



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Greetings from the Oregon Coast! We are well into our vacation in Seal Rock, Oregon. We have listened to the waves lull us to sleep each night and been greeted by the salty breeze each morning. It has been so relaxing and refreshing to just be. That doesn't mean we have been idle though. Ocean fishing, surf lessons, tide pools, light houses, and just the ebb and flow of life on the coast.

It brings the concept of Sabbath rest to the front of my mind; especially as we are looking at moving into a new school year, and everything else that comes with this time of year. Taking time to slow down and experience the wonders of the world around us. It is so easy to get caught up in the daily grind...you know this too; so, please make sure to care for your needs, physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual, it is so important. Thank you for this time off, it has been good for my soul.

Sabbath is always a wonderful topic, but...it is not what I would like to address today. I know that with the continuation of the Covid pandemic and this Delta variant, that anxieties are running high in all the same areas they were last year. We are reaching record highs with patients in the hospitals, our own Kootenai Health is feeling the effects of this as well. We have more critical care patients than beds, elective surgeries are on hold, we are back in the red according to Panhandle Health, and we are seeing more deaths.

The tragic part of this is that things don't need to be this way. I understand that medical decisions are personal, that vaccinations are not things people take lightly. Apprehensions, as someone who hates needles, I get that too! It does seem though, that when the evidence claims that those suffering from the worst of the symptoms of the Delta variant, are those who have not received a vaccination, I have to wonder what more needs to happen for a large part of the population to take the pandemic seriously?

I know that in our own church we have people who fall on both sides of this issue, as we do with most issues; and I believe that, as a faith community, we have done a pretty good job in keeping with recommendation, while also letting folks make their own decisions about what precautions to take, always with the caveat that we are to love our neighbors.

I do not like wearing masks, I don't know anyone who does. These days, if you see me in the grocery store, you will find me in a mask; Sunday mornings...I'm back in a mask before and after service, and as we have done since coming back to in person worship, we take precautions when serving communion. I do these things, we do these things, not because we do not trust God to take care of us, but because we take seriously our call to help ensure the safety of our neighbors.

As I mentioned time and time again back in 2020, when it comes to these issues, it isn't about us, rather it is about each of us doing our part for the sake of those around us, whether we know them, or have not had the pleasure of meeting them yet. That might mean wearing a mask; it might mean having been vaccinated; it might mean staying home; or it might mean looking at how we can best be present for our neighbors in this time. Whichever way we find our part to be, chances are it will move us out of our comfort zone; perhaps that is how we can understand that we are then setting our mind not on human things, those things that seem to serve us first and best, but rather on the divine, which, I would argue, would focus on the well-being of our neighbor, on loving our neighbor, an action in which God delights.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Forsgren

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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

At its August 17th church council meeting a presentation by the Audit Committee and Endowment Committee brought new and important information.

As detailed in the Trinity Constitution and Bylaws an audit is to be conducted annually. This has not been done since about 2010, therefore, the council gave approval to Gene Tanzey to pursue the services of Magnus & McHugh for an internal control audit not to exceed \$5,000. The actual cost should be considerably less and targeted to be completed by the end of the year. The internal control audit will look at the procedures in place for money coming into Trinity and, if necessary, give recommendations for making adjustments to this process. The council did not believe there was need at this time for a full-blown financial audit.

Scott Tostengard from the Endowment committee updated the council on the current value of about \$215,000 in this account. Scott also presented an application form created by Sue Thilo for persons or organizations seeking to receive distributions from this fund. This new form will make uniform and better record those requests. The committee will meet this fall to finalize how and when distribution might be made in the calendar year.

This endowment fund has done well over the last few years and much credit goes to Rich Ronnestad for his direction and financial guidance.

Question? See me or other council members
Mike Grabenstein, Council President

Trinity Lutheran Council will meet again on Tuesday, September 21st 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.

REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION: FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE 08-11-21

“Can someone give me a definition of *Kids Club*?”

That was Anne Mackenzie’s question as we began to discuss the job description of the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church. It was a good question.

Kids Club is a significant part of the role that Penny Weiss has held. “It’s an outreach to our neighborhood,” came one reply. “It’s a lesson in Christian community,” came another. “It’s planting seeds of faith in some children and watering seeds in others.” “...an illustration of God’s grace provided by our congregation.” “Kids *run* into the church!”

Last June, Congregational President Mike Grabenstein brought a request from Council that the Faith Formation Committee provide recommendations for staffing Penny Weiss’ position following her retirement next year. We’d been thinking about the future of the youth and family ministry at Trinity, ever since Penny shared her plans for retirement with us. Her work has been a large – and valuable – part of that ministry. Now we’re considering Penny’s current job description. We’re reviewing potential personnel pools (youth leader, ordained associate, etc.), and noting the costs of those classifications.

Our committee is excited to accept this assignment and is well-equipped to respond. We’ve been meeting for several years with Penny and Pastor Dan, planning for faith-forming events at Trinity and reviewing the outcomes. In addition to myself, Penny, and Pastor Dan, the committee is composed of Rachel McDevitt, who has two children in Kids Club, Anne MacKenzie, Doug Miller, and Carol MacLean. Mike Grabenstein and Sandy Patano have also begun working with us.

The ministry to youth and families at Trinity has been huge. You saw it in the stories that were told of the most recent mission trip to Belize. You can see it in the faces of the classes of past students on the wall upstairs. You can watch it unfold Wednesday nights beginning September 15th (We could always use some volunteers for those occasions). To support us in continuing Penny’s legacy of forming faith in the hearts, minds, and souls of the children and young people of our community, we ask for your prayers, your suggestions, and your financial support.

Penny’s leadership over the years has been inspiring and sacrificial. Much will be asked of us all as we continue to encourage the children to know the Lord who has called us to His mission. May we commit ourselves once again in the months ahead as Trinity’s mission statement proclaims; a “Christ-centered community of believers, saved and enlightened by God’s grace, serving God by serving others.”

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact any member of the committee or council and share your ideas and suggestions.

Grant MacLean, chairman, Faith Formation Committee

WOMEN’S CIRCLE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST beginning at noon with a potluck lunch followed by a scripture-based discussion. The Fall Bible study is titled *The Gift of the Spirit*. The *Gather Magazine* guide tells us, “We’ll track the Holy Spirit’s actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. The Holy Spirit may be the most misunderstood or mysterious member of the Trinity... We will explore how the Spirit moves God’s people into adventure and lives we would never dare risk on our own.” All women are welcome.

OUTREACH

TLC Singles Luncheon – This monthly get-together for singles of all ages will take place Thursday, September 16th, 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 Connie & Jay Gridley, Marie Bailey, Karen Cook. Paula and Lindsay Moore decorate the tables and handle pre-promotion.

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 will run through early September.

Family Promise Week at TLC is scheduled September 12-19. Coordinators: Jill Jurvelin 208-640-9048 jill@richardjurvelin.com & Jill Daugherty 208-818-5465 ajilldougherty@gmail.com. Please call either Jill if you would like to volunteer to help.

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.)

TLC YOUTH

- **Coffee Cup Faith Discussion** for Middle School & High School youth is scheduled for Sunday, September 12th at 10:15am.
- **Kid’s Club Resumes** on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30pm. High School Youth Group will resume the same night at 7:30pm.
- **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), kid’s 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.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE?

The Love Day Ladies are putting together a cookbook to sell at the Holiday Bazaar and to church members this fall. But we are in need of your help. We need everyone to contribute to this effort. Please type or handwrite your favorite recipes to be included. Don't forget to sign your name. Here's how you get them included.

- Give them to Wanda Andrews on Sunday mornings at church
- Leave them on the counter in the upstairs or downstairs kitchens
- Leave them in the large envelope in the church office
- Email them to Wanda at: ms.wanda.andrews@gmail.com

The more of your recipes we can include the better cookbook we'll have. We will include sections for gluten-free and vegan recipes, too.

Please submit recipes before September 30th to allow time for books to be completed.

Thank you for your help in this project!



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 salexander63@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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 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	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Altar Care	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Pam Hunt	Paula Moore	Paula Moore Karen Cook
Assisting Minister	Pam Hunt	Janet Gruber	Dick Jurvelin	Aaron Cloyd
Reader	Dolores Johnson	Jill Dougherty	Teri Venera	Doug Miller
Ushers	Paul Hunt Tad Johnson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs	Bob Ray Gary Everson	Bob Ray Harold Fuchs
Communion Assistants	Paula Moore Dolores Johnson	Dick & Jill Jurvelin	Tom & Sue Thilo	Wanda Andrews Kathy Benson
Acolytes	Frankie Drake	William Forsgren	Nathaniel Cloyd	Jeremiah Benson

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



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS

September Birthdays

Paul Hunt	09/01
Penny Weiss	09/01
Aaron Cloyd	09/02
Jane Robinson	09/02
Chris Green	09/04
Clarence Haugen	09/07
Gloria Hammon	09/08
Carol MacLean	09/10
Tammy Payton	09/10
Lisa Cloyd	09/11
Sarah Forsgren	09/12
Dave Childs	09/16
Justin Graupman	09/18
Dolores Johnson	09/20
Phil Aarhus	09/21
Roland Curtis	09/21
Haley Nelson	09/25
Don Chisholm	09/27
Anna Mae Dlouhy	09/29
Mavis Fuchs	09/29

September Wedding Anniversaries

Pr. Dan & Sarah Forsgren	9/01/2002
Chris & Laurie Green	9/02/2018
Randy & Polly Fiscus	9/06/1986
Art & Selina Helbling	9/09/1987
Ausey Robnett & Rachel Pottenger	9/09/2017
Don & Robin Chisholm	9/11/1976
Glenn & Julie Nelson	9/11/1993
Ken & Marie Bailey	9/15/1972
Chris & Krista Hartley	9/15/2001
Darrell & Lois Frogness	9/16/1961
Jerry & Sandy Johnson	9/20/1975
Jack Riggs & Sandy Patano	9/20/2014
Harold & Mavis Fuchs	9/22/1955
Richard & Karen Cook	9/25/1966
Bob & Paula Moore	9/27/1985

*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 †
John Kinney (brother, Sue Baker), 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), Don Genung (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Jan Johnson & Family (friend – Glenna Knepper)
Margie Waddel & Agnes Meideningre (sisters – Harold Fuchs)
Sara Ripley (friend – Jack Riggs, Sandy Patano, Shannon Erwin)
Jim Robson (friend – Jack Riggs, Dick & Jill Jurvelin)
Jonnie Dempsey (granddaughter – Rose Dempsey)
Julie Brunelle (daughter-in-law – Ron & Rolaine Brunelle)
Sharon Eilers (sister/sister-in-law – Richard & Karen Cook)
Todd Hutchins (son-in-law – Richard & Karen Cook)*

Deaths

*Family & Friends of Vivian Sneve † (mother – Debbie Sneve)
Family & Friends of Nancy Zaborski † (mother – Karen Shirley)
Family & Friends of Kent Setty (friend – Carol Price)*

Thanks So Much to
everyone for all the comfort
and kind words to us during
Mom's final days.

Thank you for the
beautiful reception after
Mom's service.

What a blessing to be a
part of such a great church!

Vivian Sneve's Family





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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.trinitylutheraneda.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!** 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 at Sunday Coffee Hour! 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!