



# Trinity Topics

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## Interim Pastor's Message

Resurrection – a threshold moment.

*"The resurrection is not a single event, but a loosening of God's power and light into the earth and into history that continues to alter all things, infusing them with the grace and power of God's own holiness. It is as though a door was opened, and what poured out will never be stopped, and the door cannot be closed."*

–Megan McKenna

I'm drawn to the mystery of thresholds: how and why we cross them, who we are on either side, what difference it makes to move from one place to the next. Maybe my contemplation of thresholds is not surprising, given that I am called to intentional interim ministry; I walk with congregations that are standing at the threshold between what was and what will be.

This month – as we continue celebrating that Christ is risen! – your call committee expects to complete Holy Trinity's Ministry Site Profile, a document that will introduce you to your pastoral candidates. You have spent the past few months reviewing and recommitting to who the Holy Spirit has "called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified" you to be, while continuing the ministries that give thanks for and invite others into new life, into resurrection.

Resurrection is a threshold moment. Indeed, the incarnate, crucified and risen Christ is the threshold: the threshold between God and human, between death and life, between you and me and those we name "other." In Christ our lives become threshold moments; we are raised up to our true selves.

Baptism is also a threshold moment. In baptism, we die to all that keeps us from the power and light with which God has infused each of us; we emerge shining with Christ's holiness.

Holy Communion, too, is a threshold moment. Gathered at Christ's table, we experience with all the saints – past, present and future – the Presence that nourishes and flourishes us, pouring us out as a blessing on creation.

Here at Holy Trinity, this assembly of believers – gathered around water and word, bread and wine – is standing at the threshold between what was and what will be. But it's not only because you are stepping closer to a future with your next pastor; it is because you are resurrection people.

Christ is risen! God's love is poured out, and it will never be stopped.



Pr. Lori Eickmann



## Adult Forums in April

Beilstein Hall Chapel/Meeting Room

Sundays at 9:15 am

April 3 – 24

Pastor Lori will lead a series:

**“Rediscovering Female Imagery for God in the Bible”**



Is it heresy to call God “Mother”? Who is Sophia and what is her relationship to Jesus and us? How is God named and revealed in our sacred texts -- and what difference does it make? Explore these and other questions through "Rediscovering Female Imagery for God in the Bible," a four-week class in April. We'll look at scripture, history, art and our own stories in considering why how we talk about God matters to all people. Join us!



## Holy Week and Easter Thanks

Thank you to the choir members and musicians who participated in the special worship services on Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday and/ or Easter Sunday:

Lisa Antonino, Greg Bohlmann, Lynn Garbe-Recknagel, Chris Kidwell, James and Anita Reimann, Gigi and Peter Schmuckal, Kemp and Christine Segerhammar; organists Stacy Cullison and Heather Paisar.

Children's choir:

Ethan, Hannah and Leah Meier; Stefan and Max Reimann; Johnathan, Aiden and Jacob Rodgers; Eva and Emily Schmuckal; Zora and Abram Vorhes.

Thanks also to Passion story readers: Greg Bohlmann, Cameron Martin, Lori and Anna Friedman, James Reimann, Dick Rescho, Emily Schmuckal on Palm/Passion Sunday, Barbara Padilla and Dick Rescho on Good Friday, Greg and Pamela Bohlmann for set-up of special worship services and Mary Webb for making soup on Maundy Thursday.

Special thanks to Pamela Bohlmann and Barbara Richards for the food and altar care on Maundy Thursday; Pamela for special preparations from palms to nails to flower cross; to the altar guild and sound board operators; and to the many, many wonderful people who presented the Easter breakfast and egg hunt, whose names we didn't know in time for printing!

Finally, heartfelt thanks to Monica for the multiple bulletins for Holy Week and Easter!  
~ Pr. Lori



### All are Welcome!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in San Carlos celebrates and shares God's gifts by worshipping together, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the community and beyond.

We believe that Christ has made us one body with many members, sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

*“For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ... there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”  
Galatians 3:26, 28*

## Call Committee News

The Call Committee has been engaged in clarifying Holy Trinity's identity and core values and revisiting our mission. Six small group meetings were conducted with the congregation in January to collect feedback on who we are and what are some of the challenges we face. Thank you to everyone who kindly provided input. Then in March an on-line survey was conducted to further refine our leadership needs including the following questions:

***What are the top five ministry tasks at HTLC?***

***What are the top five gifts for ministry our new pastor must have?***

***What are the primary areas of focus that the pastor should give special attention to during the first year of ministry?***

***What are the ways Holy Trinity can support and encourage the pastor during the first year of ministry?***

Survey results will be available later in April. Approximate timeline for the call process in 2016:

- January: six small group meetings held with congregation to clarify core values
- February: Pastor Lori conducted HTLC timeline exercise to understand our heritage
- March: on-line survey with congregation to prioritize gifts for ministry
- March 15: joint Call Committee/Council review of draft Ministry Site Profile
- April: review draft Ministry Site Profile with Bishop's office
- May: submit completed Ministry Site Profile to Bishop's office
- June: Bishop's office screens candidates and provides 3-5 names to Call Committee
- Summer: Call Committee interviews 3-5 candidates.

Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as we work through the process of calling a new pastor.

Call Committee members: Greg Bohlmann, Bobby Rodgers, Mary Webb, Anna Friedman, Gaby Knauth, Lisa Antonino, Doug Southard, and Barbara Padilla.

### March Council Business

- Pastor Lori highlighted the Holy Week service schedule; indicated two new members will be received on Easter; identified key Heritage Timeline points for call process; and gave thanks for the many volunteers doing God's work at Holy Trinity.
- Approved the January Treasurer's report. Highlights:
  - In January expenses were over \$4,000 greater than giving
  - Loan balance at end of January was \$170,490
  - Combined balance of all funds was \$258,878
- Approved Substitute and Temporary Organist Job Descriptions along with an offer of employment for Temporary Organist.
- Held joint meeting with the Call Committee to review the draft Ministry Site Profile and provide feedback on areas still being developed.
- For the good of the church:
  - Call Committee was thanked for their hard work
  - New parking lot sign will be installed in April
  - Praise was given for the many congregation gifts





**Kirk, Ilana and baby Julia Henne with Pr. Lori, family and friends during Holy Baptism on March 13.**



**Lenten Journey Disciplines**

Our Lenten Journey included two collections for our local community. THREE BARRELS were filled with foods for Second Harvest Food Bank, San Carlos. Thank you for sharing from your pantry and shopping, especially for children who are hungry! Our second collection was for Street Life Ministries, in Redwood City, who minister to the homeless in the street with a warm meal and resources such as clean socks. We have collected 75 pairs of socks for them! Thank you for this outpouring of care for such a special need.

May God continue to bless you each day!!

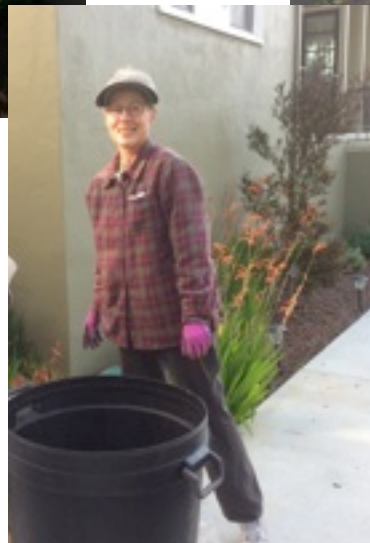
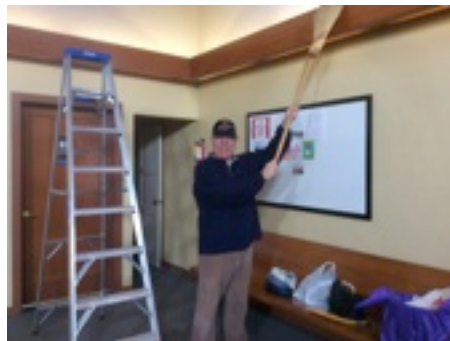
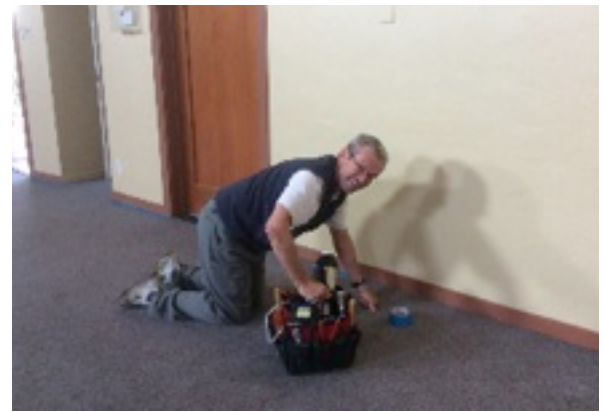
Barbara Padilla





### Spring Sparkle

Thank you to all the dedicated HTLC members who came together March 19<sup>th</sup> to sparkle the sanctuary and freshen up the landscaping.



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

**& Book Study**

**Saturday, April 9**

**8:00 am | Beilstein Hall**

*Join us for some food,  
fellowship, and good  
conversation!*



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

*A birthday is God's reminder  
to enjoy life. May your birthday  
be a day of celebration!*

- 4/1 Cole Baker  
Tony Ledwith
- 4/4 Peter Meier
- 4/10 Rick Gilmore
- 4/13 Lisa Antonino
- 4/15 Greg Bohlmann  
Cameron Haas
- 4/17 Hannah Meier
- 4/21 Lynn Garbe-Recknagel
- 4/23 Kate Rohrer
- 4/24 Johnathan Rodgers

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES!**

*God bless you as you celebrate  
your years together!*

Pamela & Greg Bohlmann  
4/1/1994 (22 years)

**Lydia Circle (WELCA)**

**Tuesday, April 19 | 12:30 pm | San Carlos Elms**

HTLC's Lydia Circle Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, April 19 15th at 12:30 in **Harriet Platt's suite at the Elms**. Our study is continuing with Paul's letter to the Phillippians. This month's study, "Being of One Mind" can be found in the March issue of Gather on page 26.

Please bring it, your Bible, and a sandwich.

Tea will be served.

*As always, all HTLC women are invited to join*



**Pastor Lori's Schedule at Holy Trinity**

*Reminder:* Pastor Lori's contract at HTLC is 3/4 time. Generally, office hours are **10 am - 2 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**, then home in the afternoons and Friday (and Saturday morning). On-site Sunday.

Monday is her day off. This schedule is fluid to accommodate night meetings and other events.

Please contact Pr. Lori ([eickmann@sancarloshtlc.org](mailto:eickmann@sancarloshtlc.org)) for an appointment if you'd like to talk!



*Save the Date*

**October 21-23 | Fall Family Retreat**

Mt. Cross Family Camp for all HTLC participants from ages 0 - 103!

*For the first time in several years, we will not be hosting/co-hosting a summer vacation bible school program. We are looking instead at an intergenerational weekend at Mt. Cross in the fall. More program details to come.*

# A P R I L C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>2</b> 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>3</b> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall 6:30 PM W & M Team Mtg	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>10</b> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 12:00 PM Call Committee Meeting 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>16</b> 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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	4/3	4/10 (Youth)	4/17	4/24
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lori Friedman	Pamela Bohlmann	Anita Reimann	Gary Wiessinger
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa Kersten	Youth	Doug Southard	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zora Vorhes	Zora Vorhes	Anna Friedman	Eva Schmuckal
<b>Sound System Operator</b>	Bob Beuthel	Greg Bohlmann	Bob Young	John McDowell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara Richards	Pamela Bohlmann	Vivian Southard	Karen Schornstein
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Anni Wunderlich	Julianne Fredericks	Peter Meier	Cathy Bready
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Pitts Richard Wunderlich	Leroy Padilla	Greg Bohlmann John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Friedman	Fischer	Reimann	Cathy Bready
<b>Counters</b>	Lisa Telfer John McDowell	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell

## Worship Leaders

If a conflict prevents you from serving as scheduled, arrange a trade and/or substitute and notify the office at 650.593.0325 or [office@sancarloshtlc.org](mailto:office@sancarloshtlc.org).



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