

Trinity News

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And at this sound the crowd gathered ...

By Pastor Nathan Piph



*Baptisms of Willow Gregoire and Lucy Stoner
Pentecost Sunday – May 20, 2018*

I've heard the story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) every year for nearly four decades. I remember as a boy arriving at church on Pentecost Sunday to find red helium balloons attached to the pews. I affirmed my baptism, along with other members of my Confirmation Class, on Pentecost Sunday. At Trinity this year, we celebrated Pentecost Sunday (*pictured on the left*) with red ribbons twirling through the air, two baptisms, and a Christian from Uganda reading the story of Pentecost in his native Lugandan before joining Trinity by affirming his own baptism. These were all ways of celebrating the story I thought I knew so well.

But this Pentecost I learned something new. I had always just assumed that the crowds "*from every nation under heaven*" that heard in their own languages were there with the disciples from the beginning. But that's not the way in which Acts tells the story! It was after the wind rushed, flames appeared among the disciples, and the disciples started speaking in the native languages that the crowds came. First, there was a holy commotion, a holy sound, and then the crowds showed up.

"And at this sound the crowd gathered ..." (Acts 2:6a)

This detail is not insignificant. In getting this order right, we discover the Holy Spirit's three step process in forming the Church of Jesus Christ. First, the Spirit makes some noise in the gathered believers. Then, the Spirit speaks through believers in languages people around them will recognize. Finally, the Holy Spirit provides a curiosity in the crowds to see what is going on.

"And at this sound the crowd gathered ..."

Understanding the Spirit's work in this way, I ask you: what are the ways the Spirit is making noise and speaking through us as a congregation for the sake of our neighbors?

- What holy commotion is the Holy Spirit making in us here at Trinity?
- What new languages of love, service, and understanding is the Holy Spirit speaking through us to our neighbors in Worcester representing every nation under heaven?
- What radical acts of relationship, what astounding acts of understanding, what dramatic acts of compassion, is the Holy Spirit preparing us for to make?

In May, I had a lunch with a church consultant and coach who claimed that congregations, especially here in increasingly secular New England, who turn inward and focus on institutional survival don't stand a chance. Nobody wants to join a navel gazing congregation. He claimed, however, that congregations who open themselves to the work of the Holy Spirit, who forge new relationships with their neighbors, and who form themselves in new forms of community, are being renewed right now. People are attracted to communities such as these, because there is new energy, life, and vitality.

So, Trinity Church, are you ready to make some Holy Spirit-inspired noise? I'm not talking about being noisy and adding unnecessary and unwanted volume to an already loud world. I'm talking about the holy commotion of new relationships and new forms of community. I'm talking about disruptive and sacrificial relationships. I'm talking about community shaped by the wholeness, dignity, and liberation announced in Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit poured out upon the disciples at the beginning of Acts Chapter 2, at the end of the chapter we find them living together in a radical form of community. *"All who believe 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 ... they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of the people."* (Acts 2:44-47). Imagine the holy commotion that community caused! It was attractive. *"Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."* (Acts 2:47)

Let's make some noise and let's speak some new languages! Let's open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in us and through. In faith, let us participate in this holy work.

"And at this sound the crowd gathered ..." Amen! Indeed may it be so!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nathan

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Thom Tarquinio, President

The Trinity Council held its regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2018. After devotions, we initially heard a report from Pastor Nathan, including an update on our Television Ministry. He noted that we have the option of broadcasting 15- and 30-second spots on Charter, promoting our Television Ministry. He has also taped a 60-second spot that will run at the end of our broadcast, appealing for help in funding this ministry. Pastor Nathan also told Council that TLC has been approached about setting up a small Farmer's Market in our parking lot on Saturdays, beginning on June 16. After discussion, Council agreed that this would be a worthwhile endeavor, reaching out and helping provide access to fresh produce to our local community. There are still a couple of details to be worked out, but look for further announcements of this in the Sunday bulletins.

Cantor Mark updated Council on recent, ongoing, and future musical activities at Trinity. His report included information about the 2018 Music at Trinity Program, "FIFTY YEARS OF OPUS FORTY", which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Noack Organ (March 1969).

Scott Baeder presented the treasurer's report and an update from the Finance Committee. Our total income for the year remains slightly below budgeted income, but this has been offset by year-to-date spending, which is also less than budgeted. The Finance Committee is working with the Steering Committee for the Forever Faithful Campaign to plan and implement our efforts to reduce, and hopefully retire, the debt owed to the ELCA's Mission Endowment Fund (MIF). It is currently estimated that this debt will be \$700,000 at the conclusion of the current R+R+R construction project. The Finance Committee is also trying to plan for expected expenses of repair projects, likely to be needed over the next few years (see Property Committee discussion below).

Council reviewed notes from the last meeting of the Property Committee, outlining a few small completed and ongoing repair projects. More importantly, the Property Committee and our building manager, Jeff Burch, continue to prioritize several larger repair projects deemed necessary over the next few years. They believe that the most urgent project is repairing the roof and repairing/replacing gutters, at a possible cost of \$90-120,000. Defects in the roof and gutters have caused several leaks, resulting in damage to the inside of the Church, as well as to stucco outside, creating some urgency in performing the repairs. Council has requested that the Property Committee provide more detailed information about the roof/gutter project, and also to obtain new bids for the project.

The Steering Committee for the Forever Faithful Campaign gave an update of the planned “Kick-Off” events for our debt reduction program. Please see the Sunday bulletin for details of the June 3 luncheon and presentation, scheduled in Jeppson Hall following the 10 a.m. liturgy. Forever Faithful commitment cards will be collected.

Council next reviewed again proposed new bylaws that were initially presented at the April Council meeting. At the May meeting, after further discussion, the Council voted to approve these bylaws as a working draft, including the creation of a Ministry Cabinet, designed to improve the coordination and communications of the many and varied teams and committees of TLC. The bylaws will ultimately be presented to the congregation for approval, prior to be incorporated into our constitution.

The Council also approved final placement and installation of three new signs that will hopefully be installed in early June,

Please remember that the Council welcomes input from every member of the congregation. I am always available by email at president@trinityworc.org. Our next regularly scheduled Council meeting is on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m., so please come and join us ... everyone is welcome!

Faith Formation for All Ages

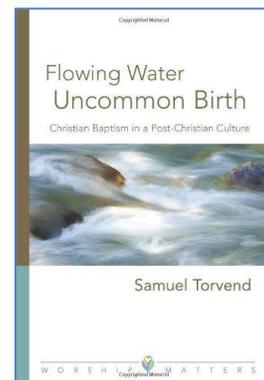


- **Tuesday Bible Study ...Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12 noon – Golden Room**
This group meets weekly to read the appointed bible readings for the upcoming Sunday and pray. Contact Cantor Mark for more details. The final meeting before summer break will be June 5.
- **Men’s Bible Study ...Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. – Golden Room** The group meets weekly to read and discuss the lessons to be read in the upcoming liturgies on Sunday morning. Contact Dave Horn at davehorn43@gmail.com for more details. This group will meet throughout the summer.
- **On summer break:** Sunday Education for Children & Youth and Wednesday Confirmation. Classes will resume in September.
- **NEW! Summer Sunday Adult Forum (June 10 through August 12): 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library with Cantor Mark Mummert as Leader;** The book is *Flowing Waters, Uncommon Birth: Christian Baptism in a Post- Christian Culture* by Samuel Torvend. See next page for details.

NEW Summer Adult Forum Starting June 10

Have you ever wondered:

- *what is baptism? what does it mean to be baptized?*
- *what is different about baptism today?*
- *how has the church begun to talk about baptism differently than when I was a child?*
- *why does the church change?*
- *how does the church appropriately adapt to culture?*
- *why is the baptismal font at Trinity Church in the middle of the nave?*



If you have asked these questions, this Adult Forum is for you. We will explore a rich, ancient, multifaceted, and deeply Christian baptismal practice and theology. For this study, we will use Dr. Samuel Torvend's book, *Flowing Water, Uncommon Birth: Christian Baptism in a Post-Christian Culture*. The book is available for purchase (paperback) for \$10, or you may purchase the e-book (Kindle) for only \$7.99 here: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00EVTLCUI>

Samuel Torvend teaches courses in the history of Christianity and historical courses on specific topics at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. Torvend holds the endowed chair in Lutheran Studies at PLU. In all of these courses, his early interest in the relationship between Christian insights and practices with a culture's social, economic, and political systems continues to engage students with the power of religion to shape public life.

TRANSITION NOTES

The Transition Team has gathered quite a bit of information from the 13 focus groups that met during these past few months. Almost 100 members of Trinity shared their insights with the team in this endeavor. The six members of the team (Loie Angelsten, Roz Horn, Sulma Rubert-Silva, John Trobaugh, Mary Tarquinio and Pastor Nathan) are now working to interpret, organize, and combine information as we prepare to present this information to the Council at their June 11 meeting. We ask for your continued prayers as we move forward in this important process.



In order to pay for the construction and renovation projects that were undertaken during the past three years, the *Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing* Capital Campaign has raised approximately \$620,000 to-date. The remainder of the funds for these projects (\$700,000) was borrowed from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund (MIF) with a 20-year repayment period.

The *Forever Faithful* Campaign will be launched on July 1, 2018, with the sole aim of reducing this debt. This campaign will be three years in duration with a goal of raising at least \$700,000 so that the MIF loan can be retired early.

Here are some key dates to please bear in mind:

- May 31, 2018: Completion of the *Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing* Capital Campaign
- June 3, 2018: *Forever Faithful* Informational Session – Adult Forum in Library at 9 a.m.
Forever Faithful Campaign Packets Available for Pick-up at Trinity
Forever Faithful Lunch and Program -Jeppson Hall after 10 AM liturgy
- June 10, 2018: *Forever Faithful* Commitment Sunday – pledge cards returned at both liturgies
- June 30, 2018: End of grace period for receipt of gifts/fulfillment of pledges to *Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing* Capital Campaign
- July 1, 2018: Beginning of *Forever Faithful* Campaign. Envelopes and electronic giving opportunities will be available.

With God's help and by working together, the generous people of Trinity Church can make this goal a reality. We hope that you will give this campaign your prayerful attention and will be able to give a gift to the *Forever Faithful* campaign.

Questions may be directed to any of the members of the Steering Committee (Kevin Erkkila, Carol Hartz, Joel Schur, Loret Schur, or Jessica Sutherland).

✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

Sunday, June 3 Second Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 9B

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 *The commandment regarding the sabbath*

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 *Treasure in clay jars*

Mark 2:23-3:6 *Doing the work of the Lord on the Sabbath*

Psalmody: Psalm 81:1-10 *Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 743, *Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*, NUN BITTEN WIR
From this coming Sunday until mid-November, we celebrate standard Sundays, on which we gather, hear the word from the Bible, share the meal, and are sent out to be Christ's people in the world. Even without special festivals, these Sundays are gifts to us that support and strengthen our spirituality. Every Sunday is our greatest feast, with its gathering of the baptized around the risen Christ for word and meal. This Sunday's gospel reading considers what Christians mean by "sabbath."

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, June 6

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, June 10 Third Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 10B

Genesis 3:8-15 *God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 *Renewed in the inner nature*

Mark 3:20-35 *Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

Psalmody: Psalm 130 *Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 505, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, EIN FESTE BURG

This Sunday's readings deal with the power of evil, which is pictured as a snake in paradise and as a demon who opposes the will of God. Mark also gives us a startling picture of Jesus' relationship with his natural family. Come to worship: we are now Jesus' mother and brothers.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, June 13

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, June 17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 11B

Ezekiel 17:22-24 *The sign of the cedar*

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 *In Christ, a new creation*

Mark 4:26-34 *The parable of the mustard seed*

Psalmody: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 *The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon* (Ps. 92:12)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 679, *For the Fruit of All Creation*, AR HYD Y NOS

This coming Sunday we hear a reference to the cosmic tree of life in which all the birds of the air are nesting. Yet what we gather around is the cross of Christ. Come be a bird on this tree.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, June 20

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, June 24 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 12B

Job 38:1-11 *The Creator of earth and sea*

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 *Paul's defense of his ministry*

Mark 4:35-41 *Christ calming the sea*

Psalmody: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 *You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea* (Ps. 107:29)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 763, *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*, HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

This coming Sunday we hear of Jesus stilling the storm. We join with the disciples in the boat of the church—we call our church space a “nave”: think “navy”—and pray for Jesus’ presence and power in our midst through all life’s storms.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, June 27 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, 444

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)





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June 7 - 9, 2018

Donation Appeal

Congregations: Put Your Faith in Action!

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Your thoughtful donations will be shared with:

- ♦ Refugees, including unaccompanied minors
- ♦ Older adults and the elderly
- ♦ Children, youth and families
- ♦ Persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness and deafness
- ♦ Those who are economically disadvantaged

Items requested:

- ♦ **Sheets: twin or full size (new)**
- ♦ **Toiletry items (full size preferred)**
 - Shampoo, conditioner
 - Bar soap or body wash
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrush, dental floss
 - Deodorant
 - Lotion
 - Feminine care products
 - Shaving supplies
 - Diapers for ages 0 - 3years



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



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Deadline for July 2018 Issue: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

SACRAMENTS AND VISITATIONS

The administration of the sacraments, visitation of the sick and homebound and instruction of the faithful are among our principal pastoral concerns. To serve the Trinity community as faithfully as possible the following schedule is provided to help you in your planning.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on five festival days during the church year:

- Mary, Mother of Our Lord (August 12, 2018)
- All Saints Sunday (November 4, 2018)
- Baptism of Our Lord (January 13, 2019)
- The Great Vigil of Easter (April 20, 2019)
- Pentecost Sunday (June 9, 2019)

To arrange for a baptism contact Pastor Nathan well in advance.

Preparation for Marriage

Couples desiring to be married at Trinity should contact the pastoral staff **at least six months in advance**. A sequence of three preparatory classes is required, the scheduling of which should be confirmed when the date of the marriage is established.

New Parish Members

Persons interested in joining the parish should indicate their desire to the pastoral staff, be regular at worship and plan to attend a New Member Class.

Hospital & Home Communion

Kindly contact the parish office when a family member or friend is admitted to the hospital or when illness or injury prevents church attendance and the Sacrament is desired.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Fri Jun 1, 2018

No Meetings today

Sat Jun 2, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

Sun Jun 3, 2018

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Food Collection Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Forever Faithful Luncheon & Program

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

3-5pm Houston Youth Meeting at St.

Stephan Lutheran, Marlborough

Mon Jun 4, 2018

11am Preschool Practice

1pm TEC School Rehearsal

3pm Executive Committee Meeting

3:30pm TEC School Music

6pm Volleyball

7pm Mutual Ministry

Tue Jun 5, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

11am Bible Study

11am Preschool Practice

1pm TEC School Rehearsal

3:30pm TEC School Music

6pm Adult Basketball

7pm Diamonds Board Meeting

Wed Jun 6, 2018

8:30am TEC School Rehearsal

11am Preschool Practice

2pm Staff Meeting

4:30pm Trinity Choristers Rehearsal

5:15pm Trinity Junior Choristers Rehearsal

6pm Confirmation Class

6pm Mid-week Eucharist

6:30pm Fellowship Supper

6:30pm Trinity Youth Basketball

7:15pm Finance Committee

7:30pm Property Committee

7:30pm CoDA

7:30pm Trinity Adult Basketball

Thu Jun 7, 2018

NE Synod Assembly in Springfield, MA

11am Preschool Practice

6pm TEC Night of the Arts

6pm TOPS

Fri Jun 8, 2018

NE Synod Assembly in Springfield, MA

TEC School Field Day

11am Preschool Practice

6pm End of Year Celebration for Preschool

Sat Jun 9, 2018

NE Synod Assembly in Springfield, MA

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

8:30am Property Cleaning of Kitchen

Sun Jun 10, 2018

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Forever Faithful Commitment Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11:30am Rebekah Circle

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon Jun 11, 2018

Last day of TEC School -- half day

All Week TEC School Summer Program Wk 1

6pm Volleyball

7pm Council Meeting

Tue Jun 12, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

11am Bible Study

2pm Staff Meeting

6pm Adult Basketball

7:30pm Worcester AGO Executive Comm.

Wed Jun 13, 2018

10am Trinity Tots

10am – 6:30 pm Trinity Travelers: North
Shore Music Theatre's "MAME"

6pm Mid-week Eucharist

6:30pm Trinity Youth Basketball

6:45pm Health Cabinet/Eucharistic Ministers

7:30pm CoDA

7:30pm Trinity Adult Basketball

Thu Jun 14, 2018

6pm TOPS

Fri Jun 15, 2018

4pm World Refugee Day

Sat Jun 16, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

Sun Jun 17, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11am CIT Information Session

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon Jun 18, 2018

All Week TEC School Summer Program Wk 2

6pm Volleyball

Tue Jun 19, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

2pm Staff Meeting

6pm Adult Basketball

7pm Diamonds Rehearsal

Wed Jun 20, 2018

Trinity News Deadline

6pm Mid-week Eucharist

6pm Trinity Bells

6:30pm Trinity Youth Basketball

7pm Diamonds Auditions

7:30pm CoDA

7:30pm Trinity Adult Basketball

Thu Jun 21, 2018

12 – 6pm Make Music Worcester

12pm Anna Circle (Offsite)

6pm TOPS

Fri Jun 22, 2018

8:30am Worcester Family Resource Center

Sat Jun 23, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

Sun Jun 24, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sending Youth to National Gathering

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11:30am Houston Youth & Parents Meeting

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon Jun 25, 2018

All Week TEC School Summer Program Wk 3

6pm Volleyball

Tue Jun 26, 2018

Youth Leaving for Houston

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

2pm Staff Meeting

6pm Adult Basketball

Wed Jun 27, 2018

Trinity News Mailing

6pm Mid-week Eucharist

6:30pm Trinity Youth Basketball

7:30pm CoDA

7:30pm Trinity Adult Basketball

Thu Jun 28, 2018

6pm TOPS

Fri Jun 29, 2018

No Meetings Today

Sat Jun 30, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

See page 21 in Parish Notes for more information about this new format.



Serving for the Month of June

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Lector 8 AM	Joel Schur	Jacob Schur	Karen Short	Rich Osterfield
Lector 10 AM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minister	Beth Axelson	Edward Van Corbach	Dwight Hubbard	Dale Mattice
Communion Assistant	Cole Mueller Grace Mueller	Libby Stone Ed Menard	Merrie Gerber Ed Menard	Ana Ranese Cole Mueller
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Sacristan	Beth Axelson	Patty Cummings Karen Short	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson
Bread Baker	Beth Axelson	LeeAnn Hedberg Jaquith	Lori Doyle	Nancy Fontneau
TV Ministry	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson

PLANNING AHEAD

Something New This Fall: *Poetry at Trinity*, a small sharing group for people to come together to share their own meaningful poetry writings (including memoir, social action, inspiration, nature, personal faith issues, even humor, and more) or poems written by others that are important to them.

If you think you might have such an interest or have questions, comments, or encouragement for such a sharing group, please speak with Doug Behm or correspond at www.nina4doug@aol.com, or chat at coffee. The possibilities are endless. Doug (a newer Trinity member) has much experience in amateur poetry writing (free verse), is a member of the Worcester County Poetry Association, etc. There would be no fee associated with this group.

✠ PASTORAL ACTS ✠

BAPTISM

Willow June Gregoire 20.May
Lucia Maeve Stoner 20.May

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Charles Muhanguzi 20.May

FUNERALS

Hazel Bates 11.May
Marjorie W. Clark 17.May

✠ CELEBRATIONS ✠

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Carter and Alice Lindberg 4.June
Douglas and Nina Behm 8.June
Howard and Evelyn Elander 9.June
Rev. Paul and Carol Kennedy 10.June
David and Nancy Hagberg 11.June
Robert and Carol Peura 13.June
Raymond and Jill Anderson 25.June
Christopher and Cheryl Foster 26.June
Robert and Helen Hill 28.June
Frank and Lynette Szerlag 29.June

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

Briefly Noted

Remember, First Sunday Is Food Sunday! Please bring your non-perishable food items to Trinity on June 3 and July 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!

Parish Office Closed: The office will be closed on Independence Day, July 4. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Cliff Gerber at (508) 688-4763.

Follow Trinity Church on Social Media!



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Scholarship Applications Are Due June 8! 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***.

Trinity Travelers Has Some Openings! Anyone interested is to contact Judy Roberts at (508) 304-8008 or Beth Axelson by email at baxelson015@gmail.com. Opening are for:

Thursday, July 19 to Newport Rail Tour with lunch on the train

Wednesday, September 12 to Hart's Turkey Train in New Hampshire

Wednesday, October 10 Vine to Wine; lunch at the Honora Winery with other stops

Wednesday, November 7 to the Norman Rockwell Tour; lunch at the Red Lion Inn

Tuesday, December 11 to Aqua Turf, CT for Holiday Winter Wishes and luncheon.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TV Ministry Donations Needed: Our TV ministry is an important outreach program for shut-ins and the elderly who are not able to attend church regularly. You may help to support this ministry by making a donation and honoring an event or family member by sponsoring a broadcast of a Sunday viewing. Just fill out the donation form on page 19 indicating the Sunday you wish to sponsor. The fee is \$150 for full sponsorship but you may also give a partial sponsorship for any Sunday. Please contact Karen Allen, the office manager, if you have any questions at admin@trinityworc.org or (508) 753-2989 X 11.

EPMDC 2018: With summer right around the corner, plans for Elm Park Ministries Day Camp are in full swing! Camp runs for two weeks, Monday through Friday, July 30 through August 10. This will be the 9th summer that Trinity will host campers from the community, counselors from Calumet and local teens who volunteer as CIT's for two weeks of urban day camp. As donations are gathered and plans are made for camp, it's important to remember why we do camp. EPMDC started because a group of pastors and lay leaders saw a need in the community and turned it into an opportunity to serve! They noticed how many children there were in the Elm Park neighborhood who had nothing to do during the summer. And what was available was expensive. God was calling them to do something for all children that would be equalizing, fun and faith-filled regardless of families' ability to pay for it. Trinity was connected to Camp Calumet who offered their counselors to congregations in New England to run Urban Day Camps. And Elm Park Ministries Day Camp was born and has gotten better with each passing year!

Some people have concerns that EPMDC puts a big strain on Trinity. A lot of time, energy and money goes into making it happen each year. But there's no way to put a price tag on ministry and relationship building! Jesus' ministry made people uncomfortable, even his disciples thought that He was inconvenienced. Jesus didn't play it "safe." He was radical, challenged all the norms, naysayers and expectations that people had in order to change lives. Let's follow Jesus's example by fearlessly serving others despite the strain and cost!

Registration materials are available for campers (age 6-13) and CIT's (age 13 and up). Please contact the office to get started with all the paperwork. Please also consider making a financial donation to EPMDC so that all children can come to camp and we can continue our tradition of welcoming so many young people into our midst this summer! This year, our big question is, "How do we bridge our ministry that we do for two weeks with the rest of the year? How do we share all the great, personal stories that campers, counselors and volunteers have about camp? More importantly, how can we follow Jesus to more boldly serve our community?" If you want to help us answer those questions, please talk to Jena!



YOUTH

Coming Soon: Even though summer hasn't even started yet, it's time to start thinking about the next school year! We've been having conversations with parents and youth about their ideas for events, activities and programming for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please let Jena know. Here are a couple of things to put on your calendar now:

- **Disney Double Feature Movie Night** for all Saturday, August 18 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. \$10 buys you pizza, popcorn, drinks and a make your own ice cream Sunday dessert Stay tuned for details about which movies will be played!
- **Hammo at Camp Calumet**, September 7-9, 2018: \$90 for registration, sleeping in a bed (we're not camping this year) and meals. Please let Jena know if you want to go!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

It's Graduation Season and Trinity wants to honor those who are graduating from high school or college by announcing their graduations and plans in the summer issues of the *Trinity News*. If you have a graduate in your family, please contact the Parish Office at (508) 753-2989 or admin@trinityworc.org. **If graduating from high school**, please note the name of the graduate, the high school and if they are continuing to a college, the name. **If graduating from college**, note the name of the graduate, the name of the college, the degree and any honors, and plans for the future if known. Congratulations to all those who are graduating! This month we heard from...

Andrew Carlson graduated from Abby Kelly Foster Charter School in Worcester. He will be going on to college at Roger Williams University in R.I. this fall.

Andrew Gingras graduated from St. John's High School in Shrewsbury. He will be attending SUNY-Cobleskill studying animal sciences and criminal justice with plans to work for environmental police.

Justin Mahan graduated from Keene State College with a Bachelors of Art degree in Journalism News Media. He received the Media and Public Relations Outstanding Senior Award.

Norma Mills graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Healthcare Administration. She was on the Dean's List and was accepted into Alpha Sigma Pi. She is currently working as an Executive Administrative Secretary at UMass Memorial Medical Center in the Department Neurological Surgery and chose to get her degree in order to further her career.



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Summer S.T.E.A.M. Programs June 11-29 and August 13-31

Dear TLC Friends,

We are gearing up for the summer!

Register today to enroll your child for six fun-filled weeks of S.T.E.A.M. activities. Children will engage in science, technology, engineering, and art activities. This is a great time to learn something new while having fun with friends. Here's what our happy camper has to say about summer at T.E.C.

Thank you for your support. We love to innovate and bring exciting programs that are relevant to young students. **Please forward this along to anyone who you might think would be interested.**

Thank you,
Rupali Sharma
Director

- Week 1: June 11-15
- Week 2: June 18-22
- Week 3: June 25-29
- Week 4: August 13-17
- Week 5: August 19-24
- Week 6: Aug 27 -Aug 31

- Lego Robotics Club!*
- Art Club - An Animal and En Plein Air*
- Young Engineers: Racecars, Rockets, and More!*
- 3D Modeling and 3D Printing Design*
- STEM Creations*
- Create a Mask a Day!*

TLC Christian Preschool



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6.

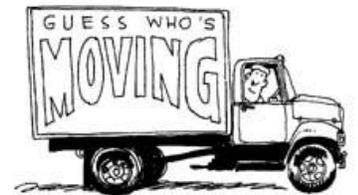
A question parents faithfully ask when touring our school is, “How do you teach children about faith?” Our answer is simple; we teach them how to be kind to one another, to be respectful of themselves and others and to help those who need a helping hand. Each month, we have an outreach program that the children participate in that helps give them a deeper understanding of “giving back.” This month, as Annemarie Creager heads off to Haiti to work in the kindergarten class, our parents filled a duffel bag with school supplies and books for her to take with her. Ms. Creager will use these items in her curriculum and provide the students with wonderful experiences to help expand their knowledge. She will then send photographs and emails back to our school to make a real life connection. Technology is an amazing gift and so is the heart of each child and family at TLC.



PARISH OFFICE NOTES

Why Change the Calendar on pages 12 and 13? For those who have worked at the Welcome Desk or with the mailing of the *Trinity News*, they know that each month someone has to stuff more than 500 copies of the *News* with that center sheet that has the calendar on one side and the Sacramental Information and Serving sheet on the other. These center sheets need to be printed separately, folded and then placed in each copy of the *News*. For planning purposes an extra day needs to be added to the printing schedule to accomplish this. Using the new format that you see in this issue, all the pages can be printed together. It saves us a day and lots of repetitive physical labor. We are interested in hearing your comments and/or suggestions for improvements about this change. Please email these to admin@trinityworc.org or call Karen Allen at (508) 753-2989 X 11 to leave her a voice mail if she is not in to speak with you directly. Thanks for your continued help in making *Trinity News* an outstanding newsletter.

Calling for All Addresses, Telephone and Email Changes: Please be sure to keep the parish office updated with your most current street address and phone numbers. If you have a **new email address**, you may go to the website at trinityworc.org and sign up for the newsletter and the weekly Trinity E-News distribution. Your old email will eventually “fall off” of our mailing list. 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.

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.

LAST MONTH TO SIGN UP! DO IT TODAY! NOTICE of CHANGES TO TRINITY NEWS

Please contact us if you would like to continue receiving Trinity News.

We are happy to continue providing the Trinity News free of charge to all members, former members, and friends of Trinity who desire to receive it on a monthly basis!

To continue receiving the Trinity News, please contact the church office by phone: (508) 753-2989 or email: WelcomeDesk@trinityworc.org.

Let the office know if you would like to receive the Trinity News:

Electronically by email – or – Paper copy by U.S. Postal Service

If you no longer wish to receive the Trinity News, simply do nothing and we will remove you from our monthly mailing list beginning with the July 2018 edition. If you are removed, but would like to continue receiving Trinity News, simply contact the church office at any time.

THANK YOU NOTES

From the New England Synod: Thank you for your mission support of \$45,000 to the New England Synod in 2017. We had a tremendous outpouring of support in the last year... It has not gone unnoticed that your support of the missions of the church increased from that which was contributed in the prior year, and we are deeply grateful for your willingness to share the additional funding. The generosity of people in the congregations of this synod continue to be a sign of great hope, as we partner with Christ to give birth to a new church that is emerging around us. Sincerely, Bishop James E. Hazelwood

From The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker Community: On behalf of Frank Kartheiser and our entire community, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$500 to the Mustard Seed. Your support helps us to continue responding to God's call to do the works of mercy in providing meals five nights a week and food pantry items to individuals and families in the Piedmont St. neighborhood. ... we remember you and your community in prayer, from Susan Arraje

**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/trinityworchester

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.