

### IN THE NEWS

**Norman Hazard** was featured in an article in *The Mesa Paper*. Norm was born in Santa Barbara and has lived here most of his life. He bought a lot on Palisades Dr on the Mesa for \$500 in the 1950's and for \$1,000 he built his first house on that lot himself!

**Kim Bish** has been appointed West Central Coast District chair of the Elks National Foundation Scholarship and Student of the Month programs. Kim joined the Elks in 1992 and has served as Loyal Knights for two years and head of the Student of the Month program for five years. He has also been a member of the Rotary Club since 1978 and is programs coordinator for the third year. He is a two-time recipient of the Paul Harris award and hopes to go on a Rotary International Polio vaccination trip to India next year.

### WE WELCOME

**Raena Joy Grainger** was born April 9. Raena is the first child of Stephanie and Corbett Grainger.

**Seth and Karen Anderson are pleased** to announce the birth of their first grandchild, a granddaughter named **Natalie Marie**. Natalie Marie is the daughter of **Scott and Julie Anderson**.

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**The next Bookbinders meeting will be Sunday, May 18** beginning at 4:00 PM at the home of Jane Huhn. The book selected is *The State Boys Rebellion (A True Story)*, by Michael D'Antonio. This is a blurb on the book jacket:

“Forced into institutions where they were drugged, sterilized, abused and neglected, tens of thousands of normal children were victims of a misguided campaign to improve the national gene pool. A handful fought back, and survived to tell the inside story of America's eugenic era.”

As a courtesy to the hostess, **please RSVP by May 16** so she will know how many to expect. You may RSVP by calling Jane at 682-2189 or E-mailing or calling Cindie in the church office ([telcsb@aol.com](mailto:telcsb@aol.com) or 687-1577).

We look forward to seeing you on May 18, and please feel free to bring a friend.

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES



<b>Len &amp; Erica Lamensdorf</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Dorrance &amp; Betty Anderson</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Erik &amp; Ulla Jorgensen</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Jane Maddalon</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Graham &amp; Kim Hurvitz</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Bernice Phillips</b>	<b>18</b>

Please call the office with any corrections or additions to this list.



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Glenn &amp; Bernice Bragstad</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>William &amp; Phyllis Cederberg</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Leonard &amp; Doris Wedman</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Mac &amp; Sharon Sanborn</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Martin &amp; Helen Seyfried</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>John &amp; Kathy Hartnett</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Mel &amp; Linda Vogel</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Chally &amp; Marian Chalberg</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Shari Herzog</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>George &amp; Marlene Reimer</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Jane Huhn</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Evelyn Tetherow</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Don &amp; Reta Howe</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Judi Brooks</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Mike Zoradi &amp; Susan Malde</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Brent &amp; Lisa Daniels</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Richard &amp; Kristin Tufvesson</b>	<b>18</b>		

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## ...NG IN WORSHIP IN MAY



**ALTAR GUILD: Ruth Harrison, Maxine Rajala, and Nancy Sittig**

### READERS

**8:00 AM**

**10:15 AM**

First Sunday  
Second Sunday  
Third Sunday  
Fourth Sunday

John West  
Tom Brooks

**9:30 AM**

Marshall Sittig  
Ray Duarte  
Rich Lashua  
Jane Maddalon

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**8:00 AM**

**10:15 AM**

First Sunday  
Second Sunday  
Third Sunday  
Fourth Sunday

Austin Malde-Zoradi  
Hans Steenstrup

**9:30 AM**

Lorena Moore-Karppinen  
Thomas Perez  
Jack Trieger  
Nathan Tufvesson

### GUEST TABLE

**10:15 AM**

First Sunday  
Second Sunday  
Third Sunday  
Fourth Sunday

Larry & Astie Hammett

**9:30 AM**

Marty Appel  
Ron & Dale Oftebro  
Ruthe Anderson

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

**Directory Update:** Few people would disagree that we need a new pictorial directory at Trinity. If your is like ours, each directory page is decorated with cross-outs, penciled-in phone numbers, address changes and deletions. The need is clear; however a new pictorial directory awaits the arrival of a new pastor.

In the meantime, be sure to review your information for the updated directory that will be published soon (no pictures, just addresses and phone numbers.) People from the Membership Team will assist you as you review your information on Sunday mornings throughout the month of May.

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**Welcome Bags:** The Membership Team delivers a bag-full of goodies and information about Trinity to first time guests at Trinity. These “Welcome bags” are attractive and are likely to be reused by the recipient. We hope that the bag will remind the visitor about their Sunday morning at Trinity, and might cause them to return.

Last year Betty Ahlgren sewed up a large supply of “Welcome Bags,” but our team has delivered the last of them. Is there a new volunteer who would like to sew up bags? Betty says it’s a “piece of cake” to make them. If interested, call Dennis or Betty Lewis at 569-8846.

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**Psst! Try this!** Many congregations use the “**2-Minute Rule**” to welcome guests on Sunday morning. It’s so simple! The “**2-Minute Rule**” goes like this: **For the first two minutes at the conclusion of worship, every member should look for a guest, or someone they do not know. Then, before chatting with old friends, they should introduce themselves and become acquainted with that guest.** Try it...it works! You’ll have done your part to make a new-comer feel welcome.



**We'd like to try something new regarding the treats after worship on Sunday.** There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for those of us who would like to bring treats. You can sign up to bring treats for after the first or second service (one person per service). You don't have to bring a lot; just 2 or 3 dozen items. This will give all of us who like to bake (but can't eat it all), a chance to treat others. Bring what you like: cookies, brownies, muffins, breads, donuts, etc. It will be nice to have some variety. Let's give it a try.

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**We would like to offer 2 opportunities for volunteer service to our members and**



**friends.** As Director of Care Ministry, **Sharon Troll** has reinstated our monthly Senior Luncheons. **Food From the Heart** has graciously volunteered to prepare the food, but Sharon needs a small committee to help with set-up, food service and clean-up after the luncheon. You can volunteer for one month or for several. No long term commitment is required. The next Senior Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for May 8 (the second Thursday of the month.) If you can help out in May, please call

Sharon in the church office.

Sharon would also like a small committee to help put together the quarterly **Women's Fellowship** events she has been organizing. Again, no long term commitment is required. If you would like to be part of the Women's Fellowship Organizational Team, please call Sharon in the church office.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 8 following a single 9:30 AM worship service. At this meeting the budget for 2008/2009 will be approved and the Council will be elected. Please plan to attend.**

## When I Say “I Am A Christian”

By Carol Wimmer

When I say...”I am a Christian”  
I’m not shouting “I am saved”  
I’m whispering “I get lost”  
“That is why I chose this way.”

When I say...”I am a Christian”  
don’t speak of this with pride.  
I’m confessing that I stumble  
And need someone to be my guide.

When I say “I am a Christian”  
I’m not trying to be strong.  
I’m professing that I’m weak  
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say “I am a Christian”  
I’m not bragging of success.  
I’m admitting I have failed  
and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say...”I am a Christian”  
I’m not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are too visible  
But God believes I’m worth it.

When I say “I am a Christian”  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartaches  
which is why I seek his name.

When I say...”I am a Christian”  
I do not wish to judge.  
I have no authority.  
I only know I’m loved.

Getting dressed and out the door on Sunday mornings is somehow much easier said than done. I'll be providing a series of suggestions for improving Sunday mornings; here are two for this month:

**Prioritize:** It would seem a bit obvious, but it's worth mentioning. Make Sunday morning in worship the rule, not the exception. Bring friends, wear the soccer uniforms- whatever it takes to show your children that spending time with God is not just something we do when there's nothing else to do.

**Plan ahead:** Sunday mornings begin with the plans and intentions of Saturday night. Some families choose clothes the night before or plan a particularly easy breakfast.

If you need tips on how to play that out at home, talk to me before or after worship (I'm usually at both services on any given Sunday), or even give me a call or an email ([kidzndrumz@aol.com](mailto:kidzndrumz@aol.com)) and we'll talk about ways to get that faith journey moving. Here's why it's important:

"I'll bring my children when they're old enough," many parents promise, not quite clear when that age will be. Any age is an appropriate age to join the church, but for parents there may be no age when bringing children to worship is an easy task. But what it comes down to is a pair of rock solid truths: Children Need the Church and the Church Needs Children. Here are examples of each:

**Why do children need the church?**

-Children learn the foundations of the faith: learning stories, memorizing the Lord's Prayer- all to support them later in life.

**Why does the church need children?**

-Children bring gifts of faith to the community. Who else will ask the questions that a preschooler asks? Or bring the enthusiasm? Who can challenge like a sincere adolescent? When we listen to them, children serve as prophets, calling us adults back to the implications of our faith.

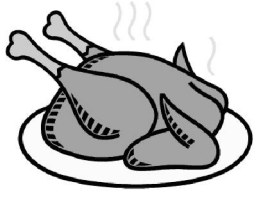
Shalom,  
Rich Lashua  
Director of Christian Education/Youth and Family Ministries



Thank you to **Dick Landru, Richard Schneider and Jimmy Maddalon** for their many hours of service to the buildings and property of Trinity. Just recently Dick Landru spent hours here repainting the white strip on the edge of the stairs and along the parking lot curb for better visibility. He, Richard and Jimmy also spent many hours repositioning the wooden screen behind the piano in the chapel and Richard designed and built a small covering over the heater controls.

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Thank you to **Dorothy Burkhart** for coordinating the Transition House dinner on April 21. The residents were treated to barbecued chicken, rice, green salad, broccoli and cupcakes for dessert. We also provided lunch meat and cheese for sandwiches and oranges, tangelos, chips and cookies for the next day's lunch. Food donors were: **Ellen Ahlers, Betty Lewis, Martin Halseth, Jane Maddalon, Nancy Sittig, Jean Wollenberg, Cindie Trieger, June Brusse, Judi Brooks and Mary Gregersen.** Servers were: **Jean Wollenberg, Marten Halseth and Edwina Mindheim** and **Phyllis Bruno from Valle Verde.** **Robin Monroe** of *Food From the Heart* donated some food items and gave Dorothy some good advice. Many thanks to all who generously support this mission.



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### Social Justice Group

There's something new in the air; and it might be something that would interest YOU! It's the Social Justice Discussion and Action Group (SJDAG) which meets once a month in the Fireside Room here at Trinity. We have 17 members, most of them from Trinity, Grace and Christ Lutheran churches. We also have members from Trinity Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist and Catholic congregations.

We are interested in all Social Justice issues, such as fair housing, sensible immigration policies, homelessness, fair treatment for women in the workplace, racism, torture, unjust war, and more.

Our goal is to grasp the Christian perspective on social issues. Then, we look for ways to increase public awareness about these issues, with the hope of producing change.

Our next meeting is May 11, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Come join us!



# Calling Communicates Caring



We've all heard the slogan "Reach out and touch someone." In fact this AT&T slogan is the 2008 Hall of Fame slogan winner for best branding in advertising. What makes this slogan so successful is that it is designed to connote action. Calling communicates compassion, support, and encouragement.

As followers of Christ there are many passages in the Bible that speak us into action and into personal relationship. Proverbs 23:27 says, "Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds." Luke 15:4 says, "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, does not leave the ninety nine in the wilderness, and go after the lost one until it is found?"

In 2006 MSNBC reported that there are approximately 2 billion cell phones world wide. In less than twenty years, the mobile phone has gone from being rare, expensive equipment of the business elite to a pervasive, low-cost personal item. In the U.S., 50 percent of children have mobile phones. Dr. Peter Horsfield, an ordained minister, states, "the development of electronic technology has not only changed the speed and way we communicate but also how we relate to one another. We have come to believe in the past two decades that mass media are the most important, most influential and most necessary forms of communication. We must also remember inter-personal communication (one with one) is still the most effective means of communication." Jesus spoke to the people and with the people not the voicemail, fax machine, text messaging or email.

Communication is the breath (spirit) of our common existence. Rick Warren, in the Purpose Driven Church states that CARE stands for "Contact, Assist, Relate and Encourage." We are a family connected and joined together as the parts of one Body. Keeping in touch with one another provides opportunities for people to build relationship, provides better care to our congregation, and elevates our sense of community and increases visitor flow and retention.

I can share an example with you of how a church member reached out to me. Early in my years as a single working parent of two teenagers there were many days of feeling overwhelmed with family and financial responsibility not to mention the challenges of having a child with ADD. From dawn to dusk activities



*...was literally no white space on my calendar. The few breaks of peace I looked forward to were Roy's Monday night telephone calls. He would call faithfully asking how I was doing, letting me know that he would pray for me in the coming week and lastly, he let me know what activities were going on in the church. Today I look back on his months of faithfulness as a follower of Jesus Christ and how much those telephone calls lifted my spirit.*

*This month I would like you to pray about becoming a CARE Caller here at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Your phone call may be the gift of life you give in reaching out and making that person feel like they really belong and are cared about. Look for the information on the patio this May. We start in June!*

*Sharon Troll, Parish Nurse*

***46 million people have Arthritis.***

***That's 46 million reasons to walk to support research, prevention and cure for arthritis.***

***Come use your pedometer!***

***Arthritis Walk***

***Saturday May 31, 2008***

***SBCC West Campus***

***9:00-11:30AM***

***10:00AM Walk Begins***

***Call 563-4685 or join Karen Anderson's Team,  
"Karen's Krew" at [www.arthritiswalksb.org](http://www.arthritiswalksb.org)***





## ***May Senior Fellowship Luncheon***

***Come sing your favorite hymns with Phil  
Wilson***

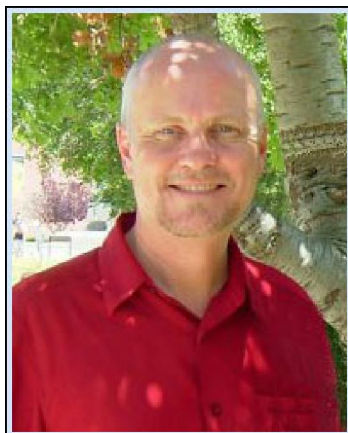
***Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>***

***11:00 Gathering***

***11:15 Program***

***12:00 Luncheon***

***Cost: \$6:00***



***Sign-up on the patio and be sure to write down your favorite  
hymn***





Care Ministry Meeting  
Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
4 PM Church Library



**“CARE CALLERS”**

Calling communicates caring. Come join this new ministry as we come together on showing our spiritual hospitality to those we care about.

**How are we doing financially?**

<b>March income:</b>	<b>40,574.00</b>	<b>YTD income:</b>	<b>310,766.00</b>
<b>March expenses:</b>	<b>38,283.00</b>	<b>YTD expenses:</b>	<b>336,403.00</b>
	<b>+2,291.00</b>		<b>-25,637.00</b>

**WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Ken Siegele, Larry Hammett, Stanyon Anderson, Irene Anderson, Sandra Owens, the family of Chironjit in Bangladesh.

## Call Committee Chronicle

Last month I indicated that our search to find a pastor for Trinity had been narrowed from three to one. This candidate asked for time while he interviewed at two other congregations which had approached him. We prayed for both the candidate and for Trinity that this be the right match. The candidate called me on Saturday, April 19 and recommended we move forward with our call process. He had not yet made a firm decision but felt he could not ask us to wait any longer. He appears to be leaning in another direction.

Initially there was a feeling of rejection on the part of the call committee including myself. Our congregation has been waiting for so long and yet our prayers are not yet answered. As I moved through my grief process I was struck by the similarity of my cry to that of the Israelites and Christ's agony on the cross. They felt abandoned. I received some comforting words from our Bishop:

*“God has not abandoned you! The risen Christ continues to walk with you, just as he walked with the disciples on the Emmaus Road centuries ago! And in time he will reveal his will to all of us. I know that it’s the waiting that is hard right now, especially when people are anxious. But we all need clear thinking and trusting at this time, not decisions that are made from fear or anxiety Until then, let’s continue to pray and trust that the Holy Spirit is working for the good of all and to the glory of God.”*

*Peace, Bishop Dean Nelson*

The call committee met on Monday, April 21 and considered our options. We will be contacting previous candidates to see about their availability and continued interest. I also contacted the synod office regarding this decision and they responded quickly to our request and have identified more potential candidates.

As I look back on this process, I give thanks for the privilege of interviewing and communicating with so many pastors and for the wisdom they have imparted to Trinity. For example, after interviewing two of our candidates, I asked them to place in writing their thoughts on how they would lead Trinity to become a missional church, working to fulfill the great commission. One responded with a 4 page document and another with a 10 page document. Their insightful comments have lead to actions already on the part of our church council and congregation. So this process is not in vain. I truly feel today the Lord's hand at work.

I am reminded of a verse from a recent Gospel lesson:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust also in Me.” John 14:1  
We will move forward, trusting in the Lord for guidance.

Bob Huhn  
Chair, Trinity Call Committee

## A TRULY HISTORIC EVENT

Many of us are still basking in the glow of our joint liturgy on Reformation Sunday last October at Trinity with our sisters and brothers from area Lutheran churches. And our souls have been nurtured more recently as the Lutheran community came together to mark Ash Wednesday at Christ and Good Friday at Grace. I think there is a lively sense among us that the Holy Spirit is calling us together for a new adventure in cooperative mission in greater Santa Barbara.

The next event, which will be nothing short of historic, will take place at Trinity on Trinity Sunday, May 18. At 9:30 am the congregations, choirs and clergy of Christ, Faith, Grace and Trinity churches and campus ministry will join in worship, gathering as one around Word and Table. Bringing the Word will be Bishop Dean W. Nelson of our Southwest California Synod.

Worship will be followed by brunch in the Fellowship Hall – please sign up on the patio after church so we know how much food to order. The “100 Ideas” from our Reformation Day brainstorming will be discussed. These have been organized into six areas:

Worship and music

Bible Study/Education and Spiritual Growth

Youth and Family Ministry

Fellowship

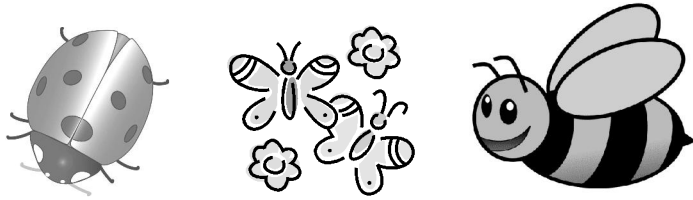
Outreach, Social Ministry, Health and Senior Ministry

Long Range Development/Envisioning

We will create concrete action plans for collaborative work as well as consider a name and mission statement for this new entity. You will not want to miss this fantastic opportunity for worship, fellowship and visioning.

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## The Halo Chronicles April 2008



The Ladybug class (2-3 year olds) has been busy studying sea life. They have made painted sea stars, glued with colored sand on sea horses and most recently painted a real halibut, turned a paper upside down and took a print of it. All art work is hanging around the classroom which makes for a wonderful ocean scene.

The Bumblebee class (3-4 year olds) began studying spring, emphasizing planting. They are learning the importance of pulling weeds before planting flowers and vegetables and were able to see exactly what their efforts created. They also planted individual green beans in cups to take home. They enjoyed many “spring” art projects which included pressing flowers, and painting sunflowers while using real sunflower seeds for the center.

The Butterfly class (4-5 year olds) is studying a unit on the rainforest and spring this month. First their room was transformed into a rainforest with vines and animals hanging from the ceiling. Then they learned about the 4 layers of the rainforest, the animals that live in it, and ended their unit with a “rainforest snack.” Now they are planting in their garden and watching with wide eyes as small seedlings take shape.

The annual Spring Carnival took place on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. The carnival was full of fun with games and animal petting for the children, a fun raffle with great prizes, and a silent auction.

Little Angels Annual Spring Sing takes place on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to our Little Angels singing in the spring. All are welcome!

## Celebrations to Note In May

Certainly by now you've heard about our combined worship service on 5/18 at 9:30 AM for Trinity Sunday, but here's an important reminder of other happenings that just occurred or will happen soon:

- Sunday, 4/13 we gave Bibles to Rece and Sophie Graham (children of Ginna and Adam Graham), Auston and Landon Johnson (Ronda and Kevin Johnson's new twins), and to Bella, Trevor, and Natasha Hurvitz (children of Kim and Graham Hurvitz)!
- Sunday, 4/27 we gave Bibles to Ava and Aliz Schuette (children of Rich and Trudi Schuette), Alexander and Mattias Walker (children of Ken and Pernille Walker), Camille, Danielle, and Kyle Diehl (children of Heather and Eric Diehl), David and Emily Ebeling (children of Charles and Mary Ebeling), and Mark and Erica Schenker (children of Eric and Andrea Schenker).
- Sunday, 5/4, please join us for the baptism of the Johnson twins at the 10:15 AM service! We will also be presenting congregational gifts to newborns born to the Johnsons, Hurvitzes, and Graingers, all of whom have welcomed new babies into the world within the last six months!
- Sunday, 5/11, Austin Lokre will complete our confirmation program by affirming his baptism during the second service! This ceremony will actually be split in half, and Austin will complete it with his classmates from Christ Lutheran the following week, 5/18, to be completed and blessed by our bishop in our combined service!
- Sunday, 5/11 we will also be honoring and blessing teenagers in our church family who have recently acquired drivers' licenses or are beginning to do so.

Though our search for a new pastor is daunting at times, new life continues to flourish at Trinity! Please join me in welcoming and encouraging all of our young families as they celebrate so many significant milestones!

- Rich Lashua, Youth and Family/Christian Education Director

Jesus prays to his heavenly Father for eternal life for all those who have been “given” to the Son. So we read in John’s Gospel appointed, in the Revised Common Lectionary that we follow, for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 4. We learn further that eternal life is to know “the only true God, and Jesus Christ” who was sent by the Father. Then, as the reading comes to an end, Jesus prays for the unity of the church...”so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The next Sunday, May 11 marks the birthday of the church, and the Pentecost Gospel is also from John. In a house with locked doors the risen Christ came among fearful disciples with a greeting of “Shalom!” Then he defined the church as essentially missional, based on the essentially missionary character of God. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Energy for this mission, the Holy Spirit, was bestowed on them with the Savior’s own breath.

Our celebration of the Holy Trinity May 18 takes place, fittingly, at Trinity Church. But in the spirit of Christ’s wish for unity, “our” celebration will include the congregations, choirs and clergy of Christ, Faith (Missouri Synod) and Grace congregations and campus ministry. Southwest California Synod bishop Dean Nelson is the preacher at this single 9:30 am service which will be followed by lunch, fellowship and cooperative mission planning. This truly will be a landmark day in the history of Santa Barbara Lutheranism.

For Trinity Sunday the Gospel is from Matthew. Eleven disciples were gathered on a mountain in Galilee. When they saw Jesus “they worshiped him; but some doubted.” The Lord again sounds the mission theme as he commissions the disciples to replicate themselves in all nations, baptizing people trinitarily and teaching what Jesus taught. It may be helpful for all of us whose faith wavers from time to time to note that Jesus sent the disciples without waiting from all their doubts to be cleared up. We go in *his* power, not ours.

On May 25, Pentecost II, we will hear our Lord lecture about worry. He’s against it. He tells us that his heavenly Father is aware of our needs and cares for us. In Jesus’ teaching, worry is a sign of unfaith, a lack of trust in God. And in any event, we should be striving first for the kingdom of God – all the other stuff will come along as well.

See you in our Sunday assemblies, gladly gathered around Book and Table.

Bruce Wollenberg



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