



# Trinity Topics

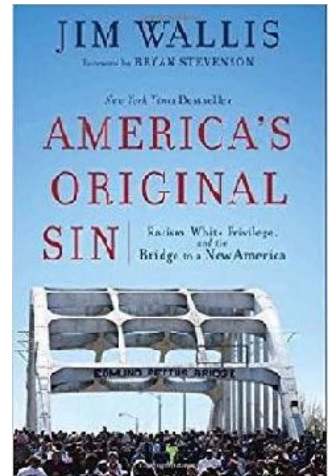
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## Message from Pastor Josh

If you want to know more about the racial history of the United States, understand white privilege, or how these dynamics are playing out today, I whole heartedly recommend the book "America's Original Sin" to you. Jim Wallis is the founder and editor of Sojourners Magazine. He is also a pastor and activist who has dedicated his life to the service of others.

Since the founding of the United States we have had to deal with the sin of genocide against Native Americans and the enslavement of Africans. Wallis writes, "We should not tolerate the fact that five hundred years after the arrival of Europeans, the institutions of our society-economic, political, and cultural-continue to disadvantage, marginalize, and trivialize the lives and images of Native people." He also writes, "Many have pointed out how racism is sustained both by personal attitudes and structural forces. Racism can therefor be brutally overt or invisible institutional, or both."



This book will traverse many areas of America's Original Sin. The work we have to do is never over. My hope is that if you decide to read it you will do so with an open heart asking where God is calling you to see the corporate sin our forefathers passed along to us. It's also an invitation to repent and see that God is still moving amongst us, inviting us and our institutions into transformation for the sake of equality for all.

**When: Tuesday, February 13th**

**Where: Beilstein Hall**

**Time: 6:30pm**



Do you love having breakfast for dinner? Come on down for pancakes and other breakfast foods!

There will also be a Pancake Tuesday/Ash Wednesday Trivia Challenge!

This is one of few different fundraisers for the three youths who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer! The Youth Gathering happens every 3 years where students from all over the country get together to learn, serve, connect, and have fun!

**Sunday, February 11 | Burning of Palms | Courtyard**

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, all worshipers are invited to bring their palm fronds from last year's Palm/Passion Sunday worship. We will burn the palms following worship in the courtyard and use the ashes in our **Ash Wednesday Service on February 14.**



**Pancake Tuesday, February 13**

**6:30 pm in Beilstein Hall**

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**February 14 - Ash Wednesday Services**

**St. Andrews, 12 noon & 7 pm**

(St. Andrews is located at 1501 S El Camino Real in San Mateo)  
To carpool for the evening service, meet in the HTLC lot at 6 pm.

**Midweek Worship & Supper in Lent  
Wednesday Nights at 6pm**

<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
Wednesday, February 28	St. Andrews
<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
Wednesday March 14	St. Andrews
<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>



A simple soup supper at 6pm, and worship at 7pm. Sign up in the breezeway to bring a hearty soup, salad, bread, or dessert. To carpool to St. Andrews, meet in the HTLC lot at 5:30 pm.

*Welcome 2018 HTLC Council!*

- Barbara Padilla - Council President**
- Dick Rescho - Council Vice President**
- Doug Southard - Council Secretary**

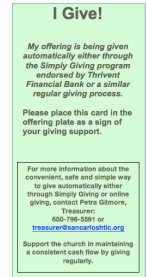
**Sandy Frojelin as our newest council member!**

We look forward to a blessing filled 2018!

**Stewardship is defined as, “the responsibility of overseeing and protecting something considered worth caring for and preserving.” Stewardship provides a spiritual way of living and reacting to the many gifts our gracious God has given us. Stewardship helps us reflect on all that we have: families, friends, time, talents, skills, material possessions and finances. Stewardship reflects how our faith guides the way we live and act as disciples of Jesus.**

**“I Give”**

What do children, members and visitors learn about being good stewards when they see the offering plate bypassed by many people? Many offerings are made other than weekly (including electronic transfers). To support good stewardship with a visible example, if you give, but do not have an envelope for the offering plate, please use one of the “I Give” cards found in the pew. Simply place the card as is (no names/amounts, please) in the offering plate. The cards will be recycled and used week after week.



**Loan Repayment**



What an amazing congregation this is. We tackled a huge capital campaign in 2014 and have paid off all but \$49,098! The remarkable thing is that we have managed to complete \$1,000,000 of work spending only \$500,000. Thanks to the capable leadership of those in charge, we are in an enviable position. However, the world is a squirrely one and because our council is cautious, your stewardship committee has been tasked with raising that final \$49,098.

In order to do this, we are beginning a short campaign asking each of you to offer a separate one time donation. We hope to complete this by early March. Of course, you can divvy up your contribution into 2 or 3 payments. Simply put your check/s in the offering plate noting 'loan repayment' in the memo line.

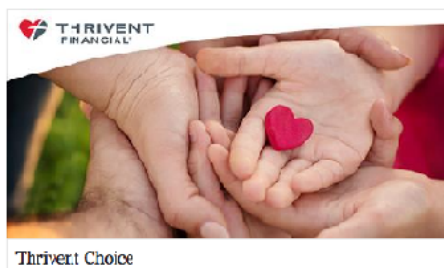
You can help your church to be on a solid footing. This doesn't mean we are home free nor will it eliminate future campaigns. The reality is that though we are an entity of mostly volunteers, still, we have staff and overhead. But the more we do to keep ourselves in the black, then the more we can do to meet the needs of our parish and community and to continue being God's hands and feet.

Thank you all for being the remarkable congregation you have shown yourselves to be time and again. On behalf of your stewardship team, I thank you.

Barbara Richards



**Come to the Stewardship table at the February 11 Ministry Fair during coffee hour to see if God is calling you to help with stewardship.**



**Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Thrivent Financial is the only not-for-profit company listed on the Fortune 500 that allows members to be wise with money and live generously. If you are a Thrivent member, be sure to check to see whether or not you have Choice Dollars from 4th quarter 2017 to direct. You have until March 2018 to direct this money, and help non-profits in your community and around the globe. In 2017 Holy Trinity received \$2,525 in Thrivent Choice dollars.

## Mutual Ministry Committee Formed

In consultation with the executive committee, Pastor Josh formed a Mutual Ministry Committee in January. The term “mutual ministry” recognizes that the Church’s ministry is the mutual concern of both the laity and the pastor. It encourages us to move away from a primary focus on the ministry of ordained clergy alone and includes all the people of God in the mutual work of ministry. As a community of believers at Holy Trinity we affirm those gifts God calls us to offer within the community, and we work together to match our gifts to the needs of the Church and the wider community.

There are a variety of things the Mutual Ministry Committee can do, and has done in the past at Holy Trinity including:

- Evaluate how effectively the goals of the congregation are being met. The assumption is that the goals have been set by others such as the Pastor and Council.
- Dialogue about perceptions and concerns within the congregation. The Mutual Ministry Committee is not a complaint committee, but it seeks to find ways for the Pastor, other leaders, and the congregation to work together for the sake of the Gospel.
- Address conflict among members that may affect the congregation’s ministry.
- Serve as a source of support for the pastor and other leaders in times of professional or personal stress.
- Serve as a “focus group” representative of the congregation, as leaders share ideas of ministry and seek to assess how best to accomplish what is being proposed.
- Support the Pastor’s need for spiritual self care, compensation, sabbaticals, and continuing education.

In addition to Pastor Josh, the three other committee members are Greg Bohlmann (chair), Barbara Richards, and Erik Vorhes. The next Mutual Ministry Committee is planned for April.

## YOUTH

### Junior/High School Lunch Bunch

Junior & High School students are invited to have lunch with Pr. Josh after church the first Sunday each month. You will walk to a nearby location, weather permitting. Bring money for lunch. We also need another adult to attend each lunch.

### Youth-led Worship Services

Held the *first* Sunday of each month. Sign up kids in the breezeway or online (by contacting the office) - there are many ways to participate!

### SYSYC High School Retreat February 23-25



**Friday 7pm - Sunday 12pm**

Mt. Cross Camp, Santa Cruz Mountains  
(students in grades 9-12)

[www.spsyc.org/high-school-retreat.html](http://www.spsyc.org/high-school-retreat.html)

Contact Pr. Josh if you would like to attend.

**Celebration of Life Service for Richard Wunderlich**

Saturday, February 10 | 2 pm  
at Holy Trinity with reception to follow

**Got ?  
Questions**

**Adult Forum**

**Sundays @ 9:15 am**

Beilstein Hall

**“Ask Pr. Josh”**

Bring your theological questions, biblical conundrums, ecclesiastical pondering and any other inquiries to adult forum.

Join us! Bring your coffee.

**2018 Sunday Altar Flower - Price Change!**

Brighten up Sunday worship with flowers. Flowers can be given in honor/memory of a friend or loved one or to mark a significant anniversary in your life.



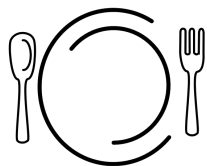
Altar Flowers

Place a check for **\$15\*** (payable to HTLC) in the flower envelope and put in the offering plate or give to ushers.

**\* HTLC is scaling back to ONE arrangement at \$15**

**Friday, February 2 | HTLC Adult Dinner Groups | 5:30 pm in Beilstein Hall**

Our Adult dinner groups return. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the breezeway and add your name to either of 2 columns: Want to be part of a group but can't attend the potluck, or



Want to be part of a group and will attend potluck. See you there and remember, “there's always room for one more.”

In case you want to join a dinner group and missed the potluck, please contact Barbara Richards at 650-255-5218 or email [barlinrich@gmail.com](mailto:barlinrich@gmail.com). She we will find a place for you at the table!



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**Thrivent Members:** don't forget to log into your Thrivent Account to direct your Choice Dollars to Holy Trinity. In 2017 \$2,937 was received.

Another way to maximize our stewardship giving.



**& Book Study**

**Saturday, February 10**  
**8:00 am | Beilstein Hall**



**Sunday, February 11th**

during coffee hour. The Ministry Fair is a great way for parishioners to gather information about the many HTLC ministries, committees and organizations that are available within our church community.

In observance of President's Day,  
 the office is **closed Monday, February 19**



**Lydia Circle - WELCA**

**Tuesday, February 20th**

**12:30 @ Lillian's Pogreba's Suite at Brookdale**



Lydia Circle will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 20th. We continue to meet in Lillian Pogreba's suite in Brookdale Sr. residence, Redwood City. We are continuing with Session 2, of the Winter Bible Study. It can be found on page 30 in your January/February Gather magazine. This session - "Prepare the Way of the Lord" is found in Luke 3:3-17 and is contained in the study. So, bring your Bible so we can hear different interpretations of the passages in Luke. Bring a light lunch. Beverages and sweets are served.

*All HLTC Women are welcome!*



*Save the Date!*  
**April 15 - 22**

Holy Trinity will again families in Beilstein Hall.  
 Stay tuned for details.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

*A birthday is God's reminder to enjoy life. May your birthday be a day of celebration!*

- 2/6 Holden Telfer
- 2/8 Cathy Bready
- 2/11 Jim Baker
- 2/13 Kristin Fox  
Abram Vorhes
- 2/17 Jeff Paulson
- 2/18 Ruby Phillips  
Coke Stimmler
- 2/20 Barlow Gilmore
- 2/22 Debben Hoffer
- 2/23 Larry Richards
- 2/24 Jennifer Ledwith

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES!**

*God bless you as you celebrate your years together!*

Siggi & Lynn Garbe-Recknagel  
 2/14/1999 (19 years)

**Prayer Ministry**

The prayer chain is an important part of HTLC's ministry.

If you would like to be part of this ministry praying for those in need, please contact either:  
 Ruby Phillips at (650)593-0228  
 or Anita Reimann  
[reimann.anita@gmail.com](mailto:reimann.anita@gmail.com)



# F E B R U A R Y C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 6:00 PM Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg - St. Andrew's	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	<b>31</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall	<b>2</b> 5:30 PM Adult Dinner Group Potluck--Beilstein Hall 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>3</b> 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>4</b> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Youth-led Service 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Exec Committee Mtg - Conf Rm 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	<b>7</b> Help w/ Home & Hope @ Epiphany Episcopal 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	<b>8</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>10</b> 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Beilstein Hall 2:00 PM Wunderlich Celebration of Life & Reception 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>11</b> <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:15 AM Ministry Faire 11:30 AM Choir Practice 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM Green Octave Music School Piano Master Class - Sanctuary 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Pancake Tuesday -- Beilstein Hall 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:00 PM PMC Meeting @ FSLDS	<b>14</b> ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Andrew's 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Andrew's	<b>15</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall 7:15 PM Worship Team Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>17</b> <i>Frojelin Event</i> 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>18</b> LENT 1 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>19</b> PRESIDENT'S DAY - OBSERVED 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	<b>20</b> 12:30 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	<b>21</b> Midweek Lenten Soup Supper @ HTLC 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service @ HTLC	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall	<b>23</b> SPS High School Retreat 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>24</b> SPS High School Retreat 7:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>25</b> LENT 2 SPS High School Retreat 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Soup Supper @ St. Andrew's 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service @ St. Andrew's	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>3</b> 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room

## Worship Leaders

	2/4 <i>Youth</i>	2/11 <i>Trans of Our Lord</i>	2/18 <i>Lent 1</i>	2/25 <i>Lent 2</i>
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Edward C	Jeff K	Jeff K	Jeff K
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lisa Antonino	<u>open</u>	Cathy Bready	James Reimann
<b>Lector</b>	Youth	Dave Pitts	John McDowell	Lisa Kersten
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zora V	Cameron M	Max R	Hannah M
<b>Sound System</b>	Greg Bohlmann	Bob Beuthel	John Schornstein	Gary Wiessinger
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pamela Bohlmann	Barbara Richards	Karen Schornstein	Vivian Southard
<b>Greeter</b>	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel	Peter Meier	Barbara Richards	Andrea Reiser
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Pitts	Greg Bohlmann	Leroy Padilla John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Len Fischer	Friedman	Julianne Fredericks	Gaby Knauth
<b>Counters</b>	Lisa Telfer John McDowell	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell



STAFF and COUNCIL OFFICERS/MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS	
Pastor .....	The Rev. Joshua Serrano
Office Administrator .....	Monica Cryan
Nursery Care.....	Jo O'Brien
President .....	Barbara Padilla
Worship & Music.....	Erik Vorhes
Evangelism & Outreach .....	Gary Wiessinger
Vice President .....	Dick Rescho
Stewardship .....	Barbara Richards
Secretary.....	Doug Southard
Social Concerns.....	Barbara Padilla, Hillary Wiessinger
Buildings & Grounds .....	Bob Beuthel, Leroy Padilla
Youth .....	Lori Friedmann
Congregation Life .....	Pamela Bohlmann
Financial Secretary .....	Mary Webb
Endowment.....	Cathy Bready, John McDowell
Treasurer .....	Petra Gilmore
Education/Sunday School .....	Erica Schemper

**All are Welcome!**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in San Carlos celebrates and shares God's gifts by worshipping together, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the community and beyond.

We believe that Christ has made us one body with many members, sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

*"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith...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 3:26, 28*

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