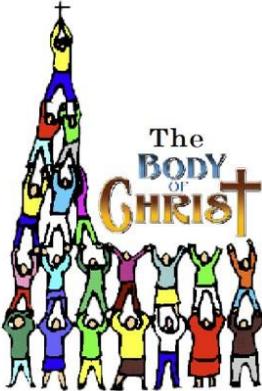


Trinity News

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BEING THE CHURCH

BY JENA HARDY

What an exciting time to be The Church at Trinity! Our Transition Team is starting to help us think about why we exist, what our hopes and fears are and what we can do to move forward into the future. At the February council meeting, there was conversation about how we need to give ourselves time to dream about what our ministry will look like. We are so full of possibility!

Some of us remember when Trinity was built, many others of us have only recently been called to or have found our way to 73 Lancaster Street. Some of us are cradle Lutherans while others are new Christians. With all of our varied pasts and stories and paths that led us to be worshiping and working together, we are united in our faith. We come with our unique gifts, interests, passions, abilities and skills. And all of those things are exactly WHY we are full of possibility! It's true that we have a lot of physical property to work with at Trinity. Our building is an asset but the space is not a living, breathing thing. God created US to be His hands and feet! We are full of life! We are the possibility! Our biggest strength is one another! Together, WE ARE THE CHURCH!

When we study the early church in scripture, we're not talking about church as a place but as a people. In Acts 2:42-46, it says *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.*

We are blessed to have space to gather in at Trinity; we have a beautiful church building. But church is so much more than simply showing up at a place! We gather at Trinity for worship, learning and fellowship. We are privileged to have space to do those things but it isn't required for us to BE the church! Being the church requires an understanding that we gather together to build one another up so that we can be sent out into the world to love and serve others because God loves us. At the very end of our worship, we are sent to "Go in peace and serve the Lord" because that's where our real work, the hard work begins ...when we leave Trinity! Church shouldn't only be a place we go for a few hours a week. It's not something we need to check off our list of "things to do." Being the church is being in relationship with God and one another. All. The. Time.

Most of Jesus's ministry did not take place in religious settings. His interactions with people happened in their homes, in their workplaces or other places where people were on their own "turf." He didn't sit in a synagogue waiting for people to show up, he went to them. As we start dreaming about the awesome things we might want to do as Trinity, how can we be the church? How can we go out into our community to share God's love? It starts simply by noticing the hurt and the need in your family, coworkers, neighbors, friends and strangers locally and abroad. None of us can do everything but together we can do meaningful work! We have tremendous possibility because WE ARE THE CHURCH!



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

- Saturday, March 24** **Music at Trinity: St. Mark Passion**
7:30 p.m. Nave
- Sunday, March 25** **Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday**
10 a.m. ONE Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist (*No service at 8 a.m.*) +
Procession with Palms + The Passion according to Matthew (chanted)
+ Solemn Recessional.
- Monday, March 26** **Monday of Holy Week** – Nave open for prayer 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 27** **Tuesday of Holy Week** – Nave open for prayer 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 28** **Wednesday of Holy Week** – Nave open for prayer 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(*No 6 p.m. Eucharist*)
- Thursday, March 29** **Maundy Thursday** *The Three Days begin at sundown*
12 p.m. Holy Eucharist + Footwashing
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist + Footwashing + Stripping of the Altar
- Friday, March 30** **Good Friday**
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nave open for prayer
12 p.m. Adoration of the Crucified + The Passion according
to John (chanted)
7 p.m. Adoration of the Crucified + The Passion according
to John (chanted)
- Saturday, March 31** **Holy Saturday**
7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
- Sunday, April 1** **Easter Day** *The Three Days conclude at sundown*
7 a.m. All You Can Eat Breakfast (\$10) until 9:15 a.m.
Leftovers for purchase by donation 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
10 a.m. ONE Festival Holy Eucharist
(*No service at 8 a.m.*)

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Jessica Sutherland, Past President

Our regular meeting was held on February 12. We welcomed new Councilors, Nancy Fontneau, Jen O'Connor, Chris Pavasaris, Ana Ranese, and Judy Willoughby and got organized for the upcoming Council year.

Jena Hardy made a preliminary presentation from the Building Use Task Force. Jeff Burch, Building Manager, also attended to address questions. This task force was appointed by Council to explore potential solutions for relocating the TLC Christian Preschool and T.E.C. School to allow expansion by the latter. A requirement of this expansion is that there would be minimal to no impact on Trinity's usage of the building for its ministries. The task force did a thorough job brainstorming and the Council provided feedback to their preliminary plans which the team will take under consideration as they make further plans.

An election of new Council officers was held. Congratulations to Thom Tarquinio (President), Susan Brown (Vice-President) and Dale Mattice (Secretary). Scott Baeder continues to serve as the Treasurer. Reports from the pastor, cantor, and treasurer were reviewed.

The Forward Leadership Team has started the transitional conversations about pastoral vacancy/new configuration. They plan to report back to Council in April. A Steering Committee for the follow-up debt reduction campaign to the Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing Capital Campaign has been formed. Members include Loret and Joel Schur, Carol Hartz, Kevin Erkkila, and Jessica Sutherland. We welcome additional members; if you are interested in helping with this, please let me know.

At the Annual Meeting, the Congregation adopted changes to Trinity's constitution to bring it into compliance with the ELCA Model Constitution. A question arose as to whether one or two votes were needed to accept these changes. Afterwards, I was able to confirm in the *ELCA Guide for Use of the Model Constitution for Congregations* (May 2017) that one vote is required. However, because there are a couple of clauses that included changes in addition to language (and will likely need two votes), we will contact the New England Synod Secretary for confirmation.

The Council has been working with the Preschool, and T.E.C. School on some new signage; the Council had a few suggestions regarding the installation of one of these new signs (near our Lancaster Street entrance) which will be relayed to Jeff.

Jake Schur and I would like to thank you for your support during our terms as Vice-President and President, respectively. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve in these capacities over the past two years. We will work with the new officers to assure a smooth transition of leadership. As always, the new officers and other members of the Council will welcome your feedback and questions about matters at Trinity.

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2018

Council President Jessica Sutherland called the Annual Meeting of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to order at 11:26 a.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018, in Jeppson Hall. The Congregation took the following actions:

- Approved the 2017 Financial Annual Report. Total 2017 income: \$707,475.76. Total 2017 pledge income: \$388,132.24. Total 2017 expenses: \$708,607.54.
- Approved the 2018 Annual Operating Budget. Budgeted 2018 income: \$694,700. Budgeted pledge income: \$340,000. Budgeted 2018 expenses: \$694,700.
- Approved changes to the Constitution of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church as mandated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, including optional language proposed by the Congregational Council.
- Approved changes to C12.05c and C12.05d of the Trinity Constitution that would allow the Congregational Council to enter into contracts up to \$25,000 for items not included in the Annual Operating Budget, and of any amount when there is an unforeseen and urgent concern regarding the safety and protection of people/and or property. For final approval, this action requires a second vote of the Congregation at a subsequent Congregational Meeting.
- Approved spending up to \$20,000 from the Maintenance and House of the Lord budgets for the purpose of completing replacement of a portion of the building's domestic hot water system.
- Elected four members to 3-year terms on the Congregational Council:
Dale Mattice, Jennifer O'Connor, Christopher Pavasaris, Jacob Schur
- Elected two members to 1-year terms on the Congregational Council:
Nancy Fontneau, Judy Willoughby
- Elected four members to serve 1-year terms on the 2018 Nominating Committee:
Katherine Duffy, Kevin Erkkila, Richard Grusell and Paula Wyble (*to be joined on the Committee by Pastor Nathan and the Council Vice-President*).

In addition, reports were made by the Transition Team, the Construction Committee, the Building Use Task Force and an update was given on the *Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing* Capital Campaign. Pastor Nathan asked all Welcome Desk volunteers to stand and be recognized for all the behind the scenes work they offer the congregation. Pastor Nathan also thanked Jessica Sutherland for her two years as Council President. The congregation showed their appreciation for Ms. Sutherland with a standing ovation. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

TRANSITION NOTES

From Mary Tarquinio ...

The Transition Team held their first focus group meeting on Wednesday, January 31, after the Fellowship Dinner. Led by Transition Team member, John Trobaugh, about 25 members expressed their thoughts on the hopes and fears they had for our congregation. They offered specific actions that would address those hopes and fears, and shared ideas on why Trinity exists and who would miss Trinity if we were not here.

The Team is scheduling additional Focus Group meetings in the next few months so that every member will have an opportunity to share their views. Please speak with any of the members of the Team to help shape Trinity's future! Team members are Mary Tarquinio, Loie Angelsten, Roz Horn, Sulma Rubert-Silva, John Trobaugh and Pastor Nathan.

Faith Formation for All Ages



- **Sunday School for children up to grade 6:** We've been having fun on Sunday mornings using our new Rotational curriculum! Each week, we explore a different way of learning (science, art, storytelling, games etc.) to help us dive deeper into our curriculum. Kids, parents/grandparents are welcome to join us! And we're always happy to have more help. If you want to get involved, even just once a month, let Jena know!
- **Sunday Adult Forum ... 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library**
“Three Day Feast.” The Adult Forum will continue with the study and discussion on Gail Ramshaw's book *“Three Day Feast”* studying the Church's Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies. The series will be ongoing during Lent. Please speak with Pastor Nathan for more info. npipho@trinityworc.org.
- **Men's Bible Study ... Wednesdays 8 – 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 Class meets in the Confirmation classroom, Room ce214
High School: Meets with Jena in the Youth Room

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church †

Sunday, March 4 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 *The commandments given at Sinai*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *Christ crucified, the wisdom of God*

John 2:13-22 *The cleansing of the temple*

Psalmody: Psalm 19 *The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

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

This Sunday's Lenten readings—the ten commandments, Paul's discussion of the foolishness of the cross, and the story of Jesus cleansing the temple—provide an occasion to think about the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. For Christians, Christ is always in the center of the conversation. Our baptism calls us to assemble in Christ, who is our temple.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, March 7 Commemoration of Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, March 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 *The lifting up of the serpent*

Ephesians 2:1-10 *Alive in Christ*

John 3:14-21 *The lifting up of the Son of Man*

Psalmody: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 323, *God Loved the World*, ROCKINGHAM OLD

This Sunday's readings include what is perhaps the Bible's most famous sentence—John 3:16—as well as the ancient and odd story about faith-healing from snake bite. Join us to see how John uses the Old Testament story to proclaim Christ.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, March 14

6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *A new covenant written on the heart*

Hebrews 5:5-10 *Through suffering Christ saves*

John 12:20-33 *The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

Psalmody: Psalm 51:1-12 *Create in me a clean heart, O God.* (Ps. 51:10)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 330, *Seed That in Earth Is Dying*, SAKORN SOM DOR I JORDEN

We are nearing the conclusion of Lent. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is likened to a grain of wheat that once buried in the earth comes alive to bear much fruit. We hear the word and receive the meal and so renew God's covenant among us.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, March 21 Commemoration of Thomas Cramner, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1556

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, March 25 Sunday of the Passion

Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

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

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

Mark 14:1 – 15:47 *The passion and death of Jesus*

Psalmody: 31:9-16 *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.* (Ps. 31:5)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 343, *My Song Is Love Unknown*, LOVE UNKNOWN

Oftentimes, to grasp the fullness of something significant, we have to look at both sides. So it is that to approach the meaning of Christ, we have to say two things: Jesus and Christ; human and divine; dead and alive; bread and body. This Sunday celebrates these two sides: we begin by praising Christ with "Hosanna," and we go on to shout "Crucify him!" Come to join us as we fit both truths into one service.

10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 *The passover of the Lord*

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

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 *The service of Christ: footwashing and meal*

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord* (Ps. 116:13)

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

This Thursday is called "Maundy," which means "command," from the verse in John's gospel in which Jesus commands us to love another as he loved us. At this service, you may come forward for individual forgiveness. We hear about the Passover lamb, Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his death, and

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday (*continued*)

Jesus washing his disciples' feet. You are invited to have your feet washed and then to wash the feet of another worshiper. You hold the heel, you pour the water, you wipe it dry. Finally we strip the chancel bare, to ready ourselves for Good Friday.

12 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

7 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with Footwashing (Nave)

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

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

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

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

Psalmody: Psalm 22 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* (Ps. 22:1)

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

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

12 p.m. Service of the Word with Adoration of the Crucified (Nave)

7 p.m. Service of the Word with Adoration of the Crucified (Nave)

Saturday, March 31 Resurrection of Our Lord Vigil of Easter

Genesis 1:1—2:4a *Creation*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism (Nave)

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To contact someone on the Council, **e-mail** admin@trinityworc.org and the Parish Office will forward the messages; or **mail** your note to Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609-3152.

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Deadline for April 2018 Issue: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

❖ CELEBRATIONS ❖

BIRTHDAYS

Hazel Bates 5.March
Kenneth Henrikson 6.March
Shirlee Johnson 9.March
Paul Dyberg 13.March
Mildred Hermanson 14.March
Joyce Forsman 24.March
Sally Freeburn 25.March
Audrey Carlson 29.March
Phyllis Gunnarson 29.March

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles and Kristine Foley 20.March

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 March 4 and April 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!

Follow Trinity Church on Social Media!



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Basketball League and Community Breakfast



Who:

- Players from grades 4 through 6
- Volunteers of all ages interested in coaching, refereeing, scorekeeping, cooking and serving meals and much more

When: Saturday mornings through March 17, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Gym, Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at jake.schur@gmail.com or (978) 602-4115.

How can I help now? Donate Today! If you would like to donate, please note “Trinity Basketball & Breakfast” on separate contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you all for your support!



Come and paint with us!

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.
In Jeppson Hall

\$45 for all the instruction and supplies you need to paint this
“Misty Mountain Sunrise!” (in color of course)

This is a fundraiser to support the youth headed to the 2018
ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

Register today online at:
<https://www.paintnite.com>
search for events by date

Orders for Easter flowers will be accepted through Sunday, March 18. The cost is \$18 per plant. Please print the memorial notation on the envelope so the Parish Office includes the correct spelling on the memorial listing. Thanks in advance for helping to meet this deadline and request! These plants that you order will be available for you to take home after the second Sunday of Easter, April 8. Again, thank you for your help in meeting this request.

Mark Your Calendars – Soup and Biscuits Are Coming: On Sunday, March 4, the Tabitha Circle is partnering up with the youth group for the annual soup and biscuit sale. For \$10, you can pick out a quart of delicious homemade soup and pair it with your choice of biscuits or muffins. It makes a great lunch or a quick weeknight meal! The proceeds from this sale will be contributed to the fund for the Youth Gathering this summer.

Remember to “Spring Forward” on your clocks for Daylight Saving
time before going to bed on Saturday, March 10
So you’ll be on time for church on Sunday, March 11

Trinity Travel Group: The Kickoff meeting will be held on Friday, March 16, at 9 a.m. in Jeppson Hall. Be sure to stop in and see what great excursions are in store! Anyone who is not currently on the mailing list and would like information on the trips prior to the meeting may contact Beth Axelson at baxelson015@gmail.com or pick it up in the church office.

Scholarship Applications are Available! Applications will be accepted from any confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church who is enrolled in a full time, undergraduate degree program for an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree. Applications are available on the kiosk or from the Parish Office. Call the office at (508) 753-2989, or on the Trinity website at trinityworc.org/scholarship-application. Completed applications are due in the Parish Office by Friday, June 8.

Campership Applications are Available Outside the Nave or at the kiosk in Jeppson Hall (or online at trinityworc.org/campership-application) for those who wish to attend camp and need assistance with paying the registration fee. This opportunity is limited to children of church members who will attend a Lutheran summer camp like Camp Calumet or the summer camp of a full-communion partner church (e.g. Episcopal or United Methodist). Completed forms are due in the parish office by May 18. *For anyone interested in making a donation* to help Trinity’s children go to camp, please send your donations to the Trinity office marked as “Campership” in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves needed: The Rebekah Circle, along with Katherine Duffy, are again collecting winter clothing for the homeless to be given to Concordia Lutheran Church to distribute. Please bring your lightly used winter clothing for this purpose and put them in a designated area in the hallway outside Jeppson Hall.

Elm Park Ministries Camp Planning: Camp is happening at Trinity starting on July 30 and ending August 10. An effort is being made to get even more Trinity people involved in camp this year to ensure that Elm Park Ministries Day Camp is truly a ministry that Trinity believes in! Please let Jena know if you are interested in being a part of the camp conversations. It's important to better plan for some of these things:

- Organizing meals for counselors and making sure that they feel welcome at Trinity while they live in the building
- Helping to train CIT's ahead of time
- How to bridge the gap between camp and Trinity (how to get the camp "story" out there)?
- Brainstorming about ideas for fundraising.
- How can Trinity stay connected to campers throughout the year?
- How to set up and organize donations of clothes ahead of time for our campers who need those things?

YOUTH

Come and paint with us! Come on *Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7 p.m., to Jeppson Hall.* The fee of \$45 is for all the instruction and supplies you need to paint a "Misty Mountain Sunrise!" This is a 21+ fundraiser to support the youth headed to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Please register online at: <https://www.paintnite.com> and search for events by date.

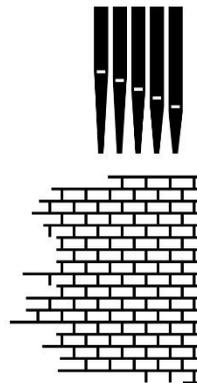
Eggs, Fillers and Containers Needed: Plastic Easter eggs that can be filled are needed so there will be LOTS of them for the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Donations of individually wrapped candy (or small non-candy items) to fill the eggs will also be appreciated. For the next month, empty, clean egg cartons will be collected for storing the eggs! All of your egg-related donations can be placed in the bin in the hallway outside Jeppson Hall. Thank you for your donations!

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MUSIC AT TRINITY

Reformation:

PAST
PRESENT
FUTURE



SATURDAY MAR. 24, 2018 7:30 PM

ST. MARK PASSION, BWV 247

Johann Sebastian Bach

TRINITY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

CANTOR MARK MUMMERT, CONDUCTING

MUSIC AT TRINITY Dining Fundraiser: When you purchase your meal at Nancy Chang's Restaurant (372 Chandler Street, Worcester) on Tuesday, March 6 (11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.), mention "Music at Trinity" and follow the restaurant's instructions to have 20% of your meal's price donated back to Music at Trinity. We need 20 commitments to eat made at the event site (<https://www.groupraise.com/events/51174>) by March 3. Cantor Mark Mummert will be dining that evening at 6:30 p.m. If you want to join his table and reservation, please contact him at mmummert@trinityworc.org or 508-753-2989, ext. 14.

HANDBELL CHOIR FORMING! Are you interested in ringing in a newly formed handbell choir to ring our congregation's two octaves of English handbells? Weekly Thursday rehearsals begin on April 5 at 6 p.m. in the Music Room. If interested, please speak with Roz Horn or Cantor Mark Mummert.

Some of you may remember that last year the preschool and Trinity members raised funds to sponsor a little girl in Guatemala to attend IMA, an all-girls school. She will be entering the first grade this year and we would love to continue sponsoring her until she graduates the 6th grade. The cost is \$840 per year. If you are able to donate this year, please know that no amount is too small.



I have been to IMA twice and will tell you that this school is life changing and the money they receive is used to feed the girls breakfast and lunch, provide uniforms, pay for the bus, medical coverage (along with other basic needs), and an education. When I would talk to the children, they would often share that their dream is to go to the university when they get bigger. It was a life lesson I never will forget. They know getting an education can help their families and get them out of poverty. To learn more, please visit their website at www.imausa.org

To donate, please deposit a check made out to IMA for the amount that you are able to contribute. On the memo line, please put Jenifer Vargas Student I.D. # 00583. A small table and deposit box is located right outside the Preschool Director office. Thank you for your generous spirit and hearts. Even if you are not able to give, please pray for Jenifer and all of the little girls at IMA. This is a life changing school for them.



PARISH OFFICE NOTES

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

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.



Do You Need a Copy of the Word in Season Booklet? This is a great tool for everyone to use as they study the Bible. The book can be mailed to you or picked up quarterly. Each day of the quarter has its own page listing several readings from the Bible as well as a commentary about something in the reading. It takes only a few minutes each day and it gives an inspiring message. Please call the parish office at (508) 753-2989 and request your copy and that your name be added to our regular mailing list. The parish office now has the issue for April, May and June 2018.

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.

2018 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:** \$20 per month to sponsor the altar candles for the month of _____ 2018. 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, _____, 2018. The dedication is to read "given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of:

_____ by _____.

- **Tower Lighting:** \$20 per half month to sponsor the Tower Lighting for the first half/last half (circle one) of the month of _____ 2018. 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 _____ 2018. 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, _____, 2018. 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 -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-** Wednesday 2 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.; **Sutton-** Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 9 a.m.