

Trinity News

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Singing God's Love and Justice



One recent Sunday morning, we sang these words in our worship:

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.*

[Frederick W. Faber,

ELW 587]

These words got caught in my throat as we sang them. We had just experienced another terrible week -- both in our country and in our world. Hate runs amok. The sin of racism infects our world. We fight. We kill. We curse. We exclude. God's love is broad and unmeasurable, but we try to limit God's love by placing constraints on it with our own strictness. We claim God's love for ourselves but deny it to people different from ourselves. We are sinners, to be sure, and we live in a sinful world.

It is all the more wondrous that we get a weekly announcement from God of forgiveness, found in God's word, wine, bread, water, and the presence of Christ in the assembly of people formed to be body of Christ. We all need that weekly encounter to be renewed as we face the trials of our broken world. We need the weekly encounter for each of us individually, but we also need it for us corporately -- we need to be constituted each week into a body of people united in Christ, to be a sign together of God's mission of love and justice in the world.

A primary method for gathering us in unity around the gospel is singing. In singing together, we are united in breath and sound in a common strain, joining our voices and bodies in a common purpose. In a time such as ours, when music is primarily used as entertainment, we might think that music in worship is mostly to make us feel good or satiate our senses. (Perhaps it is even worse in our time:

we may think music in worship is the thing that gets us from one part of the service to the other, like an aural lubricant.) Instead, music in worship (especially song) carries the word of God to our ears, points to the signs of God's love in the sacraments, and unites us as a body.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew the power of song. In her song she announces that God has looked with favor on her, a young, powerless girl. The song exclaims that God has chosen to show might by becoming weak, to lift up the lowly and bring down the powerful, to feed the hungry and to send the rich away without any food. When we sing Mary's song, we announce these very things to our world now. This good news is comforting to the poor, the hungry, the needy, the sorrowing, the weak. But this news is bad news for the rich, the fed, the content, the complacent, the powerful. This song announces again that God's justice turns the world upside down. I am often surprised by the joy with which people who lead very comfortable lives sing Mary's song. Perhaps we don't really know that we can expect to start feeling less comfortable as the proclamation of the song comes to fruition.

This September in worship, we will gather around more biblical writings of life and love in the realm of God. We will finish reading continuously through the book of Romans, where Paul invites the church to work harder at living together in harmony by avoiding judging each other. The readings from the gospel of Matthew include more parables – one on forgiveness, another about God's justice to people who are paid the same no matter when they start work. (What?!? That's not fair!) As we proclaim this word, we will sing songs of God's forgiving love and justice, at times in provoking ways, to remind us that God's ways are not our ways.

I invited your eager participation in our singing God's love and justice every Sunday in worship.

Mark Mummert
Cantor

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Jessica Sutherland, President

Our regular meeting was held on August 14. We were delighted to welcome Rupali Sharma and Jill Perkins from the TEC School to hear about their plans for the upcoming school year. The school's enrollment is growing by leaps and bounds – they have already enrolled 19 students for the upcoming school year. They also shared a 3-5 year plan with Council. We are eager to grow in our partnership with the TEC School.

Our TLC Christian Preschool is also preparing for another busy and productive school year. We will be reconvening a Board that will have Trinity members, parents, a pastor, some Preschool staff members and three Council Liaisons (Danny Whittemore, Dale Mattice, and Tim Horan). If you are interested in learning more about the Board or the Preschool, please reach out to one of these individuals, one of the pastors, or Mary Creager (the Director of the Preschool).

We also reviewed the standing reports from the staff, Governance Committees and Ministry Teams. As is always the case, Trinity has been a very busy place this summer with lots of great ministries going on. Some of the highlights were the Luther events (Cantor Mark's Adult Forum and Carter Lindberg's Poster Session & Ice Cream Social), the blessing of the UMass Memorial prayer blankets and hats, the Elm Park Urban Day Camp, the Trinity Basketball Clinic, and Scones for School. It also looks like we'll continue this pace well into the fall. Some highlights will be the Worcester Pride Parade/Festival on September 9, Hammonasset on September 8-10, the Annual Church Picnic on September 17 and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation events (including a Music at Trinity Hymn Sing at 4 p.m.) on October 29. Please make plans to join us!

We also discussed some property matters and focused on the stucco repair and painting that needs to be done on our building's exterior. The area in need of most help is on the Wachusett Street side of Jeppson Hall. We have received the advice from a contractor that this will continue to be a problem until we replace the windows in Jeppson Hall. We've received enough generous gifts from Trinity members to pay for the replacement windows and so the Council approved moving ahead with this aspect of the project. We are still in discussions with the contractor regarding the timing and scope of the stucco repair and painting. As you know, there are a lot of repairs to our heating and fire alarm systems that are underway as part of the Capital Campaign but we're also mindful of other repairs that are needed. The parking lot sealing and lining is set to start soon as is the installation of the bollards near the playground. It's well-documented that visitors to churches and its members often view the building's exterior, signage, and grounds as the first indication of welcome. It will be gratifying to finish the parking lot and playground projects and repair/painting to the building's exterior. We have an absolute gem of a building -- it will be great to get it all spiffed up!

We hope that you all have had a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you at church and to serving God and neighbor with you this fall. Our next meeting is on Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend!



Parish Office Closed Monday, September 4: Have a Safe and Restful Labor Day! If you need pastoral care, please call Pastor Nathan at his cell number (617) 388-5636.

Come Join Us for Worcester Pride 2017 on September 9!

As part of Trinity's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) ministry, we will once again participate in the Worcester Pride Parade. The parade assembly begins at Institute Park at 10 a.m. on **Saturday September 9** and the actual parade begins at 11 a.m. We will march down Salisbury Street right past Trinity on our way to the Worcester Common. Once again, we will have several marchers and we also need volunteers to watch the parade from "our corner" (Lancaster and Salisbury) and to serve water to parade participants and spectators. It is always lots of fun and we hope to see you there! Please meet at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. to help with set-up. Afterwards, those of us who are marching will go up to Institute Park. Please contact Council President Jessica Sutherland at sutherland.jessica@yahoo.com or (508) 309-6748 or Lisa Stone at stonefamily729@gmail.com or (774) 303-3517 if you would like to join us. More information about *Worcester Pride 2017* can be found at www.worcesterpride.org. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Backpacks Has Been Rescheduled: This was originally scheduled for August, but it has been rescheduled until September 17 on the picnic day. Bring your backpacks, tote bags or briefcases to church with you on the September 17 for a blessing as we kick off a new school/program year here at Trinity!

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events!

Friday - Sunday, September 8 - 10 - Hammonasset Weekend at Camp Calumet

Saturday, September 9 - Worcester Pride Parade

Sunday, September 17 - The Blessing of the Teachers, Backpacks and Briefcases & The
Annual Homecoming Picnic

Wednesday, October 4 - The Blessing of the Animals

It's That Time of Year Again!

Annual Trinity Congregation Picnic on Sunday September 17: Our picnic will be held after the 10 a.m. liturgy on September 17 on the Trinity Green or in Fellowship Hall (in case of inclement weather). Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and beverages will be provided. Side dishes and desserts will be offered by potluck. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass.

Your help is needed to make this another successful picnic! Opportunities include:

- Shopping for the picnic supplies
- Helping with set-up and/or clean-up
- Organizing/leading games for the kids
- Serving on the hamburger/hotdog grill team
- Sharing a side dish or dessert to pass



If you are able to help with one or more of these activities, please contact Council President, Jessica Sutherland by email at sutherland.jessica@yahoo.com or Kathy Gingras by email at kgingras921@yahoo.com. Thank You!

Other Fellowship Opportunities

Trinity Travel has limited spaces open for the following trips:

Oct. 11 - Molly Stark Trail Foliage

Dec. 2 - Reagle Players Christmas

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

Wednesday Schedule at Trinity Lutheran Church

resuming September 20, 2017

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Trinity Choristers Rehearsal**

6 to 8 p.m. **Confirmation Class** with Melissa Butler

6 to 6:30 p.m. **Mid-week Worship**

6:30 to 7 p.m. **Fellowship Supper** for all



Faith Formation for All Ages

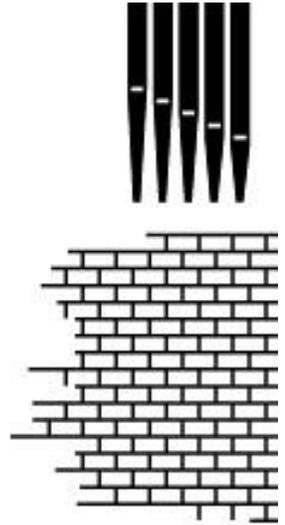
- **Sunday Education for Children & Youth: 9 – 9:45 a.m.**
Elementary: Sunday Morning TEAM. Back half of Fellowship Hall
Middle School: Confirmation with Karin Underkoffler. Room ce214
High School: Youth Room
- **Sunday Adult Forum: 9 – 9:50 a.m. - Library:** Inquiring and committed minds are invited 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

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MUSIC AT TRINITY

Reformation:

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PAST
PRESENT
FUTURE



SUNDAY SEPT. 17, 2017 4:00 PM

COMMEMORATION OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Contemplations by Ann Gebuhr

TERESA GRAWUNDER, FLUTE

The Hildegard Organ Cycle by Frank Ferko

MARK MUMMERT, ORGANIST

Congratulations! Trinity Scholarship Recipients

The Svend & Ragnhild Agerholm Memorial Scholarship

The Carl & Margaret Larson Memorial Scholarship

Edward Van Corbach – University of Massachusetts-Lowell

The Per & Agnes Gustafson Memorial Scholarship

Alivia Burns – Worcester State University

The Dr. Waldo O. Hagberg Memorial Scholarship

Norma Mills – Southern New Hampshire University

The Gustafson & Alice Wickstrom and

Mr. & Mrs. Sven Trulson Memorial Scholarship

Celeste S. Blodgett – University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Liam Doyle – University of Massachusetts-Lowell

Christopher Mahan – Quinsigamond Community College

Justin Mahan – Keene State College

Kaylee Mahan – Roger Williams University

Brendon Olson -- University of Massachusetts-Boston

William Van Renterghem – Northeastern University

The Trinity Education Assistance Fund Scholarship

J. Conrad Geenty, III – University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Turner Geenty – Union College



TRINITY

*Restoring
Rebuilding
Rejoicing*

The heating system work is making some progress. The boilers have their gas feed pipe work connected. The pump system piping is growing by the day. There are more thermostat connection points and control valves in place, and the control system wiring is getting closer to the closet connection points. The control wiring has been able to follow the pipework in some locations making less exposed pipework. In other areas there is simply no way to get from point A to point B without putting some sort of surface mounted wire throughway. We have tried to minimize them, using better looking, paintable pieces where needed.

The work on the electrical system upgrade has taken a large step forward. National Grid has started the work of putting the new pipe from the manhole in Salisbury Street to our new transformer pad, and the inspector has given approval of the pad installation. The next step will be for the transformer to be installed on the pad. Then the wiring will be run from the street to the transformer and connected inside the building. Then the hardest part of the job will be scheduled. There will be a day or night or combination of both when the building will be shut down, so that the old connections from the street can be removed and the new equipment in the boiler room will be installed. Then the new power connection will be made and turned on. The total length of time that the power will be off will be determined by the condition of some of the old building wiring that comes through the floor of the boiler room into the bottom of the old electrical panel. If this wiring is in good condition, then the process will move relatively smoothly and quickly. If there is any problem with the age of the wiring then the whole process will be slowed down.

In addition, on another front, there will be some plumbing work happening throughout the lower level as we have to replace some aging water pipes that have, and continue to, spring small leaks. This will entail the opening of some ceilings on the lower level.



New Heating Equipment Installed



Transformer Pad Installed

✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

Sunday, September 3 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 22

Jeremiah 15:15-21 *God fortifies the prophet*

Romans 12:9-21 *Live in harmony*

Matthew 16:21-28 *The rebuke to Peter*

Psalmody: Psalm 26:1-8 *Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 667 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* BOURBON

In last week's gospel reading, Jesus praised his disciple Peter. This coming week, Jesus rebukes him, calling him Satan. Come to hear this continuation of Matthew's story, and receive the life that only Jesus can give.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, Sept. 6

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, September 10 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 23

Ezekiel 33:7-11 *The prophet's responsibility*

Romans 13:8-14 *Live honorably as in the day*

Matthew 18:15-20 *Reconciliation in the community of faith*

Psalmody: Psalm 119:33-40 *I desire the path of your commandments.* (Ps.119:35)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 615 *In All Our Grief* FREDRICKTOWN

When church people refer to "Matthew 18," it is the gospel for this coming Sunday that they are thinking of, with its advice about how Christians are to deal with controversies within the believing community. The good news in the reading is especially the last line: that Christ is among us always. Come to receive Christ's gift of himself in word, sacrament, and community.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, Sept. 13

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, September 17 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 24

Genesis 50:15-21 *Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

Romans 14:1-12 *When brothers and sisters judge each other*

Matthew 18:21-35 *A parable of forgiveness*

Psalmody: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 *LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps.103:8)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 606 *Our Father, We Have Wandered* HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

The gospel this coming Sunday is a harsh parable about forgiveness. Yet even if we feel condemned by this reading, we receive God's mercy at the table of the Lord. Come to worship, to be forgiven, and to be empowered to forgive others.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, Sept. 20

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, September 24 Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 25

Jonah 3:10--4:11 *God's concern for Nineveh*

Philippians 1:21-30 *Standing firm in the gospel*

Matthew 20:1-16 *The parable of the vineyard workers*

Psalmody: Psalm 145:1-8 *The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 695 *As Saints of Old* FOREST GREEN

The parable we hear this coming Sunday might strike church-goers as troubling: what, shouldn't we get paid more if we work longer hours?! The last shall be first? Come to worship, to meditate on the good news found in this story and to receive the meal of God's mercy.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, Sept. 27

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)



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Deadline for October 2017 Issue: September 20, 2017

✘ PASTORAL ACTS ✘

BAPTISMS

Harrison Robert Webster 13.August
Jackson Cole Rossi 13.August

FUNERALS

Lois Bergstrom 5.August
Colin Doyle 8.August

✘ CELEBRATIONS ✘

BIRTHDAYS

Marion Johnson 18.September
Fran Soderlund 20.September
Edith Levin 27.September
Robert Johnson 27.September

ANNIVERSARIES

David and Rosalind Horn 10.September
Kenneth D. and Linda M. Brick 11.September
Vernon C. and Marian K. Erickson 12.September
Oscar and Phyllis Christenson 16.September
Daniel and Gail Craig 17.September
David and Jeanne Rossetti 24.September
Richard and Janet Ferraro 30.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 September 3 and October 1. 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!

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. Remember to SHARE Trinity's facebook posts and tweets!



Facebook.com/tlcworcester
Twitter: @tlcworcester
Instagram: trinityworcester

SERVICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Trinity Oktoberfest - 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration: Calling All Planners! The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching and Trinity will be hosting it's own Oktoberfest to commemorate this special celebration on Sunday, October 29, 2017! If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Oktoberfest Planning Committee, please reach out to Jacob Schur at jake.schur@gmail.com or [\(978\) 602-4115](tel:978-602-4115). Meetings will be scheduled accordingly once the committee is formed.

Then later in the day at 4 p.m. Music at Trinity will have a Hymn Festival Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in the Nave. So save this date to celebrate the events of the day that are so special because they only come once every 500 years! See you there.

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 Hospital Committee could not be more excited!!! The weeks of September, 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 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 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Clemente Course in the Humanities Begins September 26: Worcester Interfaith is pleased to offer The Clemente Course in the Humanities beginning Tuesday, September 26. The Course, now entering its fourth year, is a unique program *of free, college-level seminars* in literature, U.S. history, moral philosophy, art history, and writing for low income adults. Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. for eight months at the Worcester Art Museum. Books, transportation, and childcare are provided. Faculty are experienced college professors skilled at working with non-traditional learners. Bard College oversees the program and grants a certificate of achievement to all students who finish the course, and six college credits to those who complete it at a high level.

Then on Thursday, September 28, Clemente is sponsoring a conversation with Naomi Shihab Nye on “Breaking Down Walls with Poetry.” Her poetry speaks to the topic that no human is illegal. She calls herself a “wandering poet,” using her writing to attest to our shared humanity. This conversation will be 3 p.m. at the Worcester Art Museum followed by dinner with Ms. Nye at 5 p.m. here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend for some great fellowship and stimulating discussion.



From Elm Park Ministries Day Camp Counselor, Jason Brophy (pictured above on the far right): As many people know we have finished our two weeks of Elm Park Ministries day camp here at Trinity. For those of you who don't know what urban day camp is, it's two weeks of energetic, magical, chaos that takes part here at Trinity with various state parks as our field trips. Worcester day camp means an incredible amount to me and all the other counsellors here, so much so that the only reason I returned to Calumet was to be able to come here and do it all over again.

If I was to list all the reasons why we love it so much we would be here until next Sunday. But to list a few, the variety of the children that we get is brilliant; we have children from the Congo, children from Syria and some from right here from Trinity. This is due to Elm Park Ministries Day Camp also being connected to Ascentria, which means a percentage of the children that come to day camp are refugees, or come from other backgrounds, meaning that they may not have basic living standards. Watching these children have experiences that they would not usually be able to have warms my heart like nothing else.

Seeing and enabling these children to have what might be the best two weeks of the year is something that keeps bringing us all back each year. The children teach us many things about ourselves. This includes Bob, one of our camp directors, who learned a traditional African dance-game, which had truly hilarious outcomes.

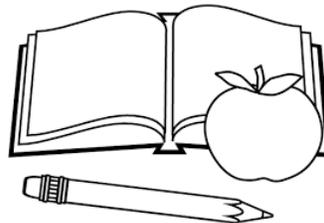
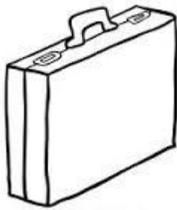
As someone who isn't particularly emotional, last year when the children from Ascentria were leaving there was tears streaming my face and, yes, of course, Jena got a video of it. However, it really did feel like a bit of my heart had went with them. Another beautiful sight was to see all of the children, regardless of background, all become friends over the two short weeks that we had spent together. And I think this shows a perfect light to how it's not our possessions, or what we have that matters, but the people we want to be.

The children every year may change, from Heritier to Gregore, but this is what makes day camp so special and unique does it not? If anyone has ever seen the children of day camp, you'll know from morning to 5:30 p.m., there is a bright smile that doesn't leave them and we hope, neither does the memories.

So thank you because without Trinity Lutheran, none of this would be possible. Day camp is like the sunshine within a storm to many children and the generosity of the church with the money raised, the food supplied to us and everything in between is what enables all of this. I feel personally lucky and honoured to be able to do this camp each year and I hope that the fantastic support of the church continues so more counsellors and children can have their lives touched like I and all the other staff here have. Thank you.

YOUTH NEWS

Children, Youth & Family Ministry kicks back into gear in September! The church picnic on Sunday, September 17 is our “kickoff” day for the new school year! That day, at the 10am service, we’ll be doing a Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases for anyone who is a student or works in the schools. We want to start your year off right with a special reminder that you are loved and that we, as a church, are praying for an awesome school year! After Kickoff Sunday, we’ll be back to our “regular” programming on Sundays and Wednesdays. This year will see some exciting changes! Children in Sunday School will no longer meet in the back of Fellowship Hall but will instead be meeting on the second floor in the education wing! Confirmation classes will only happen on Wednesday nights. As always, the youth (middle & high school aged students) have lots of things on their calendar! We’re excited to be going to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX next summer so there will be lots of information and news coming about that once we register for the event. Stay tuned!





Trinity's Children and Youth at Elm Park Ministries Day

Camp: What an awesome two weeks we had here at Trinity during day camp! Several of Trinity's children and youth participated as campers or as CIT's (Counselors In Training). HUGE thanks to Libby, Morgan, Ethan, Max, Ana, Sofia, Natalie, Cole and Grace for all of your help as CIT's! Trinity's campers, Emilio, Lyla, Sam, Aili, Liija, Evan and Catherine experienced everything from swimming, to ROTC, sports, story time with guest readers

(featuring our own Pastors Susan and Nathan), organ time (with our own Mark Mummert), tons of games, laughter and making new friends!





A Great Time Was Had by All!!

MasterChef Viewing Party with Contestant Jason J. Wang – Nearly 30 members of Trinity gathered at Valentinos Press & Pour, 154 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester on Wednesday, August 2 to watch Pastor Nathan’s partner, Jason J. Wang, compete on MasterChef. All had a good time, ate well, and watched Jason advance in the competition. As of the date of the printing of the September Trinity News (Friday, Aug 25) Jason remains in the competition and has made it to the Final 9 contestants. Pastor Nathan is sworn to secrecy as to the results, but he will say that FOX is airing two new episodes each Wednesday at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. until all will be revealed in the Season Finale scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at 8 p.m. Pastor Nathan and Jason wish again to thank all who came to the party and to offer a special thanks to Joe Stake at Valentinos for his hospitality that made the watch party possible. Joe, and his cousin Luke, are the grandsons of Trinity member, Betty DeWolfe. They opened Valentinos in May of this year.

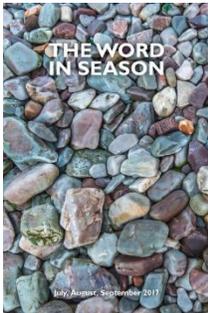
THANK YOU

Dear Friends: Thank you for your generous gift to Calumet in the amount of \$100 which supports the Annual Fund. Fantastic! (Full letter is on the bulletin board near the parish office.) Your support matters. Each year, Calumet needs to receive gifts from 2,000 donors. Thank you for being among that important number of donors! Pray for all that happens here at Calumet, and come visit soon! Sincerely, Knute Ogren, Director of Development

Dear Folks of Trinity: Thank you so very much for the generous check for Carty Cupboard. We appreciate your kindness, Sincerely, Nancy Spencer

To the Scholarship Committee: I would like to thank the members of the Scholarship Committee for awarding me the recent scholarship and I hope I can use the funds well when providing for my upcoming education. I have appreciated my time at Trinity and have greatly enjoyed providing what services I could render. I hope to be able to do the same in the future, both in Worcester again and wherever I find myself in the years ahead. I thank Trinity for all of the community, support and opportunities it has offered to me, and, once again, I thank the Scholarship Committee for this assistance in forwarding my education. Sincerely, William VanRenterghem

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.



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.



Temporary Relocation for the Parish Office: Starting August 31, the parish office will be relocated to the library while the office space is having the walls repaired, painted and new flooring installed. The staff and all of the furniture will be back in place on Tuesday, September 12. If you are available to help with any of the renovations, cleaning or moving, please contact the Building Manager, Jeff Heath at (508) 753-2989 x31 or by email at jheath@trinityworc.org.

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



Summertime at TLC is bare feet, running in the sprinkler, popsicles, and watermelon, sun kissed noses and looking for bugs in the grass. As August comes to an end, we say goodbye to these warm, easy breezy days where our children have been able to experience a summer like those from our youth. Sitting on damp towels after playing in the sprinkler, Popsicle juice running down chins and arms, relaxing in the shade where the only relief from the heat is on the cool green grass. We are grateful to have a play yard where we can enjoy all of the simple joys that only this season can provide. And, although we have been saying goodbye to our friends as they head off to kindergarten, we are looking forward to the upcoming weeks when new friends join us as we discover new and exciting things together.



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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.

Serving for the Month of September

| | September 3 | September 10 | September 17 | September 24 |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Lector 8 AM | Jim Nachtigal | Loret Schur | Rich Osterfield | Peter Schur |
| Lector 10 AM | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Assisting Minister | Dale Mattice | Edward Van Corbach | Dwight Hubbard | Beth Axelson |
| Communion Assistants | Ana Ranese Ethan Butler Andrew Gingras | Libby Stone Danny Whittemore Tim O'Connor | Merrie Gerber Cole Mueller Scott Mueller | Ed Menard Joyce Danielson Jim Nachtigal |
| Crucifer & Greeters | Andrew Gingras Dave Hobbs Bev Hobbs | Tim O'Connor Pauline Belanger Lois Mangsen-Pakula | Scott Mueller Betty Sander Nancy Johnson | Jim Nachtigal Pauline Belanger Lois Mangsen-Pakula |
| Ushers | Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Beth Axelson Carl Robertson Ed Menard | Robert Burns Alivia Burns Andrew Carlson Vincent Eovacious Hannah Drackley | Maureen Stake Carl Robertson Hannah Drackley Beverly Leino Tyler Leino | Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Max Guertin Andrew Carlson Max Dubeau |
| Acolytes | Tyler Leino Beverly Leino | Ben Butler Ethan Paixao | Kate Noroian Grace Mueller | Emilio Silva-Rosa Greg Noroian |
| Altar Guild | Patti Cummings Karen Short | Ed Menard Carl Robertson | Judy Willoughby | Susan Brown Peggy Moskowitz |
| Bread Baker | LeeAnn Hedberg Jaquith | Nancy Fontneau | TBD | Loie Angelsten |
| TV Ministry | Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson | Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson | Rich Grusell Paul Gustafson | Paul Foster Paul Gustafson |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>SEPTEMBER 2017</h1> | | | | | 1 8 a.m. Preschool Parents Coffee Time | 2 6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship |
| 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost <i>** Food Sunday **</i> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church | 4 Labor Day <i>** Parish Office & Schools Closed **</i>  | 5 1 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Adult Basketball <i>** Council Reports Due **</i> | 6 8 AM Men's Bible Study 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 7:30 PM CoDA | 7 6 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Jr League of Worcester 7 PM Trinity Choir 7 PM Executive Committee | 8 4 PM Youth leaving for Hammonasset Weekend | 9 Hammonasset Weekend 6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship 10 AM Assemble in Institute Park for Pride Parade 11 AM Pride Parade starts |
| 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Rebekah Circle 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church | 11 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM Trinity Travelers to Cranberry Harvest Tour 7 PM Council Meeting 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers | 12 9:30 AM TEC "Take-A-Tour" 1 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Adult Basketball | 13 8 AM Men's Bible Study 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 7:30 PM CoDA | 14 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir | 15 | 16 6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship |
| 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost <i>** Annual Picnic **</i> <i>Blessing of the Backpack/Briefcases</i> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM TEAM & Confirmation Classes 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Annual Picnic 1 PM Korean Presbyterian Church 4 PM Music at Trinity: Music of Hildegard of Bingen | 18 7 PM Finance Committee 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers | 19 9:30 AM TEC "Take-A-Tour" 1 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Adult Basketball | 20 8 AM Men's Bible Study 5 PM Choristers Rehearsal 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 7:30 PM CoDA <i>** Trinity News Deadline **</i> | 21 10 AM Anna Circle 10 AM Welcoming Committee 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir | 22  | 23 6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship |
| 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM TEAM & Confirmation Classes 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir 11 AM Coffee Hour 1 PM Korean Presbyterian Church | 25 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers | 26 9:30 AM TEC "Take-A-Tour" 1 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Adult Basketball | 27 8 AM Men's Bible Study 5 PM Choristers Rehearsal 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 7:30 PM CoDA | 28 3 PM Conversation with Naomi Shahibe Nye at WAM 5 PM Clemente Dinner 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir 7 PM Clemente Alumni Meeting <i>** Trinity News Mailing Day **</i> | 29 | 30 6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship |