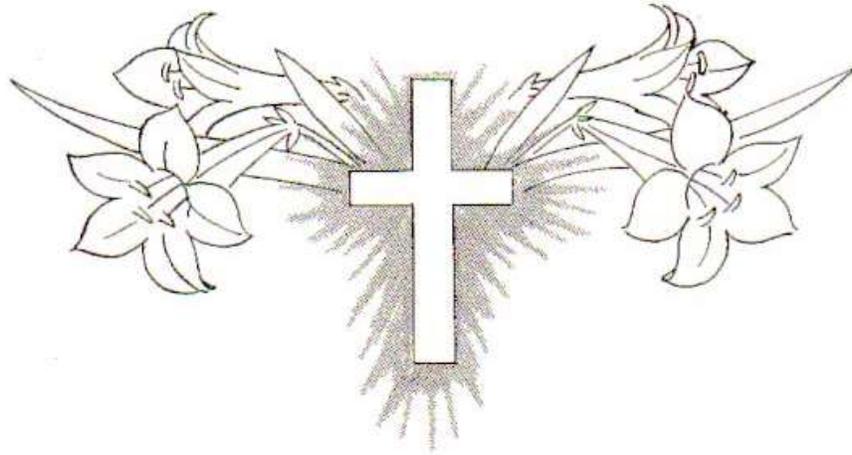


Trinity News

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

- Sunday, April 9** **Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday**
10:00 a.m. ONE Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist (*No service at 8:00 a.m.*) + Procession with Palms + The Passion according to Matthew (chanted) + Solemn Recessional.
4:00 p.m. Music at Trinity: Arvo Pärt's PASSIO
- Mon, April 10** **Monday of Holy Week**
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)
- Tues, April 11** **Tuesday of Holy Week**
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)
- Wed, April 12** **Wednesday of Holy Week**
6:00 p.m. Interfaith Prayer Service (Nave) + 30th Anniversary of AIDS Project Worcester
7:00 p.m. Reception in Jeppson Hall
- Thursday, April 13** **Maundy Thursday** *The Three Days begin at sundown*
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar
- Friday, April 14** **Good Friday**
12:00 p.m. Adoration of the Crucified + The Passion according to John (chanted)

7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Crucified + The Passion according to John (chanted)

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 16

Easter Day *The Three Days conclude at sundown*

7:00 a.m. All You Can Eat Breakfast (\$10) until 9:15 am.
Leftovers for purchase by donation 9:15am to 9:45am.

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for Children age 12 and under.

10:00 a.m. ONE Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist
(No service at 8:00 a.m.)



CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Jessica Sutherland, President

The Council met on March 13 with Jake Schur presiding at the meeting in my absence. A summary of both the March and April Congregation Council meetings will be printed in the May edition of the *Trinity News*.

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NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 at 11:15 a.m. (Jeppson Hall)

- Agenda:** Council resolution to move playground from current location to a new location near the entrance to the Education Wing.
- Purpose:** The safety mats on the current playground have been deemed by the City of Worcester to be unsafe and must be replaced. Safety concerns have also been expressed by the TLC Preschool regarding the current location and having to cross the parking lot.
- Funding:** Total cost is \$29,900 of which approximately 75% has already been raised/donated to fund the project.

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Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Jeppson Hall: Pumpernickel Puppets: Families and children of Trinity are invited to this special presentation (pumpernicklepuppets.com). The event is sponsored by a grant from the Worcester Arts Council through the Clemente Course in the Humanities here in Worcester (www.clementeworcester.com). Trinity hosts childcare for the adults that participate in the program. As a sign of appreciation, Elizabeth Bacon, Community Coordinator, and Kenza Dekar, Project Manager, write: *"We are grateful for the support and dedication of Trinity Church and its vital contributions to our efforts and are pleased to invite your families to this event. Thank you! We hope to see you there!"*



Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. – AIDS Project Worcester Interfaith (APW) Prayer Service: As part of our observance of Holy Week, Trinity will be hosting the AIDS Project Worcester 30th Anniversary Interfaith Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. The service begins in the Nave at 6 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship in Jeppson Hall at 7 p.m. with refreshments provided by APW. Founded in 1987, APW is the primary provider of non-medical HIV/AIDS support services in Central Massachusetts. Please contact Pastor Nathan for more info, and/or if you would like to help with the event.

April 24-26 ... Liturgy Serving the Life of the Church: How Worship Re-Forms Us: Pastors Susan & Nathan and Cantor Mark will be attending the 69th session of the Liturgical Institute at Valparaiso University Monday, April 24 to Wednesday, April 26. This year's focus is on how the reforming impetus of the 16th century continues to enliven worship in the 21st century and how liturgy re-shapes, challenges and renews Christian communities. Cantor Mark will be offering a seminar entitled *"Engaging Musical Leaders in the Assembly Song"* that considers how people of various vocations have a stake in the quality and diversity of congregational music making.

Coming in April: Posters Telling the Story of the Lutheran Reformation: As part of Trinity's commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, a series of posters have been commissioned and printed that tell the story of the Reformation. Watch for these to be displayed during the Easter season. During Lent, copies of the "Free

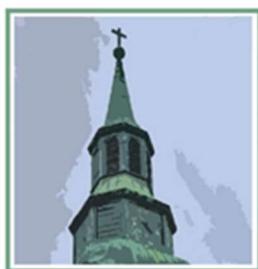
Indeed" devotional published as part of the ELCA's commemoration of the anniversary were distributed. These devotionals offer daily doses of Luther's Small Catechism along with a brief reflection and prayer. Additionally, the Sunday Adult Forum and Wednesday night intergenerational dinner discussions have been focused on Luther's Small Catechism.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Meal Packaging Event: Donations and volunteers are needed to help package 12,000 meals as part of an effort to end food insecurity in Central Massachusetts. During Lent, Thom Tarquinio has collected sample packages that give people an opportunity to taste the meals being packed. Our fundraising goal is at least \$3,000 which will fund 12,000 meals (\$0.25/meal). To donate: please make checks payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church* and write "Meal Packing" in the memo line and on your envelope. If you have any additional questions, please contact Thom by email at orthobuck@gmail.com or phone at (601) 954-9315. Thanks for your generosity!



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Conversation on the placement of the American Flag was held on Sunday, March 12 following the 10 a.m. liturgy ... Approximately 30 people attended the conversation and expressed a variety of viewpoints. Some expressed a desire that the flag be returned to its previous location as the best way to honor the flag and the military veterans who have served the country. Others expressed a desire that the flag be removed completely from the Nave in order that our focus may remain on Christ and the cross alone. Others expressed concern that its location on the North wall (and to the speaker's left) violates the Federal Flag Act of 1976. As a compromise, and to address the concern about its location relative to the Federal Flag Act, the Congregational Council voted at its Monday, March 13 meeting to move the flag to a new location on the south side of the Nave. In this location, it is directly next to the plaque commemorating the men and women of Trinity Church who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Additional resource materials are available on the table near the flag. For any further feedback/info, please speak with one of the pastors or a member of the Trinity Congregational Council.

First Communion Classes will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. The time together will include learning about the sacrament, growing in faith and bread baking, along with snacks and fellowship. Communion will be received for the first time by this class on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017, at the 10 a.m. liturgy. First Communion class is offered for children going into third grade next year -- or younger children, if parents determine that their child is ready to participate. If you have questions or to register your child, please contact Jena Hardy at jhardy@trinityworc.org or (508) 753-2989 x16.



Faith Formation for All Ages

Sunday Education for Children & Youth ... 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Elementary: Sunday Morning TEAM in the back half of Fellowship Hall Middle School:
Confirmation with Karin Underkoffler in Confirmation classroom, ce214. High School: Meets in Youth Room

Sunday Adult Forum ... 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Library

The nature of the Adult Forum is that of exploration and sharing of one's doubts and certainties. Participants are encouraged to speak from one's own perspective and to engage in "active listening" so that there is space for each participant to share one's opinion / position, to be heard and be challenged to grow.

Men's Bible Study ... Wednesdays 8 – 9 a.m. Golden Room

Pastor Nathan leads the bible study which reads and discusses the lessons to be read in the upcoming liturgies on Sunday morning.

Wednesdays 7 – 8 p.m.

Middle School: Confirmation with Melissa Butler in Confirmation classroom, ce214

High School: Meets with Jena in Youth Room

+ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church +

Sunday, April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The dry bones of Israel*

Romans 8: 6-11 *Life in the Spirit*

John 11:1-45 *The raising of Lazarus*

Psalmody: Psalm 130 *I will wait for you, O Lord; in your ways is my hope.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 506, *The Word of God is Source and Seed*, GAUDEAMUS DOMINO

The Bible readings this coming Sunday are for everyone who feels half dead, for everyone who sees death everywhere, as well as for everyone who is afraid to even think about death. Come to worship, to receive the breath of the Spirit, to hear the voice of Christ, to be fed at the table, and to celebrate the life God gives.

8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, April 5

6 p.m. - Lenten Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, April 9 Sunday of the Passion

Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11 *Entrance into the final days*

Isaiah 50:4-9a *The servant submits to suffering*

Philippians 2:5-11 *Death on a cross*

Matthew 26:14-27:66 *The passion and death of Jesus*

Psalmody: Psalm 31:9-16 *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 351, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*, HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

To grasp something fully, we need to look at both sides. This coming Sunday is both Palm Sunday and the Sunday of the Passion. We join in the joy of the palm procession, and we gather in sorrow at the foot of the cross. Come to sing both "Hosanna!" and "Lord, have mercy upon us."

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

NOTE Only one liturgy at 10 a.m. this day!

Monday, April 10 Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9 *The servant brings forth justice*

Triduum – The Great Three Days

Weekly in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days (Triduum), recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the service of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 *The Passover of the Lord*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *Proclaim the Lord's death*

John 13:1-17 *The service of Christ: footwashing and meal*

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 708, *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*, CHEREPONI

This Thursday is called "Maundy," which means "command," from the verse in John's gospel in which Jesus commands us to love another as he loved us.

12 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Footwashing (*Nave*)

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 *The suffering servant*

Hebrews 10:16-25 *The way to God is opened*

John 18:1-19:42 *The passion and death of Jesus*

Psalmody: Psalm 22 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 342, *There in God's Garden*, SHADES MOUNTAIN

Why do we call this day Good? In John's telling of Jesus' passion, Jesus is "I am," the God who reigns from the cross, the king who discusses theology with Pilate. Listen for the differences between John's passion and Matthew's passion that we heard on Sunday. At this service we pray for everyone we can think of, and we confess that it is our sin that crucified Christ.

12 p.m. – Adoration of the Crucified (*Nave*)

7 p.m. - Adoration of the Crucified (*Nave*)

Saturday, April 15 Resurrection of Our Lord Vigil of Easter

Forgotten by most Christians for about 1400 years, the Easter Vigil is being restored to its place as a central worship service of the year. Weather permitting, we gather outside to light a great fire, praising the risen Christ as our light. We then sing songs and hear beloved stories, inspiring poems, delightful tales, and the Easter gospel from John, all of which proclaim that God is always giving new life. We then thank God for baptism. Finally we conclude this three-day service with the first holy communion of Easter, and we get to sing Alleluia again.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a *Creation*

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 *Flood*

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 *Deliverance at the Red Sea*

Isaiah 55:1-11 *Salvation freely offered to all*

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *Valley of dry bones*

Jonah 1:1—2:1 *The deliverance of Jonah*

Daniel 3:1-29 *Deliverance from the fiery furnace*

Romans 6:3-11 *Dying and rising by baptism with Christ*

John 20:1-18 *Seeing the risen Christ*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 449, *We Know That Christ is Raised*, ENGELBERG

7 p.m.– The Great Vigil of Easter Beginning outside on the Trinity Green

Sunday, April 16 Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day

Jeremiah 31:1-6 *Joy at God's people restored*

Colossians 3:1-4 *Raised with Christ*

Matthew 28:1-10 *Proclaim the resurrection*

Psalmody: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 370, *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*, CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

What does it mean to be Christian? Christians are those who believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and that he continues to enliven his people with his Spirit. On every Sunday we remember Christ's resurrection, but once a year we have a blowout celebration of this central mystery of the faith. Come to celebrate with us.

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

NOTE Only one liturgy at 10 a.m. this day!

Wednesday, April 19

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, April 23 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *God fulfills the promise to David*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *New birth to a living hope*

John 20:19-31 *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

Psalmody: Psalm 16 *In your presence, there is fullness of joy.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 635, *We Walk By Faith*, SHANTI

This coming Sunday is often called "low Sunday" because in many churches attendance is so low.

Yet also this Sunday we gather to celebrate the resurrection. Come and rejoice with the disciple

Thomas, for now in one another we encounter the Risen Christ.

8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, April 26

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Receiving God's promise through baptism*

1 Peter 1:17-23 *Born anew*

Luke 24:13-15 *Eating with the Risen Christ*

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *I will call on the name of the LORD.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 374, *Day of Arising*, RAABE

On this coming Sunday, we hear about three thousand people who were baptized and about two

disciples who were surprised to discover that they were eating a meal with the Risen Christ. Come to

worship: celebrate your baptism, and join us at a meal with Christ.

8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)





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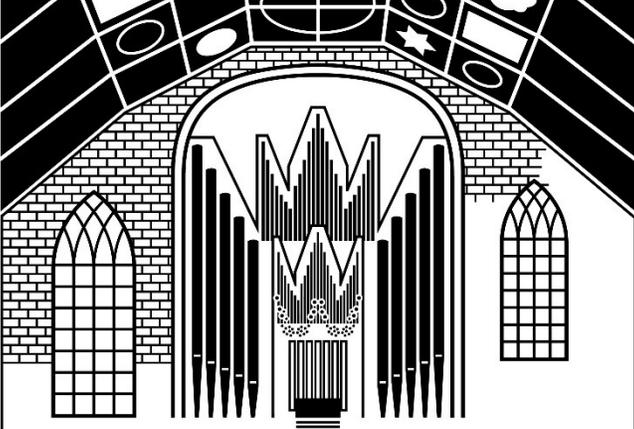
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PASSIO

The highlight of this year's MUSIC AT TRINITY series is the performance of **PASSIO**, a setting of the passion story from the gospel of John set by the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. The performance will enhance our Holy Week observance on Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday, **April 9 at 4 p.m.** This performance features guest singers and instrumentalists with the Trinity Choir and the St. John's Schola Cantorum of Worcester.



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Harmonic Transverse Flute Ensemble,
conducted by Jay V. Kast-Tuttle

APRIL 30—4:00 PM

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✠ CELEBRATIONS ✠

BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Elander 1.April
Arlene Theriault 3.April
A. Emily Fred 4.April
Oscar Christenson 9.April
Howard Wilder 15.April
Doris Stirlen 22.April
Mary Mangsen 26.April

ANNIVERSARIES

Russell and Carol Mangsen 4.April
R. Bruce and Nancy Person 6.April
Stephen and Karen Morris 8.April
Leland and Marilyn Carlson 16.April
Fred and Carol Scanlon 18.April

Birthdays and anniversaries are noted each month after persons have reached the age of 80 or have been married for twenty-five years or more. Thereafter anniversaries are noted in five-year increments until couples celebrate fifty years, and then every year after fifty years is reached. If we missed your special date, know that the error was unintentional, and inform the parish office so that the record may be corrected.



Briefly Noted

Remember, First Sunday Is Food Sunday! Please bring your non-perishable food items to Trinity on April 2 and May 7. Your food donations go to Carty Cupboard, which provides food to those in need in the immediate area. Thank you for helping those in need!

Orders for Easter flowers will be accepted through Sunday, April 2. The cost is \$18 per plant. Please print the memorial notation on the envelope so the Parish Office includes the correct spelling on the memorial listing. Thanks in advance for helping to meet this deadline and request! These plants that you order will be available for you to take home after the second Sunday of Easter, April 23. Again, thank you for your help in meeting this request.

Follow the ministry of Trinity on Social Media!



Facebook.com/tlcworcester

Twitter: @tlcworcester

Instagram: trinityworcester

If you have pictures of the Trinity ministry in action for posting, please submit to either Cantor Mark (mmummert@trinityworc.org) or Pastor Nathan (npipho@trinityworc.org).

Greeters needed! Do you have the gift for hospitality? Do you want to make sure all worship guests receive a warm Trinity welcome? Do you want to share the love of Jesus Christ with all who walk through our doors? If so, consider being a greeter! For more details, please speak with Pastor Nathan (npipho@trinityworc.org).

Communion Distribution, Assisting Ministers, Sacristans, Bread Bakers and Ushers: Perhaps you are feeling called to serve as a leader in Sunday morning worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and to learn more about our shared worship life. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact one of the pastors. A training session will be scheduled in the near future. God is glorified in our serving!

Scholarship Applications Are Available! Applications will be accepted from any confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church who is enrolled in a full time, undergraduate degree program for an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. Applications are available on the kiosk or from the Parish Office. Call the office at (508) 753-2989, or on the Trinity website at trinityworc.org/scholarship-application. Completed applications are due in the Parish Office by Friday, June 23.

Campership Applications Are Available Outside the Nave or at the kiosk in Jeppson Hall (or online at trinityworc.org/campership-application) for those who wish to attend camp and need assistance with paying the registration fee. This opportunity is limited to children of church members who will attend a Lutheran summer camp like Camp Calumet or the summer camp of a full-communion partner church (e.g. Episcopal or United Methodist). Completed forms are due in the parish office by May 19. For anyone interested in making a donation to help Trinity's children go to camp, please send your donations to the Trinity office marked as "Campership" in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Community Scholarship Applications Now Available: There are college scholarship applications now available. You may obtain information and applications for the following program from the parish office at admin@trinityworc.org or (508) 753-2989 x 11.

- *The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program:* Any resident of Worcester and the contiguous communities is eligible to apply regardless of race or ethnic origin. Deadline is April 7.

Trinity's Long History of Resettling Refugees: Most recently, Trinity has settled courageous families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. As we hear the call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we embrace the diversity of all God's children and seek to welcome them with love and respect. We stand with them and they are welcome here! Currently, under the leadership of Bev and Dave Hobbs, Trinity seeks to begin settling another refugee family. To help with this important ministry, please contact Beverly at bhobbs390@charter.net or speak with one of the pastors.

Return your alb! If you may have taken an alb home for any reason, please return it to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience, so it can be available for future use. Thanks for your help in meeting this request!

YOUTH NEWS:

Elm Park Ministries Day Camp Is Returning This Summer! Mondays through Fridays for weeks of July 31 and August 6. Kids ages 6-13 can be campers. Teens age 14 and older can volunteer as CIT's. Stay tuned for registration information! Please talk to Jena if you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved.

Yardsale – On Saturday, June 17, the youth will be hosting a yard sale to raise money to support youth events and trips. There are three ways you can get involved!

- 1) Rent a space for \$30 to sell your things and YOU keep the money.
- 2) Donate your items for the youth to sell and they keep the money.
- 3) Come shopping at the yard sale on June 17!



Spring Cleanup Weekend at Camp Calumet is May 5-7, 2017. If you and your family are interested in going to Camp Calumet for the first time or the hundredth time, this weekend is for you! In exchange for some work around camp, you will get free lodging and meals. If you think you're interested, let Jena know!



2018 National Gathering – Houston, TX: Youth who are currently in grades 8, 9, 10 and 11 are eligible to participate in the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in Houston, June 27-July 1, 2018! It might seem like a long time from now but there's LOTS to do and plan for between now and then. The average cost per person is \$1,000 so we need to start fundraising ASAP. Please contact Jena if you're interested in going

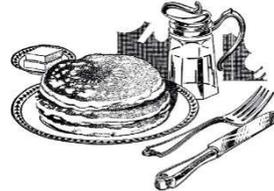
With Many Thanks...



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes: Thank you to Geni Taylor for being our pancake flipper and to all who came out to eat pancakes and sausage! Each youth who helped earned \$30 for their Youth Trip Account. Some of us were lucky to enjoy a special treat made by Susan Brown, Fastnacht Kuechles. Thank you all for a great night of fellowship!

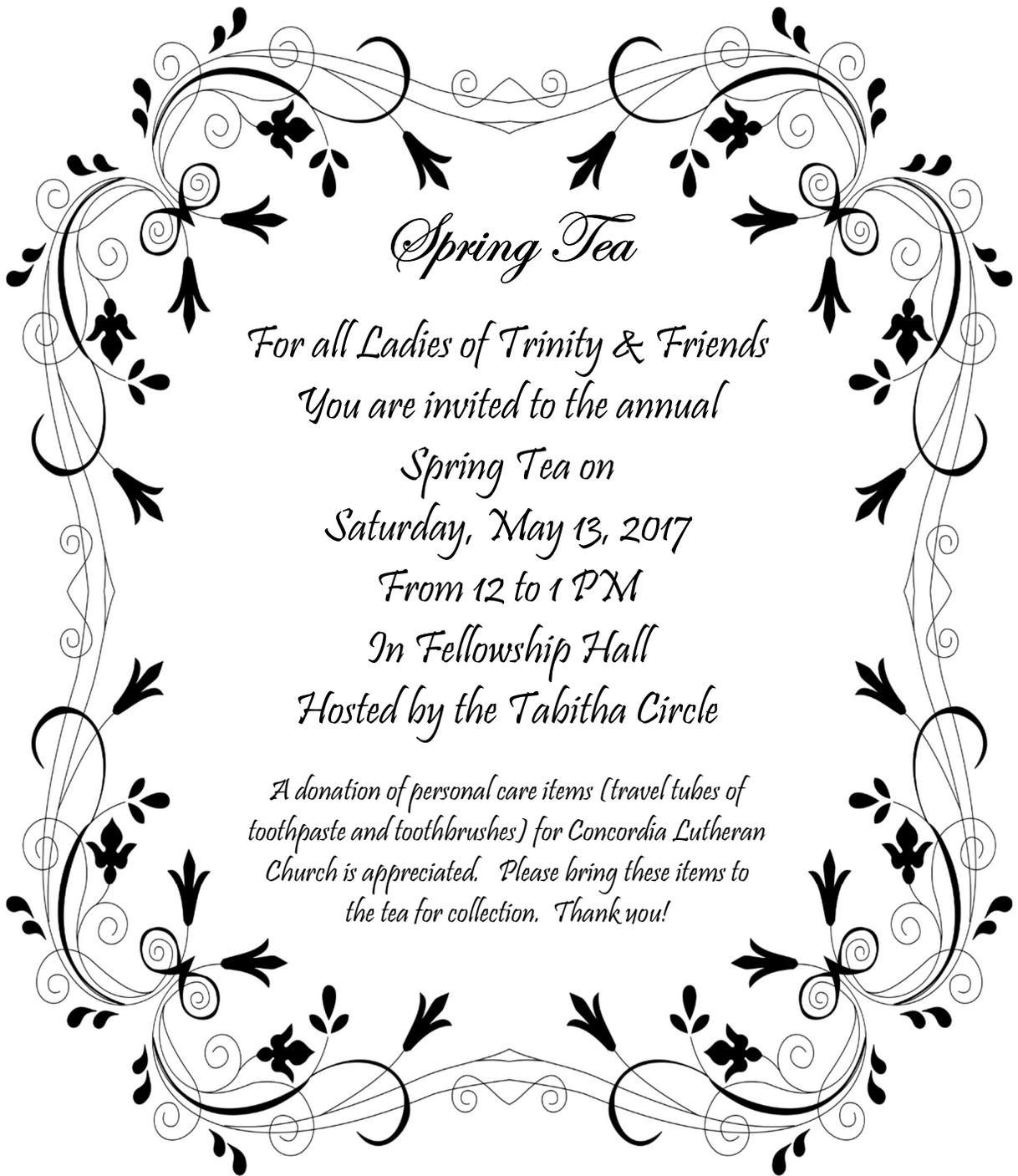


Basketball Games and Community Breakfast



Special thanks to Jake Schur for organizing Trinity Youth Basketball and to Joel Schur, Katie Schur, and Thom Tarquinio for providing breakfast! Special thanks also to Melissa Butler who coached Trinity's team. The league wrapped up last month on March 18 with Championship and Coaches vs. Players games followed by a community breakfast.

To our Friends at Trinity Lutheran: Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers and for the beautiful plant sent to our family at the time of our Mom and Grandma's passing! Your kindness and thoughtfulness was so very much appreciated. It is very hard to lose someone we loved so much, but find comfort knowing she's with God, reunited with our Dad and Grandpa (who passed only a year ago) and is now free from all the health issues that have been such a struggle for her for years! Thanks again so much! The Piphos and Kaiser families.



Spring Tea

For all Ladies of Trinity & Friends

You are invited to the annual

Spring Tea on

Saturday, May 13, 2017

From 12 to 1 PM

In Fellowship Hall

Hosted by the Tabitha Circle

A donation of personal care items (travel tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes) for Concordia Lutheran Church is appreciated. Please bring these items to the tea for collection. Thank you!

Parish Office Notes...

Is church cancelled or delayed due to weather conditions? If you are asking yourself this question, you may get an answer by doing one of the following: 1) Call the parish office at (508) 753-2989 and listen to the voice mail message; 2) Listen to either WTAG (580 AM) or WSRS (96.1 FM) for the list of closings or delays; or, 3) Watch the cancellation/delay listing at the bottom of the screen on WBZ channel 4, WCVB channel 5 or FOX channel 25.

Do You Need a Copy of the Word in Season Booklet? This is a great tool for everyone to use as they study the Bible. The book can be mailed to you or picked up quarterly. Each day of the quarter has its own page listing several readings from the Bible as well as a commentary about something in the reading. It takes only a few minutes each day and it gives an inspiring message. Please call the parish office at (508) 753-2989 and request your copy and that your name be added to our regular mailing list. The parish office now has the issue for April, May, and June 2017.

Is Someone in the Hospital? If you know that a parishioner is in the hospital, please call the parish office at (508) 753-2989 to let us know. Also, please be sure to have your loved one's Trinity membership included in their hospital profile. Calls are made daily to the area hospitals, and names of Trinity members who are in the hospital are provided to us for updating in the Parish Notes.

Welcome Desk Extending Hours: Are you looking for something to do outside of your home? The Welcome Desk at Trinity is trying to extend the hours so the Parish office is open into the early evening from 4 p.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. If you have a few hours to help every week or every other week, please contact Karen Allen, Office Manager, by email (admin@trinityworc.org) or by phone at (508) 753-2989 Ext. 11.

Parish Office as a Drop Off Point: If you are leaving something for someone in the Parish Office or the copy room, please label who is dropping it off and who is expected to be picking it up and when. This helps to get all items to their expected destinations. Thanks for your cooperation in making this happen.

Calling for All Addresses, Telephone and Email Changes: Please be sure to keep the parish office updated with your most current street address, email and phone numbers. If you have any questions, contact Karen Allen at admin@trinityworc.org or call (508) 753-2989 x11.



Treasures of the Community Gala

Benefit Dinner & Auction for Interfaith Hospitality Network!

There is a place in every town that eagerly opens its doors to its community. For centuries people have gathered at First Church in Sterling for multiple reasons... prayer and celebration, ecumenical events and theatre events, scout meetings and social justice missionary trips. **Not to mention since 1997 an IHN network congregation! Over the years First Church's financial contributions have helped make possible the purchase of the June Street shelter as well as replace windows and renovate the 3rd floor bathroom... and thousands of volunteer hours contributed in support of IHN!**

2017 marks the 11th year of First Church in Sterling's Treasures of the Community Gala fundraiser. **A portion of the funds raised will go toward the renovation of a kitchen at the shelter.** Please help support this event which in turn helps the families of IHN. The Gala has raised over \$220,000 over 10 years. This year's beneficiaries of the bounties of the Treasures Gala include:

- **Interfaith Hospitality Network - sheltering families who are homeless in the Worcester area;**
- The First Church In Sterling - local community outreach endeavors;
- Neighbor to Neighbor – helping Sterling residents during difficult economic times; and
- The LaRomana Mission – providing medical support and clean water to the Haitian population in impoverished sugar cane villages in the Dominican Republic.

This isn't so much about where you worship or where we've been but *about where we are going*. It's about supporting an entity that has been, and continues to be instrumental in uniting the Sterling community and beyond, building on a foundation that is strong yet fluid to respond to current needs. It's about supporting the vision to lead us in to the future, assuring continuity as a strong, united, happy and healthy community.

We invite you to share in this vision in any way you can. There are many opportunities to participate: volunteer, donate, advertise and join us **May 20 at Devens Common Center**. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely,

Joanne Alley, IHN Director & the Treasures of the Community Gala Committee

Phil Holman & Pam Guild, co-chairs | Gereda Burger | Linda Davis | Linda Holman | Janet Madison

P.S. Find out more about the supported charities and how you can help, visit FCTreasures.com

2017 ALTAR CANDLES, FLOWERS, TOWER LIGHTING, TRINITY NEWS and TV MINISTRY

In this coming year, the Parish Office encourages donors for the altar candles, flowers, tower lighting, *Trinity News* and TV Ministry to sign up early by using the following form.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- **Altar Candles:** \$15 per month to sponsor the altar candles for the month of _____ 2017. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.

- **Altar Flowers:** As sponsor, you will order the flowers from the florist of your choice. You may have the florist pick up the floral inserts from the Parish Office if you are ordering the double bouquet for the stands or you may order an arrangement in a vase that the florist supplies. The cost is paid directly to the chosen florist and the donation is noted in the bulletin for the chosen Sunday. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions about this process.

I would like to give the flowers on Sunday, _____, 2017. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of:

_____ by _____.

- **Tower Lighting:** \$15 per half month to sponsor the Tower Lighting for the first half/last half (circle one) of the month of _____ 2017. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.

- **Trinity News:** \$50 per month to sponsor *Trinity News* for the month of _____ 2017. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.

- **TV Ministry:** \$150 per Sunday broadcast to sponsor the TV Ministry for Sunday, _____, 2017. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

This form is due in the Parish Office by Tuesday at 5 p.m. if not earlier. Thank you. Or you may drop this form and payment made out to Trinity Lutheran Church in the offering plate on Sundays, at the Parish Office, or send by mail to Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609.



TLC Christian Preschool

Our New Outreach Opportunity ~ As you know, each month the children participate in a variety of outreach projects. This month we will be sponsoring a little girl in Guatemala at the IMA School. The cost is \$750 for her to attend one school year. This includes an education, uniforms, warm meals, and medical care. Some of you may remember my two trips to IMA to volunteer in the classroom and help with administration needs. I had the opportunity to see first-hand the impact this opportunity makes in the life of a little girl and her family. If you would like to sponsor a little girl of your own, please go to the following link <http://www.imausa.org> and click "sponsorship." If you would like to participate in our efforts to raise the money for our sponsored child, please put the amount you would like to donate in our tuition box located outside the director's office. IMA thanks you and I thank you.



Mary Creager with two former IMA students.



A local home



Mary Creager and Pam Capone with a few of the students during recess.

Excerpt from <http://www.imausa.org>: According to the World Bank, Guatemala has one of the most unequal income distributions in the hemisphere. As a result, about 51% of the population lives on less than \$2 a day and 15% on less than \$1 a day. Guatemala's social development indicators, such as infant mortality, chronic child malnutrition, and illiteracy, are among the worst in the hemisphere. The situation is such that USAID now defines Guatemala a Tier 1 priority for grant assistance. This is particularly hard on women and girls. Denied education and options, girls as young as 8 years old are sold into prostitution. Some turn to dealing drugs or stealing to feed themselves and their families.

Specific Issues for Women and Girls: As reported by Guatemalan Human Rights Commission/USA gender differences in education and literacy pose a big problem. Girls tend to leave pencils and books for weaving, tending animals, and preparation of food. Sexism and poverty are major factors in the gender gap. And educating girls is proven to be one of the most effective ways to fight poverty.

Although the recent census shows improvement in female enrollment, **it is still the lowest in all of Latin America.**



Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

What is happening at T.E.C. Elementary? On this Vernal Equinox, **students at T.E.C. Elementary are thinking about spring.** Maria Montessori called the elementary years as *The Years of Plenty*. She believed that elementary students, having developed basic skills are capable of doing big, meaningful work. At T.E.C. **students participate in real-**

life projects where they apply their academic skills to create practical objects that impact their environment.

March has been an exciting month so far at The T.E.C. Schools. **Students have begun weekly lessons at Worcester's Makerspace, Technocopia.** ThinkTank, Technocopia's educational arm, partners with The T.E.C. Schools to provide hands on learning experiences for our students. This year, **we are focusing on woodworking and botanical printmaking.**



For the last two weeks, **students have worked under the careful tutelage of Master Carpenter, Ian Anderson, and have constructed beautiful, functional birdhouses** utilizing various tools.

We are thrilled to welcome spring with handcrafted places for birds to make their nests, and are looking forward to our weekly visits!

Do you know anyone who might benefit from an individualized curriculum that focuses on hands-on projects? Please join us on:

- March 28 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for Take-a-Tour Tuesday and learn about our school.

- April 17-23: April Vacation Art Program. Come for a day or the whole week and participate in exciting art activities.

Call Rupali Sharma at (508) 577-3045 for more information or visit our website, www.thetecschoools.com to register for our events.



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Internet Webcasts- www.trinityworc.org -or- www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

TV- Same Day Broadcasts: **Shrewsbury-** Channel 28, Sunday 8 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

TV- Delayed Broadcasts: **Worcester-** Charter TV-193, Sunday 4 p.m.; Channel 194, Sunday 11 a.m.; **Auburn-** Tuesday 11 p.m., Thursday 10 p.m., Sunday Noon & 11:30 p.m.; **Holden-** Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.; **Hudson-** Sunday 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Wednesday 3 p.m.; **Leicester-** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8 a.m., Sunday 10 a.m.; **Oxford-** Sunday 1:15 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.; **Spencer-** Saturday & Sunday 8:30 a.m.; **Sterling/Lancaster-** Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.; **Sutton-** Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 9 a.m.