

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



We have lived here for almost 8 years now, and in all that time I have never been to a city council meeting. That is until this past week, the 16th of August to be precise. Following our church council meeting I headed down to the library and made it just in time for the public comment time of the meeting.

I had a reason for that particular meeting; if you remember, I believe starting back in March there has been a lot of discussion about invocations at the city council meetings, mostly centered around who has been allowed to offer the invocation before the meetings, and the process to select those individuals. It was at this meeting where the new procedures would be voted on. Procedures that I had an opportunity to be a part of creating.

A number of other clergy and myself attended a meeting at city hall at the end of July. We met with two city council members, and the city clerk, and discussed the new criteria that would be put into effect. The group that was gathered was diverse and put serious thought into what was required of the faith communities to be entered into the lottery. I was glad that it passed, I was glad that I spent almost 2 hours watching how the city council meetings were run, that I was able to listen to the business that was addressed that evening, and that I got a glimpse into a part of how our city is managed.

But that is not the main point I want to share with you today. Like I mentioned, I made it in time for the public comment, I had hoped to be able to sign up to make comment, but that time had passed. I wanted to speak in favor of what was going to be voted upon later in the meeting, to offer my support of the work that the council had done in creating the new way for faith communities to be able to give those invocations; but instead, I got to listen.

I listened to a couple of people who were upset by one thing or another, I heard someone comment on what they thought was some sort of political conspiracy, and I was ready to listen to more folks do more complaining.

What surprised me, and what I want to share with you was the number of people who were there to encourage not only the city council, the mayor, and those in leadership roles in our community, but the city itself. There were folks who stood up and talked about how much they love living here and how they want to see CDA leave behind any form of hatred and discrimination. It was heartening to hear these folks share their commitment to a welcoming community, and to hear the applause when they were finished speaking, I got a good look at part of what drew us to this community in the first place.

I preach often about the Kingdom of God, about how it is one of those now/not yet things; something we cannot know fully now, but that we get glimpses of. I caught a glimpse of that kingdom last week at that meeting. Is everything perfect? No, of course not. We are after all human, and it is in the fallibility of humanity that we exist. But I left that meeting that night with such a feeling of hope for the future, for the now, that I just had to share it with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

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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.trinitylutherancca.org.

FROM THE DESK OF KIMMIE ROBERTS - DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



I've often heard that there has been much speculation about the fruit in which Adam and Eve consumed in the garden. Theologians have long debated as to if it was an apple, fig, watermelon, an unidentified fruit from the Old Testament. For me however, there is no doubt what that fruit was.... pineapple. You see pineapple has always been and will always be the forbidden fruit in my world.

God said in Genesis 1:11-12, ¹¹ "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

Pineapple is a fruit and God saw that the fruit was good but when you put that fruit with me...things go very, very bad.

You may have noticed the Forbidden Fruit signs around Trinity Lutheran Church. I have an airborne and ingestible anaphylactic allergy to pineapple. What does that mean? You ask? It means that if there is pineapple in a room and I walk into that room- just breathing the particles from the pineapple can cause me to have an allergic reaction. It is not as simple as just not eating the pineapple. I can react to breathing it or any juices spilled on surfaces.

My allergy is severe enough that my throat can close and I am required to use EPI-PENS and 9-1-1 would have to be called. (All things that can ruin a person's day pretty fast).

Church council decided the best way to avoid a life-threatening reaction would be to eliminate pineapple from entering our building.

If you have any questions about my allergy I would to answer any questions. 😊

MESSY LOVE!

There has been a lot of talk around Trinity Lutheran recently about Messy Love but do you know what it means? Well, we invite you to worship on September 18th for Messy Love Sunday. Messy Love Sunday will be our official launch to Kids club featuring our theme this year of Messy Love. You will get to hear Kimmie Roberts, our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, preach that Sunday and hear the vision for what Messy Love will look like for the 2022-2023 school year! We are also inviting all students of all ages (preschool-masters programs) to have their backpacks blessed for this upcoming year!

KIDS CLUB

- **Kids Club** begins again on Wednesday, September 14th from 5:30-7:30pm.
- **HELP NEEDED:** Adults (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles....are needed to Set Up, Prepare the Food, & Clean-up the kitchen & atrium before & after Kids Club dinner on Wednesdays. There are many dates still available to sign up on the lists posted on the PARTICIPATION PLACE bulletin board in the atrium just outside of the church office.

LEFSE, LEFSE & MORE LEFSE!

Lefse Making Week at TLC will be September 28th, 29th, & 30th (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.). You will find posted to the PARTICIPATION PLACE bulletin board in the atrium (open area on the main floor) a sign-up sheet for donations to buy the items we will need to make the lefse and **a sign-up sheet to bring lunch each of the 3 days for the lefse making crew – approximately 25 people (all 3 days still open)**. We are asking for snacks for breaks taken throughout each day, as well! **There is also a sign-up sheet** for working on Tuesday September 27th to prepare the potatoes and then Wednesday, Thursday & Friday working days! **DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN TO PAM HUNT, KAREN COOK OR BEVERLY KNUTSON**. Thank you so much in advance for your help and work with us. If you have questions, call Sharon Alexander at (208) 699-1984. As most of you know, the lefse is made to sell at the TLCW (Women) Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 5th. God bless you all! - TLCW Love Day Group

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 the Book of Ecclesiastes. 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 Singles Luncheon** will be on Thursday, September 15th at 11:30am.
- **TLC Council** will meet on Tuesday, September 20th at 4:30pm.
- **Women's Circle** – Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 20th at noon** for a potluck lunch followed by our Bible-based discussion, with the intriguing title, *Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith*. All women are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW that your gifts and contributions helped pay for T-shirts & Supplies for TLC youth groups & Kids Club - \$1,219.

TLC LEARNING CENTER

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.trinitylutheraneda.org/lc-staff>.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Thanks and praise to TLC's Kathy Benson for her generous donation of a beautiful antique chest of drawers to a young mother of one infant who recently graduated from Family Promise of North Idaho!

Backpacks Delivered



Jill Dougherty's grandson, Barrett Flamm, helped to deliver backpacks and supplies to Bryan Elementary.

TO EVERYONE AT TRINITY

I have been so blessed to be called to serve along side you all. I am grateful for your examples of kindness, generosity and service to others. Thanks for the gift at my Goodbye Party and all the kind words, stories and laughter!

Penny Weiss

ECUMENICAL FOOD KITCHEN

Trinity Lutheran hosted the Ecumenical Food Kitchen on Thursday, September 8th, at First Presbyterian. Every other month on the second Thursday of that month, Trinity cooks and serves the meal at the Food Kitchen. We are currently seeking a EFK Coordinator for TLC's crew. Participants are Gloria Hammon, Teri Gessner, Tad Johnson, Paul Hunt, Rebecca Priano and Jill Dougherty. To join the TLC EFK crew or for more information, contact Jill at 208-818-5465.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 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	September 4 th	September 11 th	September 18 th	September 25 th
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore	Kathy Benson Pam Hunt	Paula Moore Karen Cook
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Dick Jurvelin	Pam Hunt	?
Reader	Dolores Johnson	Jill Dougherty	Glenna Knepper	Dolores Johnson
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Harold Fuchs Lon Lorbecki	Tad Johnson Paul Hunt	Lon Lorbecki Tad Johnson
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Paula Moore Kathy Benson	Tom & Sue Thilo	Dick & Jill Jurvelin
Acolytes	Frankie Drake	Jeremiah Benson	William Forsgren	Frankie Drake

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



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



Penny Weiss	09/01
Paul Hunt	09/01
Aaron Cloyd	09/02
Clarence Haugen	09/07
Gloria Hammon	09/08
Carol MacLean	09/10
Lisa Cloyd	09/11
Sarah Forsgren	09/12
Justin Graupman	09/18
Jeremiah Benson	09/18
Dolores Johnson	09/20
Phil Aarus	09/21
Roland Curtis	09/21
Don Chisholm	09/27
Anna Mae Dlouhy	09/29
Mavis Fuchs	09/29

*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 † Dolores 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)
Tim Brunelle (son – Ron & Rolaine Brunelle)
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 Len)
Barbara Smalley (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Lyle Littrell (father – Krista Hartley)
Meradean Gifford & Family (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Patti Sullivan & Family (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Family & Friends of Annette Syverson Hendrickson (sister – TLC
member Clarie Kuball)
Family & Friends of Elaine Rodning (wife of former TLC Pastor,
Richard Rodning)*



Dan & Sarah Forsgren	09/01/2002
Ausey Robnett & Rachel Pottenger	09/09/2017
Don & Robin Chisholm	09/11/1976
Glenn & Julie Nelson	09/11/1993
Ken & Marie Bailey	09/15/1972
Chris & Krista Hartley	09/15/2001
Darrell & Lois Frogness	09/16/1961
Jerry & Sandy Johnson	09/20/1975
Jack Riggs & Sandy Patano	09/20/2014
Harold & Mavis Fuchs	09/22/1955
Richard & Karen Cook	09/25/1966
Bob & Paula Moore	09/27/1985



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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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HOLIDAY BAZAAR JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The Annual Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 5, 2022, 8:00am – 1:00pm.
If you will be donating homemade jellies this year for the sale, you may price them yourself
or the TLC Women's Group will price them as they deem appropriately.

