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ON THE PATIO**
Every Sunday in May
9:30 AM Informal
11:00 AM Traditional

**WORSHIP VIDEO
EVERY SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY—MAY 23
COMMUNION
ON THE PATIO**

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**SUNDAY—MAY 16
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

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Reconciled in Christ



HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH  THOUSAND OAKS

Pastor's note

We cannot handle it alone

One of the most famous passages of Scripture when it comes to leaders learning to delegate, is the story of Moses and his father-in-law Jethro. In Exodus, chapter 18, the Bible says that Moses was serving as a judge for the people and they were standing around him day and night. Jethro comes to visit Moses and sees what is going on. This is his reaction:

When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand round you from morning till evening? Moses answered

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Two Council positions open at Holy Trinity

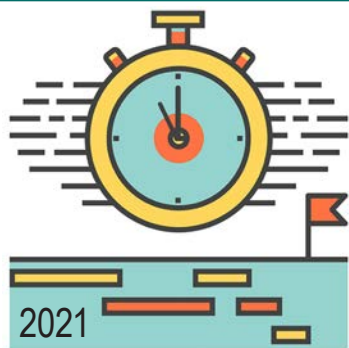
The Church Council at Holy Trinity is a dynamic, active, spiritual, and compassionate board. At this important point in the history of HTLC, when we are hiring an associate pastor, there is a lot to decide about what directions and what new paths we will be taking, as well as maintain our current missions. We have a council of 12 members. The Council is currently seeking two additional members to replace members who have served their three year term.

Qualifications—The positions are open to any confirmed or received members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church who can commit to one meeting a month. We need, and actively seek to have a diverse group and welcome people of all backgrounds.

The congregation will approve new council members at our upcoming Congregational Meeting on May 16. If interested or if you have a question, please contact Miriam Nakayama, miriamnakayama@gmail.com, Pastor Erik, pastorerik@htlcto.org, Brenda Tubbs, bst.1234@att.net, Jackie Chang, changconJAC@roadrunner.com, or Grace Nelson, grace.nelson@verizon.net

Deadline—May 8. Please include a short bio.

—Miriam Nakayama



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- + Articles/information due by 11 AM, on or before deadlines listed below
- + ONE article per email send to:
youngrenpro@gmail.com
- + Expect a reply that your email was received
- + Each email subject line should contain "HTLC newsletter" or "Tempo" and a **descriptive word** about its specific content
- + Check spelling and accuracy of information before sending
- + Send final versions of articles only
- + Late submissions may be held until the following month's publication

DEADLINES for 2021

Deadlines are usually on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month but sometimes they are adjusted due to holidays and printing schedules. Submissions are due no later than 11:00 AM on each deadline day.

May 20 for the June issue

June 24 for the July issue

July 22 for the August issue

August 19 for the September issue

September 23 for the October issue

October 21 for the November issue

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HTLC Welcome Statement

Holy Trinity joyfully extends Christ's love to all. We welcome everyone regardless of race, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental health, faith, doubt, family composition, political affiliation, socio-economic status, or any other category that divides us. Christ taught us that loving is a never-ending process of growth and reconciliation. At Holy Trinity, we strive to love diversely and deeply. To all who have been marginalized, we will work to demonstrate that nothing can separate you from the love of God.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."
Galatians 3:28.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | MAY 16

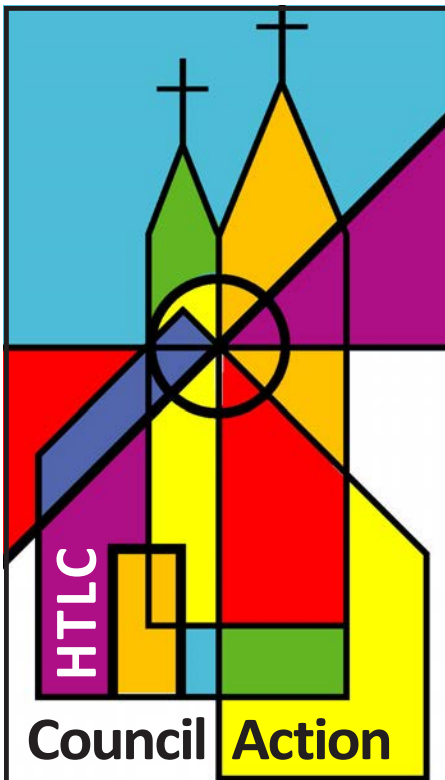
Please mark your calendars for May 16 at 1:00 PM so you can attend a congregational meeting. Your attendance at the meeting is important to help us make decisions to move ahead as we continue to look at how we can do church in these unusual times.

During this meeting we will be making an important decision about re-allocating money from the Vacant Lot Fund into other funds where it can be put to use. This includes creating a Pastoral Staffing Fund that will be used to help supplement any budget shortfall that may occur in the first few years after we have called a new pastor. If this fund gets approved we know we can move ahead in confidence with the call process for an associate pastor.

In addition to this vote, we will also be voting on new council members and hearing about ministry from the last year.

Because of the pandemic, there will not be an in-person meeting. Our meeting will be held on the Zoom platform. We will still need our quorum of approximately 50 people, however, so we hope you will mark your calendars and look for the zoom link in your all-church email as the date gets closer.

—Pastor Erik



This column will appear in Tempo Newsletter from time to time with updates on items that the Church Council is thinking about or working on. In most cases it will be a series of bullet points with minimal detail. Please feel free to contact any council member for more information.

Council Action items—April 2021

Church Council met via Zoom on April 20, to approve and discuss so many new and exciting things that are happening at HTLC. Here are some highlights:

- Council reviewed the Mission Site Profile that will be sent to Synod to officially start the call process. With a few changes, it was approved! Thanks especially to Shawn Howie and Steve Hanke who put it together. Because of the over 100 members who participated in answering the Focus Group questions, we had a clear vision of what HTLC would like to do and what to continue. Thanks to all who participated and honestly shared their comments!
- Council also approved members for the Call Committee submitted by the Task Force. They are: Ryan Ekenstam, Marty Kreman, Karin Ninnemann, Joan Eggert, Steve Hanke, Kari Slattum, Nina Wong, Janet Witt. Thanks to all of the members who said yes and to Shawn Howie for recruiting such good candidates!
- The May Congregational Meeting is on May 16, via Zoom at 1:00 PM. The council recommended designation of our reserves and gift policy revision to be approved by the congregation along with approving new council members and Synod Council delegates for the Synod meeting on June 4-5, and finally bless and affirm the Call Committee.
- Council approved hiring a new landscape company, Vemgogreen. They will start in June and we should see a fresh change on our campus.
- Council discussed the worship schedule for May and June. If we continue to stay in the orange tier, we will have weekly outdoor services in May and start to have some form of indoor services in June. Plans for an outdoor communion service on May 23, were approved
- Miriam Nakayama and James Yu, as well as the Authentic Diversity Committee, are working on a letter of support to be sent to Asian/Pacific Islander churches in Thousand Oaks and elsewhere.
- Holy Trinity will support the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA), the local branch of the ELCA organization that engages, involves and invests in the gifts, interests, and capacity of people of African descent in every aspect of the life of this ELCA church. Dues are \$100 a year. By supporting them, this would be a great step in becoming an anti-racist congregation because it would help deepen our relationship with the African descent congregations in our synod.
- Honey Tree had a very successful registration for next year. They have plans to start their monthly contributions to HTLC as early as July.

Thank you for reading this article. If you have any questions, my email address is miriamnakayama@gmail.com. I'm excited about all the things happening at Holy Trinity! There's good energy going on here. Yeah, Holy Spirit! It is close to Pentecost!

Pentecostal blessings,
Miriam Nakayama, Council President

Boulder, Colorado letter

After the shooting that took place on March 22, in Boulder Colorado, I said I would send a letter to a Lutheran pastor I knew there and invited others to write notes as well. Thank you to everyone who wrote a note. A copy of the letter I wrote on behalf of Holy Trinity is below. — Pastor Erik

April 20, 2021

Dear People of Atonement Lutheran,

After we learned about the tragic shooting in Boulder, our congregation wanted to do something to reach out to your community. I suggested that we could send a note of encouragement to one of the Lutheran churches in Boulder as a sign of our concern. My wife and I know Pastor Chad from various Lutheran events over the years which is why I am writing to you. Along with my letter on behalf of our congregation there were some folks who wanted to write personal notes as well. Those are included in this envelope.

We here at Holy Trinity know something about what it is like to have such a horrible event occur in your city. In 2018 we had the mass shooting at the Borderline Bar and Grill. The random nature of such events along with the multiple casualties can shake a community to its core. Many people knew someone or had some kind of connection to a person at the shooting. There were prayer vigils and memorial services. One of the young men sang in the choir at California Lutheran University right next to our church and had attend services with us on occasion. The effects of that tragedy still reverberate throughout our city.

Whether you knew someone who was in the grocery store on that day or not, you may have gone to it yourself or you may have driven by it many times. You may view that place and your community in a different way now as your sense of safety and security may have been shaken. Questions of “why?” may have come to your mind and you may have asked God the same question.

However you are feeling, we want you to know that it is not strange to be feeling such things when your city has experienced a traumatic event, and it can take a while to heal. We also want you to know that you are not alone. We have prayed for you during our services and our spirits have gone out to you and your families.

As people of faith, we stand with you against the ways of violence that would disrupt our lives and we stand with you as we seek to bring healing where it is possible to do so. We trust that God is with us and with you as we seek to follow the way of Christ and we ask that God’s strong presence would uphold and surround you especially in these days.

Pastor Erik Goehner and the People of Holy Trinity

Thinking about new tea flavors with Miriam

We are such good customers at Holy Trinity, a special representative of Equal Exchange called me to thank us for our business. I also got some news about their six new flavors of tea. I will be adding them to our Fair Trade inventory. I have tried the spearmint and it is my new favorite.

From Equal Exchange:

Most teas—even those that are certified as fair trade—come from

large plantations where workers have little say and are trapped in a system of dependency. Most of these plantations were established under colonial rule and remain largely unchanged today. US consumers know very little about what tea is or where it comes from, not to mention the problems that remain for farm workers, mostly women, on plantations even today.

For more than two decades, Equal Exchange has been working to build an alternative model in tea. One that centers around democratically organized groups of small farmers, many of whom own just a few hectares of land themselves, but together, are able to engage in international trade with the help of like-minded organizations who support them in processing and export.

Each box of tea is \$3.25.

Here are the flavors:

Hibiscus

Rich in color and flavor, this pure hibiscus tea offers a wonderful zingy flavor that is the perfect mix of tart and sweet. Naturally caffeine-free, it's an herbal tea which is delicious hot or iced.

Lemongrass Ginger

This refreshing blend combines the citrus overtones of lemongrass with the peppery finish of ginger. A naturally caffeine-free herbal tonic to revitalize and recharge.

Assam Black Tea

A traditional *Camellia sinensis* Assam black tea that celebrates the unique flavor characteristics of the Assam tea-growing region. Mellow and malty.

Turmeric Ginger

Re-energize with this naturally caffeine-free blend of earthy



Watch for Equal Exchange videos in the online worship services during the offering segment.

turmeric and peppery ginger. An enjoyable herbal tonic for mind and body alike.

Spearmint

The pure spearmint in this herbal tea indulges the senses. Naturally sweet, caffeine-free and refreshing.

Black Tea with Ginger

This flavorful blend of traditional *Camellia sinensis* black tea is blended with ginger and offers a naturally sweet, warming cup with the perfect touch of spice.

Place your order by email,
miriamnakayama@gmail.com.

You can also talk to me at the outdoor services in May at 11:00 AM. Make checks payable to HTLC and write "Fair Trade" in the memo line. Drop your payment in the black offering box at the registration table. You can also pay on the website at HTLCTO.org.

Hope your May is fair and bright!
—Miriam Nakayama

FAIR TRADE

Live book study in May

Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth is a controversial biography of the historical and religious figure of Jesus, written by Muslim scholar Reza Aslan. Aslan conducted thorough research not only into the life of Jesus, but also into the political and social situation in the Middle East during his rise to power and fame, in order to determine the factors that lead to his overwhelming popularity for centuries to come.

The novelty of Aslan's book isn't the claim that Jesus was a peasant or a religious zealot of his time. Most early Christian scholars commonly agree upon this.

His new work comes from his thorough research into the social, political, and economic situation that led to the rise of Jesus in first-century Palestine, and the circumstances leading to his trial as an enemy of the state and subsequent death

This will be conducted as a live book study on Zoom for six Thursday mornings at 11:00 AM.

We have already started the study, but you can join us in May for most of the chapters. You may purchase the book *Zealot*, by Reza Aslan on your own or let the church office know and we can purchase a book for you. Here are the times we will meet. Each session begins at 11:00 AM on Zoom.

May 5..... Session Three..... Chapters 7, 8
May 13..... Session Four..... Chapters 9, 10, 11
May 20..... Session Five..... Chapters 12, 13
May 27..... Session Six..... Chapters 14, 15

—Pastor Erik

Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship. Photograph by Maya Goehner.



Dorcas Quilting Circle

Dorcas Quilting Circle gave newly made quilts to Hospice to replace many of the well used, recycled, and faded quilts being used by patients. They so enjoyed cheery springtime quilts made with love and prayers from the Dorcas quilters.

Quilters are waiting to return to action and make new quilts together, expressing God's love through their work. Thanks to all who donated fabric. We are so well supplied with warm, colorful fabric ready to be used by so many in need.

—Sally Johnson

THEA Book Circle

The Thousand Oaks library is open a few days a week now with limited hours along with health precautions. Hopefully, each month will bring more positive news.

—Sally Johnson

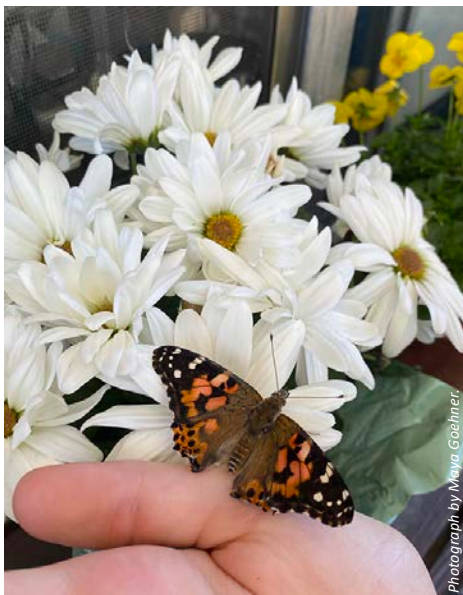
Meditation Group

From The Present Christ by John Main:

Every day I am more amazed at the range and variety of people who really hear the message of the teaching about meditation, who hear it from some deep and perhaps unsuspected stillness within themselves. And I am even more inspired that so many remain faithful to the discipline and the fidelity that makes the hearing really significant. They are people of all ages and backgrounds, educational, social and religious. But they have all discovered a common centre, Christ, who lives in their hearts and in the heart of all creation.

If you hear a call from some deep and unsuspected stillness, please join us for a Zoom meditation on May 6 or June 3 at 4:00 PM. Email Miriam at miriamnakayama@gmail.com if you have questions or would like a Zoom invite.

—Miriam Nakayama



"Alleluia! He is risen just as he said." Easter Sunday 2021.
Photograph by Amy Sands



Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship. Desta, Dryden, Piper, Maya, Pastor Erik Goehner. Photograph by Maya Goehner.



Thank you for all your cards with prayers for healing, My mitral valve was replaced and an ablation was done to prevent blood clots and control my atrial fibrillation. I did not need a pace maker or other valve replacements.

I am slowly regaining my strength. I can still feel God's peace from many of your prayers.

Holy Trinity is a very spirit filled church and your prayers and concerns are such a blessing to me.

Thank you again.

—Joan Cressman

Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude for all the people who made worship and service possible this difficult and heartbreaking past year. It would be impossible to list all the names, as there are some with essential roles that most of us do not know about. We do know that it is a huge undertaking to write and produce two or more worship videos, a Wednesday Bible study, and children and youth activities. We know that Advent, Lent, and Easter doubled or tripled the work load and we THANK YOU, everyone who made it happen,

- Office and other church staff
- Set up and break down crews, altar guild ushers
- Musicians, the band, the soloists, quartets, and duets, and the bell choir
- Videographers, mixers, and those who produce all the on-line worship experiences
- Readers
- Greeters
- Church members who participated in the offering videos
- COAM
- Church Council
- And Pastor Erik who kept church “open” and mission-focused while the building was closed

Sincerely,

Jean and Steve Kammerer

In Memoriam Gordon Stone

October 6, 1924–April 17, 2021



Gordon and Shirlee Stone

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

One of our members, Gordon Stone, died at the end of April at age 97. Gordon and his wife, Shirlee, had been married for 75 years. They moved to University Village about nine years ago and joined Holy Trinity shortly thereafter, in September 2012. They faithfully attended the 11 AM worship service as well as helped to host many faith-based events at University Village organized by Holy Trinity members who live there. Gordon was also a communion minister.

Gordon was a lifelong Lutheran who knew well the Lutheran emphasis on grace being a gift from God. He and Shirlee often attended Bible study and many times during discussion Gordon would ask, “Where is the grace in this story? I believe God is a God of grace.” Then he would add, “I think God would want everyone to be in heaven.”

Gordon certainly trusted that he was going to heaven and this gave him a peace, especially during the last weeks of his life where he expressed a readiness to meet his Creator. We are glad Gordon is at peace, but we will miss him at Holy Trinity. Please keep Shirlee and his family in your prayers.

—Pastor Erik

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him, 'Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶ Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions.' Moses' father-in-law replied, 'What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.

Jethro goes on to advise Moses to select trustworthy people to work with him to divide up the tasks so

that he does not burn out. Moses takes his advice and recruits some helpers so that he can be sustained in the work God has called him to do. It is a reminder that as we do the ministry God calls us to, we need to work with others in order that the work can be sustained over the long haul.

This is why I am excited that Holy Trinity is in the process of looking into calling a second pastor. If you have not heard yet, a Staffing Task Force has been doing a series of focus groups the last couple

of months in order to listen to people share about their hopes and dreams for Holy Trinity. Adding a staff person has been a big concern that has been raised, and there is a particular desire to add a pastor whose focus would be in the area of youth and family ministry along with small groups for learning and building community. We have been in contact with the synod and a call committee has begun to form.

At the congregational meeting on May 16, the congregation

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Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank

DRIVE THROUGH DROP-OFF

Our next Manna collection day is on Saturday, May 1, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Drive through the HTLC parking lot drop off circle and we will collect your item(s).

Manna's recent "Top Priority Items" are listed below.

1. Baking items like cookies and cake mixes
2. Packaged cookies
3. Canned pasta sauce
4. Ramen or other quick cooking noodles and pasta
5. Sugar, flour (no larger than 5 pound bags)

And finally, last month, an HTLC couple donated a bag of beautiful tangerines freshly picked from their home. MANNA LOVED IT!

See you all at the roundabout!

—Karen Kreman



Manna

**DRIVE-THROUGH
FOOD DROP-OFF**

**MAY 1
FIRST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH
9:30-11:30 AM**

PARKING LOT CIRCLE

**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
1 W AVE DE LOS ARBOLES
THOUSAND OAKS**

Honey Tree Early Childhood Center

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.

All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

You may be familiar with this children's hymn and during the month of May it aptly describes our Honey Tree curriculum themes. From insects such as ladybugs and bees to birds and animal mothers and babies, the children are learning about all creatures great and small. In the preschool classrooms children are awaiting the emergence of painted lady butterflies from their chrysalis. Right on cue the milkweed plant on our play yard is full of monarch caterpillars and children are able to observe metamorphosis in a natural setting. Our kindergarten class has learned about the incubation and hatching process of baby chicks.

May is also the month to celebrate moms and appreciate teachers. For Mother's Day children are making gifts and cards. Usually we invite moms into the classroom for a special circle time of stories and songs but this year, due to COVID health and safety measures, we will do it differently. Teachers and children will either use a zoom gathering or video to share their special activities with moms. In this pandemic school year our teachers have been challenged to accept new and different ways to include traditional events and activities. We deeply appreciate their flexibility and willingness to learn. One of Honey Tree's strengths is definitely its teachers! How grateful we are for their commitment to early learning and love of young children.

Lord, you created so many things! With your wisdom you made them all.

—Calla Chevalier

The earth is full of the living things you made....creatures great and small.

Psalm 104:24-25 (ERV)



*Easter Sunday
Outdoor
Worship.
Photograph by
Maya Goehner.*

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will be asked to put aside some special funds to ensure that a new staffing position can be sustained moving forward. Once these funds are approved we will go ahead with getting candidates to interview.

One thing I have appreciated at Holy Trinity is that they know about the lesson Jethro taught to Moses. It is not good to go it alone. I have felt this over my time here as many good leaders and teams of both volunteers and staff have come together to accomplish our ministry goals. I look forward to the possibility of adding another Pastor to the team so that we can not only maintain our ministry, but help it grow.

—Pastor Erik



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Conejo Valley CROP Hunger Walk

March 14, 2021

Thousand Oaks, California

Crop Hunger Walk 2021

Thank you to everyone who walked and donated to our virtual walk this year. Holy Trinity raised \$4,605.68, which put us at number four on the leaderboard for the Conejo Valley walk. Good job team HTLC! These funds will help Church World Services feed those in need and also in our own community with 25% of the \$29,000 total raised going to local charities; Meals on Wheels, Manna, and Harbor House.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their walk photos. They have been posted to the Crop Walk site and here are a few to see as well as those published in last month's April issue of Tempo Newsletter. If anyone has photos, please email them to me, sherigroenveld@yahoo.com.

Thank you Holy Trinity for stepping up and walking virtually this year!

Sheri Groenveld
Community Outreach & Advocacy Ministry
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*Elsa Fowler and Janice
Pontoppidan*

*Mark Groenveld organized a
small group of hikers from HTLC.*

Bella Marshall and Kari Slattum



Worship Assistants for May

9:30 AM Worship Service

Set-up & take down team

- 2 Brian Carr*
Angela Carr, Jackie Chang,
Mark Braaten
- 9 Desta Goehner*
Dryden Goehner, Maya Goehner,
Karen Kreman
- 16 Jackie Chang*
Jasmine Chang, Lily Chang,
Mark Braaten
- 23 Mike Sadowski*
Joan Eggert, Marty Kreman,
Karen Kreman
- 30 Desta Goehner*
Dryden Goehner, Maya Goehner,
Jackie Chang

Registrars

- 2 Jackie Chang, Angela Carr
- 9 Marty Kreman, Maya Goehner
- 16 Michael Lynch, Jackie Chang
- 23 Joan Eggert,
Anne King
- 30 Eric Hunzeker, Maya Goehner

Ushers

- 2 Brian Carr, Mark Braaten
- 9 Dryden Goehner,
Desta Goehner
- 16 Karie Lynch, Mark Braaten
- 23 Marty Kreman, Karen Kreman
- 30 Dryden Goehner, Desta Goehner

Readers for worship video

- 2 Colleen Windham-Hughes
- 9 Colleen Hill
- 16 Nina Wong
- 23 Miriam Nakayama
- 30 Joan Eggert

11:00 AM Worship Service

Set-up & Take Down Team

- 2 Grace Nelson*
Brent Nelson, Miriam Nakayama,
Anne King
- 9 Dixie Hanson*
Miriam Nakayama, George
Williams, Colleen Windham-Hughes
- 16 Grace Nelson*
Brent Nelson, Elsa Fowler,
Eric Hunzeker
- 23 Brian Carr*
Angela Carr, Colleen Windham-
Hughes, George Williams
- 30 Brian Carr*
Angela Carr, George Williams,
Sandy Samuels

Registrars

- 2 Anne King, Carol Scott
- 9 Dixie Hansen, Sandy Samuels
- 16 Elsa Fowler, Carole Scott
- 23 Colleen Windham-Hughes,
Sandy Samuels
- 30 Carole Scott, Sandy Samuels

Ushers

- 2 Miriam Nakayama, Grace Nelson
- 9 Miriam Nakayama, Colleen
Windham-Hughes
- 16 Brent Nelson, Grace Nelson
- 23 Brian Carr George Williams
- 30 George Williams, Brian Carr

**Team leader*

Altar Guild for May

- Kathy Lindgren, Kameron Lindgren,
Elsa Fowler



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or email
churchoffice@htlcto.org

5/1/2021 [Saturday]

8:00 AM Altar Guild SANC
 9:30 AM Manna Food Bank Drive
 Thru Drop Off PAT
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/2/2021 [Sunday]

Worship Video | YouTube
 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship | Informal
 PAT
 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship |
 Traditional PAT
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/3/2021 [Monday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/4/2021 [Tuesday]

11:00 AM Staff Meeting Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/5/2021 [Wednesday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/6/2021 [Thursday]

National Day of Prayer
 10:00 AM Audio & Visual Recording
 SANC
 11:00 AM Book Study Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH
 4:30 PM Meditation Zoom

5/7/2021 [Friday]

3:30 PM Record sermon SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/8/2021 [Saturday]

8:00 AM Altar Guild SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/9/2021 [Sunday]

Worship Video | YouTube
 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship | Informal
 PAT
 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship |
 Traditional PAT
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/10/2021 [Monday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/11/2021 [Tuesday]

11:00 AM Staff Meeting Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/12/2021 [Wednesday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

**5/13/2021 [Thursday]**

10:00 AM Audio & Visual Recording
 SANC
 11:00 AM Book Study Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/14/2021 [Friday]

3:30 PM Record sermon SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/15/2021 [Saturday]

8:00 AM Altar Guild SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/16/2021 [Sunday]

Worship Video | YouTube
 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship | Informal
 PAT
 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship |
 Traditional PAT
**1:00 PM MAY CONGREGATIONAL
 MEETING Zoom**
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/17/2021 [Monday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/18/2021 [Tuesday]

11:00 AM Staff Meeting Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/19/2021 [Wednesday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/20/2021 [Thursday]

10:00 AM Audio & Visual Recording
 SANC
 11:00 AM Book Study Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/21/2021 [Friday]

3:30 PM Record sermon SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/22/2021 [Saturday]

8:00 AM Altar Guild SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/23/2021 [Sunday]

Worship Video | YouTube
 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship | Informal
 PAT
 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship |
 Traditional PAT
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/24/2021 [Monday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/25/2021 [Tuesday]

11:00 AM Staff Meeting Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/26/2021 [Wednesday]

4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/27/2021 [Thursday]

10:00 AM Audio & Visual Recording
 SANC
 11:00 AM Book Study Zoom
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/28/2021 [Friday]

3:30 PM Record sermon SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/29/2021 [Saturday]

8:00 AM Altar Guild SANC
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/30/2021 [Sunday]

Worship Video | YouTube
 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship | Informal
 PAT
 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship |
 Traditional PAT
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

5/31/2021 [Monday]

Church office closed—Memorial Day
 4:00 PM Harbor House FH

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Greetings from Sandpoint, Idaho...

While I hear from friends that it is flirting with the warm 80s and 90s in southern California, Sandpoint is reaching highs of 50's and low 60s. Woo hoo, a heat wave! The early spring flowers are well on their way to beautiful blooms and the three fruit trees that were planted last year—and I was convinced they had not survived—are not dead after all. Their branches are swelling with little knots of soon-to-be leaves. I am so excited to watch everything come alive.

The effort of planting all the bulbs of daffodills, crocus, and tulips late last fall have paid off. I get to harvest pretty yellow daffodils and the deer get to feast on the crocus and tulips, also known around here as deer candy. Anyone have any ideas on how to keep the pesky deer and moose (yes, you read that right, moose) away from the fruit trees when they bare fruit later this year? Our yard is not enclosed!

Along with the awakening of nature, comes a new feeling of energy and awakening to adventures. Spring cleaning is a thing. The house changes inside and out between winter needs and summer time activities. The boot trays that have served well during the winter are washed of their mud and gravel put away until next year. The

heavy jackets, heavy sweaters, and snow gear are packed away to make way for the bright colors of summer clothing. As the lake level rises from the snow melt in the mountains and the rain runoff, the anticipation of outside activities makes one feel a bit antsy with eagerness to go outside and play, pot up some new flowers for the front porch, plant more herbs, and just be outside in the sunshine.

We may live far from each other, but we have so much in common. We are Christians, living our lives by loving one another and serving one another. I pray that you will soon be worshiping indoors together but for now, you can gather outside as a community of worshipers.

I also hope that those who can get the COVID-19 vaccine will choose to do so. I just received my second Moderna vaccine. My arm is a bit sore but all is good.

I want us all to bloom with full spring colors and share the spirit with those around us and bare fruit to feed our souls.

—Lynn

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THURSDAY

MAY 20 11:00 AM

See page 2 for
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Deadline



**PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 23**



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MAY 2021

Worship in May



SUNDAYS ON THE PATIO
9:30 AM | Informal Worship
11:00 AM | Traditional
Worship

As things get better in our county regarding the pandemic we will be moving into a new phase of our worship life during the month of May. This means we are going to be providing an in-person worship opportunity every Sunday. It will still be outside on the patio with 9:30 AM time being the informal service with the band and 11:00 AM time being the traditional service with hymns and piano. For now, we will also be continuing to do the pre-recorded worship services that people will be able to access on YouTube from home.

On May 23, we are planning to do a live communion for the first time since the pandemic started. We will have individual cups and wafers for each separate person to be picked up at the beginning of the service and will only briefly take off our masks

at the end of service to receive communion. Since we will be outside and our COVID numbers have gone down, the Church Council felt it was safe enough to add back in this element of worship for a Sunday and see how it goes.

Looking ahead, we are hoping that in June we might be back inside the church sanctuary. If more people continue to get vaccinated and we stay in the "orange tier," which means COVID cases are lower, this will be our plan. Please know, however, that even when we go back in the sanctuary we will still be following our COVID protocols with check-ins, wearing masks, and using chairs instead of pews to keep appropriate distance.

—Pastor Erik