



Trinity Topics

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Welcome Kai Lin, Holy Trinity's New Accompanist

We are happy to announce our new organist/pianist.

Kai Lin recently relocated to Northern California from Virginia with his family. He is the former Director of Music at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Lin has been working as a church musician since 1994. He has a CAGO Certificate from the American Guild of Organists. Kai Lin studied composition, choral conducting, and organ in the Doctor of Musical Arts Program at the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, and earned his Master of Music from the Ohio University School of Music. Kai also has teaching experiences in teaching piano performance and music theory in conservatories, universities, and his studio. Kai Lin is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. His compositions, CDs and DVDs has been published, and warmly welcomed by music lovers. It is a pleasure and blessing to have Kai with us at Holy Trinity!



What does it mean to be a RIC Congregation?

The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is for Lutheran communities that publicly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people by having a statement affirming this welcome by specifically saying either, "LGBT" or "people of all sexual orientations and gender identities" in their statement.

In relationships built through outreach and education, ReconcilingWorks shares Christ's message, the Gospel, which is for everyone equally. We advocate for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, working to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes.

We are Lutherans working with the recognition that racism, sexism, ageism, able-ism, heterosexism, homophobia, and all the other artificial distinctions that seek to raise one group into privilege and preference over another, conspire together to diminish our world and church.

Reconciliation is a fundamental value; it is what the Apostle Paul says we are all called to do. Through our Reconciling in Christ Program, ministries, resources, events and alliances, ReconcilingWorks builds community for worship, education and support; fosters welcome and acceptance in all Lutheran settings; and advocates for the ecclesial changes necessary to ensure full participation in all sacraments, inclusive liturgical resources, and ministries of the Church, inviting all people into Gospel lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

ReconcilingWorks is committed to strengthen all of God's beloved for authentic, visible, faithful lives and to work for systemic change within the church and society. Most faith communities begin the process of consideration by engaging in a study program or series of educational meetings. Hearing the experiences of LGBT people and their families often creates greater understanding and insights. We believe reconciling works, for the sake of the world.



SAVE THE DATE - June 3rd



Prayerfully consider the following questions over the next weeks. The Council will seek your input as they work to define goals relating to maintaining a vital congregation. By thoughtfully responding to four questions you will help guide the process. These questions will be presented in a round table format, and you will have the opportunity to provide your input at that time.

1. What actions/involvements will support your personal faith journey?
2. How do we encourage members to be actively involved in church activities?
3. What can we do to be more of a visible presence in the San Carlos (area) community?
4. How do we intentionally expand being an inclusive, diverse church that is inspiring and relevant?

HTLC Council Report

We had a month filled with reflections on the love and mercy that God continues to extend to us through Jesus Christ as we journey together in faith here at HTLC.

Thank you to everyone who helped during our Lenten season as we were gathered in, offered life giving bread and wine, renewed with love and forgiveness, and rejoiced together in His Resurrection.

For me, I especially enjoyed our Easter Breakfast and Youth Fundraiser!

What a great turnout for the breakfast, the hall was so beautifully decorated, and the excitement for the egg hunt kept everyone anticipatory. Thanks to our youth and family leadership, especially **Lisa Kersten**, for such a delicious and festive breakfast! It is wonderful to see so many in attendance for

our services during the month, and the delightful Easter hats were proudly worn by so many of our ladies. Thank you also to **Pam and Greg Bohlmann** for the beautiful Easter Cross displayed at our main entrance for all to revere and take lovely Easter photos.

What a joy to be part of such a caring and generous community in Christ!

Blessings,
Barbara Padilla, Council President

Many Thanks to our Easter Volunteers!

Thank you to all volunteers who helped make our Easter Celebration a beautiful, welcoming event on Sunday, April 1st. Our thanks to Pastor Joshua Serrano for a wonderful, happy Service; the Easter breakfast volunteers, who set-up Beilstein Hall, prepared Easter Eggs, donated food, cooked the food, cleaned up the Hall, and led the Easter Egg Hunt; the Worship committee for the beautiful Sanctuary; The Choirs and Musicians who performed beautifully. It was a blessed, joyful Easter morning celebration for all!



Treasurer's General Fund Report – March 2018			
INCOME			
	Giving	Expenses	Difference
Current Month	\$17,613	\$18,640	-\$1,027
Year-to-Date	\$51,135	\$55,880	-\$4,745

This month we received \$746 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. We have spent \$1,193 over our annual budget.
Please make sure to keep current with your regular giving.
Thank you. Petra Gilmore, Treasurer

Fundraising for the National Youth Gathering



From June 27-July 1, 3 HTLC youth, 6 youth from St. Andrews and 4 adults are going to Houston. The theme is "This Changes Everything," based on Ephesians 2:8, "By grace you have been saved..."

Youth **fundraising envelopes** are located on a bulletin board in Beilstein Hall. Please put whatever \$ amount is listed on the front of each envelope into the envelope, and return the envelope with cash or check in the offering plate.

Thank you for your support!

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



Thrivent Choice

Dollars from 1st quarter 2018 to direct. Choice Dollars help non-profits in your community and around the globe. So far in 2018 Holy Trinity received \$1,457 In Thrivent Choice dollars.

Loan Repayment

Congratulations! As of April 1 a total of \$30,027 has been received to pay down the loan balance. This is 60% toward the goal of \$49,098 needed to completely payoff the loan to upgrade Holy Trinity's properties. The stewardship two month drive is over, however, continued contributions are welcome. Contact Petra if you are interested in donating through a stock transfer.



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.

Weekly Offering Counters

OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Have you ever wondered what happens to the offering after it is placed in the collection plate? My job as Financial Secretary is to coordinate the counting of the offering and ensure that donations are applied properly. This is handled immediately after service, then the funds are securely deposited into the bank's Night Drop.



Policy is that we have 2 people handling this task - one labeled as "Lead" & the other as "Back-up". The lead counter takes responsibility for coordinating that day's offering counting; the back-up is an assistant whose duties vary depending on their comfort zone. Generally, the same pair of two works together on a set week of the month (this makes it easy for people to know their scheduled Sunday – but when conflicts arise, other counters are always willing to switch). Immediately after service the counting is done in the Financial/Ministries office downstairs. The offering is separated and tracking copies are made if no envelope is used. While one counter inputs the information from the tracking papers into the computer, the other counter totals the cash & checks, endorses the checks and prepares the deposit paperwork. When all offerings are input, the two counters verify that their totals match, then the offering is Posted & Donation Reports are printed & filed with the tracking papers. One counter takes the deposit to the bank on their way home. I review the reports & tracking papers periodically as follow up that the donations were input properly.

Definitely not too daunting, is it? Currently I need 2 counters for the second Sunday of the month. Myself or another experienced counter will be present for training & won't leave anyone alone until they are completely confident with their ability to perform the duties.

Please see me if you're willing to serve in this ministry. You can also call me at 650-888-0299 or email mkwatclubwebb@aol.com for more details.

-MARY WEBB

Mutual Ministry Committee

Earlier this year, a Mutual Ministry Committee was formed to open communication within the congregation. 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 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 June 19. Please do not hesitate to contact committee members with questions or concerns.

A big Thank You for Hosting Home & Hope — April 15 thru April 22nd

Thank you for supporting an amazing week here at HTLC for the Home and Hope families. We coordinated 21 adults and 8 students from our church to serve four families. It was fun also to see our Confirmation students and parents host dinner, serve, visit, and clean up after we had eaten—there was 23 of us dining altogether in the Hall!! (see pics on pg. 5)

A special thanks to the 12 volunteers from St. Charles Catholic Church in San Carlos who assisted in meal preparation and overnight hosting on Tuesday and Friday nights. They additionally had 2 volunteers help with setup/takedown of the tents and cots which are challenging to lift and assemble. But we got it done! One other set of volunteers helped out on Saturday night; Home and Hope said a father and son offered to host overnight. Then they stayed in the morning to help too! Blessings abound!

What an outpouring of love and service by a team of 43 people!

Please continue to pray for these families as they gain stability and hope in their lives.

~Barbara Padilla

Hosting of Home & Hope in Beilstein Hall from April 15 thru April 22nd. Thank you to dinner hosts: **Gail Blomstrom** and her mother **Darlene**, **Christine Segerhammar**, and **Emily S** who made chocolate chip cookies!



G Ray Martin and Family

Lisa Kersten and Leroy and Barbara Padilla with tents



Our photos show our hall and members only. We are unable to post photos of Home & Hope families so as to maintain the confidentiality of their situation.

Lydia Circle (Women of the ELCA)



Tuesday, May 15th at 12:30 pm

Lillian Pogreba's Suite, Brookdale Home in Redwood City

This month's bible study's title is "All Are Welcome". It can be found on page 20 of the *May Gather* publication. Please read the suggested Bible verses found in both the Old and New Testaments so do bring your Bibles, and a sandwich. Beverages and refreshments are provided. All HTLC women invited!



& Book Study

Saturday, May 12

8:00 am | Beilstein Hall



Sunday, May 20 | Pentecost

Don't forget to wear something **red** in celebration of the Spirit .

Sunday, June 3

Golden Gate Radio Orchestra Concert | 3 pm

Join us for our 20th Anniversary Concert! 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 stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order and include your phone number. Additional information can be obtained by calling 650 871-SING(7464).



Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

June 1- 3

Hyatt Regency | Sacramento

Holy Trinity still needs one female voting member. Please see Pr. Josh if you are interested in attending. For more information, go to www.spselca.org.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/8 Evan Kersten
- 5/9 Logan Baker
Christine Paulson
- 5/10 Francie Kuehner
- 5/13 Gail Blomstrom
- 5/16 Gigi Schmuckal
- 5/24 Julianne Fredericks
- 5/27 Chris Ledwith
- 5/28 Mackenzie Friedman
Randy Friedman
- 5/30 Kara Paulson

ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

Leroy & Barbara Padilla
5/14/1994
(24 years)

Ralph & Gaby Knauth
5/18/1990
(28 years)

James & Anita Reimann
5/26/1994
(24 years)

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 30

Earthquake Soccer @ Stanford Stadium

followed by Fireworks

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

M A Y C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 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 11:45 AM WOW & Outreach Comm Mtg 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	30 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	1 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	2 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	3	4 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	5 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
6 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 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	7 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	8 10:00 AM Exec Planning Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	9 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	10 7:15 PM Worship Team Meeting	11 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	12 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Beilstein Hall 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
13 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	14 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	15 12:30 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Beilstein Hall 7:00 PM Council Meeting--Conf Rm	16 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	17	18 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	19 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
20 PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION 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	21 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	22 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	23 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	24	25 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	26 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
27 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	28 MEMORIAL DAY 6:00 PM Fitness Class-- Beilstein Hall	29 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	30 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm	31	1 7:00 AM Synod Assembly - Sacramento 7:00 PM AA Meeting-- Conf Rm 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	2 7:00 AM Synod Assembly - Sacramento 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room

Worship Leaders

	5/6 Youth	5/13	5/20 Confirmation	5/27
Assisting Minister	Anita Reimann	Erik Vorhes	Youth	Cathy Bready
Lector	Youth	John McDowell	Barbara Padilla	Peter Meier
Acolyte	Anna F	Max R	Cameron M	Zora V
Sound System Operator	Greg Bohlmann	Gary Wiessinger	James Reimann	Dave Pitts
Altar Guild	Barbara Richards	Vivian Southard	Karen Schornstein	Barbara Richards
Greeter(s)	Anni Wunderlich	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel	Hillary Wiessinger	Andrea Reiser
Ushers	Dave Pitts	Greg Bohlmann	Leroy Padilla John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell
Nursery Asst	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>	<i>Parent to Stay</i>
Coffee Host	Julianne Fredericks	Cathy Bready	Hillary Wiessinger	Anita Reimann
Counters	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell	Lisa Telfer John McDowell



STAFF and COUNCIL OFFICERS/MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Pastor The Rev. Joshua Serrano
 Office Administrator Monica Cryan
 Organist/Pianist Kai Lin
 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

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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 God's work. Our hands.