# TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER

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

### **Trusting in God's Promise**

Have you ever felt like you have some blaring flaw? Like maybe you are a people pleaser, longing for the affirmation of others. Maybe you're angry and people get hurt in your anger. Perhaps you are a manipulator, deceiver, and a liar. Or maybe, you're like Sarah who is impatient and cynical. What is your flaw? The one thing in your life that you think God can just not use. We've probably all asked this question: How could he ever use someone like me?

We first meet Sarai, also known as Sarah, when she is in her mid-sixties and has no children. I'm sure she struggled with her identity as a woman because she had never been a mother. When all of the sudden her husband has an encounter with God. And God made a promise to Abram that he would have a son. Not only that he would have a son, but that there will be an incredible nation. In Genesis 15:4 he tells Abram to look at the stars and count them, "so shall your offspring be." God makes a covenant with Abram and "Abram believed the LORD and he credited it to him as righteousness" (v.6). God asks us the same thing every day what God has asked Abram. I'm not saying that God has promised to give you a child that will have descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky, but that God asks us to trust in his goodness despite your circumstances. God asks us every day to trust in his crazy promises, no matter the situation. He points us up to the sky and asks us every day, do you think I can fulfill my promises? And we get to respond with Yes or No.

In your life, you know what God's plan and will is for you. You've been in the faith long enough, and at a basic level you know what God's plan is for you in a particular situation. For example, God has called us to love our neighbor despite them being an idiot. We do it because that is God's plan for us and we trust his goodness. God also calls us to forgive. Not just once, twice, three times, but unending. We trust in his will and we trust in this goodness. It's really easy to do this with the small things, but what about when God asks you to do the hard things. It's hard to love someone who really hurt you. To forgive someone that broke you apart. Sarai was trusting God of a hard thing; that is, a family.

So when Abram tells Sarai about this wonderful promise God has made, I'm sure she was happy and excited that she'll be a mother of a great nation, but I imagine her

heart would be heavy with the burden of being a mom. God gave her that promise after a whole lifetime of not being able to experience it. I imagine that it consumed her and filled her with joy. That she locked her heart onto that desire and that future and it overwhelmed her. And who could blame her? Trusting in God for a really BIG thing. What in your life right now are you trusting in God? What thing do you have to walk through even though you don't want to walk it? What are you praying for that's a really big thing that you have to wait on God for?

Ten years go by for Sarai and Abram. Ten years of waiting on God's promise. As they counted the years with no child, Sarai took God's silence on the promise and struggle to trust God with the promise as permission for her to improvise the promise. When God is not working the way we want him to there is this urge that bubbles up in us and doubts God. In Genesis 16 she says, "God has prevented me from having children." She puts the blame on God and she comes up with a plan to give her servant Hagar to Abram so that God's promise would be fulfilled. Sarai is so tired of waiting and angry with God that this horrible plan in her mind makes perfect sense. She is so desperate for the future to be the present. We have empathy for her desire to be a mom, that is a pain I can't imagine, but her plan is sad and ridiculous and heartbreaking. But we are judgmental and hypocritical if we think we don't do the very same things.

Sarai then gets angry when her plan actually works and Hagar gets pregnant. You see, where we are impatient there too is the lowering of our standards and compromising of our values. Impatience can be a snake that unravels God's plan for you. There is good news though. Despite Sarai's impatience, and her horrible, terrible plan, God gives her a son, the son he planned. Not only that, but Jesus Christ, God's son, would come from the ancestry of Sarai. God still uses her. God still uses you. You might be a people pleaser or manipulator or angry or impatient, whatever flaw you have, God still uses you. God's plan for you is salvation. With your faith in Jesus, no matter where you find yourself in your story, know, in the end, that God has written you in eternity.

Blessings, Josh Nix, Minister of Youth & Young Adults



# Applying Bible Principles

Something to Think About

God gives us the talents, abilities and gifts necessary for our tasks, and then God grants us the glorious privilege of serving in the kingdom.

"For we are God's fellow workers"

1 Corinthians 3:9

"A farmer plows his field, sows the seed, fertilizes and cultivates — all the while knowing that in the end he is dependent on forces outside of himself. He knows he cannot cause the seed to germinate, nor can he produce the rain and sunshine for growing and harvesting the crop. For a successful harvest, he is dependent on these things from God. Yet the farmer knows that unless he diligently pursues his responsibilities to plow, plant, fertilize and cultivate, he cannot expect a harvest at the end of the season. In a sense, he is in a partnership with God, and he will reap its benefits only when he has fulfilled his own responsibilities. Farming is a joint venture between God and the farmer. The farmer cannot do what God must do, and God will not do what the farmer should do." (*The Pursuit of Holiness*, Jerry Bridges)

What is true of farming is also true of the Christian life. To use Bridges' terminology, Christianity is a "joint venture" between God and Christians. We cannot do what God must do, and God will not do what we should do. He allows us to have a part in the work of His kingdom. Our part is to be faithful, doing our best, with Jesus in control.

It's what 1 Corinthians 3:9 describes so clearly: "... we are God's fellow workers." So whether we are cleaning carpets, caring for children in the nursery, assisting visitors in the parking lot, singing in the choir or preaching sermons, we are working side by side with God. He gives us the time, talents and treasure necessary for the tasks, and then God grants us the glorious privilege of serving in His ministry.

# GENEROUS

Be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.





### **Trinity Lutheran Church Financial Summary**

Jul 1 thru Mar 31—Year to Date Budget \$511,750.00

Jul 1 thru Mar 31—Year to Date Giving to General Fund \$431,678.00

Jul 1 thru Mar 31—Year to Date Restricted/Designated Gifts \$ 36,922.96



# Family Ministry

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

- JAM- 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 6:30-8pm
- Children/Youth Worship Service-May 21 at 10:30am
- No Sunday School—May 28
- Last Sunday School—June 11

If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry team please contact René Barringer at 971-235-9568 or children@trinityhillsboro.org

### Sunday School News

(Sunday school hours are 9:10-10:20am)
Families and friends are welcome to join us
during our opening worship in the chapel from 9:10-9:35am

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 21, 2017. The preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be leading the 10:30am service. We have already begun working on a skit, readings and music during the education hour to prepare. Please plan to have your child attend Sunday school between now and then as well as the 10:30 service that Sunday. We hope all the children can participate.

People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

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The tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit.

Matthew 12:33

World Vision Global Sunday Is May 7. Please stop by our table in the narthex to choose a child to sponsor though World Vison.

VBS - 2017

### 2017 Vacation Bible School

A fun adventure is planned for Trinity's VBS during the week of June 26-30 from 9AM to12PM daily. We are looking for many volunteers to lead the stations and groups, donate supplies, help with decorations and much more.

If you would like to help please call or email:

- Rene Barringer (971)235-9568, <a href="mailto:children@trinityhillsboro.com">children@trinityhillsboro.com</a>
- Sandy Wilson (503)214-0046, <a href="mailto:swilson@trinityhillsboro.com">swilson@trinityhillsboro.com</a>

You may also sign up to help at the VBS table in the narthex beginning May 14. VBS Registration is available online at https://vbspro.events/p/events/68faddtrinityhillsboro





# PRESCHOOL NEWS

No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock the treasure.

Encourage one another daily, as long as it is still called Today.

Hebrews 3:13

Mrs. Wilson's classes returned from Spring break to begin April with a farm unit, including lots of activities involving Mrs. Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley and The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle; two preschool favorites. Students were able to witness caterpillars growing and forming a chrysalis, and waited patiently for butterflies to emerge while exploring the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. The four-year-old class continued letter-of the week studies, forming and erupting volcanoes during letter "V" week, experimenting with wind and water during "W" week, and going on a scavenger hunt throughout the classroom wearing "X-ray glasses" during "X" week. We learned the Bible verse for

the month, "Your sins have been forgiven" (1 John 2:12) as we continued our celebration of Easter. Bible stories for April were parables and miracles of Jesus, including Jesus calming a storm Jesus and feeding 5,000 people, the story of the lost sheep, and the stories of Palm Sunday and Easter. Time was also spent learning about bike safety and helping others as students prepared for the annual Trike-a-thon event to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. A highlight for the four-year-old class was a field trip riding the MAX train to visit the Hillsboro fire station. The three-year-old class attended a library field trip, with a tour, private story time, and then a walk around the ponds, viewing ducks and other wildlife.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is enrolling for the 2017-18 school year.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the information center and online at www.trinityhillsboro.org

- Thank you for purchasing plants from our preschool fundraiser. Your orders were available to pick up on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-6pm outside the east end of the building. If you are unable to pick them up during these hours they will be thirstily waiting in room 208.
- Thank you to everyone, including our amazing prayer sponsors, who prayed for the preschool and children this year. The last day of school is on May 24<sup>th</sup> (4's) and 25<sup>th</sup> (3's).
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### 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 <a href="mailto:office@trinityhillsboro.com">office@trinityhillsboro.com</a>

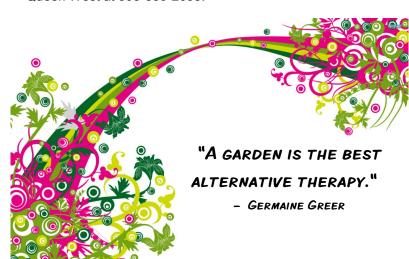
Submissions for the Monthly Trinity Tidings Newsletter are due in the church office on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If you would like to place an announcement in the Weekly Events, submissions are due on Wednesdays by noon. Thank you. <a href="mailto:office@trinityhillsboro.com">office@trinityhillsboro.com</a>

Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School
503-359-4853 www.fhlcs.org

### Flower Calendar

Trinity's flower calendar for 2017
Sunday Worship services is up on the bulletin board in the hall outside the Celebration
Center. Please sign up for a Sunday 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 flower coordinator Queen West at 503-880-2658.



### Walking Schedule with Paula & Jeri

5/2/17 Tuesday 10AM	Hillsboro Public Library 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy Hillsboro 97124
5/9/17 Tuesday 10AM	Jackson Bottom Wetlands 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy (Hwy 219) Hillsboro 97123
5/16/17 Tuesday 10AM	NEW LOCATION Orenco Woods Park 7100 NE Birch St Hillsboro 97124
5/23/17 Tuesday 10AM	Griffin Oaks Park 1800 NE Griffin Oasks St Hillsboro 97124
5/30/17 Tuesday 10AM	Orenco Station Starbucks 6221 NE Cornell Rd Hillsboro 97124
6/6/17 Tuesday 10AM	Venetian Theatre & Bistro 253 E Main St Hillsboro 97123
6/13/17 Tuesday 10AM	Bagley Park 201 NE Jackson St Hillsboro 97124



1<sup>st</sup> Lt Sean Van Domelen
Cmdr. Michael Freudenthal
E-5 Ryan Langbehn
E-4 Connor Madsen
SFC. Karl Gatke
SSgt. Tyler McCann
Lt.jg David Nygren
Maj. Alaina Wichner
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Arrio Granum
TSGT. Christopher Langbehn
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Derrah
Pvt. Jonathan Wellner

## Birthdays & Anniversaries for May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Allyson Giard <b>John &amp; Judy</b> <b>Korynasz</b>	2 Christopher Johns	3 Kathy McCowan Matt Merten Tim Thompson Lynn Voigt	4 Annette Burkhart Barb Takne	5 Elizabeth Joachim Mike McCowan	6 Derek Freudenthal Layne McNeely Adam Reese
7	8 Claudia Coulter Darius Warren Brad Zenger	9 Maggie Bierly Parker Eakin Beth King Alexandria McGann	10 Lana Hunt Karen Massey Sarah Massey Delores Wellner	11	12 Paul & Mary Ander- sen Nathan Burkhart Julie Huffman Geri Muhly	13 Oliver Carr Dylan Flint Sean Jackson Sharon Maasdam Ryan & Jenny McIvor
14 Diana Jane Kurth Tara Schroeder Jeff & Jeanie Wolkenhauer	15 Ron Dobbin Jamie Naylor Steve & Carol No- lan	16 <u>Duane &amp; Carol</u> <u>Freudenthal</u>	17 Alex Merten Dick Pies <b>Doug &amp; Jeri</b> <b>Reese</b>	18 Emily Bussard Gordon Garlock Sela Gillespie Dane Hage Kade Holscher Craig & Shannon Lien Ed Mueller Nikolaus Reitzug	19 Mackenzie Hill Jennifer Mack Carol Rumsch	20 Emma Lien
21 Terry & Kriste Eros	22 John Jackson Selena Wolkenhauer	Jim Byrd Dick & Luella Koch Morgan Scarbrough	24 Elizabeth Dobbin Dorothy Lien Jan Thompson	25 Kylie Hert	26 Antonio Antillon Rome Bashe Josh Christopher Nora Gerig Catherine Heinrich Lance & Karen Kenyon	27 Elizabeth Calma Tom & Paula Fowles
28 Harrison Gerlach Walt Muhly	29 Abigale Fischer TJ Garner Tanner Schauer Kathy Shutt Sharrie VanDyke Karen Walker Wilbur Whited	30 Jason Colter Katie Hocking Brody Reese Anabelle Warren	31 Abby Anderson Maxine Erdman Mason Lane Cooper Newman Nathan Newman Kaci Rae Vander- beek Carol Warren			

Looking for your name? Not listed?

Please contact the church office to update your family membership records!

503-640-1693 or office@trinityhillsboro.com



### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directory/Memory Book

Trinity will be putting together a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directory/Memory Book. Our first session for family pictures will be Tuesday, May 9 through Saturday, May 13. This book will also have the history of Trinity plus some historic pictures. You may schedule your sitting at the Information Center. Lifetouch is also offering a "Friends and Family" program. If you know of anyone wanting to get a family photo, they can schedule a sitting, get the free 8"x10" photo and will be able to purchase other photos as they wish. Their picture will not be in the directory, but will be a way to get a professional family photo session close to home. Contact Carol Warren with any questions.

# SERVICE ROSTER FOR MAY 2017 CS

	May 7 Confirmation Sunday	May 14 Mother's Day	May 21	May 28
Altar Guild	Carol & Duane Freudenthal		Carol & Duane Freudenthal	
Chair Team	John Duvall, Pat Ott Steve Finnegan Paul Andersen Den Bellamy Darrel & Naomi Brown	Gret Stoner, John Bierly Paul VanDomelen Josh Nix	Mike Schamp Mark Newman Scott White Rod Stephens	Jeff Wolkenhauer Larry Henson Martin & Annette Granum David Infausto
Children's Church	Josh Nix	Jackie Landreville Kristen Thompson	Patti White Karen Warr	Elizabeth Hofrichter Kim Brennan
Children's Message	Elizabeth Hoftichter	Josh Nix	Stacey Buck	Polly Merten
Counters	Astri Bragstad Harol 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
Elders Assisting 8AM	John Goldhammer Ben Manny	John Goldhammer	John Goldhammer Paul Andersen	Paul Andersen
Elders Assisting 1030AM	Dave Holscher Don Suhrbier Doug Nunnenkamp Joash Farlow Zach Anderson Rod Langbehn	Dave Holscher  Joe Noffsinger  Don Suhrbier  Harold Baesler		Harold Baesler
Flowers	Wayne & Carol Warren Darius' 2nd B-day	Sharon Maasdam Birthday	Jeryl Whipple Baptism Anniversary  Wayne & Carol Warn Anabelle's 4th B-day	
Lector	Jerry Maasdam	Victor Johnson	Duane Freudenthal	Tom Nygren
Organist	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke
Tape Ministry				
Ushers 8AM	Tom Nygren George Waldron John Goldhammer John Everingham	Tom Nygren Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke Victor Johnson	Tom Nygren George Waldron John Goldhammer John Everingham	Tom Nygren Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke
Head Usher 1030AM	Greg Young	Greg Young	Greg Young	Greg Young



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Saturday	6 8AM Men's Fellowship Break- fast Tuality Hospital Café 6K Walk/Run for World Vision Water	13 10-5:30PM Member Photos rooms 209 & 210	20 Trinity Art Festival Chair team set up after 5pm	27	May 2017
Friday	5 Preschool Trike-a-thon/In CC if rain 7-9PM CC Hillsboro Symphony rehearsal	12 1-8:30PM Member Photos rooms 209 & 210 6-10PM Hillsborro Symphony Orchestra concert. Concert begins at 7:30PM	19 Set up for Art Festival	26	
Thursday	4 Preschool Trike-a-thon/In CC if rain 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Nomen's Bible Study/ rm/206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib	11 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/ rm/206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study//lib 1-8:30PM Member Photos rooms 209 & 210	18 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Women's Bible Study/ rm/206 10AM Pastor Bruce's Bible Study//lib 4-6PM Basketball/CC 6:30-8PM JAM/CC	25 3's & young 3"s last day of school 3's Spring program/CC 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM/Nomen's Bible Study/ rm/206 110AM/ Pastor Bruce's Bible Study/lib	
Wednesday	3 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM WM Quilters/ room 212 10AM library Ministry/lib 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH 5:45 to 9PM BSA adults/room	10 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM WM Quilters/ room 212 1-8:30PM Member Photos rooms 209 & 210 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH	17 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM WM Quilters/ room 212 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH	24 4's Last day of School 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM WM Quilters/ room 212 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH 7PM/4's Preschool Gradua- tion/CC	31 9AM/Prayer Chapel Open for personal meditation & prayer 9AM WM Quilters/ room 212 6:30PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir rehearsal/CH
Tuesday	2 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 4-6PM Basketball/CC 7PM Elder's mtg/lib 7PM BSA/CC	9 9:30AM Staff/Brown bag/lib 1-8:30PM Member Photos rooms 209 & 210 3pm BSA plant delivery/parking 4-6PM Basketball/CC 7PM BSA/CC 7PM/Joy Circle/room 212	16 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 2-4PM Prayer Shawl Ministry/ lib 4-6PM Basketball/CC 7PM BSA/CC	23 9AM Tidings Assembly/lib 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 7PM BSA/CC	30 9:30AM Staff mtg/lib 7PM BSA/CC
Monday	1 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6-7:30PM/Cub Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC	8 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6-7:30PM/Girl Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC	15 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 10AM Agape Circle/room 103 6-7:30PM/Cub Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC 7PM Monday Eves circle (off	22 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6-7:30PM/Girl Scouts/room 210 6:30PM MMT/CC	29 Memorial Day — <b>Office Closed</b> No Preschool Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM/Exercise/CC 6:30PM MMT/CC
Sunday		7 Confirmation Sunday Blood Pressure Screenings Mite Box Sunday 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship	14 Mother's Day Pantry Sunday 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship	8:00AM Traditional Worship 8:00AM Sunday School 9:10AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 2 to 8PM Quilt club/East Wing	28 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:10AM Sunday School 9:15AM Adult Education 10:30AM Contemporary Worship

### **Music for The Wild West**

Under the direction of conductor Sharon Northe the Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra will preform *Music for The Wild West* on Friday, May 12 at 7:30PM in the Celebration Center of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Music pieces include The William Tell Overture, The Magnificent Seven, Hoedown and The Light Cavalry Overture.

Tickets may be purchased in advance through MIR Music, or the symphony website, hillsborosymphony.org. Tickets are also available at the door. Adults \$10, Students & Seniors \$8 Children 12 & under are free.

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