



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Have you found it difficult to talk with people these days? I don't mean talking with your spouse or significant other, but maybe including conversations with those who are closest to us fits into this topic as well. What I am trying to get towards is how difficult it seems to be able to have a conversation with someone who might have a differing opinion than you do on any number of "hot topics".

I'm not quite sure why I still do it, but I will scroll through Facebook usually daily. I don't think I could tell you why I ever started a Facebook page, some

vague idea of trying to stay connected across both time and distance, with family and friends. I have told myself that it is just so easy to share pictures, to keep us with folks that I probably wouldn't have the opportunity to otherwise; but the reality is that I get awfully uncomfortable with the online social media world. I know folks who use social media seemingly 24/7, these people have embraced the lifestyle, and I'm glad for them. But for me, instead of being a way to stay connected over time and distance, I find that I have become a silent observer.

I hesitate to comment on posts. I will "like" a post or a photo now and then, but to post something myself...I don't think anyone cares what I made for supper last night. This is how I've approached social media from the moment I signed up for it. If I happen to post something, rest assured that I have struggled internally whether I should make such a permanent commitment to the internet. It might sound silly, but I am concerned with what goes out there, out into the world of websites, out into social media, out into the seemingly endlessness of the internet.

Lately, my apprehension feels vindicated. When I scroll through Facebook, I find a lot of thoughts, personal thoughts, communal thoughts, unguided thoughts, unintelligent thoughts. Let me be clear, I believe 100% in the need and benefits of expressing ourselves. What gives me pause is the manner in which that need of ours is presented to the world. I believe we have traded the ability to communicate with others for a virtual soapbox and an "it's my right to say whatever I want" attitude.

I have done a number of hours of pre-marital counseling with couples, and the one single thing we end up spending more time than anything else on is communication. Often the issues surrounding communication end up lying in our ability or lack of ability to listen. This is not really our fault as a people, we have a predisposition towards ourselves. Original sin teaches us that; that we tend to be concerned with our own self, self-interests, selfishness, self-centeredness. And that is not a bad thing, it is wired into us, into our very innate desire for self-preservation. For this reason, any behavior to the contrary needs to be learned.

That is where I see the breakdown in our ability to communicate, rooted in our own feelings of self-preservation to the detriment of all else. Suddenly our neighbor's feelings and thoughts no longer matter, and we find ourselves closing off any attempt to connect, any attempt to even hear an idea that opposes what we hold to be true. More often than not though, in these cases, truth is hardly ever absolute, and is influenced by what we want to be true...the truth as we see it.

The idea of a person who votes blue versus a person who votes red is not a cosmic good versus evil type of battle; things are rarely that simple. Instead, what if we took the time to try to understand why a person holds on to a position so tightly. What if we listened with compassion instead of ignoring with contempt? We can understand what, how, and why an individual believes or feels a certain way without vilifying either them or their position.

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**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON THE THIRD
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20th of the month preceding the issue date.

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parish newsletter, TLC Heartbeat, published
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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 avail-
able every Sunday at 9:00 AM in our Sanctuary.

In-person worship with Holy Communion is avail-
able every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. There will be
NO WORSHIP ON AUGUST 4th & 25th.

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 Tuesday, August 17th. Our
noon potluck will be a fun surprise. Bring whatever
you like with the recipe, if you have one, so we can
make copies to share. Following lunch, our Bible
discussion will be on Hope. Copies of this Bible study
from the August edition of *Gather Magazine* are
available in the church office. All women are
welcome.

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

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Obviously, this little article is not going to change the world, but imagine what would happen, what could happen, if folks from opposing perspectives could have an open conversation instead of shutting each other down. I believe communication in our country is broken, in that the valuation of self is held over and above the value of our neighbor. The result is that true community gets lost in the mix. I believe conversations can be had while convictions are still held. I believe there is a better way.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

COUNCIL CHATTER

At its July 20th meeting the Church Council nominated, discussed, and selected three areas it believes are crucial to the ongoing identity, mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church presently and in the months to come. The three are listed below in a very loose order of importance.

Staffing - In August of 2022 Penny Weiss will be retiring from the position as Youth Director. In order to address that vacancy and continue with what has been an exciting and well-run outreach program of Trinity, the Council will look at all staffing needs, current and future, and identify costs, needs, options and availability of candidates. The first order of business will be to estimate any additional costs to the budget and the congregation and get that in place by year's end. The council will partner with the Faith Formation committee and other interested persons for this work.

Space Utilization - Trinity Lutheran is blessed with a beautiful facility and abundant space, much of it vacant and unused at this time (Sunday school classrooms) except for Wednesday Night Kid's Club. The council will look for ways to utilize those spaces for the good of the larger community and enhance our outreach and presence in that community. What is the best use for this space? Who might we partner with? What are the needs in our community that Trinity might help address? Could this be another outreach to the demands of Coeur d'Alene? Post Falls?

Worship and Music – The final focus will be around the question, “What is meaningful worship?” How do we make worship both welcoming, meaningful and appeal to the varied tastes of a changing world? How will the ongoing threat of COVID19 cause us to continually readjust our worship life? Can we ever get back to normal worship? What is normal?

Many tough questions looking for tough answers.

Talk to me or a council person if you have thoughts or more questions.

Respectfully,
Mike Grabenstein
Trinity Church Council, President

Trinity Lutheran Council will meet again on Tuesday, August 17th at 4:30pm.

OUTREACH

TLC Singles Luncheon: TLC's monthly Singles Luncheon IS BACK!!!! This long-awaited and much missed monthly get together for singles of all ages will take place Thursday, August 19, at 11:30 a.m. featuring a bountiful and delicious fare. Roughly 15 individuals attend this monthly luncheon each month, with preparations and serving provided by Jan Leaf, Julie Fisher, Marie Bailey, Connie Gridley, and Karen Cook. Paula and Lindsay Moore decorate the tables and handle pre-promotion.

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.

FPNI Golf Classic: Trinity volunteers are stepping up to make this year's **FPNI Golf Classic at The Links** a fun and, hopefully, successful Charity Golf Scramble on September 17 to benefit Family Promise of North Idaho. Early planning, 4-person teams and sponsor sales – headed up by TLC's Doug Miller (among others) – are now underway. See Doug (phone number is 208.691.1612) for sponsorship opportunities and watch for more details about how to support homeless families in crisis.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday Planning: “God’s work. Our Hands.” Sunday is September 12, 2021. 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.)

LEFSE-MAKING DAYS AHEAD

Lefse Making 2021, Here We Go! Mark your calendar for September 29th, 30th & October 1st (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) for the annual production of lefse. We have a returning crew of lefse workers (volunteers), but anyone is welcome to join the fun. Just be here on 1 or all 3 of the days around 8:30am. The day usually ends between 1:30 & 2:00pm or so. We do need help in the following areas. Thank you in advance!

- A crew chairperson to organize the crew. No experience is necessary. You may contact Sharon Alexander, of the Tuesday morning women's Love Day group, at scalexander63@gmail.com or (208) 699-1984 for details.
- People to make lunch for the crew each of the days. It can be a different person each day.
- Financial donations for purchase of the lefse ingredients. Checks made payable to TLCW or cash.

Sign-up sheets for donations of the food ingredients and anyone wanting to be on the crew will be posted soon on the PARTICIPATION PLACE bulletin board in the atrium.

TLC YOUTH

- **Middle School Youth** go to Glacier August 1-6.
- **Kid's Club** on Wednesday, August 11th at 5:30pm



- **Fair Food Booth Sign-Ups!** Volunteers are needed to man the TLC/Pita Pit food booth at the **10-day (yes, 10 days!!)** North Idaho Fair, Friday August 20th to Sunday, August 29th. Volunteering at the fair includes a ticket to the Fair and a free pita to say thank you. The sign-up sheets are posted on the Participation Place board. Proceeds support the youth programs all year. Thanks for the help!
- **Art Supplies Are Needed** for the TLC children's and youth programs this year and school supply sales should be starting soon. We are in need of: glue sticks, school glue (bottles), glitter glue, markers (lots!), poster boards (any color), kids scissors, white board markers and colored sharpies. A donation box is in the atrium by the Participation Place board. Thanks from the kids!
- **Snacks Are Needed** to fuel upcoming summer youth adventures. Youth and adults would be grateful for donations of fruit snacks, protein bars, granola bars, trail mix, small pkgs of cookies/crackers, candy...Thank you from the youth!
- **TLC T-Shirts and Hats Are for Sale.** T-shirts are M, L and XL and come in several colors. Check the bulletin board outside of the office. Proceeds support the youth programs.

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.trinitylutherancca.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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – AUGUST 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	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook	Paula Moore Pam Hunt
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Aaron Cloyd	Janet Gruber	Dick Jurvelin	Aaron Cloyd
Reader	Anne Makenzie	Kathy Benson	Sue Thilo	Barbara Everson	Janet Gruber
Ushers	Paul Hunt Bob Ray	Bob Ray Tad Johnson	Bob Ray Tad Johnson	Bob Ray Gary Everson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Janet Gruber	Dolores Johnson Wanda Andrews	Tom & Sue Thilo	Wanda Andrews Kathy Benson	Dick & Jill Jurvelin
Acolytes	Frankie Drake	Nathaniel Cloyd	William Forsgren	Jeremiah Benson	Nathaniel Cloyd



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS

August Birthdays

Nathaniel Cloyd	08/04
Chris Wilbanks	08/07
Cheryl Romeu	08/09
Don Heumier	08/11
Jack Fullwiler	08/12
Barbara Everson	08/16
Wanda Andrews	08/17
Butch McGee	08/17
Peter Riggs	08/17
Janie Tostengard	08/18
Philip Ward	08/18
Anna Graupman	08/19
Nikki Betts	08/20
Hunter Nelson	08/21
Vivian Sneve	08/22
Charles Gibson	08/23
Jerry Johnson	08/23
Karen Cook	08/29
Cliff Lenz	08/29

August Wedding Anniversaries

Jerry & Sharon Hanson	8/03/1963
Hank & Helen Schmidt	8/03/1982
Dustin & Jenna (Betts) Burtis	8/08/2015
Aaron & Lisa Cloyd	8/08/1999
Tom & Carol Price	8/09/1958
Scott & Darla Tostengard	8/11/1984
Tad & Dolores Johnson	8/18/1979
Jerry & Becky Anderson	8/28/1976
Jeff & Penny Weiss	8/30/1986

*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 †
Krista Hartley † Dave Nordby † Judy Deines † Nancy Zaborski †
Vivian Sneve †
John Kinney (brother, Sue Baker)
Wes Deitz (brother, Yvonne Deitz)
Donna Cederwall (friend, Wanda Andrews)
Micah Sharples (friend – Jill Jurvelin)
Janet Wilbanks (mother – Wilbanks)
Kent Setty (friend – Carol Price)*

Deaths

Family & Friends of Darlene Beck (sister – Harold Fuchs)





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Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM Worship Service

In-Person and

LIVESTREAM YOUTUBE

VIDEO WORSHIP ARCHIVE ON
OUR WEBSITE

www.trinitylutherancda.org



MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- **Wire Hangers Needed** - Love Day Ladies meet weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00am for quilting and other outreach projects. They have requested wire hangers to use for a specific community project they are working on! If you have some “hanging” around in your closet that you don’t need, the Love Day Ladies would love to take them off your hands! You can leave them on the pew in the hall downstairs.
- **Donate a Can of Coffee!** Now that Sunday Coffee Hour is back, we certainly don’t want to run out coffee! We would appreciate a donation of a large can every so often to keep an ample supply on hand for the many cups of “heavenly brew” to be consumed over the coming weeks! Your help is appreciated!
- **When at Worship Please Be Respectful** of others who have allergic reactions to fragrances. We know of a few people within the congregation who have severe respiratory reactions when entering a room that is heavily scented with perfume/cologne or scented lotions. This applies to product worn by both women and men. Thank you for your consideration in not wearing perfume/cologne or scented lotion when gathering at church!