

May 14, 2017

WH  
What's Happening

Fifth Sunday of Easter

I have a few confessions. I have not always been a Lutheran. In fact, I'm not even Scandinavian. I've only been a member of Trinity for about eight years, when I married my husband, Dave, who is Swedish. The decision to join Trinity came after I read about the Lutheran faith and connected with Trinity's emphasis on ministry and the openness to all. Now I am on the Council, in a role that continues to change, and I write to update you on our next steps.

At its May meeting, the Council developed a proposal that was delivered to Bishop Unti on Wednesday in a meeting with me, Mike Schultz, Dick Wendt, and the Bishop. We need further assistance from the Synod. The proposal recognizes and confirms the strength of our schools, our lay led ministry, and the growth that has occurred at Pointe of Grace. However, there are areas of congregational life at the Lynnwood site in need of healing. In particular, there is division over our pastoral leadership and direction. The proposal to the Bishop requests an Intentional Interim Pastor who knows this congregation, is skilled at managing deeply rooted conflict, and who has a strong background in personnel policy. All of this was the focus of what was an initial consultation.

Our plan is to meet again with Bishop Unti in the week following the May 20 Synod Assembly. At that time, we will explore our direction forward which includes the possibility of the appointment of an Intentional Interim. The Bishop advised us not to make any other changes in structure or staffing until we coordinate the next steps and do our due diligence. It is also necessary to pause all Crossroads processes until such a time as those steps can be discussed in the right manner.

I also need to inform you that Neil Gavin has resigned as Council President due to the many demands on his time. Additionally, Bill Erwert (Treasurer-Elect) will be leaving the Council at the end of June, prior to the end of his elected term. The Council did appoint Bill Rankin as an At Large member through the term of this Council which ends on June 31. Finally, Pastor Dick Wendt has agreed to coach the current Council over the next several months.

This has been a very divisive time for the Trinity Lutheran Church community. I feel like somewhere along the way the emotions have been so strong that clarity of purpose and identity has become murky. I humbly ask that we extend extra doses of grace to one another and spend time in reflection and prayer. Let us read the Bible and ask for the Holy Spirit to soften hearts, open minds, heal wounds, and help us be mindful of our words and actions. I pray that we be peacemakers filled with hope and joy as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need some good news.

Peace,  
Julia Eckberg  
Congregation Council Vice President

### **The proposal to the bishop**

Was attached to the What's Happening email sent on Thursday, May 11. Copies are available in the narthex, or contact Josh in the office for a copy.

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*A Reconciling in Christ congregation*



## News and Announcements

### Fair Trade Sunday at Pointe of Grace

Coffee, tea, chocolate and other items are on sale this Sunday (May 14) 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.

### TLCW Baby Shower & Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, May 24, 11:30 AM at Trinity

Following is the list of items that Holly House needs for their ministry: pacifiers, baby bottles, sippy cups, infant spoons, toddler utensils, bibs, rattles, onesies, hooded terry towels, washcloths, flannel receiving blankets, frames for baby pictures, toys for infants up to 2 years old, learning toys, bath toys, baby books.

As you shop this spring, please look for these items. Bring them with you to the potluck. With questions, contact Sandy Bueing (425-327-4085). Thanks for your generosity!

### Get Your Act Together: End of Life Planning

Wednesday, May 24, 7 PM at Pointe of Grace

Please join us for a forum which will incorporate discussion of organizing for your future. Give your family a gift by preparing the documents needed and having your wishes followed. A Mukilteo fireman will explain why the POLST form (Physician's Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) is critical for everyone and how they use the form. Liz Grimmstad will present the pastoral care support services for later life decisions. Josh Post, (Thrivent Financial) will give an overview of the various decisions and documents necessary. Documents will be available.

### VBS Registration & Volunteers

Vacation Bible School is coming July 10-13 for 4-year-olds through 6th graders. Registration is open! Space is limited so be sure to get your children signed up soon.

We need lots of **youth and adult volunteers** to fill a variety of roles from making snacks, to teaching preschoolers, to shepherding a group of children. Our volunteers are what make this program so value for the children involved. Please consider participating in this week!

Visit the children's page of the website ([trinitylutheranchurch.com/children](http://trinitylutheranchurch.com/children)) to register your children and sign-up to volunteer.

### Upcoming Musical Events

- \* **Artists at the Organ**—Aaron David Miller  
Sunday, May 21 at 7 PM
- \* **Snohomish County Youth Chorus Concert**  
Sunday, May 28 at 7 PM
- \* **Edmonds Symphonic Choir**  
Monday, June 5 at 7:30 PM
- \* **Brent Johnson Senior Recital** - Wed, June 5 at 7 PM

### Junktique—June 2 & 3

Save your "good stuff" for the Junktique June 2 & 3, drop off day is June 1. Proceeds go to benefit youth retreats and trips!

We need people to sort and price on Thursday, June 1, 3 PM - 9 PM. Sale Days Friday and Saturday help, 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM, and clean up and haul away on Saturday 1 - 3 PM. Email David ([david@trinitylutheranchurch.com](mailto:david@trinitylutheranchurch.com)) to volunteer.

### Aged to Perfection to See "The Game's Afoot" at Driftwood Players—June 9

The "Aged to Perfection" group invites you to attend *The Game's Afoot* at Edmonds Driftwood Players, June 9 at 8:00 PM.

Tickets are \$22 for seniors; \$25 for non-seniors. Dinner at 6:00 PM at Romeo's on 76th. *The Game's Afoot* gives you everything you love about great live theater. Billed as a comedy thriller, you will find yourself swept along for a wild and funny ride. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit comedy! This play was the winner of the 2012 Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allen Poe Award for Best Play! Please give money to Rudy Schleusner by May 24, if you are interested in attending. We hope you will be able to join us. Bring a friend!

### Graduate Recognition Sunday—June 11

If you are a graduating senior this year, or know of someone graduating from high school, college, technical/vocational school, or graduate school, please email Josh ([josh@trinitylutheranchurch.com](mailto:josh@trinitylutheranchurch.com)) with that information.

For those graduating high school, please email photos to Josh. Please respond as soon as possible for planning purposes!

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# 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, May 14

**Trinity**  
 7:45, 9 & 10:30 AM - Worship  
 9 AM Adult Education  
 9 AM Footprints  
 10 AM Youth Ringers  
 10 AM Choirs: Joyful Noise, Alleluia Choir, Jubilate, Voce  
 10 AM Parent Connection  
 10:30 AM Adult Education  
 11:30 AM 75th Anniversary Committee  
 Noon PCM Supervision  
 6 PM NET–High Schoolers

**Pointe of Grace**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:45 AM Children's Music  
 11 AM Intergenerational Sunday School  
 11 AM Adult Education w/Congregation Council

**Off-Site**  
 7 PM Worship at Fairwinds

## Monday, May 15

**Trinity**  
 7 PM Stephen Ministry Training  
 7 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision

**Off-Site**  
 1 PM Love, Learn, Live at Ardyth Savage's  
 3 PM Spiritual Growth Book Group in member homes

## Tuesday, May 16

**Trinity**  
 9 AM "Crossroads" Prayer Time  
 1 PM Common Threads Knitting Group  
 1 PM All Staff Meeting

**Pointe of Grace**  
 8 AM PoG Walkers (meet in parking lot)

**Off-Site**  
 7 PM Vader's Christ Care at the Cheshier Home

## Wednesday, May 17

**Trinity**  
 9 AM Prayer Group  
 9:30 AM Bible Study  
 1 PM DayBells  
 6:30 PM Nominating Committee  
 7 PM Trinity Choir

**Pointe of Grace**  
 10 AM Women's Bible Study  
 Noon Book Club  
 1 PM Meditation Group  
 2 PM Mukilteo Teen Lounge  
 6:30 PM Ministry Committee

**Off-Site**  
 2:30 PM Worship at Manor Care

## Thursday, May 18

**Trinity**  
 9 AM Quilters  
 7 PM All for Peace

**Pointe of Grace**  
 7 PM All for Peace

**Off-Site**  
 Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat

## Friday, May 19

**Trinity**  
 12:30 PM Anna Esther Circle

**Pointe of Grace**  
 8 AM PoG Walkers (meet in parking lot)  
 4 PM Gardening Class/Wine & Cheese

**Off-Site**  
 Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat

## Saturday, May 20

**Trinity**  
 8 AM Neighborhood Youth Alliance  
 8:15 AM Neighbors In Need

**Off-Site**  
 9 AM 2017 NWWA Synod Assembly

**Off-Site**  
 Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat

**Online Picture Directory**  
 If we still need a picture from you, watch for an email in the coming days with instructions on how to upload. Questions should be directed to Debbie.  
 Access online directory: [trinitylutheranchurch.com/member-directory](http://trinitylutheranchurch.com/member-directory)

### Daily Bible Readings [\(link\)](#)

Sunday, May 14 -Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 7:55-60 | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | 1 Peter 2:2-10 | John 14:1-14  
 Monday, May 15 ----- Exodus 13:17-22  
 Tuesday, May 16 ----- Proverbs 3:5-12  
 Wednesday, May 17 ----- John 8:31-38  
 Thursday, May 18 ----- Acts 27:1-12  
 Friday, May 19 ----- Acts 27:13-38  
 Saturday, May 20 ----- Psalm 66:8-20  
 Sunday, May 21 -Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 17:22-31 | Psalm 66:8-20 | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | John 14:15-21

### Off-Site Worship Schedule

Date	Location	Leader	Music Leader
5/14/17	Fairwinds	Pastor John Beck	Judy Schleusner
5/17/17	Manor Care	Rudy Schleusner	Liz Gimmestad
5/21/17	Fairwinds	John Judd	Bill Rankin
5/24/17	Manor Care	John Judd	Judy Schleusner

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## Faith Formation

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



## CHILDREN & 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)

**Parent Connection** at 10 AM in room 3 downstairs

### 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

**Sundays, May 14 & 21 at 9 AM**

"Closing the Gap Between the New Testament and Today" led by Jeff Tobin. A continuation of March's well-received presentations and discussions.

**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM:**

a continuing study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

### Pointe of Grace

**Sundays—Ongoing, 11 AM**

"Pastor's Surprise." The preacher for the day will present a topic of their choosing.

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10 AM**



**NET**, the high school Sunday evening program meets tonight, May 14, at 6:00 PM in the multipurpose room. Tonight the 8th graders are invited to join us for a preview of NET. The night's topic is "Handling Stress."

**Summer Youth Nights** begin on Tuesday, June 27 for all students currently in middle or high school. Watch for the details of each evening's programming. The whole summer calendar will be out in June.

**High School Summer Mystery Trip** [July 28 - August 6] for students currently 8th - 12th grade: registration is open now.

Go to [waystudentministries.org](http://waystudentministries.org) for more details. \$50 deposit holds your spot. Two spots left! **Deadline to sign up: May 14.**

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