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AUGUST

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-2:30 PM

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WELCOME STATEMENT



Holy Trinity joyfully extends Christ's love to all. We welcome everyone regardless of race, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental health, faith, doubt, family composition, political affiliation, socio-economic status, or any other category that divides us. Christ taught us that loving is a never-ending process of growth and reconciliation. At Holy Trinity, we strive to love diversely and deeply. To all who have been marginalized, we will work to demonstrate that nothing can separate you from the love of God.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."
Galatians 3:28.

OUR LOCATION

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Mitsuanaqan Ventureño Chumash Tribes and Peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. In making this acknowledgment, we are pledging not to forget them or their story, and to learn from them and our common history.



AUGUST EVENTS AT A GLANCE

8/2 - HTLC's Women's Breakfast
8/2 - Celebration of Life: Harry Taplin
8/3 - Return to 9:30am and 11am services
8/3 - Pedal for People Anniversary Event
8/5, 12, 19, 26 - Tuesday Bible Study
8/7 - Zoom Meditation
8/9 - YAG Premium Event
8/14, 21, & 28 - Meditation in the Church Library

8/16 - YAG Crafting Event
8/17 - Youth Group S'Mores Night
8/23 - Women's Bible Study
8/24 - New Member Orientation

SAVE THE DATE

9/14 - New Member Welcome
9/29 - Thea Book Circle

PASTOR'S NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIK

YOU WERE ONCE A FOREIGNER

Do you have an immigration story somewhere in your family? Do you know of a relative or ancestor that came from somewhere else in order to start a new life in the US?

The immigration story in my family that I know the best comes from my dad's side. As the history is told, my great-grandparents were Germans who had gone to farm in areas around the Black Sea in what was Russia at the time. Their ancestors had been invited by Catherine the Great to work the land and in exchange they would have religious freedom and tax breaks. They also would not have to serve in the Russian army. At the end of the 1800s this began to change. They began to lose some of their freedoms and were being conscripted into the army. So in the early 1900s my great grandparents packed up their belongings along with their first child and boarded a ship for the US.

Along the way they had a second child who would later become my Great Uncle John. Like so many others, they came through Ellis Island. Fortunately, they were able to come in even though restrictions on immigration were getting tighter. After a brief foray into Canada, they found land in North Dakota where the rest of the family of ten was born and raised until the Great Depression drove them to migrate again. This time to the hills of the Wenatchee Valley in Washington state where they became fruit farmers and many of them owned orchards. Looking back, you might say my great grandparents were asylum seekers and because they were allowed to immigrate, they and their children were able to build new lives.

Being aware of the story of immigration in my own family has helped to make me more empathetic to

the stories of other immigrants. It has helped to shape my perception of the process of immigration and the impact it has on the generations who come after. A similar theme occurs in the Bible with the Israelites who are often reminded by God and the prophets that they too were once refugees and immigrants in the land of Egypt. Even further back, their ancestors Abraham and Sarah had been immigrants moving from the land of Ur to the land of Canaan.

The migratory history of the Israelites becomes a big part of their identity and time and again God speaks through Moses and the prophets to remind them of where they have come from so as to shape their perception and behavior towards the immigrants in their midst. One example of this is from Leviticus 19:33-34 which says,

33 *When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. 34 The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.*

God reminds the Israelites of their own immigration story in order to build empathy for the stories of others who might otherwise be considered outsiders. These same Scriptures speak to us today and remind us of our spiritual ancestors who were once considered outsiders and foreigners.

What if, then, when the topic of immigration came up on the news or in conversation we took a moment to remember the immigration stories of these spiritual ancestors along with the stories of those who were our relatives who may have traveled from far off lands in order to find a new start? Might this migratory memory help us to see the issue differently? Could it help us start from a place of empathy as opposed to fear or cruelty? Could it shift our attitude from resentment and rejection to being open to new relationship?

SERVICE PROJECT RECAP

Hygiene Kit Event

On Sunday, July 13, the Immigrant Ally committee hosted a hygiene kit making event and invited several other Lutheran churches to attend. With the help of many wonderful donations and volunteers, we were able to make 150 kits. When we attended the PAL Backpack Distribution event at Southwinds Park in Oxnard, about 250 kids and their families showed up and all 150 hygiene kits were distributed.



making the kits



thank you volunteers!



distributing the kits

NEW MEMBER WELCOME & ORIENTATION

Interested in learning more about Holy Trinity Lutheran Church? Wondering if you might want to become a member? Then please join us after second service on **Sunday, August 24 at 12:15pm** for a new member orientation. Come learn more about the history of Holy Trinity, about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, some of the theological perspective of Lutherans, and how to get more involved at Holy Trinity. There is no obligation to join just because you attend the orientation.

However, if you would like to join, you can mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 14** when there will be an opportunity be welcomed as a new member. Light refreshments will be provided at the orientation and the time together will run from approximately 12:15 PM to 1:30pm. Please RSVP to churchoffice@htlcto.org so we can plan accordingly.



HTLC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us **Saturday, August 23 at 2pm** in the Fellowship Hall for our third Bible Study session "Relationships that push us to grow" under the overall theme Flourishing in relationships.

"In this final session, we'll explore the story of Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai, as well as how vulnerability, trust and faithful friendships help us to grow."

We look forward to hearing your friendship story as we share together. Join us!

2025 HTLC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us on **Saturday, August 2**, for our annual Women's Breakfast. We will have breakfast and a program of music, words of wisdom, and shared stories of our heritages (some stories shared with the whole group and some around the tables.) We also invite you to bring an object to share that is meaningful to your family.

The cost is \$15 to cover the food and supplies. All are welcome!

REGISTER NOW

Announcing
HTLC Women's Breakfast
"Our Heritage, Our Stories"

We are one in Christ but we have different heritages and cultural backgrounds to share.

Saturday, August 2
HTLC Fellowship Hall
9:00am to 11:30am
Breakfast \$15.00

We invite you to bring an object to share that is meaningful to your family



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In August we will be finishing our study on the Holy Spirit and starting a new discussion based on the book by Ron Rude, a retired ELCA pastor who served on the campus of the University of Arizona for many years.

In his book *Amending the Christian Story* Rude asserts that the current versions of the Christian faith are inadequate and more than this, they are fueling humanity's destructive behaviors towards the Earth's biosphere. Through the window of the natural sciences—especially astronomy, geology, evolutionary biology and paleoanthropology—Rude provides a fuller and more expansive view of God's story of life and God's story of Jesus while also engaging with the Bible.

Join us Tuesdays at 10:30am in the church Fellowship Hall to explore more about how this shift in Christianity could happen. Books can be purchased on your own or through the church office for \$20.00.

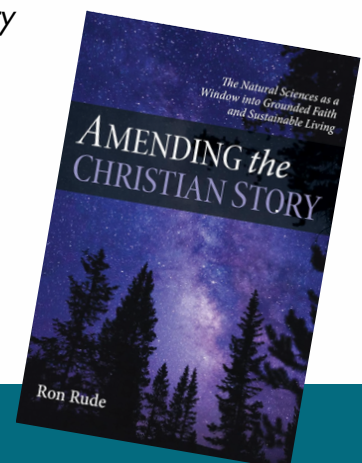
Here's the reading guide for August:

August 5 - Chapter Seven of *Forgotten God*

August 12 - Conclusion of *Forgotten God*

August 19 - Introduction and chapter one of *Amending the Christian Story*

August 26 - Chapter Two and Three of *Amending the Christian Story*





Honey Tree is looking good! The new Honey Tree mural outside Honey Tree's office looks so bright and welcoming! Many thanks and appreciation to the Lindgren family for their generosity. Teachers are busy organizing classrooms and planning their school years. We are still enrolling new students regularly. ***We have spots available for our Parent/2-year-olds and a few spots left in our preschool. Spread the word!***



our new mural!

A school-wide clean-up and organization is under way to make Honey Tree more efficient and streamlined. We will install a few storage units to accommodate these improvements. Our new lighting is currently being installed. What a difference it is making! The classrooms look bright and sunny. We are so grateful for the volunteers installing these lights for Honey Tree. THANK YOU!

The faculty will be heading to our annual Lakeshore shopping trip and lunch outing at the beginning of August. Teachers will be able to purchase new materials for the classrooms with money raised from our See's Candies and Original Artwork fundraisers last Spring.

We will be hosting our Open House/Meet Your Teacher on August 28th from 11:00am-12:00pm. This is a fun event where parents and students mingle with their teachers and each other. What a great introduction to the new school year! Everyone is welcome to come over for a visit.

Thank you to everyone for the warm Holy Trinity welcome. I am settling into my position as the Honey Tree ECC Director very nicely and am grateful for the opportunity to serve HTLC and Honey Tree ECC.

I hope everyone is enjoying this glorious summer. We are looking forward to another happy and successful year at Honey Tree.

God's Blessings to all,

Vickie Cass, Director

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, August 12: Board Meeting

Monday, August 25: First Staff Meeting

August 25-29: Prep Week

Thursday, August 28: Open House 11am-12:00pm

Tuesday, September 2nd : First Day of School

September 4 and 5: Parent Orientation

HOLY TRINITY T-SHIRTS

We've had a request for more t-shirts! Please place your order using this link by **September 15th**.



HONEY TREE GETS NEW LIGHTING

Some of you may or may not know that Holy Trinity has a group of volunteers called the "Green Team" which works with the Property committee and Church Council to think about ways we can better care for God's creation as a congregation and makes recommendations on how we can do that. One idea they had come up with was changing out the fluorescent light bulbs to LED bulbs in the Honey Tree Early Childhood Center. This would be both better for environment, as LED lights last longer and use less electricity, and better for our budget as LED lights do not need to be replaced as often and reduce the electric bill.

Several months ago **Pastor Emily** and the **Green Team** applied for a special grant from the City of Thousand Oaks to improve energy savings with the idea we could use the grant for the lighting project. We received one of the grant awards which then became the seed money to accomplish our goal. Thanks to an electrician and a group of dedicated volunteers, we completed the project! Special thanks to **Brian Carr, Joe Ebert, Tim Wagenknecht and Mike Sadowski** for giving of their time and energy to assist the electrician in getting this project done quickly before school started.



AUGUST MEDITATION GROUP

From John Main's ***In the Beginning***:

As Christians, we believe that the source of all energy, of all harmony is to be found in our hearts. The practice of meditation is simply the way to be open to this presence, to this energy, to this harmony and to be open to it ever more profoundly.

This summer join us in meditating, and finding this presence, energy and harmony!

The first **Thursday, August 7**, we will meet via Zoom. Email miriamnakayama@gmail.com for an invite.

On **August 14, 21, and 28**, we will meet in-person in the church library at 4 pm. Enter through the double doors in the church office building.



THEA BOOK CIRCLE

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, our summer read, a modern retelling of Dicken's David Copperfield, is set in Appalachia during the 1990 opioid crisis. The story follows Demon as he lives a life of poverty, addiction and loss. The novel won a Pulitzer Prize and is a most notable book of the decade. There are copies available in the TO Library, but a hold must be requested.

The group will meet **Monday, September 29** at 7pm in the Church Library.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEDAL FOR PEOPLE

Join us for a slide show celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Pedal for People arrival in La Paz Bolivia completing their 8331 mile bicycle trip. The anniversary event will take place **Sunday, August 3rd at 12:30pm** in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. **Everyone is Welcome!**

The back story: In August 1974, Jim Oines, John Cross, Jeff Stoores and Peter Crane set off on a year-long bicycle trip from Detroit Michigan to La Paz, Bolivia, a journey of 8,331 miles. They began at the Convention of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and raised funds for the United Mission Appeal of the ALC. They visited churches along their route through the US, and Latin America and got to know the people, the landscape and the curve of the earth in the Americas. A year later they arrived in La Paz, Bolivia.



Come hear their story! Cookies and beverages will be served.

Fundraising: Throughout the morning, The Holy Trinity Community Outreach Committee will sell Salvadoran pupusas to raise money to support Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity's Sister Church in El Salvador. A free will offering in memory of Bishop Medardo Gomez, the first Lutheran Bishop of El Salvador who passed away this year, will be received to support Spirit of Joy.

The Papusa sale on August 3rd, along with any additional donations, will go directly to support this meaningful connection. This year's project is focused on covering the annual salary of the schoolteacher at Spirit of Joy, who teaches local children from the church.

The total cost for the year is \$3,750.

To contribute, you can write a check to Holy Trinity with El Salvador/ Sister Church in the memo line or click the link below!

¡Gracias por su generosidad y apoyo! Your generosity makes a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

DONATE ❤️



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

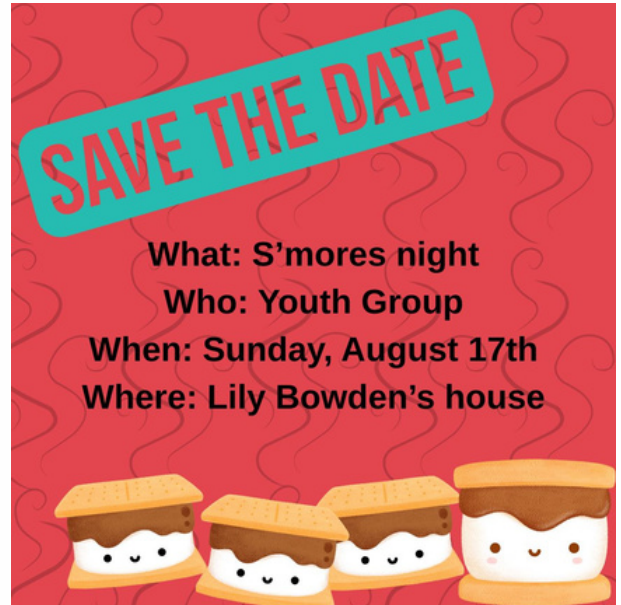
Based on this last year's attendance, we're going to change up our Confirmation programming. Here's what you need to know:

1. This program is written for all 8th and 9th graders. I will also be welcoming any interested high schoolers who want to attend. We have many high schoolers who are new to the traditions of the Lutheran church. This year, they will be given the opportunity to participate.
2. Confirmation is now a **6-week program**. We will meet on Wednesdays for 6 weeks straight. **Sept 17-Oct 22**. One absence is allowed. An info session will take place **September 3rd (Zoom) at 7pm**.
3. The classes will culminate with **Confirmation Sunday on Reformation Day (October 26th this year)**.
4. Why the change? Regular attendance over the course of 3 years is not working. Based on feedback from a contingent of parents, having a focused program in a shorter span of time feels like a more functional commitment. Education focused on living into our baptismal identities will continue throughout middle and high school.
5. Interested in being a mentor to an 8th/9th grader? Or have a recommendation of someone who might be a good fit? Submit their/your name using this link.
6. Interested in Confirmation? Send pastoremily@htlcto.org an email.

**NEW
UPDATE**

YOUTH GROUP S'MORES NIGHT

Lily Bowden has offered to host a s'mores night at her house for the youth group on **Sunday, August 17th**. Time TBD, but expect late afternoon or evening.



YAG (YOUNG ADULT GROUP)

Crafting Event on **August 16th from 5-7pm** in the fellowship hall. We'll be back to our monthly table talks on **September 7th** in the church library.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open for the 2025–2026 school year. We ask that a new form is filled out every year for each child. The form lets us know all about your young participants in Holy Trinity's Ministries and assists us to get you information about the events best fit for the kids in your household. Use this form to let us know the best info about your child and how to get you information effectively.

This form covers all Holy Trinity Sponsored Children, Youth, and Family events from Sept 1, 2025–August 31, 2026.



ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

All Middle School Youth: Let us know if you think you might be interested in the Middle School Youth Gathering, **Nov. 14–16**. No official commitments needed at this time.



YAG PREMIUM

What is YAG Premium? A group of not so old, but not so young adults looking to build community. Consider it in the age range of 35–45ish. Single, married, partnered, kids, no kids – wherever you are in life, come hang out with us!

Our first official event is on **August 9th from 2–4/5ish**. Elsa Fowler will host us. Kids are welcome if you'd like to bring them along. There is a pool and all are welcome to swim, so please bring any necessary accessories for the kids. Contact Pastor Emily with your RSVP and to get the address.

AUTHENTIC DIVERSITY TEAM

Quite a crew from Holy Trinity showed up and represented at the “Good Trouble” protest on Thursday, July 17th, the anniversary of John Lewis’ death on July 17th, 2020. In a tweet he wrote from June 2018, John Lewis said, “Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

Our Lutheran roots call us to do something similar: to radical grace, forgiveness, and to sin boldly. We do what we do for the sake of creating a community where all are loved and welcomed, where we hold one another accountable to our actions, and where we move forward together in grace-filled community. Our work is never done. The good news is, we don’t have to do it alone. We have one another. And we have the guidance of the loving spirit of God all along the way.

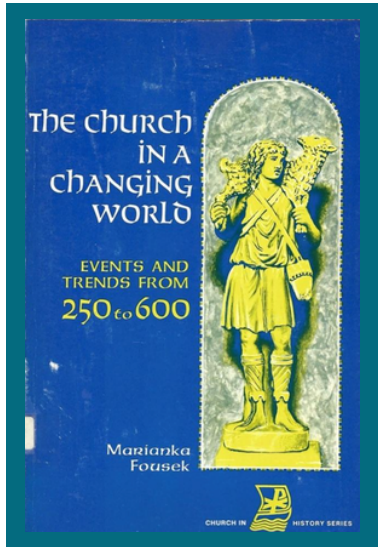
Are you interested in learning more about how you can advocate? The Authentic Diversity Team has put together a short email to help condense information and opportunities. Sign up here to be on the email list. Emails will come out as advocacy opportunities arise, but assume about 1–2x per month.

JOIN THE EMAIL LIST



HTLC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

by Brian McGuire



The Church in a Changing World by Marianka Fousek is the second in the "Church in History Series", the first of which was presented in the June TEMPO. This book covers the period from AD 250 to 600 and encompasses the enhanced Christian persecutions by the Romans, the "conversion" of Emperor Constantine, the legalization of Christianity, and finally its adoption as the state religion of the Roman Empire. In this time period, details of church orthodoxy, hierarchy, the Canon of Holy Scripture, liturgy, and sacraments were established.

Things were not going well for the Roman Empire—it was too big to handle, with both external invasions and internal conflict. Constantine's biggest error was dividing the empire into Western and Eastern regions (with himself installed in eastern Constantinople). This split eventually divided the Church itself into the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox branches—a division which remains today. Nor was Constantine himself a model Christian: he deliberately delayed his baptism in order to get in all of his "naughty" (including murdering some of his own family) only to have it all washed away on his deathbed.

The turnaround for Christians was whiplashing: from the persecutions of Emperor Decius (AD 250) and Diocletian (AD 303–304) to the reign of Constantine (AD 306–337) who converted after being convinced that God had helped him win a military battle. But it was not until Emperor Theodosius (AD 380) that Christianity was proclaimed the state religion, and Justinian (AD 529) that paganism was outlawed. Thus the tables were turned and pagans had to worship in secret.

One of the unintended consequences of normalizing Christianity was including people who were not particularly adept at being good. Persecution had kept the early Christians disciplined; their deep faith and sacrifice inspired virtuous living. With the typical Roman becoming Christian—immersed in luxury and to whom discipline and sacrifice were strangers . . . well, standards fell. Even St. Augustine (early 5th century) was attributed to have said: "Please God, make me good, but not just yet." And these deteriorating standards explain the rise of monasticism in protest. For the most devout, "Christianity Lite" was abhorrent and inspired a withdrawal of hard-core ascetic individuals from the world. Repelled by the church's compromises and inspired by Jesus' words to the rich young man in Matthew, both men and women relinquished their possessions and withdrew into communities of devotion, self-denial, and contemplation in order to recreate the life of the early Christians.

It might seem undesirable to us today, but for civilization in general during these dark times the monasteries and convents were a blessing. Besides serving as models of Christian behavior for the wider church, these cloistered communities were largely responsible for preserving libraries (including the pagan classics), literacy, and education; for engaging in document transcription and illumination; for improving agricultural

Book Review continued...

methods; and performing charitable activities. In the 5th century's invasions by relentless Germanic tribes into the Western Roman Empire, it also fell to local bishops outside of the cloister to maintain order and safety in their communities. One could say that it was the Church in Europe that kept the light of civilization burning through the Dark Ages.

FAIR TRADE

Enjoying Fair Trade Products during the Summer with Miriam

Soon the cheese will be here for you that have ordered cheese, especially the 5 year aged white cheddar. I was told August, but it may be the end of August. Thank you for your patience and for those who signed up for Mt. Meru coffee. I haven't forgotten you.

I do have a price increase to report, a bag of regular coffee will be \$9.50 and a bag of decaf coffee will be \$10.50, a \$.50 increase.

Terri, Nancy and I plan to have our fair trade items out for sale on **August 10th** and **24th**, on the counter next to the doors to the church. You can always ask me for items on other Sundays, but I won't be able to give you change.

Yours in Christ's Fair Name,

Miriam Nakayama, Nancy Truex, and Terri Kelly



MANNA CONEJO VALLEY FOOD BANK

HTLC donated 58 pounds of groceries to Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank in July.

The current Most Needed List is:

1. Canned Pasta Sauce
2. Canned Baked Beans or Canned Refried Beans
3. Coffee, Tea, or Hot Cocoa
4. Canned Meat - Chicken or Spam
5. Condiments - Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, etc.
6. Boxed Mashed Potatoes
7. Canned Fruit - Any Kind
8. Canned Soup - Any Kind
9. Shelf-Stable Drinks - Juice, Gatorade, etc.
10. Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, or Tissue

Please place donations on the designated Manna table in the narthex.

Stay cool ,

Karen and Marty Kreman



LIBRARY NEWS

We are moving from featuring Bible Stories to Poetry and Hymns this August. One of my favorite poetry books is Jan Bowman's book *Carved Like Runes*. She and her husband Gerry were long-time members of Holy Trinity. Krister Swanson is their son. She was a professor at California Lutheran. Here is one of her poems that spoke to me since I drove from Thousand Oaks to San Luis Obispo and loved the Coastal Live Oaks on the golden hills.

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Library News continued...

"Coastal Live Oaks"
(Near Paso Robles)

*Look, the trees
are processing over the hills
like ancient grieving mothers
their heads bowed with deep sighing
their arms twisted with the torment
of sons killed and daughter raped,
the terrible torment of lost tribes.*

*But look! These hills are the golden breasts
Of lionesses, lit from within by the power
of their passion, a roar of caged wrath
waiting to be sounded, from hill to hill
From mountain to arroyo—to sound the depths
Of oceans where Spanish galleons lie listless
And dumb.*

Come check out our poetry books and books of hymn collections. The free book cart has new additions, so look at those books, too.

CHOIR DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

As many of you know, Conor Whalen has served as our Sanctuary choir director for the last two years. He has had some new opportunities come along, however, which would make it difficult for him to continue in his position at the church. Below is his letter of resignation. The council will be discussing plans for an interim plan so the choir can continue in the Fall. This will also give the council time to do some evaluation with the congregation to see what the position might look like going forward before we hire a new director. Here is the letter from Conor:

After a few weeks off of reflection and looking towards the new year, I am writing to inform you that effective July 31st I will be stepping down as the Holy Trinity Church Choir Director. I have

other opportunities that are coming on the horizon, and it has come time that I choose what my schedule can and cannot support. I will be traveling between Victoria, Canada, Bozeman, MT, and Los Angeles with my personal and professional schedule, and I am unfortunately not able to offer my services or time to the level I would like at Holy Trinity.

I wanted to thank you for your support, and I have thoroughly enjoyed directing the choir these past few years. I believe we made some great strides in our musical ability, and I hope that the choir continues under new leadership.

Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity to make music with a very special community.

Wishing you all the best,

Conor Whalen

SUMMER BBQ & POTLUCK

Thank you so much to all who joined us for our community events in July! It is always so wonderful to come together to share food, conversations and fellowship. Thank you to all volunteers!





TRIP TO COLORADO





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



AUGUST PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those affected by the tragic flooding in Texas

David Althoff Jr., son of Victoria & David Althoff, as he struggles to recover from a life-threatening infection

Barbara Warkentien for healing

Monica Reza, friend of Chris Erickson who went missing while hiking

Sarah King, sister to Maggie Becker, as she recovers from surgery

Lisa Caestecker, for healing after surgery

Dalores Munhall, Sophia Munhall's grandma, for healing

Celia Aguilar, for recovery and healing

Dan Kelly, Terri Kelly's husband, for continued healing

Lori O'Neil, for healing after surgery

Hai To, friend of Pastor Emily & Joe Ebert

Sara, as she battles cancer (a friend of Tracy DiPippo)

Betty Gracey (Matt Miller's mom) as she's battling cancer

Pastor Joy Coltvet, for healing

Ken Woerman, for healing after a stay in the hospital

Baby Ezra Neuhaus, great-grandson of Nadine Neuhaus, for healing from cochlear implant surgery

Flo Ebert (Joe Ebert's mom) for healing of a fractured wrist

Laurie Morrow, for healing after surgery

Larry Goehner, Pastor Erik's dad, for improvements in his health

Barbara (friend of Jean Kammerer) as she is facing difficult treatment for cancer

Dominic Cartum, for healing from back surgery

Amos Sykes (friend of Desta Goehner) for healing

Evonne Larson, for healing

Mallory Rees (sister to Julie Frumin) for healing, comfort, and peace

Adrian Macias, a friend of the Frumin's

Lynn Green, Conor Whalen's grandmother, for healing

Anita Londgren, for healing

Dalila Bravo, for healing from a brain tumor

Robert, Axel Olsson's friend

Max Beaman, Stacey Beaman's dad, as he continues to heal from Valley Fever

For the family of Harry Taplin, upon his recent death

For the family of Jane Jones, upon her recent death

For the family of Fred Hanke, brother of Steve Hanke, upon his recent death

For the family of Adam Grether, Cindy Grether's nephew, on his recent passing

For the family of Joy Goehner, Pastor Erik's mother, upon her recent death

AUGUST PRAYER REQUESTS CONTINUED...

Please hold all of these families in prayer as they continue to grieve the loss of their loved one.

The families and friends of:

Carolyn Altrock
Mark Anderson
Zoe Arnwine
Gene Ashmore
Randy Churchill
Ginny Connell
Don DePerro
Dennis Dillworth
Cheri Erickson
Maryann Ferrari
Kendall Fortner
Ken Fowler
Jim Gucciardo

Mark Hoops
Brad Janowitz
IlaJean Kragthorpe
Lily Kreider
Allen Kubes
Irene Kubes
Rubi Lawler
Karen Lindgren
Eric Lysdal
Margaret Maclead
Lorie Miller & Eileen Packer
Frank Nausin, former pastor of
Holy Trinity

Wini Nichols
Brian Popa
Ronda Reuss
Frank Schaible
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God is good. Hear our prayer.



IN MEMORIAM

Marion Jane Almy Jones

1929 - 2025

One of our members, Jane Jones died last week and her family has graciously shared her obituary with us. We give thanks for Jane's life as we honor her memory.

Marion Jane, known by most as **Jane**, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the first daughter of Everett and Phyllis Almy and a granddaughter of ship captain William Caldwell Almy of the Old Bay Line. She grew up in the Mt. Washington neighborhood in Baltimore near Pimlico Racetrack and graduated from Eastern High School. Her love of music and her skill as a pianist led her to attend the Peabody Conservatory. In 1953, she married Arthur Daniel (Dan) Jones, Jr., an officer in the United States Navy. After Dan left the Navy to work in the aerospace industry, she and her family lived in Lutherville, Maryland until 1964 when they moved to Woodland Hills, California.

Jane and Dan raised four sons. Jane and Dan were active in the Mari-Timers' Group at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tarzana. She was also active in a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and several other local women's organizations. Once the children were older, Jane worked as a legal secretary. Jane and Dan moved to UVTO in 2007 and were delighted to make new friends and discover that many old friends from the San Fernando Valley were residents. Jane loved to play card games, particularly bridge, and enjoyed traveling, reading, eating at Brent's Deli, Olive Garden, Cisco's, and from her daughter-in-law Annmarie's kitchen, listening to music, celebrating Christmas, watching the LA Dodgers, enjoying a nice glass of wine, and spending time with family and friends. When her mobility became limited, she joined Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She later moved to the Skilled Nursing wing of OakView after health challenges in 2023.

Jane's husband Dan passed away in 2010. She passed away peacefully on the eve of her 96th birthday in the presence of family. Jane is also predeceased by her son William, and is survived by sons Dan III (Janice) of Rancho Cordova, CA; Randolph of Boulder City, NV; and Robert (Annmarie) of Newbury Park, CA, five grandchildren (Corey, Julianne, Dillon, Kyle, Brian), two step-grandchildren Erika (Kevin) and Steve (Sandy) and their children (Clare, Francis, Edythe, and Danni), and Jane's sister Marjorie and her family.





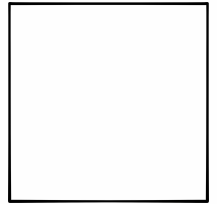
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AUGUST 2025

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to purchase and donate flowers for the church altar, please fill out **THIS FORM** or follow the instructions below.

1. **Sign Up:** Visit the Flower Chart located on the kiosk in the narthex and select the date you would like the flowers to be placed on the altar.
2. **Payment:** The cost is \$45. Please write "Flowers" on the memo line of your check to ensure proper allocation or use an Altar Flower Envelope, available in the narthex. Kindly make your payment by the Wednesday prior to your selected date to allow ample time for ordering.
3. **Bulletin Note:** Email your dedication and any color preferences to churchoffice@htlcto.org by noon on Wednesday to be included in the Sunday bulletin.
4. **Pickup:** After the second service, you are welcome to take the flowers home.



August Fun Fact!

Martin Luther King Jr. gave his well-known "I have a dream" address on the steps of the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D.C., in front of 250,000 spectators, on August 28, 1963. King demanded an end to racial discrimination and fought for equal rights for all, making this an important moment in the history of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.