



THE TRUMPET

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Imagine: Stories of Welcome

Pastor Kristin-Luana Baumann

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Welcome to all of you who read the Trumpet! I am glad that you are here! It is the purpose of this article to share some thoughts around welcome with you that have come up in discussions of our Imagine team. Imagine is a synod wide continuing education that helps congregations go further on the path of renewal.

On the morning of the Developmental Disability Awareness Day, somebody approached me and said: ‘Thank you for doing this. As members of the disability community, we feel invisible most of the time.’ This conversation stuck with me. I don’t usually think about who might feel unseen, unacknowledged, unrecognized. Easy for me, not to think about that! I am a pastor. People see me. People listen to me. People acknowledge me.

Later, I remembered, that I had heard a similar comment before. A very old person shared with me that they felt invisible most of the time. People would just overlook them, because they were older, slower, and more fragile than ‘the norm’.

‘The norm’ – what is that supposed to mean anyway? Merriam Dexter defines norm as ‘authoritative standard’. I understand that norms make sense in industrialized, streamlined production processes, but with people?

*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.*

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14)*

Psalm 139 says it in the most beautiful words: God’s works are wonderful! Every single one of us is made in God’s image. God’s image is inclusive of all.

But human society is full of exclusionary practices. Just visit a middle school in our country, and your ears will ring because you will hear kids use so many labels that are meant to exclude other kids because of their ability, sexual orientation, health status, race, gender identity, ethnicity, or religion. The Seattle Times recently reported of a trend within minority families to homeschool their children, just so the children would be affirmed in their fully valid personhoods, and not belittled or worse because of how God made them. ¹

¹ <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/education/home-schooling-has-become-a-powerful-alternative-for-some-seattle-families-of-color/>
<https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/how-does-home-school-fit-into-solutions-for-nontraditional-students-in-washington/>

As a church, we are by definition engaged in a ministry of welcome. I am grateful to say that I see all of us gracefully welcome people on many a Sunday. Carol Dunlap's article in the February Trumpet witnessed to that.² And there are many more examples. But being welcoming, and even more, being truly inclusive to all, is a work in progress! For example, do you make a point to talk to somebody you don't know yet during coffee hour after worship? Have you ever invited a new church member out for coffee or a meal? Sometimes, we claim pews in the sanctuary or ways-to-do-things in the fellowship hall for us alone, without realizing how that might look to a newcomer.

And then there is the challenge of our attitudes and biases: Even though we make the best effort to let God's love flow through us to others, whoever they might be, we are also bound to our culture and our human brokenness, and we have learned some unhelpful attitudes and biases against some groups of people. Harvard University has developed the evidence based IAT (Implicit Association Test) series which all people can take anonymously online. If you go to <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html> you will see that there are tests available in respect to all kinds of biases: gender bias, age bias, race bias and many more. The test will measure your underlying biases, ways of thinking you might not be fully aware of, but they still influence your behavior. I found it very humbling to take some IAT tests for myself, and I recommend it to everyone!

It is good for us to take an honest look at our welcoming practices. This includes discerning how to keep the people safe who are given into our care. Our Safe Sanctuary policies, for example, include the rule that two unrelated adults are required to be present at every class/activity with children and youth. Church leadership is right now researching ways to keep our premises welcoming, but safe as well.

I would like to invite you to share stories of welcome with Pastor Olaf and I! They can be stories from real life, from literature in general, or from sacred scripture. What is your favorite welcome story in the bible? We are looking forward to leaning more about how to be welcoming together!

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' (Matthew 25:35)



Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

We stream our Worship Services live on the HTLC Facebook page every Sunday at 9:30 AM

Mission Statement

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.

If you are hospitalized, sick or in need of pastoral care please remember to have a family member or friend contact the church office during business hours or Pastor Kristin-Luana at (360) 912-1245 or Pastor Olaf at (360) 912-1830. The hospital does not inform us if you are admitted.

Email: Pastor Olaf: pastorolaf@gmail.com; Pastor Kristin Luana: kristinluana@gmail.com

² <http://go2trinity.org/2019/02/04/newsletter-february-2019/> page 9

Faith Formation May 2019

Sundays at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

May 5: God's Church in Two Places – Our Companion Church in Namibia, Michael Hatch
“The global church is a reality, not just an abstract concept, for the thousands of Lutherans engaged in ELCA companion-synod relationships. [...] The companion-synod program connects synods and their congregations with Lutheran church bodies throughout the world” (Living Lutheran April 2019). The Southwestern Washington Synod is connected with three partner church bodies in Namibia. Michael Hatch has agreed to share his experiences while attending the Southern Africa Network Gathering of the ELCA in March. The Five Values of Accompaniment will be the focus of our discussion: Mutuality; Inclusivity; Sustainability; Vulnerability; and Empowerment. We will examine the meaning and significance of each of the five values and how they inform and animate our walk with our Namibia companion churches.

May 12: Living Stones Prison Congregation – Christ ‘Behind the Walls’, Rev. Chris Ode
Established in 2006, Living Stones Prison Congregation is a ministry of the ELCA operating "behind the walls" of the Washington Corrections Center (Shelton). Having accepted the call to serve LSPC in mid-2018, Pastor Chris Ode spends his time ministering directly to the members of LSPC, developing reentry resources and opportunities, and sharing the stories of LSPC with outside congregations and community groups. Every year in spring, the Living Stone Raffle supports this ministry. Make sure to buy tickets for your chance to win a \$5000 travel voucher!

May 19: Money, money, money! – What does the budget for 2019/20 look like?
Join church leadership for this last faith formation session before summer to reflect on the budget for the church year ahead.

Sunday School

Sundays at 11:00 AM

(Last Sunday School is May 19th)

Sunday School meets with our VBS-like “Deep Blue Curriculum.” We are exploring the **Fruit of the Spirit** in storytelling, cooking, mission, spiritual practice, art, and science.

Kindergarten through High School students start and end in the Fireside Room each Sunday.

Preschool Students – Room #302

High School Seniors will be honored during Worship on Sunday, May 19th

*Veronica Kennedy – Port Angeles High School
and
Emily Bundy – Sequim High School*

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
**Annual Congregational meeting
Sunday, June 2nd following worship
11:00 AM**



Annual Reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, May 19th.

Habitat for Humanity Meals

Would you be willing to provide a meal or some snacks for our volunteers working on the build sites out on the west end of Port Angeles? There are usually 7 or 8 people working. A crock pot of soup and some sandwiches would be most welcome.

If you would like to help, contact Julie at julie@habitatclallam.org. She can give you more information about time, place and numbers.

Congregational Life

The Lutheran World Relief Quilters will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10 AM in the quilting room downstairs. This month on May 14 & 28. If you would like to sew quilt tops at home, squares will be provided. New participants are welcome! Contact Marianne Ude at 360-452-3932.



The Saturday Men's Breakfast group in the Fellowship Hall is open to all men. They start with breakfast at 7:30 AM and conclude around 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

All are invited for a **Friday Night Movie at 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Popcorn is provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Knit and Crochet Group – Third Wednesday at 1:00 PM, May 15th. Enjoy playing with yarn and needles, hooks, pins, or looms? Do you feel called to offer your creations in service to others? Join the knitting /crochet etc. group!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30 - 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Last one is on May 14th (summer break)

“Questioning the Old Testament”
with Pastor Olaf

Theology on Tap – *Held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, May 16th at 7:00 PM* at Barhop Brewery on Railroad Ave. Contact Neil Dexter at 360-900-6814 or Pastor Olaf if you have any questions.

Confirmation class for 7th & 8th graders meets on Wednesdays 5-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Not Ancient Mariners Men's Group will meet on **Friday, May 24th at 5:30 PM** in the Fireside Room. Contact Bob Dunlap at 360-452-2537 for more information.

Holy Bookers - This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM in our library.

- **May 1** – Change Your Schedule Change Your Life by Sumas Skirsagar; facilitator Elizabeth Athair.
- **June 5** – Temple Grove by Scott Elliott; facilitator Kelsey Redlin.

HTLC Dancers - Hula Practice with Pastor Kristin-Luana continues on Tuesdays in Room #302 (upstairs), Children at 4:00 PM, Adults at 5:00 PM. Pastor. Kristin-Luana is teaching traditional hula basics as well as hulas designed to be performed during church service.

Adult Chancel Choir – 6:00 PM Wednesdays in the choir room or sanctuary.
Choir is not meeting on May 8 & 15.
Questions: contact Joy Lingerfelt in the church office or atchoralart@msn.com

Trinity Trekkers, Sol Duc Lover's Lane Loop Saturday, May 18th. Meet at HTLC North parking lot 8:30 AM to carpool or 9:45AM at trailhead west of the Sol Duc Resort Building. The hike is about 6 miles long, 450' elevation, difficulty 2, a National Park Pass needed and dogs are not allowed.

Toddler Meet-Up, Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 PM in the nursery. Join us with your kids under age three for some play and fellowship time!

Fall Bazaar Planning Meeting and Crafting
Saturday, May 18th at 10 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

Please plan to attend - many volunteers and team leaders are needed. Bring your ideas for crafts to sell and share. We will have sign-ups for team leaders!

Questions, contact Sue Priest at 360-457-0328

The Annual Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, November 16th 9 AM – 3 PM



**Wednesday, May 8th
5:00 – 6:30 PM in the
Fellowship Hall**

*A Christ-centered event for
families of all shapes and sizes. Meal is
included!*

***The Story of Joseph or how to overcome
adversity.***

Story: Joseph's family united.

Message: Learn to forgive.

Bible Verse: Genesis 44 & 46

We Want You!

There are several opportunities opening up on your church council! This is your chance to represent your fellow members by being on the council. As a council member, you will have a direct impact on how Holy Trinity moves forward in its mission.

Please prayerfully consider being open to accepting one of the positions listed below. All positions are a two year term with a maximum of serving two consecutive terms. Detailed descriptions for each position can be found at the church office.

- Minister of Education
- Council Treasurer
- Minister of Youth
- Minister of Worship

I am confident that when serving on the council you will not only learn a lot about our church but will personally benefit from the feeling of fulfillment from offering up your time and talents to this important service.

Sincerely,

Lisa Due, Congregational President

Save the Date!

**Ecumenical VBS at St. Andrew Episcopal
Church July 22-26**

Please let the office know if you would like to be on the planning team for this event.

**Earth Care/Creation Care group is
starting at HTLC and beyond!
Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8 at
3:30 PM in the Fireside Room**

“For the Beauty of the Earth, For the Beauty of the skies, For the Love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise. “(ELW 879)

So begins one of my earliest Sunday school memories, singing about God’s good Earth.

We are worried about our Earth and we need to make changes and take better care of the gifts of creation. We, as a faith community, are called to “Sing a New Song” in an increasingly strange land. The way is not entirely clear, but we have so much in our rich faith tradition to guide us.

As God’s unceasing Love accompanies us, we will look ahead with good courage.

If you are interested in Earth honoring prayer, study, repentance and celebration together, please join us in a new Ministry of Creation Care.

Questions? Comments? Please contact Elizabeth: 360-457-6121 or clayangels@olympus.net

Elizabeth Christian

Part Time Job Opportunity

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool
Co-Teacher starting September 2019**

A complete job description and application is available by contacting the church office or looking on the office counter. Applications accepted until position is filled. Send your application to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 East Lopez Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362 Phone: 360-452-2323 or email: htlc@olympen.com

**Thanks to our Library Board for their
many hours of care in making our
Church library the best!**

Preschool News

During April Jesus time, we celebrated Palm Sunday and Easter. Jesus is the king and He is alive! We also read about how God made the Earth, the sky and sea and all living things.

The color for April was purple and our shape was an oval.

We discussed what adults and kids alike can do to help take of the beautiful creation that God has entrusted to us. Singing songs and reading books about the environment helped us to gain a better understanding of what each of us can do.

The children made cards to thank our terrific office friends, Mrs. Peggy and Mrs. Paula. They had some interesting ideas about what our office friends actually do but all agreed that they help our preschool and the church very much and we are grateful for all that they do.

April 18th and April 19th, each class celebrated Easter with an indoor Easter egg hunt, Easter stories and special Easter snacks.

Graduation will be Friday, May 24^h and we are very proud of the accomplishments and growth of the 13 students who will be celebrating this milestone. We are inviting the congregation to join us for the graduation at 10:15 AM on the 24th and share a potluck meal with the children and their families as well as the teachers and staff.

Thank you for being a wonderful and caring congregation!

Mrs. Kathy and Mrs. Brenda

Home Devotions

We offer little booklets with daily readings and devotions throughout the year. They are called: “**Christ in our Home**”, and you find them in the Narthex (Entrance Hall). The new quarter April – June is out! Help yourself!

Preschool Graduation and Year-End Potluck

**Friday, May 24th at 10:15 AM
in the Fellowship Hall**

All are invite to attend!

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen!
Contact the church office if you can help!

Preschool Enrolling for the 2019-20 school year!

Contact the church office at 452-2323 or pick up an enrollment pack on the table in the narthex/lobby. Help us spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. Visit our website – www.go2trinity.org/ministries/preschool. You can download a parent handbook and application.

Please share with friends and neighbors about our preschool.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter services special – musicians, worship volunteers, snack hosts, sanctuary and narthex décor and flowers for the cross.



Thanks to all who made donations for the Habitat for Humanity Lenten appeal. The total to date is \$743.10. Thanks to our preschool families for participating too! Our Enduring Gifts committee has also authorize an additional \$2,000 for Habitat for Humanity.



Thank you Quilters! There were over 100 quilts on display on Sunday, April 27th! (A full report will be in the June Newsletter.)

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team at Holy Trinity invites **everyone** to participate in our **Prayer Ministry!** There are several ways you can be involved:



- **Pray at home**
- **Phone Prayer Chain** - Call the church office.
- **E-mail Prayer List** - To receive the e-mail prayer list weekly or to add, delete or update a prayer request, call the church office.

The HTLC Prayer Team is available to pray with you by request, in person or on the phone. All information shared will be kept strictly confidential.

Ann Kennedy at 360-457-6177
Dave Shargel at 360-457-2006

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of March 31, 2019

Income: \$30,922
Expenses: \$33,527

YTD Income: \$293,200
YTD Expenses: \$300,144



Radio Broadcasts - Our worship services are broadcast on KONP 1450 AM at 11:00 AM.

The broadcast will be at 8:30 AM on Sunday, May 5 & 12 due to a Seattle Mariners game.

Thank You!

Thanks to **Greg Priest** for mowing our lawns!

Thanks to **Norma Turner** for taking our quilts and kits to Chemicum Lutheran Church for transport to Seattle.

Thank you **Jim & Marianne Ude** for all your extra time devoted to our LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry.

Fair Trade Coffee, Chocolate & Cocoa are for sale through the church office!

New Chocolate Flavors!

- Dairy Free – 55% Coconut Milk and Coconut Palm Sugar with coconut flakes.
- 55% Almond & Sea Salt with whole almonds.

Mission Partners for 2018-2019

Boys and Girls Club
MANNA – Ministers Assisting Neighbors in Need with Agape
VIMO – Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics
First Step Family Support Center
TAFY – The Answer for Youth
Healthy Families of Clallam County
Serenity House
Lutheran Community Services NW
Port Angeles Food Bank
Southwestern Washington Synod

Your general fund offerings provide a \$300 donation to each of the nine local mission partners in addition to our \$1,175 monthly gift to the Southwestern WA Synod.

If you **need a ride to church on Sunday morning**, contact the church office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



The 2019 Radio Broadcast Sponsor poster is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$60 to sponsor a Sunday, sign on both lines. If you would like to share sponsorship with someone else, please sign on one line, and the cost is \$30.

Thanks for supporting our radio broadcast ministry!

HTLC Library Notes
May 2019

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the 21st Century (2017) by Marcus J. Borg. The texts come from the late Marcus Borg's sermons, interviews and books. It's a marvelous book for thinking about one's faith. It's about Jesus post-Easter and Jesus pre-Easter. It's about Christianity and other faiths. This is a challenging and very provocative book. As I was reading the book I stopped to think about his learned view. It's a challenge yet inspiring. God loves you. *Reviewed by Dennis Duncan*

The Monk's Record Player: Thomas Merton, Bob Dylan, and the Perilous Summer of 1966 (2018) by Robert Hudson. Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk at an Abbey in Kentucky, died in 1968. The book has biographical sketches of both Merton and Dylan from the 40's through the 60's. The two never met, but Merton was significantly influenced by the poetry that was Dylan's songs. Merton lived in 'the hermitage' at the abbey and was allowed a record player...hence his ability to listen and familiarize himself with Dylan's works. The book was intriguing and as a result I have re-listened to some Dylan's music of that time. From the forward in the book by David Dalton..."You may think, as I at first did, that pairing a Utopian hermit monk and a demon-haunted rock star is just plain perverse or at the very least willfully paradoxical. But there you'd be dead wrong...". The book was a surprise. I enjoyed it. *Reviewed by Merry Van Deusen*

Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age (2019) by Mary Pipher. I loved this book and will be getting my own copy. The book is filled with wisdom, much of it we know at some level, but the author is a master at reminding us to be aware of *important* things as we age. "My body would age, my soul would expand. All of our most important decisions are about time. As we age we tend to improve our gratitude skills." These are a scant few of gems you'll find everywhere in this book. And the one that made me laugh out loud, the Buddhist saying:

"You're perfect the way you are, but you could use a little improvement." I give this book 5 stars!
Reviewed by Merry Van Deusen

BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

The Young Artist (1989) by Thomas Locker. The author tells the story of a young Adrian Van der Weld, a Dutch artist who struggled with his passion for landscape painting against the need to survive by painting portraits. While the story is enough to hold the reader's interest, it is the artwork that catches and holds the imagination. It is easy to become lost in the details of the beautiful art that Locker has used to illustrate his story. *Reviewed by Karen Meuir*

The First Starry Night (1997) by Joan Shaddox Isom. While the fearsome Vincent van Gogh paints in a room above the kitchen the young kitchen helper, Jacques, observes and notes that he might not be as unfriendly as people believe him to be. An unlikely friendship soon develops between the painter and the young boy that changes both of them. The fictional story is fascinating and the illustrations, reminiscent of van Gogh's work, add layers and depth to the story. *Reviewed by Karen Meuir*

A Lucky Thing (1999) by Alice Schertle; illustrated by Wendell Minor. As a young girl contemplates her life on the farm, she fills pages with poems that reflect the beauty around her. Brought to life with the beautiful illustrations, the poems themselves are full and rich with sensory language. Children will delight in the ordinary things that Schertle writes about; things that we all know in our own world but are brought to life with well-crafted words. *Reviewed by Karen Meuir*

The Tale of Alice's Quilt (2008) by Jennifer Blomgren. This is a lovely, sweet story of a young girl who finds a stack of sewn quilt squares in a trunk. After she learns the story of where they came from and who made them, she is motivated to make them into a finished quilt. Of course she has no idea where to begin. Thus begins the story of Alice's Quilt. At the end of the book are instructions for making a similar quilt. Imagine my surprise and delight when I finished the book and

read about the author...Jennie and I were classmates in the RN program at Peninsula College...and she has gone on to be an author of children's books as well as being an RN!!
Reviewed by Merry Van Deusen

She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World (2017) by Chelsea Clinton; illustrated by Alexandra Boiger. A wonderful book to encourage young girls to *persist* and follow their dreams. The brief stories of 13 amazing American women who did just that encourages young girls to ignore the 'put downs' that may come their way saying because they are a girl they can't reach for high goals. You are worthy, you are important.
Reviewed by Merry Van Deusen.

Three new poetry books were also accessed this month: ***Poems to Learn by Heart*** by Caroline Kennedy; ***The Poet's Corner: The One-and-Only Poetry Book for the Whole Family*** by John Lithgow; and ***Collected Poems for Children*** by Ted Hughes.

The Library Board would welcome additional members. If you love books, this is a perfect fit for you. Join us at the May 16th meeting at 9:30 AM to see what it is we do. Or ask any Library Board member what it's all about: *Pam Bundy, Dennis Duncan, Lois Larsen, Karen Meuir, Rosemary Pedersen, Ann Marie Rahfeldt, Caralee Rupprecht, Zorba Alexis-Stricker, Viola Nixon, and Merry Van Deusen (chair)*. It takes many hands to keep the library 'alive' and functioning smoothly.

Thank you Library Board Member for hosting the Library Open House! You are amazing!

Electronic Giving - You may sign up to have **your offering electronically sent to HTLC** from your checking or savings account. It's very easy to start, stop or change. There are slips in the pews for you to put in the offering plate on Sundays mornings. . Questions? Contact Peggy or Paula in the church office. You may also give on-line from our website www.go2trinity.org

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*Consider remembering the church in your will.
Leave a lasting legacy to our Enduring Gifts Fund.*