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**Sunday Morning
Worship Times:**
8:00 Traditional
10:30 Contemporary

November 19
Pie Social

November 22
7:00pm
Ecumenical Service
Sacred Heart

November 28
XYZ Potluck at Black
Diamond Bakery
11:15am meet at Hope

December 24
9:30am Carol Service
4:00pm Candlelight
Service
7:00pm Candlelight
Service
11:00pm Candlelight
Service

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Community Thanksgiving Worship

November 22nd, 7pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1614 Farrelly St, Enumclaw

All are welcome!



Pie Social

There will be a Pie Social on November 19th at 9:30am (after first service) in the basement, hosted by Trinity's Faith Sharing Committee. Bring your favorite pie to share. Come for fellowship, coffee and a piece of pie!



Trinity's November Youth Newsletter



TRINITY'S APP

Is an excellent tool for quick easy access to our church calendar, following Pastor's blog, listening to missed sermons, sending a prayer request, following along with Sunday morning readings, finding ways to be involved in church life, and online giving. By downloading the app you will also receive reminders of important events, activities and any changes in service times.

To download the app simply go to your app store on your mobile device or iPad and search for Trinity Lutheran Enumclaw



The chain of material pictured is the product of a death ritual shared in the "Exploration of Death, Dying and Bereavement" seminar. This chain demonstrates how lives disrupted by grief can be rebuilt and strengthened with support of friends, family and community.

Thank you to Duane and Fay Weeks and Weeks' Funeral Home for hosting the "Death, Dying and Bereavement" seminar here at Trinity. Approximately 45-50 people from Trinity and the Enumclaw community attended these seminars.

Dear People of God at Trinity,

I want to thank you for the great participation yesterday in the preliminary discussion of the Future of the Lutheran Presence on the Plateau. It appeared everyone had an opportunity to share their perspective. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to all the discussion leaders and recorders. I'm anxious to read the many responses which Teresa Boyes will be compiling. We will be sharing a summary with you.

It is important that we reiterate a couple of key points regarding our discussions.

- This is an ongoing conversation which may continue for many months into the future. Yesterday was not your only opportunity for input. This dialog will be ongoing.
- There are no preconceived assumptions regarding the outcome of this process. We are not going to be immediately changing anything. In fact, one of the very real options is that nothing will change. At this time there is no plan to combine worship services, to join our assets, and certainly not to organically combine.

The purpose of the entire exercise is to discern what God is calling us to do as a Lutheran Christian presence in Enumclaw and on the Plateau. With that as our ultimate goal, please continue to share your thoughts and visions at future gatherings and forums.

The next step will be for the council leadership to meet with Hope's leadership to share observations. Hope is also having a discussion on the very same questions we considered yesterday. Then we will meet with Bishop Jaech and Kim Latterell. They will be helping us discern the next step in the discovery process. That meeting will not be moving us into any immediate implementation of some organic union.

God bless both Trinity and Hope as we continue in mission.

Grace and Peace,

Walt

All Saints Sunday



November 5th we honored those Saints that have gone before us triumphant by ringing a bell for each Saint during our worship services.

Laurel Allison Qualls
Elois Fredrickson
Genevieve Frerichs
Evelyn Helley
Carl Hoff
Audrey Kjensrud
Don Schmitt
David Swanbeck

Those who were baptized into our faith since last All Saints'

Shawn, Sawyer, Sylas
& Salem O'Grady
Lucus Henderson
Jake & Taylor Stabenfeldt



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MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Trinity Lutheran church offers a men's Bible study Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM at the Enumclaw golf course café. This Bible study includes members of other churches in the local community and is open to new members. The group has been meeting off and on over the last six years.

Most recently the focus of the Bible study has been on the red letters of Jesus. The group has been going through the book of Matthew. Each Saturday morning a section of Matthew is read but only the red letters. The idea is to highlight the literal words of Jesus. This can be challenging as the context of the words may not be completely known without reading the associated passage. Of course, at times, the group does read the associate words to help with understanding although they try to minimize that. There are definite themes that stand out as they read through the red letters. These include Jesus desire for the Jewish people to recognize that the kingdom of heaven is near, to teach kingdom values through parables and to demonstrate God's love and power through his miraculous healing power.

If you're looking for a group to grow in your faith with and deepen your knowledge and love of other people, as well as enjoy a great breakfast, please consider joining this wonderful group of men.

Article Submitted by Dennis Eldridge, Council Vice President

Members Attend Stephen Ministry Training Event

Pastor Walt Rice, Evie Bjornson, Signe Lukasiak and Laura Lurry were among over 200 pastors and church leaders at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course in Orlando, Florida in June.

The fast-paced weeklong course began on a Sunday evening, and concluded the following Saturday at noon. A lot of information and long days ended with the team coming home with a 3,000 page Leader's Manual which will step them through the entire Stephen Ministry system.

The Stephen Leaders will direct the new Stephen Ministry in the congregation. They will soon recruit, select, train, and supervise Stephen Ministers and locate people with needs for care, matching them with a Stephen Minister.

The training at the LTC differs from the 50 hours of Stephen Minister training in the congregation because the LTC focuses on the administrative and supervisory aspects of Stephen Ministry. Our first Stephen Minister training course, which will focus on the actual caregiving skills, will begin in early 2018!

THANK YOU for your donations and prayers for this leadership team, which allowed them to participate in this amazing event!!

Answers to Frequently Asked Question about Stephen Ministry

What Exactly is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties.

Who is involved?

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, select, train, organize and supervise the ministers identify people in need of care and match them with a Stephen minister.

Stephen Ministers are the care givers. They complete 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. In addition their training covers special topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved, and aging.

Care Receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing grief, loss of job, divorce, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of a number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit by the relationship.

What do Stephen Ministers do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time.

Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care--not to give advice or counsel. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's need exceeds what they can provide. When that happens they work with care receivers to help them receive the level of care they really need.

Can I trust a Stephen Minister?

Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence.

Why the name Stephen?

The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6.

What's the Pastors Role?

Pastors will always be the primary caregivers, but there is no way pastors can meet all the needs for care. God has called all of us, not just pastors, to minister to one another. Stephen Ministry multiplies ministry by turning pastors into equippers so they can enable lay people to provide caring ministry as well.

Where did it all start?

Stephen Ministry has been around since 1975, when Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, began it to multiply the caregiving in his congregation in St. Louis, Missouri. Trinity is now one of more than 10,000 Stephen Ministry congregations from more than 150 denominations!

What's next??

Your new Stephen's leaders are busy assisting Pastor Walt with the new Spiritual Gifts Course this fall, which will be held each Sunday between services beginning October 8th.

Their hope is to soon begin to recruit church members who are interested in participating in a 50 hour training, to start late January 2018. Stephen Ministers make a commitment to train and to serve care receivers.

If you believe God is leading you to participate in this ministry, talk to one of the Stephen Leaders, or Pastor Walt and they can tell you more!

PLATEAU OUTREACH MINISTRY SERVES OURS NEIGHBORS IN NEED OVER THE HOLIDAYS

POM's Thanksgiving Food

Pantry needs:

Packages of Mashed
Potatoes
Canned Yams
Canned Pumpkin
Mandarin Oranges
Fruit Cocktail
Canned Pineapple
Cranberry Sauce
Evaporated Milk
Cream Soups/ Broth
Stuffing/ Stove Top
French Fried Onions
Baking ingredients: i.e.
Flour, Sugar.....

THANK YOU!!!!

POM's Thanksgiving Food
Bank and Coat Give Away will
be on Wed. Nov 15

We are collecting NEW and
GENTLY used Coats for Adults,
Teens, & Big Kid Coats (sizes
16/18)

We already have a donor for other sizes of kid's coats.

If you would like to collect coats for our
Thanksgiving food bank please email or call Elisha
at Elisha@plateauoutreach.org or 360-825-861

Coats will need to be dropped off at POM by
Monday, November 13, 2017!

**THANK YOU, for helping keep
our Community Warm!!!**



CHRISTMAS GIVE BIG Wed. Dec 13

ITEMS THAT WE ARE COLLECTING:

1. Individually Wrapped Paper Towels: Goal 125
2. NEW Gloves: Kids Goal: 100, Men's Goal 100 & Women's 30
3. NEW items for Gift Room Goal: 125 (1 per family)
4. New Cleaning Supplies Goal 150: i.e. laundry soap, 409, Clorox wipes/spray, Tub cleaner, Windex, pinesol...
5. Handmade Quilts or Blankets: We need 70 more
6. Personal Hygiene Goal 125. Items that we are in short supply of: deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene items, Q-Tips, and full size shaving cream, lotions and facewash.
7. 4-Roll packs of toilet paper: We need 75 more packs.



Wednesday Evening Advent Services

Trinity will be hosting three Wednesday Advent Worship Services at 6:30pm.

December 6th - Week 1: Preparation and Planning

Birth of Jesus Foretold - Luke 1:26-38

December 13th - Week 2: Uncertainty and New Challenges

Message to Joseph - Matthew 1:18-23

December 20th - Week 3: Anticipation and Hope

Mary's Song - Luke 1:46-55

Children's Christmas Program

December 17th at 10:30am

December 24th Worship Services

9:30am Morning Carol Service

4:00, 7:00 & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sharing of a Mission Experience by Kady Eldridge

This summer I had the privilege to live in the Dominican Republic for 8 weeks. I lived with two other girls in the town of Barahona located on the south-west coast of the country. I wrote this piece for the blog that we kept during the trip.

"The thrill you feel on first seeing some delightful place dies away when you really go to live there ... if you go through with it, the first thrill will be compensated for by a more quiet and lasting kind of interest" - CS Lewis, Mere Christianity

I feel like this quote is so applicable to my experience with the different trips I have been on in the Dominican Republic. During a short-term mission, you feel the thrill. That feeling of love for a place and a people that is overwhelming and fills your entire being. I felt that love for the DR in my two, week-long trips there. The people you are with, the constant excitement and new things, the mission trip romances... all add to this thrill and infatuation with the place. You constantly see and feel God's presence and know His plan is so much bigger than you could imagine. It's incredible and life-giving and I would recommend going on a short-term trip.

But, when the time came to actually *live* in the Dominican Republic, the thrill faded away. It's unfamiliar, there's frustrations that arise, and a language you don't quite fully understand. As we experienced the culture, people, and lifestyle of Barahona, I began to feel this interest that Lewis describes. We have a commitment to the people we have lived with, served, and been served by. A longer-term mission trip creates deeper roots in the place and with the people there. I love this place and the people who I've become friends with and I have a stronger commitment to this place. Being on a longer-term mission allows you to experience daily life and truly get to know the people you are with. This quiet and lasting interest in this place is something I will have with me for a long time.

I do believe that in the spectrum of missions, each trip is crucial to God's plan and each person has a purpose no matter the length of their stay. But, what is necessary, is for there to be a long-term mission in the place and lasting relationships being made in the community. The short-term trips help support the long-term mission. They're the quick bursts of energy, labor, excitement, and encouragement for those living in the community every day. The long-term people are the ones who are there daily and have committed their lives to God's mission in their community.

This summer I questioned mission trips altogether and wondered if they were good for the people in the community being served. God has been showing me that each type of mission is important to Him. **He can use any type of commitment someone has given up for His work.** He has helped me to change my perspective on why missions are important and how they further the kingdom and His plan.

Kady Eldridge

NOVEMBER 2017

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6pm Dorcas Circle	2 7pm A.A Meeting 7:30pm Band	3 Office Closed 7am HS Girls Small Group 9am Work Party	4 7:30am Men's Bible Study –Golf Course Café
5 All Saints Day 8am Traditional Worship 9:15am Forum 10:30am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Children's Church 11:30am Confirmation 3pm Senior High Tacoma Mission	6 9am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 2:30pm HS Girls Small Group	7 7am HS Girls Small Group (Lane's) 7am HS Boys Small Group (Dennis') 1pm Grief Class	8 6pm Band Prep 7pm Band Practice 8-10pm Middle School Game Night	9 7pm A.A Meeting	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 Veteran's Day 7:30am Men's Bible Study – Golf Course Café 2:30pm Wentz Recital
12 8am Traditional Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Contemporary & Children's Church 2:30-5:00pm Wentz Recital 7pm Senior High Youth Group	13 9am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 2:30pm HS Girls Small Group	14 7am HS Girls Small Group (Lane's) 7am HS Boys Small Group (Dennis') 7pm Finance	15 8am POM Mtg. 6pm Band Prep 7pm Band Practice 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 7:30pm Leaders Mtg. Hope Lutheran	16 10am Ruth Circle 6:30pm Social Concerns Meeting 7pm A.A Meeting	17 <i>Office Closed</i> 7am HS Girls Small Group 10am Koinonia Circle	18 7:30am Men's Bible Study – Golf Course Café 9am Wentz Piano Workshop 10am Bishop Consultation Hope 2pm Anna M. Building Usage
19 8am Traditional Worship 9:30am Pie Social 10:30am Contemporary & Christmas Play Practice Kids 11:30am Confirmation Meeting 7:00pm Senior High Youth Group	20 9am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 2:30pm HS Girls Small Group	21 7am HS Girls Small Group (Lane's) 7am HS Boys Small Group (Dennis') 11:45am High Point Lunch 5:30pm Council Meeting	22 6pm Band Prep 7pm Band 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Worship at Sacred Heart	23 Thanksgiving Day 7pm A.A Meeting	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 7:30am Men's Bible Study –Golf Course Café
26 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Contemporary & Kids Christmas Play Practice	27 9am Quilting 11am Staff Meeting 2:30pm HS Girls Small Group	28 7am HS Girls Small Group (Lane's) 7am HS Boys Small Group (Dennis') 11:15am Meet at Hope for XYZ Potluck at Black Diamond Bakery 4pm Stephen Ministry Mtg.	29 6pm Band Prep 7pm Middle School Youth Group 7pm Band Practice	30 7pm A.A Meeting 7pm Choir Practice		