# **Trinity Times**

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# Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

It wasn't too long ago that I wrote to you introducing Rev. Brian Peterson, our new Choir Director. And now I find myself making introductions again, not only for one of our staff, but for two exciting ministry opportunities. Let's start with our Webmaster, Kai Anderson.

Kai grew up right here in Trinity, and returned to us in his post-teen years with an eagerness to involve himself in service. He was immediately moved into helping with the sound during worship services, but his deeper skills hadn't come to light just yet. Kai is what the world calls a digital native – a person who has never known the world without the communications technology that can be so baffling to us older folks. And so it became apparent that, when we needed someone to manage our website and our Facebook presence, a digital native would be just the ticket.

Gee, where would we find one?

Your Administrative Council has birthed a ministry idea that is just brilliant: why not provide digital assistance to our membership as we all continue to grow into these sometimes daunting communication skills? Why not provide a resource person who could help us untangle our phones, manage our accounts, and understand how to use the amazing technology all around us? We would probably need to get a digital native to manage all of that... gee, where would we find one?

And so, we are launching an in-church out-reach to any and all who would like some tech help. If you are in that group, please send Rich an email, and we will find a good time for you and Kai to meet. Eventually I envision

## **Our Purpose**

To ENGAGE people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will GROW in Christ-like compassion, and SHARE the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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a few hours a week when folks could come to church and ask and learn from our Webmaster.

The second little ministry was one that Kai himself dreamed up. Do you take nice photos of nature, composed still life pictures, or spontaneous inspiring moments? Would you share your photos with the church family? They would be the background for short scripture texts, and included fairly often on our Facebook page. Little uplifting memes with your photos and Biblical verbiage... sounds pretty nifty to me!

Alright, enough for now. I hope you will reach out if you can use some digital help, and I hope that you will send us a few pics so that we can create a little online art and joy with them. Please route everything through the church office; Rich will make sure it gets to where it needs to go. And please welcome Kai to his new expanded role among us!

## **Trick or Trunk**

Our annual Trick or Trunk event will be held on October 29 in the church parking lot following the 10:30 service. This is an opportunity for members to decorate their vehicles and hand out goodies to the children. Costumes are encouraged. Even if you don't decorate your vehicle, you can participate by being present and handing out goodies. For this Sunday only, the parking lot is available to Trick or Trunk participants only. We hope to see you there.

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## **WORSHIP IN OCTOBER**

## Sunday, October 1 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Matthew 21:23-32 leads the way on this fantastic Sunday! We will enjoy wonderful music, celebrate Holy Communion, and maybe even live into the title of the homily, "The Authority to Change"

## Sunday, October 8

We continue to spend time with St. Matthew (21:33-46), and today we explore a significant parable with far-reaching implications. The message today is called

"Cornerstone: Foundation or Frustration?"

#### Sunday, October 15

Another parable, this time about a rather infamous wedding banquet as described in Matthew 22:1-14. Exciting music is planned, and the sermon will be entitled "Quid Pro Quo".

## Sunday, October 22

We take a breather from St. Matthew and return to the Psalms. Psalm 96 is at turns inspirational, confrontational, and still brings a lot of focus to our spiritual lives nearly three thousand years after its writing! The message this morning is labeled "The Equity Song", and we will be graced with a song from the Choir as well.

## Sunday, October 29

All the way back to the Hebrew Scriptures, and this morning we hear from Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18. These writing were foundational for Jesus when he was young and are still instructive for us today. The homily will be called "Reformation Three Ways", and a variety of dramatic music is planned.