

April 2015 **Trinity Press**



Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary
10:30 am Blended/Traditional
12:00 pm Spanish

Child care at all Worship Services
Nursery & Preschool
Room 10
Sunday School Classes
Grades K—6 Rooms 4, 5, and 6

Holy Week Activities

April 2 — Maundy Thursday
Soup Dinner and Worship 6:30 pm
April 3 — Good Friday
Worship 7:00 pm
April 5 — Easter “ He is Risen”

Sunrise Worship 7:00 am

Pancake Breakfast 8-9:00 am

Family Worship 9:00 am

Pancake Breakfast 10-11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am



Worship w/Spanish 11:00 am

E-Mail

ARE YOU A CRACKED POT?

"Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work." ~ 2 Timothy 2:21

Do you ever feel that you don't have much to give? Maybe something in your past is holding you back from exploring your future? Perhaps you don't think your offering makes as much a difference as the next person. Be careful of comparing yourselves to others, versus focusing on how God can use you. Take, for example, the story of the cracked pot.

...A water bearer had two large pots. One hung on each end of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, but the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, while the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one-and-a-half pots full of water to his master's house. The poor cracked pot was very ashamed of its imperfection and was miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do -- or so it thought.

The cracked pot, after two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am very ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the water bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"For the past two years, I have only been able to deliver half of my real capacity, because this crack in my side allows water to leak out all the way back to the master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the cracked pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw and put it to good use. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path (for the return trip), and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For over two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. If you weren't the way you are he wouldn't have flowers for his house..."

We are all cracked pots. If we give God all of ourselves, cracks and all, he will use us, including our flaws, to do his will. It's not about being perfect. And it's not about comparing ourselves to others. It's about letting God use us just as we are and experiencing the joy of what can happen when we give ourselves to him.

Are you willing to give yourself to God...cracks and all?

Pastor Eric

Session Update

At the regular meetings of the Session on February 17, 2015 and March 17, 2015 and the special meeting of Session on March 3, 2015, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Approved the Annual Church Statistical Report as prepared by the Clerk.
- Heard a report that Financial Peace University will start April 29th.
- Approved moving funds from the savings account to the checking account to cover the shortfall.
- There was extended discussion regarding the financial situation of the church and by consensus approved calling a special meeting of the Finance Committee to begin formulating a plan to deal with the crisis situation.
- Heard a report that fall cleanup days at the church will be held on March 28th and October 17th.
- Heard a report that there is still a problem with rooms being left unclean, doors unlocked and heating and lights left on.
- Elected Anna Niemann Perrine, Judi Chiboucas, and Ken Trott as commissioners to presbytery on Feb. 28th at Davis Community Church.
- Engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the current financial crisis facing Trinity and approved a list of items recommended by Finance to be explored further.
- Heard a report from Finance that we are spending more every

month than we are taking in.

- Approved reducing the amount given to Presbytery Mission and to eliminate the amount given to overseas mission.
- Approved the use of Crowd Funding under certain guidelines.
- Approved moving the April Session meeting to April 28th.
- Heard a report that the 9 am worship service will become fully contemporary and the 10:30 am worship service will become fully traditional after Easter.
- Approved setting up a Text-to-Giving account which allows for giving through a text.
- Heard a report from the presbytery commissioners.

- Approved receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session



Praise Team Kudos

out in songs of
thanksgiving.
Psalm 28:7 (NLT)

"Sing to Him,
sing psalms to
Him; talk of all
His wondrous
works!"

How about our Praise Team singers!

Almost every Sunday we file in for church, look up front and see our Praise Team...: rain, sunshine, hail, snow, you name it, they are still there! Under the leadership of Andrey Andrievskiy, they sing with joy, enthusiasm and praise to our Lord; you can tell they love our Lord.

As they sing and praise the Lord, I am reminded of the following three verses.

"The Lord is my strength and shield.
I trust him with all my heart.
He helps me, and my heart is filled

1 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)

"Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
proclaim the good news of His
salvation from day to day."

1 Chronicles 16:23 (NKJV)

Thank you so much Praise Team members Jill Whitney, Anna Niemann Perrine, Yuri Marroquin, John Robinson, Richard Rivas, Brad Martin, honorary member Glen Godfrey Jr. and Andrey!

Rock on Praise Team!

Out-of-the-Box Update

At the February Out-of-the-Box, on the 19th, we gave out an extra bonus gift of a 5-pound bag of long-grain rice. Those who didn't get rice got an extra-large can of coffee.

No other organization in West Sacramento has been able to be so generous: more kudos to Kevin and his volunteer team. Rice has been in short supply for almost a year, and coffee prices are going up drastically.



When Toni took Helena Helmold her food bag, and she saw the big bag of rice, she said "Wow, how do they do that?" God does it, that's how!

What goes on behind the scenes?

Do you ever wonder who folds the church bulletin; who maintains the flower beds, etc.? There are a number of people who are weekday and weekend warriors for Jesus! They volunteer numerous hours tending to tasks that need to be done. A list of many of these warriors is provided below. The next time you see one of these precious lambs of God, say thank you and let them know how much you appreciate them and all the work they do!

Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Allen, Barbara Leach and Morgan Schultz

Front Planters: Don Brooks and Carol Davis

Front Herb Garden: Terri Young

Phase I and II Church Renovation and Cleanup Work: Linda and Don Brooks, Carol Davis, Rhonda Hensley, Nancy Del Mugnaio, Nola

Goeden, Cliff Hayes, Cora Hocker, Pastora Tina Torres, Marielena Olivares, and many others.

General Church Maintenance: Don Brooks, Cliff Hayes and Errol Summy

Out-of-the-Box Food Delivery to School and Mobile Home Park: Jen Grexton, Errol Summy, Jen Keller, Pastor Eric Keller and Don Brooks

Out-of-the-Box Shopping: Cindy Rankin, Bill Roehr, Ken and Kathy Trott, Nancy and John Henrikson, Jesse Schlunegger, Kevin Hansen and Jane Gentry.

Sunday Service Preparing Easy Worship: Robb and Anna (Niemann) Perrine, Alex Reynen, Kathy Trott and Terri Davis

Children's Little Lending Library: Linda Whitney and many who contributed books!

LATINO MINISTRY PROJECT REPORT – February and March

In a time of transition, when everyone is missing Pastora Tina, the Leadership Team is really stepping up and taking charge of this ministry. Confidence is building. Lina Jimenez prepares the agendas for the Team Leader meetings. Leaders rotate moderating the meetings. Each leader reports on their area of responsibility, and issues that needed addressing are addressed.

The ministry celebrates that at the Joint Bilingual Congregational Meeting January 25, Lina Jimenez and Marielena Olivares were elected as Deacons. They were installed on Sunday, February 8. As Deacons, they will serve the families of the Latino Ministry.

Sunday, February 15, the Ministry celebrated Valentine's Day with a meal of posole and flan. People were asked to share with the group

how they met, and about their wedding and family. A very good time was had by all. Everyone learned something new.

Average attendance in January and February was down from a high in December of 47, to an average of 34, similar to the attendance averages for August - November. Lina and Marielena are reaching out each week to people who were not in worship on Sunday.

We celebrate that two new families have joined the ministry. Willinton Ledesma, Diana Bajarano and their son Santiago were brought to the ministry by Javier Lozano. Claudia and Ervin Pivaral and their daughters, Paula and Valeria, found us on the Internet. Praise God!

The Women's Support Group met on February 22. Spanish Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings. Fasting and prayer for the ministry is every other Saturday morning in homes. Birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

Three youth: Javier Jr., Christian and Santiago attended the Presbytery All-Night Youth Event in Rocklin. Their favorite activity was playing soccer in the dark. They report that the food was good, too! Youth are being invited to join the Trinity Summer Mission Trip.

Rev. Carmen Rosales of San Francisco Presbytery preached on Sunday, March 15, and people appreciated her sermon and presence. Arturo is preaching a sermon series on the other three Sundays each month. The Praise Team is getting stronger, and Santiago has joined them.

Holy Week activities are being coordinated with the English Ministry.

Javier is working with Robb Perrine to fine tune the use of sound equipment between the English and Spanish services.

The Latino Ministry is looking forward to the second presentation by Attorney Otis Landerholm of

Landerholm Immigration, APC, on Friday, April 17, at 7:00 pm. This is a follow-up to his presentation last September that was attended by over 50 adults plus children. Immigration laws are changing rapidly, and people want current information. Flyers have been prepared and will be distributed throughout the community by members of the congregation. Cookies, drinks and childcare will be provided during the event.

Lina is aptly managing the administrative responsibilities. Pastors have been scheduled for the third Sunday of each month through June. Bulletins are prepared weekly. She and Jane Gentry in the Trinity Office are coordinating well.

God is blessing this ministry.

In Christ, Ken Trott

Elder for Mission and Outreach and the Latino Ministry

April Birthdays



Lila Hanson Ramirez	17
Kami Rasmussen	23
Kathy Trott	23
Bret Egbert	24
Yesenia Ochoa	25
Pastor Eric Keller	26
Joe Sokolich	26
Janet Bagdazian	29

T J Fram	5
Luke Schlunegger	6
Glenda Dahms	7
Ed Metcalf	11
Kaleena Mercado	14
Darby Vickery	14

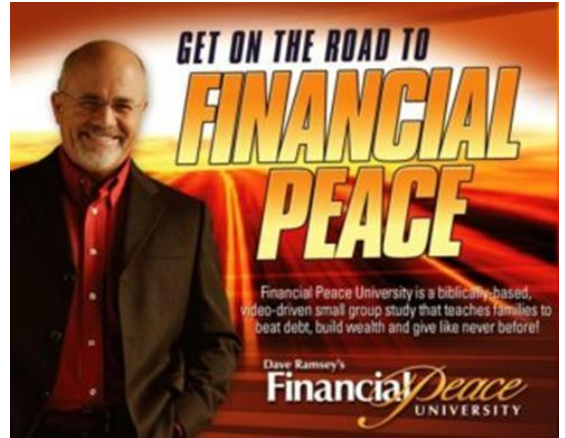
Small-Group Orientation

Thinking about starting a small group? Orientation for small groups will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 10 am to 12 pm. Contact Pastor Eric at ekeller@TrinityWestSac.org or call the church for more information.

Save the Dates! Financial Peace University is Coming Back.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be debt free? Own your own car or house? To retire wealthy? Stop wondering and start doing. Financial Peace University will show you how. We will be hosting a course on 9 consecutive Wednesday nights starting April 29. The course is \$100 per family. (On average, an FPU graduate pays off \$5,700 in debt and saves \$2,700 after the first 90 days!) If you have

already paid to take the course, you can attend without paying again.



Calling All T-Shirt Designers!

It is time to design a Trinity T! Take the challenge, by heading to customink.com and playing in their design lab. See if you can create the winning shirt! Some of the elements we would like to see included in the design are our "3 services, 2 languages, 1 church" motto, Spanish and English, and our trinitywestsac.org website. Have fun and submit your entries. The winner will receive a gift card to In and Out!!! Please submit your entries by April 19th to trinitychurchlife@hotmail.com.



Tech Training!!!

We will have Easy Worship/Tech Table training on April 12th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm! Here is your chance to click through the songs, slide the faders, or point the camera! We need techies to do their tech thing! All skill levels are welcome and it really is easy and fun to take part in this vital ministry! If you have any questions just ask Robb Perrine!

3...2...1 Church Life

It is time for our second Church Life Meeting on Tuesday, April 7th! The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 6:45 pm. The agenda is shown here for your information. We have many new and exciting things happening at our church, and it is time to let our community in on the secret! We need innovative thinkers who have experience with social media, ad campaigns, novelties, or anything that will enable us to get the message out that God's not Dead, but alive and moving at Trinity Presbyterian Church! We need, at least, 3-4 volunteers, so please prayerfully get involved and join this committee!

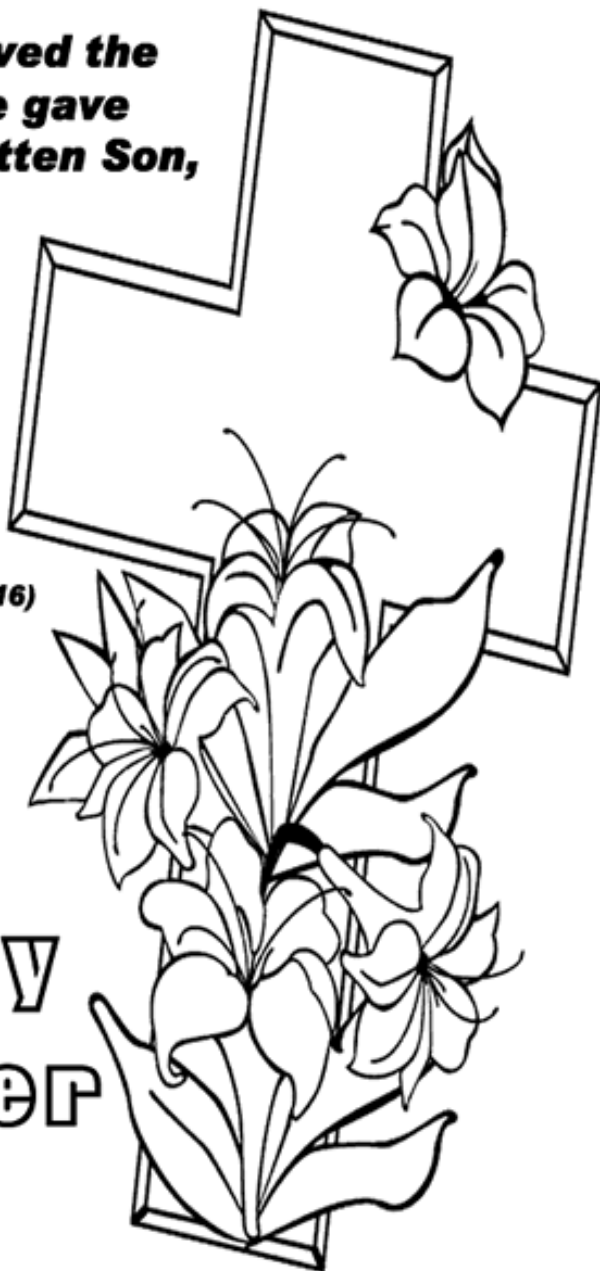
Agenda

- 5:30 Prayer
- 5:35 T-Shirts Discussion
- 5:55 Discuss 5 Touches plan and best way to implement.
- 6:20 Decide first steps and sub-committee plans
- 6:35 Go over Action Plan and assign action items, exchange phone numbers and e-mails.
- 6:40 Close in prayer.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

**HAPPY
EASTER**



He is RISEN...
and we are

Alive!

IN CHRIST

Trinity Presbyterian Church
1500 Park Blvd
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Phone: (916) 371-5875

www.TrinityWestSac.ORG
Email :
Administrator@TrinityWestSac.ORG

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Eric Keller
Latino Outreach Project: Arturo and Lina Jimenez
Choir Director: Gayle Andrade
Pianist: Andre Andrievskiy

Jane Gentry, Office Admin
Carol Onalfo, Office Volunteer

Trinity Press Co-Editors
Kathy Trott & Jane Gentry

Copy Editor: Debra Johnston

And Many, Many Volunteers

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SACRAMENTO CA 95813
PERMIT NO 526

CHANGE SERVICE
REQUESTED

Marilyn Allen & Morgan Schultz
1924 Deerwood St
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Trinity's Mission Statement:

The mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church is to invite people into the family of God to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

