



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

How much has changed in the past year? How much has stayed the same? We find ourselves about 20 months into this pandemic...it feels a lot longer. It feels like we are on some never-ending carnival ride, but not a fun one, instead, one that you are not quite sure all the bolts have been sufficiently tightened, wondering if the next moment is the one that will send you hurtling off into oblivion. It gets awfully frustrating. I find myself thinking about how we did things before the onset of Covid-19, and I think about those two questions I opened with. How much has changed, and how much has stayed the same?

In a sense, nothing has changed. People still feel the desire to be in relationship with one another, the grocery stores are still full, worship still happens, vacations are gone on, stuff still happens, life still happens. On the other hand though, everything seems to have changed. Some folks are more hesitant to engage in the same way prior to the pandemic. The grocery stores are busy but feeling the pinch of lack of employees. Vacations are different too, rules to get and stay on an airplane, requirements that you have to plan for that two years ago you wouldn't have thought of; when we were at Glacier a couple months ago, two of the bigger campgrounds were closed due to lack of staff. Worship still happens, but congregations that didn't have an online presence before, do now; attendance in person is down, and how do you truly measure online attendance? So while things have stayed the same in one sense, they have also drastically changed as well.

The world seems to have changed. We are dealing with things in ways that we have not had to do...ever. The whole experience is made that much more complex with the constant stream of information that is available at our fingertips. I don't know about you, but I find it all very exhausting. Talking with a pastor friend of mine, he calls it covid brain. Maybe that's a good name for it, seeing as much of the changes are in response to the ever-changing factor we have come to know as Covid-19. It is frustrating, it is exhausting, it is change, and that is something which can be really difficult in the best of times.

Self-care is so much more important to attend to these days. One of my practices which has fallen by the wayside is the first 30 minutes of my day. I used to reserve that time to engage in some personal reading, I can see the book I was engaged in sitting here on my desk as I write this article, a book I have not cracked open for about 20 months now. That first 30 minutes of my day dwelling in a spiritual work by a Jesuit Priest, helped to order the day, kept me grounded, more focused...I have fallen away from the practice...and I feel the effects of that.

Tomorrow, I will open it up again. I plan on leaving the book on top of my computer tonight when I leave, after worship, after checking in with our middle school group, after the regular things that happen on a Wednesday afternoon/evening. Tomorrow I recommit myself to taking that time for myself. I realize how badly I need that, the benefit to myself as a person and as a pastor.

I hope you got this message long before I ever began typing this article. That you have found some focused time to care for yourself. I think it is and has always been important, but it might be even more important in these days

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.

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VIDEO / IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We continue to offer livestream 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 7:00 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. 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. Details for September on page 4.

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

COUNCIL CHATTER

Church Council Chatter

Early in the agenda of Trinity's church council meetings there is an item called, "Well and Good." What this is, is an opportunity for council members to share with each other something that has been "Well and Good" in their lives since we last met.

This past meeting, we heard from a member who visited her daughters on two different college campuses. Another visited children in Chicago. Another hoping this council meeting was going to be short in order to watch a grandson's baseball game and still another spoke of days relaxing on the Oregon coast. All really wonderful. All really important. All really "Well and Good!"

Later in the meeting we heard from Treasurer Lon Lorbecki. Lon said he had some "well and good" news for us concerning the financial position of Trinity. He said that through August of this year we were "slightly under budget, expenses were the lowest for this time period, since 2019 and we had over \$140K in our cash reserve." Certainly, a well and good place to be.

But the council is also aware that imbedded in the well and good are some opportunities and challenges ahead for Trinity congregation which will need the support of everyone.

In the days ahead a new 2022 budget will be formulated and voted on by the council at its October 19th meeting and by the Congregation on Sunday, November 14th. This new budget will be an increase from 2021 but I am convinced not something that will be a burden to the "well and good" this congregation already is engaged in. Here's hoping you feel the same.

Stay tuned.

Mike Grabenstein, Council President

Trinity Lutheran Council will meet again on Tuesday, October 19th at 4:30pm.

STEWARDSHIP

Ways to streamline your Financial Offerings ►

- Mail a check to Trinity at 812 N. Fifth St., CDA, ID 83814
- Go to the TLC website, www.trinitylutherancda.org and use the online Donate button located at the bottom of every page. You may use credit card, debit card or PayPal.
- Fill out a form in the office to authorize electronic fund transfers (EFT) from your account.
- Use the iPad on the front counter in the office to make a contribution with your credit or debit card.
- Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), up to \$100,000, direct from your IRA to the church, without paying tax on the distribution. You will need to complete the transfer by the 12/31/21 deadline. Talk to your financial advisor.

FAITH FORMATION: WOMEN'S CIRCLE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Women's Circle: October 19th at noon downstairs for a potluck lunch. Soup will be provided. Last month the goal of the series, The Gift of the Spirit, in Gather Magazine was to, "...deepen our understanding of the Holy Spirit's actions in Scripture and in our lives." This was accomplished through scripture and sharing insights during our discussion. We continue this month as we go to Scripture and the Nicene Creed with, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life."

OUTREACH

- **TLC Singles Luncheon** – This monthly get-together for singles of all ages will take place Thursday, October 21st, at 11:30 a.m. featuring a bountiful and delicious fare. Preparations and serving are provided by Connie & Jay Gridley, and Karen Cook. Paula and Lindsay Moore decorates the tables and handle pre-promotion.
- **Family Promise of North Idaho** is growing and currently looking for a part time shelter manager! If you are an organized person who cares about helping homeless families thrive through their shelter experience and supporting the volunteers who host them, read the job description posted on the Family Promise website below! If this sounds like you, send your cover letter and resume' to info@familypromiseni.org. For more information about FPNI visit our website at www.FamilyPromiseNI.org and our Facebook page. Thank you!!!

TLC YOUTH

- **Coffee Cup Faith Discussion** for Middle School & High School youth is scheduled for Sunday, October 3rd at 10:15am.
- **Kid's Club** on Wednesdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th, at 5:30pm.
- **High School Youth Group** meets on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.
 - **TLC Garage Sale Oct. 8th & 9th, 8:00am-4:00pm** – Donations will be taken up through the first day of the sale so there are 3-weeks left to bring "stuff" in! Help is needed on Thursday, Oct. 7th all day, anytime, to set up for this upcoming Garage Sale! Contact Penny Weiss with any questions. This is a TLC Youth fundraiser.
 - **Looking Forward to the Fall Festival** on Wednesday, Oct. 27th beginning at 5:30pm! Donations of toys and candy make the evening a fun event for all. Thanks.
 - **Middle School & High School Youth** leave Trinity Lutheran for McPherson Cabin on Friday, October 22nd and return to Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, October 24th.
 - **Kids Club Dinner** cupboards are filling! There are still a few more Snag-a-Tags on the bulletin board in the entry from Reid Ave. Thanks for feeding us! --- Penny & the Kids Club Gang

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

HOLIDAY BAZAAR – JUST AROUND THE CORNER



Mark your Calendars for the Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 6th, 7:30am-1:00pm. Lefse / Homemade Baked Goods / Handmade Crafts / Quilts and other gift items will be sold. We are now accepting items for the sale (hand crafted items, holiday-ware, decorations, etc.

We will accept all homemade baked goods on Nov 4th, 5th, & 6th to sell at the bazaar.

THANK YOU!

For Everyone who gave donations, for your help in many ways and for everyone's support in the Lefse-making, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! ---TLCW



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

The Trinity Lutheran Church Office will be closed on Fridays through the end of 2021. I am using the remainder of my vacation days by years end.

Thank you,
Andrea Werpy, Administrative Assistant

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2021

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	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook	Paula Moore Pam Hunt
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Janet Gruber	Aaron Cloyd	Dick Jurvelin	Janet Gruber
Reader	Dolores Johnson	Anne Mackenzie	Sue Thilo	Kathy Benson	Barbara Everson
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs	Bob Ray Gary Everson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs	Bob Ray Tad Johnson
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Wanda Andrews Dolores Johnson	Tom & Sue Thilo	Kathy Benson Paula Moore	Dick & Jill Jurvelin
Acolytes	Frankie Drake	William Forsgren	Nathaniel Cloyd	Jeremiah Benson	Frankie Drake

Sanctuary Saints for October: Margaret Fedje
(Stocks pew racks, fills oil in candles, etc. weekly for Sunday worship.)



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS

October Birthdays

Glenn Nelson	10/01
Jack Riggs	10/01
Rachel Pottenger	10/02
Grant MacLean	10/04
Blanche Walker	10/04
Lucy Smith	10/08
Sam Smith	10/08
Frank Girardi	10/09
Hanna Venera	10/09
Sandy Johnson	10/11
AnneMarie Williamson	10/11
Bob Ray	10/12
Bill Dougherty	10/20
Alex Kirkpatrick	10/22
Alyssa Robinson	10/22
Olivia Gibson	10/25
Darlene Lenz	10/26
Frankie Drake	10/27
Annette Durkin	10/27
Carol McCray	10/27
Jennifer Drake	10/29
Sandy Patano	10/29
Jeff Weiss	10/30

October Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Muriel Schini	10/02/1965
Dave & Barb Childs	10/03/1987
Frank Girardi & Anne Mackenzie	10/05/1980
Paul & Pat Muchow	10/20/1973
Bob & Lee Ray	10/20/1973
Tom & Sue Thilo	10/22/1977
Philip & Mary Ward	10/23/1976

*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 understanding,
abide with them all the days of their lives.*

Prayers

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

*Susan Kirkpatrick † Mavis Fuchs † Delores Luttrupp † Sally English †
Marion Keating † Lee Ray † Phyllis Bacon † Carol Price †
Dave Nordby † Kay Nelson † Kay Milsap †
Wes Deitz (brother, Yvonne Deitz)
Donna Cederwall (friend, Wanda Andrews)
Micah Sharples (friend – Jill Jurvelin), Janet Wilbanks (mother -Will
Wilbanks), Skip Keiflin (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Jan Johnson (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Margie Waddel & Agnes Meideningre (sisters – Harold Fuchs)
Sara Ripley (friend – Jack Riggs, Sandy Patano, Shannon Erwin)
Jonnie Dempsey (granddaughter – Rose Dempsey)
Julie Brunelle (daughter-in-law – Ron & Rolaine Brunelle)
Todd Hutchins (son-in-law – Richard & Karen Cook)
Sebille Moulster (mother – Janet Selzer)
Roxie Hunt (friend of friend – Glenna Knepper)
Kevin Holloway (friend – Ron & Carol McCray)
Steven Halliday (son – Kay Milsap)*



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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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REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST



Celebrate Reformation
Sunday
by wearing **RED**