
TRINITY TIDINGS

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A loving, Christian community, feeding God's people in mind, body, and spirit

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ALL ABOUT PAGE

For two-and-a-half years, I have regularly brought my 87-year-old mother, Page Schenck, to Sunday worship services at Trinity Lutheran Church. Though she is not a member, she contributes regularly, if modestly, to the church's general budget and several mission programs. Though she is not a Lutheran, she was thrilled to find a Protestant church pastored by an outspoken black woman.

I say that I bring Page regularly, but as some of you have noticed, these days her attendance is much more irregular. These days, Parkinson's disease exacts greater and greater tolls on her body and her brain. These days, she sleeps much more.

But there was a time when she did not. There was a time when she did not fall and break a leg, and fall again and break a hip, and fall again and break an arm. A time when she did not need a cane, a walker, a wheelchair. A time when she was a mentally and physically strong woman. A time when she was a mentally and physically strong girl.

And it was good.

In spite of everything, it was good.

It was good to be born a direct female descendant of Pocahontas. Even if her third-grade teacher said she was lying, and she ran from the classroom and from the school, all the way home, to get her grandfather to explain, nay prove, that, yes, indeed, she was.

It was good to be born a girl with unruly curly black hair. Even if her brothers and others called her Little N--. Even if it would take nearly 100 years for the general society to agree that epithet deserved to be buried, or at least truncated. Even if she would spend decades in the chairs of segregated salons that didn't know what to do with all those curls.

It was good to be a girl who would run unaccompanied in the woods, excited to start a fire and send smoke signals home, fanning the flames with her new winter coat. Even if she was such a strong girl that she beat up boys who, when they were older, were too proud to ask her on dates.

It was good to be a young woman who attended the women's college of which her Episcopal-theologian-and-minister grandfather was a founder, to discover the joy that came from studying religion deeply and finding her own way. Even if it meant she would depart from the Christian Science teachings of her childhood. Even if it meant the world would change so much that the existence of women's colleges would one day be in peril.

It was good to be a young woman who produced television in New York City, in Hollywood, in San Francisco—to single-handedly seek out Jimmy Hoffa to arrange a rare on-screen interview. Even after he initially dismissed “that broad” from his presence. Even after her name would be removed

from the show's credits to be replaced with a man's. Even after she was laid off because, after all, her much junior male colleague had "a wife and children to support."

It was good to be a woman who would marry a man who owned his own business, a man with whom she would have three children. Even if he would crumble under the pressure of being husband and father and leave before the youngest—a girl—wasn't yet a year old, still nursing. Even if it meant she would have to return to work and scramble to provide care for her children, to be father and mother.

It was good to be a woman who would teach others' children—God's children, to take them from the housing projects where they lived under the constant glare of street lamps to places they'd never been to see stars they'd never seen. Even if it meant she would be paid a substandard wage because teaching in Texas in the 1970's and 1980's was considered

polite work for society wives who had nothing better to do with their time after their children were grown.

It was good to be a woman who, in retirement, found love again, who could say in her seventy-ninth year, "I've never been happier. I'm so grateful to God for everything that came before this, because without it, I wouldn't be right here, right now." Even if it meant she would soon lose her love to the ravages of a disease that would take first his brain and then his body.

Yes, it was good.

In fact, it was great.

And it IS great.

Because, God knows, simply being a girl and a woman in this world requires greatness.

— Addison Diehl

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Tidings is welcome to do so. Articles could be a biography of one of our members, an interesting faith experience of yours or someone you know, a perspective on our Lutheran beliefs or heritage, reflections on meeting challenges during the call process, vision for Trinity's future, or other information of general interest. Articles should be from one half to one page long. Ruth needs your article by the 20th of the month for the next month's Tidings. Please let her know a couple of weeks in advance if you will be providing an article so she can plan the space for it. We look forward to seeing the written word from some of our members!

CAUGHT YOU CARING

The following people were cited for performing random acts of kindness during the past two months. Thanks to all who took the time to recognize others. A random selection was made and a small token of appreciation was given. Each act gives honor and glory to God as we reach out to others in His name. Please, continue to notify Jo (in person, by phone or email) with names of those doing acts of kindness; let's keep this program going!!!

- Dave Koschney—for sewing the pew in the parish hall, working on the flood lights in the parking lot, helping to install a vent in the multipurpose room and helping with a plumbing repair
- Henry and Noreen Baldwin—for outreach and visitation to an elderly woman in need of companionship
- Ruth Texidor—for taking the time to research, purchase and set up new telephones in the staff offices
- Michael Green—for helping a stranded motorist in our parking lot
- Bill Taylor—for helping to install an outdoor flood light, helping with a plumbing repair and supervising the roof repair
- Keith Miller—for helping to install an outdoor flood light
- Wally Secosky—for helping to install a vent in the multipurpose room
- Rowena Zenk—for donations to the Native American Ministries and for her performance at their monthly meeting
- Noreen Baldwin and Judy Vogt—for providing transportation for Rowena to the Native American Ministries meeting
- Susan Meintel—for her hand work in getting kids registered for camp
- TLC Call Committee—for their hard work on the ministry profile

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2019

Submitted by Sarah Rose, Secretary

Old Business

Call Committee – The ministry site profile will be finalized by the end of July.

Camp – No changes in registration.

Security – Trinity is looking into purchasing motion sensors, cameras, panic buttons, and more to better the safety of the church and its members. We are considering staff/volunteers during service to provide security. There would be training offered for these individuals.

Signage – A full bid will be conducted before next council meeting for a new sign out front.

Community Action Ministry – The outreach is going well. This has been a great opportunity for the churches to connect and provide a service to those in need. They are still looking for small and medium clothes to be donated.

New Business

Lutheran Social Services – They would like to purchase a new sign to go out closer to the street. MSC

Lutheran Youth Conference – The Capital Conference would like to set up a youth organization for youth to meet twice a month for fellowship and service. Casey Goslin would be the director of the group. Some grants are already in place. The Capital Conference has asked participating churches to donate \$500 twice a year. The first donation would need to be in by September, 2019. Council has chosen to hold this decision until the next meeting when more members are present.

Thanks and Recognition:

We appreciate and applaud:

- The Schulz family for organizing and implementing the final multi-generational Sunday School on May 19th.
- Dave Koschney and Don Brethauer for repairing the large rip in the parish hall pew.
- Jerry Cook for cantoring our worship liturgy and all the praise team for encouraging the congregation in signing.
- Pastor Joe for spearheading better security measures at Trinity.

Next meeting date and time: Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 6:30 pm



PHOENIX-AREA LUTHERAN YOUTH

For the last two years, Phoenix-area Lutheran Pastors and Youth Directors have been in prayerful conversation on establishing a program to provide monthly opportunities for youth from different congregations to come together and live into “We are church together”. This fall, Phoenix-area Lutheran Youth, known as PhLY will be providing those monthly opportunities for high school youth from over a dozen different Lutheran congregations to come together at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1212 E Glendale, every second Saturday of the month from 4:00—8:00 pm. These monthly opportunities will consist of community building activities, service projects, faith formation, a yearly retreat, and a mission trip. PhLY is being led by Casey Goslin who has over two decades of experience in Youth Ministry retreats and events. Casey will be visiting congregations all year long to make a personal connection with not only the youth, but the families and communities who support them. Casey can be reached at PhLYministry@gmail.com. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on each upcoming event.