

Trinity News

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Is Singing Together Worn-Out?

Mark Mummert, Cantor

Already five years ago, Karen Loew in an editorial in *The Atlantic* considered “How Communal Singing Disappeared from American Life.” Even if children sing together in school, adults have given up, she says, due to a lack of a common repertoire and a dependence on electronic entertainment. She may be right, although a game at Fenway Park may prove her wrong as “Sweet Caroline” beckons all to sing “Oh-Ohh-Ohhh” in the popular chorus. Still, much evidence says singing together is passé.

In church, but especially in a Lutheran Church, we make an alternate assumption. We assume our worship will be filled with communal singing. Some people enter the song with great joy and comfort, others simply only partly mumble along, and a few others just dig heels in and say, “I don’t sing.” Has the current communal lethargy for singing together outside church infected our worship songs?

At Trinity, song has always played an enormous roll in our church life. Decades upon decades of fine musicians have served Trinity, enabling Trinity Choir and Choristers to sing, coaxing everyone in worship to sing along. We have made it a sign of our unity, a center of our life together, and a primary mode by which we hear the gospel word. Perhaps the cultural dependence on entertainment has made some of us become spectators at the singing game, but as a people, we want to resist that and claim our communal singing voice.





Some opportunities are available to us this June to consider the roll of singing together. First, on **Sunday, June 11 at 4 p.m.**, Music at Trinity presents “TRINITAS: A Hymn Festival.” This festival of hymns will be held on the festival day of the Holy Trinity and will feature hymns that focus on our Triune God. The hymn festival will include reflections by Jennifer Baker-Trinity, author, musician, and teacher in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Trinity Choir has become familiar with Jennifer through her writing of devotions that are read aloud at our rehearsals. Our congregation has become familiar with Jennifer in her writing of devotions from our most recent Lenten devotional on the

Small Catechism. Through Jennifer’s reflections at the hymn festival, during which all will be invited to sing eleven hymns with the Trinity Choir, we will all be drawn deeper into the meaning and purpose of our communal song.

On seven summer **Sundays beginning June 18 through July 30 at 9 a.m.**, I will present an Adult Forum on hymns. “A Tradition of Hymns from Luther to the Present” will consider in seven sessions the hymns of Martin Luther (he wrote the words and some tunes to 37 hymns; did you know that?!?) and discover how our tradition of Lutheran hymnody is built on this foundation. By this forum on hymns, we wish to recover again our congregation’s commitment to hymn singing and to all communal singing that builds up the body of Christ in the world. The great thing about this forum, too, is that you don’t have to be at every session to get something out of the forum. Please come when you are able. This forum is part of our congregation’s observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

I hope you will agree with me, whether you can attend the hymn festival and the adult forum or not, that singing together in worship is not worn-out, and maybe our singing together in worship will encourage us all to sing together outside worship as well, for the benefit of our families, our communities, our nation, and our world.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Jessica Sutherland, President

There are again two Council meetings included in this update. Our regular meeting was held on May 8 and we had a special meeting on May 17.

At our May 8 meeting, we had a lengthy discussion about cash flow. Although pledge income and expenses, overall, are tracking well against the budget, some of these expenses are seasonal in nature and are due during the first few months of the fiscal year. This often creates some cash flow difficulties with our Operating Fund. The Council, upon recommendation from the Finance Committee, approved a measure to take an additional \$10,000 from the Mission Endowment Fund with the expectation of paying it back if there are sufficient funds left over in the Operating Fund at the end of the year. To illustrate the mercurial properties of the Operating Fund, Scott Baeder (Chair of the Finance Committee) informed me that some additional gifts had been received during the week following the Council meeting so that the Operating Fund was again in pretty good shape in terms of cash reserves. We remain very grateful to all of our members who keep up with their pledges on a timely basis and to those who give unpledged gifts as well. As we go into the summer months, please try to remember to “pay it forward” if you plan to be away (or enroll in Trinity’s electronic giving program) so that we can maintain a healthy positive balance in our Operating Fund. We also approved a proposal from the Construction Committee to move the remaining balance from the Nave Repair fund (\$87,000) to the Infrastructure Repair Fund. This will need to be approved at a future Special Meeting of the Congregation that will be scheduled when we receive the accounting and budget worksheets from our architect. We are also getting closer to being able to close on the Construction Loan from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. The Council also tabled a motion from the Property Committee regarding installing replacement windows in the Education Wing as part of the de-leading project. The Council requested more information about this project so that we can balance the needs of this project with other property matters that are expected to need remediation during the next few years. The Council also welcomed our new part-time bookkeeper, Barbara O’Day.

At the May 17 meeting, we passed a motion to once again fly the Pride (rainbow) flag near our church sign during the month of June (Pride Month) to show our support of and affirm our welcome to our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussing the updates to our Constitution that are required to bring it into compliance with the changes made to the ELCA Model Constitution at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. The Council is also in the process of revising Trinity’s bylaws so that they more accurately reflect our current practices. There will be more updates on both of these initiatives in future months.

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

Refugee ministry ... Car needed! Members of Trinity (Bev Hobbs, Jena Hardy, and Pastor Nathan) have reconnected with a Syrian refugee family we have worked with in the past. While the family is adjusting well to life in the United States, their 17-year-old car is in need of significant repair work to the brakes and transmission. If you have a connection to a dependable car that might be donated to the family, or would be willing to make a significant financial donation in support of the purchase of a new(er) car, please speak with Bev, Jena, or Pr. Nathan. Thanks for your support and prayers!



Welcome and Hospitality ...

- **Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m. – Trinity will welcome 8 new members ...** Five members will join by Affirmation of Baptism (Anthy Angelo, Nancy Hagberg, Nick & Clair Salerno, and Lindsey Stephan). Three will join by baptism (Sean Stephan and his daughter, Chloe, and Bentley McCabe). We give thanks for the Holy Spirit's work building Christ's church!
- **Sunday, June 11 at 9 a.m. – Greeter Training ...** Trinity's Welcoming (Forward Leadership) Team will be hosting a training for current and prospective greeters, as well as the Congregational Council, in an effort to deepen and strengthen Trinity's culture of friendliness and hospitality. Team members include Pastor Nathan, Roz Horn, Mary Tarquinio, and Danny Whittemore. If you are interested in serving as a greeter and participating in the training, please let Pastor Nathan know.
- **Welcoming families with children and youth ...** The Welcoming Team will be working with Jena Hardy to address the number one priority identified by Trinity's participation in the New England Synod CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool): *"Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church."* Martin Luther taught that parents are the bishops of their homes with the call to provide a Christian upbringing for their children. May we always do what we can to support parents in this important task. Please speak with Pastor Nathan for more details.



TRINITY

*Restoring
Rejoicing
Rejoicing*

As we roll from spring into summer, we will also see the start of the final portion of the Phase One work. Demolition of the old boilers and pumps and removal of asbestos will have already begun and should be complete by mid-June. At that point, installation of new, more efficient boilers and associated plumbing and controls will begin. This work will eliminate the steam generation equipment that has been a source of excess maintenance cost in recent years. When this is finished, our entire system will be based on forced hot water. Temperature controls will also be installed that will allow more even heating of rooms throughout the building as well as automatic setback of the temperature at night. This portion of the work is contracted to be completed within 90 days of commencement.

Along with the heating system work, we will see some additional changes to the building's infrastructure. The main fire alarm panel will be replaced and a new wireless link to the Worcester Fire Department (WFD) will be installed. This will allow for optimal functioning of the existing system as well as upgrade of detection and alarm devices as required by the WFD. And the transformers will be removed from the basement vault and be replaced by new ones located outside the building, near the corner of Wachusett and Salisbury Streets.

The infrastructure work was originally expected to be completed early in the project. That it has taken this long has been a source of frustration and a challenge to the Construction Committee. That it has finally gotten off the ground is attributable, in large part, to the work of our architect, who through negotiation with the contractors and discussion with the engineers, has come up with a plan that gets us what we need at a price within the overall project budget. However, that price is higher than what was budgeted for this work, mainly because the building's masonry construction complicates installation of heating and fire alarm controls. Fortunately, the previously completed work on the roof and in the Nave and Chancel has come in well under budget. Nevertheless, because of the way in which the project was approved, a vote of the congregation must be taken in order to apply the savings from other parts of the project to this infrastructure work. Look for a notice of a congregational meeting for this purpose.



Updates on the Grounds from Jeff Heath, the Building Supervisor: For the **playground**, a small group of hearty souls came out in the rainy, cold weather and dismantled the fencing and saved most of the components for reuse. Then the play structure itself came apart into manageable size pieces. We relocated all the parts over to their new location and loosely fit them back together. The sandbox was also moved, and reassembled in a slightly different shape so that it fit better into its new home. Then with some mechanical help, the storage shed made a zigzag passage down the parking lot and back to its location. The next heavy task was the removal of the old curbing and you may have had to drive around the dirt pile. That material has been moved to be repurposed in other places. The following Saturday, the Playstructure was aligned, and all the pieces were reattached in their respective places and the bolts tightened up. Some legs were adjusted for the new level of the surface underneath. Since the new location of the shed is outside of the fence, we had to move all the items in the shed to the opposite ends so that the playground equipment would be in the end with doors that open into the playground. The new protective layer under the playstructure is made of recycled rubber that is ground up then mixed with a new glue and layered onto the pavement under the playstructure. A top coat of finer pieces, and colored pieces was added to create the proper cushioning for the whole area. As I write this, the new fence posts are being installed, and the chain link material and gates will be mounted on these posts in a couple of days.

With the playground project nearing completion, the **parking lot** will be swept and it will be time to paint some new lines. We are going to have the parking lot surface examined to determine how the cracks have changed since the last time the whole lot was sealcoated. We will determine if the lot is to get a new sealcoat application. After the sealcoating, we will paint lines for the new spaces. We will maintain the handicapped spaces and the extra spaces for people who are less mobile close to the building and create new rows of spaces where the playground used to be. Please be aware that some spaces will change and the traffic pattern will be slightly different around the new playground fence.

Trinity Travel has limited spaces open for the following trips:

July 12 - Chocolate and Wine Tour

August 15 - Spirit of Boston

Sept. 11 - Cranberry Harvest Tour

Oct. 11 - Molly Stark Trail Foliage

Dec. 2 Reagle Players Christmas

Please contact Beth Axelson if interested at baxelson015@gmail.com

Pride Flag to be displayed during the month of June ... At its Wednesday, May 17, 2017 meeting, the Congregational Council voted to display the Pride Flag during the month of June outside at the corner of Lancaster and Salisbury Streets. Displaying the flag is a public display of Trinity's "Reconciling in Christ" status offering intentional welcome to, and ministry with, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender families and individuals. June is widely celebrated as Pride Month in recognition of LGBT persons standing up against police harassment and intimidation at the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28, 1969.



Save the date: Tuesday, August 1 – baseball & fellowship: the Worcester Bravehearts are hosting Trinity at their ballpark! Come for the BBQ and baseball, stay for the fellowship! The BBQ at Fitton Field begins at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 7 p.m.! We'll eat and enjoy the game together! The cost is \$27/adult and \$18/kids 12-and-under which includes a Worcester Bravehearts baseball cap, ticket to the game, the "Bullpen Buffet" that includes burgers, hot dogs,

grilled chicken sandwiches, veggie burgers, pasta salad, potato salad, chips, pickles, make your own sundaes, soda and bottled water. Please sign up in the hallway outside Jeppson Hall or talk to Jena Hardy if you have questions.



Faith Formation for All Ages (June schedule)

On summer break: Sunday Education for Children & Youth and Wednesday Confirmation. Classes will resume in September.

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

On June 18, Cantor Mark Mummert will begin leading a seven-week course on hymns of Martin Luther as part of this year's commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Contact Cantor Mark for more details.

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

Pastor Nathan will continue the Wednesday Bible Study during the summer months. The group reads and discusses the lessons to be read in the upcoming liturgies on Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Nathan for more details

✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

Sunday, June 4 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *Filled with the spirit*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *Varieties of gifts; the same spirit*

John 20: 19-23 *The spirit poured out*

Psalmody: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 577 *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove* VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

This coming Sunday is Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter, and we keep the resurrection of Christ by celebrating the Spirit of the Risen Christ in our midst. Jesus Christ has not gone away but is here with us: we stand to greet him as we hear him speak in the gospel reading, and we share in his body in the meal.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 11 The Holy Trinity / First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a *Creation of the heavens and the earth*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *Paul's farewell*

Matthew 28:16-20 *Living in the community of the Trinity*

Psalmody: Psalm 8 *How majestic is your name in all the earth*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 412 *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* KINGSFOLD

On every Sunday of the church year, we praise our triune God. Yet on this coming Trinity Sunday, we attend especially to the mystery of our three-in-one God. Come to worship, and receive the blessings that the Trinity gives.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 18 Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 11A

Exodus 19:2-8a *The Covenant with Israel at Sinai*

Romans 5:1-8 *While we were sinners, Christ died for us*

Matthew 9:35-10:8 *The sending of the twelve*

Psalmody: Psalm 100 *We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 722 *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* ELLACOMBE

In the gospel reading for Sunday, Jesus calls the twelve apostles and then sends them out to carry on his work of proclaiming the good news and healing the sick. Come to worship so that you can hear this good news and, at the table of the Lord, be strengthened for the tasks of healing the sick and casting out evil in the name of Jesus.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 25 Time after Pentecost- Lectionary 12A

Commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 and Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, 1560

Jeremiah 20:7-13 *The prophet must speak despite opposition*

Romans 6:1b-11 *Buried and raised by Christ by baptism*

Matthew 10:24-39 *The cost of discipleship*

Psalmody: Psalm 69:7-10 *Answer me O LORD for your love is kind.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 796 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

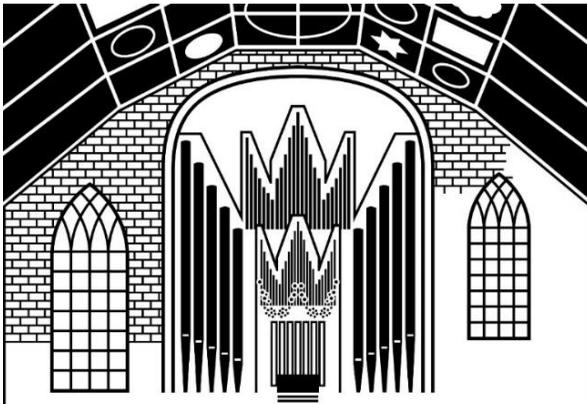
In the gospel reading for this coming Sunday, Jesus says several surprising things: that he has come to bring, not peace, but a sword; and that followers must love him more than they love their own family members. Come to worship to meditate on what these sayings might mean, and at the table, be strengthened to live the surprising life of the Christian.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, June 28

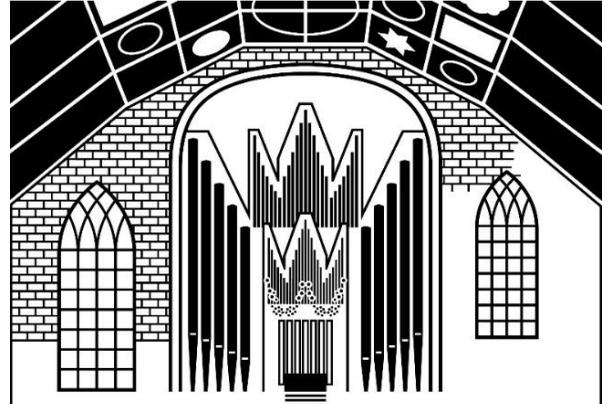
6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)



MUSIC AT TRINITY
NOVUS VETERIS
THE NEW OLD

ADAMAS
 Diamonds From the Dust,
 Worcester's Professional Chamber Choir
 performing newly composed choral music

JUNE 3—7:30 PM



MUSIC AT TRINITY
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THE NEW OLD

TRINITAS
 Hymn Festival
 Come, join the Dance of Trinity Cantor
 Mark Mummert and the choirs and
 instrumentalists of Trinity Church

JUNE 11—4:00 PM

CELEBRATIONS

First Communion: Four children and their moms participated in a First Communion class with Pr. Susan and Jena on Saturday, May 6. Children helped to prepare and bake communion bread, learned how to “set the table,” and got the “behind the scenes tour” of the Nave, choir loft and Sacristy. Congratulations and blessings on your First Communion Julia and Liva Dacri and Ethan and Owen Pike!





Youth With a Mission: Did you know that Trinity has AWESOME teenagers?! On Easter Monday morning, 11 of our youth...Ethan B., Max D., Andrew, Morgan, Max G., Cole, Grace, Erik, Ana, Sofia and Libby along with Pr. Nathan and Jena, left Massachusetts with the rest of the LIPY (Lutheran Inter-Parish Youth) group. Destination...Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the annual April Vacation

Mission Trip. There were 37 people loaded up into four white vans headed to their "home" for the week at Camp Nawakwa (the PA version of Camp Calumet) where they stayed in a huge lodge.

Youth were able to choose one of five service projects to participate in for three days. After breakfast each morning, the four white vans went their separate ways, headed for the various project sites. One group stayed behind at Camp Nawakwa to help with camp refurbishment projects....chipping paint off of cabins and getting cabins ready for the summer season. Teens who went to Cross Keys Village, a nursing home, spent three days interacting with the residents, playing games with them, forming quick relationships which made saying "goodbye" on that last day difficult. The group that went to the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg each day worked in the warehouse lifting, sorting and organizing huge amounts of food to be distributed to smaller food pantries or agencies. SCCAP (South Central Community Action Program) hosted two different group of youth. One group worked directly with staff and clients in their food pantry while another group did some behind the scenes work, reorganizing and cleaning.

There was no cell service at Camp Nawakwa unless you hiked to the top of a hill in the middle of an orchard! But having no way to use cell phones or stream movies meant that everyone had to find other ways to spend their free time at camp. There were hikes and expeditions to see the stars and to explore Nawakwa property or to see the Upper Temple while others played countless rounds of Disc Golf or Red Belly. One night, we went bowling. On the last full day at camp, we got to experience some of the history of Gettysburg at the Gettysburg Museum of History and Seminary Ridge Museum learning that the ELCA seminary in Gettysburg played a big part in all of that history?! Not only did the youth have the chance to do important work and step outside of their comfort zones, they had a great time getting to know new people and reconnecting with old friends! **THANK YOU TO ALL** at Trinity and beyond who participated in any of the fundraising efforts that have happened since the fall. We could not have gone without your support and are grateful for you and your support!



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✠ CELEBRATIONS ✠

BIRTHDAYS

Charles Peters 2.June
Leland Carlson 6.June
Eric VanLeeuwen 16.June
June LaJeunesse 30.June

ANNIVERSARIES

Carter & Alice Lindberg 4.June
Richard & Jane Bedard 6.June
Leonard & Virginia Salerno 7.June
Howard & Evelyn Elander 9.June
Paul & Carol Kennedy 10.June
John & Marguerite Foster 11.June
Steven & Judith Mansur 11.June
Frank & Cynthia Sampson 11.June
Robert & Carol Peura 13.June
Morgan & Kona Enders 16.June
Roland & Edith Levin 25.June
Robert & Helen Hill 28.June

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 June 4 and July 2. 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!

Parish Office Closed Monday, May 29 and Tuesday, July 4: The Parish Office and Preschool will be closed on Memorial Day and Fourth of July. If you need pastoral care, please call Pastor Nathan at his cell number (617) 388-5636.

Follow the ministry of Trinity on Social Media! Pastor Nathan and Cantor Mark continue to welcome photos of Trinity ministries in action for posting on our Social Media sites. Just grab your phone and snap a picture! Please make sure you have permission from the people you are photographing. Email the pics to either npipho@trinityworc.org or mmummert@trinityworc.org. Thanks!



Facebook.com/tlcworcester

Twitter: @tlcworcester

Instagram: trinityworcester

SERVICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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) so you may attend the Greeter Training on June 11 at 9 a.m.

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!

The Trinity Health Cabinet: The Trinity Health Cabinet seeks to offer support and assistance by meeting parishioners needs holistically, ministering to body, mind and spirit. Currently, this includes the work of:

Eucharistic Ministry: If you are sick or shut-in and desire to receive an in-home visit and Holy Communion, please call Karen Allen in the parish office at (508) 753-2989 x11 or email her at admin@trinityworc.org.



Meals and Transportation: If you are in need of meal assistance or transportation to a medical appointment, grocery shopping or the like, please call Merrie Gerber at (508) 768-5178 or email her at merrie_gerber@mac.com.

Advocacy: Trinity member, Babs VanRenterghem, has offered to help with patient advocacy and accompaniment. She writes: "Are you trying to figure out what you need to ask your doctor? Are you trying to make sense of the medical information you are finding online? If so, then maybe I can help. I spent the past year researching medical options and acting as a patient advocate for my dad. I have a Ph.D. in pharmacology and can help you navigate the weeds of medical information." You may email Babs or call her at bvanrent_twins@yahoo.com or (508) 886-6474 (home) or (774) 253-6681 (cell). All communications are confidential.

Card Ministry: This is a ministry of sending a greeting card from Trinity to those who are ill, grieving or in the midst of challenging times. If you know of someone who would be helped to receive a card from Trinity, please contact Peggy Moskowitz at the Trinity Welcome Desk, (508) 753-2989 x 10.



If you are interested in serving on the Trinity Health Cabinet, or have ideas about expanding this important ministry, please contact Merrie Gerber at (508) 768.5178 or email her at merrie_gerber@mac.com,

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to give homeless children a better tomorrow. Do you have two hours each week to PLAY with young homeless children in one of our shelter-based Playspaces in 19 locations across Central MA? Help a homeless child learn, play, and thrive. Upcoming volunteer training on July 19, 2017, in Worcester. For more info visit www.horizonschildren.org, call Mandie at (508) 755-2615 or email central@horizonschildren.org.

Elm Park Ministries Day Camp Is Returning For Its 8th Summer! Trinity contracts with Camp Calumet to send staff to Worcester for two weeks to run the camp. There are three adult staff/camp directors (Jena, Bob and BJ) and approximately ten experienced Calumet counselors who work for two weeks in Worcester to ensure that campers have the best summer ever! The counselors actually live inside Trinity's walls for two weeks! Local teens (including many from Trinity) have volunteered their time to be CIT's (Counselors In Training), helping the staff keep kids safe and happy. Some of the adults from Trinity volunteer their time to be "extra hands" in the kitchen or doing many of the random tasks that need to be done during the day.

But the best part of EPMDC is the campers! 70 campers ages 6-13 come from all over Worcester each day for two weeks. Children from Trinity and other churches come to camp alongside kids who may be brand new to the United States (through Ascentria's Refugee Programs). If you've ever wondered how to get along with people who "seem" different than you are, come and see camp in action because kids have the ability to overlook differences! There is more that unifies us than separates us which is evident each day during camp. Language and cultural barriers are erased and in its place, there is laughter, joy and freedom to "be." Campers can "be" without judgement; they are loved and cared for. They are exposed to all kinds of fun things like sports, arts and crafts and tons of wild and crazy camp games. Even the city has gotten involved sending a city councilor with an ice cream truck, fire department demonstrations and the library's mobile unit, Libby the Book Mobile! Each week, two school busses are filled and head for state parks to allow campers to go swimming...some for the very first time!

Trinity is truly serving a need through EPMDC to minister to children and their families and is definitely making a difference in their lives! There are all kinds of ways that you can help! Stay tuned over the next couple of months for more details but for now...consider sponsoring a child to go to camp or making a donation to EPMDC or purchasing spray sun tan lotion or individually wrapped snacks. We go through A LOT of snacks and spray lotion over the course of two weeks! We also appreciate donations of used towels! EPMDC is not a "cheap" thing to do but for many of the children who spend two weeks running through our hallways or playing in our parking lot and on the lawn, it is the best part of their year! If you want more information about camp, please talk to Jena! She has TONS of stories about how camp has changed lives!

Meal Packing In Review by Melissa Butler ...*neither Gentile nor Jew but one body in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:20) ...in love serving one another (Galatians 5:13)...for whenever you do for another you do also for me (Matthew 25:40)...feed my sheep (John 21:17).*

Oh what a *feast* it was when more than 50 individuals gathered together for two hours last Saturday morning to package meals for 16,000 men, women, and children in need in Worcester County! It was reminiscent of that day Jesus fed more than 5,000 with nothing more than two fish and five loaves of bread. One could almost hear Jesus saying—*feast your eyes upon this!*—as the ordinary space of Jeppson Hall was transformed into *sacred* space and God’s living word came to life.

I looked down the assembly line and watched Ben’s friend, Logan, laughing with Mark Mummert as they worked together to tape boxes for food distribution. Across the aisle, I saw Anna Hagberg standing on an assembly line dutifully engaging her part as others did their part to create a whole meal. I watched Dave Hobbs move from table to table asking if anyone needed a break. I thought about the many hands working together to create each meal, the hands that would *receive* such meals, and the ways in which such acts become a virtual sharing of the *peace* beyond the walls of Trinity.

What was *it* that transformed monotonous assembly work into such an amazing experience that many of us lost track of time and found ourselves saddened when the workday ended too soon? What was *it* that brought together strangers and so quickly made them friends? What was *it* that made the work seem so easy, the burden so light?

It *was* the miracle of the fishes and loaves brought to life in Worcester—a miracle that centers not on food that spoils, but on food that endures eternally. The Spirit *is* alive and at work in Trinity calling us to engage in work that *feeds* and *nourishes*, reminding us that such experiences truly are a *taste* of heaven.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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.*

YOUTH NEWS

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!

Redeem Your Cans and Bottles: Bring your cans and bottles to church and let one of the youth or Jena know that you have them with you. The youth will be redeeming cans and bottles on an ongoing basis in order to raise more money for the various events and trips they participate in.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES!

Kristen E. Mansur, daughter of Steven and Judy Mansur, graduated in May from Boston University with a Masters of Science in Leadership.

Geoffrey and William VanRenerghem, children of Barbara VanRenterghem, graduated from Wachusett Regional High School. In the fall, Geoffrey will attend University of Massachusetts in Amherst while William will attend Northeastern University in Boston.

THANK YOU

Greetings to all my Church Family, As you know within the last year and a half I have had a difficult time with my Mom's health issues as well as mine; I would like to tell you that I am doing okay because I have had all of you around me and most of all GOD..... There are no words that can explain how deeply I feel about all of you, people that have known me since I joined Trinity Lutheran Church and also many people in the church that I do not know. It is totally amazing. Going through these struggles has only strengthened my faith in God and humanity. I never realized how many people that truly care and I sincerely appreciate everything and I am so glad GOD brought me into your lives. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for all the care, prayers and support for my Mother and I. Blessings, Katherine Duffy.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! As you all know, the Tabitha Circle had their Spring Tea on Saturday, May 13 and it was well attended. We had a full house! They all had a great time and they also expressed to us that they missed some of our Tabitha Circle members that could not make it this year. They were there in spirit. We also want to thank everyone for the donations of the personal items, such as lotion, toothpaste, etc. for Concordia Church, homeless program.

Trinity Feeds the Sixteen Thousand *

A poem by Jessica Sutherland, Council President

When Thom suggested that Trinity raise \$3000 for the Outreach Meal Packing Program during Lent, It seemed like a stretch and I admit to wondering if we were being overly ambitious, I had underestimated our generosity and we blew past our goal after many gifts were sent, But how would we pack 16,000 meals and pull-off our own “miracle of the loaves and the fishes”?

As it turns out, I need not have worried about this either as more than fifty disciples were there, Our well-caffeinated Lutherans and St. Vincent’s folks were enthusiastic, eager, and ready to roll, And joined the four meal packing lines after sanitizing our hands and donning nets over our hair, “God’s Work-Our Hands” was evident and in only two and a half hours, we had accomplished our goal,

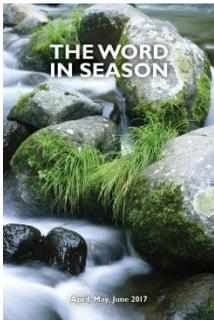
The Outreach Program will deliver all of these meals to our hungry neighbors in Worcester County, And I am filled with gratitude to all who helped make this possible as I end this little rhyme, Our Trinity tribe is ready and able to do more to answer God’s call to freely share His bounty, So what do you think about raising the bar and trying to pack 32,000 of these meals next time?

* See full article on page 14 of this issue of *Trinity News*.

Thanks for the Opportunity: Food packing is a very important job. When we pack meals, we are giving many people and families hope. On May 20 I went to the food packing event at our church. I thought that there would be only about 25 people but there were 50 plus. I thought it was very amazing to see how many people care. It was astounding to learn how many people and children are starving. It felt great to be able to help out on a local level. Sincerely, Morgan Gingras.

Tabitha Circle & Summer Reading Books: Tabitha Circle is once again sponsoring a book drive for summer reading books for the kids at Concordia. Summer and reading go together like burgers and dogs! We are collecting books for the kids at Concordia to help them fulfill their summer reading requirements for school and just for fun. If you have gently used books in your kids' bookcases or can find them at yard sales, please bring them in the next few Sundays. Savers and Goodwill are also great sources. From first readers and picture books to classics and series, there's always some kid who is thrilled to grab a new book. We are also looking for summer clothes of any size!

PARISH OFFICE NOTES



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 July, August, and September 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.

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.



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.

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

Family Celebration Event: June 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m. This event is a wonderful time of celebrating our preschool children. Performing songs, a video presentation, and recognizing those who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, are some of the highlights of the event. We all look forward to this opportunity to spend extended time with our preschool families.

Playground: Children and teachers are eagerly awaiting the final inspection (June 1) of our newly relocated playground. We love the new location and surface material.



Summer Schedule: The children have started a variety of seeds in small cups in the classroom. Radish, carrot, bell pepper, lettuce, spinach, tomato and flowers are some of the seeds they chose. As soon as they sprout and are big enough, we will transfer them to our garden located in the playground area.

During the summer, we like to spend as much time outdoors as possible. Whatever we can relocate from the classroom to our outdoor space, serves to enhance everyone's learning experiences. Activities such as climbing, running, bike riding, building water walls, water table play, sprinkler time, and constructing in the sand, all engage the children in hands on learning while having a fun time.

Dear Friends of the The T.E.C. Schools,



The T.E.C. Schools Think. Explore. Create.
is proud to announce their 1st anniversary.
We take this opportunity to thank you for helping us succeed.
You are cordially invited to attend

The Night of the Arts

in honor of our one year milestone accomplishment

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Jeppson Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church
73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA, 01609

6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.: Welcome note and Individual Recitals

6:50 p.m.: Musical Performance

7:30 p.m.: Viewing of Student Work and Light Refreshments

Please RSVP number of attendees to Rupali (508) 577-3045

Once again, thank you for helping us make the first year so successful. We look forward to greeting you as our special guest at The Night of the Arts.

Rupali Sharma
Director



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Trinity Worship Services on TV and the Internet

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.

✠CELEBRATIONS✠

BIRTHDAYS

Charles Peters 2.June
Leland Carlson 6.June
Eric VanLeeuwen 16.June
June LaJeunesse 30.June

ANNIVERSARIES

Carter & Alice Lindberg 4.June
Richard & Jane Bedard 6.June
Leonard & Virginia Salerno 7.June
Howard & Evelyn Elander 9.June
Paul & Carol Kennedy 10.June
John & Marguerite Foster 11.June
Steven & Judith Mansur 11.June
Frank & Cynthia Sampson 11.June
Robert & Carol Peura 13.June
Morgan & Kona Enders 16.June
Roland & Edith Levin 25.June
Robert & Helen Hill 28.June

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.



Serving for the Month of June

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Lector 8 AM	Inger-Lise Kilcoyne	Joel Schur	Jacob Schur	Richard Grusell
Lector 10 AM	Dale Mattice	Ana Ranese	Kevin Erkkila	TBA
Assisting Minister	Dwight Hubbard	Edward Van Corbach	Dale Mattice	Edward Van Corbach
Communion Assistants	Merrie Gerber Ethan Butler Tim O'Connor	Beth Axelson Cole Mueller Scott Mueller	Ed Menard Ana Ranese Andrew Gingras	Libby Stone Danny Whittemore Jim Nachtigal
Crucifer & Greeters	Tim O'Connor Dave Hobbs Bev Hobbs	Scott Mueller Judy Willoughby Ken Johnson	Andrew Gingras Pauline Belanger Lois Mangsen-Pakula	Jim Nachtigal Betty Sander Doris Stirlen
Ushers	Robert Burns Alivia Burns Andrew Carlson Beverly Leino Tyler Leino	Maureen Stake Carl Robertson Ed Menard Alexis Guertin Max Guertin	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Vincent Eovacious Hannah Drackley Beth Axelson	Robert Burns Alivia Burns Vincent Eovacious Beverly Leino Tyler Leino
Acolytes	Natalie Dervishian Sofia Silva-Rosa	Kate Noroian Grace Mueller	Ben Butler Ethan Paixao	Emilio Silva-Rosa Greg Noroian
Altar Guild	Patti Cummings Karen Short	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson	Ethel Glidden
Bread Baker	Lori Doyle	LeeAnn Hedberg Jaquith	Nancy Fontneau	Beth Axelson
TV Ministry	Paul Foster Paul Gustafson	Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Gustafson	Rich Grusell Paul Gustafson