



TRINITY BUILDER

December 2018
Trinity Lutheran Church, Alameda, CA



A Word from the PASTOR



The stores have been decorated for months. The songs began playing on November 1. The commercials have been targeting our children since June. December 25 has been a long time in coming.

For many of us, the celebration of Christmas ends once the last pot or pan has been washed on Christmas Day. In reality, Christmas is an entire season in the church year that lasts twelve days from December 25 until January 5, ending on January 6 with the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the Wise Men’s arrival in Bethlehem. In today’s modern celebration of Christmas, we start celebrating long before the day of Jesus’ birth and quickly pack up that day to be forgotten until the next year when our decorations come back out. We miss out on the part where we “prepare him room” in our hearts, anticipating his birth in our memories and his return as he has promised. We forget that Jesus’ coming into the world is always just on the horizon – that with the promise of his entering the world is also the promise that he will return; that we have been called to be watchful in our waiting.

The season of Advent – or the 4 Sundays preceding Christmas – is our opportunity to be intentional about how we prepare our hearts and homes for the return of Christ. It is our chance to make a change in our regular hustle and bustle to be mindful of what will really matter when we open our eyes to Jesus in the midst of us. In fact, that is the real gift of Christmas – the gift that we have a God who is not absent – we have Immanuel, God with us. And our God is not with us for only a short while – God continues to be with us each and every day. Regardless of the seasons, regardless of the weather, regardless of our reflection of his love for us, we have a God that will not leave us alone.

May we, this December, be mindful of this gift we have each and every day. May we not be so swept away by our modern day preparations that we forget that for which we are truly preparing. May we have not only a Merry Christmas, but a blessed time of preparation and a joyous homecoming celebration for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May you have a hope-filled Advent and a Merry Christmas,
Pastor Stephanie



DECEMBER CALENDAR

- December 2: First Sunday in Advent. We will begin the lighting of the Advent wreath candles. Family Advent activity and early coffee hour at 9:00 a.m. [See Page 2]
Caroling at Crown Bay with LMNH at 2:00 p.m. [See Page 2]
- December 9: Second Sunday in Advent. Worship at 8:00 a.m. with Pastor Stephanie preaching.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.: Children and youth Christmas program [See Page 2]
- December 16: Third Sunday in Advent. Worship at 8:00 a.m. with Pastor Stephanie preaching.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.: Music Ministry Sunday. [See Page 3]
Open house fellowship at the parsonage following the 10:30 service [See Page 3]
- December 21: Longest Night service at 7:00 p.m. [See Page 3]
- December 23: Fourth Sunday in Advent. Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
5:00 p.m.: Youth and family oriented service
9:00 p.m.: Service with adult choir singing
- December 30: Worship at 10:30 a.m. with singing of Christmas carols *(There is no 8am Worship on this day)*



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL CARD DECKS



Celebrate Advent and Christmas with a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers, and reflections. Endlessly flexible for busy schedules, this card deck can help you create a new after-meal ritual, can be used as decorations, or can be carried for use on the go. Explore the entire season from Advent to Christmas through Epiphany. These make a great gift for families! They are available for purchase at \$10. Contact Jessica Fleishman for yours today!

FAMILY ADVENT EVENT

Join us from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, December 2** to make home Advent kits for new (or continuing) family traditions as you prepare for Christmas. We will make Advent wreaths, we'll have daily devotions to share, and we'll enjoy sharing with one another the traditions we already keep to make this season special.



CAROLING AT CROWN BAY



Join with volunteers of the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes and Trinity's choir in bringing some cheer to the residents and staff at Crown Bay this holiday season on **Sunday, December 2**, at 2:00 p.m. at Crown Bay Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 508 Westline Dr., Alameda. Please meet in the lobby there.

Also, cookies are needed to share with the residents and staff! Please bring a plate of softish (no nuts) cookies, even if you aren't able to carol with us. They can be left in Trinity's kitchen on December 2 and will be taken to Crown Bay.



NURSING HOMES HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR 2018



This year we are collecting new and gently-used small, cuddly stuffed animals to give to the residents of Crown Bay. Look for the basket in the church entryway in which to place your unwrapped gift. We are collecting **until December 2**. Please contact Pastor Ned or Jessica Fleischman with any questions.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mary James

Trinity's Children's Christmas Program will be part of the 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday, December 9**. We will be sharing the Christmas story using several songs including "The Little Drummer Boy." We will also have a live crèche scene with Joseph (Henry Mills), Mary (Kori Lamb) and "Royals" Ray Wentz, Joanne Robinson, and Peter Dow. We look forward to including as many children as possible, including those who come that day. Our next rehearsal will be on the morning of December 9 at 9:30 a.m.



Please share this information with any children that you know who would enjoy being a part of this celebration of the real meaning of Christmas. May this be an amazing time of blessing!

OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

December 16 from 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Following our 10:30 a.m. Music Ministry Sunday service on **December 16**, Pastor Stephanie welcomes you to share in the cheer of the season with fellowship at the parsonage. Feel free to bring cookies to share, but Pastor Stephanie will also have snacks, goodies, and coffee waiting.



LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Many of us struggle in December to find the joy and the cheer the world around us expects of us. Whether it is because we are grieving the loss of a loved one or are lonely or have financial difficulties or have our own internal struggles, sometimes putting on a happy face is just too much.

Longest Night is a worship service celebrated on **December 21**, the longest night of the year. It acknowledges that, for many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, sadness. This service offers a way for people to claim those feelings and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God. In some churches it is also known as Blue Christmas. Whether you are experiencing these feelings or simply wish for a moment to savor the real message our Savior brings, we invite you to join us for a quiet service of hope, comfort, and peace.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Julie Haydon, Director of Music Ministry

A special thank you to all who came out for our fall concert! It was wonderful to be together and to see the sanctuary filled with friends, old and new.

Our ensembles are busy preparing music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please mark your calendar for these special dates:

Sunday, December 9: Children from Joyful Noise! Community Children's Choir and Trinity's Sunday School will share a special musical offering at the 10:30 worship service.

Sunday, December 16: Music Ministry Sunday with special musical offerings from the Trinity choir, bell choir, and guest instrumentalists at the 10:30 worship service.

Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.: All are invited to join in caroling with Alameda Adaptive Arts and Trinity choir members on Thompson Avenue. Contact Marcy Morrison or Julie Haydon for more details.



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Please plan to have your photo taken after worship this month. Jessica Fleischman will be in the courtyard to take pictures. We hope this method of building our directory will make it easier to keep the photographs updated. If you need more information, please speak with Jessica.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

ELCA Good Gifts

ELCA Good Gifts are gifts that grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Catalogs are available in the narthex along with ornaments and Advent calendars. Please help yourself.

Browse the catalog and choose the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of friends or loved ones. There are 3 ways of to give:

ONLINE: [ELCA.org/good gifts](http://ELCA.org/good_gifts)

PHONE: 800-638-3522

MAIL: Send the order form in the catalog to: ELCA Good Gifts P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22166

If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, it's easy to tell them about it. Give online and you may personalize free, printed cards to be sent directly to your loved ones. You may also select to send the cards to yourself, print them at home, or have them delivered via email. Card options will be available after checkout. Note: These options are available only when you give online.

"Your Gift was Hard to Wrap" notecards are on back order. Please let Kathy Booker know if you need notecards.

Lutheran Social Services

Prayers and donations to Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and Lutheran Disaster Response will make a difference! Recently LSS sent \$55,000 in VISA gift cards (\$100 each) to provide immediate assistance for our neighbors in Butte County. This is made possible through your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Wells Fargo Bank, which is waiving the activation fees. The VISA gift cards will be disseminated with the advice and assistance of local clergy, nonprofits, and government officials handling the fire relief efforts. You can still help. Go to Lutheran Social Services or Lutheran Disaster Response websites to make a difference in the lives of the thousands of individuals and families displaced by this latest devastating wildfire. Or make your donation through Trinity.

The Alameda Warming Shelter

The Alameda Warming Shelter is designated to be a warm, safe and respectful place for homeless persons to get out of the cold and rainy weather. The shelter will be open on nights when the weather is forecast to be 40 degrees or colder or rain is predicted. Guests will be provided with dinner, a place to sleep, and breakfast. The Warming Shelter is a project of Building Futures for Women and Children, and the City of Alameda, and is hosted by Christ Episcopal Church. Anita Burnaford is Trinity's contact person. You can get more information from her.

An important way to help Alameda's unsheltered neighbors is to donate items and/or funds needed to open and operate the shelter. Here is a comprehensive list of what is needed:

Sweatpants & sweatshirts	Games/cards
T-shirts & underwear (men's & women's)	30 Yoga mats (1 inch thick)
Jackets/Rain slickers - (new or gently used)	Disposable dinner ware: paper plates & bowls, cold & hot cups, napkins, paper towels, plastic silverware
Socks	Toilet paper & toilet seat covers
Toothbrushes, hair brushes & combs	Food serving gloves
Toothpaste, shaving cream, soap, body wipes (travel- sized)	Lysol wipes
Disposable razors	Coffee/Sugar/Creamer
TV and TV rolling cart	Strong large trash bags (30 gallon, draw-string)
DVD player and DVDs	

There is an on-line form to fill out to make donations. Go to <http://christchurchalameda.org/seasonal-warming-center/>

DINE AND CONNECT



You, too, can volunteer

Volunteers with the Immanuel Lutheran Church prepare monthly meals for anyone in the community experiencing food insecurity. They come from many different faith backgrounds. Anyone can volunteer to serve. *Alameda Sun* 08 Nov 2018

Church Volunteers Feed Homeless

Sun Staff Reports

The next "Dine and Connect" dinner for individuals and families in Alameda experiencing homelessness or food insecurity will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 29, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1420 Lafayette St.

The dinners, which take place

on the last Monday of each month, are an opportunity for the unsheltered people in the community to enjoy a free hot meal and to connect with city staff and local service providers on housing, health, and other basic needs. Alameda families and individuals who are not homeless are also welcome.

Community partners include Alameda All Faiths Coalition, the City of Alameda Community Development and Emergency Services, Building Futures, Operation Dignity and the Alameda Food Bank.

For more information, call 523-0659, or simply come share in the next community meal.

The Mission and Service Committee is collecting gently used coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and new socks for the unsheltered who come to the Dine and Connect dinners. There is a box in the narthex in which you can place items.



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

The next Trinity Book Club Meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. *Earning the Rockies, How Geography Shapes America's Role in the World* by Robert Kaplan was selected as our next read. Bob and Jean Abbe will provide refreshments. The following book description comes from Amazon.com.

In *Earning the Rockies*, Kaplan undertakes a cross-country journey to recapture an appreciation of American geography often lost in the jet age. Traveling west, in the same direction as the pioneers, Kaplan traverses a rich and varied landscape that remains the primary source of American power. Along the way, he witnesses both prosperity and decline—increasingly cosmopolitan cities that thrive on globalization, impoverished towns denuded by the loss of manufacturing—and paints a clear picture of America today.

The history of westward expansion is examined here in a new light—as a story not just of genocide and individualism, but also of communalism and a respect for the limits of a water-starved terrain, a frontier experience that bent our national character toward pragmatism. Concluding his journey at Naval Base San Diego, Kaplan looks out across the Pacific Ocean to the next frontier: China, India, and the emerging nations of Asia. And in the final chapter, he provides a gripping description of an anarchic world and explains why America's foreign policy response ought to be rooted in its own geographical situation.

In this short, intense meditation on the American landscape, Robert D. Kaplan reminds us of an overlooked source of American strength: the fact that we are a nation, empire, and continent all at once. *Earning the Rockies* is an urgent reminder of how a nation's geography still foreshadows its future, and how we must reexamine our own landscape in order to confront the challenges that lie before us.



Pastor Craig Minich

EBLYP Family Ministry:

Family Ministry events in December:

Annual EBLYP Pancake Breakfast and Caroling with Santa on Saturday, December 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran (1568 Excelsior Ave, Oakland). This is an all ages event, especially for EBLYP families and friends. Our senior high youth group will be serving pancakes, bacon, fruit salad, and beverages. There will be a visit from Santa and singing of Christmas carols. Free-will offerings will be collected to help raise funds for our 2019 senior high youth trip.

Family Ministry and All Youth Group Annual Ice Skating Extravaganza at Oakland Ice Center (519 18th St., Oakland) Sunday, December 16, from 1:00-3:00 pm. This event is sponsored with Trinity-Oakland, and we will have hot chocolate, festive treats, and fun on the ice.

RSVP for either or both events with Pr. Craig (craigminich@gmail.com or 510.390.4045) so we can right size our food preparations and ice skating tickets group order.

Special Request - Family Ministry Christmas Caroling with Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes (LMNH): EBLYP is supporting LMNH, joining each of the caroling opportunities at the four Oakland and Alameda nursing homes at which LMNH ministers. Here is the schedule of visits of which I'm aware:

Trinity Alameda - Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2:00 p.m. at Crown Bay Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 508 Westline Dr., Alameda

Trinity Oakland - Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:00 p.m. at Princeton Manor Healthcare Center, 2124 57th Ave, Oakland

St. Paul - Friday, Dec. 21, at 2:00 p.m. at Fruitvale Healthcare Center, 3020 E 15th St, Oakland

RSVP to Pastor Craig. Join us to spread some holiday cheer and the grace of God and Jesus through our singing together in places that need to experience that light.

Family Ministry Events in January 2019:

Family Ministry and All-Youth Group Annual "Bowled Over by the Spirit" Epiphany Party at Mel's Bowl (300 Park St, Alameda) on Sunday, January 6, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Trinity-Alameda, and festive treats and beverages will be served. We will mark our celebration of Epiphany by praying in 'lane groups' after each game bowled. In Epiphany we are bowled over by the spirit of Jesus moving in our lives; we remember our baptisms and celebrate the spirit joyfully bowling us over as it did with Jesus in his baptism.

Save the date for our EBLYP all-congregation Inter-generational Trivia Night and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 12, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. More information will be coming out the first week in December.

G.E.T. (God's Elementary-people Together) - our upper elementary youth group: At our Nov. 4 meeting we reflected on the 'candy-crushing' fun of Halloween, and we broke down the Lutheran perspective on Halloween. (Much like Day of the Dead celebrations, we poke fun at the reality of death because our faith tells us that Jesus has overcome its sting. We are not fearful of death, but rather hopeful in God's goodness on the Eve before All Saints Day). We also had time by the altar to remember the saints who have gone before us in death and to pray together. Next G.E.T. meeting: Sunday, Dec. 2 from 12:30- 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran. Also, please see the plethora of Family Ministry all-ages, all-youth group events above.

MYLK (Middle Youth, Lutheran Kids) - our 6th-8th grade youth ministry: MYLK attended the Synod Youth Committee Weekend Retreat at Mt. Cross November 9-11. Five of our SNL youth leaders on SPSYC and MYLKER Charlie W. joined 60 other middle school youth and adult chaperones in having a spirit-filled weekend in the mountains of Santa Cruz. We learned about God's grace, sang camp songs, took part in experiential rotation

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groups Saturday afternoon, and danced and prayed at our Prayve (prayer rave) on Saturday night. Each youth (!) helped plan and put on our Sunday Beach Worship.

Next MYLK meeting (new Confirmation Class forming): Sunday, Dec. 2, from 12:30- 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran. Those families with confirmation-age students (eighth and ninth graders) will be meeting to discuss our confirmation program gearing up to begin early in 2019. RSVP to Pastor Craig. Also, please see the plethora of Family Ministry all-ages, all-youth group events above.

SNL (Sunday Night Live) - our 9th - 12th youth group: At our Nov. 4 meeting we processed how the haunted house went this year, noting where we need to make changes for next year. We also discussed our new mission statement for the youth ministry and our progress on new logo graphics, and we began to plan for our summer service trip. We're hoping to go to New York City, where we will be participating in original youth group-written prayer services at 4-5 iconic and meaningful sites, making connections to the stories of our faith and their relevance for us today. So far we are looking at doing a prayer service at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (stories of people of faith on the move), the United Nations (stories of world peace), the Stonewall Inn and Museum of Jewish Heritage (stories of overcoming oppression), and Grand Central Station (stories of the bigness, depth, and interconnectedness of God's love). We, of course, are also planning service opportunities in the city and will take in other cultural and festive activities while we are there. Please pray for us as we fine-tune the details of this aspirational trip.

Next SNL meeting: Sunday, Dec. 2, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alameda. Also, please see the plethora of all-ages Family Ministry, all-youth group events above.

Our all-EBLP congregation sponsored presentation on mental health first aid training was a big success at St. Paul Lutheran on Saturday, November 7. This is a continuing effort by EBLYP to offer resources to respond to the rising anxiety rates in our nation. Fifteen participants took part in this training; another will be held in early 2019. All EBLP congregants and friends are invited to take part in this training that could save a life.

This is a full time of year. We have many opportunities to experience and share God's light in our world. Blessings to you all as we move through this Advent season to the in-breaking of Christ with us.



THEOLOGICAL WORD OF THE MONTH: CHRISTMAS

Don Groskreutz

The word "Christmas" means Christ's mass or festival. The word "mass" meaning "Eucharistic service," is derived ultimately from the Latin *missa*, a "dismissal" or a "sending forth." It is probably so called from the concluding words of the Latin service, "*Ite, missa est*" - "Go, it is the dismissal." The word "mission" is also related. The *Deutsche Messe*, the German Mass, was written by Martin Luther in 1526. To this day, the Lutheran liturgy ends with a dismissal such as "Go in peace and serve the Lord."



MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE - KIVA LOANS

Kathy Booker

Did you know that the Trinity's Mission and Service Committee has made 59 KIVA loans, supported 19 countries, and lent a total of \$1800 with an initial investment of \$150? Whenever loans are paid back, we make new loans. Our latest loans include one to 2 women in Lebanon who had fled from Syria. They are running a business selling clothes. This loan is special because it gives opportunity to Syrian refugees who have fled the war in Syria. Another loan was to a woman in Rwanda who has a small business selling livestock. She requested a loan to expand her stock of animals to sell. This loan is special because it supports female entrepreneurs helping to rebuild Rwanda's economy. Our latest loan was to a woman in Tanzania who sews children's clothes and sells them in the market. Her dream is to open a big tailoring workshop in the near future. This loan is special because it provides loans to borrowers in very deep rural areas via mobile money innovation. We will keep you posted as we make new loans when these women pay back their loans.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Pastor Stephanie’s Report

At least 2, and possibly up to 7, people will be joining the church before the end of December.

Twenty-two responses were received to the Vision Statement survey. “Anchored in Faith. Serving our Neighbors. Singing God's Praise.” was the most popular choice.

A special thank you to the Luques for organizing a beautiful Dia de los Muertos Family Movie Night for our neighborhood and congregation on Nov. 3. *Coco*, a Disney Pixar movie, was a beautiful depiction of what Dia de los Muertos is about, which is a celebration linked to our own observation of All Saints’ Day. Several of our Joyful Noise! families participated and enjoyed being with us. I think this event or similar events are worth doing more frequently.

Susan Bell, Rachel Hanson, and Ray Wentz have agreed to be on my mutual ministry team.

I will take vacation time December 25-January 4.

Committee Reports:

Mission and Service: Alameda All Faiths Coalition is open to any members who would like to attend with Pastor Stephanie. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

We received a gift from a congregation member of \$1,000. We are brainstorming ways to put this money to use on projects that benefit our mission.

Stewardship: On Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 11, 20 members attended the stewardship brunch (provided by Mark Schoenrock) after the 8:00 service and 36 attended the lasagna lunch following 10:30 service. The theme was “the Essential Piece.” We used a puzzle at each table as a demonstration of all the elements necessary to a community of faith. (Scripture: 1 Cor. 12:4-27)

Treasurer’s Report:

The Mission and Service Committee would like to create a designated fund for the money designated for Mission and Service from church members.

Ann Kenyon is working with the assessor’s office to rectify an error in the property tax bill.

Old/New Business

Trinity has spent \$545 for parts plus a yet-unknown amount for labor to unsuccessfully fix a copier that Pastor Stephanie brought with her. The council does not want to spend any more money trying to fix her copier. A color laser printer with scanning and wireless capabilities has been recommended for the pastor’s office. Karol Luque will see if she can get a donated printer from her work. If not, a new printer/scanner (approximately \$350) will be purchased.

The EBLP wishes to set up the EBLP Foundation, for which they need \$25,000. Trinity’s EBLP designated fund currently has a balance of \$22,000. A motion passed to send \$20,000 of the funds from this account to EBLP for the establishment of the Foundation.

The Warming Shelter at Christ Episcopal Church will be open starting Dec. 6 and be open on any night that the temperature is predicted to reach 40 degrees or colder or if it is raining. Trinity has committed to supply some meals.

After some discussion, the general consensus of council members was that the practice of restrooms always being unlocked/open should be changed. Pr. Stephanie will ensure doors are locked.

There was discussion about how frequently the lockbox code should be changed and who should know the code. Pr. Stephanie recommended changing the code twice a year. An announcement will be made at church services, and those who need the code should contact Jessica.

The property committee needs to address issues with backyard and driveway lighting. Sensors need to be adjustable/enhanced and new fixtures need to be added for the driveway.

Ann Kenyon has notified the council that she will be stepping down from her post as treasurer.

The next council meeting will be December 20.

TRINITY’S LAWN SIGNS

If you have one of Trinity’s metal lawn signs that were used to promote Joyful Noise, please bring it back to Trinity and put it outside in the courtyard (you’ll see others there) so that we can reuse the frames for upcoming events.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Our next Food Bank Sunday is **December 9**. There is a barrel in the fellowship hall or narthex in which to put your non-perishable food donations. Please continue to help to support the Alameda Food Bank, especially during the holiday season.



THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed articles/church information to the *Builder* in 2018. It is only with your help that news of Trinity and its missions gets out.



SECOND-MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Since 1952, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary has equipped faithful leaders who enliven the church and care for the world. Today is a new day for theological education in the West. With expanded residential and online learning options, new faculty, and shared teaching resources within Cal Lutheran and the Graduate Theological Union, our students learn, live, and serve in a place that is multi-cultural, economically diverse, and invigorating.

Theological education at PLTS is done in the context of people who are rich and poor, liberal and conservative, and a wide array of human race, religion, sexuality, education, experience, and background. If our theology did not take all people into account, it would be deficient.

Visit www.plts.edu to learn more about our programs and upcoming events, or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pltsofclu/>.

Please keep the seminary in your prayers this month and consider an additional offering toward its ministries. The Sierra Pacific Synod is blessed to accompany this organization in mutual ministry as we proclaim God’s creative, redeeming and sanctifying love in our synod.



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