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From our Pastor

We turn our eyes toward fall events

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's August, and we're still in the season of vacations and warm weather and good things growing in our farm fields and our personal gardens.

But many of us are already casting our eyes down the road to kids going back to college and school starting and the busy program year of the church kicking back into gear, including the return of the choir and the fuller liturgies of fall.

While we look forward to the return of the choir and the return of Sunday School and confirmation in September, our calendar is starting to fill up with special events. We'd like to lift up some dates for you to mark on your calendars:

Sunday, September 8: It will be God's Work Our Hands Sunday, and we'll be doing work in the community for the sake of our neighbors. Watch for details on what projects we'll work on. But do begin collecting items for the care packages we'll be assembling that day for our college students and those in the military.

Sunday, September 15: Our annual outdoor worship and church picnic will be held at Riverside Park. We'll worship at the amphitheater, and our worship will include two baptisms, and then move to pavilions for our annual picnic. Our time together will incorporate the Sunday School Rally Day.



Sunday, September 22: Sunday School and adult education will begin for the season.

Blessings to you, dear church, in this last full month of summer.

Pastor Brenda +

Youth Gathering: An awesome experience!

Thank you, the Holy Trinity congregation, for sending our youth and adult advisors to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, a faith-forming, life-changing experience for all of us.

The theme for the Gathering was “Created to Be,” teaching us:

- We are created to be **brave**, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.
- We are created to be **authentic**, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.
- We are created to be **free**, to be transformed by the gospel.
- We are created to be **disruptive**, to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to be **disciples**, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

This is just a brief look at our experience.

~A look at the mass gathering, the nightly gathering at Smoothie King arena of all of the 16,000 young Lutherans.

~Nora took part in our synod/region worship, giving the benediction for the service.

~Sydney and others in our group created puzzle pieces to add to a gigantic, wall-sized jigsaw puzzle. Each piece was designed to show what issues in the world are important to us in public advocacy.

~Our bishop, the Rev. Michael Lozano, joined our group as we were preparing to enter the convention center for our day of service.





After the gathering ended, we ended a Cajun cooking class at a New Orleans cooking school!

A view of the city from our jazz riverboat cruise on a paddlewheel boat, our last night in New Orleans.



From Our Directors of Parish Ministry

Proverbs 3:13-Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.

As the calendar turns another corner in its race to the end of the year, we see that it is time for the children of Holy Trinity to return to school. The young ones back to the routine of school busses and book bags and our graduates off to new adventures on campuses around the country. An exciting time for both munchkin and parent. But what about the rest of our congregation? Isn't there something about this time of year that triggers a memory or two about our own education? Isn't there a flicker from the past that makes us crave learning something new? Legendary basketball coach, John Wooden, told us that 'It's what you learn after you know it all that counts'. As the kids of our congregation return to their studies, perhaps we should as well.

Fall is a great time to pick up that book you meant to read at the beach. To find a podcast or a TedTalk that speaks to an interest you have long wanted to cultivate. For all its shortcomings, cable television has some great channels to re-connect with history or home improvement. Biographies that give new insight to heroes you may have relegated to the back of your mind's closet. Fall is a great time to Spring clean that mind. (You could always re-visit your Bible.) Today is a perfect time to renew your pledge to be a life-long learner.

It is also a great time to share that wisdom with others in the congregation. Recommend that book you couldn't put down. Suggest a streaming event that tweaked your imagination. That 'You Tube' tutorial that helped you would probably help someone you know, share it with them.

One of the 'Wouldn't it be Nice' ideas that came from our recent congregational meeting was to create a forum where people with a lifetime of knowledge and wisdom could give back to the congregation. Some work is already underway to create such a forum so look for it as we all get back in the swing of things. Building on that thought, be prepared to share the wisdom you have gathered during a lifetime of living. I can guarantee someone in the congregation needs to know something you think you forgot. Be prepared to share it with them.

To paraphrase the Dali Lama- "Sharing your knowledge is a great way to achieve immortality." As we prepare a forum to make that sharing more user-friendly, make it a goal to increase your knowledge and wisdom.

Remember, knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting a tomato on your cereal!

Fruit??



From Our Director of Music

What I Did On My Summer Vacation
by Steve Repasky

First of all, a thank you to Jim Kuzman and Chris Michaelson for playing for me the two Sundays I was off during my vacation. I spent two weeks and a half in San Francisco where I lived for forty years. The reason for the trip was to visit long-time friends and attend the National American Guild of Organists Convention held in San Francisco. There were over one thousand attendees at the convention which included church and university organists, church musicians, organ builders, and church music publishers. Although most attendees were from the USA, there were folks from Australia, China, South Korea, and Europe.

The convention featured many stellar performers on notable San Francisco and Bay Area organs. I am a member of Hupalo & Repasky Pipe Organs, LLC in San Leandro, California, and the convention featured two of our organs. The first of our organs is a Tudor-style organ at Stanford University. It is a recreation of a late 15th-century English organ. It is tuned in Pythagorean pure-fifth tuning. It is astounding how this small one-manual organ brings the music of this period to life. Much of the organ music during this time was written in alteration with chant verses of the Ordinary and Minor Propers, some of which are quite elaborate. These small organs exhibit a surprisingly varied tonal perspective.

Our second organ that was featured was our new modern organ for St. Ignatius Church. It is one of the largest church spaces in Northern California on the campus of the Jesuit San Francisco University. A concert was held during the second evening of the convention with members of the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra and Shin-Young Lee & Olivier Latry from Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. This 52 ranks, 3-manual organ was completed just before Easter of this year. That evening a full church of conventioners and the public were treated to two new symphony and organ compositions by Emma Lou Diemer and Michael Gandolfi. Another organ & orchestra piece which was performed was Samuel Barber's *Concerto for Organ & Orchestra*. The organ did its job in collaboration with a beautifully manicured symphonic orchestra. Often in these compositions, the organ blends and duels with the orchestra. At times, the composer scores their piece to make the orchestra sound like an organ and vice versa. The closing work was Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* performed and arranged for organ by the husband-and-wife organists from Notre-Dame for four hands and four feet. This arrangement enabled the audience to hear every pipe in the organ. My biggest fear in having one of our organs played so publically is that it will either fail, explode, or cypher. A cypher is when a pipe decides to play by itself. However, none of this happened and our organ was well received.

Part of the AGO's mission is education. I attended several master classes on organ hymn playing and choral reading sessions given by excellent clinicians. A wonderful part of a national convention of the AGO is the experience of singing a hymn with well over one thousand church musicians.

I also had several days to visit my old neighbors and meet with old friends. San Francisco is truly a beautiful and world-class city filled with wonderful and talented people of all backgrounds. My biggest surprise being back was seeing and then riding in a WaveMo car. These are self-driving taxis. I sure felt like I was in the 21st century riding in one of these driverless cars. If you ever have a chance and want to get away to the 21st century, I strongly recommend a visit to San Francisco.



Our Tudor-style organ at Stanford University



Shin-Young Lee, Olivier Latry with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra



Audience at St. Ignatius Church Concert

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Is Coming Up



Please mark Sunday, September 8, on your calendar for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.

After worship on that Sunday, we will be participating in a day of service for the benefit of our community. More details to follow!

Please plan to join us!

Flying Quilts Update

The flying quilts that meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (also the 5th Tuesday if there is one) is looking to break their record yet again this year! The group has completed 117 quilts so far. The record is 128.

There are many hands that help create the quilts, but we are always looking for a few more. Please consider joining the regular quilters. You don't need to know how to sew, just tie knots!

You can also participate by helping us complete the baby care kits. We sent 27 last year and would love to send more. The items we need are hand towels (dark color) and bars of soap (wrapped in its original packaging). Donations can be left with Catherine in the church office.

Please call Bonnie Massing with any questions at 724-253-2932, or just join us at 9 a.m. on our scheduled Tuesdays.

Many thanks to all who have helped make this program a success, including our quilters who work at home!

Good Shepherd Request for August

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area.

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **August is dessert mixes or breakfast items.**

Donations may be placed in the marked box in



August Birthdays

3	Beth Harpst
4	Cathy Nanz
6	Trey Wilt
7	Joy Ealy
8	Kim Gainor
10	Marilyn Johnson
11	John Ferguson
12	Zachery Chesmer
	Nikki Hootman
	Jackson Mozes
13	Vance Martin-Call
	Matt Moinet
14	Karen McKay
16	Aubrey Martin
22	Julie Morgan
23	Nancy Bittel
24	Kaylee Banco
27	Cathryn Anderson
31	Ray Richardson



Lost and Found

Several items have been left behind in the kitchen and the sanctuary. Please stop in or call Catherine if you think you may have left any dishes or personal items behind after worship or a meal.

August Anniversaries

The following members of our congregation are celebrating anniversaries this month. Congratulate them when you see them.

Ed and Cathy Nanz	12 years	August 4, 2012
Donald and Susan Achenbach	47 years	August 6, 1977
Barry and Linda Oman	49 years	August 16, 1975
Bob and Bonnie Massing	60 years	August 22, 1964
Christian and Nikki Hootman	13 years	August 27, 2011

Happy Anniversary

A Reminder: Let Us Know When Someone Is Hospitalized

If you or someone you know has been hospitalized, please let the church office or the pastor know.

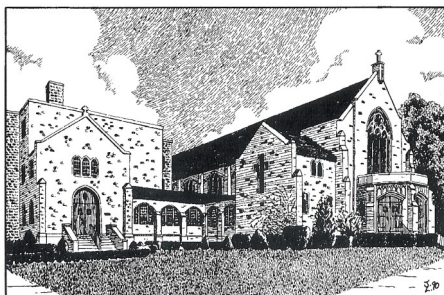
Many people assume that nursing homes or hospitals alert the church when someone is being treated. Because of the laws surrounding privacy (HIPAA), organizations have been required for a number of years now to honor your privacy in releasing information. Even if we call a hospital and ask if someone is being treated, hospitals are not allowed to tell us.

When you share information with us, it allows us to offer pastoral care, deliver flowers from the Sunday altar, and visit and pray with people when they're not feeling well. Thank you for helping us in this ministry of the church.

Church Membership?

If you have been visiting with us and would like to know more about becoming a member at Holy Trinity, please see Pastor Brenda. If you'd like to know what it means to be a member, please see Pastor Brenda.

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