



# Trinity Topics

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## Interim Pastors Message

I noted in a recent sermon that I read the stunning 12-page letter by the Stanford rape survivor while Steve and I were vacationing in Italy. Just after returning home, we awoke to the news of the massacre at the gay nightclub in Orlando. In worship the following Sunday – the anniversary of the deadly shooting at Mother Emmanuel AME church in Charleston – this congregation read together Psalm 22: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

But it's not only news events that unnerve us or leave us feeling hurt, sad, angry or forsaken; while many of us enjoy travel or much-needed "down time" this summer, others among us are dealing with health issues, the loss of loved ones, or stresses from job or family issues.

Whatever concerns may weigh on your heart, know this: God has not forsaken you, and never will.

So far this summer we have heard stories of Jesus' healing miracles: curing the centurion's sick servant, raising the widow's dead son, and restoring a demon-possessed man to society in his "right mind". These stories are our stories, revealing that we, too, can bring our hurts and need for healing to God. We, too, can trust that Jesus is present in our suffering and offers us a way through it. And then we, too, can be a force for healing in this world.

That's where our gospel texts send us next: out into the world, like the 70 apostles, to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves, and to consider, "who is my neighbor?"

The Holy Trinity community long ago responded to the Holy Spirit's call to see as your neighbor those who are homeless, and so your connection with Home & Hope and other organizations began. HTLC also sees folks of any race, physical ability, and those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender as your neighbor, and so your welcome statement was created. Now you even – at long last! – have a sign to help seekers (and, someday, your new pastor!) find Holy Trinity.

So perhaps the question now is: how can you let more people know what Christ and this congregation have to offer? How can you invite more neighbors to experience that in difficult times, *God has **not** forsaken us, and never will.* How can you encourage more neighbors to exercise that wonderful human desire to "give back" by giving them a place and opportunities to share their joy and their gifts?

Christ is our hope, our strength and our joy, in troubled times and in lazy days of summer. God has acted in Christ, continues to act through word and sacrament, and calls us – gifted by the Holy Spirit – to act as the hands and heart of Christ on earth. May Divine Love inspire and equip us to make God's grace visible more fully each day.



Interim Pr. Lori Eickmann

**TEAM HTLC - RELAY FOR LIFE – July 30 – Carlmont High School – Will You Join Us?**



American Cancer Society Relay for Life helps raise awareness of cancer, honors cancer survivors & patients, remembers those we've lost, educates, and raises much needed funds to support community programs and services. The first lap of the Relay is special...it's the Survivor's Lap where cancer survivors and patients are invited to walk the first lap. During the day, team members take turns walking laps. At nightfall, there is a Luminaria Ceremony. White bags with a glow stick line the track. Each one bears the name of a cancer survivor, patient, caregiver, or someone who lost their battle. Many participants pitch a tent and continue to

walk through the night.

How can you support our Team?

- Make a Luminaria Donation (\$10.00 each) in Honor of, Support of, or Memory of a friend or loved one. (Forms are available by the Awareness Board in the Narthex – make checks payable to HTLC & we will turn in to ACS.)
- Donate towards our Gift Card Drawing. Tickets are \$1.00 each...& you can choose which card you'd like to win!
- Mark your calendar for July 30 and stop by the Relay for Life at Carlmont High School to walk a few laps or provide fill-in relief at the HTLC Booth. Any amount of time you can come by is appreciated!
- If you are a cancer survivor, please come at 10 AM on Saturday, July 30, to participate in the Survivor Lap & the Survivor continental breakfast. Talk to Mary Webb about how to register for free.
- Officially join our team (find the HTLC Relay for Life page at [www.RelayforLife.org](http://www.RelayforLife.org) to sign up). You don't have to participate for the full 24 hours if you sign up as a team member.

Check in with Mary Webb for more information.

**Home Communion Ministers & Acolytes/Crucifers!**

**Here are two opportunities that may interest you...**

**For the Adults:**

Pr. Lori will train volunteers for Home Communion Ministry, a very rewarding ministry that connects you with fellow members who love to get a visit and receive the sacrament! You will learn how to administer the elements and follow a brief, printed liturgy. You are also welcomed to come along with Pr. Lori on a home visit to meet some of the homebound members you may not know and "get a feel" for what happens. The date(s) of the training is flexible based on who would like to be trained.



**For the Children:**

Would you like to carry the cross at the beginning and end of worship? It's easy! And sometimes the crucifer/ acolyte gets to help in other ways, too. Parents, let Anita Reimann or Pr. Lori know if your child is ready to be trained, or leave a message with Monica in the church office.

Rev. Nancy Feniuk-Nelson, shown representing the Sierra Pacific Synod at the SF Pride Parade, is acting bishop while Bp. Mark Holmerud is on sabbatical. Please keep them both in your prayers."



Thanks to Pastor Erica



Baptism of **Lucas D**



"Women Walking with Jesus" - Jezebels at Pulgas Ridge



## Hymn Sings in July and August

What are your favorite hymns? Bring your ideas as we continue summer hymn-sings on the *last* Sunday of the month in July and August. We will write down your suggestions at the beginning of worship, then sing a few favorites during the service. See you there!



To members of Holy Trinity:

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous caring and giving. With your incredible kindness, we were able to help four families find their way to their next phase of life.

Your generosity is not just about the space [parsonage], it's about the emotional kindness and the strength you have given by believing in our families and program. There are no words to describe my feelings when we think of your incredible assistance.

We bless you with all the goodness in the world.

Meg Clark  
Executive Director  
[www.homeandhope.net](http://www.homeandhope.net)

## June Council Meeting

- **Pastor Lori** highlighted:
  - Homebound communion lay ministers will be trained this summer. Contact **Pr. Lori** if interested.
  - Her appreciation for **Pr. Erica** and **Pr. Kemp** filling in for her while on vacation and **Christine Segerhammar** for her report on the Synod Assembly.
  - Shared ideas for fall Adult Forum
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - May report was received
  - Through May receipts are continue to be **\$17,000 below yearly expenditures**. May giving and expenditures were about the same.
  - While overall expenditures exceed giving through May the overall financial picture is strong.
  - Loan balance is \$161,747.44.
- Call Committee is waiting on names from Synod and working on interview strategies.
- **God's Work, Our Hands** day will be Saturday, September 10 at Holy Trinity with Messiah participating.
- Work to ready parsonage for pastor was reviewed; contract to refinish hardwood floors and replace carpet was approved.
- Discussed **Reformation 500** (500th anniversary of Reformation, October 2017) and looking for a team to plan activities. Anyone interested in being on a planning team contact **Pr. Lori**.





## Let's Make HTLC Youth Events Happen!

Support HTLC's youth! The Children & Youth Ministry Team is looking for people willing to plan/host gatherings. It's a great way to get to know the wonderful junior & senior high school kids in our congregation. This can be one time or help more often! HTLC is a can-do church that has a great history of members pitching in to make ministry happen!



We hope to come up with an event once every 2 months. If you're the planning-sort, you'd make a great **Event Planner**. Event Planner responsibilities would be:

- to come up with idea and plans for event; to work with the Event Host to coordinate advanced details for event (for instance, transportation if it's needed; food; reservations for an event, etc.)
- to clear time with church office if church facility is to be used
- to ask the church office to publicize event in Trinity Topics and in weekly bulletins leading up to event
- to serve as contact person if there's a need for youth to RSVP
- to ensure that there will be a minimum of two adults at event, and that one of those adults have current church safe training (the church office has a list of those who have fulfilled this training)
- your attendance at the event is optional

Another person can work with the Event Planner as the **Event Host**. The Event Host would:

- work with Event Planner to come up with idea and plans for event
- work with Event Host to coordinate advanced details for event (i.e., transportation if needed; food; reservations for an event, etc.)
- attend the event
- be the person who leads the event
- ensure that the day-of details of event (Set up; clean up; etc) are taken care of

**If you think you might be called to try this, please** contact Gaby Knauth ([gaby.knauth@yahoo.com](mailto:gaby.knauth@yahoo.com)) for more information!



## 2016 Vacation Bible School!!! Monday July 25—Friday July 29, 2016

Hope Lutheran Church &  
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church present:

**Who:** Pre-School (Age 4+) to 6th Grade

**Where:** Hope Lutheran Church,  
600 W. 42nd Avenue, San Mateo CA  
94403

**Schedule:**

Monday—Thursday 9am-3pm\*

Friday 9am-Noon.

Thursday evening 6:30-8pm Kids Program  
and Ice Cream Social

\*Preschool and Kindergarten participants  
can choose to attend 9am-Noon each day

**Cost:**

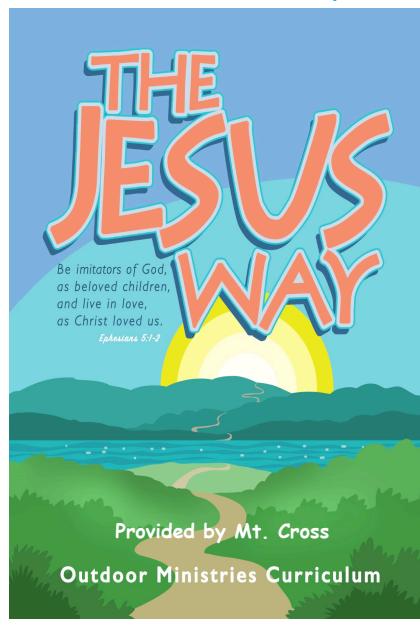
Full Day (9am-3pm) \$80/week for first  
child, \$50 for additional siblings

Half Day (9am-Noon) \$50/week  
*Financial Assistance available upon  
request*

**To Register:**

Complete a Registration and Camper  
Health form and return these with your  
payment to:

Hope Lutheran Church  
600 W. 42nd Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94403



Registration and Health Forms are available in the  
Narthex, church office or online at  
[www.hopelutheransanmateo.org](http://www.hopelutheransanmateo.org)

*Please note VBS and the camper's name  
on the memo line of your check.*



**& Book Study**  
**Saturday, July 9**  
**8:00 am | Beilstein Hall**



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

**Lydia Circle (WELCA) for Summer**

**Tuesday, July 19 | 10:00 am**  
**San Carlos Elms**



We will meet early morning in Harriet Platt's suite for our summer Bible study, then out to lunch at a local restaurant! Please bring your Bible and "Gather".  
*As always, all women of Holy Trinity are welcome!*

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

*SAVE THE DATE* - Mt. Cross Family Camp  
 for all HTLC participants from ages 0 - 103!



In lieu of HTLC 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...

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 7/1 G. Ray Martin  
Zoe Reimann
- 7/3 Janet Hillhouse
- 7/6 Doug Southard
- 7/14 Lisa Porter  
James Reimann
- 7/18 Linda Ledwith
- 7/20 Siggie Recknagel  
Bobby Rodgers
- 7/21 Jessica Bready  
Dick Rescho
- 7/29 Pamela Bohlmann
- 7/31 Wilma Steen

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

- Brian & Lisa Kersten  
7/16/1985 (31 years)
- John & Michelle Rohrer  
7/26/1997 (19 years)

**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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Summer 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>27</b> 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>30</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> 9:00 AM Summer 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> INDEPENDENCE DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 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 Meeting 7:00 PM Call Committee Meeting	<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
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	7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Pamela Bohlmann	Brian Kertsen	Karen Schornstein	Anita Reimann	Erik Vorhes
<b>Lector</b>	Cathy Bready	James Reimann	Barbara Padilla	Doug Southard	John McDowell
<b>Acolyte</b>	open	Eva Schmuckal	open	open	Zora Vorhes
<b>Sound System Operator</b>	Bob Beuthel	John McDowell	Dave Pitts	John Schornstein	Leroy Padilla
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Schornstein	Barbara Richards	Pamela Bohlmann	Vivian Southard	Karen Schornstein
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Chris Kidwell	Andrea Reiser	Peter Meier	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel	Barbara Richards
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Rescho	Leroy Padilla	Greg Bohlmann John Schornstein	John McDowell	TBD
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Anita Reimann	Cathy Bready	Lisa Kersten	Gaby Knauth	Julianne Fredericks
<b>Counters</b>	Lisa Telfer John McDowell	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell	Mary Webb TBD

## Worship Leaders

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

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