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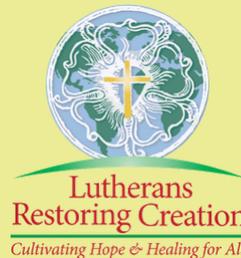
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MARCH

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9:00 AM-2:30 PM

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HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Thursdays, 6:30pm
in the Sanctuary

March 5th

March 12th

March 19th

March 26th

**SEND FUTURE NEWSLETTER & SOCIAL
MEDIA SUBMISSIONS TO
COMMUNICATIONS@HTLCTO.ORG
DEADLINE FOR TEMPO SUBMISSIONS IS THE
THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
(MARCH 20 FOR APRIL TEMPO)**

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 Mitsqanaqan 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.



MARCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

3/1 - Lenten Lunch #3
3/1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - GATHER (Young Adult Group)
3/5 - Zoom Meditation
3/5, 12, 19, & 26 - Holden Evening Prayer
3/3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Tuesday Bible Study
3/12, 19, & 26 - Meditation in the Church Library
3/8 - Lenten Lunch #4
3/15 - Lenten Lunch #5

3/19 - Dorcas Quilting Circle
3/20 - Crop Walk Fundraiser at CPK
3/21 - Women's Bible Study
3/22 - Final Lenten Lunch
3/22 - Conejo Crop Walk
3/30 - THEA Book Circle
CYF Schedule on page 6

PASTOR'S NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIK

THE PROBLEM WITH KINGDOM LANGUAGE

There are times I wished Jesus was a little more clear in his language. There are times I wish he could describe things differently so it wouldn't be so confusing. One of those times is when he uses the imagery of the kingdom of God. When we hear the word kingdom today, many of us might think about medieval castles and the knights of the round table or perhaps Game of Thrones. We don't necessarily think about a new kind of community in the way Jesus meant it. We think more of a location rather than a call to a different way of being in the world.

The disciples who were with Jesus during his lifetime were often just as confused about what Jesus meant by the kingdom of God. When they heard the word kingdom they were thinking about thrones and power and not necessarily mustard seeds, young children and yeast being mixed into dough, which are the kinds of things Jesus uses to compare with the kingdom of God.

We see this confusion play out in Luke chapter 22 when at the last supper Jesus says he will not eat of the bread or drink of the wine again until the kingdom of God comes. Then a few verses later the disciples begin arguing about which of them will be considered the greatest. Jesus tells them that the kings of the world lord their power over people, but they are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among them, should be like youngest and the one who rules like one who serves. Then Jesus says that he is among them as one who serves.

The kingdom of God isn't so much about a place then, as it is about an attitude—an attitude that is different from most kings. It is about God's rule

coming into people's hearts so that instead of trying to dominate each other they are willing to care for each other. This is why I wish that instead of using the phrase "Kingdom of God" Jesus would have used another phrase that would have clarified what he meant, perhaps something like "the community of God" or "the servant mindset of God."

The word that gets translated as "kingdom" from the original Greek is "basilea." This same word can also mean "rule" or "reign." If translators used "rule of God" or "reign of God" instead of the kingdom language I think that would also help. This would get away from the imagery of castles, knights, and domineering power in a particular location to a sense of how God is moving all over the world to bring about a change in people's hearts away from greed and authoritarian control towards an attitude of service and respect for one another.

What have you thought about in the past when you have heard the phrase "kingdom of God"? Has that phrase ever been confusing to you? What do you think Jesus meant by it? Does using the phrase "reign of God" help you to think about it a different way?

As we travel through Lent this March and prepare for Holy Week let us remember that the confusion over what kind of "king" Jesus was becomes part of what will lead him to be condemned on the cross. Let us remember that we are called to allow God's rule to reign over our hearts so that we might have the courage to walk a different path than the violent power structures of this world which lead to destructive behaviors and the domineering mindset of earth's rulers. We are called to walk the path of Jesus who even in his last days demonstrated the servant leadership of one who despite enormous adversity still chose to show care and compassion rather than act like a king.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

We will continue hosting Lenten Lunches every Sunday through March 22nd. Lunches will be held in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the ELCA's social statement on Civic Life and Faith.

March 1: Session 3: *What Are Lutheran Views on Civic Life?*

March 8: Session 4: *What Are the Objectives of Democracy in the United States?*

March 15: Session 5: *What's Faith-based Living Got to Do With Civic Life?*

March 22: Session 6: *How Do We Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord in Civic Life?*

March 22 will overlap with the Crop Walk. Please join in wherever you feel called!

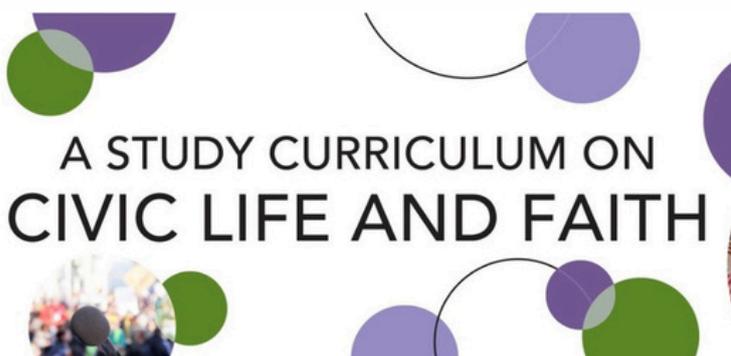
Join us in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday through March 22nd at 12:15pm for lunch provided by one of our volunteer or small groups at Holy Trinity, and to engage in conversation, study, and growing together!

Guide in Spanish:

<https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-social-writing-projects/estudios-para-la-vida-civica-y-la-fe>

Guide in English:

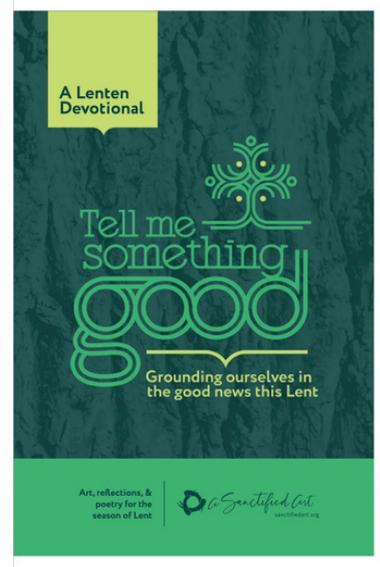
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SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

Opportunities for Worship this Lenten Season: Holden Evening Prayer (*original Haugen version*), 6:30pm in the Church Sanctuary every **Thursday** through March at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



Over the next couple of months, we'll walk through the stories associated with our Lenten season. Connect with the stories using our Sanctified Art Lenten Devotional Book.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." — Proverbs 31:25



During Women's History Month, we give thanks for the women who have shaped our faith, strengthened our communities, and led with courage and compassion. We celebrate the faithful leaders, past and present, who embody strength and dignity, and we recommit ourselves to uplifting women's voices in the church and in the world.

HTLC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on **Saturday, March 21 at 2pm** in the Fellowship Hall as we begin a three part series titled *I Am: God's holy name, a promise* by Rev. Hannah Hawkinson.

"What is Jesus telling us when he says "I am" — echoing God's holy name and promise? Where do we find ourselves in God's holy name and promise? This three-session Bible study will help us explore these questions."

Join us as we read scripture and share our thoughts and experiences.

-Dixie Hanson

MARCH CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY CALENDAR

MARCH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, March 1: 10:45-11:30, Youth Room

Sunday, March 15: 10:45-11:30, Youth Room

March 29: Ultimate Frisbee w/ CLU club team @ 2pm, CLU practice field

MARCH FAITH EXPLORERS

Sunday, March 1: 10:45-11:30, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 15: 10:45-11:30, Fellowship Hall



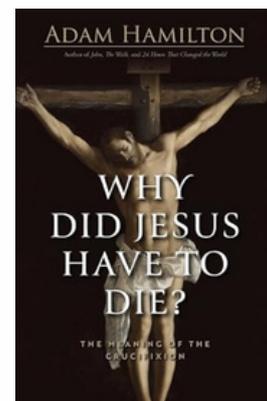
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

During March we will begin a study based on the book "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Despite the crucifixion's central place in Christian faith, the New Testament offers few clear answers about how Jesus' death saves, or why, exactly, he had to die. The New Testament writers use a host of metaphors—ransom, sacrifice, reconciliation, victory—but never explain exactly how it works or why it had to happen this way.

What if that's because we've been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn't a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we are to live?

Join us in exploring these questions **Tuesdays at 10:30am** in the church Fellowship Hall. If you would like the link to the Zoom option let us know and we will include you in the email reminders.



Here's the reading guide for March:

March 3 - Finishing up the Gospel of Luke

March 10 - Chapter One, "Lift High the Cross" The Crucifixion as God's Word and Recapitulation

March 17 - Chapter Two, "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?" Penal Substitution and Sacrificial Offering

March 24 - Chapter Three, "Agnus Dei" ...Atonement as a New Passover, New Covenant, and Redemption

March 31 - Chapter Four, "Were You There?" ...The Moral Influence and Moral Example Theories of Atonement



Registration: Registration is in full swing and classes are filling up for the 2026-2027 school year. We are so happy to see Honey Tree families returning for the Fall. We love our Honey Tree families! Registration opens up to the community on February 23rd. Please spread the word. We offer tours daily.

Science Night: Science Night will be held for families on Wednesday, March 4th from 3:30pm-5:30 pm. This is a great event to have parents witness their child's learning first hand. It is a fun night where parents and children work together on a variety of science experiments. Families may explore and engage in all the classrooms.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Honey Tree celebrated our teachers the week of Feb-13th. We enjoy thanking our dedicated and valuable staff as they make Honey Tree the warm and loving place it is.

Grandparents Day: We are holding Grandparents Day on March 2nd & 3rd. This is a fun opportunity for grandparents to spend time with their grandchild and tour the classroom. Grandparents will read a book with their grandchild to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. This is a special time for families and we are so excited to offer it this year. We are always looking for suggestions on how to incorporate families into our program to a greater extent. If you have any ideas we would love to hear them!

Vickie Cass
Honey Tree Director
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Upcoming events:

March 2 & 3
Grandparents Day

March 4
Science Night
3:30pm-5:30pm



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

DEADLINE IS MARCH 31!

Thrivent Choice Dollars®
As a reminder to all Thrivent members, please note that your Choice Dollars must be directed each year. Log on to your account to be sure those dollars are used and please consider selecting Holy Trinity Lutheran Church as recipient of your dollars.

Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. Simply visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and click the "Get Started" link to begin. If you are already registered then select "My Thrivent" from the top menu and then "Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars" from the drop down menu. If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars you can contact the Member Connection Center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back!



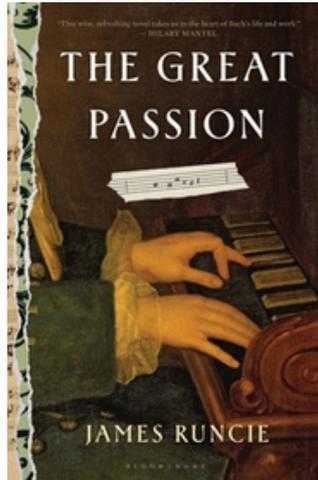
THRIVENT
Be Wise With Money™

As a reminder to all Thrivent members, please note that your Choice Dollars must be directed each year. Grace Nelson looked into the Thrivent Choice Dollars deadline and found out that it has changed to an **Annual Deadline of March 31** – so any "choice dollars" must be designated to charities by March 31. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

THEA BOOK CIRCLE

The Great Passion by James Runcie is the March read for The Thea Book Circle. It is a meditation on grief and music told through J.S. Bach's writing of the "St. Matthew Passion." The story is told through the eyes of a 13-year-old musical student under Bach's tutelage. It tells readers what it is like to sing, play and hear Bach's music for the very first time.

There are copies available at the TO Library. The group will meet **Monday, March 30 at 7pm** in the Church Library.



LIBRARY NEWS

MARCH INTO THE LIBRARY AND SEARCH FOR A BOOK ABOUT JESUS

Our theme for the month of March will be books about Jesus and people who followed him. That segues into the news that we now have two new books about Martin Luther King, Jr. donated by a generous member. Thank you to our donor. Look for them on the Authentic Diversity shelves, to the left of the double doors.

Jesus books will be all over the library. You will need to browse. Check out a book by signing your name on the clipboard near the double door.

There will be more books by Kelly Yang after several Holy Trinity members went to her book signing at the libraries in town. Other books to look for on the Authentic Diversity shelves – Front Desk and Three Keys, fast reading, thought provoking,

and entertaining. You can tell I'm a fan.

We also have many Lenten devotional, thought-provoking books. Be sure you check out the cart in front of the library with free books. Jerry Miller's son brought some of Jerry's books to share and find new homes! Come in and browse.



Lenten Blessings,
Miriam Nakayama, Laurel Engstrom and
Brian McGuire

DORCA'S QUILTING CIRCLE

On **Thursday, March 19**, at 9am Dorcas will meet again in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks goes to Randi Oines who contributed soft flannel so we can continue to make warm comforters. Thanks goes to all who help stitch a shape wrapped in colors with warmth and care.

From Dorcas Quilting Group sewn just right, comfort quilts will be made to welcome spring's bright light.

All are welcome to help!

FEBRUARY MEDITATION GROUP

MARCH MEDITATION REPLACES MARCH MADNESS

What we are trying to do in meditation each Thursday:

"In meditation we learn to be still, to be calm, to be recollected and to become aware of the love of God's presence in our hearts. This awareness arises from his revelation, not our manipulation. What we have to do, though, is to be still. His presence is not just another theory, some speculative theology. It is a dynamic personal presence that is to be found in the heart of each one of us, found if only we will be still." The Heart of Creation by John Main

Join us this Lent for the spiritual practice of meditation. Thursday, March 5, at 4 pm, is our Zoom gathering. Contact Miriam at miriamnakayama@gmail.com for an invite.

March 12, 19, and 26 we will gather in-person in the church library at 4 pm.

Come find the dynamic personal presence of God!

We will help you to be still!

Miriam Nakayama

THANK YOU HOLY TRINITY

Last Fall the congregation of Holy Trinity was challenged to raise \$2,500 for **Friends of Fieldworkers** in honor of 25 years of ordination for Pastor Erik. The donations kept coming so the fund was kept open through the New Year.

In the end, the total was **\$6,000!** This last month a check from Holy Trinity was presented to Martita Martinez-Bravo who is the executive director of Friends of Fieldworkers. Thank you Holy Trinity for your amazing generosity!



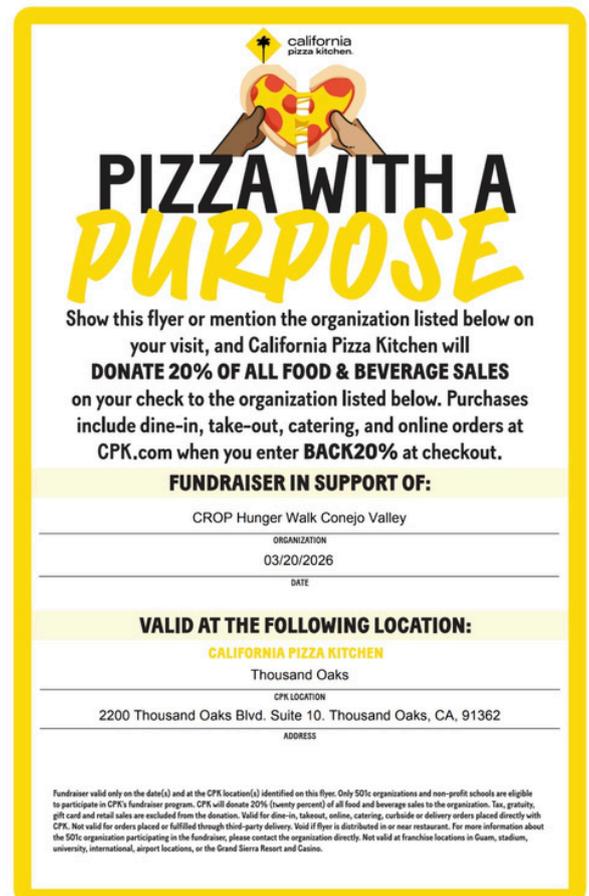
A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear HTLC Congregation,

Your video of the service is so welcome in my home, that an appreciation, I felt, should be expressed. For we, who desire to stay connected, it is a bonus. Thank you for making it available and thank you to the team who execute the process. The added treat is the wave from many attending the service, Miriam, Louise, Elsa, Nina, Terry and others. Pastor Eriks message today (Feb 15) mentioned the importance of touch. The wave is like a virtual touch. – Peggy Rothring

CROP HUNGER WALK FUNDRAISER

On **March 20** California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20% of all food and beverage sales on your check to Crop Hunger Walk. Gather your friends and family and let's eat! Online orders count, too, when you use code **BACK20%** at checkout.




PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE
 Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will **DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES** on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering, and online orders at CPK.com when you enter **BACK20%** at checkout.
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CONEJO VALLEY CROP WALK

Join us for the 48th Annual Conejo Valley Crop Walk on **Sunday, March 22.**

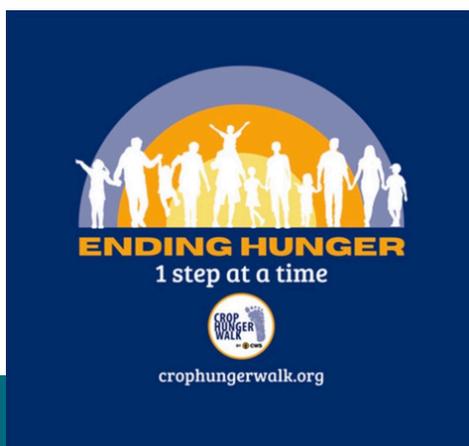
Last year we had over 200 walkers and raised almost \$40,000. 25% of the money is distributed to local groups fighting hunger: Manna and Harvest Food banks, Harbor House and Meals on Wheels. The rest is distributed by CWS Global here in the US and globally to fight hunger and provide disaster relief through local agencies. Hunger is a growing problem, and reduced government support has contributed to a surge in clients for our local organizations. Help us end hunger, nobody should go to bed hungry. The main walk is approximately 4 miles, there is also a 20 minute guided campus stroll for those that prefer something shorter.

Location: California Lutheran University outside the football stadium. Registration begins at noon, Walk starts at 1:00 pm

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

Here is the link to join the team or donate:
[2026 CROP Hunger Walk – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Thousand Oaks](#)

Please contact Karen Kreman or Sheri Groenveld if you have any questions.



FAIR TRADE

DEALING WITH HIGHER FAIR TRADE PRICES WITH MIRIAM

Unfortunately, prices have jumped higher, and since we charge wholesale prices – what we are charged, (we divide the total with the number of items and charge that amount, rounding up or down to make it easier to deal with), we need to increase some prices. The mini- chocolates will be the biggest bargain, because I am keeping one piece at 25 cents, since it would be too hard to charge 32 cents for a small piece of chocolate.

I'm including our new Fair Trade Item price list. Tea has remained the same. Sister's Blend Coffee has jumped the most from \$46.75 for 5 #1 bags to \$58.20, so a bag will now cost \$11.50. Chocolate bars will be \$3.50. Hot cocoa and baking cocoa will now be \$6.50. Dates and EVOO will remain \$14.

The fair trade table will be open on **March 8th and 22nd**, between services and after the 11:00 service. Look for our table inside the double doors near the little kitchen area, to your left as you are leaving.



Blessings on your Lent,

Miriam Nakayama, Nancy Truex, and Terri Kelly

Coffee:

\$9.50 – Breakfast Blend, Love Buzz, French Roast (10/12 oz bags)

\$11.50 -Sister's Blend (16 oz bags)

\$11.00 – Decaffeinated, French Roast Decaffeinated(10/12 oz bags)

FAIR TRADE CONTINUED...

Tea:

\$4.00 – English Breakfast, Green Tea, Chai, Peppermint, Rooibos, Rooibos Chai, Ginger, Tumeric and Ginger, Chamomile, Lemongrass Ginger

Chocolate:

\$3.50 – Panama Dark(80%), Milk Chocolate, Milk Chocolate with Toffee, Dark Chocolate with Almonds(55%), Dark Chocolate with Caramel Crunch(43%), Dark Chocolate with Toffee(60%), Dark Chocolate with Himalayan Pink Sea Salt(60%), Dark Chocolate with Raspberries(70%).

\$.25 – Mini Dark Chocolates(55%)

Baking Supplies:

\$6.50 – Baking Cocoa

\$7.00 - Chocolate Chips

\$14.00 – Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Hot Cocoa:

\$6.50 – Regular

\$6.50 – Dark Chocolate(Add milk)

Dates - \$14.00

MANNA CONEJO VALLEY FOOD BANK

In February, through our Souper Bowl event and also regular giving, Holy Trinity donated **300 pounds of groceries, and \$176 to Manna!** Such an amazing amount!

Heading into March, here is the list of *Most Needed Items:*

1. Canned Pasta Sauce
2. Canned Soup (Any Variety)
3. Coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate
4. Cereal (Cold Cereal and Instant Oatmeal Packets)
5. Canned Meat (Chicken, Spam, or Ham)
6. Canned Chili
7. Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
8. Canned Baked Beans
9. Broth (Canned or Shelf-Stable Cartons)
10. Condiments (Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, Etc.)

Please place your groceries for Manna on the designated table in the narthex.

May love and laughter light your days. (An Irish Blessing)



-Karen and Marty Kreman

SUMMER VBS AT HTLC

July 6 - 10th, 2026 from 9am-12pm

Theme: #KidsConnect

Cost: Free (donations are always welcome!)

As children learn and create together, they will find a place of belonging, relate to trusted adults, make new friends, and follow Jesus' example of making room for all and loving one another. Each day includes worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, brain-building challenges, and active games. Daily take-home activities encourage families to grow faith and build community with people of all ages. Let's build a better world filled with the love and peace of God! Lead counselors are adult volunteers who are background checked and trained. Junior counselors include youth ages 6th-12th grade.

Registration: <https://www.htlcto.org/vbs>



Eligible Ages:
Born by Sept 1, 2021 through 5th grade

Summer VBS

July 6-10
9am to 12pm

See separate form for youth volunteers (6th grade and up)

TRANSITION FOR PRAISE BAND DIRECTORS

For the last twelve years Richard and Wanda Ferrin have been the Directors of the Praise Band that leads worship at the 9:30am service. After discerning where they are at this season in their life, however, they have made the decision to resign from this position and transition out of leadership of the Praise Band. They have informed the church council and the Praise Band members, and we now want to share the news with the congregation as well. The plan is for them to continue through the spring, and June 14 will be their last Sunday

In their years as Directors of the Praise Band Richard and Wanda have brought a level of experience, professionalism, skill and passion that have deeply enriched the worship experience of those attending the 9:30am service, as well as those who have attended our One worship Sundays. They have also shared their gifts in numerous other ways with Wanda directing the Bell Choir for a number of years and Richard lending his guitar skills for Lenten Mid-week services, special vigils, women's Bible Study breakfasts, and other occasions like ceremonies when we add new languages to the peace pole. Holy Trinity has indeed been blessed by who they are and by their musical leadership.

GATHER (YOUNG ADULT GROUP 20S & 30S)

GATHER (our Young Adult Group) meets on **Sundays at 12:15pm** on church campus. Sign up for regular updates by emailing pastoremily@htlcto.org. There are some fun events coming up. Keep an eye out in church communications.



WE NEED YOU!

VBS is not until July, but we're planning already and are gathering our volunteer list. Help out 1 day, all 5 days, only in the morning, or all day everyday. However you can help, we can find a job for you! Between skits, songs, games, arts, science, small group Bible study, snack, sign in, sign out, prep the week before, and clean up each day, there is plenty to do!

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION: Go to htlcto.org/vbs to register as a volunteer and let us know your preferences of how/when you would like to participate.



IN MEMORIAM ANNE LIEBERKNECHT

Dec. 6, 1937 – Feb. 21, 2026

The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in God my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to God.
-Psalm 28:7



Anne's full memoriam was in the Friday, February 27th Connection Email. We were blessed to have Anne as a beloved member of Holy Trinity for almost 40 years. Anne embodied what the Psalmist writes in Scripture: *a heart that trusts in God and gives thanks to God in song.*

MARCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these people in your prayers:

For all those affected by the violence in Mexico

For the family of Hazel Dell Hansen (Hazel is a cousin to Margaret Schwalm and Nelius Ronning) upon her recent death

For the family of Elizabeth Velarde, Yolanda Mosley's mother, upon her recent death

For the family of Dalia Bravo upon her recent death

For all those affected by the school shooting in British Columbia, Canada

For all those who lost homes, including our Bishop, and who were affected by the fires one year ago in Altadena and Pacific Palisades

For all those affected by the violence connected with immigration enforcement in recent months, especially those affected by the shooting of Renee Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis

For all those fleeing Aleppo in Syria as civil war has once again erupted there

For Monica Roscoe, as she and her family deal with a recent diagnosis of cancer

For Helen Shughart, sister to Jean Kammerer, for healing from side effects of chemo

For Dan Kelly, Terri Kelly's husband, for strength and healing

For Dave Marrotta, a friend of Tim Wagenknecht and Yvonne Bernschneider who battles recurring cancer and consequent treatment

For Bob Wilber, Jim Wilber's brother, who has Lupus among other Autoimmune disorders

For Janet Witt, for complete healing after a fall

For Edie Lewis, Marty McCambridge's sister, for recovery and comfort after a heart attack

For Madilyn Palosi for healing

For Lennart Roxendal, Mike & Laurel Engstrom's brother-in-law, as he undergoes treatment

For David Humphrey, Maggie Becker's father, for healing through surgery

For the family of Roger Stephenson, upon his recent death

For the family of Fred Fiske, upon his recent death

For the family of Pedro Tamayo, friend of the Erickson family, upon his recent death

A prayer of thanksgiving for Jo(Anne) (extended family and friend of Dennis Hardy) who is thankful for good results from AFib heart condition testing

A prayer of thanksgiving for Adam (extended family friend of Dennis Hardy) who is thankful for good results after gallbladder struggles

Dennis Hardy would like to give thanks & gratitude for cancer treatment; he is now cancer free.

We will refresh the Prayer List on our website in April. Please let us know if you would like a prayer request listed



A TRIP TO THE LIBRARY

On Saturday, February 21st, a group of Holy Trinity members met up at the Thousand Oaks library to see Kelly Yang, author of Front Desk, a new book in our library, conduct an author talk and Q&A. Her book Front Desk is a fictionalized account of her life as a Chinese immigrant. It touches on so many authentic diversity issues and listening to her talk was absolutely fascinating, inspiring and educational. It is such a blessing to be able to attend community events and continue to learn and grow together! Special thank you to Amy Sands for introducing us to these wonderful books and author!



JANUARY FINANCE REPORT

January council discussion notes

- After re-reviewing expenses, the actual 2025 deficit is \$19k (smaller than the previous \$21k estimate).
- So far 2026 pledged and non-pledged income are doing better than budgeted by a total ~\$14k. This difference is expected to shrink over the course of 2026 because Holy Trinity's monthly income historically increases in winter and decreases in summer (this is true for most churches).
- Honey Tree made forward-looking enrollment estimates for the 2026-2027 school year. Based on those estimates, Honey Tree tithing to Holy Trinity could decrease from what they previously predicted by a total of ~\$2k in 2026.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church				
Budget vs. Actuals: 2026 Budget vs. Actuals - FY26 P&L				
January 2026				
	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
1100 Regular Offering				
1101 Envelopes/Non Pledged	\$12,926	\$7,083	\$5,842	182%
1102 Envelopes/Pledged	\$48,170	\$40,179	\$7,990	120%
Total 1100 Regular Offering	\$61,095	\$47,263	\$13,833	129%
1200 Special Offerings	\$0			
1202 Thrivent/Benevity	\$565	\$583	-\$18	97%
Total 1200 Special Offerings	\$565	\$583	-\$18	97%
1300 Other Income	\$800	\$800		
1301 Honey Tree Donation	\$5,993	-\$5,993	\$0	
1302 Use of Facilities	\$6,943	\$833	\$6,109	833%
1304 Donut Offering	\$13	-\$13	\$0	
Total 1300 Other Income	\$7,743	\$6,838	\$904	113%
Total Revenue	\$69,403	\$54,684	\$14,718	127%
Expenditures				
2100 Synod Mission Support	\$2,897	\$4,254	-\$1,357	68%
2200 Directed Benevolence		\$375	-\$375	0%
2400 Worship & Music	\$421	\$1,098	-\$677	38%
2500 Children, Youth & Family	\$866	\$717	\$150	121%
2600 Spiritual Growth	\$100	\$154	-\$54	65%
2700 Welcome Ministry	\$107	\$288	-\$180	37%
2800 Community Outreach & Advocacy Ministry		\$88	-\$88	0%
2900 Stewardship	\$312	\$449	-\$137	69%
3000 Payroll Expenditures	\$44,192	\$34,846	\$9,346	127%
3100 Staff Benefits	\$5,666	\$8,046	-\$2,380	70%
3200 Professional Development		\$113	-\$113	0%
3300 Office Support	\$1,609	\$1,174	\$435	137%
3400 Utilities	\$2,892	\$2,453	\$439	118%
3500 Maintenance	\$2,352	\$2,938	-\$586	80%
3600 Insurance & Taxes	\$3,703	\$2,867	\$836	129%
3700 Technology & Communications	\$565	\$333	\$231	169%
3800 Building		\$83	-\$83	0%
Total Expenditures	\$65,681	\$60,274	\$5,408	109%
Net Operating Revenue	\$3,721	-\$5,589	\$9,311	-67%
Other Revenue				
Bank of America -Interest Earned (8977)		\$0	\$0	
BoFA Cash Rewards		\$54	-\$54	0%
Fidelity Investment Accts - Interest Earned		\$1,567	-\$1,567	0%
Total Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,621	-\$1,621	0%
Net Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,621	-\$1,621	0%
Net Revenue	\$3,721	-\$3,968	\$7,690	-94%

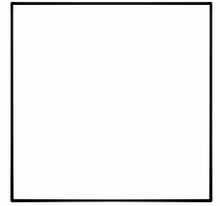


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MARCH

2026

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 \$65. 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.



March Fun Fact!

March is the third month of the year, historically representing new beginnings as it was once the first month in the Roman calendar. Named after Mars, the Roman god of war, it brings the spring equinox (March 19-21) to the Northern Hemisphere, marking the end of winter, the start of spring, and the beginning of Daylight Saving Time.