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New Beginnings

For the *Trumpeter*

For our Pastor

For the Congregation



Trinity at a glance

To reflect God's love and grace by welcoming everyone, sharing our gifts, caring for those in need, and witnessing to Christ as our Savior.

—Trinity's Mission Statement

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9:00 am Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am Fellowship

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Pastor's Message

“In the beginning...”

Two books of the Bible begin with these words, “In the beginning...” There is Genesis: “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...” Then there is the Gospel of John: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” These two “in the beginning” stories are linked together by speech and by God’s speech.

In Genesis, God speaks everything into Creation and it is done. God says, “Let there be light” and there is light. In John’s Gospel, God speaks the Word and the Word is with God and is God. All things come into being through the Word of God. A proclamation and divine speech mark the beginning of all things. The words are spoken and whatever is spoken is created. The final living beings spoken into creation in Genesis are human beings, “... humankind in God’s image, male and female, God created them” (Gen 1:27).

For those familiar with the rest of the story, we remember that human beings commit sin and we can never quite live in peace and harmony with God’s creation. So, the one who was spoken of in the beginning comes to redeem God’s people, rescue God’s people, and save God’s creation. Jesus comes to reconcile humanity with God and put things back into relationship as it was in the beginning. St. Paul reminds us “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a

new creation; everything old has passed away, everything has become new!” (2 Cor. 5:17).

In Christ we enjoy a new beginning. We know that as human beings we often slip up. We fall down, but we get back up again and start all over. We all go through seasons of highs and lows but there is always the opportunity to start all over again and begin things anew.

The month of September offers a new beginning and opportunity for many of our young people who will head back to school. For those returning to school it marks a new beginning and a fresh start. Last year’s grades and report cards are in the past and students can start with a blank slate. For those just starting on their journey to new schools like kindergarten, middle school, high school, college, or vocational training programs, it’s a brand new start. For those of us starting new jobs or like myself, beginning a new call into the ministry at Trinity, it marks a new chapter and a new beginning in the story of our lives.

We are all part of the bigger story of creation that began so long ago when God spoke the Word and creation was brought into being through the Word. We welcome this new be-



ginning with the hope that the God who created the world and redeemed the world, has” entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.”

God is doing something new in the world through us. This Fall Trinity will have plenty of opportunities to proclaim the message of reconciliation and to be Christ’s body in the world. In September we will participate in “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day of Service and kick off our Sunday School with a “Rally Day” Sunday, September 13th. We will continue to

partner with Lutheran Social Services in Long Beach. We will continue to support and enhance the Saturday Programs at Trinity. We will do this together and with the help and inspiration of the God who spoke the world into existence way back “in the beginning.” Ω

In Christ’s Service,

Rev. Scott Fritz

Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church-Long Beach



Evangelical
Lutheran
Church in America

God’s work.
Our hands.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

“**God’s work. Our hands.**” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

For the past two years, thousands of members from across this church have dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. The date for 2015 is **Sunday, September 13.**



This year’s service to the community will be done through the collection of items for school. **Backpacks, pencils, pens, crayons, paper, notebooks, and the like** are all fantastic items that can be donated. Your generosity will be a great aid to the younger generations in their pursuit of knowledge.

But that’s not all. On that same Sunday, we will also be having a very special

Sunday School Rally!

During the service we will have a special blessing for the students, teachers, and Sunday School supplies.

This is a day you don’t want to miss!

Trinity Calendar

September 2015

September 6:

Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey
 Reader: Roland Johnson
 Ushers: Kathy & Fenton Glendening
 Altar Care: Kathy & Fenton Glendening
 Healing Service: Kathy Glendening & Dalerond Smith

September 13:

Liturgist: Kirk Olsen
 Reader: Kistyn Gritney

September 20:

Liturgist: Cheyenne Williams
 Reader: Jacqui Nicholson

September 27:

Liturgist: Erica Park
 Reader: Marilyn Bohl

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 12:15 PM Property Committee	31	1	2 10:00 AM Bible Study	3	4	5 9:00 AM Choir Practice
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13 GWOH Sunday Sunday School Rally 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 12:15 PM Executive Committee	14	15 7:15 PM Council Meeting	16	17 10:00 AM Bible Study	18	19 9:00 AM Choir Practice 12:30 PM Meal 1:00 PM LSS Tutoring
20 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 12:15 PM Outreach Committee	21	22 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Children's Clinic	23	24 10:00 AM Bible Study	25	26 9:00 AM Choir Practice 12:30 PM Meal 1:00 PM LSS Tutoring
27 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:15 PM Fellowship Committee	28	29	30	1	2	3

Trinity Calendar October 2015

October 4: Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey
Reader: Marilyn Bohl
Ushers: Kathy & Fenton Glendenning
Altar Care: Marilyn Bohl
Healing Service: Kathy Glendenning & Dalerond Smith

October 11: Liturgist: Kirk Olsen
Reader: Patsy Sampson

October 18: Liturgist: Cheyenne Williams
Reader: Joy Fritz

October 25: Liturgist: Erica Park
Reader: Kathy Glendenning

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JULY 28, 2015

Council Highlights

1. The Council welcomed Pastor Scott to his first meeting of Trinity's Council. He led opening devotions, reading from Ephesians 4:1-7. There is one hope, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. We have different vocations/callings and each of us has unique special gifts we should put to use but one Spirit guides us all.
2. Pastor Scott expressed great appreciation for the sending/welcoming event July 19 for Pastor Don and for Pastor Scott and his family. All of his family are excited and thankful to be here. He is going to "play around with" his schedule for the first month or so to determine what works best. He wants to use Fridays to build relationships. In prior roles, he has taken Tuesday as a day off; he doesn't know yet what he'll do here. Pastor Scott affirmed that he is going to support the Saturday Outreach program, but he doesn't want to foster a situation where he needs to attend every Saturday. He has worked with Maria Paiva for 10-11 years and will talk with her more about this program.
3. Discipling Committee/Marilyn Bohl reminded the Council that The Lutheran is being distributed free to them and others and encouraged all members to read the articles about church size in the new issue. She further reminded them that Kathy Glendening assumed responsibility to ask each recipient if he/she/they were reading the magazine and if they wanted to continue to receive it as a gift from Trinity next calendar year. Ms. Bohl then reminded the Council that the ability to have a choir in the fall and what to do regarding Sunday School/child care are open items the Discipling Committee is dealing with and may lead to costs in the operating budget.
4. The Fellowship Subcommittee requested that for Pastor's installation a meal be catered from Huff's Restaurant on Wardlow Road and Norwalk Blvd. The price quoted was \$13.00 per plate for a meal of Alfredo pasta with chicken, lasagna or spaghetti, two types of salad, and garlic bread. The following motion was made, seconded, and passed: The Council accepts the Fellowship Subcommittee recommendation that a dinner be served after Pastor Scott's installation, and that the dinner be catered by Huff's Restaurant, but with two conditions: (a) The Subcommittee contact Huff's to determine whether the cost per plate would be reduced if Trinity dishes were used rather than Hoff's, and (b) A strong effort be made to obtain an accurate count of expected attendees to give to Hoff's so that the cost for the dinner is not higher than it needs to be.
5. The Visibility Subcommittee/Trevor Wolter stated that signs, the marquee at the front of the church, banners, and use of A-frame structures for signs are still being discussed. Trevor has assumed responsibility for managing and editing of Trinity

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AUGUST 18, 2015

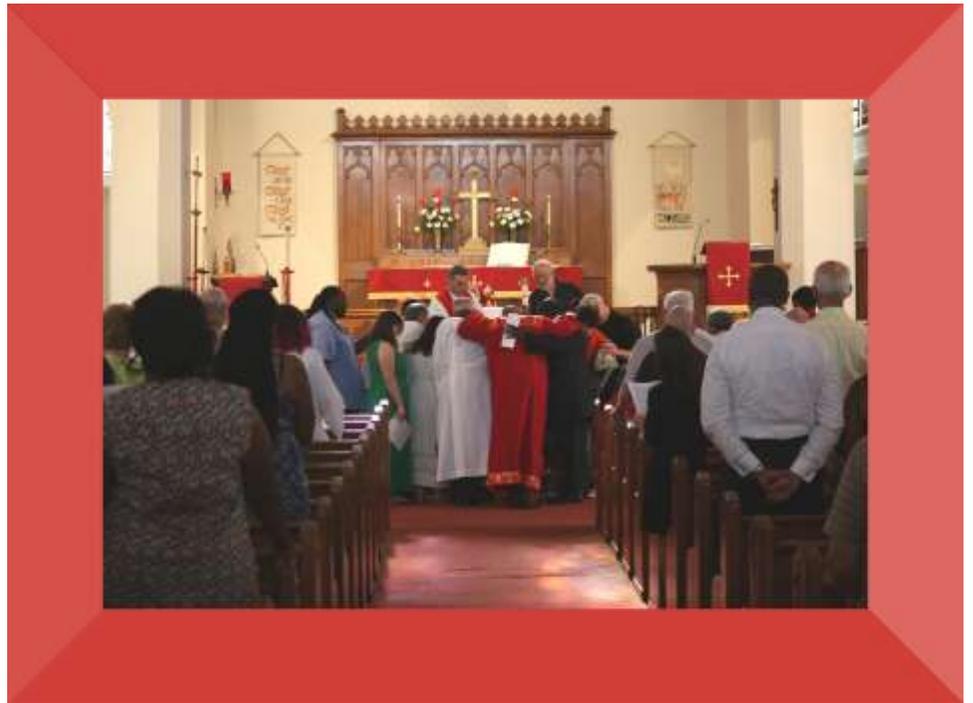
Council Highlights

1. Pastor Scott led opening devotions reading the Magnificat of Mary [Luke 1:46-55]. He noted that it may seem a lot of change and newness is happening, but we should meet it as Mary did, with joy, justice, and love.
2. Pastor Scott is working to identify supply pastors for Sunday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 27.
3. President Larry Rice emphasized that he felt privileged to have a part in the installation of Pastor Scott August 15. He felt the event went extremely well, and other members of the Council agreed with him.
4. In reviewing the July 2015 Budget report, Business Manager Hermine Burg pointed out that Item 4 Worship Supplies and Item 13 Synod/Conferences are already over budget. The costs within both will be investigated. Item 10 Office Supplies is more than 2/3 used (\$4,453.76 of \$6,000). Ms. Burg will make sure Office Secretary Kathy Glendening is aware of this fact. Marilyn Bohl commented that there will be costs under Item 17, various withholdings from Pastor Scott's payroll check, but we have not yet received an invoice from Portico Benefits for them.
5. Marilyn Bohl reported that The Lutheran subscriptions for 2015 cost \$268.50 and were paid out of designated line items Thrivent Coord Luncheon/Care in Congregations (\$240.50) and Outreach/Direct Mail (\$28.00). The 2016 cost (yet to be determined) will have to be budgeted or other sources identified. Ms. Bohl stressed the importance of Rally Day Sept. 13. Kathy Glendening is writing the first draft of a position description for someone to be responsible for child care, a cost to be budgeted in 2016.
6. A creed will now be included each Sunday as part of the worship service. Bread (as opposed to wafers) will be offered during communion on the first Sunday of the month.
7. Council members expressed great appreciation to the Fellowship Committee for how well the reception was carried out. A concern that there was much more food than people to eat it was expressed with wonder about a plan for use of it. Pres. Rice stated the spaghetti is to be used at Saturday Outreach. The total costs for everything have not yet been determined.
8. The Outreaching Committee intends to collect school supplies for student's backpacks. Pres. Rice encouraged the Committee to contact Assistance League of Long Beach (AL) to determine how their effort might relate to AL's annual Operation School Bell project for schools.
9. Trinity Trumpet Blast will replace E-Blurb every month. The Visibility Subcommittee is preparing advertisements for the Press-Telegram and Grunion Gazette. Kirk Olsen stated that Trinity is listed on numerous Internet websites; anyone seriously look-

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Installation Service Photos



- Trumpeter, which he expects to provide every two months.
6. Property Committee Chair Bob Pedder presented three bids for painting of the church apartment buildings at 727 Linden Avenue, for \$4800, \$6500, and \$10,800 respectively. The following motion was made, seconded, and passed: Following a check of the bidding contractor firms by Pastor Scott using Angie’s List, and discussion with Property Chair Bob Pedder, the Property Committee is authorized to make a final decision on which contractor to use and to go ahead with the apartment painting project, with funding to be taken from Building Fund Reserve.
 7. The Finance Committee has completed its annual review of the church’s property and liability insurance coverage and sees no need for changes at this time. The change in the replacement value of the church’s properties (examined every 3 years) will lead to a premium increase of about \$500.00.
 8. Financial Secretary Marilyn Bohl reported that Member Receipts through first 6 months of 2015 are about \$800 less than Member Receipts through the first 6 months of 2014 and are \$1,276 less than the projected income presented to the congregation when the 2015 budget was approved. Six-month contribution statements were provided to 35 giving units that have contributed to God’s work through Trinity in the first 6 months of 2015. Monthly expenses will increase significantly now that we have a full-time pastor. Ω

–Marilyn Bohl

- ing for a Lutheran Church on the Internet will find Trinity’s website. The group wants to put a welcome video on Trinity’s website and perhaps videos of some or all of Pastor Scott’s worship service messages.
10. Hermine Burg reported that about 24 Trinity’s 100th Anniversary books remain in Trinity’s possession.
 11. A motion authorizing up to \$1300.00 (including tax) to be spent for a new Mac-Book computer and software for Pastor Scott was made, seconded, and passed with one abstention. The cost will be taken from Budget Item 30 Equipment.
 12. Pastor Scott had submitted a written request that 30% of the salary compensation paid to him by Trinity in 2015, or \$8,943, be designated as Housing Allowance. Motion to grant his request made by Jim Young, seconded by Kirk Olsen, and passed unanimously.
 13. Marilyn Bohl presented the following motion, seconded by Kirk Olsen, and passed unanimously: *Given that multiple Certificates of Deposit held by Trinity will be maturing at various times and at various institutions before the end of calendar year 2015, and given that the Council still desires to keep those funds only in Federally insured investments, the Council authorizes the financial officers to reinvest the funds of each CD when it matures in a Federally insured investment (most likely, by "rolling over" the matured CD or by investing it in another CD) at a rate not less than 0.5% for a period not to exceed 2 years. Ω*

–Marilyn Bohl



Choir Notes

Trinity's choir will begin its new season with practice at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 5, in our Fellowship Hall. The choir will sing at the worship service on most Sunday mornings, beginning with Sunday, September 13. We are delighted to welcome Pastor Scott Fritz as a new choir member. We invite any of you who like to sing to join us; we are happy to set up extra practice sessions as needed. We look forward to an exciting year and are hoping to perform a cantata at Christmas time. If you would like more information about the

choir, please contact me at 562 498-0900 or via email at walter_abw@yahoo.com.

–Arline Walter, Choir Director.



From the Editor

In 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the cathedral door, igniting a new beginning for the Christian Church on Earth. Although we know this event well because of our heritage tied to it, this was a monumental moment in history that is studied and taught in schools throughout the world.

2015 is also a new beginning for the Christian Church on Earth. Only time will tell how vividly history remembers this year, but for us, this is certainly an exciting new time.

Right here at Trinity, we have new embers burning ready to ignite.

After nearly two years,

we have a new resident pastor. This is a new beginning for Trinity, but let us not underestimate the potential of just how far this beginning can ripple throughout Long Beach and the world. The writer to the Hebrews tells us that the Word of God is “living and active” (4:12) and we know that we have that Word right here amongst us.

Now is the time to rally around the Word, look to the future, and embrace the opportunities right in front of us. 2015 just might be the year for the history books. Ω

–Trevor Wolter

P.S. I am very pleased to offer Trinity this reworked version of the *Trinity Trumpeter*. It is a work in progress, to say the least, but I would greatly appreciate your feedback both positive and constructive.





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Sunday School
Rally
Rebunns

Sunday,
September 13,
10:30 AM