

# Trinity News

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## Received from God + Shared with the World

*"Indeed, everything comes from you, and we have simply given back to you what is yours." 1 Chronicles 29:14b (New English Translation)*



## Pastor Pipho's Perspective ...

The first sermon I preached as your pastor was on Commitment Sunday last November. I reflected on the connection between changing my dead car battery and the commitment of money, time, and resources we make to support the work of Trinity and the wider church.

Acknowledging the teaching of the Small Catechism that the Holy Spirit *calls, gathers, and enlightens the church and keeps it one true faith*, I suggested that the Holy Spirit provides the spark that ignites our commitment to power the engine of our ministry. The bigger our commitment, the bigger the spark, the greater the ministry.

You'll notice many pictures of the ministry from this past year will be included in this year's Stewardship Campaign. These pictures are the end product of what started as your commitment to the ministry in 2017. They were made possible by the Holy Spirit igniting your commitment for the sake of faith in Jesus Christ and for the love of our community. Thank you for honoring your commitment to this ministry!

This year's Stewardship Theme is **"Received from God + Shared with the World"** and it reminds me of another sermon I preached this past year. On the Sunday between the two weeks of Elm Park Ministries Day Camp in August, I pointed out that some scholars believe the miracle of Jesus feeding



*Lunch Time at Elm Park Day Camp*

counselors and counselors-in-training, and the over 70 children, who participated in Elm Park Ministries Day Camp this year certainly went home this year with abundance!

the crowd of 5,000, was a miracle of sharing. Inspired by the disciples giving all they had, which was far less than required, the crowd did the same and shared what they had. The surprising end result was that through their sharing they had more left over at the end than what they thought they had at the beginning! The Holy Spirit ignited their generosity and sharing, and the crowds were fed with plenty left over! The two dozen

With your strong, bold, and generous commitment to the ministry in 2018, who knows the exciting new ways the Holy Spirit will use your commitment to advance the ministry in 2018? What pictures will we be celebrating one year from now of a ministry on fire, passionate about Christ, growing in faith, bold in the Spirit, and engaging the community in powerful new ways? Maybe after a rich and full season of ministry, we will even have a budget surplus at the end!

Your financial commitment to the ministry in 2018 is the very real way in which the Holy Spirit advances the Church of Jesus Christ here in Worcester and around the world. It will support the preaching of the gospel, the administration of the sacraments, and the announcement of the Good News of Christ through pastoral care. It will support staff who provide music, education, youth fellowship, administration, and building care and maintenance. It will support this sprawling and majestic building that not only hosts ministry activities, but also two schools and countless programs and events for the sake of community.

Friends, make a bold, generous, and powerful commitment to support this ministry in 2018! Together, let us find out the exciting new things the Holy Spirit has in store for us!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nathan*

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

*Jessica Sutherland, President*

Our regular meeting was held on September 11. Every fall, the Treasurer and members of the Finance Committee (with assistance from the Personnel Committee on the wages and benefits section) draft the annual operating budget which Council reviews. Our Treasurer, Christian Whittemore, described the process and timelines for crafting the 2018 budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in January 2018. Each month, the Council also reviews the current financial statements. We are running a bit behind budget when it comes to pledges and special gifts. This isn't unusual at Trinity at the end of the summer; historically, we have been able to make this up during the fall. Christian suggested that we make a concerted effort to encourage more of our parishioners to set-up automated gift-giving (pledges and special gifts) through Vanco so that these monies will be received on a regular, more predictable schedule throughout the calendar year. We also discussed increasing awareness about employer matching gifts and selecting Trinity to receive Amazon Smile funds. The Council also will work with the Finance Committee and Stewardship Ministry Teams to increase awareness regarding seasonal gifts and other designated gifts (e.g. TV Ministry, Tower Lighting, Trinity News, Altar and Organ, House of the Lord, Music at Trinity, Good Samaritan, etc.). Christian also reported that because of gifts and tuition receipts, the Elm Park Urban Day Camp had a strong financial performance and total expenses are likely to come in under budget this year.

We also heard reports from our pastors, cantor, other governance committees and ministry teams. The TLC Preschool Board will be reconvened and our Council liaisons (Danny Whittemore, Dale Mattice, and Tim Horan) will work with Mary and the Board on a charter to be reviewed by Council at a future meeting. The bollards have been installed around the playground; the sealing and re-lining of the parking lot has been scheduled. Some of the preliminary work on the exterior stucco has begun along with installing a new floor and painting the parish offices. The Construction Committee is working with our architect and with the Worcester Fire Department on finalizing the plans for the new fire alarm system. Rich Grusell has been working with the loan officers from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to coordinate the loan withdrawals and paperwork. The interest-only construction loan "phase" will close once the fire alarm system is installed and then the loan will convert to a regular mortgage and so it will be important to carefully schedule and choreograph the remaining construction activities. Pr. Nathan reported on the outcome of the visits that he, Jena Hardy, and Heidi Richard made to 15 parents/adults and 7 youth representing 12 households. Several interesting suggestions were made around the themes of 1) accounting for "busyness" of families; 2) Sunday worship; 3) deepening welcoming attitudes among Trinity members; 4) Christian

education and 5) family and youth ministry. Pr. Nathan also reported that 9 youth from Trinity (and 1 from Zion in Oxford) are planning to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this coming summer. We also heard from Kathy and Andrew Gingras who had just returned from a fun and enriching Hammonasset youth gathering up at Camp Calumet. The Council continues to work on the constitutional amendments needed to bring Trinity's document into compliance with the ELCA Model; there will be educational sessions for the Congregation about this prior to the Annual Meeting.

On the Faith in Action front, thanks to everyone who helped with the Scones for School ministry, the Worcester Pride parade and festival, and the annual congregational picnic. Our next big event is celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with an Oktoberfest and Music at Trinity Hymn Festival on October 29. We hope that you are all planning to attend. Let's all party like it's 1517!

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 9 at 7 p.m. Please join us.



### **Blessing of the Animals**

To mark *The Day of St. Francis* on the church's calendar, Trinity will combine *A Blessing of the Animals & Midweek Eucharist*

**On Wednesday, October 4 at 6 p.m.**

Along with celebrating and blessing those of God's creatures that are dear to us, we will also remember and celebrate our calling to love and care for all of God's creation. This festive gathering will take place on the Trinity green (weather permitting). There will be a fellowship supper to follow and treat bags for our pet friends. Everyone is invited to come and to bring with them "all creatures great and small."

**Parish Office Closed Friday, October 6 & Parking Lot Closed Friday & Saturday, Oct 6 & 7.** Please be advised the parking lot will be closed for sealcoating for two days (weather permitting). Both schools will be OPEN on Friday and will be using the entrance on Wachusett Street. Please speak with Karen Allen or Jeff Heath with any questions about building access.

**Parish Office Closed on Columbus Day – Monday, October 9.** Have a safe and restful holiday! In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Nathan on his cell at (617) 388-5636.

## September 2017

### Worcester Pride ...

On Saturday, September 9, members of Trinity marched in the Worcester LGBT Pride Parade and represented Trinity at the Pride Festival on Worcester Common. Members of



Trinity also handed out water bottles that advertised Trinity. Special thanks to Ed Menard & Carl Robertson who helped with registration and organization and Lisa Stone and Danny Whittemore who helped with supplies and t-shirts, and to all who donated water and time. Thanks everyone!



**Trinity Kick-Off Sunday ...** Backpacks were blessed during the 10 a.m. liturgy as part of “Kick-Off Sunday” on September 17. Following the liturgy, the congregation gathered for the annual Church Picnic held on the Trinity Green. Special thanks to Mark & Kathy Gingras, Andrew Gingras, Lisa Stone, Ed Menard & Carl Robertson, Jeff Heath, AND TO ALL WHO HELPED pull off a fantastic picnic on a beautiful later summer/early fall

New England day. We concluded the day with the first “Music at Trinity” event of the year – a striking and moving commemoration of Hildegard of Bingen. Thanks Cantor Mark!



**Commitment Sunday on October 22:** This is an opportunity for members of Trinity to make a commitment as to what they will offer to God's work through Trinity, the New England Synod, the ELCA and beyond. Commitment cards will be mailed. Completed cards will be dedicated on that Sunday at both liturgies. **Commitments are important.** It has been said that those who do not set goals or make commitments will most certainly meet them. Making commitments by completing a commitment card not only helps the church make good stewardship decisions based on a reasonable expectation of its income, but being conscious about what we will return to God for the ministries of the church is also a spiritual discipline.

This year's stewardship theme is *"Received from God + Shared with the world."* How will Trinity's people commit to sharing the rich blessings we have received from God with a world of need, and with a community and a world that desperately need to hear the good news of the gospel proclaimed? We are all encouraged to begin now to give prayerful consideration to what our response will be and to plan to be present on Commitment Sunday to declare our response.

## 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Oktoberfest Celebration



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Sunday, October 29, 2017  
1 to 4 p.m.

Special appearance by Martin Luther

Brats, sauerkraut, baked beans, sides, pretzels, punch.  
Bring your favorite brew to enjoy with your feast.

Suggested \$10 donation per person. Registration is a **MUST** by October 23, 2017. Call (978) 368-8923 or email [loret.schur@gmail.com](mailto:loret.schur@gmail.com) or to secure your brats, etc.

Valpo Alumni and friends are excited to be included in this event. Thrivent Action Team members will also be attending. We aim to Live Generously and help make a difference.

Hymn Festival immediately following the Oktoberfest at 4 p.m. Details of the event are on the next page.

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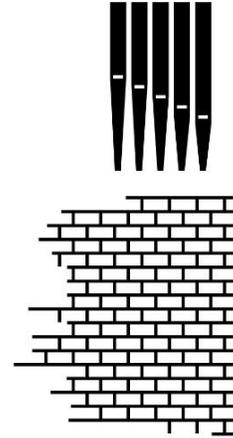
**MUSIC AT TRINITY**

Reformation:

PAST

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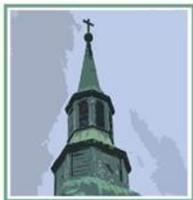


**SUNDAY OCT. 29, 2017 4:00 PM**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Hymn Festival commemorating the  
500th Anniversary of the Reformation

THE TRINITY CHOIR & GUEST CHOIRS



TRINITY  
*Restoring  
Rejoicing  
Rejoicing*

The parish offices have new flooring and new paint on the walls and ceiling. Thank you to the volunteer painters.

The outside stucco repair is continuing. At this time, there has only been one area that turned out to be more damaged than was visually obvious. One cause of this recurring problem on the outside of Jeppson Hall is that the old windows, being made of wood, have been holding moisture against the stucco. This has been influenced by the Plexiglas that was attached directly to the window sashes back in the 1970's. The way that these were mounted has not allowed the windows to breath and has trapped in moisture. Thank you to Dan Craig of Liberty Construction for finding the root cause of the issue and helping Trinity deal with this.

The new transformer was delivered the last week of September. This allowed for the interior work to progress to the next stage. New main feeder wires, some pipes and hangers, and temporary blocking will be done in preparation for the changeover. Once National Grid does their connection to the transformer and it is ready to turn on, the changeover event will be scheduled. This will require all the power in the building to be off while everything is disconnected from the old power transformers, the old main panel will be dismantled and removed; the new panel will move into place, and all the wires that feed the various parts of the building will be reconnected. This is slow and careful work so that all the workers stay safe.

The heating system has been fully connected to the new boilers. All the pipe work was tested with air pressure to find any leaks before filling it with water. There were also jokes about finding a radiator that everyone missed during the whole refitting process. With over 190 new valves and connection points, the joke was almost serious. The new control system is learning needs of the building for heat with the various day/night and weather cycles. The system will actually learn how long it takes for a given room to change temperature when asked for heating. The control system will then make adjustments to the cycle times so that rooms are at the requested temperature when they are needed. Rooms that have a fairly consistent usage pattern will need very little manual adjustments. Rooms that have a more sporadic usage will take more hands-on control. The entire system will report back to a central computer so that changes to scheduled cycles may be made in areas using more heat than expected.

The parking lot has new bollards around the playground fence. There was one small area of the lot that the dirt under the pavement had compacted over the years. That area was cut open and patched. All of the cracks are being cleaned out and filled with a hot rubber product to reseal the pavement surface. Then the new seal coat will be applied and new lines painted. If the weather cooperates, the parking lot will be closed from Thursday night, October 5, 2017, after all functions are done that evening. The seal coat will be applied and lines painted on Friday, October 6, and the parking lot will stay locked until Sunday morning, October 8, when it will reopen for Sunday Services..

As always thank you for all of your patience understanding when areas of the building look messy or chaotic as work is being done. We are now nearly done with all of this work and moving forward.

Submitted by Jeff Heath, Building Manager

**Preparing for All Saints Sunday:** This month we prepare to remember those in our parish and in our lives who have died in faith and now rest in the Lord. Votive candles and a Book of Life are placed in the Nave. You may wish to light a candle in celebration of new life for those whom you have loved. In addition, you may also wish to write the name(s) of those whom you are remembering in the Book of Life. On November 6, All Saints Sunday, our prayers include those in our parish community who have died during this past year, along with the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth.

**Trinity Travel** has limited spaces open for the trip to Reagle Players Christmas Event on December 2. Please contact Beth Axelson if interested at [baxelson015@gmail.com](mailto:baxelson015@gmail.com)

### Faith Formation for All Ages

- **Sunday School for children up to grade 6:** on Sunday at 9 a.m. This year, children will be gathering on the 2nd floor in the education wing! Contact Jena Hardy for more information at [jhardy@trinityworc.org](mailto:jhardy@trinityworc.org).
- **Sunday Adult Forum ... 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. – Library.** In October, Professor Carter Lindberg will lead conversation on images of the Reformation and his booklet “Re-Imaging the Reformation” available in the Nave. Inquiring and committed minds are invited to share each Sunday as we explore issues of faith and life. Questions and responses are welcome!
- **Tuesday Social Media Bible Study ...** Pastor Nathan invites you to participate in a Social Media Bible Study. On Tuesdays, he posts a verse or two from the upcoming Sunday’s readings and invites your comments/thoughts/reactions. You can log-in and participate any time during the day (or the following days) at your convenience. Remember to SHARE the posts in order to reach a greater audience. Contact Pastor Nathan for info.
- **Men’s Bible Study ... Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. – Golden Room** The group reads and discusses the lessons to be read in the upcoming liturgies on Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Nathan for more details.
- **Wednesday Education for Youth: 7 – 8 p.m.**  
Middle School: Confirmation with Melissa Butler. Confirmation classroom, Room ce214  
High School: Meets with Jena. Youth Room



## ✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

### **Sunday, October 1** Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 26

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 *The fairness of God's way*

Philippians 2:1-13 *Christ humbled to the point of death*

Matthew 21:23-32 *A parable of doing God's will*

Psalmody: Psalm 25:1-9 *Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast ERHALT UNS, HERR

*The gospel reading for this coming Sunday includes a short parable for all of us who have sometimes said No to God, and then later regretted it. Come to worship, to hear about God's welcome to us and to receive that welcome at the table of holy communion.*

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

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist** (Nave)

### **Wednesday, Oct. 4** Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church

**6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Pets** (Trinity Green, weather permitting)

### **Sunday, October 8** Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 27

Isaiah 5:1-7 *The song of the vineyard*

Philippians 3:4b-14 *Nothing surpasses knowing Christ*

Matthew 21:33-46 *The parable of the vineyard owner's son*

Psalmody: Psalm 80:7-15 *Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine.*

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

*One definition of a parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." The gospel for this coming Sunday is a parable about a vineyard, but we understand that the story is really about the call to accept and honor Christ as our master. Come on Sunday to worship Christ, the Son of God, the cornerstone who secures our lives.*

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

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist** (Nave)

### **Wednesday, Oct. 11**

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

### **Sunday, October 15** Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 28

Isaiah 25:1-9 *The feast of victory*

Philippians 4:1-9 *Rejoice in the Lord always*

Matthew 22:1-4 *The parable of the unwelcome guest*

**Sunday, October 15 (continued)**

Psalmody: Psalm 23 *You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 523 *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE*

*We don't invite strangers to our wedding banquets, but God does. Come to worship with us this coming Sunday. Join with millions of strangers, all around the world, who come to be filled with God's mercy.*

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

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**Wednesday, Oct. 18** Festival of Luke, Evangelist

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

**Sunday, October 22** Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 29

Isaiah 45:1-7 *An earthly ruler works God's will*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica*

Matthew 22:15-22 *A teaching about the emperor and God*

Psalmody: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] *Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 757 *All My Hope on God is Founded MICHAEL*

*Christians around the world have differing opinions about how high their taxes should be. Yet most churches have taught that believers should support their government, at least when it is functioning honorably. Come to worship this Sunday, to hear Matthew's words about allegiance to country and to God, and join with the community to pray for wisdom to be God's people in our time and place.*

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

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

**Wednesday, Oct. 25** Commemoration of Hymnwriters: Nicolai, Heermann, and Gerhardt

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

**Sunday, Oct 29** Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *I will write the law in their hearts, says the Lord*

Romans 3:19-28 *Justified by God's grace as a gift*

John 8: 31-36 *Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*

Psalmody: Psalm 46 *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 590 *Salvation Unto Us Has Come ES IST DAS HEIL*

*Over the centuries, Lutherans have kept a special day to thank God for the freedom that the word of God grants to believers and to pray that with the help of God's Spirit, the church will be continually reformed and renewed. You are invited to worship with us on this Reformation Sunday, in praise and petition to God for the ongoing health of the church.*

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

**10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)**

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***Deadline for November 2017 Issue: Friday, October 20, 2017***

## ✦ CELEBRATIONS ✦

### BIRTHDAYS

Edna Hill 9.October  
Gertrude Goetting 9.October  
Delores Peters 15.October  
Alice Hendrickson 18.October  
Carl Sundin 19.October  
Janet Fenuccio 23.October  
Fred Wedemeyer 24.October  
Norman Olson 25.October  
Lorraine Fortunato 27.October  
Barbara Hogan 28.October  
June Lindsay 30.October

### ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce and Joanne Westlund 26.October

## ✦ PASTORAL ACTS ✦

### FUNERALS

Carol Wilder 13.September  
Birgitta Linnell 18.September

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 October 1 and November 5. On these Sundays, the items you bring may be put in the grocery cart located in the hallway outside of Jeppson Hall. 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!

**“Arm Yourself” with a Flu Shot:** Walgreens representatives will be at Trinity on Sunday, October 15 at 11 a.m. to give flu shots. This service is covered by many insurance plans including Medicare so be sure to bring your insurance card with you. If you are interested in getting a shot, please call the parish office by October 2, so we are sure to have enough supplies available for all who wish to participate. The office number is (508) 753-2989 or email [admin@trinityworc.org](mailto:admin@trinityworc.org). Thanks!

**New focus for Social Media presence ...** You may have noticed some new features in Trinity’s Social Media presence designed to make our Social Ministry more interactive:

- *Tuesdays* – “Social Media Bible Study.” Verses from the following Sunday’s readings are posted and people are invited to participate in the study by posting responses, reactions, feedback, questions, or anything else the verses prompt.
- *Thursdays* – “Community Prayer.” Participants are invited to post prayer requests or celebrations.
- *Saturdays* – “Weekend Reading.” Believing that people may have a bit more time for reading on the weekend than during the week, links will be posted to interesting articles leading us deeper into the faith.

For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan at: [npipho@trinityworc.org](mailto:npipho@trinityworc.org). Remember to SHARE Trinity’s facebook posts and tweets!



Facebook.com/tlcworchester  
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## SERVICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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**Coffee Hour Sign-Up Is Kicking Into High Gear!** It's that time of year again! We are starting a new season of Coffee Hour sign ups and the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee could not be more excited!!! The weeks of October, November and December are available, and we would love to see people sign up and have as much fun with coffee hour as the rest of us do! If you are interested in signing up, or want information about coffee hour, please contact Norma Mills by e-mail at [norma.mills@umassmemorial.org](mailto:norma.mills@umassmemorial.org) or find her after church on Sundays helping with coffee hour!

**Volunteers Needed for Small Building Projects:** There has been a lot of building projects going on this past year and especially this summer. Jeff Heath, the Building Manager, has several sprucing up plans and he needs some volunteers. If you are able to paint, run a floor polisher or just do general cleaning, please contact Jeff by email at [jheath@trinityworc.org](mailto:jheath@trinityworc.org) or call him to discuss your skills and the time commitments at (508) 753-2989 x31. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request.

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## YOUTH NEWS

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**Youth at Hammo North:** On September 8-10, eight youth (in picture: Evan, Libby, Morgan, Sofia, Andrew, Erik, Grace and Max) went to Camp Calumet for the annual synod-wide youth gathering. Heidi, Kathy and Jena camped with the youth! They learned about compassion, worshipped in new ways, participated in service projects and spent time with old and new friends. They even stepped out of their comfort zones to lead worship onstage for all 200+ people! We have AWESOME youth!

**New Sunday School format:** We're really excited to try our new Rotational Curriculum. In our first unit, we'll be studying "Creation" by participating in seven different stations (Missions, Games, Cooking, Science, Spiritual Practices, Art, Storytelling) over the course of seven weeks. All children are invited to come at 9 a.m. to the second floor education wing to learn with us! Talk to Jena if you want more information!

**Youth to Houston in 2018 -- This Changes Everything:** Every three years, the ELCA puts on a HUGE (we're talking 30,000 people huge) Youth Gathering. Since 2015, we've known that the Gathering in 2018 would be in Houston, TX. We can't imagine the amount of planning and organizing that goes into making it possible for that many Lutherans (most of whom are under the age of 18) to be in one place at the same time.

As we all know, Hurricane Harvey has wreaked havoc in one of the nation's largest, fastest growing cities. The same city that our youth are headed to in June! We have been paying close attention to the latest news from the Youth Gathering organizers and despite the damage caused by the storm, we're excited to say "It's still on!" The theme of the Gathering was chosen a few years ago, "This changes everything!" And it couldn't be more true! Hurricane Harvey changed everything but what hasn't changed is our commitment, enthusiasm and passion to go! Now, more than ever, Houston needs us! What we don't know yet is how God will change us through the Gathering experience but we're anxious to see! Ethan Butler, Vinny Eovacious, Andrew and Morgan Gingras, Cole and Grace Mueller, Erik Olson, Ana Ranese and Libby Stone are headed to Houston to worship, serve and fellowship with thousands of other teens in a city that needs our support, help, prayers and tourism! Stay tuned for more news about the Gathering!

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## THANK YOU

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**Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran:** Thank you for selecting me as one of the scholarship recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year. This award will help me to continue my studies at Union College. Once again, many thanks. Sincerely, Turner Geenty.

**Dear Trinity Church,** We are so grateful to you as a community for loving my parents, Trent & Jo, and celebrating with them in July. I can see why they consider you home for their hearts. Thank you for helping set-up, serving and break down on July 23. May God continue to richly bless you. Sincerely, Laura & Greg Masterson

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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**Grace and peace to you from Rev. Doreen Oughton of the Worcester NAACP:** As the assistant to the Worcester NAACP Religious Affairs Chair, George Yancey, we wanted to let you know that the Worcester NAACP will be hosting the second "Faith in Worcester Day of Prayer" on Tuesday, October 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in front of Worcester City Hall. Religious leaders from different faiths will offer prayers for a variety of concerns and challenges the city faces. We hope you will encourage people from your faith community to join us.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** coordinates relief efforts in the United States and around the world devastated by natural and man-made disasters. It is a ministry of the ELCA and 100% of all funds donated are used directly for relief and efforts. For more info: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/> Remember, you may make a one-time donation to Lutheran Disaster Response online through Trinity's VANCO online donations. Log on to your account, check "OTHER" and write "Lutheran Disaster Response." Thanks for your generosity!

**Scones for School – UPDATE!** Thanks to your purchases of scones on Sunday, August 20. We raised about \$600 and we were able to purchase the following:

30 backpacks	24 3-ring binders	24 packs of lined paper
24 5-pk tab dividers	102 spiral bound notebooks	6 packs of index cards
12 highlighters	12 mechanical pencils	75 pens
140 pencils	30 erasers	6 5-subject notebooks
4 3-subject notebooks	15 24-pack colored pencils	18 wooden rulers
24 glue sticks	10 12-pack thin colored markers	10 pairs of scissors
26 pencil cases	14 8-pack thick colored markers	

Plus there was \$200 left to donate to Concordia for any additional supplies.

**Worcester Interfaith's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Beggar's Bowl:** The Beggar's Bowl, a fundraiser for Worcester Interfaith, will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are invited to come and to enjoy artisan bread, homemade soup and cookies served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl that is yours to keep. Donation is \$50, fully tax deductible. For tickets or more information, call Frank Kartheiser, Lead Organizer, Worcester Interfaith, at (508) 754-5001.



**Save the Date: Trinity Meal Packing Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m.** Building on the success of 50 volunteers coming together in May to pack 16,000 meals for local Worcester residents, we have decided to have another event in November with the goal of one event annually in the Fall. Please save the date and speak with Thom Tarquinio for more details.

**Reaching Out to Beyond the United States Borders:** Now, more than ever, the youth of Honduras need our help. Amidst the violence and poverty of the nation, the Lutheran Church provides hope and resources to give their youth a future in their homeland. For only \$1200, we can provide a student the resources to go to the university for one year. We hope to raise \$6000 by September 30 for five such scholarships. We have a \$3000 matching grant, dollar for dollar. Make checks payable to "New England Synod" and mail them to Pastor David Rinas, 12 Shirley St., Pepperell, MA 01463. The response has been really wonderful. We still have nearly two weeks in the campaign, and people have already contributed \$1550. So with the dollar for dollar match, we now have \$3100, more than half way to our goal of \$6000. Our next trip to Honduras will be February 20-27. We will be building the sanctuary at La Cañada. More details will follow after we get the cost estimate. Thank you for your continued interest!

**2017 Women's Weekend at Calumet, November 10-12:** This is one of Calumet's most popular weekend programs. Take this opportunity to come and join other Women from Trinity and around the NE Synod in getting away for fellowship, faith exploration, relaxation, shopping and some service. Enjoy breakfast buffets, yummy lunches, a delicious dinner and brand new show by Susan Poulin. Our very own Pastor, Susan Nachtigal is the Chaplain and Discussion Leader for this weekend. The focus of this faith exploration will be "Ponder Anew". We will even help with this year's service project, Kid's Comfort Tote's inspired by Project Night Light. It promises to be a great weekend!

There are a variety of accommodations available for all tastes. Copies of the weekend events and registration forms are in the hallway leading to the Nave. Please contact Lisa Stone at (774) 303-3517 or email [stonefamily729@gmail.com](mailto:stonefamily729@gmail.com) with any questions. You may also contact Alice at Calumet with your reservation [Alice@calumet.org](mailto:Alice@calumet.org) or call (603) 539-3223. Hope you can join us!

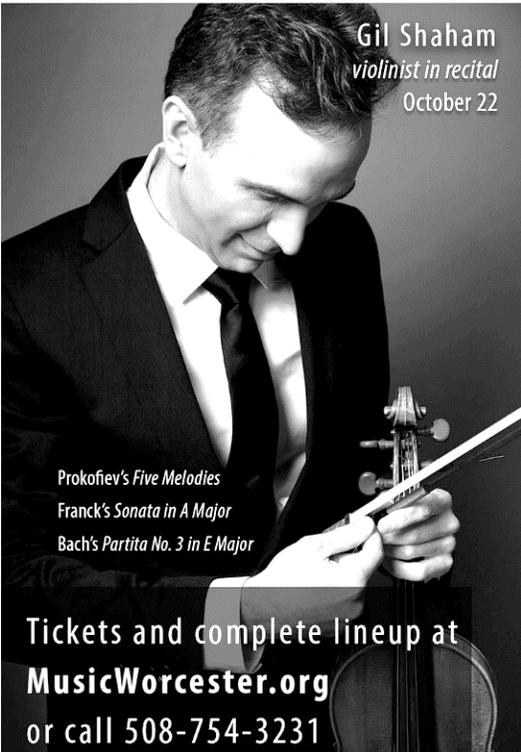


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*Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2  
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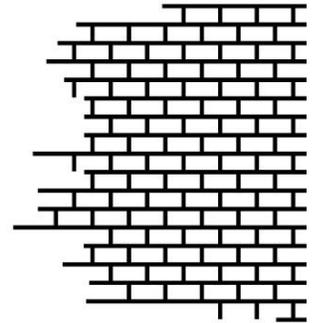
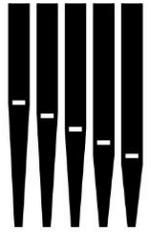
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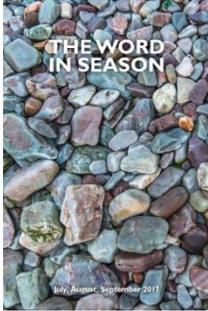
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WORCESTER YOUTH ORCHESTRAS  
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## PARISH OFFICE NOTES

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**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 October, November and December 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](mailto:admin@trinityworc.org) or call (508) 753-2989 x11.



**Hope for Housing Gift Cards:** On the first Sunday of each month, Katherine Duffy will be selling the gift cards in the hall outside of Jeppson. Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by the Interfaith Coalition to Prevent Family Homelessness with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance. The project raises awareness about homelessness in our community and utilizes the collective buying power of congregations to raise money for the prevention of family homelessness. Currently 30 congregations are participating in the program. The cards are from Big Y, Hannaford, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, Panera and CVS in various denominations. If you miss Katherine this Sunday, you may call the office at (508) 753-2989 to place an order for any of these cards. Just remember that you are helping people in Worcester County to stay in their homes. One gets the full value of the card purchased and in turn, the vendor donates 5% to help alleviate homelessness. And this is a great gift for students returning to college so they may get some snacks or a meal or for that special someone who helps you with a ride or runs your errands.

**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.



**The Parish Offices and Copy Room Are Back and Looking Pretty:** Thanks to everyone for your patience during the office renovations. And special thanks to the team of workers who helped Jeff Heath, the Building Supervisor, with the moving, cleaning and painting. This team included Ed Menard, Carl Robertson, Judy Willoughby and Ken Johnson. Thanks also to the Welcome Desk staff and Church staff for their flexibility and forbearance while we searched for items needed to do their work. And thanks to the Congregation Council for the funding of these renovations. Everyone's help made this big job move forward smoothly.



## TLC Christian Preschool

As we finish the month of September, we look forward to the cool, crisp mornings that await us. The weather is not the only thing that is changing; children are growing and growing fast. At TLC Christian Preschool, we recognize this and plan our annual clothing exchange during the weeks of October 10 through 20. It is a great time for parents to clean out the closets and donate items that your children have outgrown. We are accepting gently used and laundered children's clothing for this outreach. Once we have items available, you and the parents of the preschool can browse through the clothing and pick what you need in the sizing that is just right for your child. All leftover clothing will be donated to Concordia.



## 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.**



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## Trinity Worship Services on TV and the Internet

**Internet Webcasts-** [www.trinityworc.org](http://www.trinityworc.org) -or- [www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester](http://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.

Serving for the Month of October

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
<b>Lector 8 AM</b>	Joel Schur	Jacob Schur	Richard Grusell	Karen Short	Jim Nachtigal
<b>Lector 10 AM</b>	Barbara Guertin	Edward Van Corbach	Katherine Duffy	Ellen Jewart	Jim Nachtigal
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dale Mattice	Edward Van Corbach	Beth Axelson	Dwight Hubbard	Dale Mattice
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Merrie Gerber	Beth Axelson Cole Mueller Scott Mueller	Libby Stone Edward Van Corbach	Merrie Gerber Ed Menard Jim Nachtigal	Danny Whittemore Cole Mueller
<b>Crucifer &amp; Greeters</b>	Jeris Stewart Nancy Johnson	Scott Mueller Paula Belanger Lois Mangsen-Pakula	Edward Van Corbach Judy Willoughby Ken Johnson	Jim Nachtigal Hjordis West Nancy Johnson	Cole Mueller Betty Sander Judy Willoughby
<b>Ushers</b>	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Vincent Eovacious Hannah Drackley Beth Axelson	Maureen Stake Carl Robertson Ed Menard Max Guertin Max Dubeau	Robert Burns Alivia Burns Vincent Eovacious Beverly Leino Tyler Leino	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Vincent Eovacious Hannah Drackley	Maureen Stake Carl Robertson Ed Menard Max Guertin Max Dubeau
<b>Acolytes</b>	Natalie Dervishian Ethan Paixao	Grace Mueller	Greg Noroian Kate Noroian	Tyler Leino Beverly Leino	Ethan Paixao Natalie Dervishian
<b>Sacristan</b>	Beth Axelson	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson	Susan Brown Peggy Moskowitz	Karen Short Patti Cummings
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Loie Angelsten	Alison Stoner	Beth Axelson	Lori Doyle	Nancy Fontneau
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Gustafson	Rich Grusell Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Paul Gustafson	Jonathan Hill Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson

# OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>* Food Sunday *</i>  <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Holy Eucharist</b> 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Sunday School Classes 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church 5 PM Choirs Festival at First Baptist	<b>2</b>  7 PM Mutual Ministry 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers ** Council Minutes Due **	<b>3</b>  9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour  1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Clemente Childcare 6 PM Adult Basketball 7 PM Executive Committee 7 PM Personnel Committee	<b>4</b> 8 AM Men's Study Group 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Jr Choristers <b>6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist &amp; Blessing of the Animals</b> 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 7 PM Finance Committee 7:30 PM CoDA	<b>5</b>  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Junior League of Worcester 7 PM Trinity Choir	<b>6 Parish Office Closed for Paving of parking lot</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Parking lot closed all day on Friday and Saturday.</b> </div>	<b>7</b>  6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship
<b>8 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Holy Eucharist</b> 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Rebekah Circle 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church	<b>9 ** Schools &amp; Parish Office Are Closed **</b>  7 PM Council Meeting 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers	<b>10</b>  9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour  1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball 7 PM Construction Meeting	<b>11</b> 8 AM Men's Study Group 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM Trinity Travelers Stark Trail Foliage 1:30 PM Ascentria Meeting 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Jr Choristers <b>6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist</b> 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 7:30 PM CoDA	<b>12</b>  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b>  6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship  8 AM AGO Worcester Chapter Event
<b>15 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Holy Eucharist</b> 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Sunday School Classes 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour & Get A Flu Shot 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church	<b>16</b>  7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers	<b>17</b>  9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour 11 AM Good Shepherd Tour  1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball	<b>18</b> 8 AM Men's Study Group 9 AM CMHA Info Forum 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Jr Choristers <b>6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist</b> 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:15 PM TEC WEPL Meetup 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 7 PM Finance Committee 7:30 PM CoDA	<b>19</b>  10 AM Anna Circle  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir	<b>20</b>  5:30 PM NE Synod: 4G Leadership Training  ** Trinity News Deadline **	<b>21</b>  6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship
<b>22 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>** Commitment Sunday **</b>  <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Holy Eucharist</b> 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Sunday School Classes 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church	<b>23</b>  7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers	<b>24</b>  9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour  1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball	<b>25</b>  8 AM Men's Study Group 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Jr Choristers <b>6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist</b> 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 7:30 PM CoDA	<b>26</b>  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir	<b>27</b>    ** Trinity News Mailing **	<b>28</b>  6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship  11 AM Hymn Festival Rehearsal
<b>29 Reformation Sunday</b> <b>Affirmation of Faith/Confirmation</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Holy Eucharist</b> 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Sunday School Classes 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church 1 PM Oktoberfest 4 PM Music at Trinity: Hymn Festival	<b>30</b>  7 PM Executive Committee 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers	<b>31 Preschool Closed</b>  9:30 AM TEC Take-a-Tour  10 AM Staff Meeting followed by Staff Luncheon  5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> <b>73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609</b> <b>508-753-2989 Fax: 508-799-4023</b>  <b>Please see the Welcome Board when entering the building for the rooms where the events are to be held.</b>			

