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**JUNE 2026**

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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 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.



## JUNE EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**6/2, 9, 16, 23, 30** - Tuesday Bible Study  
**6/4, 11, 18, 25** - Making Sense of Scripture  
**6/5** - End of Year Party for Faith Explorers  
**6/7** - Thank You on the Patio for Jim Wilber  
**6/7** - YAG Bible Study  
**6/14** - Thank You Reception on the Patio for Richard and Wanda Ferrin

**6/14 & 28** - Fair Trade Sales  
**6/18** - DORCAS Quilting Circle  
**6/20** - Women's Bible Study  
**6/28** - GATHER Pool Party  
**6/29** - Thea Book Circle

## PASTOR'S NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIK

# COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES AND FOLLOWING CHRIST

Late May to early June is the season for graduations across America, and where there are graduations there are commencement speeches. A couple weeks ago I attended graduation at CLU and heard several commencement speeches from students, faculty members, and a guest speaker. One of the people who gave a speech reminded the crowd that "commencement" means something is starting and that this was a new beginning for them not just an end to their time at college. I appreciated that this speaker brought this up because I think many people do associate graduation with an ending of their time at a particular school and forget that the purpose of their time there was so that they could be prepared to start something new.

I think the disciples in the Bible may have gotten this confused as well when Jesus left them after he has risen from the dead. Jesus spent some time with them after the resurrection, but then he is taken up into the clouds and ascends into heaven. At that point the disciples may have thought things were over. They had finished their time with Jesus and the movement was done.

But before Jesus leaves his followers, he gives them a kind of commencement speech. While it may be one of the shortest commencement speeches in history, it was still very important. Jesus tells his disciples in Acts 2: 8... "....you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses to Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to all the ends of the earth." With these words Jesus is in a way handing his followers their diploma. He is telling them they will no longer simply be disciples or students, they

will be apostles which means 'sent ones.' They are to commence with a new stage of their journey with Jesus. He may not be physically present, but his spirit will be with them to empower them as they are now sent out to be witnesses to the grace of God they have experienced.

When we come to worship on Sunday mornings you might say we experience a similar kind of commencement speech. After being reminded of the Spirit's power in our lives through music, preaching, and prayer, we hear the words, "Go in peace to serve the Lord." Although we say this or something like it every Sunday it can still be easy to confuse the end of the worship with an end of our spiritual connection for the week. We can think that we put in our time of faith and now it's over as we walk out the door of the church.

The end of the service is not the end of living out our faith, however. It is a commencement—the beginning of a new week and a renewal of our calling to follow Jesus. We are commissioned as apostles to be sent out into the world and into our daily activities in order to witness to the grace of God that we have experienced as we gathered for worship. Like receiving a diploma that confers a new status onto a graduate, through baptism we have received a new status as a child of God. This status is not just an end in itself, however. It is also for the sake of being a witness so that others might know that they too are people loved by God.

## LUTHERAN OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY LOBBY DAY

Our annual LOPP Lobby Day was on Wednesday, May 20. There were 99 participants including two California synod bishops. The 99 included participants from all three CA synods and also included 15 CLU students plus faculty and chaplain. Five of the CLU students were repeat participants from last year's Lobby Day. Because of a large church donation, this is the second year LOPP has been able to subsidize students' participation in Lobby Day covering transportation and hotel from Monday to Thursday. The students were able to get an orientation of the capitol and observe the legislature in action. Most of the students are Political Science + majors. They researched the bills we were advocating for as well as the representatives' offices we visited. It was great to see their enthusiasm in participating in the process.

We advocated for six bills currently before the legislature having to do with hunger, the environment, and immigration. The bills are chosen because they reflect the values as stated in the ELCA social statements. My group of 4 (me plus three students) included the offices of two local assembly reps: Steve Bennett (west Ventura County) and Jacqui Irwin (east Ventura County). This Wednesday was also honoring a nonprofit in each district. Rep Bennett chose the nonprofit 805Undocufund and Rep. Irwin chose Adelante Comunidad Conejo in the east county to honor. Rep. Bennett is working on a certification process for home hardening which will make homes resistant to fire. There is a pilot program currently in a few counties. He wants to create a revolving home hardening loan fund for grants to low-income residents. Rep. Irwin has been working on a big solar bill the last two years and was very disappointed

when it was lost in suspense. Both representatives were very supportive of the bills we were advocating for.

Thank you to Holy Trinity for including Lutheran Office of Public Policy in our budget each year!

Dixie Hanson



## EQUAL EXCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We received this lovely acknowledgment from Equal Exchange for being in the top 100 selling congregations in the country, and for all of the work that our congregation does on behalf of small farmers. Thank you to Miriam for heading up this endeavor and thank you to all congregants who support Fair Trade!



## HTLC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

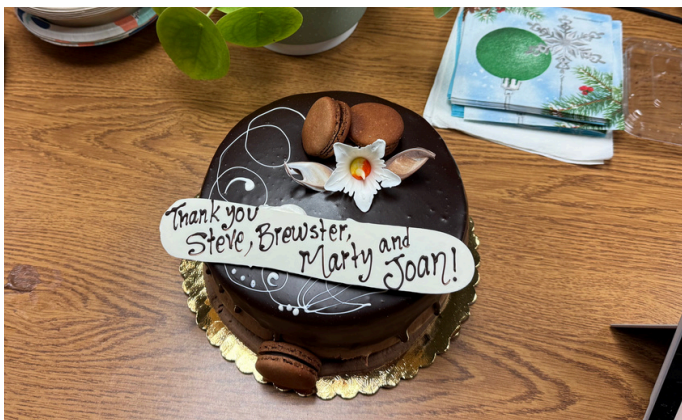
Join us on **Saturday, June 20** at **2pm** in the Fellowship Hall for our June Bible Study beginning the new theme ***I am Worthy***, by Sara Olson-Smith.

"Inspired by the Women of the ELCA 2026 Triennial convention & Gathering theme, ***I am Worthy***, this three-session study helps us explore our individual and collective identities." (Gather, p. 47)

Session one is titled "I am created in God's image. "All we need is to see ourselves as reflections of God's beauty in the world. No matter what anyone else says you are made in the image of God. And you are good—very good." (Gather, p.33)

I am planning to go to the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa this July 16-19. Would anyone else like to go with me and share a hotel room? Registration is at [welca.org/triennial](http://welca.org/triennial). I went for the first time three years ago and loved the experience. Get in touch with me if you are interested.

Dixie Hanson, 805-529-3716 or [dixhanson@gmail.com](mailto:dixhanson@gmail.com).



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

During June we will continue going through the **Book of Ezekiel** verse by verse. Our plan is to do two to three chapters a week as we work our way through the book.

Ezekiel's prophecies take a wide variety of forms, from poetry to visions to dramatic, symbolic physical actions. His words of judgment are biting and often troubling and violent. At the same time Ezekiel will lift up the people to God, praying that a remnant will be spared.

Join us **Tuesdays at 10:30am** in the church Fellowship Hall as we reflect on the words of one of the major prophets in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Here's the reading guide for June:

June 2... Chapters 11 & 12

June 9...Chapters 13, 14 & 15

June 16...Chapters 16 & 17

June 23...Chapters 18, 19, & 20

June 30... Chapters 21 & 22

## THANK YOU



A special thank you to our four out-going Church Council members who have fulfilled their terms. We are grateful to: Steve Hanke (President), Brewster King (Secretary/Recorder), Marty Kreman, and Joan Eggert. Thank you to each of them for their years of service and commitment to helping lead Holy Trinity!

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: TIME & TALENTS

Three Sundays in May, members of our congregation were invited to stop by the table out on the patio to participate in our Time & Talents Stewardship Campaign.

The campaign encouraged everyone to share their gifts by volunteering their time and talents in the life and ministry of our church.

Opportunities to serve include Sunday morning worship leadership roles such as ushers, Scripture readers, communion assistants, acolytes, and Altar Guild members.

Members were also invited to support a variety of community outreach ministries, including tutoring, preparing meals for Harbor House, communion visitation, the Pride Picnic, Vacation Bible School, fundraising efforts with our sister church in El Salvador, the Ukraine Project, CROP Walk, and Manna Food Bank.

In addition, volunteers signed up to help organize and support special events that bring joy to our church and community, including Trunk-or-Treat and the Christmas Angel Tree, which provides gifts for children in need during the holiday season.

We are also working to develop a Hospitality Team — this will be a list of volunteers who we can call on to assist with special church events throughout the year. Their job would be to either setup tables and chairs in advance, pick up donuts before church, set up and serve food to church members, and prepare coffee.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve. Your willingness to share your gifts helps

strengthen our congregation and extend Christ's love into our community.



*Karen Kreman sitting at the Time & Talents Stewardship Campaign table between services, using her time and talents to welcome other people to join! Woohoo!*

## SPECIAL THANK YOU OPPORTUNITIES ON THE CHURCH PATIO

In the month of June we will have two Sundays where we will do special recognitions of our current employees who will be leaving our church staff. The first recognition will be on **June 7th** to say thank you to **Jim Wilber** for taking on the role as Interim Choir Director this last year. There will be a blessing in the 11:00 worship and a reception on the patio after worship.

On **June 14th** we will have a blessing at the 9:30 worship followed by a reception on the patio in order to say thank you to **Richard and Wanda Ferrin** for their twelve years of service as praise band directors at Holy Trinity.

We hope you can attend worship these Sundays to help express our gratitude to these staff members! If you are unable to attend, you can always send a thank you note as well.

*thank you*



## Summer Camp

Students and parents are so excited for Summer Camp. Our program is almost completely full! We are excited to have students on campus for the month of June. Camp will include cooking, different art mediums, science experiments, water play and much more. Mrs. Randolph has created wonderful experiences for the students. Fun and silliness are sure to be the norm. We will have some very happy campers indeed!

**Enrollment:** Honey Tree classes are filling for the 2026-2027 school year. It has been a joy to give tours and sign up new families. Parents interested in signing up their child should contact the school as soon as possible in order to secure a spot in a class. (805) 492-1232. [Office@myhoneytree.com](mailto:Office@myhoneytree.com)

We wish everyone a safe and joyous summer!

*As we enjoy the beauty of your creation, help us to know that you are gifting us with this season to rejoice and worship. May our homes and travels be filled with relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety.*

## MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE

"Making Sense of Scripture" .....Thursdays in June on Zoom

Let's face it. The Bible can be a challenging, even difficult, book to read. It's filled with all kinds of literature we don't often encounter anywhere else. Within the pages of the Bible you will find everything ranging from poetry to genealogies and parables to legal codes. Because of this, reading the Bible can sometimes be a frustrating

experience. "Making Sense of Scripture" is a series about how to read the Bible in order to help folks become more confident in exploring the claims and content of the collection of books that Christians call scripture. The intent of this four week course will be to have conversations on the Bible's history and nature to make it more accessible.

The topics we will cover in this four week series are:

June 4.... What is the Bible?

June 11... Is the Bible True?

June 18... How is the Bible the Word of God?

June 25... Where did the Bible come from?

Author David Lose will be our guide through his book and videos. We have copies of his book on order, if you would like a copy they are \$20.00 each. The class will take place Thursday nights in June on Zoom at 7:00pm. **A link will be put in the Friday Connections email**, but if you would like the reminder email for the class please RSVP to let us know you are interested. You can RSVP at [pastorerik@htlcto.org](mailto:pastorerik@htlcto.org) or by calling the church office.

I look forward to our conversations around "Making Sense of Scripture!" - Pastor Erik



## MANNA CONEJO VALLEY

HTLC once again partnered with Gold Coast Veterans Foundation for a special Memorial Day food drive, supporting local veterans. The donation total will appear in The Tempo next month.

The current list of Most Needed Items is:

1. Canned Pasta Sauce
2. Instant Oatmeal Packets
3. Condiments (Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, etc.)
4. Coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate
5. Cereal
6. Canned Chili
7. Canned Soup (Any Variety)
8. Broth (Canned or Shelf-Stable Cartons)
9. Flavored Rice (Rice-A-Roni, Knorr Rice Sides, etc.)
10. Personal Care Items (Sanitary Pads, Tampons, Soap, Underarm Deodorant, etc.)

Please leave your donations on the designated table in the narthex.

Happy Pride! – Karen and Marty Kreman



## DORCAS QUILTING CIRCLE

Dorcas will meet and complete unfinished quilts started this year. There will also be a survey of supplies and materials and a general tidying up.. The Circle is thankful to be able to complete at least 40 comforters this season. All the quilts are varied but colorful and comforting.

We will be purchasing batting and additional flannel this summer and all look forward to using fresh new materials.

We will meet **Thursday, June 18th at 9:00am** in the Fellowship Hall.

## YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

**YAG (Young Adult Group)** is an HTLC specific group and meets on the first Sunday of the month. This summer, we are hosting a four-day discussion series covering Self-Identity, Belonging, Rest & Burnout, and Gratitude. These sessions are open to everyone, whether you wish to engage from a faith perspective or simply for life reflection. If you are interested in leading a topic, please let me know!

**GATHER** is a group for Young Adults associated with the larger Gather organization of the ELCA. We are not associated with any one particular congregation, but provide opportunities for young adults to connect throughout the year.

While Holy Trinity young adults started the Gather group in our area, it is a group open to any young adults who would like to join in the fun.



**Gather Thousand Oaks**  
**SUMMER EVENTS**

**Kick off BBQ and Pool Parties**  
Kick off BBQ and Pool Party: May 29<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm  
Pool party #2: June 28<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm

**Beach Trips**  
Beach Trip #1: June 20<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm  
Beach Trip #2 July 11<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm  
Silver Strand Beach Oxnard

**Young Adult Hike and Retreat**  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm  
Satwiwa Hiking Trail + Lunch TBD

**Hurricane Harbor**  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-7pm  
We will meet at HTLC at 10am and carpool.

**Summer Bible Study**  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12:15pm in the Library

**FOR MORE INFO...**  
Send an email to [gatherthousandoaks@gmail.com](mailto:gatherthousandoaks@gmail.com) or scan the QR code and fill out the form!



## THEA BOOK CIRCLE

The Group will finish the year by sharing their favorite book(s) with the group. The variety of books and the discussions are always stimulating, varied and insightful. Often books surface that are used by Thea as a read for the following year.

Come with your books to the Church Library on **Monday, June 29 at 7:00p.m.** to join in the discussion.



## JUNE LIBRARY NEWS!

No event this month, but do check out the library shelves. There are Christian Spirituality books featured. Pastor Erik suggested this theme after he saw how many were in our library. I also found Old Testament books that I had forgotten about on the shelves. I never displayed them last month. I found a book about Ezekiel which we are reading in the Tuesday Bible Study. Check out the free book cart outside the library. I have put magazines like Guideposts, in there, too. There are a lot of things to check out! If you want to literally check out a book, just write the title and your name and email on the clipboard by the door.

Come in and browse or if you are in a meeting look at the shelves while you are sitting there.

**NOTE:** The HTLC Library is interested in obtaining two particular books by Dietrich Bonhoeffer: his "Ethics" and his "After Ten Years" essay. If you have a personal copy you would not mind donating to the library, get in touch with Miriam. Miriam Nakayama, Laurel Engstrom and Brian McGuire

## FAIR TRADING WITH MIRIAM

Miriam, Nancy, and Terri will be selling Fair Trade on June 14 and 28, between services and after the 11:00 service. Look for us near the entrance door on the left as you exit.

We have a new order of Divine Chocolate Bars: Dark Chocolate with Toffee and Sea Salt, Milk Chocolate with Toffee and Sea Salt, Dark Chocolate with Raspberries, Dark Chocolate with Pink Himalayan Sea Salt. These bars are selling at \$4. Equal Exchange chocolate bars are still \$3.50. We give one of these bars to the new members to introduce them to our fair trade wares. Thank you to Angela Carr!

June Fair Blessings to you!

Miriam Nakayama, Nancy Truex, and Terri Kelly

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

During our Annual Congregational Meeting last month, Holy Trinity elected four new members to our Congregation Council. We give thanks for their commitment to serving our church community and for the unique experiences, perspectives, and gifts they bring to this important role. We invite you to meet our newest council members by reading their biographies below.



**Janet Nokleby:** I've been a member at HTLC since 1999. I typically attend the 9:30 service and sing in the choir. I'm active with various

organizations in the county to support our immigrants and other vulnerable people within our community. I'm a lifelong Lutheran. My daughters were raised in the HTLC community and it's probably time for me to get more involved in the HTLC community.



**Brian McGuire:** I grew up in the Kansas City area. I earned my undergraduate degree in Molecular Biology and a doctorate in Biochemistry. I came to Thousand Oaks in 1989 where I worked for Amgen as an employee and a consultant. After retirement I volunteered at the AIDS Service Center in Pasadena and for 8 years delivered meals through Project Angel Food in Los Angeles. I became a member of HTLC almost five years ago. I volunteered for Harbor House, tutor elementary children through HTLC, serve on the Stewardship Committee, volunteer in worship service, and contribute to the TEMPO newsletter. I have the time and interest to extend my involvement in HTLC by serving on the Church Council.



**Aimee Palosi:** We started attending services at Holy Trinity in the fall of 2021 and joined in 2022. I am involved in the Tutoring program on Wednesday evenings and I have served on the Stewardship team for the past three years. I also volunteer regularly at Harbor House. Holy Trinity has made an incredible impact on my family, helping me feel inspired in my faith and passionate about worship services again. Serving on the Council is a way to give back to this community, while also helping to shape its future.



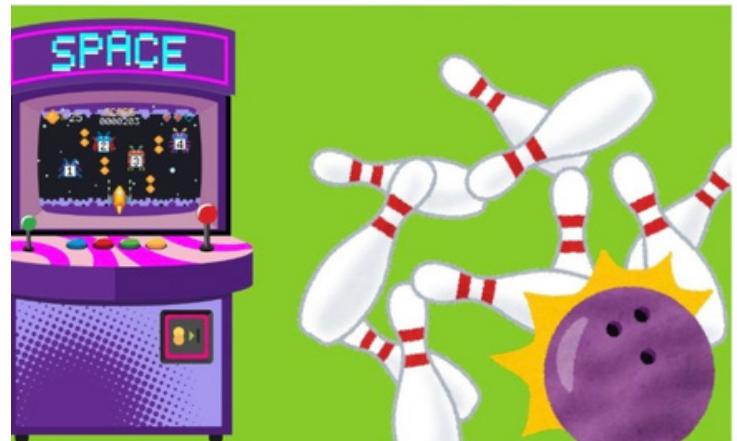
**Ernesto Santiago:** I've had the pleasure of being a member at HTLC for two years; and from the very start, I was deeply captivated by the Church's welcoming and caring attention, openness to diversity and different backgrounds like my own (Hispanic). I have been actively participating in the weekly online family group meetings which has been a very enriching and edifying experience; a beautiful time to build community with other brothers and sisters. ...

...I'd like to be part of the council to contribute by bringing perspective through the lens of a Hispanic progressive believer who deeply resonates with the Church's message and mission to nurture Christ-centered lives that reflect God's love and grace in our communities near and far.

*Welcome*

## FAITH EXPLORERS BOWLING END-OF-YEAR PARTY ON JUNE 5TH, 5-7PM AT LUCKY STRIKE IN MOORPARK

### FAITH EXPLORERS PARTY



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ONE WORSHIP SUNDAYS IN JULY

This Summer we will have worship at 10am for **every Sunday in July**. June and August will have normal worship times of 9:30 and 11am. Please mark your calendars!

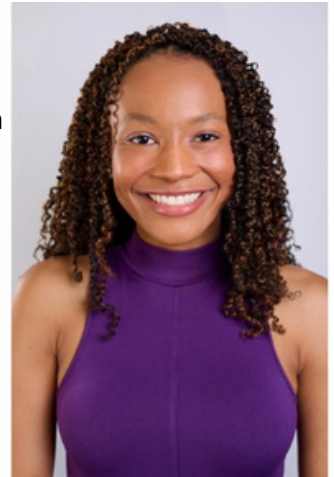


## CONGRATS HTLC GRADS!

**Preston Mockwitz-Kubes**,  
graduating from  
Thousand Oaks  
High School.



**Nicole Chesnut** grew up  
at Holy Trinity and is  
graduating from Davis with  
Masters Degree in public  
health.



**Jasmine Chang** grew  
up at Holy Trinity and is  
graduating from  
California Lutheran  
University, Planning to  
pursue a master's  
degree in Clinical  
Psychology with an  
emphasis in Marriage  
and Family Therapy at  
Pepperdine this fall.



**Angela Abalo** sings in  
the praise band and  
helps with the youth  
group. She is graduating  
from California Lutheran  
University. She has been  
accepted into the CLU  
MFT program but will be  
taking a gap year to  
work for a year and gain  
more experience.

**Sophia Munhall** is a  
recent member of Holy  
Trinity, graduating from  
Thousand Oaks High  
School. Sophia will be  
attending Moorpark  
College in the fall and  
playing softball there as  
well. She plans to study  
kinesiology & wants to  
become a  
paramedic/EMT, then  
transfer to a 4-year.



**Lily Bowden** has been  
an active member of  
Holy Trinity for the past  
three years and is  
graduating from  
Thousand Oaks High  
School.

Lily will be attending the  
University of Texas at  
Austin. She will be in the  
Plan II Honors program  
and plans on majoring in  
Human Development.



## CONGRATS HTLC GRADS!

**Piper Goehner**, member of Holy Trinity, is graduating from Thousand Oaks High School. She will attend Moorpark College in the Fall.



**Kaylin Briers**, graduating from Thousand Oaks High School - Will attend Moorpark College to study Psychology.

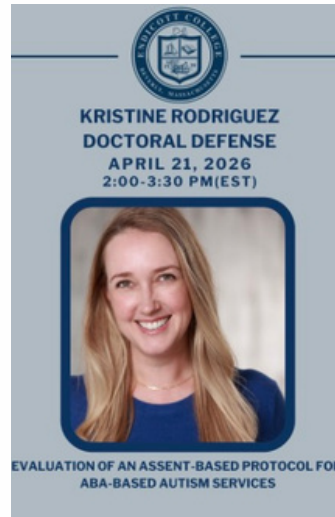


**Alice Freeberg**, graduating from Thousand Oaks High School

**Tatum Hunzeker**, graduating from Thousand Oaks High School

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF HTLC MEMBERS

**Nicole Warkentien**, granddaughter of Barbara Warkentien and the late Kenneth Warkentien, will graduate in June with a BFA in Music Theatre with honors from UC Irvine.



**Kristine Rodriguez** is the daughter of Bob and Linda Ritterbush. Kris grew up at HTLC, was active in youth group and served as an interim Youth Director. She lives with her husband and two children in Riverside.

CAPhD at Endicott College Massachusetts and will continue as Chief Clinical Officer, Autism Learning Services.

**Caleb Ferrin**, Grandson of Wanda and Richard Ferrin, has been living with us the past two years and was an HTLC AV tech before starting college. Caleb will be in Hong Kong visiting his dad and brothers on June 7 and unable to attend the grad



bleeding. Caleb is graduating from Moorpark College, Transferring to CSU Monterey Bay for a degree in business administration and more hours surfing and deep sea diving.



## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF HTLC MEMBERS CONT.

**Sarah Foutch**, granddaughter of Ann Taplin, graduating from Shasta College.

### Grandchildren of

#### Mike and Marty McCambridge

- **Jason Skelly** graduated from Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas with a BS in Math
- **June Skelly** graduated from Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, Texas, with a BA in English with minor in film.
- **Jill Skelly** graduated from high school and is heading to Gardner-Webb University in Charlotte, NC to study global communications and literature with a concentration in ASL.
- **Caleb Long** graduated from Morris-Jenkins University Build a Plumber Program in Charlotte, NC.

Children of Katie Yant:

**Rebecca Yant**, JD cum laude  
American University Washington College of Law,  
Washington, DC

**Aaron Yant**, BA in Art  
CSUCI, Camarillo, CA

Child of Beth Goodnight, **Joseph Goodnight**,  
graduating from Thousand Oaks High School

**Hayven Gaffga** (attended the Youth Gathering with HTLC) - graduating from Thousand Oaks High School, Hayven is planning to travel to Montana to work for a year and establish residency before starting at Montana State University.

## VBS SIGN UPS ARE OPEN



Our VBS this year is all about kids connecting with God, each other, and the community.

**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 for kids and volunteers:**

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

# 2026 JAN-APRIL FINANCE SNAPSHOT

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Budget vs. Actuals: 2026 Budget vs. Actuals - FY26 P&L

	January - April, 2026				Total			
	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual				
<b>Revenue</b>								
1100 Regular Offering					\$0	\$0	\$0	
1101 Envelopes/Non Pledged	\$13,926	\$4,730	\$5,762	\$5,624	\$30,042	\$28,333	\$1,709	106.0%
1102 Envelopes/Pledged	\$48,170	\$38,308	\$40,461	\$41,599	\$168,538	\$160,717	\$7,820	104.9%
<b>Total 1100 Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$62,095</b>	<b>\$43,038</b>	<b>\$46,223</b>	<b>\$47,223</b>	<b>\$198,580</b>	<b>\$189,051</b>	<b>\$9,529</b>	<b>105.0%</b>
1200 Special Offerings					\$0	\$0	\$0	
1202 Thrivent/Benevity	\$565	\$1,080	\$5,187	\$1,664	\$8,496	\$2,333	\$6,163	364.1%
<b>Total 1200 Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$565</b>	<b>\$1,080</b>	<b>\$5,187</b>	<b>\$1,664</b>	<b>\$8,496</b>	<b>\$2,333</b>	<b>\$6,163</b>	<b>364.1%</b>
1300 Other Income				\$150	\$150	\$0	\$150	
1301 Honey Tree Donation	\$5,993		\$11,985	\$5,993	\$23,970	\$23,970	\$0	100.0%
1302 Use of Facilities	\$1,600	\$4,350	\$1,575	\$1,025	\$8,550	\$3,333	\$5,217	256.5%
1304 Donut Offering			\$10		\$10	\$50	-\$40	21.0%
<b>Total 1300 Other Income</b>	<b>\$7,593</b>	<b>\$4,350</b>	<b>\$13,570</b>	<b>\$7,168</b>	<b>\$32,680</b>	<b>\$27,353</b>	<b>\$5,327</b>	<b>119.5%</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$70,253</b>	<b>\$48,468</b>	<b>\$64,981</b>	<b>\$56,055</b>	<b>\$239,756</b>	<b>\$218,737</b>	<b>\$21,019</b>	<b>109.6%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
2100 Synod Mission Support	\$5,589	\$3,873	\$4,160	\$4,250	\$17,872	\$17,015	\$857	105.0%
2200 Directed Benevolence			\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,500	-\$500	66.7%
2400 Worship & Music	\$421	\$509	\$1,320	\$453	\$2,703	\$4,390	-\$1,687	61.6%
2500 Children, Youth & Family	\$866	\$290	\$124	\$235	\$1,515	\$2,867	-\$1,352	52.9%
2600 Spiritual Growth	\$100		\$21	\$133	\$254	\$617	-\$363	41.2%
2700 Welcome Ministry	\$107	\$41	\$133	\$480	\$761	\$1,150	-\$390	66.1%
2800 Community Outreach & Advocacy Ministry					\$0	\$350	-\$350	0.0%
2900 Stewardship	\$312	\$280	\$312	\$246	\$1,149	\$1,797	-\$647	64.0%
3000 Payroll Expenditures	\$42,825	\$29,886	\$29,568	\$30,041	\$132,321	\$130,774	\$1,546	101.2%
3100 Staff Benefits	\$5,666	\$7,133	\$7,138	\$7,198	\$27,135	\$31,260	-\$4,126	86.8%
3200 Professional Development			\$950		\$950	\$450	\$500	211.1%
3300 Office Support	\$1,609	\$2,076	\$948	\$1,076	\$5,709	\$4,696	\$1,013	121.6%
3400 Utilities	\$2,892	\$2,458	\$2,186	\$2,173	\$9,709	\$9,812	-\$103	98.9%
3500 Maintenance	\$2,382	\$1,802	\$2,184	\$2,266	\$8,634	\$11,750	-\$3,116	73.5%
3600 Insurance & Taxes	\$3,703	\$2,713	\$2,679	\$958	\$10,053	\$11,468	-\$1,415	87.7%
3700 Technology & Communications	\$565	\$9	\$82	\$82	\$738	\$1,333	-\$596	55.3%
3800 Building	\$1,000				\$1,000	\$333	\$667	300.0%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$68,036</b>	<b>\$51,070</b>	<b>\$52,806</b>	<b>\$49,589</b>	<b>\$221,501</b>	<b>\$231,562</b>	<b>-\$10,061</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,216</b>	<b>-\$2,603</b>	<b>\$12,175</b>	<b>\$6,466</b>	<b>\$18,255</b>	<b>-\$12,825</b>	<b>\$31,079</b>	<b>-142.3%</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>								
BofA Cash Rewards					\$0	\$217	-\$217	0.0%
Investment Accts - Interest Earned	\$3,456	\$1,972	\$1,230	\$3,387	\$10,045	\$6,267	\$3,778	160.3%
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,456</b>	<b>\$1,972</b>	<b>\$1,230</b>	<b>\$3,387</b>	<b>\$10,045</b>	<b>\$6,483</b>	<b>\$3,561</b>	<b>154.9%</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>								
3854 Transfer of Pastoral Housing CD Interest to Dedicated Acct		\$872	\$0		\$872	\$0	\$872	
3857 Transfer of Undesig. Reserve Interest	\$179	\$157	\$176		\$512	\$0	\$512	
3858 Transfer of Operating Deficit Reserve Interest to Ded. Acct	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3859 Transfer of Capital Reserves to Dedicated Acct	\$418	\$372	\$416		\$1,206	\$0	\$1,206	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$597</b>	<b>\$1,401</b>	<b>\$592</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,590</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,590</b>	
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,859</b>	<b>\$571</b>	<b>\$638</b>	<b>\$3,387</b>	<b>\$7,455</b>	<b>\$6,483</b>	<b>\$972</b>	<b>115.0%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,075</b>	<b>-\$2,032</b>	<b>\$12,814</b>	<b>\$9,853</b>	<b>\$25,710</b>	<b>-\$6,341</b>	<b>\$32,051</b>	<b>-405.4%</b>

We are in a similar posture to last month: doing better than budgeted for 2026 year-to-date but likely to average significantly closer to budgeted amounts over the summer months.

Early 2026 better-than-budget performance was driven by a January surge of pledged & nonpledged giving and income events that will not recur later in the year, such as heavy February facilities use rental and the large March 2025 donation via Benevity.

Operating expenses are underspent so far but will increase over the course of the year, also contributing to a net closer to budget.

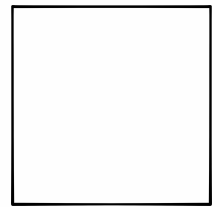


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## **PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for healing for:** Susie Wilber, Evonne Larson, Lori O'Neil, Martha Buratto, Pamela Baldwin, Stephen Warkentien (Barbara Warkentien's son), Rodger Kendrick (Jean Kammerer's brother), David Humphrey (Maggie Becker's father), Helen Shughart (Jean Kammerer's sister), Karen (friend of Linda Ross), Dave Marrotta (friend of Tim Wagenknecht & Yvonne Bernschneider)

### **Please pray for:**

Fred Lindberg, that everything goes well with his upcoming surgery  
Craig Dodson (friend of Brian & Jude Wurschum) for comfort and strength  
Susan Sanchez (a friend of the Erickson Family: Chris, Sabrina, Liv, Anneliese, Bella) for strength as she fights a courageous battle with cancer



### **Please hold these families in prayer as they grieve the loss of their loved one:**

The families of...William Horbury, Beth Goodnight's brother; Tom Converse, Pastor Emily's uncle; Paul Sullivan, Cindy Grether's brother; Brian and Patti Stouch, friends of the Goehner's, on the death of Patti's mother; Jared Davis, son of Elaine Davis; Mary Kathryn Davenport, Susie Wilber's sister; Greg Miller, son of Jerry & Margaret Miller; Elizabeth Velarde, Yolanda Mosley's mother; Anne Lieberknecht; Christopher Vandezande, Margie Vandezandee's grandson; Hazel Dell Hansen, cousin to Margaret Schwalm and Nelius Ronning; Dawn Aiken, cousin to Pamela Baldwin; Scott Yant, Katie Yant's brother-in-law

