



Trinity Topics

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“New Beginnings Make New Endings”

When I approach a New Year, I often catch myself saying, “Can you believe that another year has passed?” I begin to look back at what has all happened...the changes...the new people that came into my life...and the people I had to let go. The entertainment news always showcase the celebrities that have passed; reminding us that even the glamorous and famous will not be on earth forever.

Approaching the New Year is bittersweet. Looking back...reminiscing...pondering what has happened, all the while looking forward: What will the New Year bring? What does it hold in store for me? There is anticipation mixed with fear...hopefully next time around things will be a little bit better.

I recently read this quote, “No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending” (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. My conclusion is that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things different...

new in our lives. It's not easy to do. Yet we need to “let go” so that something “new” can begin in us. The writer of Revelation, the last book of the bible, writes: “See, I am making all things new.” (Revelation 21:5b) It's a double-edged sword, for we know that with everything “new” also means we have to let go of something “old”. Perhaps it is good for people of faith to know that God is going with us into each New Year. We are NOT doing it alone; friends, family, and good people from church also walk with us.

New Endings and new beginnings go hand and hand. Neither is easy. But both bear a promise that God will see us through. With the assurance that God is with us we can let go of our fears and disappointments as we are approaching a New Year. That fills me hope and expectation.

Isn't it wonderful that the New Year always lies in the heart of the Christmas season? The child born in Bethlehem thus becomes a symbol of God's new beginnings with us. In this child lie all hope, light, and salvation. Are we brave enough to trust the promise of Christmas and carry it with us into the New Year? Endings and beginnings go together. May we embrace them both as part of our lives—trusting that God is always close, walking with us, and promising us a bright future.

A blessed & happy New Year 2015,

Paola Christian



New Year Open House at the Parsonage

Saturday, January 10 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Let's welcome the New Year and the Epiphany season together with an “Open House” at the Parsonage. Stop by the parsonage (359 Glenwood St) for treats, beverages, and friendly fellowship to celebrate the New Year & Epiphany season together. **All are invited!**

Open House



Save the Dates!

January 11 - Budget Preview Meeting

January 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting

All are invited immediately following worship in Beilstein Hall.

We will vote on 2015 budget and on amendment to the constitution such that the size of the endowment committee is changed from 5 people (current wording) to at least 3 people. Details posted in hallway.

All ministry team leaders: submit reports to the office no later than Wednesday, January 7.



"The Backward Christmas Pageant"





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
- 19 Sydney Martin
Maya Rohrer
- 21 Lisa Kersten
- 22 Dorothy Shoup
- 25 Jo Mitchell
- 28 Lee Merritt
- 31 Adam Lui

Anniversary Wishes

God bless you as you celebrate your years together!

Dave & Marion Collins
1/1/1971 (44 years)



Christmas Pageant Potluck



Raffle Tickets = Educational Opportunities

Holy Trinity joined the efforts of Bright Stars of Bethlehem to provide post 12th grade school education opportunities for Bethlehem students.



Members expressed support by purchasing tickets for a raffle offering a variety of prizes. The money raised goes directly to Dar al-Kalima College, an extension of the 160 year-old educational history of the Lutheran School in Bethlehem. All funds raised will be matched by a generous local benefactor, so the \$400 from Holy Trinity will actually send \$800 to Dar al-Kalima College.

Hugs & Love for the "Huggie" and "Luv" Diaper Drive and Thrivent Financial

Many thanks to all who contributed to our diaper drive in November! As the photo, the Wiessinger Highlander vehicle turned into a sleigh filled with diaper boxes!! It was such a joy to drive together to New Creation Home Ministry in East Palo Alto to deliver them.



We met Angie Ibarra who serves and lives there as a woman counselor. She said the two separate homes are serving eight women with a total of thirteen children. Thrivent approved the matching funds when we turned in the receipts with their form. Monday, December 8, Hillary dropped off a check for **\$576** from Thrivent to the Director Melissa. This will help them with whatever they need for the month!

Thank you to all! Barbara Padilla & Hillary Wiessinger



Senior Christmas Event

The rains could not deter us! Senior Outing to "Holla's" in Belmont and followed by Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" at NDNU. In lieu of an entrance fee we brought toy & food donations benefitting local children and adults in need.



Pr. Lyle Beckman delivers the children's sermon at Holy Trinity. We learned a lot about the SF Night Ministry.

Facilities Audit Projects Continue

Chapel/Meeting Room

With the completion of the Glenwood landscaping project, focus was directed to upgrading the new chapel/meeting room (former stage room). In preparation for painting, the room was cleaned, the old carpet removed and new bamboo flooring installed (some remained from the chancel). Thanks to the work team of **Bob Young, Leroy Padilla, Diane** and **Bob Beuthel**.



Scheduled Projects as a result of Glenwood landscape savings:

Painting/New Furniture:

- Painting: downstairs classrooms, downstairs hallway, Beilstein Hall classroom, Beilstein Hall bathrooms, chapel/meeting room. All are scheduled for early 2015.
- New furniture for the chapel/meeting room and Beilstein Hall classroom and bulletin boards for downstairs hallway have arrived and will be installed with new whiteboards once painting is completed.

Manzanita Roof:

- At their December meeting Council awarded a bid to Golden Roofing to replace the Manzanita section of roof over the sanctuary aisle. That work is anticipated in January, weather permitting.

New Windows:

- New energy-efficient dual-paned windows will be installed in Pastor's and Monica's offices in early January. These will help maintain more comfortable room temperatures and will save energy.

Missing Church Tables

Several of the church's long tables stored in Beilstein Hall have been "borrowed" for a period of time, then returned. If you do need to borrow these tables, please make sure to submit your request to the church office.

Let's make this a team effort!

Thank you, Buildings & Grounds



Sunday, January 4th
Blood Pressure Check

Sandy Frojelin and her SFSU nursing students will be offering blood pressure checks after worship in the the courtyard.



& Book Study

Saturday, January 10

8:00 - 9:30 am | Beilstein Hall

We are starting a new book "God is Closer Than You Think" written by John Ortberg. *All men welcome!*



Ice Skating at Winter Lodge, Palo Alto

Sunday, January 11 | 3 - 5 pm

Bring a snack, dessert or drink to share!

RSVP to eloizab@hotmail.com



Lydia Circle (of WELCA)

Tuesday, January 20

Beilstein Hall | Noon



Please bring your Bible, sandwich and the January/February issue of "Gather". Our winter study continues with session 8 - title - "Making Conversion LAST". (bold pls) Tea and light refreshments will be provided. *All ladies are welcome to join us for fellowship and study.* If you are new to the circle, contact Lynn (sigreck@aol.com) to get a copy of the study.

Please remember: Box Tops for Education and Campbell product bar codes to benefit Rock Point Navajo School in AZ. Receptacle is on the bulletin board in Beilstein Hall.



God Gives... We Go...

sponsored by All Discipling Teams of the Sierra Pacific Synod

A Synod-Wide Event... and everyone is invited!

January 23 & 24, 2015

Everyone is invited (you, your family, your congregational family, your neighbors and any others you believe would enjoy a day to be in community with others) to our Synod Event when we will join one another for fun, food, community, worship, and workshops! There will be something for everyone: adults, youth, and children!

St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L St, Sacramento

We meet on Friday, January 23rd, 7:00 - 10:00 PM, for a time that includes snacks, drinks, and a relaxed evening of fun and conversation. Then, we will meeting again on Saturday, January 24th, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, for a time that will start with coffee, a light breakfast, followed by worship, workshops, more fun, more conversation, and lunch! You can choose to join us for both days, or just one.

TO REGISTER: Go to www.spselc.org. View the agenda here.

COST: Individual - Friday/Saturday Pass - \$20.00
 Family Pass (up to 5 family members) - \$30.00

BE THERE: Plan for your participation. Come and enjoy - be ready to have some fun, some food, experience some community, in worship and in workshops, over the course of this two-day event. Go to www.spselca.org for full details, and schedule.

We look forward to seeing your there!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Webb Family Event 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	29 6:00 PM Jazzercise	30 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	31 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	1 NEW YEARS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM Jazzercise	2 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple-Beilstein Hall	3 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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11 <i>Budget Preview Meeting</i> 9:00 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 3:00 PM Ice Skating Winter Lodge 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	12 6:00 PM Jazzercise	13 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	14 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM HTLC/MLC Confirmation 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	15 6:00 PM Jazzercise	16 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple-Beilstein Hall	17 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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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

	1/4	1/11 Youth	1/18	1/25
Assisting Minister	James Reimann	Zoe Reimann	Cathy Bready	Lori Friedman
Lector	Barbara Padilla	Youth	Peter Meier	James Reimann
Acolyte	Zoe Reimann	Eva Schmuckal	Zora Vorhes	Anna Friedman
Sound Sys Operator	John S	Greg Bohlmann	Bob Young	Gary W
Altar Guild	Vivian Southard	Barbara Richards	Karen Schornstein	Pamela Bohlmann
Greeter(s)	Andrea Reiser	Peter Meier	Vivian Southard	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel
Ushers	Dave Pitts, Richard Wunderlich	Leroy Padilla	Greg Bohlmann, John Schornstein	Dick Rescho
Nursery Assistant	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Zoe Reimann	Zoe Reimann
Coffee Host	Reimann	Knauth	Friedman	Julianne Fredericks
Counters	Mary Webb, Andrea Reiser	Leroy Padilla, Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann, Chris Kidwell	Lisa Telfer, Lisa Kersten
Sunday School			Gaby, Michelle, Gail	Lori, Hillary, Peter, Anita



Want to Go Green? Please contact Holy Trinity (office@sancarloshtlc.org) to replace your printed copy with an electronic copy of our newsletter.

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