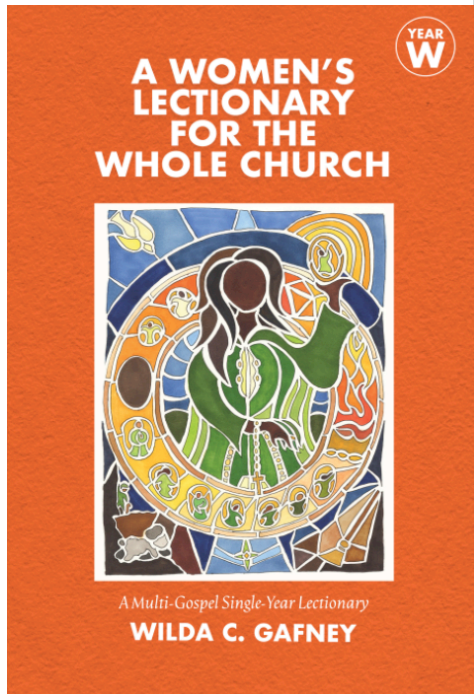




TRINITY TOPICS



Pastor Message



The Revised Common lectionary tells us what scriptures to use every Sunday in worship. Most mainline denominations use this as it connects Christian worship across the United States and beyond. The RCL runs in three year cycles concentrating each year on a Synoptic Gospel: Matthew, Mark, or Luke. We are just finishing year A.

What the RCL is lacking is centering women's experiences in the scripture. So, beginning in Advent, we will be using a new lectionary for the year. This lectionary will feature stories of women in the scripture and tie them together much like the RCL does for Old and New Testament stories.

My hope is that by changing it up we will be introduced to stories we haven't heard in a while or maybe ever before. It's always good to look at scripture through a new lens!

If you want to buy the book to look at the commentary and translations, buy the Year W.

Peace,

Pr. Josh



President's Message



Church Council

The Church Council is a governing body in charge of overseeing the spiritual and administrative aspects of a church. This group is made up of elected members who work together to make important decisions and ensure that the church is running smoothly. The council typically meets on a regular basis to discuss and vote on issues related to budget, staff, property, and programming. The council members also serve as leaders and representatives of the congregation.

President

Lori Friedman

Vice President

John Schornstein

Secretary

Anita Reimann

Other Council Members

Erin Andrews
Greg Bolhmann
Gaby Knauth
John McDowell

Greetings to our HTLC community!

It's been a wonderful summer, with our special worship service and BBQ in the park, pub with the pastor, swimming party, college students blessing and send-off, school backpack donations for local children, assembling donation kits for people in need, and more. We are looking forward to upcoming activities including a booth at the San Carlos Art & Wine Faire, and blessing of the animals service Oct. 8. Additionally, the congregation approved HTLC council spending up to \$80,000 to replace the damaged roofs at the end of their lifespan for Beilstein Hall and the parsonage. This work will be done in the second half of October! We look forward to everyone prayerfully considering how they can assist with the building fund to help cover the costs.

Additional notes from the September Council meeting are as follows:

- At September council meeting, accepted the August Treasurer's report, with year-to-date receipts of \$148,997 received against expenses of \$150,994
- Discussed the plan for managing the roof replacement by San Carlos Roofing, with Rick Gilmore to manage the project for buildings and grounds - thank you Rick!!
- Discussed the plan for the capital campaign, with the goal of raising \$20,000-\$40,000 with two purposes - to fund the portion of roof replacement that is not already in-hand, and, to replenish the emergency contingency fund of \$20,000 that we're using on the roof. Thanks to Anne for leading this team!!
- Approved benevolence distribution of \$750 to Lutheran Disaster Response with special designation for US wildfire victims

I always think it's fun and thought-provoking to read various versions of some of our favorite Bible texts, and wanted to share the International Standard Version of Matthew 11:28-30.

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest for your souls, because my yoke is pleasant, and my burden is light."

Blessings, Lori



Roof update!

Pardon our dust!

San Carlos Roofing will begin the Beilstein Hall and Parsonage roof replacement project in Mid-October. The project is expected to take about two week to complete.

A big thank you to the whole congregation for approving and supporting this important infrastructure improvement!

Dear HTLC,

We're thrilled to share that the eagerly awaited roof project is set to commence this year, starting on **Monday, October 16th**. Anticipated to span a couple of weeks, this project represents a significant milestone for our community.

Thanks to the invaluable support of our council and congregational leadership, we find ourselves in a fortunate position. Our funding goal now stands in the range of 20-30k, and we're delighted to report that we've already received generous donations exceeding 5k. However, there is still a crucial need to fill the gap to ensure we don't resort to loans to bridge the deficit.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed thus far. If you're considering making a contribution, now is the perfect time to do so. Your support is vital to the success of the roof project.

For those planning to send in checks, please designate your contribution for the **Building Fund**. Your dedication and support are deeply appreciated. Together we are insuring a secure and lasting future for our community space.

Sincerely,
Capital Campaign Committee

Rev. Jeff Johnson Elected Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod

Jeff R. Johnson, Berkeley, Calif., was elected Sept. 17 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during a live synod assembly.

Johnson was elected on the fifth ballot, with 226 votes. The Rev. John Keuhner, pastor of Unity Lutheran Church of South San Francisco and bridge pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of San Mateo, Calif., received 168 votes.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of University Lutheran Chapel of Berkeley and as a member of the Spiritual Care Team at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, since 2013. Previously he served as pastor of First United Lutheran Church in San Francisco (1990-1999), as a mission developer for Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries in San Francisco (1990-1995), as HIV education director for Lutheran Social Services of Northern California (1988-1989), as assistant night minister for San Francisco Night Ministry (1987-1988), and was an intern at the Lutheran Office of Public Policy and at First English Lutheran Church in Sacramento (1986-1987).

Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts in history and Bachelor of Arts in German from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, in 1984, and his Master of Divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1988. Johnson was ordained in 1990.

Johnson's installation details are yet to be determined.



Rev. Jeremy Serrano. Bishop-elect Jeff Johnson Rev. Josh Serrano



Church in the Park was a great success!
Thanks to all who joined from HTLC, San Carlos Community Church, and Epiphany Episcopal!



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES SANDWICHES ONGOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Twice a month on Tuesdays(usually first and last), we are supporting Street Life Ministries through peanut butter and jelly sandwich preparation. Supplies are provided, and picked up from your home to be delivered to Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City. Hot meals are prepared there for distribution to homeless people in Redwood City or Menlo Park, and sandwiches are then handed out. Contact Barbara Padilla if you can help out this month, or in the future. THANK YOU!



Our Backyard BBQ went swimmingly!
Thanks to the Reimanns for hosting!



Sending off some of our new college students to campuses around the United States!



THANK YOU again to Hillary Wiessinger, and Maddie and Jack, for their work in June and July on the annual Backpack drive for Family Giving Tree. A total of 45 backpacks were assembled with grade appropriate materials for students to start school with essential items!



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS---HYGIENE KITS

Never fails. Just when you think you're ready to give up searching, the answer just appears! What a helpful suggestion it was to join in with the San Carlos Lions Club, and ultimately the First Baptist Church, San Carlos, to assemble Hygiene kits for the unhoused population in our county! It is estimated that 1800 people have housing insecurity as well as lack essential cleansing items.

Never fails. How can we make a difference? Maybe we could assemble 25 kits? A Thrivent Action Team project was written and approved for \$250, over \$180 was collected in funding from our members, and wonderful product donations appeared!! Sorting and set up were underway for Sunday September 24th. Assembling went quickly as 15 members joined in to work together and create a total of 76 KITS!! The kits were delivered for distribution by First Baptist Church. Never fails. YOUR GENEROSITY is offered and put into action—

THANK YOU EVERYONE for this community outreach. -Barbara Padilla



It's October.....that means COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!

We have 15 of our members who are attending college!! We will send them small packages with some treats and our personal card messages to remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Parents, please confirm their addresses, and some treats they might enjoy. Packages will be sent out the week of October 23rd. If you wish to donate funds, please indicate it is for COLLEGE PACKAGES. Let me know if you can help assemble or will donate items for the students. Barbara Padilla (padillabarbara49@gmail.com)

OUR STUDENTS ARE: Emily Schmuckal, Eva Schmuckal, Josh Frojelin, Zoe Reimann, Callie Reimann, Storm Reimann, L J Friedman, Cameron Martin, Maya Rohrer, Kate Rohrer, John McDowell, Jack Wiessinger, Maddie Wiessinger, Cole Baker, and Maxwell Fischer.



Terry Waldo is a famous ragtime performer and he will be at HTLC in a couple weeks!

**Monday, October 9th
7-9pm
Entrance \$20.**

Contributions exceeding his fee will be giving to the roof project!



Men's Breakfast and Book study

Saturday October 14th! (Every Second Saturday)
8:30am-9:30am

We will talk Martin Marty's, Lutheran Questions
Lutheran Answers! It's a great book that we have been
skipping around since the chapters stand alone and
are short.



Reformation Day Service!
Sunday, October 29, 2023
10:30am
Wear Red!

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 6th

10:30am

Bring a picture of your faithfully departed as we celebrate the Saints who have gone before us.



Christ the King!

Sunday, November 26th

10:30am

Join us for a special service as we end the church year!



Save the date!

December 17th

Beilstein Hall

5-7pm!

Do you play the piano?

Wanna lead us in carols?

Contact Pr. Josh!



Please note that there will be only one service on Dec. 24th!



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2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
New Orleans JULY 16-20, 2024

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Fall Freshen!

Please join us
Saturday, November 4th
9AM to 12PM for our Fall Freshen
 clean up party! Let's get together
 and spruce our beautiful church in
 preparation for Advent.
 There will be tasks for every skill
 level from light cleaning to "handy-
 person" small repair jobs.
 Please sign up in the narthex so that
 we know that you'll be there!
 Refreshments will be served.
 See you there!



AA & GA

Did you know that we have a number of groups that meet on campus?

Tuesday AA @ 7:00pm (Boardroom)

Tuesday GA @ 7:30pm (Beilstein Hall)

Thursday AA @ 7pm (Boardroom)

Sunday AA @ 5pm (Boardroom)


STAFF and COUNCIL OFFICERS/MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Pastor The Rev. Joshua Serrano
 Organist/Pianist Kai Lin

President.....Lori Friedman
 Worship & MusicAnita Reimann
 Evangelism & OutreachGary Wiessinger
 Vice PresidentJohn Schornstein
 Stewardship
 Secretary.....Anita Reimann
 Social Concerns.....Barbara Padilla
 Buildings & Grounds.....Rick Gilmore
 YouthLori Friedman
 Financial SecretaryMary Webb
 Endowment..... John McDowell
 TreasurerPetra Gilmore
 Education/Sunday School.....

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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