



**WE ARE JOYFULLY GATHERED TOGETHER BY GOD'S GRACIOUS LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST
TO WORSHIP HIM, TO GROW IN FAITH AND TO PROCLAIM JESUS BY WORD AND SERVICE.**

The Mission of Jesus



Peter and the apostles answered, "It's necessary to obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, the One you killed by hanging him on a cross. God set him high at his side, Prince and Savior, to give Israel the gift of a changed life and sins forgiven. And we are witnesses to these things. The Holy Spirit, whom God gives to those who obey him, corroborates every detail."

Acts 5.29-32 The Message by Eugene Peterson

A speaker at a recent conference made the comment that an important decision was made at the first recorded assembly of believers which we hear about in Acts chapter 15. The church of Jesus Christ, according to the Spirit's direction in those days, was not going to be only *one, holy, cosmic (universal, catholic)* but *apostolic*. In other words, instead of just letting people in the world be whatever they were born into a belief system and circumstances to be, the truth about Jesus being raised from the dead was so compelling they were called to share it. Jesus as Lord of all commissioned them to go and spread the good news about Him for all the world. Thus, the church was by definition and new creation- apostolic (literally, "sent ones"). All followers of Jesus are sent into the world to tell the good news of Jesus which means repentance and forgiveness and new life for all who know it is "for them."

We need to keep being reminded by the Word of God and the Spirit about who the church is called to be. In the mission of Jesus, good news is the first order of our proclamation. Good works naturally follow. But as we hear just before the recorded text above, Peter and the apostles were being told by those of the old order before Christ not to teach or speak the good news. In fact, they were jailed for doing it.

So what did that apostolic bunch do? Did they just say, "Well, I guess they have a point. We'd better stop telling anyone about Jesus. People are okay with never hearing that truth." Their response was, "We must obey God rather than men [human beings]. We believe Jesus is raised from the dead and he has commissioned and sent us to tell it to everyone."

The church today is apostolic by very definition of God's call in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. We are called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified according to Martin Luther and the reformers sense of what the church is as the new creation. But we have realized of recent that we also have to add what Luther forgot to say in that list. We the church in the mission of Jesus are called, gathered, enlightened in the Gospel and sanctified but also "sent" in Jesus' name to a world in need of hearing the good news brought by Jesus in the flesh, crucified and risen from the dead (The Evangelizing Church, p. 64)

There is call here to obey God in Jesus and for the church to speak, risk beyond what culture wants to dictate and be the church which possesses the one truth that can truly set people free from sin. It is the "foolishness of our proclamation" by which God saves humans, not by our human wisdom or good efforts or anything else (1 Corinthians 1:21). The compassionate heart and service that accompanies such words does not replace speaking up about the Jesus we know to be God's Son and His Love.

We can be encouraged that we have been called, gathered, enlightened, sanctified and sent out as those first naïve disciples were. The church's call and identity is to be apostolic. "Admissibility to the faith is the ecumenical birthright of [hu]mankind, never to be superseded or curtailed" (Kenneth Cragg).

As a church in Vancouver, Washington, we could take a lesson from this first apostolic bunch who knew Jesus as Lord and dared to speak good news to others. As a church this next year, we hope to be looking for ways to be encouraged and provoked to think of the love of Christ as those first disciples understood the call. As something that has to be shared for the love of Christ for all.

It is going to be a growing, fun, challenging year of engagement with those near and far, local and global. And "the Holy Spirit will corroborate every detail" of truth as we engage God's world with good news! Pr Gary

Meet Mike Haas, our Congregation President

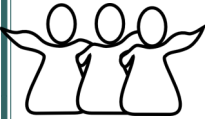


Mike Haas has been elected by our congregation to be President. Mike is a native of this area, growing up in Vancouver. At 18 he joined the Navy and moved east to Virginia where he met his wife Nancy--actually meeting in an ELCA congregation! Mike spent 25 years in Virginia, serving the Navy, marrying his sweetheart, getting his degree in electrical engineering and raising his family--two children, David and Anja.

The Haas family moved here in the summer of 2013 because of a job opportunity and to be closer to Mike's family. His hobbies include operating amateur radio, woodworking, and anything that gives him time with his family (camping, exploring the Northwest, games, dogs).

From the moment the Haas family stepped foot into Trinity, they have been participating in full in the programs and ministries of this congregation. We certainly look forward to Mike's wisdom and energy and gifts as he joins the leadership of our congregation!

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6



Thanks to the following for service to Trinity this year.

Names completing Foundation Committee service : Jim Hoeffner

Names completing Council service: Tim Gordon, Marilyn Hale and Rich Hyatt

Executive Committee:

Tammy Eshom, Secretary

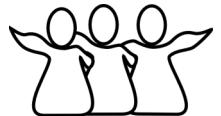
Fred Johnson, President

Trip for Fun



Following up on requests, we will return for a visit to the Columbia Mist Alpaca farm outside Woodland. Folks who made the previous visit told everyone how much they enjoyed the visit to this beautiful farm and gift shop. And they told about the very cute Alpaca animals, and the fine work Daryl Gohl does with them. So come and join our trip on **Wednesday, June 24, meet at 12:15**. If the weather is good, we will stop for coffee and cookies at a park on the way back home.

Happy Lunch Bunch



Here's your chance to clean out some drawers! If you have any old cards from Christmas, birthdays, Mother's Day, etc, bring them to Happy Lunch Bunch on **Tuesday, June 16 at noon**. Our program will be led by Judy Alley from the **Snow Cap** Community Charities in Portland. She will show us how they turn our old card donations into new; and, through these cards their agency provides help for families and children. **And** come for a great meal and friendly visiting. Our Trinity folks are great cooks. Please bring one item for the food table. If you no longer do much cooking, bring rolls, fruit etc. or just pop an extra dollar in the free will offering basket.



WELLNESS CORNER

By Sue Hoeffner



June 2015—
More info and pics @
www.trinityvancouver.org

Trust
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Proverbs 3:5

Interested in strengthening your relationship,
fathering and parenting skills??

Sign up Today for a FREE Fatherhood Workshop!!



When: Saturday, June 6th
9am-5pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

What's Included:

FREE Books and Material

FREE Lunch

FREE Childcare

All Fathers/Couples in attendance
receive a \$40 Fred Meyer Gift Card!

Register today online at: www.northwestmarriage.org or call at 360-260-1100

American Cancer Society's Clark County Relay For Life

Has your life been touched by cancer—either yourself, a loved one, or a friend? If you've answered "yes"—and most all of us have—consider gathering a team together for fundraise to fight this dreadful disease. Sponsored in part by PeaceHealth Southwest, the money raised at this event provides programs and services to countless patients and families in our community, including educational patient materials; patient lodging; and the *Look Good, Feel Better* program.

- Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Members of each team take turns walking around the track
- Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie

Family-friendly environment for the entire community

Because it's a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But it's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave!

WHEN: July 11 to 12, 2015

WHERE: Columbia River High School

HOW TO SIGN UP: Visit www.relayforlife.org/getinvolved to finish the fight!



Enhance Fitness Classes Continue all Summer at TLC!

Just because summer is upon us, don't drop your fitness routine. These fun classes continue every **Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 1-2 p.m. in Stolee Hall**. They are led by Laurie Porter, a certified leader. So grab your sneakers, put on some comfy clothes, fill your water bottle, and join us!



Children's News

By Kellie Gordon

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Day Camp Planning Meeting

June 7th at noon

In Activities Room

Day Camp and Vacation Bible School July 6-9 (M-TH)

Theme: *What Matters Most*

Through the experiences of the Old Testament friends and the words of Jesus, campers of all ages will discover *What Matters Most* in our lives. As we journey along with Abraham, Jonah, Ruth, Israel and Jeremiah, their stories will encourage us to live boldly, remembering God's truth and promises every day. The lessons we learn from their lives point to what Jesus said was **The Greatest Commandment: to love God and love others.** Join us this summer for a grand adventure that will encourage and challenge us to live out **What Matters Most.**

As you know, Vacation Bible School and Day Camp is **the single largest event of the year** for Children's Ministry, and it's also the **single greatest outreach** for Trinity Lutheran Church. It might just be the most important thing we do in Children's Ministry, from a perspective of reaching our community, as well as building on the relationships we have with our own young members, and the relationships *they have* with God.

To do all of this well, it takes **a lot** of people. **Next Planning Meeting for VBS is June 7th** after the service, in the Activities Room. Please plan to attend if you have a child coming, or if you'd like to help out some way. If you've already attended one of the two meetings before this one, you need to only confirm your background check form was submitted. Thank you!



Please consider being part of the Day Camp Program: whether you're painting a backdrop, preparing a nutritious snack, or sharing a Bible story, you are making a difference in the faith experience of a child – more likely, many children.

If you see something interesting on the volunteer list, but are unsure of the commitment, think of sharing the job, or ask me what it truly entails. Chances are, it's not as big as you might think. Thank you for your consideration of helping out with VBS-Day Camp.



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We will be updating this list in the next Tidings, as well as on the website as volunteers come up:

Volunteer Needs (1 person, unless noted otherwise)

- ___ **Registration during VBS -- 4 people**
- ___ Registration before VBS (before and after services) **3-5 people**
- ___ Craft Coordinator (preschool/K)* **1-2 people**
- ___ Craft Coordinator (grade school) **1-2 people**
- ___ Craft Leader (pre/K)* **2 people**

Sue Pechacek and Dianne King -- Lunch Program Manager -- 1-2 people

- ___ Snack Coordinators/Preparers/Servers (Be a part of the Meal Ministry team!!)
- ___ **Recreation leader --**
- ___ **Recreation helper --**
- ___ Teacher for preschool
- ___ Teacher for kindergarten
- ___ **Bible story teller --**
- ___ **Music leaders (pre and K) --**
- ___ Group Leader (helper of Lutherwood staff) **X 4 people**

* Pre-school/Kindergarten VBS = 9-12 noon each day.

Lutherwood Day Camp = 9-3 pm M-Th (NO VBS or Day Camp on Friday)

Jobs that can be done ***without*** coming to VBS:

- ___ Publicity Coordinator
- ___ Decorating Coordinator /Director
- ___ Decorating Team
- ___ Set up Crew
- ___ Take Down Crew
- ___ Craft material preparation
- ___ Craft material procurement
- ___ Name tag creation
- ___ Snack help: Bring snacks or buy ingredients
- ___ Registration before VBS (in Narthex before/after services)

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Back by Popular Demand!

A second Spring Session of Love and Logic Parenting Course

Wednesdays, June 3– June 24. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at TLC.

Call Kellie to sign up! 360-695-1221 ext. 13.



Three **TLC Cheers** for our **Amazing** **Sunday School Teachers!**

Teacher Appreciation Day is Sunday, June 7th

On **Sunday, June 7th**, we will recognize all of our Sunday School teachers for their time and dedication. Trinity is very blessed with a dedicated group of Sunday School teachers who care deeply about their students and about Christian education. Let's all be sure to recognize their efforts and let them know how much we appreciate them:

Preschool and Kindergarten – Lynn Miller

Kindergarten: Terry Kenck and Sue Pershall

1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades – Linda Clark and Bob Kenck

4th and 5th Grades – Don Baxter and Marilyn Johnson

Confirmation/Middle Schoolers – Daniel Pershall

High School – Brian Brown

Children's Choir: Siri Preston

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

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Thank you, Sunday School Teachers,

for everything you do for Trinity's Children!

June 7 will also be the last day of Sunday School for the school year.

TLC YOUTH NEWSLETTER

June 2015—More info and pics @ www.trinityvancouver.org

Brian Brown—youth@trinityvancouver.org—360-695-1221 ext. 14

Vacation Bible School Help

It's that time of the year again to start preparing to volunteer at VBS! The dates are: **July 6th—9th**. We need youth, young adults, parents, etc. to help out. We can't do an amazing VBS without all of you! Please let Brian know if you plan to help this year.



Young Adult Habitat

We have an opportunity this summer to do a Trinity **Young Adult Habitat Build!**

It will be **Saturday, June 27th**. Anyone 16 and older can participate. It is limited to a max of 16 people. We have 6 signed up so far! Talk to Brian to sign up!

National Youth Gathering

The gathering is coming up soon! **July 14th—20th**. Registration is closed. We have 9 going! Pray for us as we serve Detroit, worship with 30,000 youth, learn about justice issues, and lots more!

Weekly Activities:

- **HS Youth Group**
Youth Nights
Sundays
6:00—7:30 PM
- **Worship**
Sundays 10:30 AM
- **Sunday School**
All Ages 9:30 AM


Confirmation Camp

It's time to register for Confirmation Camp! Please let me know if you are planning to attend Confirmation Camp this year. Camp is always a favorite event and vital to the Confirmation experience. I hope everyone can and will attend. Open to all youth **currently in 5th - 8th grade** (6th - 9th next Fall). The church will be covering \$180 of the cost this year. We will be attending: **Confirmation #2 - July 26th - July 31st**. Please **talk with Brian before registering**.

Upcoming Events!

- Young Adult Soccer League (starts in May!)
- VBS!
July 6—9
- HS National Gathering
July 14—20
- Confirmation Camp
July 26—31
(Get registered now!)

hello JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR 4p Health Workers/MC	2 930a Women's Bible Study Last Day 10a AA/AR	3 9a-12p CPR/MC 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 1p LCS/Cit/NW 130p AA/AR 6-8 Love & Logic/AR	4 9a Mission Sowers/TH	5 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR	6 9-5p Fatherhood Workshop/SH
7 9:30a Education Hour 1030a Worship VBS Planning MTG after Worship Teacher Application Day 6p HS Youth Group	8 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 1p Alz Support/IMC,L,NX,S 130p AA/AR 4p Health Workers/MC	9 10a AA/AR 5p Foundation/CR	10 10a Staff Meeting/CR 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 1p LCS/Cit/NW 130p AA/AR 6-8 Love & Logic/AR	11 10a Lydia Circle/MC	12 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR	13 10-2p Fatherhood Coaching/AR
14 930a Worship 6p HS Youth Group 	15 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR 4p Health Workers/MC	16 10a AA/AR 12p Happy Lunch Bunch/SH 7p TLC Council/IMC	17 10a Staff Meeting/CR 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 1p LCS/Cit/NW 130p AA/AR 6-8 Love & Logic/AR	18 9a Mission Sowers/TH	19 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR	20 8a Men's Breakfast/TH
21 930a Worship 6p HS Youth Group	22 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR 4p Health Workers/ MC	23 10a AA/AR 6p Spinning Wheels/SH 7p TLC Book Club / CR	24 10a Staff Meeting/CR 1215p Trip for Fun 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 1p LCS/Cit/NW 130p AA/AR 6-8 Love & Logic/AR	25 9a Faith-Based Coffee/SH	26 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR	27 Young Adult Habitat Build
28 930a Worship 6p HS Youth Group	29 1p EnhanceFitness/SH 130p AA/AR 4p Health Workers/ MC	30 10a AA/AR				



Happy Birthday



Marta Larson
John Mudge
Doris Johnson
Bob Ellingwood
Lili Gregerson
Nicholas Lim
Charley Anderson
Tyler Ciarlo
Ryan Lim
Susan Stenehjem
Darlene Sailer
Breauna Miller
Siri Preston
Matt Rygg
Terry Kenck

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Betty Lantz
Peter James
Patricia Williams
James Hoeffner
Jill Sasser
Sadie Richmond
Carleen Pagni
James Nelson
Zachery Hunter
Alexander Hamilton
Mary Ann Olson
John Potter
Kevin Swanson
Ruby Molyneux

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KEY TO ROOM ABBREVIATIONS:

TH: Trinity Hall

S: Sanctuary

L: Library

SH: Stolee Hall

NW: North Wing

NX: Narthex

CR: Conference Room

MC: Memorial Chapel

YR: Youth Room

AR: Activities Room

HM: Home of Member



Trinity Lutheran Church. . . building bridges to our community. . . providing opportunities for growth.

Community Groups Meeting at TLC:

AA 55+: M,W,F 1:30 pm / AR & T 10 am / AR

Alzheimer's: 2nd Monday, 1:00 pm / S, L, MC

EnhanceFitness: Every M, W, F / SH 1-2pm

Faith-Based Coffee: Every 4th Thursday 9am / SH

Lutheran Community Services, Wed. 1 pm, / NW

Spinning Wheels: 4th Tues., 6 pm / SH

TRUST
 in the
 LORD with all
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 understanding.
 Proverbs 3:5

Van Driver Schedule:

07...Bud Ferderer 695-7582
 14...Sean McGill 571-4120
 21...Tim Gammell 509-205-2795
 28...John Mudge 576-0127
 ..Brigham Lambley 314-4355

Church office: 695-1221

Pastors: ext. 15

Kellie (Children): ext. 13

Sue (Parish Nurse): ext. 28

Janet (Finance): ext. 11

Brian (Youth): ext. 14



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Service Time Change

Sunday, June 14

9:30 am

SUMMER WORSHIP

TIDINGS
Trinity Lutheran Church
309 W 39th Street
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Return Service Requested