



# Trinity Topics

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## How about those New Years Resolutions?

We find ourselves three months from the beginning of the year. Resolutions may have been made and maybe those same resolutions may have been broken. But wait! There are always opportunities to discipline our bodies and our minds.

Understanding that we are not slaves to our desires is part of the very beginnings of following the way of Jesus. Jesus is Lord not our own stomachs.



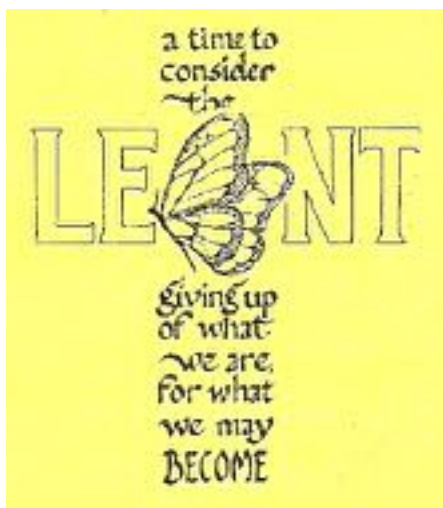
In Romans 16:18, Paul writes about those who are prone to cause offense and dissensions. He writes, "For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites..."

Philippians 3:17-18 says, "For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ...Their end is their destruction; their god is the belly...their minds are set on earthly things."

We can't follow every appetite we have. We can't say everything that comes to our minds. Not everything we want or want to say is for the glory of God.

As you follow your lenten discipline. As we seek to renew our minds and bodies for the sake of Jesus, let us remember that we are not our desires. We are beloved children of God. Remember that you are loved.

Peace, Pastor Josh



**Sunday, March 11**  
**Daylight Savings Begins**

Remember to set clocks forward 1 hour  
on Saturday evening. See you at church!

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

**Wednesday, March 7**

Wednesday, March 14

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Holy Trinity**

St. Andrews

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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.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY**



**Palm Sunday, March 25**

10:15 am | Worship Service

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**

7:00 pm | Worship Service

**Good Friday, March 30**

12 Noon & 7:00 pm | Worship Service

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

9:00 am | Easter Breakfast

9:30 am | Easter Egg Hunt

10:15 am | Easter Service with Children's Time

11:15 am | Coffee Hour & Fellowship

**JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST! 9 AM IN BEILSTEIN HALL**

**Delicious Breakfast Casseroles**

**Scrumptious Baked Goods**

**Sizzling Bacon & Sausages**

**Fresh Fruit**

**Hot Coffee, Tea, Cold Juices & Milk**

**Free Will Offering** benefits our Youth as they attend the Western States Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, TX.

Volunteers needed to bring breakfast foods. Signup in the breezeway, or contact Lisa Kersten at [kerstenbl@comcast.net](mailto:kerstenbl@comcast.net) or 650-759-1034.

**Treasurer's General Fund Report – January 2018**

	<b>INCOME</b>		
	<b>Giving</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
January	\$16,847	\$16,866	(\$19)
Year-to-Date	\$16,847	\$16,866	(\$19)

This month we received \$248 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. We have spent \$1,363 under our annual budget.  
*Please make sure to keep current with your regular giving. Thank you . Petra Gilmore, Treasurer*

**Loan Repayment Update**

As of February 25th \$19,232 has been received to pay down the loan balance. A total of \$49,098 is needed to completely payoff the loan to upgrade Holy Trinity's properties. This loan repayment campaign will run through April 1, Easter Sunday. Contact Petra if you are interested in donating through a stock transfer.

**HTLC President's Report**

It has been a joy to see our church rededicate itself to the work of God for 2018! Our members continue to express their faith in their care for each other and for the welfare of this community. We have approved a solid budget, moved forward in our efforts in Stewardship for loan repayment, begun outlining our year long activities, and rejoiced that God has blessed us so much.

We have completed our Healthy Start program with Dale Sollom Brotherton hosted at the parsonage with Pastor Josh. It was wonderful to join Council and previous Call Committee members to review our progress this last year! We continue to deepen our authentic relationships with each other, grow our relationships with Pastor Josh and family, and acknowledge the work that we have done here to help keep HTLC strong. We also recognize that we have challenges ahead.

It is essential that we are aware of the changes and trends affecting the ELCA nationally in attendance, and in particular, in the Sierra Pacific Synod. Decline in membership has been continuing, and Dale advised us to discuss scenarios for HTLC that keep us vigilant in our prayerful decision making processes. Honoring all that has gone before us, asking for God's guidance, and ever believing in the goodness and health of this community, I ask for your continuing support. We have much good work to do!

Blessings, Barbara Padilla

**Adult Forum**

**Sundays @ 9:15 am in Beilstein Hall**

**“Ask Pr. Josh”**

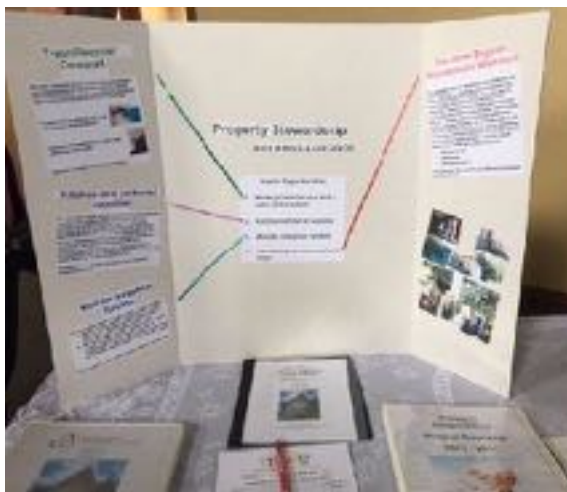
Bring your theological questions, biblical conundrums, ecclesiastical pondering and any other inquiries to adult forum thru Lent. Join us! Bring your coffee.



### Ministry Fair — Are YOU Ready to Help HTLC Grow?

A special **THANKS** to all our leaders and participants in the Ministry Fair!

Two Sunday mornings, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> our coffee hour was filled with conversation, collective planning, and enjoyment as members shared in how they can help HTLC move forward in God's work in 2018. It was fun to see people **(including Sandra, Bella, Cathy, Hillary, Elizabeth, Josh, Emma, Andrea, and Janet)** win at the participant drawing! Also, everyone was invited to take home a viola plant as a gift for growing. May God continue to guide us in our exciting year ahead!  
~ Barbara Padilla





Pancake Tuesday



Burning of the Ashes at the end of service in the courtyard.

HTLC Council Installation on February 28.



Confirmation students and a few high schoolers visiting the San Mateo Buddhist Temple.





Please join us on Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 AM to Noon for some Spring cleaning, small maintenance projects, fellowship and fun. We will provide the supplies but would appreciate it if a couple of volunteers could bring snacks and drinks. Please sign up in the breezeway for this important activity to keep our church in tip-top shape. In the meantime, enjoy the word search puzzle below (reverse direction words allowed).

### Spring Sparkle

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- Batteries
- Broom
- Brush
- Clean
- Cobweb
- Dust
- Elbow grease
- Hammer
- Handy
- Landscape
- Organize
- Paint
- Plants
- Polish
- Repair
- Shine
- Sparkle
- Sweep
- Teamwork
- Vacuum
- Windex

#### Note from Teaching Parish student Kaitlin Winter-Eulberg...

I am excited to announce to you all that I have accepted a first call serving as a pastor to Epiphany Lutheran-Episcopal Church in Valdez, Alaska. It's a small town church with lots of youth who are excited to explore how they can continue being welcoming to all people. My husband Nick and I are excited for this next life adventure! I'm so grateful to have had my beginning of contextual education be at Holy Trinity as you all are a supportive space with lots of great ministries. Thank you for investing and journeying with me thus far! Blessings!

In serenity, Kaitlin Pabo-Eulberg | 970-222-2088 | k.wintereulberg@gmail.com

## Peninsula Multi-faith Coalition Upcoming Events

### Sunday, March 4 | 5th Annual Multi-faith Songfest | 3 - 5 pm

Peninsula Sinai Congregation, 499 Boothbay Ave. (at Edgewater Blvd.), Foster City. Choirs, cantors, songs and chants! PSC is a kosher facility so they will provide the desserts. We can bring fresh fruit, veggies (no dips) and drinks to share. Questions? Contact Dick Rescho.



### Sunday, March 11 | Multi-faith Panel on Religion & Environmental Concerns | 12 noon - 1 pm

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City, 2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City. Panelists from each of the world's five major religions will discuss how their respective traditions view the relationship between humanity and the natural world and what their traditions teach about living sustainably on this planet. Questions? Contact Dick Rescho.

### Sunday, March 25 | Freedom Seder | 4 pm

Congregational Church of Belmont, 751 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont. Learn about and celebrate the traditions of Passover with the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Peninsula Multi-faith Coalition. A vegetarian dinner will be served. \$20 for adults, \$15 for children 12 years and younger. Advanced registration required at <https://jcrc.org/news-events/events/peninsula-freedom-seder>. For more information, contact Sarah Fields: [sfields@jcrc.org](mailto:sfields@jcrc.org) or 650-847-1715.

## YOUTH



### Mt. Cross Ministries Summer Camps

This summer at Mt. Cross, we're focusing on grace! Ephesians 2:8 is our theme verse, and every day we ask the question: "How does God's grace change ..." and then look at our hearts, identity, community, and purpose. We have a bunch of our traditional offerings for *all ages*, as well as some exciting new ones for kids entering 4th grade through just having graduated. Go to [mtcross.org/summercamp](http://mtcross.org/summercamp) to see our programs and register or contact us at [mtcross@mtcross.org](mailto:mtcross@mtcross.org) or 831.336.5179 for more information!

#### 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!*

#### 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 Sunday lunch.



**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.**

**The Many Faces of Stewardship at Holy Trinity**

Watch "Stewardship Notes" each month as we highlight a ministry team and of the many ways members serve as stewards at Holy Trinity by sharing their time and talents.

**The Ministry of Altar Guild**

**Servant of the Liturgy** This ministry involves preparing the worship space with the furnishings, appointments, vessels, elements, linens, and parakeets used in the liturgy.

**Servants of God** Whether it is preparing the altar, polishing vessels, removing wax from linens, arranging flowers, decorating for Christmas or pressing vestments, the work is done in Joy because the altar represents God's presence.



**Servants of God's People** Altar guild sacristans are mindful of the meaning and impact of what they do and sensitive to how our work affects other people in the congregation. All our preparations say "welcome" to the people of God. Our actions show that we care that you are coming to worship with us and we want you to know how much we care about our worship at Holy Trinity.

**Servants of the Worship Space** Our church is the place where, more intensively than any other, we encounter our God. The altar guild maintains the beauty, simplicity, quality, worthiness, and appropriateness of the entire worship space. There is no greater tool for church growth than the careful preparation of the space in which we call God's people to worship.

**Current Altar Guild:** Pamela Bohlmann, Barbara Richards, Karen Schornstein, Vivian Southard. This group works as a team with Altar Guild members serving on a rotational basis. If interested in serving on this team speak with Pamela Bohlmann.



**Loan Repayment**

Congratulations! As of February 24 a total of \$21,627 has been received to pay down the loan balance. This is 44% toward the goal of \$49,098 needed to completely payoff the loan to upgrade Holy Trinity's properties. This loan repayment campaign will run through April 1, Easter Sunday. Contact Petra if you are interested in donating through a stock transfer.

**Stewardship is Wisely Leveraging of Resources**

We can expand our stewardship and implement projects through the use of Thrivent Action Team proposals. Over \$12,000 is available to Thrivent Members who submit proposals written between 21 and 120 days prior to the event. Each proposal provides \$250 in seed money, so ask any Thrivent member (over 20) for help in writing a proposal. Possible projects for 2018: projects to support youth fundraising; backpacks/supplies; property projects; God's Work, Our Hands projects; etc.





**& Book Study**

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



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

- 3/2 Elisa Baker
- 3/3 Andrea Reiser
- 3/5 Ralph Knauth
- 3/7 Laura Jane Young
- 3/8 Anita Reimann
- 3/10 Peter Schmuckal
- 3/13 Lisa Telfer  
Jack Wiessinger  
Maddie Wiessinger
- 3/18 Gaby Knauth
- 3/21 Alyssa Fox
- 3/25 Ben Ledwith  
Grace Ledwith
- 3/28 Steve Webb

**Sunday, March 11**

**Golden Gate Radio Orchestra Spring Concert | 3 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of music from the Great American Songbook! Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo

**Tickets** are \$15 and can be ordered from:

GGRO Tickets | 316 Courtland Dr. | San Bruno, CA 94066

Please enclose a SASE with your order and include your phone number. Additional information can be obtained by calling 650 871-SING(7464). See Lynn Garbe-Recknagel for questions.



**Lydia Circle - WELCA**



**Tuesday, March 20th at 12:30 pm**

**Lillian Pogreba's Suite, Brookdale Home in Redwood City**

We continue our Bible study with session Three in the 4 part series on "multiple meanings". Title: "Learning from Other Interpretations" with the text in Luke 10: 30 - 37. This can be found on page 20 of your March "Gather" magazine. Please bring a light lunch, your Bible if you desire, and *Gather*.

*All women of HTLC are invited! Join us!*

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES!**

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

Hubert & Maria Rodenberg  
 3/14/1953 (65 years)

Len & Erin Fischer  
 3/17/2004 (14 years)

John & Karen Schornstein  
 3/21/1992 (25 years)

**2018 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly**

**June 1- 3**

Hyatt Regency | Sacramento

Save the date for the 2018 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly. Holy Trinity can send two voting members (one male & one female).

Please see Pastor Josh if you are interested in attending. For more information, go to [www.spselca.org](http://www.spselca.org).

**Prayer Ministry**

The prayer chain is a very 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** at  
[reimann.anita@gmail.com](mailto:reimann.anita@gmail.com)

# M A R C H C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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>	<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
<b>4</b> LENT 3 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 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Peninsula Multifaith Songfest 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	<b>7</b> Midweek Lenten Soup Supper @ HTLC 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service @ HTLC	<b>8</b> 7:15 PM Worship Team Meeting	<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 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>11</b> Daylight Savings LENT 4 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 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PMC Multi-faith Panel 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:00 PM Youth & Family Team Mtg	<b>14</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>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Green Octave Music School ? 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>18</b> LENT 5 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> 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	<b>20</b> 12:30 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM HTLC Council Meeting	<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>	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Spring Sparkle 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
<b>25</b> PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 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> 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service -- Beilstein Hall	<b>30</b> 12:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	<b>31</b> 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM Easter Set-up-- Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room

## Worship Leaders

	3/4 Youth	3/11	3/18	3/25	3/31
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Edward C	Kai L	Kai L	Kai L	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Gary Wiessinger	Anita Reimann	Lisa Antonino	Randy Friedman	Erik Vorhes
<b>Lector</b>	Youth	Lori Friedman	Barbara Padilla	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel	Peter Meier
<b>Acolyte</b>	Maddie W	Max R	Zora V	Cameron M	Anna F
<b>Sound Operator</b>	Greg Bohlmann	Bob Beuthel	Leroy Padilla	Dave Pitts	John McDowell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pamela Bohlmann	Barbara Richards	Karen Schornstein	Vivian Southard	Pamela Bohlmann
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Anni Wunderlich	Hillary Wiessinger	Julianne Fredericks	Chris Kidwell	Vivian Southard
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Pitts	Greg Bohlmann	Leroy Padilla John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell	TBD
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Anita Reimann	Hillary Wiessinger	Lisa Kersten	Len Fischer	Cathy Bready
<b>Counters</b>	Lisa Telfer John McDowell	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell	TBD



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 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*

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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 Sunday Worship 10:15 am

