



Trinity Topics

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New Year Message from Pastor Josh

I have a habit of making new year resolutions. On the top of my list is to lose more weight and stop eating so much sugar. Some say that goals should be achievable. I always strive for some usually outside my reach. Besides those two, I try to come up with ones that are fun or some sort of improvements on my life. 2016 was for learning about mixed drinks and sampling widely.

2014 I learned about beer and found out that I really love Belgian-style Tripels. 2012 I sent birthday cards to all of my friends and family, something I have since neglected to do consistently.

My mind has been swirling with ideas for a 2018 new year's resolution and I have been considering a lot what makes for civil discourse today. How do I interact with others both in person and on social media? It seems like we are in a time where we need reminders of what what makes for civil conversation. So, I am committing myself this year to reflecting on when to keep my mouth closed and when to open it. Here are some scriptures that I will be meditating on.

"A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit." -Proverbs 15:4

"When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but the prudent are restrained in speech." -Proverbs 10:19

"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." -Ephesians 4:29

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you out to answer everyone." -Colossians 4:6

Do you have any resolutions?

Peace,
Pr. Joshua Serrano



Save the Dates
January 21
Budget Preview Meeting

Sunday, January 28
Annual Congregational Meeting

**Martin Luther King Service Day
Monday, January 15**

Volunteer at the 6th Annual MLK Day of Service!

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition MLK Day of Service starts with breakfast for volunteers and a welcome from community faith leaders. All service projects are family friendly, and children accompanied by an adult are welcome.



For more info, to register and to volunteer, go to the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition website at www.peninsulamultifaith.org. See Dick Rescho if you have any questions.



Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Samaritan House 2017 Family to Family Sharing

What a wonderful outpouring of gifts and food gift cards arrived here at HTLC!

Hillary Wiessinger set out the gift tags on our giving Christmas tree after calling all the families to find out their needs and wishes. We were chosen to provide for four families with a total of 16 children; many of whom are teenagers this year so shopping was guided by our own students as well. It was fun too as the adult parents asked for specific clothing items as well.

Several HTLC members donated funds over \$300 to supplement our purchases and food gift card requests. Deliveries happened on the afternoon of December 17th as arranged by Hillary and to the delight of the parents! One family had a young son at home who found his wrapped present and gave it a shake...he exclaimed, "Legos!! Just what I wanted!," and proceeded to come out of the apartment repeatedly yelling "thank you" to Hillary and family. All of the deliveries were received with heartfelt gratitude and hugs.

Thank you Holy Trinity for sharing this message of Christmas love to our community!!

Social Concerns Ministry Update

As so many of you have been praying for and uplifting all the communities devastated by fire this year, our Council has approved part of our year-long collected Benevolences to be designated to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Santa Rosa, CA. Twelve families lost their homes in the area, three more families had damage, and the recovery process is so arduous and straining. We are earmarking \$2000.00 directly to them for their fire victims to sustain these efforts. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is also the church leadership for the Rwanda School Project that we support.

May God strengthen and guide them all each day ahead!

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!



**Meeting for those attending!
Sunday, January 28 at 6pm**

Location: TBD
(See Pr. Josh for more details)

**National Youth Gathering
June 27 - July 1**

For those entering high school or just graduating high school in 2018. For more info go to www.elca.org/YouthGathering

SYSYC High School Retreat | February 23-25



Friday 7pm - Sunday 12pm

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

Cost :\$140 per person (January 29 the cost per person goes up to \$175)

www.spsyc.org/high-school-retreat.html

Contact Pr. Josh if you would like to attend.



2018 Sunday Flower Sign Up

Brighten up Sunday worship with flowers. Sign up to contribute flowers on the 2018 Flower Chart in the breezeway and grab a flower donation envelope. Flowers can be given in honor/memory of a friend or loved one or to mark a significant anniversary in your life. Place a check for **\$35** (payable to HTLC) in the flower envelope and put in the offering plate or give to ushers.



2018 Offering Envelopes Available

Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. If envelopes are not assigned and you would like some, please contact Mary Webb or the church office.

Adult Forum until Lent (2/11)

Sundays @ 9:15 am

Beilstein Hall

“Ask Pr. Josh”

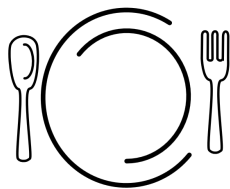
Bring your theological questions, biblical conundrums, ecclesiastical pondering and any other questions to adult forum.

Come join us! Bring your coffee.

Words from our Missionary

Read the latest correspondence from Bradn Buerkle in Russia. Simply got to the HTLC homepage on the website, or [click here](#) for the full letter.

Friday, February 2 | HTLC Adult Dinner Groups | 5:30 pm



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. She we will find a place for you at the table!



Go Green!

Contact us at office@sancarloshtlc.org to replace your printed copy with an digital copy of our newsletter.



Tree Trimming and Sanctuary Decorating



HTLC Council Meeting & Christmas Potluck

january

Mt. Cross Men's Retreat



& Book Study
Saturday, January 13
8:00 am | Beilstein Hall

Join us for some food, fellowship, and good conversation!

Lydia Circle - WELCA

Tuesday, January 16

Time & Location: TBD



We begin January with several sessions on studying the scripture. Session one can be found on page 20 of your January/February issue of *Gather* magazine. Session one: "Washing Hands With Distant Hearts", Mark 7:1-8. Please bring a sandwich, your Bible and *Gather*.

All HTLC Women are always welcome!

Happy Birthday!

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

- 1 Eli Haas
- 2 Ian Schornstein
- 9 Heather Rodgers
- 14 Leah Meier
- 15 Bianca Balboni
- 16 Cameron Martin
Anni Wunderlich
- 19 Sydney Martin
Kemp Segerhammar
- 21 Lisa Kersten
- 25 Jo Mitchell

Anniversary Wishes

God bless you as you celebrate your years together!

Dave & Marion Collins
 1/1/1971 (47 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



J A N U A R Y C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:15 AM Service of Lessons & Carols 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	1 NEW YEARS DAY - OBSERVED 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	2 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	3 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	4 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall	5 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	6 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
7 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Youth-led Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	8 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	9 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	10 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM HTLC Council Meeting	11 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall 6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting	12 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	13 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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28 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Denny & Paula speaking - Tanzania 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Annual Congregation 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	29 6:00 PM Fitness Class--Beilstein Hall	30 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Rm	31 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	1 6:00 PM Fitness Class --Beilstein Hall	2 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	3 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room

Worship Leaders

	1/7 YOUTH	1/14	1/21	1/28
Organist/ Pianist	Edward C	Stacy C	Jeff K	Edward C
Assisting Minister	Gary Wiessinger	Pamela Bohlmann	Erik Vorhes	Lori Friedman
Lector	Youth	James Reimann	Randy Friedman	Doug Southard
Acolyte	Maddie W	Max R	Anna F	Hannah M
Sound System Operator	Greg Bohlmann	John Schornstein	John McDowell	Leroy Padilla
Altar Guild	Pamela Bohlmann	Barbara Richards	Karen Schornstein	Vivian Southard
Greeter(s)	Andrea Reiser	Chris Kidwell	Cathy Bready	open
Ushers	Dave Pitts	Greg Bohlmann	Leroy Padilla John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell
Nursery Assistant	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay
Coffee Host	Hillary Wiessinger	Gaby Knauth	open	Lisa Kersten
Counters	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	Anita Reimann
Worship & Music.....	Erik Vorhes
Evangelism & Outreach	Gary Wiessinger
Vice President.....	Bob Beuthel
Stewardship	Barbara Richards
Secretary.....	Doug Southard
Social Concerns.....	Barbara Padilla, Hillary Wiessinger
Buildings & Grounds	Bob Beuthel, Leroy Padilla
Youth	Lori Friedman
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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 Sunday Worship 10:15 am



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 God's work. Our hands.