

The First Word

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord! Psalm 122:1"

I sometimes happens that Fresno State and Fresno Pacific students are required to interview "spiritual leaders" in the community as part of their coursework. My week began with one of these interviews and the topic was how I as a leader and Trinity as a congregation work in and for the community.

I told the student how we began our afterschool program and how we now have on staff persons who themselves came up through the program. I talked about distributing food and clothing everyday as people come to the church doors in need. I mentioned how Trinity has historically made space available on our campus for programs that support neighborhood families, like the home school that's grown so big that we house it on campus and have its students as part of Trinity Kids Club.

As our conversation developed, we got on the topic of what I call "bridge" events. Bridge events are non-Sunday morning opportunities to invite people onto campus who otherwise wouldn't probably think of visiting us. Invitations to worship are great but they are often fraught with uncertainty about what to expect. Bridge events are different.

I described our annual "Trunk-or-Treat" Halloween event where we provide a safe and fun experience for the families of the neighborhood. I also spoke of Luther's Libations as a way of interacting with people in a relaxed atmosphere that's conducive to us learning about them and them learning about us,

namely that not all church people are stuffy and judgmental.

The student found these last two events very interesting and asked for the dates and times for both. I wrote them out and invited her to Luther's Libations as my guest. I don't know if she'll attend but, if she does, I'll gladly pay her way in. I'll also take the opportunity to introduce her to some of our people as I point out the various things to see and sample.

There's no guarantee that any of this will encourage her spiritual development or church attendance. But, what these events will do is provide opportunities for invitations to draw nearer to our community of faith than they would have otherwise. That's a good thing!

I encourage you think about to whom you might offer an invitation. Luther's Libations is October 17 from 3-6pm and Trunk-or-Treat is October 31 from 4-6:30pm. I hope to see you there!

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

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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.



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 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 trying new things this fall to reach out in different ways to the young adults around us. We are looking forward to new faces and friendships.

We want to thank the following people who regularly volunteer with us from this congregation: Nancy Bird, Jan Odahl and Robert Phillips. We have space for you if you would like to volunteer!

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

Harper Marshall; Laura Vukovich; Sue Pattinson; Phillip Horn; Andrea McDaniel; Crystal Vines; Eric Hagen; Sharon Jensen; Elaine Buchanan; Sandra Trippel; Diana Brantley; Brenda McLain; Jonathan Bergman; Lloyd Hauser; Rod Harris; Sebastian Truax; peace and comfort for the family and friends of Billie Person as they mourn her passing; 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.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

All women are invited to attend the small groups which meet each month....Bible discussion, getting acquainted, and sharing "coffee time." At the church.... 2nd Wed., 9:30 a.m. 2nd Tues., 1:30 pm. 3rd Tues., 10:00 a.m. 3rd Mon., 6:30p.m. Contact Ann Brewer (or church office)



Dear Faith Family,

I want to Thank you all for your prayers, hugs, cards, texts, or special thoughts these last few months.

Losing my son, Mark, has been very difficult. But trusting in the Lord and with your help, I am moving forward.

With Love,
Your Sister in Christ - Liz



Tania Keller	10/01
Joel Pena	10/05
Curtis Smith	10/05
Marla Reisman	10/06
Connie Crain	10/07
Robby O'Berg	10/08
Katie Willis	10/09
Darrell Burks	10/10
Chloe Pena	10/10
Sandra Trippel	10/11
Mariah Cushing	10/14
Eleanor Miksch	10/16
Sara Nalley	10/17
Keith Davies	10/18
Lauren Wilson	10/18
Kellie Maul	10/18
Helen Horton	10/20
Dorothy Belcher	10/22
Spencer Strater	10/22
Brandon Burge	10/23
Benedikt Plessmann	10/24
Mathew Czesinski	10/26
Jolene Marshall	10/27
Claire Talbot	10/27
Cayden Talbot	10/27
Jerry Bailey	10/28
Marilyn McDonald	10/28
Laurell Huber	10/28
Karen Sebilian	10/29

Mike & Kristi Czesinski	10/02/1993
John & Mary Anne McConnell	10/05/2002
John & Elaine Schomaker	10/08/1966
David & Linda Hurst	10/14/2012
Curtis & Connie Smith	10/22/2005



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for tis is the will of the God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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




WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO LUTHER'S LIBATIONS?

Who do you know that you can invite to join you for a lovely Fall afternoon/evening?

Do you know someone without a church home? Or someone who doesn't know Jesus?

This is a great non-threatening way to introduce a friend to Trinity. Who doesn't like an event with great food, music, beverages- both alcohol, and NON-alcohol.

LUTHER'S LIBATIONS - SILENT AUCTION

Do you have something you can donate? We are looking for new, unused items this year. You can fill your own basket, or you can provide items and the FMAT team will put them together to create a basket of similar items.

If you have a service you would like to donate, let the committee know!

Maybe you're gifted at putting things together or gifted in the wrapping department.

Let someone on the FMAT team know how you would like to help. There will be a box in the office for dropping your items off here at church.

The Silent Auction is always a fun part of the event. It's fun to bid on an item and fun to watch the other bidders. Who will win? We all do!



Holidays at Trinity

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

10/10 – LUTHER & BACH – LECTURE RECITAL @ 10 AM

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

OCTOBER 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MBS-Men's Bible Study WBS-Women's Bible Study Contact Pastor Rob for a link to join via Zoom!	NA NOONERS meet Mon, Tue, & Wed at 12p	Warming Fresno 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	1 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 6p WBS	2	3
4 WELCA SUNDAY ONE SERVICE @10:00A	5 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	6 9a LAYETTES 12p Welca Board	7 9:30a Priscilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	8 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 6p WBS	9 9a Warming Fresno	10 9a DAR (L.H.) 10a VASA (F.H.) 10a Luther & Bach (Sanct.)
11 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	12 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	13 10:30a Good Morning Circle	14 9a CalRTA Luncheon 9:30a Priscilla Circle 11a Exercise Class via Zoom	15 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 6p WBS	16	17 3-6p LUTHER'S*-*-* -*-*LIBATIONS!
18 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Wrshp. 11:30a Coffee Hour	19 11a Exercise Class via Zoom 6:45 Eve. Spirit Circle	20 10a Good Morning Circle	21 11a Exercise Class via Zoom 1p Good News Circle	22 7a MBS 9a CalRTA Choir 9:30 Welca Quilters 6p WBS	23 9a Warming Fresno	24
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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