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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.

Celebrating Our Story

75 years of Celebrating God's Story at Trinity Lutheran Church of Vancouver Washington



Join us Sunday, September 27 for our Anniversary Celebration!

At 10:30 am our Sunday service will celebrate the past, present, and future of our church home through music and the spoken Word. After the service we will enjoy a special lunch in our church sanctuary. Be sure to sign up and let us know if you will be joining us so we can plan. Following the meal, the program will include words and memories from former Pastors, staff, etc.

I love to tell the story I'll sing this theme in glory And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

Starting September 6th there will be a "Picture Gallery of Memories" in the Narthex. Everyone in the church family is invited to find a picture or more of your special memories during your time here at Trinity.... 75 years or 1 month! Pictures must be labeled with your name, year taken and names of people in the picture.



Still Telling God's Story, 75 Years Later

"Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things ... the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word." - Hebrews 1:1-3

The center of all we are and believe is what God has done in Jesus for all sinners. Trinity in a 75th year of telling the central truth of reality in our world has been in celebration mode. We have been using the theme "Celebrating God's Story" all year long as we have taken a narrative journey through the Bible story each Sunday. We have been *celebrating* the central story of who God is and what God has done, and continues to do for all creation. And our joy of this reality is building.

We have one more big celebration coming up on September 27th. A banquet hall in the sanctuary will be prepared. A fancy meal, a glorious worship, a beautiful program will be combined to do something the people of God like to do—celebrate who we are because of what God has done for us. This will be a fun and fitting way to tell the story of Jesus in a big festive way. Invite your friends and extended family and those in our neighborhood to celebrate with us. It is the perfect occasion to invite your neighbor for worship and a meal.

In our celebrating a glorious past, that Son so familiar to us continues to speak an exciting future into our lives together at Trinity. By our Lord's powerful word he not only sustains his Ministry of the Word among us, but promises a rich joy-filled future full of opportunities to tell the story of Jesus. Which story of Jesus is your favorite? Or which story in the whole narrative of the Bible do you love to tell when given the chance? No doubt those favorites say a lot about how you see this God of the Bible being a God of love and mercy for all of us. As you come to the 75th celebration, we want to celebrate that Story of God in you. Please share those rich stories that are more than great sports stories in our lifetime, truly "ones for the ages."

You will be hearing not only of the past faithful sinner/saints of Trinity who have carried on the testimony of Jesus here. You will also be hearing about what God has been leading Trinity to do currently and into this next year. You will be hearing of new partnerships, of a new all church study, of a new theme for next year, and finally some exciting ties to all the great things God has been doing through the people of Trinity pushing us forward to a new future celebration.

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Still Telling God's Story, 75 Years Later

Take a moment out to think and pray for all the things coming together for our 75th celebration event. Bring those memories of the past and hopefulness for the future in Jesus as we the people of Trinity Lutheran celebrate our identity and mission in being called the people of God. It is a time to celebrate those gifts of God for the people of God. Faithful is our God. Faithful to bring us out of darkness into his glorious light. We have no one else to thank first but our holy and merciful God.

Still telling the story! That is our theme in glory, to tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love!

Look forward to seeing you in high celebration mode—for there is a party here on the 27th that is a foretaste of a glorious feast and banquet to come, prepared in heaven for you. In all the smiles of happy people, see our faithful God smiling about a mission ongoing, true, needed, passionately driven, and **still** moving out in faithful obedience to his powerful word. See you on the 27th.

Christ, our faithful One, leading the celebration of a Gospel for all!

Pastor Ruth and Pastor Gary



Share's Summer SLAM Meal Program Addresses Big Need!



Trinity bit off a big bite when it agreed to serve lunches to children five days each week for the full seven-week duration of Share's program. That effort, under the auspices of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and oper-

ated locally by Share, addresses the absence of school meals for needy children during the summer vacation period. Because so many children ride busses to school, Share's approach is to take the food to locations where the kids can easily and safely go to receive the sack lunches. Lincoln Elementary School staff recommended that Trinity serve the lunches at Brickyard Park, a small neighborhood park on S. Lincoln Avenue between 31st and 32nd Streets.

Our worries about Trinity staffing the full schedule soon evaporated as our sign-up sheets quickly filled. Eight TLC members attended Share's mandated briefing session, studied for and successfully took the County's Food Handler exam, and were designated Site Supervisors at Brickyard Park! They were Jacque Bauman, Mike Baylous, Jack Johnson, Diane King, Ruth Larson, Doug Munson, Sue Pechacek and Jim Spence. Let's give them a hand for their accomplishments!

Serving on the 3-4 person teams were Diane Baylous, Wanda Bringman, Donna Ellingwood, Tammy Eshom, Debbie Huff, Nancy and David Haas, Jill Holm, Marilyn Johnson, Pastor Gary Larson and daughters Gracia and Marta, Shaun McAleer, Michelle McGill, Laurie Mudge, Patricia Running, Sande Spence, and Peggy Winston. Friends who also helped included Julie Scogan, Cheryl Monahan and Sherry Parker.

The USDA program targets children ages 1-18, and lunches have to be eaten on site. After the children are fed, any remaining lunches are available to adults. Most of the lunches were prepared at Covington Middle School and sent to the 21 local sites: all by Share volunteers. Periodically, Share would send bulk food (such as apples) and new children's books for the children to take home. Trinity purchased and used two 10'x10' canopies for sun protection—one over the food distribution tables and one over the park's lone picnic table. Much socializing took place among mothers and children around that one lone

table! Already, Share has asked Trinity to consider being a part of next year's program—maybe you'd be interested in helping. If so, have Dominique in the church office put your name on the list!

La Paz Mexico



It's been a long haul in La Paz, Mexico—

But Trinity has made a big difference in the lives of many children from two of the city's poorest areas. We still help provide a pre-school breakfast to the children of Colonia Marquez de Leon on a site adjacent to the simple Catholic Church. Tortillas, beans, fruit and vegetables are served to children for whom that might be their best meal of the day and also ensures that they do not have to go to school hungry. Mary and Mac Shroyer have been overseeing the program since its inception in 1999 when Trinity decided to lead a helping hand. One of their two sons lives here in Clark County, and Mac and Mary have taken to spending their summers here to escape La Paz' heat while connecting with family and with their friends here at Trinity.

Mary also serves on the Board of Directors of FANLAP, the local Children of La Paz Foundation headquartered in adjoining Colonia Laguna Azul. At its community center during the school year, 70 children on average eat breakfast twice weekly, and 180 on average eat lunch five days a week. Also, 180 are being helped with scholarships for tuition and transportation to continue on to junior and senior high schools. Many of those helped are girls who, because of difficult circumstances such as being single mothers, would find it nigh impossible to obtain further education and go on to become self-supporting. To date, sponsors have helped five students graduate from college or university! For more information on the foundation's work, go to www.lapazninos.org.

MISSION SOWERS

We need your help? Is there someone with a canopy covered pick-up (in case it rains) or a van large enough to transport our quilts and other Lutheran Relief items to a church in Beaverton, October 30th? Please contact Georgia Larson (574-2076 or georgialarson@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would be available on that date, or if you have questions. Thank you to all who have helped us in the past. We have been blessed with wonderful assistance in getting our donations to Portland.



We also need light weight hand towels and bath towels (approximately 55" x 27"). Dark colors are preferred. These are for the Personal Care Kits and the Baby Care Kits. Any contributions will be much appreciated.

KNIFTY KNITTERS



Greetings to all knitters that have made one or more shawls for our prayer shawl ministry. We will continue meeting after Happy Lunch Bunch on the **third Tuesday** of the month. If you want to knit, but can't come, I encourage you to continue knitting. Remember there is yarn available here for you to pick up.

EYEGLASS RECYCLING In just about any dresser drawer one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can <u>change another person's life.</u> Lions Club volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver then to LERC, Lions Recycling Centers. Volunteers clean, sort by prescription and package them. Most are distributed to people in needy countries where they will have the greatest impact. BRING EYEGLASSES TO THE BOX IN THE LONG HALLWAY FROM THE NARTHEX. Peggy Lansverk will see they find a new home.







Holden Village is a year-round Christian retreat center in the Cascade Mountains, where adults and families celebrate, learn and serve. The village that looks like one in Switzerland, was built during the Howe Sound Copper Mining Company days. When the mining company closed in 1960 they donated the village to the Lutheran Church. The only way to reach the village is by boat to near the northern tip of Lake Chelan and up the road by a bus which takes you the 10 mile switchbacks to the village.

Over the years many people have found inspiration visiting Holden Village as guests for a week at a time, or as volunteers for longer periods. Today the village is ONLY OPEN to volunteers as the "tailings" left by the mining operation are being cleaned up with a MAJOR operation costing the current mine owners millions of dollars. Besides about 50 Holden volunteers, the village is currently full of hard working remediation workers blasting rocks, hauling rocks, digging trenches, planting trees etc. to return the area back to the beautiful forest it once was.

Holden has been closed to guests for over 2 years. They hoped to open the summer of 2016 but the remediation work is not yet completed and now they have had to temporarily evacuate the village due to fire danger that might close the road, the only escape route if needed.

Many Trinity folks have visited Holden over the years. Duane Lansverk was on the board for many years and he and Peggy had a recent opportunity in June to spend 5 hours at the village. The Village will return one day to continue providing inspiration in the wilderness. Watch this newsletter for any news.

Opportunity's to fellowship



<u>Tuesday Morning Woman's Bible Study:</u> meets at 9:30 am starting **September 22.** Any woman in Trinity, or their friends, are welcome to join us. We start the year "Taking on Really Tough Issues" with a study of "Good God Questions." Short DVD conversations by Luther Seminary professors will start our discussion of questions like, "Why does God allow suffering?" Come to listen and to add your voice to the morning.

<u>Lydia Circle:</u> meets the 2nd Thursday of each month starting September 10 at 10:00 am in the church small chapel. The Lutheran Woman's magazine called <u>Gather</u> includes information for our studies. We are happy to order the magazine for any new members who might like to enjoy our friendly group.



<u>Trinity Men's Breakfast:</u> will meet for the new year beginning in September. The group meets on the **third Saturday of each month** with a focus on food, fellowship, and to celebrate our commitment to the Lord. A typical meeting consists of breakfast, devotions, humor, singing, and a short program of interest to all age groups. Total time is 1.5-2 hours with the beginning time at 8:00 AM. Adult men of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Chad Eiken is giving the program on the Waterfront Project on September 19, Bring a friend.

Salmon Creek Bible Study: meets every Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church from 7-8:30pm in the Memorial Chapel. The Bible study topic will be "Discovering Spiritual Gifts". Please join us the first study will be **September 21st.** Contact Bob Kenck with any questions or if you are interested in starting a carpool system.





Mark your calendar for our special September Happy Lunch Bunch on **Tuesday September 15** at noon. The guest speaker will be Sr. Masawn Shing Sai, the Pastor of the Burmese church (Jinghpaw Wunpawng Hkalup Hpung) that worships in our church sanctuary every Sunday following our worship service. Come to learn more about the Burmese people who now live in our community and their church. Bring one item for our potluck luncheon and invite a guest to join us for this interesting program.

Trip for Fun



Our church van will travel to Woodland WA for a private tour of the <u>Cedar Creek Grist Mill</u> on **Thursday, September 24**. This mill is 140 years old and the only mill with the original wooden structure. The miller will demonstrate and give us information about this historic process. AND on the way home we will stop for lunch at the historic <u>Summit Grove Lodge</u> on old Hwy 99. This former

gas station and cafe has been upgraded to a beautiful lodge. They will open up just for our group and provide a simple luncheon for between \$12 and \$15. Sign up early, this will be a popular trip.



WELLNESS CORNER





Wanted: Church Library Coordinator

Have you visited our church library lately? We are blessed to have an amazing selection of books on many different subjects—Christian fiction, theology, Lutheran faith, Bible studies, inspiration, contemporary issues, health & wellness topics, adolescent issues, and Children's literature. We are in need of a coordinator or a team to oversee our collection. We are in need of some organization, maintenance, and establishment of a circulation system. If you are interested, please contact Sue in the Parish Nurse office @ 695-1221, ext. 28.



EnhanceFitness Classes Continue

Come join your friends at Trinity by having fun while getting fit! Our classes are held **every Monday-Wednesday-Friday**, **1-2 p.m. in Stolee Hall** and are led by our wonderful certified leader, Laurie Porter. These exercise classes are designed for the older adult and help improve your balance, flexibility, bone density, endurance, coordination, mental sharpness, as well as decreases your risk of falling. Work out at your own level of fitness—seated or standing. Donations are welcome but there is no charge to participate in this class. Wear comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle.



Flu Shots

It's that time of year again—time to get your flu shot! The CDC recommends that people receive an annual flu shot to prevent influenza. Watch for announcements from your neighborhood grocery stores and pharmacies, as well as your primary care clinics as to when the shots are available.

Women's Cancer Support Group

Is cancer part of your life story? If so, please plan to join us as we resume meeting for brunch, support, and sister-hood on the **third Saturday of each month**, **9:30-11 a.m.** Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 19. You don't need to be a member of Trinity to participate. Please contact Tammy Eshom for more information.

Next Trinity Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for our next Trinity blood drive on **Wednesday**, **November 11**, **1-7** p.m.



PeaceHealth Hospice SW Needs Volunteers!

Did you know Hospice SW provides end-of-life care for all members of our community, regardless of their ability to pay? They rely on countless volunteers to assist in caring for patients and their loved ones. Volunteers receive extensive training to help in a variety of roles. Family members often report that the process and services provided by hospice have led to a faster and healthier grief journey. At this time volunteers are needed for multiple roles, many of which do not involve patient contact.

The Fall 2015 volunteer trainings are scheduled for:

- September 10 and 11 (9-4:30) for general volunteering
- September 25 (9-4:40) for respite volunteers (this is in addition to, and must be completed after, the two-day training above).

OR

- October 26 and 27 (9-4:30) for general volunteering
- October 30 (9-4:30) for respite volunteers (this is in addition to, and must be completed after, the twoday training above).

More about Hospice Southwest can be found at www.peacehealth.org





Children's News By Kellie Gordon

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Day Camp Wrap Up:

This year we had a fabulous week of Day Camp, which ran incredibly smoothly, thanks to all the efforts of our outstanding volunteer staff! Too many to name, but you know who you are, and we thank you! **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!** We had 72 children attend this year, and it was wonderful. Whether we are serving 72 children or 127 or 12, it is a magical week here at Trinity. THANK YOU for being part of it, whether you supported it through prayer, painting, prep of food, or parading with kids. It was a terrific week!





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Important Dates this Fall for Families:

September 10 -- Another class of Love and Logic! 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

This 6-week parenting course will provide you with valuable techniques for your parenting tool box, helping you to raise responsible children.



September 13 -- Rally Sunday! Directly after the service -- also the day we return to a **10:30 a.m. Worship** time. Register for Sunday School, meet your teacher, play games, pizza, and ice cream! Good times!

September 20 -- First Day of Sunday School! Welcome back! 9:30 Open in Stolee Hall. 9:45-10:20 Sunday School education.

September 27 -- Trinity's **75th Anniversary Celebration**! Join us for a reunion of former pastors, staff, and all of TLC as we recognize the founding of Trinity, seventy-five years ago. Don't forget to register your attendance for the celebratory meal that will be served in the Sanctuary that day.





October 4 -- JAMer Parent + Child Planning event at **Big Al's Bowling**. [4th and 5th grades] We will meet at Big Al's at 1:00 for pizza and bowling, as well as some planning for the years' activities. **JAMers** is kind of the pre-youth group. A time when kids can get together outside of church just to have fun and get to know one another -- as well as hopefully bond a bit before those often challenging Middle School years.



Confirmation Class!

We start up again for all 6th-8th grade youth on **Wednesday**, **September 9th 6:30-7:45 PM**. The 9th will be a welcome back/game night with bible study and food! Hope to see you all there! Also, we plan to do a movie night on Friday, September 18 or 25.



Summer Recap!

We had another fantastic summer for our youth! We started with several youth helping at a great **VBS**. A few days later 9 of us went to the national Youth Gathering in Detroit. What an incredible experience being a part of 30,000 youth and leaders doing service, worship, and learning together. Then a week later our **Confirmation** group went to **camp**. They had a wonderful time working, playing, and learning together. What a great experience.

HS Mall Scavenger Hunt!

On Sunday, September 20th we will have our annual "freshmen welcome" event. We will meet at the Mall (Macy's) and have a fun scavenger hunt and go to dinner afterward. Each freshman will be paired up with at least one upperclassman. Should be fun as always!



Rally Day Volunteers

We need youth and adults to help run the games/activities during Rally Day. Sunday, September 13th after the 10:30 worship

Weekly Activities:

- <u>Confirmation</u>— Wednesdays 6:30—7:45 PM.
- <u>HS Youth Group</u> Youth Nights 6:00—7:30 PM
- Worship Sundays 10:30 AM
- Sunday School
 All Ages 9:30 AM
 - Starts on the
 20th of
 September

Upcoming Events!

- MS Rally @ Lutherwood Oct. 9—11
- <u>Confirmation</u> <u>Dinner Oct. 18th</u>
- <u>Confirmation</u> <u>Sunday Oct. 25th</u>
- MS/HS Pumpkin patch Trip (TBD in October)
- <u>Leaf Raking Service Project</u> (TBD in November)

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September Birthdays

Joan Delzer	09/01	David Miller	09/15
Barbara Ellertson	09/02	Lauren Huff	09/16
Grace Gordon	09/02	Janelle Doney	09/19
Doria Toedtli	09/03	Beverly Cox	09/21
Katrina Combs	09/05	Laura Lim	09/22
Coral Swanson	09/06	Gregory Hankel	09/23
Delton Swanson	09/06	Helen Utterback	09/24
Wayne Williams	09/06	Trinity Knighten	09/25
Robert Kenck III	09/07	Janey Davies	09/26
Helen Robeck	09/08*	Shelly James	09/26
Sue Hoeffner	09/09	Jerry Clark	09/27
Eric Hantho	09/12	Cheryl Standiford	09/28
Lois Hurford	09/12	Honor Stevenson	09/28
Marjorie Ellertson	09/13	Edith Scheel	09/30
Janet Hamilton	09/15		
Rennie Johnson	09/15		

Celebrate Your Birthday with your Trinity Family!

Please sign up for a coffee hour after the Sunday Worship service during your birthday month. The sign up sheet is posted near the Chapel in the Narthex. If you have questions, call the church office at 695-1221 or Carol Jensen at 256-3496.

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



Van Driver Schedule:

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