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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



Deadlines. I have had a love/hate relationship with deadlines for most of my life. I know for a fact that I need them, I remember a clearly written syllabus in which deadlines for projects, papers, and readings were laid out. It was helpful to refer often to those dates, those deadlines so I could plan days, weeks, months, they helped me know what I had to do and when I had to do it. This would work great, until it didn't, that is. Until either I didn't pay enough attention, or other things came up and I had to make the choice of what would be finished on time and what would be pushed back. I love deadlines because, at my best, it gives me the opportunity to plan ahead, to be more efficient, to be the version of myself that I always wanted to show forth in my life. I hate deadlines because they continually remind me of how woefully far, I fall short of keeping up with those deadlines.

In seminary, close to a deadline, I could often be found in the stacks of the library, a quiet place that I could focus on my work with no distractions. It was necessary because I have rarely been one to work far ahead. When I was at the hardware store and things had been busy, if there hadn't been time to finish repairing a window, we had promised a customer the next day, I would stay a little later after we closed the store so I could finish it. It was a deadline that needed to be met, and I was happy to do it. That promise, that deadline, reflected our integrity as a business, if we couldn't keep our word then what good was our word?

Fast forward to now, right now in fact. I am writing this newsletter article for our August newsletter in August. The deadline, as many of you know, for the newsletter is the 20th of the month before. In a perfect world I would have had this piece done 2 weeks ago; but it isn't a perfect world, we are all too well aware of that. Instead, this world throws things at us from the left or the right, front or back, up, or down, and sometimes it feels like all at once.

And then other times inspiration for writing an article is slow to come. This is actually my third article I've written, well, partially written, the first two, I saved because I liked what I wrote, but didn't see the point of the article in anyway beneficial at this time. So, as I said, you get the third draft, written late, past the deadline...my apologies.

At our text study this week one of the members mentioned that old bumper sticker, *Look Busy, Jesus is Coming*. What deadline are all of us working towards? Because if I think about it, there are deadlines all around us; whether it be the second coming of Christ, or our own mortality, there are some deadlines that feel more ominous than others.

I suppose though, that if I think further, I get to a point where I see God's Grace at work even in missed deadlines, even when we ourselves cannot seem to get something as simple as a paper, or an article done on time, God continues on being our God, our loving heavenly Father from whom nothing, nothing can separate us.

I may fail to meet the deadline next month as well, there might be a whole slew of things I intend to finish but don't, before that big final deadline of mine, through it all God will continue to love me. Because my inclusion in the Kingdom is not about how good, or how right, or how punctual I am, but rather based on the amazing grace of one who loved even to the point of death.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

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TRINITY TIMES EDITORIAL POLICY
News and information must be received by the 20th of the month preceding the issue date.

Trinity Times is a continuation of the previous parish newsletter, TLC Heartbeat, published January 1993 - January 2019.

VIDEO / IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We continue to offer livestreaming of our in-person Sunday morning 9:00 AM worship service online through YouTube. Additionally, you may watch the recorded service at any time on our website, the [Video Worship Archive](#) page.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is available every Sunday at 9:00 AM in our Sanctuary.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is available every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm.

FAITH FORMATION

Men's Bible Study ▶
Tuesdays 1:00 PM at TLC Meets weekly for reading and detailed, lively discussions. Our informal study is 1-1½ hours.

Men's Prayer Group and Bible Study ▶
Saturdays 7:30 AM at TLC Meets weekly for one hour, with breakfast on the first Saturday of the month.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation ▶
Join us after worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15am downstairs for Bible study discussion. You are welcome to grab a couple of cookies and a cup of coffee from the atrium if you'd like!

Women's Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon with a potluck lunch followed by a scripture-based discussion. All women are welcome.

Please check our website for frequent updates, calendar information, faith resources, youth schedules, news and much more:
www.trinitylutherancda.org.

COUNCIL CHATTER

Tired of feeling at odds with the world? Tired of berating your loved ones and friends after reading Letters to the Editor? Tired of being uncomfortable and misunderstood by people who have a different political world view than you? Want to change that by having open and honest conversation? Then check out the One Small Step (OSS) program attached to this newsletter.

Introduced and supported by NPR, this proven program pairs persons with opposite views, to sit across from each other and find out, often surprisingly, that they have more which unites them than divides them. A trained facilitator will help keep the conversation focused and participants engaged for a healthy and helpful outcome. Conversations will be recorded and if both parties consent, archived in the Library of Congress.

As one of the facilitators for this OSS program I invite you to find out more and take that One Small Step for better communication and understanding. It can I believe help you, me and our community and our public and private communications in ways we have yet to realize.

Contact me if you are interested or have questions.



One Small Step N.I.
- DIY Participant-Guid



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Flyer.pdf



One Small Step N.I.
Info-Sign up.pdf

Mike Grabenstein
Council President

The Council will meet again on August 16th at 4:30pm.

BITS & PIECES

- **You Are All Invited** to grab a cup of coffee and head downstairs after worship on Sunday mornings for Adult Education. We are currently engaged in 1Thessalonians. If you missed last week, don't worry we don't give pop-quizzes, and are happy to recap what was talked about the previous week. I look forward to seeing you there!
- **TLC Love Day** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00am for quilting, crafting, fellowship, and coffee.
- **TLC Council** will meet on Tuesday, August 16th at 4:30pm.
- **Women's Circle:** Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 16th at noon for our potluck lunch and Bible discussion. It is the third in a series, Crafted in Christ, based on the metaphor of quilting. This session is "Ties That Bind." All women are welcome.
- **TLC Singles Luncheon** will be on Thursday, August 18th at 11:30am.

DID YOU KNOW that your gifts and contributions help pay for the church custodial service - \$750 per month?

MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Trinity Lutheran Families!

My name is Kimberly (Kimmie) Roberts and I am so excited to be joining the Trinity Lutheran Family! I wanted to take some time in the August Newsletter and introduce myself and my family.

I grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Upon graduating from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska I served Lutheran congregations in North Carolina, Illinois, and Washington. Most recently, I served a Presbyterian congregation for six in Post Falls.

At Concordia, I earned a B.A. in Behavioral Science with a minor in Youth Ministry and a Director of Christian Education Certification with an emphasis in Outreach Ministries.

I married Justin in Colorado winter wedding in 2015. Together we have Sasquatch Marie- who is our seven-year-old mini golden doodle (dog) & Trey Rex who is our six-year-old son (human). We are also in the process of growing our family through the gift of adoption so at any point in the future, you may see us with a newborn baby.

Our family loves to go on bike rides, play guitar, have kitchen dance parties, and enjoy the beautiful creation that is North Idaho.

We look forward to getting to know all of you and serving the Lord with you in the years to come!

You can pre-register your children for Kids Club online at <https://vbspro.events/p/trinity-kidsclub>.

You can sign up for N. Idaho Fair TLC Food Booth at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baaa922a4f5c34-north>



TLC Learning Center Employment Opportunities

Urgent: TLC Learning Center Employment – TLC Learning is struggling to locate qualified full-time Infant Room and part-time Toddler Room Teachers. We had to close the Infant room on June 1st. We hope to reopen the Infant room by Sept 1, 2022. Please help us get the word out regarding these openings. The posting can be found at <https://www.trinitylutherancca.org/lc-staff>.

TLC OUTREACH

HELP Center Summer Food Drive – Outreach is continuing our Summer Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul's HELP Center throughout the month of August to help address the need for food as the population needing support swells and demand increases. They need items such as granola bars, peanut butter, canned soups and chili, crackers, tuna and cup of noodles to help sustain HELP Center guests who may be living in their vehicles or simply left without any money for groceries after paying their bills.

Backpack Supplies: TLC is answering the call for donations of school supplies and backpacks for needy Bryan students, Family Promise and UGM youngsters! This campaign runs through the month of August and early September.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday: “God’s work. Our Hands.” Sunday is September 11, 2022. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The Outreach Committee is planning to provide new backpacks and school supplies that day to our Family Promise Families who will be staying at TLC during that end of the first week of school. (We anticipate a HUGE participation from TLC members, so will also be giving backpacks and supplies to Bryan School and the UGM Women’s & Children’s Center as requested above.)

Family Promise Hosting: Trinity Lutheran’s final FPNI host week for this calendar year will be September 18 - 25. There are currently 3 families in the network (a total of 14 individuals!). We continue to celebrate the wonderful volunteers of Trinity as well as our partnership with Lutheran Church of the Master, whose volunteers take two days’ hosting/cooking/ and overnight for this “Mission in Our Own Back Yard”.

NEW: FPNI Kaleidoscope Week: Trinity Lutheran will be utilized as a Kaleidoscope Hosting Location for Family Promise of North Idaho during the week of August 21 – 28. Staffing during the week will be volunteers from the FPNI Staff, Board, and several member churches. Dinner cooks/hosts and overnight hosts are still needed! Contact FPNI Shelter Manager Sarah Reser at 208-755-5142.

TLC Singles Luncheon: TLC’s monthly Singles Luncheon (for singles of ALL ages) will take place Thursday, August 18th at 11 a.m., featuring a fabulous fare! Roughly 15 individuals attend this monthly luncheon, with preparations and serving provided by Jay and Connie Gridley, Carrie Gridley Shenfield, Karen Cook and Marie Bailey. Paula and Lindsay Moore decorate the tables and handle pre-promotion.

Ecumenical Food Kitchen: Trinity hosted the Ecumenical Food Kitchen on July 14. TLC’s EFK volunteers gather every other month at 1st Presbyterian Church to cook and serve the meal at the Soup Kitchen. Our TLC EFK crew Team Leader, Jan Gruber, moved to Oregon in July so we are in search for a team leader. Regular volunteers include Tad Johnson, Paul Hunt, Gloria Hammon, Terrie Gessner, Rebecca Priano and Jill Dougherty. The next TLC Food Kitchen host will be September 8th.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2022

Thank you for your service!

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, kindly trade with someone else on the schedule when you have a conflict. Whenever possible, please contact the church office by Wednesday to inform Andrea of your change: 208-664-5743, or: office.trinitycda@gmail.com.

9:00 AM	August 7th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Jerry Anderson	Dick Jurvelin	?
Reader	Anne MacKenzie	Kathy Benson	Glenna Knepper	Sue Thilo
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Harold Fuchs HELP NEEDED	Tad Johnson HELP NEEDED	Gary Everson HELP NEEDED
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Dick & Jill Jurvelin	Glenna Knepper Kathy Benson	Tom & Sue Thilo
Acolytes	Frankie Drake	William Forsgren	Jeremiah Benson	William Forsgren

Sanctuary Saints for August: Kathy Benson & Gloria Hammon
(Stocks pew racks, fills oil in candles, etc. weekly for Sunday worship.)



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CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



Nathaniel Cloyd	08/04
Chris Wilbanks	08/07
Cheryl Romeu	08/09
Diana Grainger	08/10
Jack Fullwiler	08/12
Barbara Everson	08/16
Wanda Andrews	08/17
Butch McGee	08/17
Peter Riggs	08/17
Phillip Ward	08/18
Anna Graupman	08/19
Nikki Betts	08/20
Jerry Johnson	08/23
Karen Cook	08/29
Cliff Lenz	08/29

*Watch over your children,
O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide
them wherever they may be. Strengthen,
comfort, and raise them up if they fall, and in
their hearts, may your peace, which passes all*



***Please Hold In Your Prayers for Healing, Comfort, Peace
(The † symbol denotes TLC members)***

*Susan Kirkpatrick † Mavis Fuchs † Delores Luttrupp † Sally English †
Marion Keating † Bob & Lee Ray † Phyllis Bacon † Carol Price †
Dave Nordby † Ken & Darlene Amundson † Ray Kincheloe †
Carol MacLean † Donna Cedervall † Terry Fairchild † Teri Venera †
Justin Graupman † Verna Henkel † Richard Cook †
Wes Deitz (brother, Yvonne Deitz)
Micah Sharples (friend – Jill Jurvelin)
Janet Wilbanks (mother - Will Wilbanks)
Jan Johnson (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Jonnie Dempsey (granddaughter – Rose Dempsey)
Tim Brunelle (son – Ron & Rolaine Brunelle)
Elleyna (great granddaughter – Wanda Andrews)
Diane Kneller (friend – Kathy Benson)
Annette Kish (friend – Kathy Benson)
Becky Baeth (friend – Kathy Benson)
Irwin Hammer (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Kyle Lenz (grandson – Darlene & Cliff Lenz; family friend – Kathy Benson)*

*Barbara Grace (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Barbara Smalley (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Lyle Littrell (father – Krista Hartley)
Tami Kusnir (friend – Donna Cedervall)*



Jerry & Sharon Hanson	08/03/1963
Hank & Helen Schmidt	08/03/1982
Aaron & Lisa Cloyd	08/08/1999
Tom & Carol Price	08/09/1958
Scott & Darla Tostengard	08/11/1984
Jeff & Penny Weiss	08/30/1986



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Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Sundays

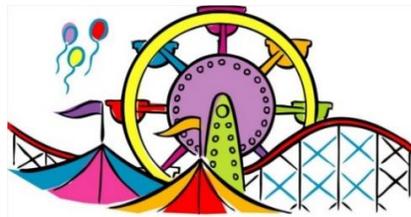
9:00 AM Worship Service

In-Person and

LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

VIDEO WORSHIP ARCHIVE ON
OUR WEBSITE

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N. IdahoFair

Sign-up Sheets for TLC Food Booth at N. Idaho Fair

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baaa922a4f5c34-north> or
the sheets posted on the PARTICIPATION PLACE bulletin board in the
atrium. We are asking for many adults as well as youth to fill the
shifts needed for the 10-day fair August 19th through August 28th!
Your help will make this year's fundraising an enormous success!