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## Journeying to the Cross





# 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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## Sunday Worship



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

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## Pastor's Message

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# Journeying to the Cross with Christ

All of us have been on a trip or a journey at one time or another. We got ready, packed our bags, got the kids ready, and went. Our journeys were cross-country trips or simple trips to the store. Some of us enjoy the journey whether it be a long or short one and others of us try to see how fast we can reach our destination or get our errands done.

My wife calls me “Road Trip Fritz” because I try to beat a new personal best every time we travel long distances. She knows all too well that I don’t like to make many stops along the way. But there are always detours and unexpected stops along the journey that can be life changing moments in disguise. These detours may lead us to interactions with people, places, and events that can change our lives.

The journey to the cross with Jesus is filled with many of these moments and interactions. People come to Jesus looking for healing and wholeness. People come to Jesus to be fed spiritually and materially. People come to Jesus seeking hope and wanting to know how he will usher in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of Luke that “The Kingdom of God is within you” (LK 17:21). Throughout our lives we will journey to many places great and small but it’s not where we go that matters as much as how that journey

and how the people we will meet on the journey will shape us and transform us. The relationships and detours along the way help us grow the kingdom of God within us. It grows when we share God’s love with others along our journeys near and far.

At Trinity we invite you to join us on a journey of faith to the cross with Christ. Each Sunday we invite you to join us in sharing the stories of the detours and people that Jesus comes across as he makes his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Each Wednesday we invite you to gather for soup suppers as we ask God to open our eyes, ears, hands, hearts, and lives so that we may see, hear, and help others along their journey of faith and life.

During holy week we invite you to break bread with us around the Passover table of Jesus on Maundy Thursday. We invite you to join us at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. Jesus invites us to join him on this journey of faith and we at Trinity invite you to join us on the journey to the cross with Christ.

–Pastor Scott







# JANUARY 24, 2016

## Annual Meeting Highlights

Pastor Scott Fritz led opening devotions. He directed attention to Trinity's Mission Statement: 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. He then referred to his Pastor's Report in the **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Annual Report 2015** (*Annual Report 2015*). He often hears concerns about the need to grow the church. He proposed that what's needed is for each of us to grow: we are to be Christ's witnesses, to be welcoming, to be loving; we are to be Jesus in the world.

To assist people in understanding the many numbers in the financial portion of the *Annual Report 2015*, Secretary Marilyn Bohl directed attention to the first page of the financial reports within the *Annual Report 2015*. Total Member Giving for 2015 was \$47,275.27, which is almost \$2,000 below projections and \$4,000 below the Total Member Giving for 2014. Miscellaneous Income from AA groups, other churches, SCIC, and the like using our facilities was \$43,343.74. Real Estate—monthly rentals from our rental properties—was an even bigger number: \$102,657.40. The Total Budget Receipts from all sources was \$194,827.85.

Referring to the budget expense that followed, Ms. Bohl directed attention to the expense year-to-date (YTD) total of \$195,981.22. She concluded that 2015 actual expenses were about \$1100 higher than the 2015 budget receipts actually received. She further pointed out that the \$195,981.22 is significantly less

than the congregation-approved 2015 expense budget of \$213,158.90, primarily because we had budgeted for a full-time pastor to arrive April 1, and Pastor Scott arrived July 17. She mentioned that the Finance Committee worked hard to trim items in the 2016 expense budget before it was presented to the congregation for approval, but cautioned that with a full-time pastor all year the congregation-approved 2016 expense budget exceeds \$214,000.

Additional financial details and discussion of the *Annual Report 2015* followed. After all questions posed by attendees had been addressed, President Rice asked for a motion to accept the *Annual Report 2015*. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Jim Young, Kathy Glendening, and Roland Johnson were elected unanimously to serve one-year terms on the 2016 Nominating Committee.

Joy Fritz was elected unanimously to fill the open three-year term on the Audit Committee. She joins current Audit Committee members Arline Walter and Cristine Santos in this capacity.

Announcements, many of which are presented elsewhere in this newsletter, followed.

A copy of the *Annual Report 2015* has been prepared for each family unit of the congregation. If you have not received the report, but would like a copy, please contact the church office.

—Marilyn Bohl, Council Secretary

# *Holy Week* *at* *Trinity*

## **Palm Sunday**

*Procession of Palms & worship  
Sunday, March 20, 10:30 AM*

## **Maundy Thursday**

*Worship, foot washing, eucharist  
Thursday, March 24, 7:00 PM*

## **Good Friday**

*Tennebrae worship  
Friday, March 25, 7:00 PM*

## **Easter**

*Festival worship  
Sunday, March 27, 10:30 AM*





# The Catechism for Today

*The following is an excerpt from Martin Luther's Large Catechism on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, "And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord..."*

If anyone asks, "What do you believe in the second article about Jesus Christ?" answer as briefly as possible, "I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord." What is it "to become a lord"? It means that he has redeemed and released me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all misfortune. Before this I had no lord or king, but was captive under the power of the devil. I was condemned to death and entangled in sin and blindness.

For when we were created by God the Father and had received from him all kinds of good things, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all misfortune. As a result, we lay under God's wrath and displeasure, sentenced to eternal damnation, as we had merited it and deserved it. There was no counsel, no help, no comfort for us until this only and eternal Son of God, in his unfathomable goodness, had mercy on us because of our misery and distress and came from heaven to help us... He has snatched us, poor lost creatures, from the jaws of hell, won us, made us free, and restored us to the Father's favor and grace...

Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word "Lord" simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, he who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life,

from sin to righteousness, and keeps us there. The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished—that is, how much it cost Christ and what he paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under his dominion. That is to say, he became a human creature, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, so that he might become Lord over sin, moreover, he suffered, died, and was buried so that he might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold but



with his own precious blood. And he did all this so that he might become my Lord. For he did none of these things for himself, nor had he any need of them. Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father. The devil and all his powers must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the Last Day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc. Ω



# March 2016

April 2016

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# The 2016 Church Council



**Back row:** Pastor Scott Fritz, Jan Laser, Marilyn Bohl, Larry Rice

**Front row:** Fenton Glendening, Jacqui Nicholson, Jim Young, Trevor Wolter

## Council Members' Spiritual Gifts

**President Larry Rice:**

I have honed my skills of leadership through my many years of non-profit volunteer board participation. I cherish that time spent in service to my community and I am eager to call on that service to help me lead our church community.

**Vice President Trevor Wolter:**

I rarely make big decisions without thorough analysis and I have formal training in church ministry. I'm never content with "good enough" which naturally pushes me to whatever's next.

**Secretary Marilyn Bohl:**

I am a writer with a degree in mathematics and I use those skills daily in my roles as Secretary & Financial Secretary of Trinity. I see the "big picture," but readily dive into details when needed.

**Treasurer Jan Laser:**

As a long-time member of Trinity, I have a heart for ministry and a desire serve however I can to the best of my God-given ability.

**Fenton Glendening:**

I am not one to just follow blindly along but rather I ask questions, and lots of them, to make sure the issues are thoroughly discussed.

**Jim Young:**

I am welcoming and friendly and strive to make visitors feel comfortable. As an apartment manager, I have great experience on topics such as insurance, permits, and building expenses.



## News & Notes

Please contact the church office if your **address, phone number, or email address** has changed over the last year.

This information is essential for us to keep you informed about important church events and activities as well as for times of pastoral care when you desire a visit from our pastor.

The office can be reached at (562) 437-4002.

We're Updating the Church Directory!

### Habitat for Humanity

Another WOW year!! Now in our 11th year, Thrivent Builds Homes is continuing to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. And like last year, it is 1 & 1/2 houses. This all made possible by your church's great crew of volunteers and financial generosity over the past 10 years. And once again, I am looking forward to your continued support as a

Thrivent Builds Congregational Coordinator and your congregation's support to both 2016 builds.

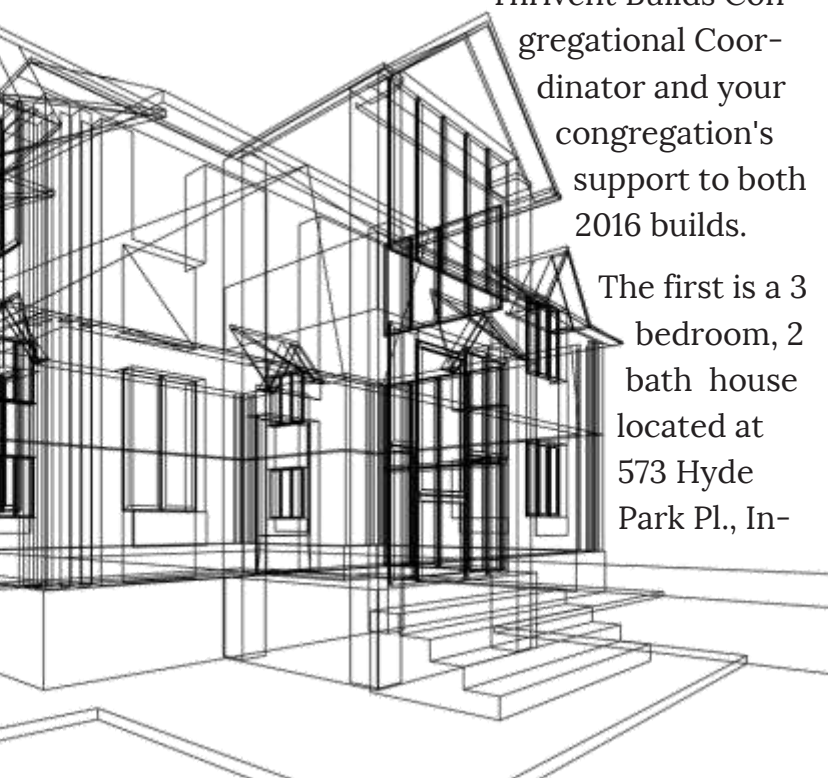
The first is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath house located at 573 Hyde Park Pl., In-

glewood. It is one of 3 houses at this site that is currently under construction. The other two are a 2-story duplex and a remodeled house. Ground breaking was last November. All three are planned to be completed the end of the year. The second house is at 1304 Colegrove Ave., Montebello. Its ground breaking is currently to be determined but will be finished this year. Contact Chris as to when you can sign up for a build day(s). I'll be providing more info about the build schedule as soon as it becomes available.

Like last year, all of your fundraising checks for these builds should be made out and delivered to Habitat for Humanity, Greater Los Angeles. Their address: 8739 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706, Attention Chris Untiet.

THANK YOU for helping to make the 2016 builds a reality!

Bob Anderson  
Thrivent Build Specialist  
West LA County Chapter  
310-370-1993  
bobnkay4@verizon.net



# Wear your sneakers!!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The readings for this Sunday remind us of the parable of the prodigal son, whose father ran to welcome him home, just as our heavenly Father runs to us with wide-open arms of forgiveness.



## Serving Us in Worship

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### March

Altar Care: Kathy & Fenton Glendening

**6:**

Greeter: Cheyenne Williams

Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey

Reader: Arline Walter

Ushers: Kathy & Fenton Glendening

**13:**

Greeter: Joy Fritz

Liturgist: Erica Park

Reader: Kistyn Gritney

Users: Roland Johnson & Chris Iverson

**20:**

Greeter: Erica Park

Liturgist: Cheyenne Williams

Reader: Roland Johnson

Ushers: Kathy & Fenton Glendening

**27:**

Greeter: Amy Lee Duprey

Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey

Reader: Cheyenne Williams

Ushers: Erica Park & Cheyenne Williams

### April

Altar Care: Marilyn Bohl

**3:**

Greeter: Jim Young

Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey

Reader: Mike Walter

Ushers: Kathy & Fenton Glendening

**10:**

Greeter: Kathy Glendening

Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey

Reader: Patsy Sampson

Ushers: Roland Johnson & Chris Iverson

**17:**

Greeter: Cheyenne Williams

Liturgist: Cheyenne Williams

Reader: Joy Fritz

Ushers: Kathy & Fenton Glendening

**24:**

Greeter: Joy Fritz

Liturgist: Amy Lee Duprey

Reader: Kathy Glendening

Ushers: Erica Park & Cheyenne Williams





# Trinity Concert Series

**TWO CONCERTS REMAIN!!!**

**American Choral Directors Association  
of the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music  
in a Special Benefit Concert**  
Saturday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m.

**Pacific Bells Handbell Ensemble**  
Saturday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION**

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# DECEMBER 15, 2015

## Council Highlights

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1. In opening devotions, Pastor Scott Fritz (Pastor Scott) read 1 Peter 2:9. He invited Council members to move from what is comfortable/ordinary/proper. He warned against having such a strong desire to control that one ends up creating a self-constructed fortress that shuts others out.
2. Pastor Scott is pleased to see people stepping up to carry out the hospitality measures advocated in the hospitality training session in November. Many members welcomed the mother and three small children two weeks ago. Joy Fritz was out front greeting people last Sunday. The Synod may offer bookkeeping services to congregations at a fee of \$500.00 per month. Pastor Scott will be on vacation at year-end. The conference dean, Pastor Proper of Our Savior's Lutheran, is back from Sabbatical. Pastor Scott will also leave the phone number of his good friend Pastor Ioan Ittuh who will preach the first Sunday in January and will be available other times if needed.
3. The deadline for grant proposals to the Synod is January 22, 2015. President Rice observed that about 160 proposals were submitted last year, and about 70 requesting organizations got at least some amount in response to their proposals. Pastor Scott offered to come up with a couple of proposals for grant requests by next Council meeting.
4. President Larry Rice expressed sincere thanks on behalf of himself and of the Council to Kistyn Gritney, who served 6 years on Council, and to Kirk Olsen, who is completing a one-year term, for their work on Council and on other committees at Trinity. President Rice welcomed Trevor Wolter and Marilyn Bohl as newly elected members of the 2016 Council. He noted that one 1-year position remains to be filled. The Nominating Committee has been asked to provide candidates for the 2016 Nominating Committee at the January 24, 2016, Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 2.
5. There has been no response to the child care position posting on Trinity's website. Pastor Scott and Trevor Wolter noted one response had come in that day, but affirmed that the information about the position will be circulated more widely.
6. Trevor Wolter and Kirk Olsen proposed that the Visibility Subcommittee be folded into the Outreaching Committee. Cooper Hundertmark and Trevor Wolter recognize help is needed on the Outreaching Committee, so they will serve. Jim Young noted that he "will be available to fold" if needed.
7. Bob Pedder has brought to the Property Committee a concern about termites on the north side and back of the sanctuary. He agreed to have the termites taken care of at a cost of \$450.00. The front area of the sanctuary has been treated for termites a couple of times, but the back area has not. The Property Committee authorized the expenditure for the project.



8. Business Manager Hermine Burg reported that the 5 certificates of deposit (CDs) that matured in the September – December 2015 time frame have been reinvested by the financial officers in accord with the Council authorizing motions passed earlier. The two Endowment Fund “old money” CDs were combined into one CD. \$20,000 was added to the savings account CD, yielding a total of \$100,086.21 in that CD. The total of all CDs is \$236,757.35. All were invested at Farmers & Merchants Bank, at a rate of 1.45% (far better than available elsewhere) for a time of 5 years, but the principal can be extracted any time after two years with no loss of principal and a 6-month loss of accumulated interest.
9. The “Procedure for Approval of Payment of Bill and Invoices” was approved. Secretary Marilyn Bohl proposed that this procedure and the procedure for collection of rents be established as Continuing Resolutions so that they are not lost but instead become part of the official governing documents of Trinity: CR 17 and CR 18. She submitted a motion for same, Jim Young seconded it, and the Council unanimously passed the motion. Ms. Bohl will make copies of the resolutions, in the proper format, for distribution at the Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 2, in January 2016.

–Marilyn Bohl, Council Secretary

# Bilingual Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 19  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Church Service, Lunch,  
& Special Treats

RSVP to LSS Community Care:  
(562) 599-6804

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# JANUARY 19, 2016

## Council Highlights

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1. In opening devotions, Pastor Scott posed the question to Council members: How do you make another person's life better? He noted several aspects of the other person's life—physically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. In living our mission as the people of God, individually and as a church, it's our challenge and our responsibility.
2. Pastor Scott emphasized that Adult Bible Study is underway. The group is now studying Luke, then will study Jeremiah, and so on, concluding with Revelation.
3. Pastor Scott, President Larry Rice, Secretary Marilyn Bohl, and Business Manager Hermine Burg had just met with Andreas Hirsch of the Southwest California Synod office relative to our position descriptions and office work, and the services the Synod is offering.
4. Finance Committee Co-Chair Marilyn Bohl pointed out that Year to date (YTD) total budget receipts were \$194,827.85 and YTD total budget expenses were \$195,981.22. She concluded that Trinity's 2015 actual budget expenses were about \$1100 more than 2015 budget receipts received.
5. Ms. Bohl stated that members contributed \$625.00 toward the cantata guest singers from CSULB, so only \$275.00 of the up to \$2,000.00 authorized by Council previously was actually transferred from the McKenzie Mortuary line item to the Trinity Concert Series line item to pay for them. The free will offering from the evening of \$413.00 (together with the \$625.00 above) was credited to the Trinity Concert Series line item, \$900 was paid to the four CSULB vocalists, and only \$20.78 was submitted as reception expenses. Thanks to all who contributed.
6. Oil revenue is way down this year—only \$10, 596.03, compared to \$35,451.24 in 2014. President Rice has been asked by the Executive Committee to investigate CA Resources [the firm from which we now receive our oil checks] by contacting people on the City of Long Beach staff who may be knowledgeable of the firm. He has contacted Sharon Wiseman, the Mayor's Assistant. She is looking into the firm for him.
7. A motion was passed unanimously to establish the two previously approved procedure documents of collecting rents and donations and of paying bills and invoices as Continuing Resolution (CR) 17 and Continuing Resolution (CR) 18.
8. A motion passed unanimously directing the financial officers to treat \$19,800, or 30% of Pastor Scott's salary, as Pastor's housing allowance as he has requested.
9. The Council elected 2016 Council officers as follows: President – Larry Rice, Vice President – Trevor Wolter, Secretary – Marilyn Bohl, Treasurer – Jan Laser, Financial Secretary – Marilyn Bohl.
10. The Council appointed Hermine Burg to the position of Business Manager, with the understanding that actions to redefine the role are in process.

–Marilyn Bohl, Council Secretary



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**I am the good  
shepherd. I know  
my own and my  
own know me, just  
as the Father knows  
me and I know the  
Father. And I lay  
down my life for the  
sheep.  
John 10:14-15**

