

# TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER

*Following Jesus... Reach, Grow, Go... Real Life with Real People*



## The Jesus Superbowl

When February comes around most people think of chocolate hearts, red roses, and cupid's arrows being shot every which way. February is most often associated with Valentine's Day. The Christmas decorations were gone in stores the day after Christmas and alas, big stuffed teddy bears and boxes and boxes of chocolate fill the aisles. Sadly for my girlfriend, February does not remind me of Valentine's Day, but rather one of my favorite holidays: the Superbowl.

It is easy to write about Valentine's and love and how Jesus loves us, but I find it much harder to write about Jesus and ...well... football, but I am going to try anyway. You see, I have had a love of football my whole life. There is just something about two men running full speed at each other to collide in the most beautiful fashion. It is just pure power versus power. Maybe it goes back to our barbaric roots when men fought constantly, when boys grew up with swords in hand, and wrestling was an everyday activity. Maybe it is just man's primal nature that we would go out there and hit another man. Football draws me in and I cannot explain why. I just love it.

Now what does football have to do with Jesus? Jesus did not play the sport, but I do find it fun to think about what position He would play if He did. Would He be the calm, calculated quarterback carving up defenses by using the Holy Spirit to guide the ball into the receiver's hands? Maybe He would be the quick, sure-footed cornerback locking down receivers to prevent them from getting a catch. He might not even be a player, but a coach guiding and inspiring the players to play greater than themselves. I do not know what He would play, but I'll ask Him when I meet Him.

Football has nothing to do with Jesus, but I think the Superbowl does. Now Jesus is not

concerned with the outcome of the game, but there are aspects of the Superbowl that remind me of Jesus. The Superbowl is the greatest game of the year for football. The best team from the AFC goes up against the best team in the NFC. These two teams are pitted against each other on the gridiron. It is a battle in the trenches to see which line can push the other line around. After sixty minutes of play, just one team receives the Lombardi Trophy. Just one team stands victorious.

Jesus had a Superbowl moment. Jesus lived a perfect life; He had the undefeated season. But somehow, He still found Himself arrested and tried for blasphemy, beaten and bludgeoned, and was sentenced to die on the cross. This does not sound like a Superbowl moment. Confetti did not fall from the heavens as Jesus cried His last breath. Champagne was not shaken and squirted all over the little east room. However, Jesus was in the greatest battle of His life; the greatest battle of all time. It was Jesus versus Satan, Jesus versus death itself. You see, death had claimed every man before Him. The odds were definitely not in Jesus' favor, but Jesus willingly took on His opponent. When Jesus died on the cross, it seemed like death had won. It seemed like team sin was going to reign forever. However, Jesus fought for us and on the third day, He rose victorious! Death had no sting, hell had no victory.

As I eagerly await the Superbowl this year, even if my Seahawks are not playing, I am reminded about the greatest battle to ever happen. I hope you too in the midst of potato chips, spicy wings, and refreshing drinks remember Jesus' battle. A battle that Jesus won and instead of the silver football shaped Lombardi Trophy, we get everlasting life. And that is a much better prize.

Your servant in Christ,  
Josh Nix



*Cross Roads*  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*You are cordially invited to attend a*

***Commitment Celebration Dinner Buffet***

*Trinity Lutheran Church Celebration Center*

*Saturday, February 25, 2017*

*5:00PM to 7:30PM*



*RSVP by February 19*

- Telephone: 503-640-1501*
- Email: [waycarwarren@gmail.com](mailto:waycarwarren@gmail.com)*
- Or, stop by the Information Center*

*Childcare available upon request, please sign up at the Information Center*



# CrossRoads

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **CrossRoads Journey Evening Prayer Service – February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Just as Jesus invited His followers to join Him on His mission, the CrossRoads Prayer Team invites you to join us for an evening Prayer Service on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Chapel. The Team has been praying over all the CrossRoads Journey Leaders and Teams, Trinity Staff members and everyone in the congregation for the past several months and will continue through the end of the journey in March. The Prayer Service will provide an opportunity to lift up our thanks and praises to God for His abundant Grace and Mercy, and to embrace His call to advance His kingdom here in our community through our congregation. Come for a time of praise, reflection and prayer and be filled with the Holy Spirit. In addition to the Prayer Service, we will be providing Prayer Cards at the CrossRoads Journey Information center in the Narthex for the next 2 months for you to write down any prayer concerns that you would like the Prayer Team to pray over. There will be a box to put them in and they will be held completely confidential within the Prayer Team.

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." - Eph. 3:20-21*

The CrossRoads Prayer Coordinators,  
Karen Kenyon & Nori Anderson

## **New Bible Study and Sermon Series**

Have you ever had a "rich uncle" that provided for all your needs? Have you ever wondered what that might be like? What would your response be to that type of situation? Would it change how you lived, how you looked at life, how you treat other people, or how you viewed what was provided for you?

We are all "Children of a Generous God", and He truly does provide for all our needs. Maybe not exactly how we think He should, but He does.

Starting January 29<sup>th</sup>, come and be a part of a coordinated Bible Study/Sermon series entitled: "Children of a Generous God". Through a look at some well known Bible stories we will see how God cares for us, and how we live in response to His generosity.

This series is an integral part of our CrossRoads Journey, especially our prime objective of understanding what it means to live lives exemplified by sacrificial giving and the proper use of our time, talents, and treasure – all gifts from our generous God.

## **CrossRoads Journey Donations**

To ensure accuracy, please be sure to use a CrossRoads donation envelope when submitting your contributions to the CrossRoads Journey. Donation envelopes can be found at the information desk. Contact Sandy Noffsinger or anyone on the CrossRoads Journey team if you have any questions.



## **OPEN HOUSE — SAVE THE DATE**

March 12, 2017 from 2 to 5 PM The Trinity 100th Anniversary Committee invites you to attend an Open House at the Old Church on 5<sup>th</sup> and Main. Trinity members started building this beautiful rock building in 1948 and worshipped there for more than half a century. We celebrate our heritage and history as families recall weddings, baptisms, confirmations, funerals, Sunday school and worship services.

Join us to see how the footprint remains a treasure for the community as the stone building serves a need for the Arts here in Hillsboro as a city owned and operated Cultural Arts Center.

Guests and Trinity members can look forward to an afternoon of fellowship, music, stories and reception. All are welcome.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

### **Got Pictures?**

Trinity's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is looking for pictures taken at Trinity during the past 100 years. Who can find the oldest wedding picture? It will be fun to see the style changes! Please e-mail your pictures to [jbaesler@frontier.com](mailto:jbaesler@frontier.com), place in my mailbox at Trinity or call me at 503-648-7935. All pictures will be returned.



### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk**

Step into 2017! Walk, run, garden, vacuum, or any other activity you like. Chalk up 100 miles or more! Impossible you say! Not at all! Pick up a packet today from Jeri Rice or Paula Fowles! Get moving in 2017!



## **100 Hour Community Challenge**

Joining Jesus on His Mission -- out in the community  
Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -- all year long.

- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9:17am
- Need fun, creative ideas? [www.trinityhillsboro.com](http://www.trinityhillsboro.com)  
⇒ SERVE ⇒ 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ⇒  
NEIGHBORING ⇒ COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- 100 hours ÷ 52 weeks = 1.9 hours per week
- Track hours on the Wall Tree or Trinity website

**Living Missionally: Creative Ideas &  
Practical Ways of Joining Jesus**

## APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

God wants us to use our resources  
as a means of Christian service.

“... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . .  
as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”  
Joshua 24:15



God had a job for Moses to do. God had given Moses clear instructions that he was to go speak to Pharaoh. He was to be God's messenger to tell Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. In the process of demonstrating to Moses that what he needed for the task would be provided, God asked him this question: "What is that in your hand?" The answer Moses gave was that it was simply a "rod," that is, a piece of wood designed to keep animals in line. Just a piece of wood. But when Moses threw it on the ground as God told him, it became a snake. And when he picked it up as God told him, the snake became a rod again. All of which was to demonstrate that God was sending Moses to Pharaoh and that God would enable him to accomplish what was needed.

Similarly, God asks us, "What's in your hand?" Some might answer, "It's a piano, Lord. Just a piano." Others might respond, "It's a calculator, Lord. Just a calculator. On the surface, those answers might appear to be correct. After all, a piano is just a piano, right? A calculator is just a calculator, right? At first glance, that's all they are. But in God's hands, when used by God's people who are empowered by the Holy Spirit, a piano can become an instrument of praise and worship. A calculator can become a holy tool of counting for God's glory.

What's in your hand? Whatever it is, will you allow it to be used as a demonstration of God's holiness and power and as a means of sharing the good news of the Gospel? Think about it: If Moses could be enabled by God for the task at hand, don't you think that God can do the same for you?

### Flower Calendar

Trinity's flower calendar for 2017 Sunday Worship services is now up on the bulletin board in the hall outside the Celebration Center. Please sign up for a week to bring flowers. You are then responsible to see that your flowers are on the Altar that Sunday. If you need more information, please contact our new flower coordinator Queen West at 503-880-2658.



### MOVING?

Take a moment to contact Lori in the church office with your current mailing address, phone numbers and transferring information. Thank you. 503-640-1693 or [office@trinityhillsboro.com](mailto:office@trinityhillsboro.com)

**Submissions for the Monthly Trinity Tidings Newsletter are due in the church office on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

If you would like to place an *announcement in the Weekly Events*, submissions are due on Wednesdays by noon. Thank you. [office@trinityhillsboro.com](mailto:office@trinityhillsboro.com)

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# Family Ministry

Partnering with parents to guide children towards a HEART for God.

## Upcoming Events:

- *Family Fun Game Night— February 3 at 6pm*
- *JAM— 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 6:30-8pm*
- *No Sunday School - March 26 & April 2*
- *Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt - April 15*

## Sunday School News

(Sunday school hours are 9:10-10:20am)

As we step into the second month of 2017, I want to take a minute to thank the countless volunteers I have been blessed to work with at Trinity. It takes many hands to provide a safe, fun learning environment for our children and youth. A place where they can learn more about Jesus and connect with kids and adults with similar values.

I am always looking for more people to work alongside me. If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry team or volunteer for upcoming events please contact René Barringer 971-235-9568 or [children@trinityhillsboro.org](mailto:children@trinityhillsboro.org).



Trinity Lutheran Church

February 3, 2017

Join us on Friday, February 3 at 6:00pm in Trinity's Celebration Center.

Cost is \$5 per family for a fun evening of Bingo, dinner and family activities. RSVP ([children@trinityhillsboro.com](mailto:children@trinityhillsboro.com)) is appreciated though not required to attend.

## The ABC's of Christian Parenting

**Affirm** your child every day as a gift from God, no matter what yesterday's problems were.

*If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!*

*Matthew 7:11*



## Don't forget our "Gifts of Warmth" Collection

Donations of warm clothing — hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and especially new or gently used coats and blankets — will be received during the season of Lent. There will be a grocery cart set out by the Celebration Center entrance on Wednesdays for the evening Lenten Services and by the food collection barrel in the narthex during the week. The donations will be distributed with the Christmas baskets in December.

Thank you for your generosity.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS



The world wants your best but God wants your all.

*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
Matthew 22:37*

We have had an interesting start to the New Year with all of our many snow days! Mrs. Sady's class has been excited to talk about the snow and all of the fun things we have done with our families. Many children built a snowman, went sledding and drank hot cocoa. We have had a fun time in class talking about what it means to build the "perfect snowman" ... even using marshmallows in class to build our very own snow men. We are looking forward to what the New Year brings, we have begun reading the book, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear... what do you see?" This is a fun and interactive book, giving the students confidence to read alongside me as we group read the story. I love to see them light up as they participate! It truly is a gift to teach these precious children. Their growth and achievements often echo mine, which reminds me that I have the best job ever!

During the month of January Mrs. Barringer's class learned that Jesus is our king and we are in his royal family. Our bible verse, you are my King and my God from Psalm 44:4, helped us talk about following Jesus and the qualities that make Jesus a great leader. We also devoted the month to learning about winter, our bodies and five senses. We participated in many hands on activities while exploring these themes. These activities include; playing with fake snow, creating snowmen, designing boney bodies with cotton swabs and dancing the body rock. The children also enjoyed recreating themselves on butcher paper. Check out their artwork in the hallway in the Education wing.

Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year is in full swing. Registration forms and brochures are available in the church office, at the information center in the narthex and online at [trinityhillsboro.org](http://trinityhillsboro.org). If you know families with preschool aged children, please tell them about our wonderful preschool or have them call Rene Barringer at 503-846-1319. Thank you!



The preschool children will be singing at the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please help us extend a warm Trinity welcome to our preschool families.




**READ**





## Birthdays and Anniversaries for February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Timothy &amp; Anne-Marie Duvall</u> Paula Fowles	2 Grayson Bell John Duvall	3 <u>Michael &amp; Marie Hix Lyle &amp; Dorothy Lien</u> Bob Ward	4 George Kirkwood Ben Langbehn Mackenzie Langbehn
5	6 	7 Zenina Davis Joash Farlow Noel Haga Jen Jenkins Rebekah McClain Mary Rockford	8 <u>Mike &amp; Linda Chaffee</u> Kristi DeShazo	9 Emily James	10 David Bierly Stacey Buck Charlotte Rockford Russell Walker	11 Chad Gustafson Ed Stowe
12 Morgan Braze <u>Dick &amp; Karen Pies</u> <u>Chad &amp; Becky Williamson</u>	13 Lillie Ott	14 <u>Dwayne &amp; Janine Heikes</u> Willie Williams	15 Ben Manny	16 Tom Huffman Wayne Warren	17 Reagan Gerig Caitlyn McClain	18 Rora Scavo
19 Michael Freudenthal Shannon Freudenthal	20 McKenzie Brennan Brian Gerig Beth Gustafson	21	22 Shirley Bentson John Everingham	23	24 Alexander Hockersmith Diane Langbehn	25 Pat Brennan Dave Holscher Jen Legler Laura Reese Susan Speros
26 Sarah Schauer	27 Brina Anderson Tucker Walker Kelly West	28 Elijah Scavo				

Looking for your name? Not listed?

Please contact the church office to update your family membership records!  
503-640-1693 or [office@trinityhillsboro.com](mailto:office@trinityhillsboro.com)

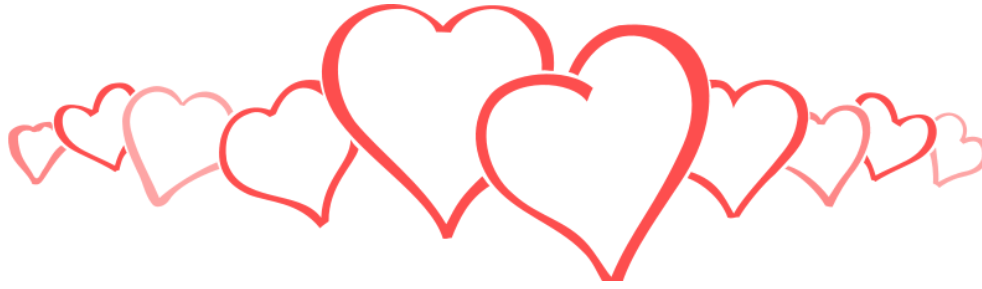
### **A convenient alternative to writing checks**

You may find it more convenient to give online. When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of Trinity's web page. This will provide a quick and easy way to access Trinity's online giving web site. Try it yourself!



A special **thanks** to each of you who wrote Christmas cards to our active duty military people. It was very rewarding to me that so many of you contributed to this project. Thanks again!

*Pat Nygren, Trinity's Ministry to the Military*



## ☪ SERVICE ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 2017 ☪

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Tressa Everingham Tina Kelly Carol Rumsch		Tressa Everingham Tina Kelly Carol Rumsch	
<b>Chair Team</b>	Vern Mock Gene Landreville Henry Meyer George Waldron Gary & Sue Gallino	Duane Freudenthal Brian Meyer Maruice Frye	Ben Manny Rod Langbehn Bret Rickman Paul Burkhart Evan, Victor & Martin Johnson	Harold Baesler Matt Merten Ev Pies Darrell Tanke Dave Holscher John Tysor
<b>Children's Church</b>	Astri Bragstad Oana Warren	Leslie Dipaola-Haga Carol Nolan	Laura Bierly Melinda Ott	Laura Anderson Trisha Bell
<b>Children's Message</b>	Cyndi Biamont	Stacey Buck	Rene Barringer	Hannah Wilson
<b>Counters</b>	Astri Bragstad Harold Baesler Roger Langbehn George Waldron	Bette Holscher Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Carol Flemmer Helen Infausto Doug & Crystal Nunnen- kamp	John Duvall Todd Humphrey Annette Michelsen
<b>Elders Assisting 8AM</b>	John Goldhammer Ben Manny	John Goldhammer	John Goldhammer	John Goldhammer Paul Andersen
<b>Elders Assisting 1030AM</b>	Doug Nunnenkamp Don Suhrbier Dave Holscher Joas Farlow Zach Anderson Rod Langbehn	Rod Langbehn	Karen Kenyon Dave Holscher Joe Noffsinger Don Sugrbier Harold Baesler Dave Buck	Harold Baesler
<b>Flowers</b>	Bob & Jean Ward Bob's 90th Birthday		Wayne & Carol Warren Willie's Birthday	
<b>Lector</b>	Tressa Everingham	Tressa Everingham	Ben Manny	Norma Tucker
<b>Organist</b>	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke
<b>Tape Ministry</b>				
<b>Ushers 8AM</b>	Paul Andersen John Goldhammer John Everingham George Waldron	Paul Andersen Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke	Paul Andersen John Goldhammer John Everingham George Waldron	Paul Andersen Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke
<b>Head Usher 1030AM</b>	Greg Young	Greg Young	Greg Young	Greg Young

# FEBRUARY 2017

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## Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Blood Pressure Screening Mite Box Sunday 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 6:00PM Jackson Bible Study/lib	6 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6-7:30PM/Cub Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC	7 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 11AM/CC Soccer Shots 4-6PM Basketball/CC 7PM BSA/CC	8 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM Wednesday Quilters/rm 212 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH	9 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/rm206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib 4-6PM/Basketball/CC	10 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/rm206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib 4-6PM/Basketball/CC	11 Men's Group Breakfast 8AM Tuallity Hospital Café 8-4pm BSA Training room 206
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SEASON OF LENT**

