

The First Word

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable. 2 Timothy 4:2

I'm writing in the third week of August when students return to the home school we house on campus. I love the noise and bustle of the beginning of a new school year. I enjoy watching moms and dads walking their kids on and off church grounds as days begin and end. There's an energy inherent in the beginning of things that is palpable and beautiful. I know that things will soon settle into routines and the new backpacks and shoes will lose their shimmer with use. But, for now, it's wonderful.

I come from a vintage that didn't expect school to start until September, and not before Labor Day at that. I still think of September as a month for beginnings, probably more out of nostalgia than anything else. If August is when things get going, September is at least the month for new things to become part of the day-to-day.

Here at Trinity, our year is governed more by the seasons of the church year than by the solar calendar. September and most of October close out the season of Pentecost. October 25 is Reformation Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day (and Sunday) and November 22 closes the year with

Christ the King Sunday. The new year commences with Advent 1 on November 29.

Thus is the way life unfolds—with comings and goings, beginning and endings. One thing leads to another which, in turn, gives way to something else. Our job, as the church, is always to be present in the tide of things, ready to wade in and to bless wherever and whenever we're needed.

I'm proud of Trinity for assembling backpacks for the kids of TKC, helping them to start the school year strong. I'm proud of Trinity for giving the kids of the home school a place to learn and grow. I'm proud of all of us for standing ready, in season and out, to make the gospel known every way we can. Let's keep it up!

With you in Christ's service,

Pastor Rob

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED
 Tues-Thurs 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 (559) 229-8581

Check Out Our Website!

Our website is constantly being updated with new photos, sermons, event information and more! Go to tlcfresno.org and share our website with your friends and family.



Follow us on social media!

FB/IG: @tlcfresno
 TikTok: @trinity.fresno
 YouTube: @trinitylutheranfresno

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

A fundamental human need is to be heard.
 Your Congregation Council is here to listen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service
 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study - Conference Room
 9:00am-Chancel Choir - Music Room
 10:30 am-Sunday School (K-6) - Multipurpose Room
 10:30 am-Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
j3jordan@hotmail.com

Wednesday

6:00pm-Middle & High School Gathering/Worship
 9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
j3jordan@hotmail.com

Thursday

7:00 am-Men's Bible Study,
 6:00 pm-Women's Bible Study

PRAYER REQUESTS

Did you know that you can put in a request for prayer on Trinity's website? It's simple and you can do it at any time of the day or night. Just go to tlcfresno.com and follow the link to put in your request. You'll be put on our prayer list right away!

LINKS OF LOVE

Our Links of Love ministry at Trinity reaches out to Trinity members who are homebound or in need of having one of our lay ministers come out and visit, bring Communion, or send cards. If you are interested or know someone in need, please call Lisa Collins, at the Church office at 229-8581, and we will make sure to contact you.

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Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Bulldog Pantry are grateful for your support! We are looking ahead to an exciting new school year full of new faces and friendships.

We especially want to thank the following people who regularly volunteer with us even in these hot months of the summer Nancy Bird, Jan Odahl and Robert Phillips. We also want to thank those of you who have recently used a Thrivent Action Card to help us.

Donations of nonperishable food items, such as canned vegetables, canned fruit and canned meat are needed to fill our shelves. Donations can be put in the wishing well or left with Lisa in the office. Feel free to contact me for more information.

Your prayers mean the world to all of us as we chart a new path for the ministry...Erica Bird



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Karen Jensen; Elaine Buchanan; Carol Lopez; Sandra Trippel; Wayne Truax; Diana Brantley; Brenda McLain; Jonathan Bergman; Eric Hagen; Lloyd Hauser; Betty Haak; Joan McCarthy; Kayley Noble; Billie Person; Rod Harris; Sebastian Truax; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson for their work in Tanzania; the people of the Holy Land; all victims of natural disasters; victims of violence and terror attacks; our troops, first responders, & their families.



WELCA....Our "circles" are having a month respite, following a great year and wonderful Summer Bible Study with Pastor Sharon. Circle meetings begin again in September.

Whether you have previously been in a circle, or if you would like to be starting "new" — you are very welcome. We share Bible study material each month with women across the country using WELCA's own magazine and studies planned for Lutheran women's.

In September we will begin a three-month series, under the theme "Bold Faith on an unexpected Journey." The three sessions will follow Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene. September's scripture is Genesis 16:1-16, and Genesis 21:8-23.



**Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey,"
by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney**

Choose the day and time:

Mary-Martha - 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 pm.- at church
(contact Judy McGrath)

Priscilla - 2nd Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - at church
(contact Linda Riley)

Evening Spirit - 3rd Monday, 5:30 p.m. - in homes
(contact Ann Brewer)

Good Morning - 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - at church
(contact Marcia Gutierrez)



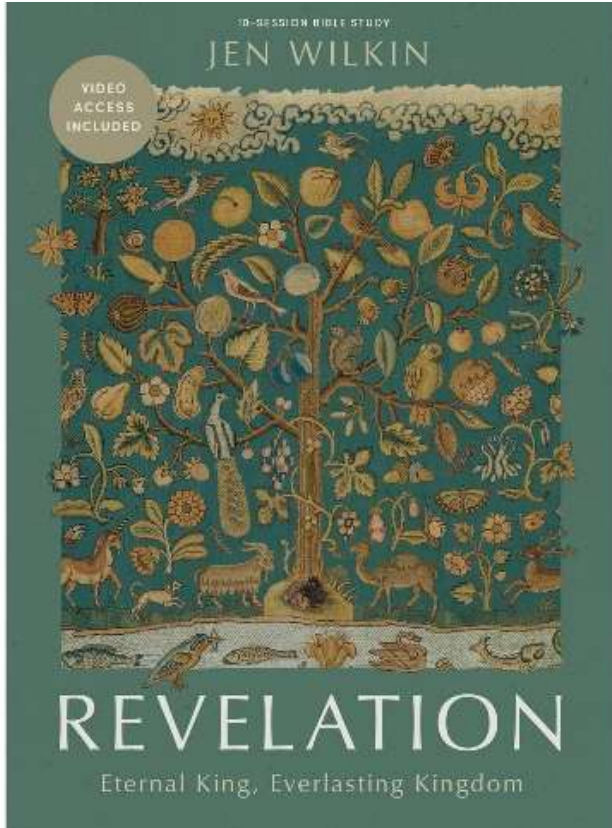
Anita Frede	9/01
Laura Berry	9/05
Patti Jackson	9/06
Cheryl Hansen-Abshere	9/08
Karla Jackson	9/09
Norman Schumacher	9/12
Nancy Bickner	9/15
Diana Brantley	9/15
Linda Riley	9/19
Kayla Stuebner	9/19
Barbara Cucuk	9/20
Jan Bailey	9/20
Walt Flanders	9/22
Gordon Oakley	9/23
Rosanne Valenzuela	9/23
Tyler Bardon	9/25
William McCarthy	9/29
Kristi Czesinski	9/29
Peyton Lindeman	9/30



Mike & Alice Guffey	9/11/1964
Frank & Lisa Collins	9/11/1993
Paul & Charlotte Fountinelle	9/23/2000
Mathew & Madeline Czesinski	9/30/2023



*But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31***



READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY??

Come read the book of **REVELATION** with us!

No other book of the Bible feels as inaccessible and intimidating to us as the very last one. The book of Revelation overflows with images and ideas that confound our modern ears. But if all scripture is God breathed and profitable, we should assume Revelation is as accessible and helpful as any other book of the Bible.

This study is so amazing and reassuring and eye-opening, you won't want to miss it!!

10-week study beginning September 13. Time 8:45-10:15. Childcare is available.

Study book will be available at the first class. Sign-up with Sharon Rowley.

Married at Trinity?

DID YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW GET MARRIED AT TRINITY? WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON OUR WEBSITE TO HELP SHOWCASE OUR BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY!

PLEASE EMAIL A PHOTO TO
JOANNA@TLCFRESNO.COM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 17TH, 2026
3:00PM - 6:00PM

LUTHER'S LIBATIONS

GRAB A FRIEND AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF WINE, BEER, FOOD & MUSIC AT THE 2026 LUTHER'S LIBATIONS EVENT!

SILENT AUCTION
50/50 RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES
MUSIC & MORE!

TICKETS
TASTING - \$30
NON-TASTING - \$20

SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	NA NOONERS meet Mon, Tue, & Wed at 12p	1 9a LAYETTES 12p Welca Board	2	3	4	5
6 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	7 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 9:30a Priscilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	10 7a MBS 6p WBS	11	12 10a VASA
13 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	14 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	15 10:30a Good Morning Circle	16 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	17 7a MBS 6p WBS	18 9a Warming Fresno	19
20 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	21 11a Exercise Class via Zoom 6:45 Eve. Spirit Circle	22	23 11a Exercise Class via Zoom 1p Good News Circle	24 7a MBS 9:30 Welca Quilters 6p WBS	25	26
27 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	28 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	29	30	<i>MBS-Men's Bible Study</i> <i>WBS-Women's Bible Study</i> Contact Pastor Rob for a link to join via Zoom!	<i>Warming Fresno</i> is open to all levels of crocheters and knitters and they are willing to teach anyone interested!	11a Exercise Class via Zoom Exercise class via zoom j3jordan@hotmail.com

Holidays at Trinity

10/04 – WELCA SUNDAY – SINGLE SERVICE @ 10 AM

10/10 – LUTHER & BACH – DETAILS TBD

10/17 – LUTHER'S LIBATIONS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – 3–6 PM

10/31 – COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT – 3–5 PM

11/15 – COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING – SINGLE SERVICE @ 10 AM

LUNCH AND TKC TALENT SHOW TO FOLLOW SERVICE

11/25 – THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE @ 6 PM

PIE SOCIAL TO FOLLOW SERVICE

12/05 – WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

12/13 – LESSONS IN CAROLS – SINGLE SERVICE @ 10 AM

BAKE SALE TO FOLLOW SERVICE

12/18 – LIVING NATIVITY – DETAILS TBD

12/24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES @ 4 PM & 11 PM

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Our Mission:
To Lead People Into The Life-Changing Love of Jesus Christ