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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Congregational Profile

Name of Congregation: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA (LCMC)

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God has blessed His church with several special events important in the history of Holy Trinity. The church construction first began in 1959. A new sanctuary, fellowship hall and kitchen were added in 1993. We had a 60th anniversary dinner and celebration in 2019, and a blessings ceremony in 2021 with the burning of our mortgage.

As far as demographics go, we are a predominantly white, aging congregation. We are disciples of Christ with outreach ministries and a church family that cares for each other and prays for one another.

MINISTRY PRACTICES, STRUCTURE, AND FUTURE

At the present time, we are on our regular worship schedule (September – May). Sunday School is at 9:30 am with a church service following at 10:30 am. It is a liturgical, traditional service. We have communion each Sunday. Our summer worship schedule begins the Sunday before Memorial Day (May – September). We do not have Sunday School during this time and our church service begins at 9:30 am.

We hold Bible study on Wednesday mornings and a breakfast and Bible study on Friday mornings. One third of our congregation attends Bible study which is essential to understanding God's word. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

We have had Vacation Bible School (VBS), Women's Dinner & a Movie night, Christmas Breakfast with Santa, and a neighborhood food drive with Christmas carols. We do not have children in our church, but as many as 50 little ones from our neighborhood attended VBS and neighborhood youth helped hand out and pick up food bags for the food drive. Our neighbors have been very supportive of our efforts.

God has called us to many special ministries: We currently have eight AA and two NA groups meeting at our church every day of the week. We also have a TOPS group and a fiddler's group meeting each week. We work with the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) doing a coat and gloves collection during the winter, a purchase of new

Our Mission:

"To proclaim the Good News of God's Saving Grace and to minister to our community through our relationship with God."

bed sheets in the spring, and we recently held a kitchen and bath shower for them. Once a month we have a group of members that serve lunch to the men at the UGM Men's Shelter. On another night each month, a group visits the Women's Crisis Shelter where together with the women and children they sing gospel songs, read a biblical story, play a game, and complete a project. Truly a special visit. Many have commented that for a small congregation we surely do get a lot done.

Our present staffing includes an Interim Pastor (part time) an Office Manager (part time), and a Janitor (part time) as paid staff. All others are members of the congregation who work tirelessly accomplishing all the many needs of the church: Council, Properties and Maintenance Committee, Worship and Music Committee, Congregational Ministries Committee, Christian Education Committee, Social Care & Concerns Committee, and Special Events Committee. This does not include the individuals who lend a helping hand when they can and when needed.

We do not have any building programs currently. We just finished up two bathroom remodeling projects, and put fresh paint and pictures on the hallway in the North wing. We have also recently put in new sidewalks and a new door. We do have wheelchair access to our building.

Our stewardship practices are lacking. We need to implement a good program.

We are praying for a Pastor who will have a strong connection to Jesus, our congregation, and our neighborhood. We need to learn as a congregation how to reach out to our neighbors and tell them about Jesus and living in the Spirit. We need a strong shepherd who will help us accomplish these goals.

Our call process is unique in that we are an LCMC Congregation and have never been involved in a call process that begins with us. We have participated in the LCMC Call Workshop and held congregational weekend workshops with NW District help. Each step of the call process has been a new learning experience for each of us.

We open each Call Committee Meeting with the following prayer:

“Gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We are here to serve you and your church. Help us to open our hearts and mind to your voice. Help us to have the meekness of mind to seek your thoughts over our own; to have the humility of heart to yearn for one will, your will; to have the grace of spirit to let your peace be our peace, no matter what transpires. Help us to be your servants seeking wisdom and acting in faith. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.”