

November 2013

Trinity Press



Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary

10:30 am Spanish Language

11:00 am Blended/Traditional

Child care at all Worship Services
Nursery (0—2.5) — Room 11
Preschool (2.5 to K) — Room 10
Sunday School Classes
Grades K-5 — Rooms 4, 5, and 6

Remembrance Sunday

November 10

Operation Kids 'Christmas Crafts

Saturday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Out of the Box

Food Packing

Sunday, November 17, at 12:30 p.m.

Out of the Box

Food Distribution

Thursday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving

Give Thanks with Friends and Family

Thursday November 28

Office will be closed Thursday and Friday



E-Mail

THE GREAT TRANSFORMER!

Does anyone remember that old cartoon called Transformers? Not too long ago, a movie was based on the same show. It was about a group of robots who could transform into various, different objects. Some could become cars, trucks, or jet planes. Yet no matter what they turned into they were still the same robot made of the same parts.

That's like Trinity Presbyterian Church! We are who we have always been and yet we are also transforming. For one, we are in a city that is transforming. West Sacramento has experienced incredible transformation in the last 10 years. Some change has come in the simple fact that I have been called to serve as your new pastor. A new leader brings change without even being aware of it; different style of preaching, organization, sense of humor, etc. Yet all pastors desire to create a church that honors God.

We are like the transformers from the cartoon. We are being transformed both externally and internally! Yet at our core, we are still the same people who love and worship the same God, the Great Transformer!

God has sent His Son that our lives might be transformed. Jesus has taken our old selves and made them new again. When we look to Christ, we are transformed into something beautiful and Christ-like. (2 Corinthians 3:18). When we accept that Christ died on the cross for our sins, our old lives pass away and we are born as new beings with the promise of everlasting joy. On the cross, Jesus transformed us for eternity!

We are transformed and transforming! We are transformed because Christ has died for our sins and given us new life. We are transforming because God is bringing us into a new time and we constantly look to Him that the Spirit of God would continue to work in us and make us perfect!

May you be transformed!

Pastor Eric



ESQUINA LATINA - LATINO CORNER

You've heard me mention that I work part-time for Presbytery, and part of what I do is encourage other churches to follow Trinity's lead in reaching out to the Latino community around them. Hence this article.

" Why Trinity?" (from Presbytery newsletter)



When we hear about Latino Outreach in this presbytery, we often hear the name of Trinity Pres in West Sacramento. Why all the attention on that church?

Why Trinity? The answer is simple. Trinity is not a one-church project. It is the pilot program of the Presbytery of Sacramento. It began with the substantial support of a General Assembly (GA) Transformation Grant from the PCUSA in Louisville. This jump start, combined with strong support from this presbytery and contributions from Trinity, became a three-way partnership: between GA, the Sacramento Presbytery and Trinity Pres. The term of the GA grant has ended, so it became a partnership between this presbytery and Trinity.

Why Trinity? Trinity was a place where there was already a vision for Latino outreach-a vision which provided fertile ground for starting a new cross-cultural project that would put Trinity on the path to becoming a multicultural community of faith. And that is what is happening. We hope to inspire other churches to take the first step in the direction of becoming a church which reaches out to its Latino neighbors.

Why Trinity? We hope that Trinity's specific experience - of what works and what doesn't - will serve other churches as they look for their distinct call in their own community. That way, when we speak of Latino Outreach in this presbytery, we can point to several churches, not just one!

At Trinity they have a 3-2-1 motto: 3 services (two in English, one in Spanish), 2 languages, 1 church.

Above is a photo that illustrates the one-church part, that is, the partnership between the English- and Spanish-speaking congregations. We are all helping to pack bags of food for the Out Of The Box Ministry. This ministry, by the way, was started by an "anglo" and a Latino: Kevin Hansen and Arturo Jimenez. And this ministry serves the whole community in West Sacramento with once-a-month food distributions."

We thoroughly enjoyed our bilingual service on World Communion Sunday and look forward to more joint services and other events and projects in the future.

And, if you want to practice some Spanish, please pop your head in from 10:30 - 11:00 am in the Café, to catch our worship time. You are most welcome - ***¡Bienvenidos!***

Praise God! ***¡Gloria a Dios!***

Pastora Tina, 916-995-5105

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of the Session on October 15, 2013, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Heard a report that a stewardship letter will be going out to the congregation in the next few days regarding the 2014 budget. The letter will contain the proposed budget totals, a pledge card, giving year statement, and flyer regarding the stewardship luncheon.
- Approved a motion that Out of the Box, Mission and Outreach, and Buildings and Grounds will meet to discuss building usage and to communicate concerns, with a report to come back to session in February.
- Approved a motion to begin Phase 1 which is remodeling the church office for which most of the funding is in place.
- Approved a motion for the Gideons to speak and to receive a special offering on November 17th.
- Approved the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Jan. 26, 2014 and to have one worship service at 10:00 A.M. to be followed by a potluck luncheon.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

Mercy Coalition

On September 20, 2013, I received the following disconcerting news in a text from Lighthouse Covenant's pastor Don Bosley.

"Today, the Broderick Christian Center served its last daily meal of the year - if not longer - to the homeless in our community. After many years of providing at least one meal every weekday for this marginalized population, the BCC confirmed yesterday that its current funding for the program has run out, and that it will serve no more meals until January, if then.

Blindsiding as the news may be, we recognize the need to shake off our surprise and dismay and consider how the faith community might respond to this gaping hole that just opened up in our town's care for the poor."

...and then something wonderful happened. A loose framework of churches stepped forward to fill in the gap. New Discovery church has already started feeding people. With more guts than money, they immediately started doing what they could, receiving and turning around food, sometimes as it came through the doors. New Discovery has already taken on the enormously daunting challenge of counseling people suffering under the terrible burden and shame of substance abuse. They have stepped out in faith, and churches around West Sacramento are stepping in to help.

Individual churches are offering food, money, and most importantly, people just like you. They are signing up for individual days, bringing food to help supplement lunches [often a cold piece of Little Ceasar's Pizza leftover from the night before] with a little more.

Out of the Box? Yes - we will help - the question is at what level?

At one time Out of the Box had a group of dedicated volunteers who would prepare bagged lunches twice a month for homeless persons - these dedicated individuals provided 400 lunches per month! When the Broderick Christian Center burned down - Out of the Box provided the Food, and again a group of individuals prepared meals on our given days. What I learned through these outreach efforts was that there were individuals with enormous hearts and a substantial calling to help the very poorest of our fair city. This is a new day, a new cry for help, and a new opportunity for us to carry out our mission of feeding people whenever possible.

But we need you. We need you to coordinate volunteers [a small group is all you need to start] and to convey material needs to Out of the Box, so we can make sure you have the supplies you need. No fundraising is required of you or your group. If you want to raise money for Out of the Box - great, but the job I am describing will have you on your feet sharing Grace, Mercy, and peanut butter sandwiches immediately.

So the choice is up to you. Will we drop off supplies on a monthly basis? Or will we send a team to provide warm lunches and smiles? Will we matter in this effort? I foresee a few teams of 4 or 5 whose Mission work would be to prepare meals once per month.

If you are interested in helping this effort at any level - please contact me. Even if you are not interested in forming a team, I would be happy to connect you with the numerous churches in our area who have responded, "Yes, I will help." If you are interested in a deeper role, please contact us.

3rd Annual Cookie-Palooza Extravaganza

It is time to start thinking about the *3rd Annual Cookie-Palooza Extravaganza*. Time to start testing your Christmas Cookie recipes [yes - we have volunteer tasters at the ready], because every year we ask our friends and neighbors to bake a few dozen cookies and bring them to Trinity Presbyterian Church on December 15th. When all the cookies arrive we re-assemble packages into plates of assorted cookies - and then 200 families receive a little Christmas gift from their caring neighbors.

I thank each of you for the good and important work you are doing, for the money you give, and for the hope you give people.

Kevin Hansen



Grace Night is back!

You are invited to join us Wednesday evenings for our Grace Night program. Our finance study called *Financial Peace University* is well underway. It is too late to begin this powerful video study based on biblical principles, but keep this in mind for the future

In December, Grace Night will meet December 4th and December 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping our homeless community, you will want to participate in our service projects that are appropriate for ages 5 and up. Smaller children may participate if an older child or adult helps them. December 4th we will prepare goody bags for the homeless, and December 18th we will wrap new books for homeless children.

In 2014 we will begin a biblical study called *The Seven Deadly Sins*. Grace Night will meet every other week beginning January 8th. Class will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and snacks will be served.

Please join us or be in prayer for us!

Hope to see you at Grace Night!

Operation Kids' Christmas Crafts

If you have children ages 5 to 14, you will want to take advantage of Operation Kids' Christmas Crafts. The children will enjoy a few hours of crafting and making gifts for family members. The event will be November 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with lunch served from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Children will make crafts, earn prizes, and have fun fellowshiping with multigenerational crafters. We will even wrap the gifts and send them home ready to place under your Christmas trees! Preregistration is required to ensure we have adequate supplies for all children.

Children are encouraged to invite a friend to this fun event. Registration slips are available online at www.TrinityWestSac.org or by calling the church office at (916)371.5875.

Elder Jane Gentry

ADD SOMETHING THIS ADVENT

Our Theme for Advent this Year is “Add”

We will learn about what we can “Add” to our lives.

The schedule is:

Dec 1: Add: Hope

Dec 8: Add: Peace

Dec 15: Add: Love

Dec 22: Add: Joy

Christmas Eve Schedule:

5:00 pm Family Friendly

7:00 pm Traditional

11:00 pm Candlelight

Remembrance Sunday:

November 10: 9 & 11 am

Join us as we remember those who passed away since November 2012. Please contact the church for a Remembrance Day form or go to at

www.trinitywestsac.org to fill out a form online.

Youth Ministry

Greetings Trinity church family. Our youth ministry is moving forward with great activities, games and Bible study on Wednesday nights. We would like to invite all high school students to attend our Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 pm.

Don't miss out on all the fun. Just to refresh your memory, the youth did the following activities and community outreach for the month of September: movie night at Century Downtown Plaza 7, passing out flyers in the community inviting people to Financial Peace University, welcoming all participants to Financial Peace University each week, and we washed the church van. In addition, every 4th Wednesday of each month, the youth ministry celebrates all youth birthdays for that month.

Do you like a good scare, a bonfire, and endless fun outdoors? Well, we had just the activity for you! The youth ministry invited all our youth to Dave's Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 25, 2013 @ 6:45 pm to 10 pm. We met at the church and free transportation and admission was provided for all youth who attend Trinity. Even some who hadn't attended our youth group in a long time, never attended, or are just shy, took advantage of this invitation. We encourage you to give us a chance as we plan fun events throughout the year.

The youth ministry would like to thank the church for sponsoring our activities and sponsoring dessert for our birthday celebration each month. As a result, the youth ministry would like to give back through volunteer services to the church.

God bless you all,

The Youth Ministry



November Birthdays



Anna Gil	1	Mariesha Moreau	14
Scott Hudgins	1	Sam Phipps	14
Jeanine Snyder	1	Nicole Drew	15
Don Brooks	2	Andrea Drew	15
Katie Magana	2	Sophia Dell	17
Alex Reynen	4	Casey Hamby	17
Joey Kelley	5	Luke Smith	18
Derek Barrett	6	Jack Hansen	20
Yunuen Jimenez	6	Peyton Sabin	20
Benjamin Rodriguez	8	Dale Davis	22
Gayle Andrade	11	Pat Terry	22
Tammy Backus	11	Freddy Grexton	25
Breawanna Heffner	12	Vi Taylor	26
Rory Phillips	12	Michele Hart	30
Joe Walker	12	Skyler Ramirez	30
Vanita Vrilakas	13		
Fiona Haney	14		

giving thanks

World Communion Sunday



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Trinity's Vision Statement

Trinity Church is a Spirit-filled, loving, and life-transforming community of believers who experience Jesus Christ and grow in faith together, challenging each other to serve with compassion and creativity. In response to God's grace, we bring the hope of life in Jesus Christ to the community and the world, inviting them to join us on our journey of discipleship.

