

TRINITY BUILDER

September 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, CA

A Word from the PASTOR



This fall (September 9) we will begin using the Narrative Lectionary in worship. The lectionary that has been common for us and for many other Christians is the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). So what is a lectionary and why make a switch?

A lectionary is a cycle of appointed scripture readings for each Sunday of the year. The RCL has a three-year cycle. Each year has an emphasis on one of the three synoptic Gospels (that is, the three that are most similar because they used a common source) with John interspersed here and there. The readings from the Old Testament and New Testament are often (though not always) tied to the Gospel lesson for the day so that there is an overall theme to that Sunday. There are merits to this for preaching as well as for learning. For most of us, this is how we've learned what is in the Bible. But on average, only 6% of Lutherans attend Bible study each year – so if we're relying on the Lectionary to expose us to and teach us the story of the Bible, most of us have some really big gaps in our understanding.

The Narrative Lectionary starts with the Book of Genesis in September and works its way through the Bible to Revelation by Pentecost. It is on a four-year cycle, so each year the emphasis from Christmas through Easter is on a different Gospel and will pick up different themes and scriptures throughout the Old Testament each year. The beauty of the Narrative Lectionary is that its focus for preaching follows a more “chronological” narrative of the Biblical story. Typically, because in the Revised Common Lectionary the Old Testament and New Testament lessons were selected to support the Gospel text, we hear preaching only on the “Gospel” text that is provided. Yet, to truly understand much of what the Gospels tell us, a basic understanding of many of the other stories throughout scripture is necessary. Plus, while they are titled “THE” Gospels, the gospel message itself is found throughout all of scripture. Thus preaching the gospel will not change. But the way our current Revised Common Lectionary works, we skip around a lot. It's like picking up the third Harry Potter book and opening it up to chapter fifteen and expecting people to have some idea what has happened up to that point in the narrative. We don't read any other type of literature that way, why should we read the Bible that way?

This is an experiment. It's an experiment many of our brothers and sisters have embarked upon over the past 8 years...and it is a new experiment for us. There may be stories you hear for the first time or stories you hear differently because they are placed within a new context. I'm excited to see how preaching the full arc of God's story will enrich our life together. The Music and Worship committee and I will be continually evaluating how this experiment is proceeding. We ask you to let us know your thoughts as we go through this first year together. I'm looking forward to what I believe will be a period of discovery and increased Biblical literacy.

Your partner in the Gospel -

Pastor Stephanie

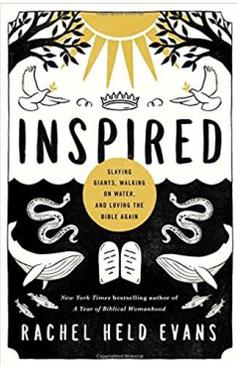
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FALL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

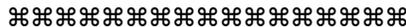
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly Women’s Bible Study resumes **Wednesday, September 5**. We meet from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. weekly. This month we will begin discussing Galatians. For questions or more information, contact Pastor Stephanie.

DEEP THOUGHTS WITH PASTOR STEPHANIE



Pastor Stephanie is starting a new discussion group on the third and fourth Mondays of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Our first discussion will be **Monday, September 17**. This group will use discussion series, books, and discussion guides, videos, and our everyday current events to discuss how we live out our faith day to day. This month, we’ll be reading *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. You may purchase the book through Apple iBooks (\$9.99) or Amazon.com – (Kindle version \$9.99; Paperback \$13.20; Audible Audiobook \$15.17 or 1 credit). For more information please contact Pastor Stephanie.



ELCA NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE at TRINITY



September 8 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join us and other Lutherans across the country in projects helping our community. We have two projects this year. Volunteers should be able to help for the full 3 hours. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or fellowship hall.

Farm2Market- a Social Enterprise of Alameda Point Collaborative

**Waiver form needed. Please see table in the church entryway for a copy and bring the completed form with you on Sep. 8.*

Volunteers at Farm2Market will do an assortment of things (variable according to the Farm’s needs), which may include bed prep, clearing beds, weeding, moving compost and mulch, raking/broadforking beds, planting new crops, laying/repairing irrigation, watering, pruning, compost building.

Packing Blessing Bags for the Homeless

This project will take place at Trinity. We will pack canvas bags with the collected toiletries, socks, non-perishable snacks, and bottled water.

We need the following donations for the Blessing Bags: 2 cases of bottled water; white crew socks - no limit but we need at least 72 pairs for this round; 72 granola or protein bars; 72 individual packs of trail mix (Costco is the best place for these); 72 fruit snacks (again Costco is a good choice); quart size zip-lock bags - no limit because we will continue to use these; gallon size zip-lock bags - also no limit. We are only asking for only 72 of each of the food items since the food items do have a shelf life. Items need to be dropped off at Trinity by Friday, September 7. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

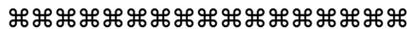
We will also collect special offerings on Sundays Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 for people who would like to donate money for this project. We anticipate that this will be an ongoing project, and these funds would remain in an account for us to use as needed.

SUNDAY FUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

September 9 at 9:30 a.m.

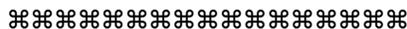
We certainly would not want all the fun of our August Family Fun Week to end there! We will be continuing a lot of those activities that help us grow in God’s love with our Sunday Funday school program starting **Sunday, September 9**. This program is primarily for preschool and elementary age children; however helpers of all ages are welcome to join in this delightful time of blessing. We will have music with Julie, Bible stories, and creative crafts and fun games. We very much look forward to having the children of our church and community join us.

If you have further questions, please ask Mary James or Pastor Stephanie.



TRINITY LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Trinity Book Club will be **Tuesday, September 11**, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Marilyn Ohm-Smith will provide refreshments. The book chosen for discussion is *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. Please consider reading this book and joining the discussion.



ASSISTING MINISTERS TRAINING

If you are currently an assisting minister or if you have considered helping Pastor Stephanie in worship leadership as an assisting minister, please meet in the sanctuary from noon-12:30 on **Sunday, September 16** for a brief tutorial. This will help us all feel more comfortable about the role of assisting minister in worship and will be the perfect time for new volunteers to find out what this worship responsibility entails. Please contact Pastor Stephanie to let her know whether you will be able or unable to attend.



SHOPPING WITH A PURPOSE!

Who’s on your Christmas shopping list? Need help finding unique, well-made gifts for your family and friends? Want to make a difference? Start your Christmas shopping early this year at the **Asante African Fair Trade Bazaar** at Trinity Lutheran Church on **Saturday, September 22**, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and on **Sunday September 23**, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Your purchases benefit the women in Tanzania and Uganda who produce the beautiful fair trade crafts as well as benefit our companion parish in Kagitumba. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be returned to Trinity Lutheran Church for our work in Kagitumba.

Asante Sana (thank you very much in Swahili)
for purchasing products that make a difference

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Julie Haydon

I had a wonderful summer break, with time to work in my garden, hike with my dogs, and have some great travel adventures. Whenever I am away from Trinity, the image that stays in my mind of our congregation is the light that radiates from the faces of congregants rejoicing during our worship services. There is just nothing quite like it, so I am thankful to be back and have the opportunity to plan another year of singing, ringing, and rejoicing together.

Last month, I enjoyed singing with all of the participants in our Family Fun Week (VBS) and a special chance to do some singing with Alameda Adaptive Arts. The love and bonds of community in this group were like nothing I have ever experienced before; they filled my heart with overwhelming joy. Our Music Explorers Family concert was such a fun day! We collaborated with Alameda String Academy to present a kid-size concert and sing-along, followed by lots of time for kids to explore the world of music, making their own instruments and trying out a few instruments at the petting zoo. Over 40 children and their parents came! It was so wonderful to see so many kids running around the grounds of Trinity, and it is so meaningful to experience all of the community and connection that is built through song.



This summer I also had the chance to do some singing of my own in Cantare's summer choir, which brought together singers from many Bay Area church choirs (including 7 Trinity singers!) to perform some great anthems that aren't often heard today in churches. It was great to be "on the other side of the podium" and to enjoy just being a singer. It reminded me how uplifting it is to surround yourself with song and to have the privilege to bring these inspiring texts to life. If you have never sung or rung before, you are missing out on the experience of a lifetime. Singing and ringing with others is like nothing else. Your body becomes a vessel for delivering praises to the Lord, and it is a remarkable way to be able to serve that not only uplifts others, but also reaffirms your faith each week. So, if you haven't been involved with our Music Ministry before, this is your time! It's not easy to commit to one more thing, but making music will renew your spirit in ways you could never imagine. If Wednesday evenings are hard for you, consider joining in the song on Youth Sundays (second Sunday of the month) when our anthem will be approachable for those who want to come to the 10:00 a.m. warm-up and join the choir for the day. You'll get up to speed in no time. Find a way to make music at Trinity and share your gifts! You will be glad you did, and our ministry will be stronger if you join us.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE continued

Fall Schedule

Choir rehearsals begin **Wednesday, Sept. 5** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Bell Choir rehearsals begin **Wednesday, Sept. 12** from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the sanctuary

Joyful Noise! Community Children's Choir begins **Wednesday, Sept. 19**

Second Sundays/Youth Sundays: Join in the song by coming to the 10:00 a.m. choir warm-up (all ages)

Fall Concert: **Sunday, November 4** at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Music Ministry Sunday: **December 16** at the 10:30 worship service

Hymn Fest: Mark your calendars for the Bridges Conference Hymn Fest on **Sunday, October 7**, at 3:00 p.m. at Napa Valley Lutheran, 1796 Elm Street, Napa. The theme is "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" (Psalm 100). There will be an opportunity for hymn singing for everyone, and there will be some individual choir performances and a mass choir conducted by Ted Von Pohle - Artistic Director at Bel Canto Napa Valley and Director of Vocal Studies at Napa Valley College (and previous choir director at St. Paul Lutheran in Oakland). After the Hymn Fest, Bishop Mark Holmerud will prepare chili for the gathering, and everyone can enjoy fellowship and fun with our congregations.



Joyful Noise!
Community Children's Choir

A free music program for children ages 4-9
Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave, Alameda

Wednesdays afternoons
New Session Begins Wednesday September 19, 2018
PreK and K: 3:00-3:45 pm
Grades 1-4: 4-4:45 pm

Learn to sing, make new friends and perform!
We will develop our singing voices
in a joyous environment,
while playing games and learning
inclusive songs
appropriate for all children.
Program is free,
open to everyone!

For more information:
contact director
Julie Haydon,
510.522.5220 or
trinityalameda@gmail.com

Register at
www.trinityalameda.org
click on "events"
or at your first class.

HymnFest 2018

Make A Joyful Noise!

Join the Bridges Conference for our second annual HymnFest on
October 7, 2018 at

Napa Valley Lutheran Church
1796 Elm Street
Napa, CA 94559
at 3:00 PM
followed by



Chili with the Bishop!

Come sing, reflect, enjoy fellowship AND some "kickin'" chili
with the Bishop!

Questions? Contact Bill Kjosumurs at billkjos00@vishoo.com



Pastor Craig Minich

May God bless all those returning to school for the fall term: teachers, students, PTA groups, school workers, counselors, volunteers, and the parents that nurture and support (and transport) their children. May you all have a fruitful year of learning, challenge, tolerance, forgiveness, and growth! In God's Holy name, Amen!

We're looking forward to our new program year here at EBLYP!

EBLYP Family Ministry: Our first fall event will be: Parents' Night Out at St Paul on Friday, Sept. 21, followed by our annual Halloween party and Haunted House on Sunday, Oct. 28 at St. Paul.

Summer update: On July 1, we offered an all ages Oakland Athletics game outing, and 19 congregants from EBLYP congregations attended. Even though the A's lost badly, it was a beautiful day, everyone walked away with a batting practice jersey, and we had fun supporting our youth ministry with this fundraiser. We look forward to another game next summer!

G.E.T. (**G**od's **E**lementary-youth **T**ogether - upper elementary youth group): Our fall kickoff meeting will be Sunday, September 16 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Summer update: G.E.T. attended the Upper-Elementary Camp Week, Pathfinders, at Mount Cross Lutheran Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, July 8 - 13. Four youth and I registered (Cecil, Nicholas, Hazel, and my niece from Florida, Samantha). We had a faith-deepening week in the Santa Cruz Mountains surrounded by redwoods, bright sun, and morning fog, and banana slug and deer sightings! We sang camp songs, took part in campfire worship each night and daily Bible studies, played games, made new friends, and bonded with our counselors.

Also, I led middle and senior high youth leaders and a great adult team in St. Paul's Base Camp (formerly known as Vacation Bible School, or VBS) July 30-August 3. Our theme was "God's People on the Move" and we learned about the journey and immigration stories in the Bible. From The Holy Family's journey to Egypt to escape Herod, to Ruth and Naomi, to the story about the encounter with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus, we journeyed far and wide in faith. I'm closing out the summer helping out with Trinity Alameda's Family Fun Week (formerly VBS) August 13-17, which occurs after the writing of this article.

G.E.T. together, G.E.T. excited, and G.E.T. connected with God!!!

MYLK (Middle Youth, Lutheran Kids – 6th-8th grade youth ministry). Our fall kickoff meeting will be Sunday, September 23 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran.

Summer update: Four EBLYP youth attended "Adventures on the Coast" camp at Mount Cross from July 8 - 13. We enjoyed daily faith discussions in the redwood tree fairie circles and sang camp songs around the campfire (our fave was 'Romans 16:19!'). We also took part in adventures like ocean kayaking, surfing lessons, and the High Ropes Course, and we served in two service projects. It was a full week with lots of bonding and new friendships, exploring our faith, and growth through group building activities! Please pray for our youth as they continue in the confirmation process.

SNL (Sunday Night Live - our senior high youth ministry). Our fall kickoff meeting will be Sunday, September 16 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran - Alameda.

Summer update: I led our senior high delegation to attend the Multi-Cultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) at University of Houston from June 24-27 with three EBLYP youth: Kiki (St. Paul), Ivonna (United), Joanna (Trinity Alameda). There were over 600 multicultural youth at this first event. The rest of our delegation joined us for the ELCA National Youth Gathering from June 27 - July 1: Jenna, Naomi, Gary, Kylie, Olivia (St. Paul), Jonathan (Trinity Oakland), and Chase (Trinity Alameda). There were over 31,000 youth and adults at this second event, and our group stayed with our whole synod at the Hyatt downtown. Our theme was "This Changes Everything!" which refers to how God, Jesus, hope, and faith change everything in our lives and help us to reframe our reality and how we live out live our lives in relation to God's free gift of Grace in this world.

EBLYP NEWS continued

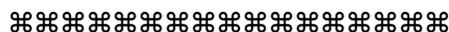
We did a service project at each event, we learned about the city of Houston, we took part in the interaction center where we learned about the bigness of what the ELCA is doing in the world, we took part in nightly gatherings with all 31,000 participants and experienced the bigness of American Lutheranism with all the participants, and we were all INSPIRED by the many speakers that we heard at this event. We also endured the heat and fought valiantly against dehydration, we worked through issues in our group that arose and bonded more fully once through them, and we opened ourselves to faith discussions and activities that give us access to new realities in Jesus. We are looking forward to the various presentations that our youth will be doing at each of our congregations this fall. Thank you for all of your support and in helping get us there; our youth grew a lot and came back fired up in their faith!!!

Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee (SPSYC) Youth Leaders update: Five of our EBLYP youth serve on this leadership team in our Synod and will be attending the overnight fall planning meeting in Roseville, September 14 and 15 to fine-tune our fall upper-elementary and middle school retreats in October and September, respectively. Please pray for them for a successful and fruitful planning meeting.

Prayers and Godspeed to our EBLYP graduates! It's always a tough time year for me as we send off our high school graduates with blessings into the next chapters of their lives. Here's to our graduates: Brendan Mills, Rosalyn Luque, Nick Hayes (Trinity Alameda) and Forrest Sinnott, Amelia Devany, Cai Freeman, Faye Ferris, Alec Simas, and Tommy Gray (St. Paul). They are off to college or gap years or are entering the work force. May you know God's peace and God's joy, and may you work for justice in the name of God's enduring Grace in all that do! Godspeed, y'all!

EBLYP: Visioning for the Future. Now that we are out of (or nearly out of) a two-year period of all of our congregations moving through transition, EBLYP is putting substantial time and effort in revamping much of our program. We are updating our logo and our youth brochure; we are working on releasing our new mission statement to help guide us into the future; we are updating administrative documents, communication processes, and utilizing the newly up and running East Bay Lutheran Parish (EBLP) website! And that's just the start!! We will be releasing new information each month this fall - please watch for it! If you have input for us, please contact me directly!!!

Let's have an amazing year filled with challenge and growth, laughter and love!



NEWS FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Children's Library is now in the nursery. We will continue to have ice cream coupons from Tuckers as an incentive to read the books from the library. We also plan to have bookmarks with a Bible verse around seasonal celebrations.

We are also going to have a sidewalk Little Library near the front door. It will have both an adult and children's section. We would appreciate book donations.

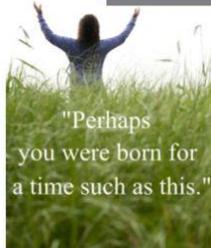
We are planning a gathering for families to make Advent wreaths. The committee will also provide daily devotions for this special time of preparation.

In the narthex there are now have 2 different bags for children. The cloth bag is an activity bag with items for use during the church service (to be returned to the narthex). The yellow paper bags are to be given to children as a thank-you for coming.

There was some discussion about having a Thanksgiving service on the night before Thanksgiving.

Save This Date!

For Such a Time As this! A Call to Advocacy!



"Perhaps you were born for a time such as this."

**Saturday, October 13, 2018
Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Davis, CA
9:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

Also Featuring Ministries Supported By ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants!

Like Esther of the Old Testament, as people of faith, we are called to stand with our neighbors who struggle with poverty and hunger and speak out. Currently funding for vital domestic and international anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs is at risk of deep cuts. Through advocacy letter writing we must urge Congress to invest and protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women, and children facing hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Presented by the Sierra Pacific Synod Hunger Network.

- ◆ Keynote Speaker, David Gist, Regional Organizer for Bread for the World
- ◆ Stories from ministries supported by ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants
- ◆ Advocacy Letter Writing
- ◆ Justice Based Worship, and Music

Register Now!

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Mail to Edie and Denny Lott, 10435 Royal Crest, Truckee CA 96161, or register by email at thelots@gmail.com and pay any fees when you arrive.

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Congregation: _____ Children & Ages: _____

Registration Fee of \$10.00 per person including lunch. (Maximum of \$25.00 per family).

Amount enclosed: _____

I am a congregational hunger contact, college student or seminarian. (No fee): _____

I need a ride from the train station: _____ I am interested in a parallel children's program for my child: _____

Make checks payable to Sierra Pacific Synod

(You will be emailed an agenda and directions about one week before the workshop.)

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Pastor Stephanie's report:

I continue to visit members. I am enjoying getting to know people's stories.

We had outstanding participation in answering the visioning questions we asked the congregation. Some of the comments didn't quite hit the mark for what we were asking, but still were revealing in what truly matters, and some other responses were very thoughtful and compelling.

Jessica Fleischman, Pat Fleischman, and I met together on August 4 to discuss the new format for our website. Inspiration has come from a website which you may view at www.flcva.org (Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington, VA). I have been working on verbiage for the website, and we

should have a draft ready to be viewed for input by the council at our September meeting. Pat will attend the September council meeting to show the shell and get feedback.

The office will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day

The City of Alameda, Operation Dignity, Building Futures, and the All Faiths Coalition of Alameda have begun having a monthly free evening meal for the Alameda's unsheltered population. It is currently being held at Immanuel Lutheran. Anita and I are continuing to research how we can be more involved in this community effort.

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING NOTES continued

Committee Reports:

Christian education: Following some comments from Pastor Craig, a Task Force: Youth/Parent Forum has been formed. Margie Sherratt will be working closely with Pastor Craig on the Task Force, which has developed 5 questions to pose to parents and youth concerning their fears and anxieties in school and our society.

1) Imagine what school would be like if all you needed to worry about was doing well in your classes. How would it look? How would it feel? What would be the same as your school is today and what would be different?

2) Are you excited about going to school in the morning or do you dread going to school each day? Other than your schoolwork and doing well on tests, what kinds of things make you dread going to school?

3) Is there an adult in your life (parent, teacher, coach, pastor, etc.) that you feel comfortable talking to privately regarding your personal anxieties and fears as well as sharing your personal triumphs and joy?

4) In what way(s) is the Alameda community or a community group responsive to issues that affect you?

5) Where are you most comfortable being yourself? Where do you fit in?

Pastor Craig is already thinking of ways to make our area safe for our youth.

Trinity Church Sunday School: What lies ahead? We want to support Mary James and Pam Luo anyway we can, thinking of ways inside and outside of the box to create a vibrant program for young people in our church and our neighborhood. We also want to meet the needs of young parents and young adults at Trinity.

East Bay Lutheran Parish: In the minutes from the EBLP Board Meeting, there is mention of the Foundation that the EBLP is trying to establish. Anita Burnaford noted that Trinity has money in a designated fund that is for EBLP and recommended that we give \$3,000 from that fund towards the establishment of the Foundation. After some discussion, a motion passed to give \$3,000 from designated fund #2206 (EBLP) towards the In-Faith Foundation being established by the EBLP. At its November meeting, the council will review the EBLP Board's fundraising efforts to establish the Foundation and then will discuss sending the rest of the money in

designated fund #2206 to help support the Foundation.

Fellowship: The committee is working on plans for the LMNH Spaghetti Dinner on September 28.

Mission and Service: God's Work Our Hands Saturday service projects will be on September 8. [See Page 2]

The Asante Bazaar will be hosted at Trinity on Sep 22-23. [See Page 3]

The Hunger Workshop in Davis is on Oct. 13. [See Page 10]

Property: As of July 15, we have received donations totaling \$10,920 toward the cost (\$24,041.33) of last year's roof project.

An infestation of the parsonage by roof rats required the committee's attention. Alameda County Vector Control was called to assess and give recommendations to keep the rats away (a free service); committee members worked to implement the recommended steps (getting rid of the rats' food sources), and Burge Pest Control did work to further rodent-proof the property (\$900).

Old/New Business

Anita Burnaford, President; John Kofranek, Vice-President; and Mike Luque, Secretary were re-elected by the council to their positions.

Discussion about an Impact Statement/Vision Statement was begun after review of the feedback from the visioning questions. Discussion will continue at the next council meeting.

Because the Synod is covering the cost of the venue for the 2019 Synod Assembly, it has asked that congregations consider converting their budget line item for Synod convention fees to extra Synod benevolence. The council agreed to this.

The Budget Committee is asking other committees to submit their budget requests for next year. Pastor Stephanie would like to be involved with the committees' budget planning to help vision for next year.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for new (additional) members.

Pamela Wong and Ted Langley have decided to make Trinity their church home. A motion passed to accept them as members of Trinity.

The next council meeting will be September 20.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Food Bank Sunday is on **September 9**. There is a barrel in the fellowship hall or narthex in which to put your non-perishable food donations. Please continue to support the Alameda Food Bank.



What so ever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Internationally and throughout the United States, LDR makes sure that each community receives the physical, mental, and emotional care needed to recover from a disaster. In the United States, LDR works through 39 local affiliates across the country to respond to a disaster from a local level.

Internationally, we work through the long-standing relationships of the ELCA with global companions and partners. These relationships allow LDR to take into account not only the immediate needs of the moment but the long term goals of the communities in which we engage. Through your generous gifts we have the staying power to be there as long as needed.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 5 Sherri Bangert
- Sept. 7 Dan Norboe
- Sept. 9 Julie Haydon
- Sept. 9 Christine Winberg
- Sept. 10 Starr Brown
- Sept. 11 Meg Brogan
- Sept. 12 Michael Collins



- Sept. 14 Jessica Fleischmann
- Sept. 18 Lynn Chiu-Collins
- Sept. 21 Aiden Lamb
- Sept. 23 Cindy Mills
- Sept. 27 Autumn Post
- Sept. 28 Ray Wentz



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