development. These changes, including a pause in funding and staff cuts, have impacted expert staff at the forefront of national interests as well as put longstanding and successful programs at risk. Abruptly cutting off vital humanitarian and development assistance is not in the best interest of the United States, nor does it align with the Gospel values that Jesus has taught us and for which our church advocates.

Our church does not have a stance on bureaucratic structures; we do, however, have a commitment to loving our neighbor as ourselves. We also stand by our commitment to promoting democratic values, good governance, and human rights that reinforce the rights of all people around the world. The human family is no less connected because of distance and circumstance. Foreign assistance is less than 1% of the federal budget, and yet we know that investment saves lives. As Christians we must speak up for continued investments that help alleviate suffering and create conditions where humans and their environments can flourish.”

Pastors Beth and Gail



**THE
TRANSITION
TEAM**

Thank you, Transition Team, and Welcome, Call Committee

These people have served as our Transition Team for the past year: Don Corson, Elizabeth Christian (chair), March Picker, Dave Birmingham, and Emily Dexter. They worked hard to take the pulse of the congregation, to gather people together to share dreams and goals, and to complete a massive work: the Ministry Site Profile. This document has been submitted to the synod staff who will now work to find good candidates for pastor of this place. We are grateful for their work and commitment to Holy Trinity. Their work has been completed.

Now the work of the Call Committee begins. David Christian, Vicki Corson, Mark Fischer, Holly Irwin, Lisa Priest-Hill and Deb Reed were appointed by the church council in February. They will work closely with our synod staff to find, interview and eventually recommend a new pastor for our church. Please pray for them as they begin their work and let them know you support them and their need to keep their work confidential for the time being.

God bless each of you with patience and faith as we move forward.



Do you like the coffee we serve on Sunday mornings? It's available to purchase for your own home! Chocolate Bars, Tea, and Cocoa. Stop by to see these fairly-traded items which are available to purchase during office hours.





Palm Sunday April 13 at 9:30am
Palm Procession & Reading of the Passion Gospel

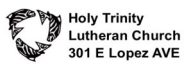
Maundy Thursday April 17 at 7:00pm

Good Friday April 18 at 7:00pm
12-3pm Quiet Reflective Service in Sanctuary

Easter Vigil April 19 at 7:00pm
Bonfire at Camaraderie Cellars
First Communion of Easter

Easter Sunday April 20 at 9:30am
Come early to decorate the cross with flowers!
Following the service youth Easter Egg Hunt.

You'll find this full size poster in the narthex, awaiting your perusal and engagement. If you're unfamiliar with Lent Madness, take a look at their website, lentmadness.org, sign up for the daily e-mails which announce the match-ups for the day (and vote!), read up on the saints, familiar and obscure, and enjoy learning about how a life of faith has influenced both a single life and the world. The fun begins on "Ash Thursday" (March 6th) and will continue through the brackets until the Golden Halo is awarded on the Wednesday of Holy Week, (April 16th). Who says Lent has to be gloomy? Not us!



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Lenten SOUP Supper

Grab Family, Friends or Neighbors

Wednesdays
March 12-
April 9

5:30pm Holden Evening Prayer
a meditative Lenten journey through music and prayer.

6:00pm Soup Supper
great fellowship opportunity! Sign up to bring a soup to share.

Starting Wednesday, March 12th, and beginning at 5:30 pm. upstairs in the sanctuary, followed by our traditional soup supper in the fellowship hall downstairs at 6:00 or so. Choir practice will follow about 6:30. Please sign up in the narthex for soups and breads each week. In keeping with good environmental practices, please bring your own table setting (plate, bowl, utensils). If you forgot, not to worry, we have plenty in the kitchen. Paper or other disposable products will not be used.

Theology on Tap

Thursday, April 3, 2025
7:00pm

Gather at Mighty Pine Brewing fellowship and discussion, over a cold pint or non-alcoholic drink.

Theology on Tap Facebook Group

Join our Theology on Tap Facebook Group for updates and news. Don't know where to find the group? In Facebook go to the search bar, type in **theology on tap**. It should pop up as a public group. Click on the group and hit join. Emily Dexter is the admin of the Facebook group.



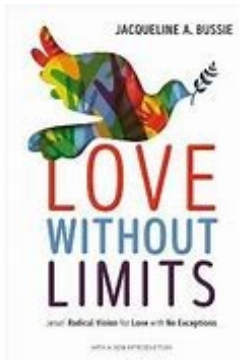
"Climate Conversations" - a monthly zoom from the Creation Care ministry at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle

The second Thursday of (almost) every month, St. Mark's has a zoom conversation about environmental topics of interest. The most recent one was February 13: *How to Stay Warm, Use Less Energy and Save Money*. You can see the entire video [Climate Conversations - Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral](#) along with the schedule of upcoming conversations and the archived ones. Take a look; you'll find lots of really great information in all of them, future and past.

AN ALL-SYNOD WOMEN'S BOOK READING AND DISCUSSION

The book we will be reading is *Love Without Limits* by Jacqueline Bussie. There will be plenty of time to read because we will meet via Zoom on Sunday, August 3rd, 2025 at 3:00 pm. There are discussion questions at both jacquelinebussie.com and [https://ms.augsburgfortress.org/downloads/Love Without Limits Discussion Guide.pdf](https://ms.augsburgfortress.org/downloads/Love%20Without%20Limits%20Discussion%20Guide.pdf).

Keep a journal or jot notes and share with the group when we meet on Sunday, August 3rd. Has anyone ever tried to silence you? What is the value of telling our stories?



SW Washington Women of the ELCA

Women's Retreat

May 2 (2:00 pm)-May 3 (4:00pm), 2025
Black Diamond Camp
Auburn, WA

Courage from the Inside Out: Heart Health for Shaky Times

Be of good courage
and he shall strengthen
your heart.
Psalm 27:14

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Brenda Satrum



Pastor Brenda Satrum is a pastor, musician, spiritual director (<https://soulender.live/>), and socio-emotional theologian in the Lutheran tradition. Pastor Brenda writes, "I love to collaborate with music and worship leaders to integrate our experiences. I have a tender heart for and enjoy working with youth and young adults and all who live with doubts, questions, and suffering. I'm experienced in leading prayer around the cross, contemplative prayer, Holden Evening Prayer '86 and '23, Lutheran campsongs, rockin' contemporary praise, and paperless worship and song. I love a God who is bigger than I can ask and imagine, the Living Spirit of Jesus, my husband Doug, my awesome children, our rude and beautiful Australian Shepherd, peaks, passes, digging in the dirt and finishing up a good paint job."

For registration materials, please see the church office.

Holy Hikers



MARCH HIKE- Little River Trail

Tuesday, March 20th at 9:00am

We will be meeting at 9am on the south side of the church, on Lopez.

This trail goes eight miles to Hurricane Ridge. We will do an out and back hike adding up to about 3 miles.

From P.A. drive west on Hwy. 101 and take a right onto South Pine Street Cutoff. Take the first left onto South Pine Street and continue on Black Diamond Road. Follow for 4.4 miles and take a left onto Little River Road. The trailhead parking is on your right.



Ailanga News

Fundraising Auction

The Ailanga School Project is having a silent auction to help with trip expenses for this summer's trip delegates. It will be held at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church in Seattle on March 30th from 1-3 PM. We will have refreshments and updates about the school. There will be quilts and framed African art pieces among the items. Payment accepted includes cash, check, PayPal or Venmo. You will be able to view some auction items on our website over the month of March.

Contact any of the board members below if you have something to donate. We will pick them up from you! We need to have items collected by March 20th.

Please keep the Ailanga school and the Ailanga School Project in your prayers as they prepare for the mission trip to Tanzania this July. Donations may be made via PayPal at https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en_US

or by check to

Ailanga School Project, c/o Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, 98115.

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

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, March 12th and 26th at 9:30am-12pm downstairs in the quilting room.



FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you to the people at Holy Trinity who have committed to checking the Little Food Pantry, one day a week for the entire year! We are now in need of someone to check the pantry on Saturdays. 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
email at jacklange@wavecable.com

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 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.



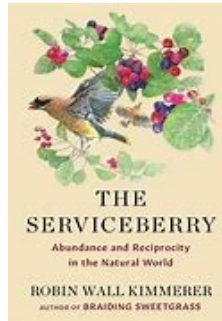
Holy Trinity Library



Did this month come in like a lion or a lamb? This is National Women's month, National Deaf History month, Irish Heritage, Peace Corps Day, Read Across America day, Mister Roger's Birthday, and National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

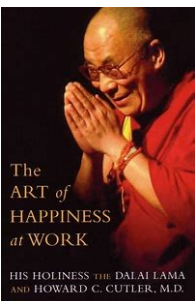
The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World (2024) by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

"This is a thought provoking extended essay that explores the gift economy in the natural world. Using the example of a serviceberry tree, which forms a symbiotic relationship with birds, Kimmerer examines how we can foster sharing, generosity and abundance in human communities," We see it operating in small ways like the little free pantry and the little free libraries. Scarcity, which appears to be what undergirds our current economy, isn't a very fruitful way to operate. She challenges us to rethink consumption and encourage us to "harvest honorably" with responsibly, restraint, respect, reverence and reciprocity. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt.



The Art of Happiness at Work (2003) by His

Holiness the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler, MD. The two have teamed up to write a sequel following their successful book, *The Art Of Happiness*. The Dalai Lama asked Dr. Cutler if he was happier after putting into practice ideas in the book; wanting to be of service and helpful to his fellow man. Having unanswered questions, they embarked on *The Art of Happiness at Work*. The first book focused on inner development but life exists beyond that. There are many pressures in society, family and work. We are not programmed to achieve happiness only by productive activity and work. Life is complex, consisting of folk having different backgrounds,

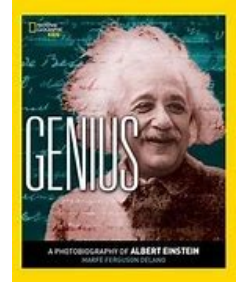


abilities, interests, personalities, dispositions and social situations. The way we perceive the world is more important for happiness than objective circumstances. It is interesting to follow the thoughts of the Dalai Lama as he is interviewed. Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.

Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein

(2005) by Marie Ferguson Delano.

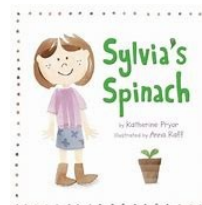
Many biographies are long and cumbersome. This National Geographic publication is easily read in half an hour. I learned something new about the man, both from the narrative and from the many photographs of his early years, family and friends. Warm smile, deep contemplative brown eyes, a musical talent, a hobby and relentless passion for humanity. Quotations included with the photographs are breathtakingly profound. This book also simplifies some of his theories, making it appropriate for the teen reader or adults of any age. Donated by Karen Epler. Reviewed by Anita Bonham.



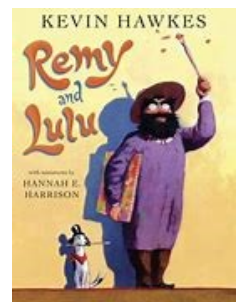
BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Sylvia's Spinach (2012) by Katherine Pryor is a

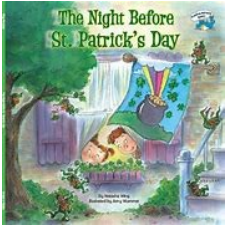
charmingly illustrated story about Sylvia and the food she hates most. What else is there to say? Don't we all have a food we refuse to eat. Read this to discover why it is a perfect story for the coming Spring season. Donated and reviewed by Anita Bonham.



Remy and Lulu (2014) Illustrated and written by Kevin Hawkes with miniatures done by Hannah Harrison. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York. Once there was a man who met a dog. The man was an artist, but little did he know so was the dog. They became great friends and had adventures painting each in his own way. Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.



The Night Before St. Patrick's Day (2009) by Amy



Wummer. This is a darling tale written in the rhyming form of The Night Before Christmas. The delightful illustrations lead us through the childrens' search for a Leprechaun and his pot of gold.

Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

Fox in Socks (1965) by Dr. Seuss. This story is the epitome of a tongue twister. It is a funny, sunny, fox in socks, knock in a box story. The first page of the book tells the reader to "take it slow". I read it several times and my tongue got a real workout. It reminds me of exercises when you take acting lessons. Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.

Let Us Know

Does your child have a public event happening? Did they get an award? Please, let us know if you would like us to share your child's success or for us to attend an upcoming event. We want to support our youth inside and outside of the church!

Youth Night

We're inviting middle school and high school youth on **March 23rd** from **4pm to 6pm** to build your own pizza and make your own sundae, plus ping pong and games.

Bring a friend and your favorite pizza topping or favorite ice cream topping.



JOIN YOUNG
VOICES
CHOIR!
AGES 4 TO 18
YEARS OLD
CHOIR DIRECTOR: SAGE BATEMAN
Free! Weekly rehearsals,
4-4:45pm Wednesdays

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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.

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

*Thanks for supporting our
radio broadcast ministry.*



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

Called by God's  to


 the good news,
we are the  of Christ,

opened by ,


 joined in worship,

extended in ,


 offered in service,


reaching for justice. 



 Thank you Sage Bateman for directing and preparing children in the Young Voices Choir.

 Thank you Neil Dexter, for a wonderful Pancake Supper.

 Thank you Lucy Nordwell for being Sage's amazing 2nd adult.

 Thank you to our wonderful Sunday School teachers. Without you we wouldn't have our wonderful children's programming.

 Thank you to everyone who has been faithfully stocking our Little Food Pantry.

 Thank you Liam Irwin for faithfully updating our outdoor church sign.

Staff & Leadership

Staff

Beth Orling and Gail Wheatley, Interim Pastoral Team

Natalie Petersen, Office & Financial Administrator

Kyle Lucas, Custodian

Candance Hall, Caretaker and AV Engineer

Sage Bateman, Youth Choir Director

Church Council

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Vice President: Wendy Clark-Getzin

Treasurer/Finance: Dean Bensen

Secretary/Communications: Brenda Kennedy

Facilities: Dave Birmingham

Worship: Sharon Reuter

Education: Sharon Buck and Karen Selig

Youth: Julianna Getzin

Christian Service: Mary Lange

Hospitality: Neil Dexter



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

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

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Pastor Gail Wheatley

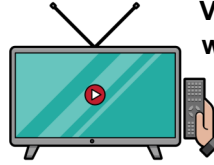
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Did you know we have a locking mailbox outside of the church? You can safely drop off an envelope outside of church hours. Another option is to sign up for automatic donations on our website, www.go2trinity.org



March 2025



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

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lent	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	9:30am Worship 11am Fireside Chat: Transformed Community 11am Sunday School and Confirmation	9:30am LWR Quilters		4-4:45pm Young Voices Choir 4:30pm Holy Bookers 5:30pm Prayer & Soup Supper 6:30pm Chancel Choir			
2 Lent	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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3 Lent	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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