NOT ASHAMED

In many congregations, Reformation Sunday is treated as a sort of “Lutheran heritage” day, a time for singing chorales and remembering the theological reforms of the sixteenth century that gave birth to Lutheranism. In other parishes, a greater focus is placed on the church’s need for continual reform; the church’s history is secondary to an emphasis on the issues and needs of the church today. Both approaches have much to commend them.

But the true center of this day is found in the appointed readings. In Jeremiah we are reminded of a new covenant and the promise that God will forgive, the promise written on our hearts. In Romans Paul brings the full force of the law to bear on our lives: “since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). With this reality, how can we have any hope apart from divine grace? Finally, in the gospel reading from John we are reminded that our freedom comes from Christ alone. We are neither bound to the past nor slaves to our anxieties of the present.

Psalm 46 brings all of this together with the powerful proclamation: “God is our refuge and strength.” The God we know in the person of Jesus is the one we can turn to in times of crisis, the one we call upon in times of fear, the one we trust to pour out mercy and forgiveness upon us. This Jesus is our solid foundation. In a world of chaos, confusion, and change there is a constant: the enduring and life-giving grace of God.

On Reformation Sunday—as every Sunday—we remember that we are not ashamed of this good news, this gospel.

(From Sundays & Seasons 2018)
Compassionate Listening Retreat  
Nov. 9-11 @ Camp Casey Conference Center on Whidbey Island

Wondering how to talk with your irritating brother-in-law? Feeling helpless when other people are in conflict? Discouraged about our political division? Join Ruth Lee for a weekend retreat where you will develop or refine skills of listening at a deeper level to help move from conflict to healthy interaction. The retreat format also gives time to build new or stronger relationships with each other.

Cost is $135 & includes lodging, 4 meals, and book. Registration/brochure available in the narthex.

Email Ruth Lee (rleetrainer@yahoo.com) with Q’s.

Trunk or Treat  
Sun. Oct. 28, 6 PM in the Trinity parking lot

★ Kids Costume Parade
★ Best Trunk Host Contest (costume, decor, etc…)
★ Cocoa & Cider in the narthex following

All are invited!
If you would like to host a trunk: contact Theresa Larsson (larsson.theresa@gmail.com) or David Greenlee (David@trinitylutheranchurch.com).

Lector Training  
Sat., Nov. 10, 10 AM

All current lectors (readers) or those interested in reading on Sunday mornings, are invited to a training led by Trish Feaster. With questions, contact Norma (norma@trinitylutheranchurch.com).

Pilgrimage to Peace Conversation  
Tues., Oct 30, 6-9 PM

Join Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) as she hosts a conversation with Jessica Montell (an Israeli peace-builder and executive director of HaMoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual) and Sami Awad (a Palestinian Christian and executive director of Holy Land Trust), about peacebuilding and advocacy related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Learn what it means to be someone who pursues peace, while also advocating for justice in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and beyond.

Hosted by Trinity’s Community & Middle East Peace Builders. Refreshments at 6 PM, conversation at 7 PM. All are welcome.

Questions: John Berg (JohnTBerg@msn.com)

Thank You from Fern Thompson  
From Fern: “Thank you for the love you have shown me in your prayers, notes and calls. Love in Christ, Fern”

Fair Trade Bazaar & Int’l Ministry Fair  
Sun., Nov. 11, 8 AM–Noon

Start your Christmas shopping early and support artisans worldwide by purchasing their handmade treasures. We will once again be set up to accept credit and debit cards.

Most TLC international ministries will have either goods for sale or informational tables so you can learn more about their exciting progress.
**Thanksgiving Feeding Project**
To help feed families in need at Thanksgiving, bring your donations by November 11. Gift cards and money are especially needed.

**Gift Cards:** $25, from Winco or Walmart.

**Money:** to help purchase additional food & gift cards.

**Food:** stuffing mix, potatoes, gravy packets, canned vegetables, evaporated milk, small peanut butter, cans of soup, pasta, canned fruit, etc...

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**Presentation by Students, Teachers & Israel/Palestine Peace Ambassadors**
Sunday, November 11

Hear student experiences of work for Peace from the Desktops. Presentation by students and teachers from Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Israel, as well as Israel/Palestine peace ambassadors. All are welcome.

🌟 4 PM - Dinner @ Dar Alarqam Mosque.
🌟 7 PM - Dessert & Presentation @ Trinity.

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**AlkiTours: Space Needle, Chihuly Garden, Gates Foundation**
Wednesday, November 28

Cost is $119 per person, which includes admission to all three as well as lunch at Anthony’s.

If interested, call 206.935.6848 and say you are with the Trinity group. If we get 15 people, they will pick up here at Trinity. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Leave at 8 AM, return around 6 PM. Call soon!
Limited spaces available.

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**Alison Weir Lecture & Presentation**
Friday, November 16, 6-9 PM

Alison Weir, writer and activist, is the Executive Director of “If Americans Knew,” a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Americans with information of importance that is misreported or under reported in American media. She is a free lance journalist who has traveled independently through Gaza and the West Bank. The theme of her presentation will be “Justice for All? What Don’t Americans Know (and should know) about Israel-Palestine.”

Hosted by Community & Middle East Peace Builders. Light fare and drinks provided. All are welcome.

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**Open Door Ministries 18th Annual Gala**
Saturday, November 3, 2018, 4:30 PM

This annual event raises funds for ODM’s various ministries, which include helping those of all sexual orientations, gender identities, or expressions, seeking spiritual support from a multi-faith community, providing counselling and referral services to individuals and families and assisting congregations in becoming Reconciling in Christ.

Registration online: opendoorelca.org. $85/person.
**Children & Family Ministries**

**Footprints Sunday School**
Classes are underway, 9 AM. Check in downstairs. Please contact Jenny Vanderwerff (jbvanderwerff@gmail.com) if you can help in any of the classes.

**Children’s Choirs & Youth Ringers**
Children’s choirs rehearse at 10 AM following Footprints. Teachers will dismiss children to their choir rooms. Youth Ringer rehearsals 10:30-11 AM in room 202. Open to all, 3rd grade thru high school.

**Trunk or Treat—Sunday, October 28**
TONIGHT! All are invited to this Trinity Family Event. Kids are encouraged to come in costume for the parade followed by a visit to each ‘trunk’ for candy. Cocoa and cider in the narthex to follow.

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**WAY Student Ministries**

- **NET (high school, grades 9-12)** – Next meeting 10/28, 6-8 PM in the multipurpose room. The evening’s theme is “Spooky Things.” NEXT week (11/4) Pastor Hector will join us for Q&A!
- **ZOE (middle school, grades 7 & 8)** – Next meeting 10/29, 7-8:30 PM.
- **School Supplies to send overseas for Lutheran World Relief**: TODAY, OCTOBER 28 is the last day to bring supplies. Place them in the blue tub in the narthex.

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**Adult Education/Faith Formation**

**Sundays**
Through Nov. 18, 9 AM: Jeff Tobin leading a series on “How Lutheran Interpret the Bible”
This class features a weekly video segment followed by class discussion. Dr. Mark Allan Powell a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary is the video presenter. Topics will include: “Where the Bible Comes From,” “Interpreting the Bible in Context,” “Determining Right From Wrong” and “The Many Meanings of the Bible.” All are welcome.

**Wednesdays**
9:30 AM: An ongoing study of the upcoming Sunday’s readings.
Trinity Music

Trinity Choir
Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 PM. Sing most Sundays at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

Upcoming Concerts & Musical Events

- Pacific MusicWorks: "Monteverdi Masterworks" - Friday, October 26, 7:30 PM
- Resound Choral Concert: "Thin Places" - Sunday, November 4, 7 PM
- Sound Singers of Edmonds: "Building Friendship Through Music" - Saturday, November 10, 6 PM
- Cornell Family & Friends Benefit Concert - Sat, Nov 17, 2 PM (free-will donation benefits Neighbors in Need)

INTRODUCING:

GIVE PLUS

Mobile giving app

Download the Give Plus Mobile app today for an easy and convenient way to make donations from a checking account or credit/debit card. Manage your recurring and one-time donations right from your smartphone. Head to the App Store or Google Play and search “give plus church.” With questions or for assistance, contact Josh@trinitylutheranchurch.com.

Online Directory & Resources

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Daily Bible Readings (link)

Sunday, October 28 - Reformation Sunday:
Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 46 | Romans 3:19-28 | John 8:31-36

Monday, October 29 -------------------------------- Exodus 4:1-17
Tuesday, October 30 -------------------------------- 2 Kings 6:8-23
Wednesday, October 31 ----------------------------- Matthew 20:29-34
Thursday, November 1 ------------------------------- Hebrews 9:1-12
Friday, November 2 --------------------------------- Romans 3:21-31
Saturday, November 3 ------------------------------- Psalm 119:1-8
Sunday, November 4 - All Saints Sunday:
Sunday, October 28
7:45 AM  Heritage Worship
9 AM    Adult Education: Jeff Tobin
9 AM    Celebration Worship
9 AM    Footprints Sunday School
10 AM   Children’s Choirs & Teen Singers
10:30 AM Festival Worship
10:30 AM Youth Ringers
6 PM    Trunk or Treat
6 PM    NET (high-schoolers)
Off-Site
7 PM    Worship at Fairwinds

Monday, October 29
7 PM    ZOE (middle-schoolers)
Off-Site
3 PM    Spiritual Growth Book Group @ member homes

Tuesday, October 30
6:30 PM  Tuesday’s With Phoebe
7 PM    Pilgrimage to Peace Conversation

Wednesday, October 31
9 AM    Prayer Group
9:30 AM  Bible Study
7 PM    Trinity Choir

Thursday, November 1
9 AM    Quilters
9 AM    TLCW Bible Study
1 PM    LyNC
6:30 PM  NiN Volunteer Thank You Dinner

Friday, November 2

Saturday, November 3
7:30 AM  Neighbors In Need
8 AM    Neighborhood Youth Alliance
4 PM    Judi Cook Piano Studio Recital
Off-Site
6 PM    Open Door Ministries Gala

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