



Trinity Topics

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From Interim Pastor Lori Eickmann

A new year. A brilliant star. Hope.

On Jan. 10 we will observe and celebrate The Epiphany of the Christ – the revelation of Light shining in the darkness of our fears, failings and frustrations; the Light that ignites our bright and shining passion, creativity and joy; the Light that illumines our way each day.

The magi followed a new star that pointed the way to Love incarnate – God's love revealed in Jesus, the Christ child in the feed trough, through whom God has promised us that nothing can separate us from God's love; not our failings, not our past nor the future, not even death. Like the magi we, too, bring our gratitude and our gifts to Jesus. What will that look like in 2016?

This new year promises to be an exciting one at Holy Trinity as your call committee begins to gather your input for the Ministry Site Profile. You will have a chance to imagine again together what God is calling this congregation to next, and what skills and gifts your new pastor will need to respond to that call with you. And then you will begin a new chapter in the HTLC story with your new pastor!

Through November and the first weeks of Advent I was privileged to hear from many of you about your experiences, hopes and longings for HTLC. I will note what I have heard from you in my report for the Annual Congregational Meeting (Jan. 31), but briefly, the general sadness and frustration over Pr. Christian leaving after only four years is balanced by joy for what you accomplished together during that time and trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and guide you and the pastor who is yet to come.

Thank you to everyone who met with me in the past several weeks – long-time members and newer folks, youth and the Lydia's Circle elders, individuals, couples and friends. I am enjoying getting to know you and hearing your perspective and ideas about faith, mission, pastors and this community of disciples and apostles. Please be sure to participate as well in the call committee's upcoming meetings (see article on page 2) so you can continue to be part of discerning Holy Trinity's future.

May God continue to bless our work together in the New Year!

Save the Dates!

January 24 | Budget Preview Meeting

January 31 | Annual Congregational Meeting

All are invited immediately following worship in Beilstein Hall. Ministry team leaders: submit reports to the office by Wednesday, January 13.



Call Committee News

The calling of a pastor is a time of significant change for the congregation. An important first step for the Call Committee is to clarify Holy Trinity's identity and core values and revisit our mission. Key to this step is collecting feedback from the entire congregation to answer such questions as:

Who are we? What are you excited about at HTLC right now?

Who are our neighbors? Are there any unmet needs for our surrounding community?

What are some of the gifts and resources this congregation has?

What is God calling Holy Trinity to do?

As an exciting start to the New Year, the Call Committee will be conducting small group meetings with the congregation in January to enable discussion and re-visioning. We encourage everyone to participate in one of these meetings as our goal is to receive input from across the congregation. Small group meetings being planned include January 10 and 17 at noon after church in the conference room. We look forward to hearing from you and sign-up sheets are available in the breezeway. Also, there will be a small group meeting with Lydia Circle on January 19. Input will be used to complete our Ministry Site Profile for the synod office. More details will be available in January.

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

December Council Meeting:

- A brief meeting was held at the Reimann's home with a Christmas pot luck.
- Pastor Lori stated that over the last month she has met with over 30 people to gather thoughts regarding Holy Trinity and will present a complete report in her annual report. She thanked all those involved with Home & Hope, Family Sharing, Children's Pageant & pot luck, sanctuary decorations, Christmas Eve planning, choir and Barbara Padilla for communion instruction.
- Treasurer's Report:
- November receipts slightly lower than expenses. Through November expenses exceed giving by approximately \$6,000.
- Payment of \$100,000 against the loan was made as approved.
- Council approved Welcome Statement for vote at Annual Congregation Meeting (see page 3).
- Lynn Young was approved to conduct the 2015 audit.



Celebration of Life Service for Larry Pogreba

Saturday, January 16 at 11:00 am

Please join the Pogreba family on Saturday, January 16 at Holy Trinity to celebrate the life of Larry. A catered reception will immediately follow in Beilstein Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please direct your donations to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church "Buildings and Grounds" fund.



Pastor Lori's Schedule at Holy Trinity

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 call for an appointment if you'd like to talk!*

Welcome Statement

The WOW Team and Council are submitting the Welcome Statement for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2016. Many members provided input and feedback on the development of this statement.

Welcome
Hospitality and God's gracious love to all

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcome Statement

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.

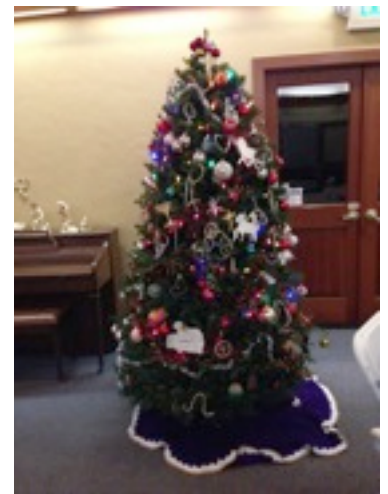
We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

"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

Adult Forum resumes on January 10!

The WOW Team will present one more series, "Confronting the Bias of Physical or Mental Disability" on **January 10, 17 & 24**. The series will be led by Pastor Kemp Segerhammar, member of the WOW Team, with presentations by several congregation members.

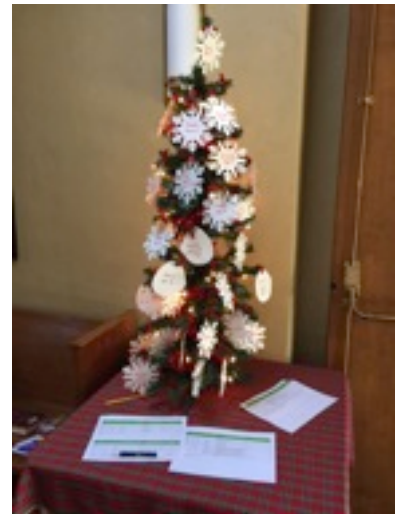
Christmas Pageant Potluck





Samaritan House Family to Family Program for Christmas

Heather Rodgers decorated it with wonderful snowflake tags naming the family members so everyone can choose to buy for a certain person or family gift. The children circled around to see the names and wishes!! It was a welcoming of the Advent spirit into our lives!!



Thank You letter from the Cabana family who were living in the parsonage this winter and have now returned to Mexico to be with family. Translated by their 12 year old daughter.

A Note from Anne Carey...

We decided to move to Nashville. We arrived here in mid-September and bought a house in November. We are still in moving-in mode, and it's going to be a while before the chaos recedes into memory. But I am happy to be near my son and his family. We will be able to be with them for Christmas and to see my 2-year-old granddaughter open her presents that morning. What a treat!

I can't tell you how much I miss Holy Trinity. You folks welcomed me in and made me feel part of the congregation in no time. That is pretty rare in my experience, and I will be forever grateful for your hospitality. Greetings to all, and my fervent wishes for blessings and peace at Christmas and in the new year.

Love, Anne

We, The Cabañas Family want to thank you for everything that everyone at the church had made for us, say sorry for any inconvenience we make you pass through and sorry for leave things in the rooms but we have a time that we had to leave because the woman that is going to help us drive ~~we~~ have a schedule, we leave some books, games and movies, we hope that the church or if other family lives here now enjoy them, we don't have words to thank everyone at this church, home & hope, and all the other churches ~~we~~ and people who had help us

Atte: Cabañas Family
Jimena, Alfonso and Noterni

Russian Correspondence Christmas 2015

Read the latest **Russian Missionary Newsletter** on the HTLC website at "Words from Our Missionary".

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

& Book Study

Saturday, January 9 | 8:00 am

Beilstein Hall

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



Happy Birthday!

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

- 1 Eli Haas
- 2 Ian Schornstein
- 3 Richard Wunderlich
- 9 Heather Rodgers
- 14 Leah Meier
- 15 Bianca Balboni
- 16 John Kuehner, Sr.
Cameron Martin
Anni Wunderlich
- 19 Sydney Martin
Kemp Segerhammar
- 21 Lisa Kersten
- 25 Jo Mitchell

Anniversary Wishes

God bless you as you celebrate your years together!

Dave & Marion Collins
1/1/1971 (45 years)



Ice Skating at Winter Lodge

Sunday, January 10th | 3 - 5 pm

Bring a snack, dessert or drink to share!

RSVP to eloizab@hotmail.com



"Great community event to get to know others in the community and help others in need."
- 2015 volunteer



Peninsula Multifaith Coalition invites you to join us for our 4th Annual

Multifaith Day of Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



www.tinyurl.com/penmkl2016

Sign up now! Projects fill up quickly!

All participants MUST register online by Sunday, January 10.

We are sorry that we will not be able to accommodate walk-in volunteers this year.

- Family friendly with children ages 5 and up welcome at most projects
- Over 25 projects available to you that benefit our local community
- An opportunity to work side by side with those of other faiths and cultures

Most projects start with breakfast at 8:30am and end by 1:00pm.

The Multifaith Day of Service is made possible by the generosity of donors who contribute to cover the cost of supplies, such as children's reading material, plants for school gardens, and lunch for veterans. Please contribute by going to <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/donate>.

Please check our website www.peninsulamultifaith.org or contact peninsulamultifaith@gmail.com for more information.

Sponsored by the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition, Inc.

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect. We stand together with humility to acknowledge our common values, learn from one another, and serve our wider world.

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| Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | Jewish Community Relations Council | Saint Andrew's Lutheran, San Mateo |
| Congregation Beth Jacob | Local Peace Initiative | Saint Bartholomew Parish |
| Congregational Church of Belmont | Pacific Institute | St. Matthias Catholic Church |
| Congregational Church of San Mateo | Peninsula Sinai Congregation | Saint Paul's Episcopal Church |
| Episcopal Church of St. Matthew | Peninsula Temple Beth El | Sanatan Mandir |
| First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame | Peninsula Temple Shalom | Shimyo-en USA |

Lydia Circle (WELCA)

Tuesday, January 19 | 12:15 pm

We will meet at the **Elm's San Carlos, in Harriet Platt's suite.** The Bible Study for January can be found in the Jan./Feb. issue of Gather on page 30. This study (Christian Citizenship 101 - Paul's letter to the Philippians) - session one's title is: "Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings". Please bring your Bible, a sandwich and Gather. Light refreshments and tea will be served.



All HTLC women welcome!

J A N U A R Y C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	28	29 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	30 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	31	1 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	2 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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10 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 12:00 PM Small Group meeting with Call Committee 3:00 PM HTLC Ice Skating 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	11 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	12 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	13 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	14 9:15 AM Sr. Zumba--Beilstein Hall 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	15 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	16 11:00 AM Celebration of Life Service - Sanctuary 12:00 PM Celebration of Life Luncheon -- Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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	1/3	1/10 (Youth)	1/17	1/24	1/31
Organ/Piano	Stacy Cullison		Stacy Cullison	Stacy Cullison	
Assisting Minister	Gary Wiessinger	Lori Friedman	Anita Reimann	Doug Southard	Cathy Bready
Lector	James Reimann	Youth	Elisa Baker	Dave Pitts	Barbara Padilla
Acolyte	Anna Friedman	Cameron Martin	Zora Vorhes	Mackenzie Friedman	Eva Schmuckal
Sound System Operator	Leroy Padilla	Greg Bohlmann	John McDowell	Gary Wiessinger	Bob Young
Altar Guild	Karen Schornstein	Barbara Richards	Pamela Bohlmann	Vivian Southard	Karen Schornstein
Greeter(s)	Peter Meier	Chris Kidwell	Andrea Reiser	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel	Hillary Wiessinger
Ushers	Dave Pitts Richard Wunderlich	Leroy Padilla	Greg Bohlmann John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell	TBD
Nursery Assistant	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay
Coffee Host	Wiessinger	Friedman	Open	Julianne Fredericks	Reimann
Counters	Lisa Telfer Mary Webb	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell	Mary Webb TBD

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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

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