



# Trinity Topics

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## Holy Week & Easter Services

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

You are invited to attend a "Meal in the Upper Room" at 5:30 pm (sign up in advance for this) and/or the 7:00 pm communion service at Eden Lutheran Church.

### **Good Friday, April 18**

A Good Friday services will be held at Trinity at 7:00 pm to remember Jesus' death on the cross.



### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

#### **Two Festival Services with Holy Communion**

at 8:30 am (Contemporary)  
and 11:00 am (Traditional)

#### **Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 am**

*Suggested Breakfast Donation:*  
\$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children under 12,  
with a \$10.00 maximum cost for families.

#### **Decorate the Easter Cross**

*Please bring fresh-cut flowers to decorate the Easter Cross in the courtyard between the services.*

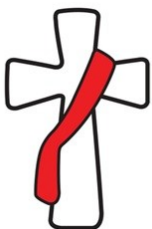


### **Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 27**

Hey, kids! Don't miss our Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 27, starting about 10:30 am (after the 9:30 worship service). It will be held on the lawns in front of the church.

## **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting after the 9:30 am service on Sunday, May 4. (There will be one service that day.) The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on a recommendation by the council to call Deacon Brenda S. Lussier to serve as a diaconal minister for our church. Copies of a job description and compensation will be distributed at worship services on April 27.



### **Concert by The Bonner Singers Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 pm**

Since their beginning in 1995, the Bonner Singers have distinguished themselves as a choral ensemble of musical excellence and versatility, featuring sparkling performances and a vibrant choral tone. Led by Dr. Judd Bonner, they present worshipful original anthems, as well as inspiring versions of tried-and-true classics. Their performances are designed to provide a meaningful Christian message for all who attend. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be received.



### **Rummage Sale on April 26**

It's time to do some spring cleaning, clean out your closets, and bring your unneeded items to church for our rummage sale! This year's rummage sale will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Donations can be placed on the stage in Heinecken Hall. We can pick up donations, if needed. However, we are not accepting electronics, books, or furniture for this rummage sale.

Kelly Krashin will start pricing items in the afternoons, starting on Monday, April 21, at 1:00 pm, and will need help with that. Pricing will be done in Cooper-Burkhart House. We will also need helpers on the day of the sale. Contact Kelly with any questions.





## Thank You, Team Trinity, for Participating in CROP Walk 2025!

by Carolyn Bolz

Eleven energetic Trinity members (plus two members from Eden Lutheran and a member of First Lutheran in Redlands) participated in the annual Riverside CROP Walk on Sunday afternoon, March 23rd. We met at First United Methodist Church along with participants from other local congregations.

After registering, then listening to a very short program (including a poem by one of our Trinity ladies), we all began walking.

Halfway through the CROP Walk, our group arrived at Trinity to enjoy cold drinks and tasty snacks served by Kelly Krashin and Sue Rogers under a pop-up canopy. Following our short break in the shade, we returned to First United Methodist to finish the two-mile walk. 106 people from 10 churches participated in this year's walk, and raised a total of \$24,591.23 as of March 27. "Team Trinity" raised \$3,161.40. While most of these donations will help feed the hungry in other parts of the world, a small portion will go to the BAT meal program at Trinity, along with other Riverside church programs that feed the hungry.

Thank you to all our Trinity participants who completed the event despite the 80-degree afternoon heat. Thanks also to Helga Stafford, our hardworking CROP Walk coordinator. And kudos to Pastor Kent for not only joining us on the CROP Walk as he always does, but for helping locate a participant's lost cellphone, too. Go, Team Trinity!

We're inspired by the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in."

**CROP  
HUNGER WALK**  
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Scarlet and Kai Clark (dressed in white) were baptized at the 11 am service on March 23. They are shown with their uncle Alan Clark, their mother Aki Tanaka, grandparents Marge & Jim Clark, and Pastor Kent.



In March, Ihor Rohozhyskyi repaired leaks in the roof above the narthex and then, with help from an assistant, installed and painted new ceiling panels. The ceiling looks much better and brighter now!



New members joined our congregation on March 23. You can read about them on page 5.



## Thursday Night Bible Study

This weekly Bible study meets online at 7:00 pm each Thursday and discusses the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. If you'd like to participate, let Pastor Kent know. He will email you the discussion questions along with a link to the Zoom meeting.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and  
a light to my path. — Psalm 119:105*



## Sunday Bible Readings

April 6: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Philippians 3:4b-14; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

April 13: Palm Sunday

Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 31:9-16; Luke 19:28-40

April 20: Easter Sunday

1 Cor. 15:19-26; Psalm 118:1, 14-24; Luke 24:1-12

April 27: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:1-9, 14; John 20:19-31

May 4: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-8; Psalm 30; John 21:1-19



*I was glad  
when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house  
of the Lord!"  
Psalm 122:1*

## Sunday Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed to help with the coffee hour. If you would like to host and serve a simple treat on a Sunday, please sign up or call the church office.

## Altar Flowers

The Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please consider signing up to donate the cost of the altar flowers for a Sunday worship service. The price is \$34 for one bouquet or \$68 for both (make checks payable to Trinity).

### Upcoming Flower Donors

4/6 Open  
4/13 Open  
4/20 Case & Cindy Bennett  
4/27 Open



## Pastor's Paragraphs

During this Lenten season, our Wednesday soup suppers have featured a study of Jesus' disciple Peter. Peter is a fascinating figure because he is so relatable. He is far from perfect, he says things he later regrets, and he doesn't always understand what Jesus is saying.

For example, when Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter confidently said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16). Jesus commended him for that answer. But a few minutes later — when Jesus began to tell his disciples that he would be arrested, tortured and killed — Peter objected, saying, "This must never happen to you!" And Jesus replied, "Get behind me, Satan! You are setting your mind not on what God wants, but what you want." How those words must have stung Peter's ears — one moment he was the top student in the class, and the next moment he was the devil, because he was tempting Jesus to disobey God's will.

Later, at the Last Supper, Peter made a brash promise. He said that, even if others fall away, he never would. And when Jesus said that Peter would deny him three times, Peter said he would never do that. "Even if I were to die with you, I would never deny you." But a few hours later, after Jesus had been arrested, Peter did exactly what Jesus had foretold. Then, when a rooster crowed and Peter realized what he had done, he wept bitterly.

You might think that Jesus would have chosen someone else to become a leader of the disciples and, after Pentecost, the leader of the early church. But Jesus knew what he was doing. He could see the potential in Peter, even when Peter could not. He knew that Peter would learn humility through his own repentance; he would learn compassion for others from his own failings. The Apostle Paul had a similar experience, and the message he got from the Lord was "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (1 Corinthians 12:9)

It's comforting to know that someone with so many faults as Peter had could still be one of Jesus's closest friends and allies. Jesus used Peter (and others) to change the world. If Christ can use Peter in spite of his "wandering heart," then maybe the Lord can use me, too. As things are right now, the world could certainly use some changes!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Kent*



## TRINITY'S GIVING REPORT (1/1/25 through 3/31/25)

Goal for regular offerings to date: \$ 78,749.97

Regular offerings received to date: \$ 83,141.08

Difference: + \$ 4,391.11

*Your faithful giving is helping us reach our goal!*

Scrip income received in 2025: \$ 838.05

Century Club donations received in 2025: \$ 30.00

## New Members Who Joined on Sunday, March 23

### **Ramon Corona**

Ramon is a long-time Riverside resident who heard of Trinity "by word of mouth." He enjoys cooking and helps with our BAT meals. He started a community Thanksgiving dinner about 30 years ago that is now held in Lincoln Park and serves several hundred people each year.

### **Larry & Sandy Hall**

Larry and Sandy Hall were both raised in the Inland Empire and met in 1965 at San Bernardino Valley College. They married in 1969 at First Lutheran Church in Fontana. Their only child, Denise, was born in 1975 and currently lives in Murrieta with her husband and their daughter Kyla, age 13.

Larry's career was as Chief Financial Officer for several small private companies. Sandy was a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, with the last 18 years spent as a Family Court Mediator. They have been retired 15 years and live in Trilogy at Glen Ivy. They enjoy travel, golf, and playing cards, but the activity that brings them the most joy is watching their granddaughter play softball.

They were long-time members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in San Bernardino, Hope Lutheran Church in Riverside and, most recently, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Corona.

### **Abraham & LylaClare Kosobucki**

We started attending Trinity about 2 years ago. Since then, we have gotten married and had our wedding reception here at Trinity. Since we have started attending, we have met some of the most – if not the most – amazing group of real Christians and real friends. LylaClare loves gardening and painting, and Abraham loves trains and varied hobbies. We hope to continue to grow in this amazing community that we love so much. Abraham is an LVN, and LylaClare is a neuro-diagnostic technician.

### **Julieta ("Julie") Santos**

I was born in a beautiful small silver mining town in Mexico where my father was in charge of determining the quality of the silver extracted from the mines. It was a town that had high mountains, a lot of rain, was green all year round and had clean air. I was 8 years old when my parents decided to move to a city which offered an opportunity for a better education. It was there that I earned my teaching degree, with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education.

I worked for seven years before meeting my husband, Juan, when I visited his family in San Diego. His cousin, a very close friend, invited me to make the trip to USA.

My husband and I got married in July of 1966. He was in the Air Force. We went to live in Omaha, Nebraska, which I hated because I was not used to the snow. When he left the service, I insisted that we move to California where I could get an education. I ended up at RCC. I loved Riverside and Riverside City College. I took a lot of classes to learn the English language. But in the end it was worth the effort. I got my Liberal Arts Degree with emphasis in Bilingual Education in 1980. I very much enjoyed my 26 years of teaching. I retired in 2006, the year my only granddaughter was born. We only have one daughter.

I lost my husband on September 7, 2024, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Pastor Kent officiated at Juan's funeral. I came in contact with him through Larry and Martha Dodson, who have been our neighbors for a long time. If I tried to explain the recent changes in my life, I would not have enough words. Many of you, I imagine, have gone through similar sad experiences that leave you in shock, but moving forward is a necessity. My hobbies have always been reading, gardening, swimming and traveling.

## Bring Hope with a Shower:

### *Support the Shower of Hope Program at Trinity This Month!*

Imagine starting your day feeling fresh and clean. Now imagine not having that necessity for weeks, or even months. This is the reality for many people in our community. To address this basic need, Trinity works with the Shower of Hope. The Shower of Hope is non-profit organization that provides mobile showers for the homeless. A trailer outfitted with 3 showers comes to our church every Thursday. The Shower of Hope program provides a safe and welcoming space for individuals experiencing homelessness to take a hot shower, get clean underwear, socks and clothes, and regain or maintain a sense of dignity.

Working with the Shower of Hope, Trinity provides personal hygiene items and clothing for shower guests. This month, we're asking for your help to ensure everyone has access to a basic need: clean underwear. Here's how you can make a difference:

- **Donate New Men's Boxer Briefs (Sizes XL, 2X, 3X):** Fresh, clean underwear is essential for hygiene and comfort. Please note, we are only accepting donations of men's boxer briefs in sizes X-large, 2X, and 3X.
- **Make a Cash Donation:** If shopping isn't convenient, your cash donation allows us to purchase the needed underwear. Every contribution, big or small, makes a significant impact. Together, we can make a difference!

# Council Meeting Summary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm on Tuesday, March 18, by Karyl Robinson. Members present: Theresa Husted, Karyl Robinson, Cherie Guillow, Brenda S. Lussier, Pastor Kent, Kelly Krashin, Larry Dodson, Shawn Lowell, Gil Heth, Peggy Fryc, Steve Newlen. Absent: Sue Rogers.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Stephanie Lape at Eden is leaving after March 30th; she has accepted a call to another congregation. Brenda S. Lussier and Pastor Kent will alternate leading the service and Bible study at the remaining Wednesday Lenten soup dinners at Eden and Trinity. Six new members will join our church on March 23rd. On March 23rd Marge Clark's two grandchildren will be baptized. Also, on March 23rd Bethlehem handcrafts will be available for sale between services. On March 28th both Brenda S. Lussier and Pastor Kent will be out of town for the Tapestry retreat. Glenn Pickett will preach the sermon and John Collins will lead worship. Ihor Rohozhyskyi has repaired the ceiling in the narthex. Brenda S. Lussier will attend her seminary graduation ceremony in Berkeley on Saturday, May 24.

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills are paid and all expense accounts are under budget.

## Old Business Items:

- Church Website – Theresa Husted's son-in-law, John Dadlez, is willing to help update this. Brenda S. Lussier will form a committee to meet with him.
- Deacon Call Committee – it will meet on Sunday, March 23rd, after the 11 am service.
- Property Maintenance – We have received a settlement check from the roofing company. This money will go into the property account. We can now investigate repairing the gutters over the sanctuary now that the roof repair issue is resolved. The roof and ceiling in the narthex have been repaired by Ihor Rohozhyskyi. Several parking lot lights are not working. The sanctuary lighting project is moving forward.
- Strategic Growth Team – Barb Beaver is working with Glenn Pickett on forming this team.
- Easter Breakfast – Pastor Kent moved that the proceeds from the Easter breakfast go to Trinity's quilting bee. Approved.
- CPR & AED Training - We presently have 6 people interested in being trained. Brenda will work on scheduling a date for training.
- Parking Lot Rent – The council approved suspending parking lot rent payments by Dr. Sharma for 6 months; from January 1, till June 30, 2025, with the matter to be revisited at the June council meeting.
- Parking Lot Repairs & Recoating – We will start investigating the cost for this project.
- Window Blinds in Heinecken Hall, Narthex and Poat Parlor – We need to investigate the cost for the Narthex and Poat Parlor. We have about \$6,000.00 in the Century Club account to cover the cost. The council members agreed that we do not need to replace the blinds that were removed in Heinecken Hall.
- Storage Shed Use – The padlocks on four gates and the shed are now keyed alike. The shed has a separate key for the door handle. For now, the shed is being used to store items for the rummage sale. A decision about the future use of the shed has been tabled until June.
- Bathroom Accessibility – There was a discussion about making the bathrooms wheelchair accessible. Shawn Lowell will investigate what we can do and what the cost would be.
- Council Retreat – After discussing dates, the council will meet at Trinity for a planning retreat on Sunday, May 4, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

## New Business:

- Recording of the "Dietrich & Maria" Musical – Glenn Pickett asked the council to approve us-

ing our church to receive the donations needed to pay for this recording project. It will cost an estimated \$41,650 to produce the album. Only after we have received sufficient donations would we pay the expenses (so there would be no financial risk to Trinity). Brenda S. Lussier will investigate the tax laws regarding this.

*[Update: The council had a special meeting on April 1 to approve this proposal after determining that this fundraiser will not cause any tax problems for the church.]*



**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Pastor Kent closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

## April Birthdays

[5] Sue McConnell; [12] Helga Stafford, Jamie Custode; [14] Ihor Rohozhynskyi; [17] Carol Haffter; [18] Tom Conn, Kristine Rodriguez; [19] John Collins; [22] Sara Mills, Bill Pitts; [26] Ilene Tedesco; [28] Nick Boyes

If we missed your birthday, please let us know so that we can add you to our list!



## 14th Annual Bonhoeffer Festival Thursday, April 10, 2025

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1700 N. Towne Avenue, Claremont CA

Keynote Speaker: Todd Komarnicki,  
writer and director of the new Bonhoeffer movie,  
writer of "Sully" and producer of "Elf"

Theme: "Telling the Story of Bonhoeffer"

A conversation with the movie director on the  
fundamental need for storytelling in our culture  
today. Come and be inspired!

Free & open to the public (donations appreciated)

## Festival Schedule

12:30pm - Commemorative Lunch

1:30pm - Selections from the musical "Dietrich & Maria"

1:45pm - Keynote Presentation by Todd Komarnicki. Discussion of the movie and a conversation on the importance of storytelling

2:45pm - Panel Discussion/Q & A - led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson

Panelists: Rev. Jenifer Brown, Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz, Rev. Tracy Earlywine, Dr. Glenn Pickett

3:30pm Concluding remarks



## Quilting Bee

Trinity's Quilting Bee meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Cooper-Burkhart Annex. You are invited to come and join them! There are many different tasks involved in quilt-

making, and you don't even need to know how to sew. Contact Kelly Krashin for more information.

They are also in need of used sheets, curtains, and other large pieces of fabric to use for quilt backs.

## Watch the Movie "Bonhoeffer"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor and theologian who spoke out against the rise of fascism in the 1930's. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned, and finally executed under an executive order by Hitler. A movie released in 2024 tells his story, and is now available to watch on Amazon Prime Video and Apple TV. The film's director will speak at the Bonhoeffer Festival on April 10.



Get together for fellowship and fun over a game of bunco on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3 pm in Cooper-Burkhart House. The next date is April 12. Contact Sue Rogers for details.

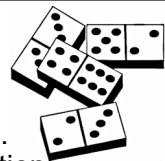
## Thanks for Keeping Tabs!



Please save the pull-tabs from drinks and other canned goods and help support the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House. You can drop the tabs off at our church. — Sue Rogers

## Game Fellowship Group

This adult fellowship group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10 am in Cooper-Burkhart House. All are welcome. Contact Karyl Robinson for more information.



## Taizé Services



Several Riverside churches take turns hosting a Taizé service on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

It's a contemplative style of worship featuring simple but beautiful songs, inspiring readings, and prayerful silence.

On Monday, April 14, it will be held at:  
First Congregational Church  
3504 Mission Inn Avenue

On Monday, May 12, it will be held at:  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
5969 Brockton Avenue

The services are often available to view online, too. For more info, visit [facebook.com/taizeriverside](https://facebook.com/taizeriverside) or contact Sandra Soares at [fccucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fccucc@sbcglobal.net).

*"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)*

## Hope Food Pantry

The Hope Food Pantry is open at Trinity from 9:00 to 10:30 am every Wednesday. Volunteers are needed to help with the food pick-up on Tuesdays and food distribution on Wednesdays. (You don't need to help every week.) Contact Larry Dodson to volunteer.



## Daily Devotions Available

Copies of the *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklet are available at our church. Pick one up to use for your personal prayer time. If you would like to have one sent to you, contact our church office and we will be happy to mail you a copy or drop one off at your door. A few large-print copies are also available.

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| <b>Vision &amp; Mission Statements</b><br>The vision of Trinity Lutheran Church is to provide a community of faith where all people are <b>challenged</b> to reach their full potential in Christ.<br>Our mission is to <u>represent</u> our Lord Jesus Christ in this time and place. We will do so by:<br>• <b>INVITING</b> people to <b>know</b> God and His message of grace, love, hope and forgiveness.<br>• <b>ASSISTING</b> people to <b>grow</b> in their relationship with God.<br>• <b>EQUIPPING</b> people to <b>serve</b> Christ's church.<br>• <b>ENABLING</b> people to <b>share</b> their faith through what they say and do.<br><b>KNOW, GROW, SERVE AND SHARE</b> |