



# Trinity Tidings

## From Pastor B's Desk

Death and taxes...the two certainties in life...death and taxes. They are both five letter words, but they may as well be spelled with four letters!

Nobody really likes paying taxes, they are kind of a necessary evil. Nonetheless, as we all hold the vocation of citizen, we must share the tax burden of our nation (whether or not we agree with the amount, or the things on which they are spent). We would find ourselves in some pretty hot water if we were to stop paying them.

And death. It is about as ugly an enemy as there is! I think we can all agree that taxes are preferable to death (thank God for the blood of Jesus which saves us from our death!).

We now enter the season of Easter, the blessed celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen!! Alleluia!!!! And while we must pay our taxes, or face stiff penalties, we still have the hope of eternal life in Jesus. His death on the cross, and his resurrection to new life is our only hope to be with him for all of eternity. To experience the fullness of the defeat of death.

The Epistle reading for Easter Sunday is *1 Corinthians 15:19-26*,

"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death."

In these words (and throughout 1 Corinthians 15) we see the hope that the resurrection of Jesus brings to us who have been made alive in him. We see that all of the enemies of the Kingdom of God (want to know more about God's Kingdom?? Join us in Bible Study, Sundays at 9am

for our study of the Acts of the Apostles!) are destroyed through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection! "The last enemy to be destroyed is death." And death has been destroyed because it could not hold the Son of God in its nasty little grip. Jesus broke free from the bonds of death, and rose to new life. Because of this, we have the promise and hope of our own resurrection in Jesus (again, read 1 Cor. 15)!!

Yes, we still have to pay taxes...but death has been defeated and when Jesus returns, he will wipe the tears from our faces and we will enjoy eternity with him!

May the blessings of Jesus be with you all. We'll see you Sunday!

In Christ, Pastor B.

### Congregational Meeting Update

On Sunday March 13, Trinity Lutheran Church held its semi-annual congregational meeting. There were three business items on the agenda. Knowing that some of you were not present, as your congregational president, I wish to briefly summarize those items for you. First, the congregation approved which funds would be used to reconcile the 2015 budget deficit of approximately \$13,000. Similar to recent years, proceeds from the Triplex, miscellaneous income, and interest income are used. Second, the congregation approved how proceeds from the Endowment Fund would be distributed. Recipients include Lutheran High School, LCMS Veterans of the Cross, and Rev. Ellis of Zion Lutheran Church in North Highlands (who has been disabled following a stroke). Third, there was initial discussion about the possibility of adding one or more stained glass window to the sanctuary. The congregation directed the Elders and Maintenance Chairman Gary Dinnen to consider possible cost and design options and to come back to the congregation at the next congregational meeting (November) for further discussion about possible options.

### Scholarships Available

The Lutheran Laymen's League of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District operates the Herb Rourke Scholarship Endowment Fund. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance grants to ministerial or teacher candidates from our geographical area preparing to enter the full time ministerial or teaching professions in approved Lutheran programs. To be eligible for a grant, the candidate must be admitted to and diligently pursue an approved course of study at a seminary or college of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

To request a grant from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Student Aid fund please go to "<http://www.cnh-lhm.org> and locate Student Aid at the bottom".

### Our Website

Our website for Trinity is up and running and being updated regularly by a small group of members. We are in the process of upgrading the site to include mobile devices such as cell phones and pads. This process may take a few months. Currently, the sermons are recorded and then put on our website the same day. Due to technical issues or absents of one of the members, a sermon may not be recorded or uploaded the same day. We hope to keep these sermons on the site for 6 months or longer.

Our website gives you a way to connect to other sites, such as the Men's Network to see the Bible Studies in video format. If you missed past Reformation services, visit our website to connect to the CNH LHM website to see these past services. You can also fill out a scholarship application for education in full time church work.

We will work hard to keep information secure and private from the many search engines. If you want to submit an article to the Tidings, please remember to not include full names with addresses or phones numbers. You do not need to have an account to view our website. If you wish to read this article on the web, visit [www.tlc-ms.com](http://www.tlc-ms.com) (our website). The address is in the bulletin weekly.

Stewardship Chair  
Steve M

Dear Trinity Members,

Thank you for all the prayers and support you gave and continue to give me and my family after the loss of my son Leonard in February. The ladies of WinGS did a wonderful job of setting up and providing dessert for the reception.

Thank you Pastor B for helping us through this difficult time.

I am blessed and thankful for all of you.

Your friend in Christ,

Teddy

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### Women's Craft Group:

**we meet the 2nd Monday of the month, from 9:30 to noon.** Everyone brings their own project to work on. Some of our projects are donated to different groups, but some are for our own use. Directions for knit and crocheted hats for premature babies, knit and crocheted prayer shawls and pillowcase dresses are available (call Melissa). So far our group has donated 10 handcrafted blankets to Project Linus, 6 knit caps for premature babies to Sutter Hospital, and 3 pillowcase dresses to children in Guatemala. All women are welcome to join us.

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by outreach to the community  
through the spreading  
of the Gospel of Christ  
by spirit-filled worship,  
education, fellowship and service.

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## Announcements

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or the Tidings please give it to Sharon in the office. Bulletin announcements are due by **Wednesday morning**.

The Tidings deadline is the **15th of every month**.

Announcements for the screen may be sent directly to Brian or through the church office email, [tlcsecsharon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlcsecsharon@sbcglobal.net).

## Directory Changes

Please let the church office know if you have moved or have a new phone number or any other changes in your family. Thank you.

## **River City Food Bank**

Is in **GREAT** need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, and pasta. Please bring items and deposit them in the container in Friendship Hall. Always **NEEDS** plastic bags and brown paper bags! We are also in need of volunteers. Please talk to Dottie if you are interested. Thanks!

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## **Book Note...**

From surgeon and bestselling author Atul Gawande, a book that is changing medicine and lives *Being Mortal*.

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Gawande reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced. Nursing homes, devoted above all to safety, battle with residents over the food they are allowed to eat and the choices they are allowed to make. Doctors, uncomfortable discussing patients' anxieties about death, fall back on false hopes and treatments that are actually shortening lives instead of improving them. And families go along with all of it.

In his bestselling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its ultimate limitations and failures—in his own practices as well as others' - as life draws to a close. And he discovers how we can do better. He follows a hospice nurse on her rounds, a geriatrician in his clinic, and reformers turning nursing homes upside down. He finds people who show us how to have the hard conversations and how to ensure we never sacrifice what people really care about.

Riveting, honest, and humane, *Being Mortal* shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the very end.

Dennis

# Trinity Calendar

April 2016

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