

March 5, 2017



First Sunday in Lent

When I announced my resignation I knew that there would be shock followed by a full range of emotions and questions. Unfortunately and unavoidably one of those questions is, "Who can we blame?" The simple truth is that isn't a helpful question. There is no one person nor is there one event that led me to my decision.

I'm not saying that there haven't been some angry exchanges along the way... nor am I saying that there haven't been hurts – I'll gladly own my own piece of that, and I'm hoping that others will own theirs. But at heart, I believe the disconnection between leadership and me over the last few years has been rooted in concern for what is best for the congregation. We don't agree on what is best. Sometimes that's led to passionate exchanges and strained relationships; but please don't mistake that for malice. I hold no ill will for those with whom I disagree, and I don't think they hold ill will for me.

So, I'd ask that you do your very best to avoid blaming as this time of change unfolds. And here's some unsolicited advice about how to do that.

1. Listen to Him. Get Up. Do not be afraid. These words from last Sunday's Gospel are crucial – especially in time of change.
2. Focus on the remarkable ministries that the congregation brings to bear in our communities – they have been and remain a great strength and a sign of a solid sense of our Christ given mission.

3. Help leadership and the whole congregation attend to the issues I raised in my resignation notice. They are real, and they are most certainly persistent and hurtful.
4. Ask questions. Listen. Reflect. Be in conversation with others about this wonderful congregation and its future.
5. Talk openly and honestly with Council members, pastors, and staff about your hopes, needs and concerns for the congregation. Be engaged.

At the direction of the Council, this Sunday instead of teaching the class I was going to lead at both 9:00 and 10:30 AM (rm. 203), I will take the time to talk about my decision. I will do my best to share the history, context, and events that led to it. I hope that the time will help the congregation begin to move thoughtfully, prayerfully, and together into God's future.

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

Sunday, March 5

"Transition Talk" adult forum
led by Pr. Paul at 9 & 10:30 AM in Room 203.
Council members are available as well.

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Reformation 500 Bookstore

We are hosting a Reformation 500 Bookstore at Trinity featuring 17 books by and about Martin Luther. During this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation, now is the time to read more about Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity. Books will be on display Sundays March 5 & 12 from 8:30–10:30 AM at Trinity. You can place orders for up to 50% off and free shipping.

WAY Student Ministries Dinner Theater

Still time to get your tickets today for Sunday shows (1 & 6 PM) of the WAY Student Ministries Dinner Theater. On sale after service at Trinity. This is a fun night of food, laughs and fellowship as the students raise funds for summer camp and trips.

Fair Trade Sunday at Trinity

Coffee, tea, chocolate and other items are on sale this Sunday (March 5) at Trinity and next Sunday (March 12) at Pointe of Grace. Stop in to see what new items we have available. Support your sweet tooth and a third world farmer all at once.

Lent Wednesdays at Trinity

- * Chapel Open 11 AM–1 PM
- * Midday Lent Service at 12:15 PM
- * Soup Supper at 5:30 PM
- * Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM

Lent Wednesdays at Pointe of Grace

- * Soup Supper at 5:45 PM
- * Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM

Upcoming Musical Events

- * **Minister of Music Norma Aamodt-Nelson** performs as guest organist with the Bellevue Chamber Chorus at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue this Sunday, March 5, 3 PM.
- * Sno King Chorale "Musica Da Coro," Saturday, March 18, 3:30 PM & 7 PM.
- * Total Experience Gospel Choir, April 22, 2 PM at Pointe of Grace.

"Stop Human Trafficking" Vigil

Join *Sowing Seeds of Hope* TODAY, March 5, Noon-1 PM, and stand in prayer on the corner of HWY 99 and 196th Street SW. Meet in the narthex at 11:45 AM.

2016 Year End Financial Summary

2016 was a year of staff changes, celebration of our 75th Anniversary, and beginning the congregation's reassessment of strengths, needs, vision and opportunities conducted within the Crossroads process. Overall, the increased income and lower expenses resulted in less use of the Crossroads Bequest Reserves than expected, by \$91,373. Total income: \$1,374,520. Total expense: \$1,443,879. For more detail, reach out to Mike Schultz (lmikeschultz@gmail.com), TLC treasurer.

Living Water Update

In 2016, the Living Water Program gave out 8 grants totaling \$45,304, with additional matching monies from other funding sources to non-governmental operations in 3rd World countries located in Central America, Southern Africa, & India. The funds were then used to construct wells in rural villages that allowed the people there to access a plentiful supply of sanitary drinking water where none existed prior. We are thankful for & appreciative of the generosity that our donors have shown in making it possible to fulfill this basic commitment that many others not living in this situation take for granted daily.

We would welcome the addition of new volunteers in the future in order to help us out in fulfilling our mission. The Living Water Team meets the second Friday of each month at Trinity in Room 203 at 10:00 AM. Please contact Team Leader Charlie Hawman at 425 773-1359 if you have interest in participating.

First Sunday of the Month

[Living Water](#) Sunday at Trinity
[Coins for a Cause](#) at Pointe of Grace





Calendar

Trinity Office Hours
 Closed Monday; Tues-Thurs 8 AM–3 PM; Fri 8 AM–1 PM

Pointe of Grace Office Hours
 Closed Monday; Tues & Thurs 10 AM–2 PM; Wed 1 PM–4 PM; Closed Friday

Sunday, March 5

- Trinity**
 7:45, 9 & 10:30 AM Worship
 9 AM Footprints
 9 AM Adult Education
 10 AM Choirs: Joyful Noise, Alleluia Choir, Jubilate, Voce
 10:30 AM Youth Ringers
 10:30 AM Adult Education
 11:45 AM "Stop Human Trafficking" Vigil
 11:45 AM Healing Service
 1 & 6 PM WAY Dinner Theater

Pointe of Grace

- 8:30 AM Acolyte & Lector training
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:45 AM Children's Music
 11 AM Adult Education
 11 AM Intergenerational Sunday School

Off-Site

- 7 PM Worship at Fairwinds

Monday, March 6

- Trinity**
 10 AM Facilities Board Meeting
 6 PM Graciously Delivering
 7 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision
 7 PM Stephen Ministry Training
 7 PM ZOE
- Off-Site**
 1 PM Love, Learn, Live at Savage's
 3 PM Spiritual Growth Book Group at EdnaMae Olufson-Smith's

Tuesday, March 7

- Trinity**
 9 AM TLCW Board Meeting
 9 AM "Crossroads" Prayer Time
 1 PM Common Threads Knitting Group
 6:30 PM Celebration Band Rehearsal

Pointe of Grace

- 8 AM PoG Walkers (meet in parking lot)

Off-Site

- 5:30 PM Sowing Seeds of Hope at Raudebaughs'

Wednesday, March 8

- Trinity**
 9 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Bible Study
 11 AM–1 PM Chapel Open
 12:15 PM Service of the Word
 1 PM DayBells
 5:30 PM Soup Supper (host: TLCW)
 6:30 PM Evening Prayer Worship
 7 PM Trinity Choir

Pointe of Grace

- 10 AM Women's Bible Study
 1 PM Meditation Group
 2:30 PM Mukilteo Teen Lounge
 5:45 PM Soup Supper
 6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer
 7 PM Pointe of Grace Ministry Committee

Off-Site

- 2:30 PM Worship at Manor Care
 7 PM Lay Preachers Meeting

Thursday, March 9

- Trinity**
 9 AM Quilters
 6:30 PM Media Shout Meeting

Friday, March 10

- Trinity**
 9 AM Living Water
- Pointe of Grace**
 8 AM PoG Walkers (meet in parking lot)
- Off-Site**
 9 AM Men's Breakfast at Pancake Haus

Saturday, March 11

- Trinity**
 8:15 PM Neighborhood Youth Alliance
 8:30 AM Neighbors In Need
- Pointe of Grace**
 4:30 PM Islamic Center of Mukilteo & Pointe of Grace Women Dinner

Online Picture Directory

Email a new picture to debbie@trinitylutheranchurch.com or stop by the office and we can scan it.

Access online directory: trinitylutheranchurch.com/member-directory

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, March 5—First Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 | Psalm 32 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11
 Monday, March 6 1 Kings 19:1-8
 Tuesday, March 7 Genesis 4:1-16
 Wednesday, March 8 Matthew 18:10-14
 Thursday, March 9 2 Timothy 1:3-7
 Friday, March 10 Romans 3:21-31
 Saturday, March 11 Psalm 121
 Sunday, March 12—Second Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a | Psalm 121 | Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 | John 3:1-17

Off-Site Worship Schedule

Date	Location	Leader	Music Leader
3/5/17	Fairwinds	Ron Blake	Juna Davies
3/8/17	Manor Care	John Judd	Liz Gimmetstad
3/12/17	Fairwinds	Marilyn Hall	Judy Schleusner
3/15/17	Manor Care	Rudy Schleusner	Liz Gimmetstad

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Faith Formation

Visit the **Children & Family Table** in the narthex for more information and to register for Sunday School.



CHILDREN and FAMILY Ministry

@ TRINITY-LYNNWOOD

Sunday School

Preschool

Meet at 9 AM in room 9

K-4th Grade

Meet in 9 AM worship. Following children's time, they will follow teachers to class.

K-2nd in room 2; 3rd-4th in room 3

5th-6th Grade

Meet at 9 AM in room 202

Children's Music

Teachers will bring your children to choir following Sunday School

Joyful Noise (preschool): 9:45-10:15 AM (room 9)

Alleluia (K-2nd): 10-10:30 AM (room 4)

Jubilate (3rd-6th): 10-10:30 AM (Chapel)

Voce (7th grade and up): 10-10:30 AM (Choir room)

Youth Ringers: 10:30-11 AM (room 202)

Sunday Morning Intergenerational Sunday School at **Pointe of Grace**:

11 AM-12 Noon: All ages are invited to engage with the gospel text for the day through story, music, art, and games. This unique curriculum provides a way for people of all ages to engage with the story and one another in meaningful ways. All ages are invited to join in!

Adult Education

Trinity

Sunday, March 5, 9 & 10:30 AM

"Transition Talk" led by Pr. Paul Sundberg

Sunday, March 12, 9 & 10:30 AM

Brueggeman book Chapter 7, "Spirit-Led Imagination: Reality Practiced in a Sub-Version." Conversation led by Pr. Joan Beck.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM:

a continuing study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

Pointe of Grace

Sundays March 5, 11 AM

Brueggeman book Chapter 7, "Spirit-Led Imagination: reality Practiced in a Sub-Version." Conversation led by Pr. Joan Beck.

Sundays March 12, 11 AM

Brueggeman book Chapters 3, 8, or 9, on 'Sabbath.' Conversation led by Pr. John Beck.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10 AM



NET, the high school Sunday evening program is participating in the dinner theater this Sunday, March 5. If you aren't in the play, on the crew or serving, come for the dinner show. NET students are \$8 for Sunday night.

ZOE, for students grades 7 & 8, meets Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 PM at Trinity. ZOE meets next on March 6.

Summer Camp [July 16 - 22] for 7th graders and **High School Summer Mystery Trip** [July 28 - August 6] for students currently 8th - 12th grade: registration is open. Go to waystudentministries.org for more details.