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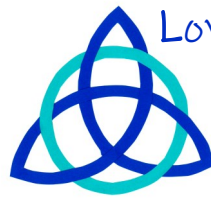
Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land,
and enjoy security.

Psalm 37:3, NRSV



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Living for Christ

Leading others to Christ

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Terry Ampaya	Curt Luft
George Anderson	Ted Rains
Kay Brethauer	Nancy Wolf
Marilyn Camper	Carol Young
Barbara Ewing	Grant & Kathi Yule
Fawn Humphries	Marcia Zerkel
Esther Johnson	

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY
& FRIENDS OF THE
RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

Shirley Anderson
June Arakawa
Dorothy Miller
Sue Mooney
Paul Wood

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Jim Ampaya	Marilyn Holthouse	Ted Rains
Dona Breitbarth	Nancy Jacobs	Val Rains
Kay Carpenter-Dorner	Linda Kintner	Linda Riewald
Michele Friesen	Gerry Mann	Martha Sanders
Joyce Grasmick	Tom McWaid	Brian Smith
Jerry Harman	Linda Packham	Sets Umeda
Pat Harman	Bobbie Pittman	Ed Vasquez
Jeff Hilgaertner		Dorothy Vasquez

**Weekly Prayer Gathering**

You are invited to join us
for a time of prayer
in the Reflection Garden
(or Fireside Room)
each Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Questions: Call the church office:
(805) 484-0530

Trinity Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

October

3rd Roger Riewald
5th John Hallisey
9th Brenda Schearer
13th Elena Davis
14th Ryan Wooff
18th Chuck Peters
19th Jackie Addison
20th Norm Clarke
25th Jordan Bidinger, Ruthie Kay, and Marcia Zerkel
26th Steve Giles
27th Willa Sterrenburg
28th Dorothy Vasquez
29th Louise Romero
31st Andrew Graham



Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Donna Mew - October 3rd
Tony & Sabrina Gilmor - October 13th
Jerry & Grethe Wygant - October 23rd
Clarke & Beckie Cramer - October 27th



- If you have an October birthday or anniversary that did not make it into the Trinity Times, please call the church office at (805) 484-0530, so we can update our database.

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Dan Rhymes, Bell Choir Director

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Daniel Szany, Custodian

Eliseo Zavala, Custodian

Elders

Dan Bornhoeft, Ed Curtis, Lloyd Friesen, Steve Giles,
Betsy Phillips, and Fred Raniere

Deacons

2026: Ruthie Kay, Pat Lagerstrom, Dory Raymond,
Zoe Shirley, and Jeanne Spahr

2027: Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, Tim Phares and Brenda Schearer

2028: Peggy Antos, Corinne Dawson, Michele Friesen,
Sabrina Gilmor, and Sandra Henningsen

Contacts: Other organizations on site**Beacon Hill Classical Academy**

Lindsay Leeds - Asst. Administrator - (805) 389-6581

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Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Ventura County

Ted Lin - contact for church - (805) 218-9340

From the Pastor's Desk



Stewardship and Giving to God's Work

When we hear the word stewardship, our minds often go straight to money. But in Scripture, stewardship is much bigger than that. A steward is someone entrusted with the care of something that belongs to another. Everything we have—our time, talents, treasure, even the breath in our lungs—belongs first to God. We are not owners but caretakers, called to manage His gifts faithfully.

God Owns It All

Psalm 24:1 declares, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." From the food on our tables to the opportunities before us, all comes from the Lord's hand. When we give back to God, we are not losing what is ours; we are returning what already belongs to Him.

Why We Give

Giving is an act of worship. Just as singing praises lifts our hearts to God, so does generous giving. It is also an act of trust. When we release part of what we have, we are declaring, "Lord, I believe You will continue to provide." Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

True Stewardship Goes Beyond Money

True stewardship is not just about what we put in the offering plate. It includes how we use our time in service, how we offer our skills for the good of others, and how we open our homes and hearts in hospitality. Every act of service, no matter how small, can be an offering to God.

The Impact of Giving

When we give faithfully, God's work expands. Your giving supports the ministries that touch the lives of others and builds relationships which open opportunities for people to deepen their faith. Your giving helps feed the hungry and provide the necessities of life for those in need. Your giving, whether large or small, becomes part of God's kingdom story. Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed thousands; He can take what we offer and accomplish far more than we can imagine.

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From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)



A Heart of Gratitude

Stewardship is ultimately about gratitude. We give not out of guilt, but out of joy—because we have already received so much from our Lord. The cross of Christ reminds us that God gave His very best: His Son for our salvation. Our giving is simply a reflection of His generosity.

A Prayerful Response

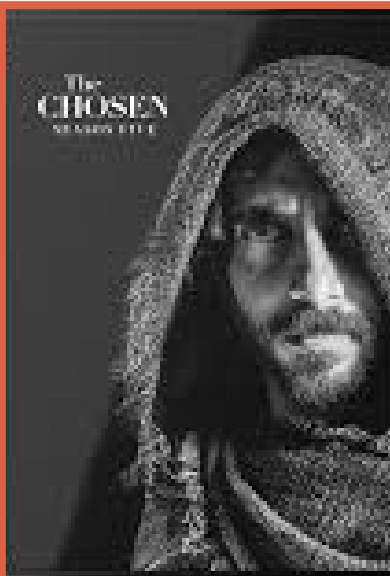
Soon you will be receiving a stewardship letter containing a pledge card in the mail. The Session will establish the 2026 budget off the responses to these cards as well as through the leading of the Holy Spirit. As you consider your pledge, your time, your talents, and your treasures, may God speak to you and lead you as you lean into Him.

“Lord, everything I have is Yours. Teach me to be a faithful steward of my time, my talents, and my treasure. Help me to give with joy, trusting in Your provision, and may my offerings bring glory to Your name. Amen.”

God's Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom



Come view and Discuss “The Chosen” Season 5

Pastor Tom is leading a group on Sunday mornings after the worship service through Oct. 26th. Grab some goodies on the patio and head over to the Fireside Room.

Betsy Phillips is leading a group on Mondays at 12-noon in the Fireside Room through Oct. 27th. Bring a lunch or snack with you!

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the **FREE** mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

If you have a smart phone, then using the “Instant Church Directory” mobile app is the easiest and most user-friendly way to view the most updated directory. If you would like help in getting this **free app** on your phone, you may come see Kim in the church office during our normal office hours.



Look for this icon in the App Store, Google Play store, or the Amazon Fire App Store.

“Instant Church Directory”



From the Choir Director - Linda Rhymes

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The Trinity Choir is already in the planning stages for our annual Christmas programs. Music is being chosen for choir, and we are working on getting extra groups to come in for each of our four concerts. The choir would love to have some extra singers join us. We will have rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM for about 30-45 minutes. Please consider adding your voice to our Christmas celebration. It is only an 11-week commitment. Talk to me or any choir member.

OUR 1ST CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL is Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Mark Your Calendars!

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 2nd.

Please make a note to set your clocks back one hour
before going to bed on Saturday, November 1st!



Pastor Tom will be leading a **New Member Class**
at Trinity on **Saturday, Oct. 25th** (9:00 AM-12:00 PM).

If you are interested in joining our church family,
or just want to learn more about Trinity, call Kim
in the church office to sign up: 805-484-0530 or email:

trinitychurchcamarillo@gmail.com

Session Highlights

- Membership is at 181 with the passing of June Arakawa.
- Session received a letter from Joe Davis stating his intent to resign at the end of the year.
- Session in agreement with the Facilities Committee on getting quotes to update/upgrade the Fireside Room. Facilities will begin getting quotes on painting, flooring and new furniture.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- “The Chosen” Season 5—through Oct. 27th
 - Boy Scout 12 Point Bike Ride — Oct. 4th
 - World Communion Sunday— Oct. 5th
 - Pastor Appreciation Day—Oct. 12th
- Veteran’s Day Food Drive—Oct. 20th-Nov. 14th
- New Member Class - Oct. 25th (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)
- Holiday Craft Market—Nov. 15th (11:00 AM-3:00 PM)

Financial Report - August 2025

For the month ending 8/31/2025:

- Total Income for August was \$44,585.
- Total expenses for August were \$47,278.
- There was a negative operating result in August of (\$2,692).

For the six months ending 8/31/2025:

- Total YTD income is \$470,363.
- Total YTD expenses are \$479,418.
- There is a negative YTD operating result of (\$9,055).



October is
Pastor Appreciation
Month



Pastor Appreciation is a great opportunity to show Pastor Tom and Sherry how much we care for them and value their leadership here at Trinity. October 12th is Pastor Appreciation Day! The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio to celebrate, along with October Birthdays and Anniversaries. There will be a basket on the patio that day for cards, notes, or any small gifts of love and gratitude for Pastor Tom and Sherry. If you wish, you may send in a card or note, instead, or you may drop off in the church office anytime throughout the month of October to show your appreciation.

Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio on October 12th in celebration of those with October birthdays and anniversaries.

The hospitality café will offer some healthy alternatives, as well.



Trinity is serving Meal Share on Thurs, Oct. 2nd.
Look for your email invite from Mary Walling to sign up.

If you want to help and do not receive the email, please see Betsy Phillips on the patio or call her at:
(805) 795-7712.

ALL are welcome to attend Meal Share.
Come for a hot meal or just to enjoy the company.
Invite others to come too.

TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Schedule

3:00-4:30 PM

"The Chosen" Season 5

October 5th: episode #5

October 12th: episode #6

October 19th: episode #7

October 26th: episode #8



Bible Study & Dinner Wednesdays

October 1st – 5:30-7:30

October 8th – 5:30-7:30

October 15th – 5:30-7:30

October 22nd – 5:30-7:30

October 29th – 5:30-7:30

Drop-off and Pick-up at Trinity

Joe Davis also leads a Bible Study for college students on Zoom at 9:00 AM on Mondays. If you are interested in joining this Study, contact Joe Davis in the church office: (805) 484-0530 or email: youth@trinitycamarillo.org



It's time to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child!**

A small shoebox can have a big impact.

**What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal!
Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name
through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.**



- Pick up your information packet on the patio starting October 12th.
- Unable to shop? Our Trinity Youth would be happy to do the shopping for you! Simply make a donation by November 9th and the youth will handle the rest!
- **The deadline for collecting boxes is November 9. Monetary donations for mailing boxes can be turned in up until this date, as well.**
 - Questions? Please contact Joe Davis at (805) 302-8528

Deacons' News!



In times of difficulty or illness we want to remind our congregation that deacons can provide some practical care such as meals, rides or other help. Please let your flock group leader know if you would like special attention from the deacons. Be assured that we pray for you and look for ways to encourage.

TRINITY CRAFT FAIR



HOLIDAY CHEER CRAFT MARKET



NOVEMBER

15

11:00-3:00



AT TRINITY CHURCH CAMARILLO
2304 ANTONIO AVE

- FOOD & DRINKS
- ART
- MR. SOFTEE TRUCK
- HANDMADE GOODS
- CERAMICS
- CROCHET
- VINTAGE GOODS
- CANDLES & SOAP
- PLANTS
- JEWELRY
- CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES
- SHOP HOLIDAY GIFTS



Thirty Hours

Don Sterrenburg

Does ever a day go by that we do not measure, tabulate, or calculate something? Carving things from exotic woods brings me a ton of pleasure. But before putting the knife to a piece of wood, there are calculations to be determined and sketches to be made. Once the preliminaries are complete, the work begins and much patience is required. Heaps of wood chips begin to spread over the workshop floor. Then many hours of time whiz by till the product is finished – often involving days, weeks, and frequently, months. When someone else assesses the finished piece, invariably, the question arises, “How long did it take you to do that?” My usual tired reply is always, “Thirty hours.” Of course it’s a lie. I might as well have been asked how many wood chips hit the floor before the project was finished. May sound ridiculous, but Someone knows the count.

Our Master, the Lord Jesus, was a stickler for detail when He said, “Even the hairs of your head are numbered.” And He didn’t even qualify that statement with “presuming you have any!” The question above might possibly beg another question: How many heartbeats will you and I be given in our respective lifetimes? Someone knows.

In 1990 the first Hubble Telescope was launched into space. It was a mind-blowing experience to see images of the universe covered with millions of stars and countless galaxies never before imagined. More recently, an even larger ‘eye in the sky’, the James Webb Space Telescope, purports a range of vision and discovery that outstrips the Hubble. What kind of mind could possibly comprehend the number of stars in that enormous expanse? Someone knows, one Who “determines the number of stars and *calls them each by name!*”

One day, if I feel bold enough to face our Creator and ask the question, “How long did it take You to create the universe?”, without hesitation, and perhaps accompanied by a wink, He might just respond with, “Thirty hours!...but it’s a work in progress...just like you!”



September 2025

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October 2025

November 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PH = Piper Hall FS = Fireside Room Sanc. = Sanctuary SL = Staff Lounge FH = Fellowship Hall PO = Pastor's Office YR = Youth Room OMC = Outdoor Ministry Center			1 * 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble-Sanc 10:00a Facilities-SL 2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL	2 5:00p Meal Share-PH 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	3 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	4 5:00p Iglesia - Anniversary - PH 6:30p Iglesia - FH
			8:30a BHCA Chapel - Sanc.			
5 9:30a Communion Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 11:00a HandBells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	6 12:00p "The Chosen" - FS 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus-FH	7 9:00a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	8 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble-Sanc 6:00p Ladies' Bible Study - FS	9 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	10 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	11 6:30p Iglesia - FH
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			8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc.			

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