

Have you ever *not* been invited to something and felt left out in the cold? It has happened to me. As I think about one such time, I remember trying to convince myself that I really didn't want to be part of the celebration anyway—that I had more important things to do with my time. This was my way of trying to cover up the fact that I was hurt.

It is just as *wonderful* to be invited as it is *awful* not to be invited. You and I, whom God has invited and welcomed through Holy Baptism, are called to invite others into the Body of Christ, into the community of faith that forms around the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us.

God has called every person into this fellowship of grace and love. The whole world is God's family. Out of love for the world, so that all people might have fullness of life, God's Son was sent into the world.

You and I can best bring this home to people by inviting our acquaintances to worship, a Bible study, a small group, Youth Group, Men's Ministry, or one of the service projects we do in the name of Jesus. When we worship, learn, and serve together we are celebrating the most important thing that has happened to anyone anywhere! God has touched our lives and given us new life!

All other celebrations pale in comparison—and we *have been invited!* Moreover, we have the joy of sharing the best invitation ever!

It's an awful thing to have a celebration and not invite people. As summer draws to a close and people are setting up their fall schedules and establishing their routines, let's be especially alert to opportunities to invite people to church—to celebrate the feast which has no end, to celebrate the presence of Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Truls

IN THE NEWS

Debbie Oquist was pictured in the News Press for her participation in the **Montecito Hope Ranch Republican Women's Club's** yearly benefit for the college scholarship fund. Debbie, along with her mother **Val Oquist** were two of the organizers of the benefit and Debbie put together the baskets for the silent auction.

Marlene Reimer was pictured in an article in the News Press featuring Santa Barbara's non-profits. Marlene and several others from Trinity are members of the Assistance League of Santa Barbara. This group raises money to help support Hillside House. They also provide new school clothes to local elementary school children, host local seniors at special lunches and much more.

WE CONGRATULATE

Jeff and Rebecca Carroll welcomed new baby **Penelope Jane** on August 1. Baby Penelope joins big sister **Abigail** who turned 6 in March.

WE MOURN WITH

Virginia Gough and John Kelly and family on the death of **Verna Kelly**. Verna was Virginia's daughter-in-law and best friend. A Celebration of Life for Verna was held at Trinity on August 30.

Dorothy Burkhart and family on the death of her brother **Robert**.

Beulah Bradley and family on the sudden death of her son **John**.

We keep in our prayers: Cathy May, Ken Siegele, Larry Hammett, Phyllis Grimstad, Harry Kreitzer, Jaime Laguette, Paul Griffith, Kathy Person, Rolf & Trish Geyling.

ing will be Sunday, September 21, beginning at 4:00 PM.

We will meet in the Fireside Room. The book that has been selected to read and discuss is *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles. The story of an unexpected and terribly inconvenient Christian conversion, told by a very unlikely convert, *Take This Bread* is not only a spiritual memoir, but a call to action.

Raised as an atheist, Sara Miles lived an enthusiastically secular life as a restaurant cook and writer. Then early one morning, for no earthly reason, she wandered into a church. “I was certainly not interested in becoming a Christian,” she writes. “Or, as I thought of it rather less politely, a religious nut.” But she ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine, and found herself radically transformed...

Greetings Members of Trinity,

Since 1958, I have been part of the community of Trinity. From my childhood into adulthood, many here have nurtured me. On Sept. 2, 2008, I start classes at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. I will be a fulltime student for the next two years.

I will be working on a masters degree for Diaconal Ministry. This is a newer roster in the ELCA (1993). The diaconal concentrates on the intersection of the church and world. It is a ministry of Word and Service (sharing Christ, equipping others, and seeking justice in the world). The symbols of the diaconal ministry are the basin and towel.

I am blessed with the support of John, my husband. While the journey has begun, not all the pieces are in place. One by one, God continues to open doors for me. I am such an impatient person. I want to see the whole picture now. Oh well, I still keep asking and even try to listen.

I'm so excited for this opportunity. Of course, I will also see you during some breaks. If you are going to be up my way, tell John and he can tell you the best way to contact me. I look forward to sharing with you from time to time. Even from a distance, Trinity will still be home to me.

Peace,
Martha Santrizos

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Kevin & Ronda Johnson	1	Allan & Kay Klinker	18
Ernie & Betty Ranum	1	Jeff & Rebecca Carroll	19
Michael & Louise Caccese	2	Harold & Lorraine Hockett	20
Dan & Romy Reicker	2	Erik & Kelly Onnen	20
Marty & Sharron Krebs	4	Mike & Lorna Owens	22
Richard & Christel Schneider	6	Eric & Heather Diehl	23
Philip & Karen Wilson	8	Fred & Pat Heidner	25
Alan & Kelsey Schroeder	12	Walt & Karen Lang	25
Taka Nomura & Dawn Woods	13	Bob & Judy Dague	26
Ron & Dale Oftebro	13	Ron & Marlys Boehm	28
Rich & Michelle Glaus	16	Eric & Andrea Schenker	30

Please call the office with any corrections or additions to this list.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Jeff & Betty Ahlgren	2	Peter & Elva Jorgensen	21
John & Edythe Smith	10	Einar & Elaine Hovind	25
Donald & Christine Anderson	11	Jens & Ann-Margrethe Steenstrup	25
Marty & Jean Appel	11	Dave & Pat McClure	26

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SERVING IN WORSHIP SEPTEMBER

ALTAR GUILD: Beulah Bradley, Joan Petersen, Lorraine Kolich

READERS

	8:00 AM	10:30AM
First Sunday	9:30 AM Henry Sarria & Laurie Richardson	
Second Sunday	Henry & Laurie	Joan Petersen
Third Sunday	Dave Vierra	Linda Karppinen
Fourth Sunday	John Rydell	Ray Duarte

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
First Sunday	9:30 AM Barbara Griffith	
Second Sunday		
Third Sunday		
Fourth Sunday		Jane Maddalon

GUEST TABLE

		10:30 AM
First Sunday	9:30 AM Astie & Larry Hammett	
Second Sunday		Marty Appel
Third Sunday		Ron & Dale Oftebro
Fourth Sunday		Ruthe Anderson

Dear friends at Trinity,

My many thanks to you for my new green stole – and for fond memories of good ministry together.

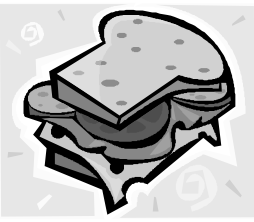
In Christ,
Bruce

st breast cancer by donating your old cell phones.

For every cell phone turned in until October 31, 2008, ReCellular will donate \$1.00 to **Susan G. Komen** for the Cure with a guaranteed minimum donation of \$10,000! Please drop your old cell phones in the basket in the office or drop into mail slot. Thank you!

Transition House Thanks

Thank you to **Dorothy Burkhart** for coordinating the Transition House dinner on August 18. Dinner included baked chicken, green salad, rice, broccoli dinner rolls and ice cream bars for dessert. We also supplied lunch meat and cheese for sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, and drinks for lunches the next day. Thanks also to **Nancy Kelly, Jane Maddalon, June Brusse, Ellen Ahlers, Mary Gregersen, Lisa Sobczak, Nancy Sittig, Trudy Allen, Marilyn Reginato, and Cindie Trieger** for donating food for these meals.



Our next night to prepare dinner for Transition House is September 15. A coordinator is needed.

Faith Walkers Get Ready!



Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2008
Join Trinity Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and Christ Lutheran
September 12, 2008 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM
At Chase Palm Park with Woody's BBQ and Jazz Music
Last year we raised over \$3,000!
Sign up on the patio; donations appreciated

How are we doing financially?

July income: \$25,693.75
Shortfall: \$19,374.25

July expenses: \$45,067.00

July is the first month of our fiscal year, so we are off to a rough start. We have had to use Undesignated Memorial funds to cover our budgeted expenses, which is not the intended purpose of those funds. The first 2 Sunday offerings of August have been encouraging, so I hope the trend continues.

John Santrizos
Treasurer



A sign up sheet and registration forms for the Men's Advance are available at the Welcome Center. The event runs from September 26-28 at El Camino Pines. This year's speaker is **Dr. Thom Johnson**. Thom will be presenting an inspirational program on "Living in Your Baptism." This is an excellent time to rejuvenate your body spiritually and physically. The registration is \$115 for advanced registration and includes lodging, food and program materials. Please contact Bob Huhn at 682-2189 for more information and to make carpooling arrangements

Some addresses for your files if you don't already have them.

Marylin & Ev Nielsen 4650 Dulin Rd. #135 Fallbrook, CA. 92028

Mrs. Hilja Torvik 783 East 1000 North Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062

Glenn & Bernice Bragstad 9142 Mercer Way apt 7403 Mercer Island, WA 98040

Jean Dunworth 325 Kempton St #852 Spring Valley, CA 91977

Pastor Truls & Kathy Person 909 N La Cumbre, Santa Barbara CA 93110



Youth and Family Ministries

Here are two more tips on getting the whole family out the door on Sunday mornings; last month we talked about the importance of repetition and prioritizing. Here are two for this month:

Repeat: Worship attendance works for children when it becomes a familiar routine. One or two experiences will not bring you or your children a sense of peace.

Relax: Keep your expectations reasonable. Don't worry. Your children's behavior is much more distracting to you than the rest of the congregation!

If you need tips on how to play that out at home, talk to me before or after worship, or even give me a call or an email (kidzndrumz@aol.com) and we'll talk about ways to get that faith journey moving.

Also, a common complaint I hear about worship and family involvement is that there are so few others there. How many kids or young families do you think there are in SALT? 10? 20? **Believe it or not, there are 84 kids under 18 representing over 25 families in our SALT congregations!!! (The ratio of Trinity families to Christ families is about 3:1, with no accurate measurement available for Grace at the time of this writing.)** *The most important point is that I have seen each and every one of these kids and families at least once in the last year. So what that tells me is that participation is there, but it's inconsistent at best. Perseverance is key!*

If feeling alone at church is a problem, commit to being here for a stretch. Try something small; say, six weeks or so. Put EVERYTHING else in second place those weeks (travel, homework, soccer, bring visitors WITH YOU, etc.) You'd be surprised at who you've been missing! Try something else within our SALT ministries and see if you are more comfortable there. Trinity and Christ Lutheran both have Sunday school for grades K-12 and infant care on Sunday mornings; our joint youth group (L.O.L.- Love Our Lord) meets at Trinity on Sunday nights, and Christ has family nights for kids up to 6th grade on Wednesday nights (these are currently on hold till fall, but should be back in place this month; stay tuned!)

Regardless of how that comes together, I am interested in receiving input and assistance from anyone within our congregation. How can we do better? What's an activity your family would be excited about getting plugged into on a onetime or recurring basis? What are the needs of your family that we can take a look at? I don't care if you're a student, a parent, or just a concerned adult; I need your help! If you're willing to talk and pray about this with me, please let me know. There's no task too small that I would need help with!

Shalom,
Rich Lashua, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

*Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy
to the rock of our salvation. -Psalm 95:1*

It is time for the singing of songs, the ringing of bells; a time to make a joyful noise to our Lord! Choir begins again on Sunday, September 7 and I invite you *all* to join us!

Everyone in the choir? What a crazy idea! But wouldn't it be wonderful if it were true! In the purest sense that is the way it should be – an entire community singing together in worship, unified in songs of praise to our God; proclaiming our thanks and telling the wonderful story of creation, salvation, and love.

If you think that the choir is not for you, please think again! Choir is not about performing and entertaining, it is about leading a congregation in singing to and about God. If you can carry a tune but cannot read music, that is NOT a reason to stay away - I am willing to work with singers of all levels of experience. If you read music, then simply showing up at Thursday rehearsals is all you need to do. If you are unsure what you are capable of, *come and talk to me*. I would LOVE to have the “problem” of scheduling an extra hour or so just to work with those who need a little more time to learn the notes. I would especially enjoy the opportunity to teach a class in reading music – it is *never* too late to learn!

1st choir rehearsal: Thursday, September 4, 7:30 pm
Choir rehearsal room (Fellowship Hall)

1st choir Sunday: September 7, (single service at 9:30 am, warm-up at 8:45 am)
Choir loft in the sanctuary

Hand Bell Choir - We are fortunate to own a full five octaves of hand bells, a beautiful musical instrument that many churches would love to have! But it takes a lot of hands to use them all. I am looking for ringers; individuals, or entire families that would like to try their hands at the bells. Please contact me if that sounds good to you. I have not yet set a rehearsal time, but will do so once I see who is available. It is not likely to be a regular weekly commitment, but if the interest is there, it certainly can be!

Please talk to me anytime, Philip Wilson, Director of Music
Home: 845-4313
pwilson@telcsb.org

Notes From the SALT Shaker



We're still shakin! The SALT (Serving as Lutherans Together) leadership team met Tuesday evening at Trinity. We're excited about embarking on an exploration the Book of Faith together – our vision is multiple blended groups at various locations and times but all studying the same material – a chance to come together in body and spirit!

When you read this, another joint venture will have been initiated – a SALT youth leadership task force will be created under the leadership of Rich Lashua, Director of Youth & Family at Trinity. Rich and Pastor Russ Gordon need volunteers to help build a dynamic program for our youth. Your creative ideas and active support are welcomed!

SALT will also be lending support to the twice a month food distribution program at Grace. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program management, coordination and reporting – no “heavy lifting” required! Contact Jeannie Christensen at Grace for details.

Finally, the leadership team will “retreat” on Saturday, October 4 to do some goal setting for 2009 – and beyond.

Membership Musings



The Membership Ministry Team gained a much-needed new member this summer, pushing to eight the number of active team members. We must confess, however that our newest member is not “up and running” yet, as she is nursing a knee infection at Cottage Hospital. Welcome to our team anyway, Kathy! And heal that knee soon!

Pastor Truls was a special guest at our August meeting, and he came armed with a number of great strategies for meeting visitors and connecting with our members at Trinity. Late in September, we plan to implement an informational luncheon for potential new church members. You’ll be hearing more on this shortly.

Our Membership Team continues to record attendance information following each Sunday’s service. Pastor Truls spelled out the various ways this data helps him in his pastoral duties. It is also important to our Membership Team. Please be sure to fill out the black attendance booklet every Sunday that you attend.

Lastly, don’t forget the “two-minute” rule. That is, for the first two minutes at the conclusion of Sunday’s service, look for someone (a visitor, or a TLC member that you don’t know) and take the time to introduce yourself and learn a little about that other person. You’ll feel refreshed as you make a new friend, and your acquaintance will feel more welcome, too.

Discussion and Action Group Journal



Jesus said: *“the poor will always be with you.”* Here in Santa Barbara, we are frequently reminded about the truth of that statement when we encounter the numerous homeless person who reside here. The life, and plight of our city’s homeless has been the focus of the Social Justice Discussion and Action Group for the past two months. At our August meeting, after viewing a video on the homeless n Santa Barbara, our discussion turned to a variety of concerns about these people whom we often prefer to ignore.

For instance; do you know how many homeless there are in Santa Barbara? How has our city tried to assist them? How do our police officers deal with the homeless? Why do so many homeless “self-medicate” with drugs or alcohol? How can we, as individuals, best help the homeless without feeling that we’ve been “scammed?” These questions, and more, were discussed with the 15 attendees of the Social Justice group as we wrestled with our misconceptions and fears about those people who live on the fringe of “acceptable” society.

On September 28, the SJDAG will meet to continue this discussion. Our focus will come from Ken Williams’ book titled *“Shattered Dreams,”* which chronicles his work with the Santa Barbara homeless. If the topic or the multitude of questions about the homeless interests you, join us at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



Please join in a synod-wide celebration of the
Installation Service
For
Pastor Laurie Arroyo
Assistant to the Bishop for Lay Mission Leadership

Saturday September 6, 2008
3:00 PM at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
15950 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344
A reception will follow.

The Glendon Association's 14th annual forum, "Giving Voice to Hope: Stories of Survival and Change" will feature heartfelt stories from individuals whose personal experiences with suicide and violence have profoundly changed their lives. Their touching stories inspire hope and clearly demonstrate an individual's capability to turn person tragedy into triumph. This evening will feature keynote speaker Aqeela Sherrills, world-renowned peace advocate, who facilitated the truce between rival gangs the Bloods and Crips in Los Angeles.

This event takes place on Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 pm in the Santa Barbara High School Auditorium.

Look for the Music Ministry table on Renewal Sunday, Sept. 7th!

There are many possibilities for you to contribute to of the music ministry in worship at Trinity. For example:

- Choir (rehearsals start Thursday, September 4th)
- Bell Choir (schedule TBD)
- Instrumentalists (always welcome)
- Children's Choir (to be developed)

Questions? Contact Phil Wilson, Director of Music
email: pwilson@telcsb.org

Renewal Sunday

September 7, 2008

One service only at 9:30 AM





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