



Trinity Topics

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Message from Pastor Josh

Missing the mark, wrongdoing, immorality, evil, wickedness are all the same way of describing an antiquated word that is not typically used outside of the Christian vernacular. That word is sin.

In my experience the only real way that we talk about sin is describing someone else's. Hardly ever do we want to equate what we have done as sin. I tend to have an excuse lined with words like, "I'm tired" or "I'm just having a bad day" to explain why I yelled at my children or didn't want to return a call to my friend in need. The sin in me likes to make excuses for actions or inactions. It never wants me to admit that I am indeed the problem and that my heart is far from God. We will always have an excuse or want to be judged by our intentions and not our actions. But when it comes right down to it we all sin. Everyone does it and no one likes to talk about it.



The Rev. Joshua Serrano

Before repentance comes the acknowledgement of wrongdoing. With so much of our society covering up wrongdoing or denying it outright, we who profess to be followers of Jesus have the opportunity to name sin as sin and that begins by holding up a mirror to our own faces.

During this lenten season we have the opportunity to remind ourselves that we are sinners in desperate need of God's grace. We are in desperate need of God to come amongst us and show us the way out of the darkness.

So, this lenten season, may we first hold up a mirror to our own faces and recognize that we have sinned before God and our neighbor. May we be a people who take our own sin seriously. May we recognize and remove the log in our own eye before we can even begin to point out the speck in our neighbor's. Maybe then we can be a witness of Christ's love in the world.



Midweek Supper/Worship in Lent

Wednesday Nights | 6:30 pm

March 8, 15, 22 & 29 | April 5

Soup supper begins at 6:30 pm,
Worship at 7:00 pm

If you would like to bring a hearty soup, salad, bread, or dessert, please sign up in the breezeway.



Confirmation Event

Thursday, March 23rd
6:30 pm

All confirmation students and parents join us in Beilstein Hall.

Adult Forum

Sundays @ 9:15 am | Beilstein Hall

"Luther's Small Catechism"

Adult Forum is talking about the Apostle's Creed and Luther's Small Catechism.

Each week will be taking on a new portion of the Catechism reflecting on what it means for spiritual formation today as a community and individuals. Bring a copy of the Catechism if you have one!

Join us!



"Getting to Know" Pr. Josh dinner



Baptism of Nathan Paulson on January 22.



Welcome dinner with Pr. Josh

HTLC Joins the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition

The HTLC Council has voted to join the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC). Founded in 2012, the PMC is a volunteer-led group of about 20 faith organizations on the Peninsula representing the five major faiths, Christian, Jewish, Islam, Buddhist and Hindu, working together on projects to improve the community. The PMC holds monthly meetings, and plans several family-friendly events during the year including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (which HTLC participated in January), a Multifaith Song Fest (3/5), Multifaith Picnic, Educational Programs, a Freedom Seder, and a Ramadan Iftar Dinner. For more information on events and programs, go to the PMC website at www.peninsulamultifaith.org.



The **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission & School at Rock Point**, Arizona, has been one of Holy Trinity's longest continuous benevolences. Pastor Beilstein was familiar with it, as it started in 1954, and it is a social ministry of the ELCA. It provides Christian education for children, food for the hungry, warmth in the desert cold, a house of prayer, and provides healthcare in its clinic when possible. It is located on the Navajo native lands. We are grateful for the many years HTLC fundraised and provided for this mission! During Lent, let us uplift it with our offerings and dedicated activities and prayers!

Watch for more announcements to come!
~ Barbara Padilla

Dick Rescho will be the HTLC Liaison to the PMC, and we need a volunteer to serve as Associate Liaison, which will involve attending meetings of the PMC, and filling in if the Liaison is unable to attend.

The next **PMC meeting is March 27**, if you would like to attend and learn more about the the PMC, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dick Rescho.



TEAM HTLC IS BACK!

American Cancer Society Relay for Life | May 6th

The San Carlos/Belmont & Redwood City Relay for Life events have now been consolidated into the Mid-Peninsula Relay. This year it will be held at Sequoia High School in Redwood City on May 6 and once again Holy Trinity will sponsor a team. During March & April we will have our Luminaria board, giving our congregation the opportunity to honor friends & family affected by cancer with the donation of a Luminaria bag (\$10 each). We will also have the gift card drawing fundraiser – this year the goal is to get enough support from HTLC members & friends so that the drawing will not need to be extended to the entire Relay for Life event (meaning all winners will be associated with HTLC in some way!). Each prize will consist of \$50 - \$75 in gift cards; tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20, & once again supporters can choose their own prize. Look for more information beginning March 12. – Mary Webb

Holy Trinity At Work | Home & Hope Day Center Revitalization

On February 18 a **Thrivent Action Team** composed of **G. Ray Martin, Lance Webb, Barbara & Leroy Padilla** and **Diane & Bob Beuthel**

completed the Home & Hope Day Center revitalization by installing the wall TV, a light fixture, bathroom mirrors, decorative art wall work and caulking leaking showers. The staff and guests are thrilled with their new environment, and appreciate the Holy Trinity partnership. Home & Hope is planning an open house so supporters can see their new environment. Watch for news in the weekly Holy Trinity updates.



Barbara & Leroy repairing the vacuum; G. Ray mounting the TV bracket.



The team minus G. Ray.

Home & Hope Open House Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 pm

All HTLC members are invited so H & H can show their appreciation for all our support.

Read the [Home & Hope monthly newsletter](#) with more info.

Spring Sparkle +

On April 1 Holy Trinity will hold its annual Spring Sparkle with a twist!

No Fooling! - The Men's Breakfast group will host a breakfast and short Bible study to provide nutrition for the body and soul prior to volunteers preparing the campus for the Spring.



Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 8:30 am

Bible study - an excerpt from John Ortberg's book "Soul Keeping" 8:30 - 9:00 am

Workday - 9:00 am - Noon (General cleaning around church and lots of landscaping) Gardeners needed! With all the rain there is much to be done.

Please sign up on the breezeway bulletin board so the cooks know how much food to prepare.



Maximizing Stewardship Resources

The revitalization work at Home & Hope could not have been accomplished without leveraging partnerships to maximize Holy Trinity's benevolence dollars. Approximately \$11,000 in Spring Forth benevolence leveraged revitalization work valued at nearly \$22,000 on the open market.

An additional \$12,500 is available to further Holy Trinity's social outreach and support projects without impacting Holy Trinity's budget. — Details on the next page.



Good Stewardship – A Resource to Leverage

More than 20 Holy Trinity members have accounts with Thrivent Financial and most are eligible to write two Thrivent Action Team proposals each year. Each proposal provides \$250 in seed money. If every Thrivent member wrote their two project proposals, Holy Trinity would receive \$12,500 in additional resources to support community outreach.

Guidelines for projects include:

Appropriate uses:

- Project supplies
- Snacks for volunteers
- Printing or promotion
- Other project expenses

Inappropriate uses:

- Directly giving seed money to your cause (granting)
- Purchase of gifts to your cause without activity
- Gift cards



Please contact either Bob Beuthel or John McDowell for help in writing a proposal.

Octoberfest Plans Taking Shape!

On **September 9** Holy Trinity will host an **Oktoberfest Celebration** where the community can have fun while learning about Holy Trinity and its programs, explore “what is Reformation 500?”, and work together in opportunities to help those in need. Thank you to the participants at the February 5 congregation brainstorming meeting and to those who volunteered to serve in leadership roles:

- **Co-chair with Bob Beuthel - Sandy Frojelin**
- **Permits - Pamela Bohlmann**
- **Outreach/communication - Lori Friedman**
- **Food - Petra Gilmore;**
- **Beer - Mary Webb**
- **Youth activities - Anna Friedman**
- **Set up/clean up - Leroy Padilla**
- **Thrivent Action Teams - John McDowell**
- **Displays – Kemp and Christine Segerhammar**

Still needed:

- Volunteer(s) to help facilitate music and/or drama
- Everyone's help - seek out one of the sub-group facilitators and offer to help
- Writers of Thrivent Action Team proposals (see article above)



Some “God's Work, our Hands” service projects will be incorporated as part of the social outreach activities, and everyone at the Oktoberfest will be invited to participate.

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

& Book Study
Saturday, March 11
8:00 am | Beilstein Hall

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

Sunday, March 12
Daylight Savings Begins

Remember to set clocks forward
 1 hour on Saturday, March 11th



Lydia Circle (WELCA)

Tuesday, March 21 | 12:30 pm



Our next Bible Study will be tentatively at Brookdale, 485 Woodside Rd., Redwood City in Lillian Pogreba's temporary home. We continue to be in Paul's letter to the Galatians, this one titled "Heirs of the Promise". Please bring your lunch, Bible and the March issue of *Gather*. The study can be found on page 26. Any questions, please see Lynn Garbe-Recknagel.

All women of Holy Trinity are welcome!

A big *Thank You* to Dianne McClellan for the elegant lunch at her home in February.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

- 3/2 Elisa Baker
- 3/3 Andrea Reiser
Gary Steen
- 3/5 Ralph Knauth
- 3/7 Laura Jane Young
- 3/8 Anita Reimann
- 3/10 Peter Schmuckal
- 3/13 Lisa Telfer
Jack Wiessinger
Maddie Wiessinger
- 3/18 Gaby Knauth
- 3/21 Alyssa Fox
- 3/25 Ben Ledwith
Grace Ledwith
- 3/28 Steve Webb

ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

God bless you as you celebrate your years together!

- Richard & Ann Wunderlich
3/11/1972 (45 years)
- Hubert & Maria Rodenberg
3/14/1953 (64 years)
- Len & Erin Fischer
3/17/2004 (13 years)
- John & Karen Schornstein
3/21/1992 (25 years)



Reformation 500 is coming - October 2017!

Watch for more information on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and how Christ's church continues to be re-formed today.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer chain is an important part of HTLC's ministry. If you would like to be part of this ministry praying for those in need,

please contact either:

Ruby Phillips at (650)593-0228

or Anita Reimann at

reimann.anita@gmail.com

M A R C H C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</i> 7:00 AM Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall 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	27 7:00 AM Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall 6:30 PM Acolyte Training Mtg	28 7:00 AM Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall	1 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall 9:00 AM HTLC Audit - Conf Room 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion	2 7:00 AM Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall 6:30 PM W&M Team Meeting	3 Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Sanctuary	4 7:00 AM Home & Hope - Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
5 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Youth-led Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 3:00 PM Peninsula Multifith SongFest 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	6 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	7	8 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	9	10 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	11 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
12 <i>Daylight Savings</i> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 1:00 PM Burton Park Meet & Greet w/ Pr Josh 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	13 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	14 10:00 AM Executive Team Planning 7:00 PM Youth & Sunday School Committee Mtg	15 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	16	17 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	18 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
19 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Oktoberfest Planning Mtg 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	20 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	21 12:30 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Council Meeting	22 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	23 6:30 PM Confirmation Event - Beilstein Hall 6:30 PM Home & Hope Open House	24 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	25 2:00 PM Celebration of Life for Marion McDowell 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
26 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Confirmation Field Trip 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	27 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	28	29 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	30	31 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	1 9:00 AM Spring Sparkle 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room

	3/5 (Youth)	3/12	3/19	3/26
Organist	Duane S	Duane S	Duane S	Duane S
Assisting Minister	Cathy Bready	Gary Wiessinger	Anita Reimann	Lori Friedman
Lector	youth	Dave Pitts	John McDowell	Elisa Baker
Acolyte	Max Reimann	Cameron Martin	Zora Vorhes	Hannah Meier
Sound System Operator	Greg Bohlmann	John McDowell	Bob Beuthel	John Schomstein
Altar Guild	Vivian Southard	Karen Schomstein	Barbara Richards	Pamela Bohlmann
Greeter(s)	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel	Hillary Wiessinger	open	Vivian Southard
Ushers	Dave Pitts Richard Wunderlich	Greg Bohlmann	Leroy Padilla ohn Schomstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell
Nursery Assistant	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay
Coffee Host	Lisa Kersten	Hillary Wiessinger	Len Fischer	Gaby Knauth
Counters	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, please arrange a trade or substitute and notify the office at 650.593.0325 or office@sancarloshtlc.org



STAFF and COUNCIL OFFICERS/MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS	
Pastor	The Rev. Joshua Serrano
Office Administrator	Monica Cryan
Nursery Care.....	Jo O'Brien
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Worship & Music	Erik Vorhes
Evangelism & Outreach.....	Gary Wiessinger
Vice President	Bob Beuthel
Stewardship	Barbara Richards
Secretary	Doug Southard
Social Concerns	Barbara Padilla, Hillary Wiessinger
Buildings & Grounds	Bob Beuthel, Leroy Padilla
Youth	Lori Friedman
Congregation Life	Pamela Bohlmann
Financial Secretary	Mary Webb
Endowment	Cathy Bready, John McDowell
Treasurer	Petra Gilmore
Education/Sunday School	Erica Schemper

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

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 Sunday Worship 10:15 am



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