

Trinity News

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Mission Trip to Philadelphia

Trinity's youth join teens from surrounding Lutheran churches throughout the year to participate in service, learning and fellowship opportunities. For many, the highlight of the year is the Mission Trip during April school vacation. This year, six youth from Trinity and two adults traveled to the Philadelphia area with the rest of LIPY (Lutheran Inter-Parish Youth) for a week of service. For the next few months of Trinity News, there will be reflections about the trip written by each of the participants.



Trinity youth at worship in Royersford, PA at Grace Lutheran Church

From Jena Hardy Mission Trips are not all about the good things that we do to help others. It's a lot more about the lessons that we learn and the experiences that we have as individuals or as a group. It's not about the amount of work that we partake in; it's about our mindset and our willingness to acknowledge that we are all children of God! None of the work sites that we participated in actually *needed* us to show up in order to function. They would just as easily survive without us. BUT, when we are willing to be in relationship with others, that is service! And that's what happens on Mission Trips!

There were four work sites that youth had the opportunity to help. We "lived" at Camp Innabah in Spring City, PA. It's a Methodist Camp and Retreat Center. Our group helped them get it ready for summer. They painted, cleaned, chopped wood and did lots of manual labor there. Other youth worked at a large Food Warehouse called Share where they helped create food "kits" and saw the process for getting food into the warehouse and out into the hands of the folks who need it. The Artman Lutheran Home, a nursing home, hosted a group of youth who spent time "being" with the residents, building relationships one-to-one with them! A small group was able to spend time in North Philly at the Church of the Advocate where they participated in their soup kitchen, feeding about 100 individuals per day, most of whom were homeless.

The reality is, we could do all of those things closer to home! The Lutheran Home is right up the street! Worcester has its own Food Bank, Soup Kitchen and programs that serve the homeless.

Camp Calumet needs help cleaning too. We are called to be God's hands and feet everywhere we go! But there is value in short-term mission trips! There are so many reasons why we need to keep sending youth on these trips! It gives them an opportunity to get outside of their comfort zones, sometimes it will be the first time they are traveling without their parents but still have adult supervision and healthy boundaries. Youth learn to adapt to their surroundings learning how to live with one another for a handful of nights in sometimes small, uncomfortable spaces. Meals are shared, games are played, many conversations are had late into the nights. New relationships are formed with peers and with other, caring adults. There are TONS of opportunities each day to talk about where we saw God, to discuss things that make us uncomfortable, that make us wonder about our role in the world. Youth learn that service is valuable; that it matters; that it can and does make a difference! Most importantly, when we carve out time to intentionally spend time in someone else's community, we learn that we are all children of God, that God is already at work there and we are the witnesses! THANK YOU TRINITY for supporting and encouraging our youth throughout the year!

From Norma Mills Being an adult on the Mission Trips lets me connect with the youth on a personal level. My first Mission Trip was to DC and there was a wave of new confirmands and already confirmed youth and with this being my third trip in four years it is great seeing how the youth who were on their first trip, with me, are now on their fourth and have matured into amazing future Lutheran adults. I love seeing how teenagers and confirmed youth help the first year confirmands and new teens with the ropes of how mission trips work. The teamwork is also something that is amazing to watch. Teens who grew up together get to work with teens who they may have never met before and watching them develop friendships and lifelong relationships makes being an adult chaperone worth every hour of lost sleep and exhaustion. There is no better way to observe fellowship than watching our future leaders grow and develop their social skills with strangers that turn into friends.

From Ana Ranese When I went on the Mission Trip to Philadelphia, I was able to reconnect with old friends that I haven't seen in a year and was able to make new friends. As I was there, I did three out of four projects to help out the community. I stayed at camp to help clean up; I went to a church to help feed the homeless; and I volunteered at a Lutheran Home. I was sadly not able to go to the Food Warehouse. I'm so glad I was able to experience the journey with great kids and amazing chaperones.



Ana, Naomi, Cheyenne at Church of the Advocate

From Andrew Gingras (this is Andrew's last mission trip as a youth because he is graduating this spring.) The Mission Trip this year was full of highs and lows but all in all, it was a good trip. I made some new friends and some lesser friends. I'm going to miss every April break and having the chance to go on the Mission Trip. Change is needed but it will be a void in my life.

(There are more pictures on page 15.)

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Thom Tarquinio, President

The Trinity Council held its regular monthly meeting on April 16, 2018.

Following Opening Devotions, the Council heard reports from Pastor Nathan and Cantor Mark. Pastor Nathan is currently leading the Sunday Adult Forum (through May 20), which is a review of an ELCA draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice. The discussion, both at Council and at the Adult Forum have been lively and interesting. TLC will be drafting a response to send to the ELCA, and individuals are also welcome to respond. Pastor Nathan also reminded Council of special Sundays including April 22 (TLC Preschool Sunday) and May 6 (Ascentria Sunday). Cantor Mark reminded Council about the final event of the current Music at Trinity Program, which will occur on Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m.

We next heard from Scott Baeder, with a treasurer's report and update from the Finance Committee. Highlights included the fact that contributions through, and including Easter, remain below anticipated giving. Although we are not in any current financial difficulties, the Finance committee remains vigilant. Council discussed the possibility of providing "Pledged-to-Date versus Giving-to-Date" updates to the congregation, and this was referred back to Executive Committee for further discussion.

Council received updates on several ongoing and planned activities from the Property Committee, the Construction Committee, and Jeff Burch, our building manager. Work on the heating system is now 99% complete, and installation of the new fire alarm system has begun. It is anticipated that Phase I of the renovation project will be completed by June 1. We are all aware that our building is beautiful, but also aging, and the Property Committee continues to develop plans to address issues that require somewhat immediate attention, and also a long-term plan to maintain our building.

Updates from the Preschool Advisory Committee and the Transition Team were presented to Council. Further information on the Transition Team plans will be forthcoming soon.

A lively and spirited discussion at our Council meeting followed a report by the Debt Reduction Steering Committee. The discussion centered around the need to reduce our debt and pay off our new mortgage as quickly as possible, while still making certain that we will have the ability to pay for emergency repairs, should that need arise. A motion was made and passed, stating that the Steering Committee will focus on a "clean" 3-year debt reduction campaign, scheduled to begin July 1, 2018 ... details will be given in presentations over the next few months.

Pastor Nathan reported on continued discussions with the TEC School about a Building Use Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year. We hope to have the details finalized and ready for Council approval by the May Council meeting.

Susan Brown, Chris Pavasaris, and Scott Baeder have completed their review of Bylaws, and presented their recommendations to the Council. All Council members will be reviewing the suggested changes, and we hope to vote on the bylaws at our May meeting. These bylaws will then be presented to the congregation, for congregational approval, prior to being incorporated into our constitution.

A motion was approved that the following members of Trinity Lutheran Church are appointed by Council as voting members to the 2018 NE Synod Assembly, June 7 to June 9, 2018: Tim O'Connor as the youth voting member, Dale Mattice as the adult female voting member, and Thom Tarquinio as the adult male voting member.

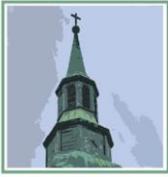
Please remember that the Council always welcomes input from every member of the congregation. Many Council members are available to discuss your concerns before or after Sunday services and after the Wednesday evening service. I am always available by email at president@trinityworc.org

Our next regularly scheduled Council meeting is on Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m., so please come and join us ... everyone is welcome!

Faith Formation for All Ages



- **Sunday School for children up to grade 6:** This year, children will be gathering on the second floor in the education wing! Contact Jena Hardy for more information at jhardy@trinityworc.org.
- **Sunday Adult Forum: 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library:** The Adult Forum is reading two draft social statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in order to provide feedback: the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice (www.ELCA.org/womenandjustice) and the Draft ELCA Interreligious Policy Statement (www.ELCA.org/draftpolicystatement). On Sunday, May 6, the Adult Forum will be led by Ascentria. For more information, please speak with Pastor Nathan.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Wednesday Education for Youth: 7 – 8 p.m.**
Middle School: Confirmation Class meets in the Confirmation classroom, Room ce214
High School: Meets with Jena. Youth Room

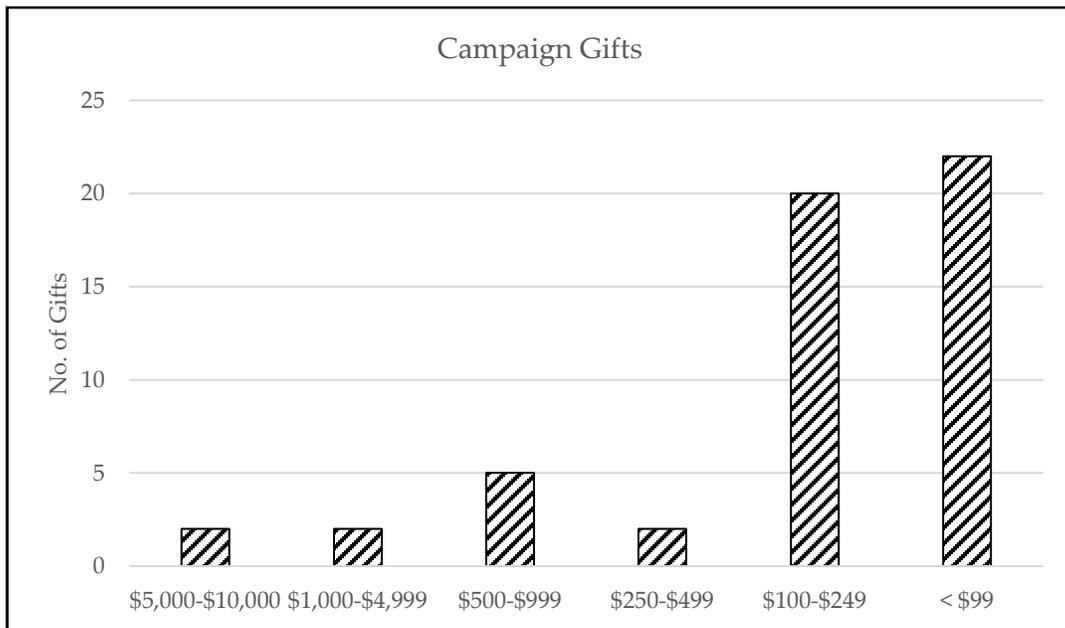
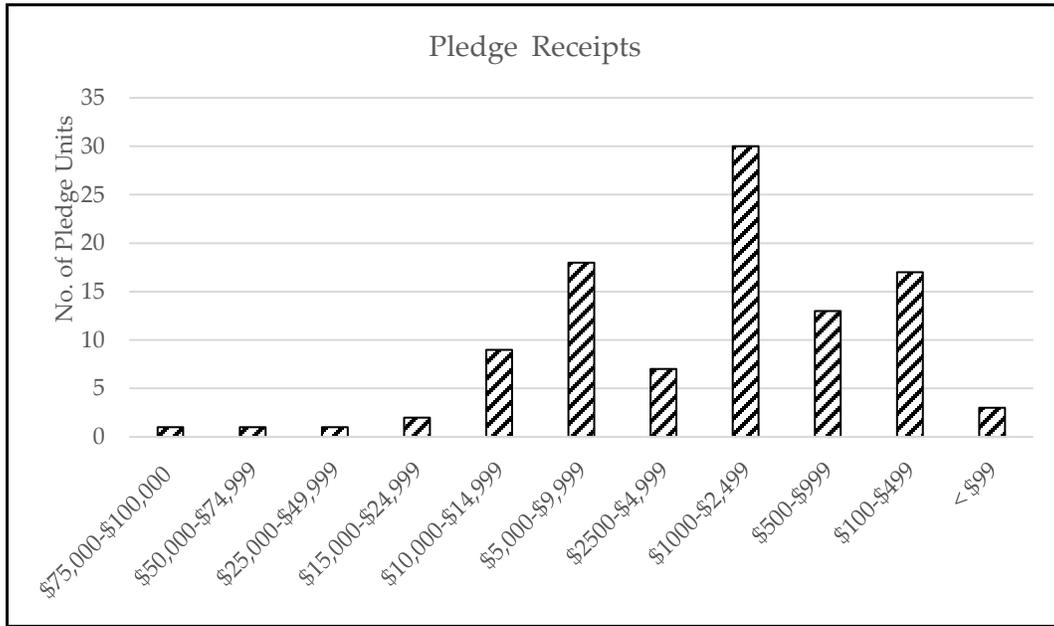


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*Restoring
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Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing Campaign Draws to a Close

Three years ago, the *Restoring+Renewing+Rejoicing* Capital Campaign was initiated with the goal of raising up to \$1.3M for many building renovations and repairs at Trinity Church including roof repairs and installation of new heating, lighting, sound, and fire alarm systems.

The members and friends of Trinity responded generously! Through these gifts of approximately \$750,000 has been raised as of March 2018. Pledge receipts of \$516,000 have been recorded as of March (79% of total pledged) along with numerous gifts to the campaign. These pledge receipts and gifts are illustrated in the figures below.



We also gratefully acknowledge other gifts received prior to the campaign's official kick-off which are not reflected above and non-cash gifts (e.g. stock and other income). Many of you also sent in special gifts in honor of Pr. Susan and Jim Nachtigal and in memory of Roland "Bing" Levin. Thank you!

This 3-year campaign will end on May 31, 2018; however, envelopes have been provided in your packets through June 24, 2018, to provide a grace period for receipts. If you would like to give an additional end-of-campaign gift, please use these envelopes or donate on-line (www.trinityworc.org).

The renovations and repairs are nearing completion and were funded by your gifts with the remainder financed through a loan from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. The Campaign Steering Committee (Joel and Loret Schur, Kevin Erkkila, Carol Hartz, and Jessica Sutherland) will soon announce plans for a subsequent campaign aimed at repaying this loan.

Our heartfelt gratitude is extended to all who have helped with this campaign in any capacity. With God's help, we have accomplished much and together, we will joyfully move forward in faith to Welcome, Proclaim and Serve in Christ's Name.

TRANSITION NOTES

Thank you one and all for your participation in the many Transitional Conversations we conducted over these past few months! You have spoken passionately about your concerns, hopes, and fears surrounding this transitional time at Trinity.

In December, Council tasked the Transition Team with leading and gathering the "Transitional Conversations" that would be used to inform and shape our future. Pastor Sara Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop, encouraged us to ask the deeper questions that would help clarify our mission and outline our purpose, so we asked Trinity members the following:

1. Why does this congregation exist?
2. What hopes do you have for this congregation AND what specific actions would address those hopes?
3. What fears do you have for this congregation AND what specific actions would address those fears?
4. In addition to our members, who would miss Trinity if we were gone?
5. What would motivate others such as yourselves, to participate in this congregation?

From January through April, the Transition Team members: Loie Angelsten, Roz Horn, Sulma Rubert-Silva, Mary Tarquinio, John Trobaugh and Pastor Nathan, tried to meet with as many Trinity groups as possible (see list below), often meeting with the groups when they conducted their monthly meetings or when they routinely gathered. Some groups, like the Anna Circle

for example, already had events and guests scheduled for their monthly meetings, but our two open focus groups provided opportunities for all members to attend.

1. Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner
2. Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study
3. Youth/Confirmation Class
4. Rebekah Circle
5. Staff Meeting: Pastor Nathan, Cantor Mark, Jena Hardy
6. Staff Meeting: Karen Allen, Mary Creager TLC Preschool, Rupali Sharma TEC School
7. Mutual Ministry
8. Tabitha Circle
9. Open Focus Group for the 8 am worshipping community
10. Council
11. Open Focus Group for the 10 am worshipping community
12. Choir

In May, the Transition Team will be working to organize and collate all the varied responses to these questions. We will present this information to the Council at the June meeting and to the congregation shortly thereafter. During this process, you have shared your enthusiasm for the possibilities that lie before us. We ask your prayers for the Transition Team, the Council and for each and every member to help Trinity be an active and vital part of Christ's church in today's world.



Memorial Day Service at All Faiths Cemetery: All are welcome to attend a special service on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018, at All Faiths Cemetery (at the Gazebo), 7 Island Road in Worcester. The service starts at 10 a.m. Outdoor seating is provided, but you are welcome to bring your own seating if you wish. Service includes: Pastor George Vogel; musicians Lois Toepfner, piano; Ralph Metcalf and Tyler Hauer, trumpets; Anna Granquist, soprano; Chuck Danielson, baritone; Color Guard of the Boy Scout Troop 54

of Epworth Methodist Church, Worcester. Refreshments follow the service. Please call All Faiths Cemetery office: (508) 753-8842 regarding cancellation due to inclement weather or other concerns.

✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

Wednesday, May 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Sunday, May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 *The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles*

1 John 5:1-6 *The victory of faith*

John 15:9-17 *Christ the friend and lover*

Psalmody: Psalm 98 *Shout with joy to the Lord, all you land.* (Ps.98:4)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 383, *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* TURNBULL

This coming Sunday is the thirty-sixth day of Easter, so we are still singing some beloved Easter hymns as we continue reading from Acts, 1 John, and John's gospel.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, May 9, Eve of the Ascension of Our Lord

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Sunday, May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 *Matthias added to the apostles*

1 John 5:9-13 *Life in the Son of God*

John 17:6-19 *Christ's prayer for his disciples*

Psalmody: Psalm 1 *The LORD knows the way of the righteous.* (Ps.1:6)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 463, *Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed,* SONG 1

In the gospel for this coming Sunday, we hear of Jesus praying that we be protected by God for our life in the world. We join with Matthias, the newly chosen disciple number twelve, to witness to Christ's resurrection.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, May 16

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Sunday, May 20 Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *Life to Dry Bones*

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

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 *Christ sends forth the Spirit of truth*

Psalmody: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*
(Ps.104:30)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 402, *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*, ADORO TE DEVOTE
This coming Sunday is Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter, and we keep the resurrection of Christ by celebrating the Spirit of the risen Christ in our midst. Jesus Christ has not gone away but is here with us, and we stand to greet him and hear his words in the gospel reading.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, May 23

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Sunday, May 27 The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8 *Isaiah's vision and call*

Romans 8:12-17 *Living by the Spirit*

John 3:1-17 *Entering the reign of God*

Psalmody: Psalm 29 *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.* (Ps. 29.2)

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 735, *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*, NORWICH
The Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated each year as Trinity Sunday, a day on which the church meditates on the mystery of our God, praising one divine unity of three distinct presences. Each way that we speak about the Trinity is inadequate. Indeed, a god we could understand wouldn't be much of a god. This Sunday we will be helped by Isaiah, a psalmist, Paul, John, our prayers, several hymnwriters, the text of our liturgy, a sermon, and the gift of bread and wine, as in worship we are gathered into the life of our unfathomable God.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, May 30

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

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Deadline for June 2018 Issue: Monday, May 21, 2018

✠ CELEBRATIONS ✠

BIRTHDAYS

Ingeborg Baehrecke 7.May
Sonya Smith 9.May
Joan Henrikson 11.May
Nancy Johnson 12.May
Marylin Mercier 12.May
John Stassi 12.May
Judith Wickman 15.May
Richard Gustafson 17.May
Carol Hartz 20.May
Ethel Lambos 20.May
Marian Erickson 21.May
Ingrid Rossetti 28.May
Anita Murphy 31.May

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent & Susan Yess 1.May
Alfred & Jeanne Doyle 17.May
Richard & Marion Kirby 22.May

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 May 6 and June 3. 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 Memorial Day, May 28. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Nathan Pipho at (617) 388-5636.

Follow Trinity Church on Social Media!



Facebook.com/tlcworchester

Twitter: @tlcworchester

Instagram: trinityworchester

Coffee Hour Invitation from Thrivent: On June 3 during the coffee hour following the 10 a.m. liturgy, Jon Hendrickson, a representative of Thrivent, will discuss ways that Thrivent members can help their communities and churches. He will give an overview of what Thrivent does including details about all the programs such as matching dollars and choice dollars. So come to Jeppson Hall on June 3 to see what the latest is from Thrivent.

Update from Mindee Gordon: Hello everyone at Trinity Lutheran church. I want to tell you all about the job I got as a data entry person at Mercy Centre. I love it and I am doing it every day. I hope you all had a nice Easter and I hope everyone is enjoying the spring season. I am waiting for a nice sunny day to go for a walk in the park. Your office volunteer, Mindee.

SIGN UP SHEETS GALORE!! Your help is needed. There are several opportunities to be of service to members of Trinity. You can find these sign-up sheets in Jeppson hallway:

- Sign up if you are willing to help when rides or meals are needed on occasion.
- The Cabinet is also developing a prayer chain. This can be done through email or by phone. Please sign up if you are interested in being a part of praying daily for those who are sick or those who have concerns and those requesting prayer.
- The last sign up is for members who are interested in being a part of a support group for those suffering a loss or who are grieving in any way. If so, please sign up to let us know your interest as well as whether a day or evening time is best for you.

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

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.

Come hear about Ascentria on May 6: Lisa Brennan, Ascentria's program director of Services for New Americans, is coming to Trinity on May 6 to lead the adult forum at 9 a.m. She'll be speaking during coffee hour too! Please plan on coming that day to hear about all of the great things that Ascentria does, specifically their work with refugees. Trinity has a great history of working alongside Ascentria. We have helped to resettle families and we've partnered with them to ensure that children who are new to the United States are able to come to Elm Park Ministries Day Camp!

EPMDC 2018: It's hard to believe but Elm Park Ministries Day Camp is right around the corner: July 30 through August 11. Jena, Bob and BJ (the camp directors) have been meeting and working behind the scenes to start getting things in place so that this is the best summer

yet! The last we heard, there were 25+ Calumet counselors who have asked to come and work with us in Worcester this summer. What an awesome “problem” to have!! We don’t need that many counselors but we do need your help and involvement! Please let Jena know if you are interested in being a part of the camp conversations or can help in one of the following ways:

- 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
- Bridging the gap between camp and Trinity (how to get the camp "story" out there).
- Brainstorming about ideas for fundraising.
- Discovering ways for Trinity to stay connected to campers throughout the year.
- Organizing donations of clothes ahead of time for our campers who need those things
- Searching out good deals for: spray sunscreen, beach toys, arts & crafts products, would you be willing to donate them to EPMDC. There will be a basket to collect those things in the hallway outside of Jeppson.

We are getting registration materials ready to mail to our previous campers, but if you know of a child who is ages 6-12 who would love to come to camp, let us know so that we can get them the paperwork they need! Teens who are 13 and older are able to volunteer their time as CIT’s for one or both weeks of camp. Please talk to Jena for more details about that!

YOUTH

Thank you to all who contributed towards the Easter Breakfast through donations and/or by coming to eat! We raised \$240 which will be put towards the youths' Trip Accounts!

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!

More Pictures from Youth Mission Trip:



Jena, Ana, Sarah and Zach (from St. Stephens) at the bowling alley



Youth at the Lutheran home playing with residents

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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.

We are housed in the elegant building of Trinity Lutheran Church across from the Worcester Art

Museum at 73 Lancaster Street. Please park in the church's parking lot and enter the building through the Church's side office entrance door. A greeter will direct you to our school downstairs.

We are eager to bring exciting programs to children in the Greater Worcester area studying in Kindergarten - Grade 8. Please call (508) 577-3045 or check out our website: www.thetecschoos.com

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!*



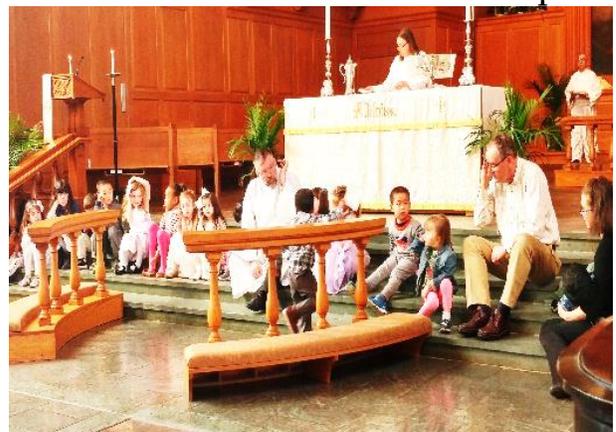
TLC Christian Preschool's Tea with Anna Circle

On Thursday, April 19 the preschool children treated the ladies from Anna Circle to tea, goodies, and entertainment. What a treat it was for us to spend some time together. Fun was had by all and we look forward to it again next year.



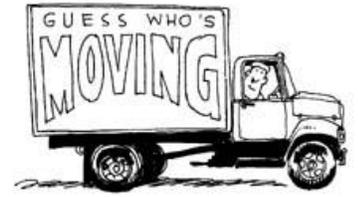
Preschool Sunday

Many families from the school were in attendance on Sunday, April 22, 2018, to hear the message, sing and fellowship. Thank you for the warm welcome and reception.



PARISH OFFICE 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.

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.

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 in 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.

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 continuing receiving Trinity News, simply contact the church office at any time.

THANK YOU NOTES

To my Trinity Family: Thank you so much for all of your caring prayers, pastoral visits and cards during the last few months. They meant so much to me. God bless you all, Judy Olson.



**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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**Changes coming for Trinity News!
See page 18 for Details**

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.

Serving for the Month of May

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Lector 8 AM	Loret Schur	Rich Osterfield	Peter Schur	Rich Grusell
Lector 10 AM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minister	Edward Van Corbach	Beth Axelson	Dwight Hubbard	Dale Mattice
<i>Communion</i> Assistants	Libby Stone Andrew Gingras	Ed Menard Tim O'Connor	Merrie Gerber Grace Mueller	Ana Ranese Ed Menard
Crucifer & Greeters	Andrew Gingras Lois Mangsen-Pakula Pauline Belanger	Tim O'Connor Trent Alexopoulos Jo Alexopoulos	Scott Mueller Nancy Johnson Hjordis West	Ed Menard Judy Willoughby Ken Johnson
Ushers	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Max Guertin Beth Axelson	Maureen Stake Andrew Carlson Cole Mueller Scott Mueller	Robert Burns Alivia Burns Ed Menard Carl Robertson	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Max Guertin Vincent Eovacious
<i>Acolytes</i>	Sophia Silva-Rosa Emilio Silva-Rosa	Beverly Leino Tyler Leino	Kate Noroian Ryan Trobaugh	Emilio Silva-Rosa Greg Noroian
Altar Guild	Beth Axelson	Karen Short Patti Cummings	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson
Bread Baker	LeeAnn Hedberg Jaquith	Lori Doyle	Nancy Fontneau	Loie Angelsten
TV Ministry	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Richard Grusell Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>May</h1>		<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM TEC Take-A-Tour 11 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Junior Choristers 6 PM Confirmation 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6 PM Clemente/QCC Meeting 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball 7:15 PM Finance Committee 7:30 PM Trinity Adult Basketball 7:30 PM CoDA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30 PM Clemente Interviews 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Trinity Handbells 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 AM TEC School Spring Tea</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship</p> <p>4 PM Dheyab & Guzman Wedding Reception</p>	
<p>6 Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>** Food Sunday **</i> <i>Ascentria Visit</i></p> <p>8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Sunday School Classes 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 PM Mutual Ministry 7 PM Transition Team 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers</p> <p><i>** Council Reports Due **</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM TEC Take-A-Tour 11 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>5 PM Clemente Interview 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8 AM Men's Bible Study 1 PM Ascentria Town Meeting 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Junior Choristers 6 PM Confirmation 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball 7 PM Property Committee 7:30 PM Trinity Adult Basketball 7:30 PM CoDA</p>	<p>10 Ascension Day</p> <p>4:30 PM Clemente Interviews 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Junior League of Worcester 6 PM Trinity Handbells 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir</p>		<p>12</p> <p>6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship</p>	
<p>13 Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>** Mother's Day **</i></p> <p>8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Sunday School Classes 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church</p>		<p>14</p> <p>7 PM Council Meeting 7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM TEC Take-A-Tour 11 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Adult Basketball</p>	<p>16 8 AM Men's Bible Study 8 AM – 6:30 PM Trinity Travelers: Bull & Claw Lobster Bake 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Junior Choristers 6 PM Confirmation 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball 7:30 PM Trinity Adult Basketball 7:30 PM CoDA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10 AM Anna Circle 10 AM Centre for Theocentric Leadership and Learning 5:30 PM Clemente Child Care 6 PM Trinity Handbells 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Campership Applications Due in the Parish Office TODAY!</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship</p> <p>8 PM Convivium Musicum Concert</p>
<p>20 Day of Pentecost</p> <p>8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Sunday School Classes 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Rebekah Circle 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 PM Adult Volleyball 7:15 PM Salisbury Singers</p> <p><i>* Trinity News Deadline *</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM TEC Take-A-Tour 11 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Adult Basketball</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Junior Choristers 6 PM Confirmation 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball 7:30 PM Trinity Adult Basketball 7:30 PM CoDA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 PM Trinity Handbells 6 PM TOPS 7 PM Trinity Choir</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 AM Korean Presbyterian Worship</p>	
<p>27 Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Adult Forum 9 AM Trinity Choir Rehearsal 11 AM Coffee Hour 11:45 AM Korean Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>28 Memorial Day Parish Office and Schools Are Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM TEC Take-A-Tour 11 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Adult Basketball</p> <p><i>** Trinity News Mailing **</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>8 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM Trinity Choristers 5:15 PM Trinity Junior Choristers 6 PM Confirmation 6 PM Mid-Week Eucharist 6:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM Trinity Youth Basketball 7:30 PM Trinity Adult Basketball 7:30 PM CoDA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6 PM TOPS</p>	<h1>2018</h1>		