

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



So, we were all packed up, we had permission from the folks we rented from to leave our bags in the front room of the house we rented while we explored the last building of the Smithsonian that we wanted to see. The weather was the best of any day we had been in Washington D.C. by far, and we walked to the Metro, hopped on the train, got off at the appropriate stop, and I happened to check my phone as we walked up the stairs to the Smithsonian Castle. Horror of horrors! I didn't knock on wood fast enough when the day before Judy had asked if our flight had been canceled...they hadn't at that point, but I guess they had just 10 minutes earlier.

Well, my day just turned sour. That last building we went in, I don't remember anything that was in there; my mind was only focused on how I was going to get home when I wanted, when I was supposed to be home, not when it was looking like I was actually going to get home.

There were plenty of things to think about. We had planned this trip so I would be home to lead worship on the 19th. I had finished writing my sermon just a couple days earlier. Our accommodations were through the night before. Those logistical questions that come up when a wrench has been thrown into the works and things are getting all messed up.

First thing we did was to go gather our bags and get back to the Metro and get to the airport. I know the flights were canceled, but I thought that maybe, just maybe we would be able to figure something out when I got to the ticketing counter. In the meantime, I contacted Mike and told him that I was going to try to be there the next day, but things did not look good.

I spent about 35-40 minutes standing in front of a ticketing agent. He understood my dilemma and my concerns; and to this man's credit he tried, he tried looking on his airline, he tried looking on other airlines, and when all was said and done what he said to me was, "I can get you to Spokane from just about anywhere, but I can't get you anywhere from here." It made sense to me, there had been a lot of cancellations and there were a lot of people in similar situations. I thanked the man for his time, he, in turn thanked me for being patient. I told him that getting upset wouldn't change the fact that there were no flights; and this is where I want to get to the point of this article; he then told me that I was the first person in this situation that had spoken kindly to him that day, it must have been early afternoon, I cannot imagine the entitlement that some folks feel to direct their frustration towards someone just trying to do their job.

He then walked me through getting a room for the night, comped of course, and gave us some meal vouchers. I appreciated the help that he was able to give in a situation that I found incredibly stressful. Be kind. With so much anger and hatred in the world, kindness is one gift we can always choose to give, to pass on, to live. Be kind, you won't regret it.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

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**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON THE THIRD
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

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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
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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.

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

A portion of Pastor Dan's Letter of Call allows him to take a Sabbatical leave every seven years. That should have been realized this year but with Penny's retirement and the need to be present to give direction to a new Youth and Family person, Pastor Dan agreed to postpone his sabbatical until 2023.

The Council, at their June 21st meeting, adopted the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Sabbatical Policy. This document gives guidance and direction for both pastor and congregation in realizing a mutually beneficial outcome during and after this sabbatical.

This document is not adopted simply for Pastor Dan's time away but will be used structuring time away for any future clergy serving Trinity.

The agreed time away from ministry will be three months. During this time Pastor Dan will be encouraged and expected to find time for rest, peruse personal interests and study and delve into learning that will specifically benefit the congregation. The congregation during this time is also encouraged to discover and develop its own gifts of leadership and faith.

There is much more in the document copies, of which, are available outside the office on the table by the stairs.

Pastor Dan has suggested a possible May-July 2023 time for his leave.

Mike Grabenstein
Council President

The Council will meet again on July 19th at 4:30pm.

HIRED: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Trinity Lutheran has hired **Kimmie Roberts** to fill the position of Director of Children and Youth Ministry! She will be working with Penny through the end of the month including going on the senior high mission trip. Look for more information to come about Kimmie.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Women's Circle: Tuesday, July 19th at noon beginning with a potluck lunch. The Bible study discussion is titled "Crafted in Christ" using a metaphor of quilting. The author says, "It is only in the cutting that something new and useful can be made." All women are welcome.

BITS & PIECES

- **TLC Love Day** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00am for quilting, crafting, fellowship, and coffee.
- **TLC Council** will meet on Tuesday, July 19th at 4:30pm.
- **TLC Singles Luncheon** will not meet again until August.
- **Penny Weiss' Last Day at TLC** will be Sunday, July 24th. To show our appreciation of her 22 years at TLC combined as a volunteer leading Kids Club and then on staff as the Director of Youth and Family Ministries, on that Sunday we will have a cake during the coffee hour and a time to say goodbye to her! If you wish to give a card or gift to her, you may drop them off at the church office before that Sunday.
- **Dear Trinity Family, the Wardell Family** is gathering in Coeur D Alene to celebrate the life of Wendell Wardell. All are invited to join us at 1:30 PM August 7th at Trinity Lutheran Church. We will be sharing what this remarkable man meant to each of us. We welcome your stories and things you remember the best.
- Kay Wardell

DID YOU KNOW that your gifts and contributions help pay for the recent replacement of 2 furnaces and AC units? The old units were originally installed when the atrium, kitchen, gym, and TLC Learning Center classrooms were added to the building 30 years ago!

TLC Learning Center Employment Opportunities

URGENT: TLC Learning Center Employment – We are sad to share that Holly will be leaving TLC Learning Center Family on May 25th. Holly has worked here at TLC for the past 6.5 years as the Lead Teacher in the Infant Room. We wish her well in her new adventures. TLC Learning Center is seeking a full-time Lead Infant Teacher starting May 25th. This is a M-F position, caring for 4 infants, ages 4 months to 12 months. If this position is not filled by June 1st, TLC LC will have to close the Infant room until a qualified person is hired. Due to staffing shortage, TLC LC will be changing the hours of operations starting June 1st: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Nikki Betts, TLC LC Director, has been the Lead Teacher in the Waddler room for 1 year. TLC LC continues to have an open part-time position for Lead Waddler Teacher 2 to 3 days per week. Please help us to get the word out! The full job description is listed at <https://www.trinitylutheraneda.org/lc-staff>. Contact the Learning Center at 208-676-9112 or send resume to directortlclc@gmail.com.

TLC YOUTH

Summer Kids Club will be on Wednesday, July 27th at 5:30pm.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – JULY 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	July 3 rd	July 10 th	July 17 th	July 24 th	July 31 st
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook	Paula Moore Pam Hunt
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Dick Jurvelin	Janet Gruber	Dick Jurvelin	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Dolores Johnson	Jill Dougherty	Barbara Everson	Doug Miller	Glenna Knepper
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Harold Fuchs HELP NEEDED	Gary Everson HELP NEEDED	Tad Johnson HELP NEEDED	Harold Fuchs HELP NEEDED
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Janet Gruber Kathy Benson	Dick & Jill Jurvelin	Glenna Knepper Kathy Benson	Tom & Sue Thilo
Acolytes	No Acolyte	Jeremiah Benson	William Forsgren	Frankie Drake	William Forsgren

Sanctuary Saints for July: TLCW

(Stocks pew racks, fills oil in candles, etc. weekly for Sunday worship.)



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS

★ ★ ★ ★ **JULY** Birthdays

Dawn Menck	07/01
Curtis Nelson	07/01
Bob Schini	07/05
Dave McManus	07/06
Craig Leaf	07/07
Katie MacPhee	07/07
Debbie Sneve	07/09
Gary Rahm	07/10
Dick Jurvelin	07/11
Paul Muchow	07/12
Dick Dale	07/17
Will Wilbanks	07/22
Toni Wilson	07/22
Sally English	07/24
Tami Benson	07/28
JoAnn Longwell	07/28
Wray Wilson	07/31

*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)
 Larry Bellender (brother – Pat Muchow)
 Diane Kneller (friend – Kathy Benson)
 Lorne & Judy Bjornson (friends – Jay & Connie Gridley)
 Carol Hunter (grandmother – Alexzander Hamilton)
 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)*

★ ★ ★ ★ **JULY** Anniversaries

Craig & Jan Leaf	07/02/1983
Peter & Tyree Riggs	07/03/2010
Frank & Janet Selzer	07/26/1991
Justin & Katie Graupman	07/31/2010
Butch & Connie McGee	07/31/1966



THE ANNUAL
Butterfly
FUNDRAISER

August 2, 2022

Transportation provided by Lake Coeur d'Alene Cruises
Boat Boarding 5 pm — Boat Return 8pm
Tickets \$100

Join us for an elegant dinner at the historic White House, located on the beaches of Lake Coeur d'Alene. With live entertainment, a paddle raise and a touching butterfly release ceremony, this evening will be a night to remember.

As a previous attendee of our fundraiser, we would like to offer you this special opportunity to pre-order your tickets and reserve your place at our event. All proceeds support Orchard Ridge's charitable Christian care.

Pre-Order Tickets

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Tickets Available for Pre-Order





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Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM Worship Service

In-Person and
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