

Trinity News

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In Houston, We Had a Gathering

By Jena Hardy

After more than a year of planning, preparing and fundraising for the ELCA's Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, our group (nine youth and two adults from Trinity and six youth and three adults from St. Stephen's in Marlborough) had a blast together in Texas! And as an adult, all I can say is "Wow!" It was such a blessing to have co-led our group with Warren Kast-Tuttle because we were blown away with how awesome our group was on this trip. They were compassionate, thoughtful, flexible, respectful and kind to one another and to all the strangers they encountered. Our group received a great compliment: "Your group is crazy!" In the best way, our group was crazy because they were so energized with song and laughter even when it was hot outside or people were tired. Our group's positivity never wavered! Being able to watch our youth experience new things was a gift. Change happens when people step out of their comfort zones. It was easy to feel God's presence in everything including the relationships in our group, the worship, speakers and how smoothly everything went.

Each morning started as a group, eating breakfast off of ironing boards in Pr. Joe of St. Stephen's and Warren's hotel room and the days ended late with our Final 15. The Final 15 is supposed to be the last 15 minutes of each day with your group and a quick devotional. Since our group was so good at talking and thinking and being prayerful, our Final 15 usually turned into the Final 45! Our days were interspersed with waiting for buses and waiting in lines, lots of walking and exploring, meeting new people, staying hydrated and trying to find food and air conditioning and TONS of laughter. For me, one of the best parts of each day was seeing how our group was able to rally, to get energized and to take care of another while noticing what was going on around them. We were even able to squeeze in a visit to the Houston Zoo and NASA! Each day, there was a different theme at the Gathering. Here's a snapshot of what we learned:

Wednesday, June 27: God's Call Changes Everything: The Gathering was attended by exactly 31,242 Lutherans (most of them teenagers) being called together at the same time in one place. This certainly changed everything! The energy was palpable in the stadium even as high up as we were sitting, near the nosebleed section. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton set the tone for the evening, calling youth to become disciples who reflect a "God of grace and love, who welcomes everyone." The Gathering's House Band introduced the theme song for the week, "This changes everything," grounded in Ephesians 2:8. Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the

Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Ala., encouraged youth to consider how their vocations intersect with their calling as Christians to pursue compassion, justice and reconciliation.

Thursday, June 28: God's Love Changes Everything and Interactive Learning Day: We were scheduled to spend the day at the Interactive Center at NRG Park. Interactive Learning is a "Holy Playground" that invites participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences within the 700,000 square feet of space. From sports to creativity, service projects to quiet meditation, there's something for everyone. The space is huge but it's air conditioned and there was food and coffee to sustain us! There were even Adult Chill Zones for adults to relax! The highlight of the day was seeing Pr. Matt James and Cantor John Weit. We participated in the Acolyte Olympics and noticed that our own Cantor Mark Mummert was included in the hymnal scavenger hunt! Caroline Meeker opened the Mass Gathering by sharing her battle with anorexia, a disease for which she was hospitalized at the age of nine. The experience helped her see God doesn't give us hardships, but "God promises to be there." Deacon Erin Power then spoke about the importance of finding a church home and how we are called to express and embody such a home for a world in need. Youth were also moved by Reverend Aaron Fuller's heartfelt speech about his ministry as a wrestling coach and Navy chaplain. Fuller only became a pastor recently, after struggling with his own demons related to his identity.

Friday, June 29: God's Grace Changes Everything and Synod Day: This was our most "low-key" day of the trip since we didn't have to get up super early or leave the hotel right away. A few of our youth, Ana and Grace along with Sam from St. Stephen's had volunteered ahead of time to help lead worship during Synod Day. Because New England was all housed in the same hotel, this happened right at the Westin where we were staying! Our Bishop, Rev. Jim Hazelwood, presided at worship and helped us talk about grace. The highlight for many at the Gathering that night was Nadia Bolz-Weber, an ELCA pastor and best-selling author, who told youth that when she was a teen, she struggled with an autoimmune disease that made her eyes bulge out. She was bullied, but she learned and shared that "You are magnificently imperfect. The self God loves is your actual self, not your ideal self. And there's a word for this: grace."

Saturday, June 30: God's Hope Changes Everything and Service Learning Day: 10,000 participants wearing orange shirts were scattered across Houston for Service Learning Day. Our group went to the University of Houston to learn about Human Trafficking. Our eyes were opened as we learned what that REALLY looks like. We learned how to protect ourselves online and how to help someone who we think might be victim to human trafficking. We participated in the Red Sand Project, sprinkling red sand into the cracks on the sidewalks to bring attention to the people who fall through the cracks in society! It was powerful. There is hope because we can make a difference!

Stephen Bouman, executive director for ELCA Domestic Mission, opened up the final evening of the Gathering with a heartfelt speech on current issues facing the US and this church, including gun violence in our schools, racism, and the ongoing demonization of refugees and immigrants.

Youth were moved when Jamie Bruesehoff and her 11-year-old daughter, Rebekah, shared their story. Rebekah is transgender. "I hope for a church and world where people are not only welcomed but they are celebrated," Rebekah said. "Go out. Start something. Help somebody struggling in their community. Cheer them on. Throw them a party...That's what I want my church to do." Joe Davis, a recent ELCA seminary graduate, inspired youth with a message of hope amid adversity. "I am a black man and I am speaking in front of one of the whitest church denominations. My very body is the hope of my ancestors; my very presence is a prayer," he said. "You may have been told to shut up and sit down but I wanna tell you to stand up and speak out," he said. After his talk, Joe Davis said he wanted Gathering participants to remember to "have more reasons to hope than despair. We have to practice hope like a discipline, and it is best practiced in community."

Sunday, July 1: "Jesus Changes Everything!" One stadium. One amazing Worship Service focused on celebrating the fact that Jesus Changes Everything! It was an emotional worship service for some of us, knowing that the Gathering was officially over but we were psyched to find out the location of the next Gathering... Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2021! (Note: Pictures on page 17)

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Susan Brown, Vice President

The Trinity Council held its regular monthly meeting on July 9, 2018. Thom Tarquinio was away, and Council Vice President, Susan Brown, chaired the meeting. After opening devotions, the meeting began with reports from The Executive Committee, Pastor Piphon, Cantor Mummert, and Treasurer Scott Baeder. Council also heard from the Property Committee.

The Treasurer reported that pledges received are at 104% of the budget at this point. (See the box on page 20.)

Scott Baeder shared demographic data about the number of contributing members since 2007 and the average weekly attendance data since 2007. Trinity is experiencing declines in attendance and contributions similar to those of other Lutheran Congregations and other mainline protestant denominations. Council was heartened to see that those who continue to attend church and pledge do so generously.

The Council went into Executive Session to discuss a number of staffing proposals developed by the Ministry Team and the Executive Committee. There was robust discussion which will continue at the August Council Meeting. The Council established what the next steps in Transition would be in presenting a recommended staffing option to the Congregation. The Council came out of Executive Session to discuss the contents of the Next Steps in Transition report written by Pastor Piphon for the bulletin and this month's Trinity News.

As new business, Council discussed and unanimously approved a motion to fly a flag in support of the Elm Park Urban Day Camp for the month of August.

The meeting closed with prayer. Our next regularly scheduled Council meeting is on Monday, August 13 at 7 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome, so please come and join us!

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TRINITY

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2018-2019

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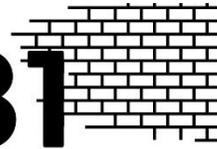
HARMONIE TRANSVERSE
FLUTE ENSEMBLE

SUNDAY 4:00 PM

3.31

SEAN REDROW, ORGANIST
WORCESTER

SUNDAY 4:00 PM



11.1

ALL SAINTS' DAY

MAURICE DURUFLÉ: *REQUIEM, OP. 9*

Trinity Choir
St. John's Schola Cantorum
Jane Shivick, Soprano
Sean Redrow, Organist
Mark Mummert, Conducting

THURSDAY 7:30 PM

4.14

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

JAMES MacMILLAN: *ST. LUKE PASSION*

Trinity Choir and Orchestra
Worcester Polytechnic Institute Festival Chorus
Worcester Children's Chorus
Mark Mummert, Organist
Joshua Rohde, Conducting

SUNDAY 4:00 PM

12.2

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY 4:00 PM

5.19

NATHANIEL GUMBS, ORGANIST

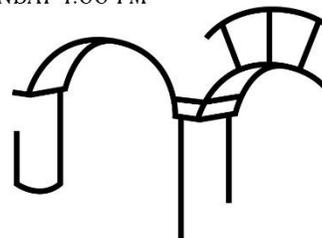
YALE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY 4:00 PM

3.3

JONATHAN DIMMOCK, ORGANIST
SAN FRANCISCO

SUNDAY 4:00 PM



Faith Formation for All Ages

➤ **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.

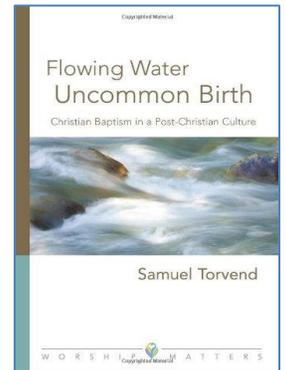


➤ **On summer break:** Tuesday Bible Study, Sunday Education for Children & Youth and Wednesday Confirmation. Classes will resume in September.

➤ **Summer Sunday Adult Forum (through August 12): 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library with Cantor Mark Mummert as Leader.**

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.

TRANSITION NOTES

From the Congregational Council ...

The Congregational Council, meeting in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2018, began discussing various options for ministry staffing responding to the report and findings of the Transition Team and outlined a process leading to a congregational decision on staffing.

- At our August 13, 2018, meeting, we plan on narrowing down the options and deciding on a recommendation that will be presented to the congregation.
- During September, this recommendation will be presented to the congregation for conversation and feedback in a variety of venues along with a report of the Transition Team.
- On Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 11:15 a.m., a Special Congregational Meeting will be held for the purpose of voting on the ministry staffing recommendation.

As we consider ministry staffing options, we recognize that due to changes in society, and to the demographics of Trinity, we are challenged to think about ministry staffing in new ways. This presents us with both possibilities leading to growth and mission, while at the same time potentially causing discomfort and sadness.

Accompanying decisions on staffing, we also have activated a Ministry Cabinet which was first proposed in 2012-2013. The Ministry Cabinet includes Trinity members who will coordinate efforts in various areas of ministry including: Communications/Social Media, Faith in Action, Faith Formation, Hospitality & Fellowship, Stewardship, Welcoming, and Worship & Music. The intent of the Ministry Cabinet is seamless communication and coordination between staff, members and various ministries. This will be explained further in September in the "Time & Talent Pledge Drive."

As we look to the future, we are filled with hope! This is the Church of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit will continue to sustain, strengthen, and guide us. We are filled with hope because the congregation resoundingly supports the ministry of Pastor Nathan, Cantor Mark, and Youth Director Jena Hardy. We are filled with hope because participants in Transition Team Focus Groups expressed a strong desire for outreach to the community and robust programming for children and families. We are filled with hope because individuals have been faithfully fulfilling financial pledge commitments and have strongly supported the Forever Faithful Debt Reduction Campaign with pledges exceeding \$300,000. Thank you for your prayers and patience as together we make staffing decisions that will most effectively help us fulfill our mission To Welcome, Proclaim, and Serve in Christ's Name in Worcester for many years to come. Please speak with anyone of us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you!

2018 Trinity Council: Thom Tarquinio, *President*; Susan Brown, *Vice-President*; Dale Mattice, *Secretary*; Scott Baeder, *Treasurer*, The Rev. Nathan Piphos, *Pastor*; Alivia Burns, Nancy Fontneau, Jennifer O'Connor, Mark Mummert, Chris Pavasaris, Anastasia Ranese, Sulma Rubert-Silva; Jacob Schur, Joel Schur, Jessica Sutherland, and Judy Willoughby.

Transition Team: Loie Angelsten, Pastor Nathan Piphos, Sulma Rubert-Silva, Mary Tarquinio, *Chair*; John Trobaugh



Forever Faithful Campaign KNEE-HIGH BY THE FOURTH OF JULY

While this adage is an important benchmark for corn crops, it also applies to our *Forever Faithful* Debt Reduction Campaign. When we last tallied the pledges and gifts (at the end of June), we had received pledges and gifts totaling \$305,300 from 43 of our pledge units. With an overall objective of raising the \$700,000 needed to retire our loan, the gift total to-date satisfies the “knee-high” mark! Thank you!

There is obviously more work to do. In the coming weeks, the Steering Committee has a few plans including: mailing the *Forever Faithful* envelope packets to those folks who haven't yet picked them up at church; following up with members who haven't yet returned their pledge cards; and soliciting gifts from our vendors and business associates. We also wish to expand our outreach to the numerous “friends of Trinity” who may no longer be members but retain ties to Trinity. If you have any suggestions for how best to locate these folks, let us know. The Steering Committee has also discussed maintaining an active presence on social media to increase awareness about the campaign and would welcome your ideas and suggestions there as well.

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

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events!

Friday, September 7 - 9 - Hammonasset Weekend at Camp Calumet

Saturday, September 8 - Worcester Pride Parade

Sunday, September 16 - The Annual Homecoming Picnic & Blessing
Of Backpacks and Briefcases

Wednesday, October 3 - The Blessing of the Animals



Pastor Cliff is on-call starting August 23 and will be responding to pastoral emergencies through Labor Day weekend. He may be reached by phone at (508) 688-4763 or email at clifford_gerber@mac.com. Pastor Nathan will be on vacation starting Monday, August 27 through Labor Day and returning on Tuesday, September 4.

✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

Wednesday, August 1

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Christ Chapel*)

Sunday, August 5 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 18B

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 *Manna in the wilderness*

Ephesians 4:1-16 *Maintain the unity of the faith*

John 6:24-35 *Christ, the bread of life*

Psalmody: Psalm 78:23-29 *God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24,25)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 461, *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*, HOLY MANNA

This coming Sunday the gospel reading likens Christ to the manna that God miraculously sent to the nomadic Israelites. Come to worship to eat this bread; welcome Christ into your heart. Jesus promises that filled with him, we will never again hunger.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, August 8: Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 1221

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Christ Chapel*)

Sunday, August 12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 19B

1 Kings 19:4-8 *Elijah given bread for his journey*

Ephesians 4:25--5:2 *Put away evil, live in love*

John 6:35, 41-51 *Christ, the bread of life*

Psalmody: Psalm 34:1-8 *Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 542, *O Living Bread from Heaven*, AURELIA

This Sunday the gospel reading from John 6 contrasts death with life, a life that comes from eating Christ, the bread of life. Come to worship to receive Christ and so, John says, never be hungry again.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, August 15: MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Christ Chapel*)

Sunday, August 19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 20B

Proverbs 9:1-6 *Invited to dine at wisdom's feast*

Ephesians 5:15-20 *Filled with the Spirit*

John 6:51-58 *Christ, the true food and drink*

Psalmody: Psalm 34:9-14 *Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 518, *We Eat the Bread of Teaching*, WISDOM'S FEAST

On this coming Sunday, the gospel reading from John 6 speaks in graphic language about eating Christ's flesh and drinking his blood. But we aren't cannibals. Come to worship, and discover how we can receive the meaning of these words.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, August 22

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Christ Chapel*)

Sunday, August 26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 21B

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 *Serve the Lord*

Ephesians 6:10-20 *Put on the armor of God*

John 6:56-69 *The bread of eternal life*

Psalmody: Psalm 34:15-22 *The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 810, *O Jesus, I Have Promised*, MUNICH

On this coming Sunday, we conclude the reading of John 6. Do we find Jesus' teaching too difficult, or can we be led to believe? Come to worship, to receive the words of eternal life and to eat the bread from heaven.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Nave*)

Wednesday, August 29

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (*Christ Chapel*)



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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 September 2018 Issue: Monday, August 20, 2018

Serving for the Month of August

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Lector 8 AM	Barbara Van Renterghem	Jacob Schur	Karen Short	Loret Schur
Lector 10 AM	Thom Tarquinio	Jena Hardy	Ellen Jewart	Jo Alexopoulos
Assisting Minister	Dale Mattice	Edward Van Corbach	Dwight Hubbard	Nancy Fontneau
Communion Assistant	Ana Ranese Ed Menard	Libby Stone John Trobaugh	Merrie Gerber Cole Mueller	Dale Mattice Scott Mueller
Crucifer	Ed Menard	John Trobaugh	Cole Mueller	Scott Mueller
Greeters	Jo & Trent Alexopoulos	Ken Johnson Judy Willoughby	Jeris Stewart Carol Hartz	Nancy Johnson Judy Willoughby
Ushers	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Carl Robertson Beth Axelson	Robert Burns Beth Axelson	Maureen Stake Grace Mueller Scott Mueller Beth Axelson	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Beth Axelson
Acolytes	Tyler Leino Beverly Leino	Ryan Trobaugh Davian Sawyer		
Sacristan	Susan Brown	Patty Cummings Karen Short	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson
Bread Baker	The Noroians	Loie Angelsten	Beth Axelson	LeeAnn Hedberg Jaquith
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

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. Openings are for:

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.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Wed August 1, 2018

EPMDC Week 1 at Trinity

Preschool and TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave
8am Men's Bible Study
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
7:15pm Finance Committee
7:30pm CoDA

Thu August 2, 2018

EPMDC Week 1 at Trinity

Preschool and TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave
6pm TOPS

Fri August 3, 2018

EPMDC Week 1 at Trinity

Preschool and TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave

Sat August 4, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
10am Farmer's Market Farmstand
11:30am Parking for Summer Gospel Fest

Sun August 5, 2018

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Food Collection Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Adult Forum
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon August 6, 2018

EPMDC Week 2 at Trinity

TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave
6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Volleyball

Tue August 7, 2018

EPMDC Week 2 at Trinity

TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave
12pm Ministry Staff Meeting
2pm Staff Meeting
6pm Adult Basketball

Wed August 8, 2018

EPMDC Week 2 at Trinity

TEC School Closed

Cantor Day Off

5am Electricians working in the Nave
8am Men's Bible Study
5pm EPMDC Open House & Hot Dogs
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
7:30pm CoDA

Thu August 9, 2018

EPMDC Week 2 at Trinity

TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave
6pm TOPS

Fri August 10, 2018

EPMDC Week 2 at Trinity

TEC School Closed

5am Electricians working in the Nave

Sat August 11, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
10am Farmer's Market Farmstand

Sun August 12, 2018

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scholarship Sunday

Mother Mary of Our Lord

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Adult Forum
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon August 13, 2018

TEC School Summer Program Week 4

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Council Meeting
7pm Volleyball

Tue August 14, 2018

12pm Ministry Staff Meeting
2pm Staff Meeting
6pm Adult Basketball

Wed August 15, 2018

Assumption of Mary

8am Men's Bible Study
8am Trinity Travelers: North Shore
Music Theatre's "Mamma Mia"
10am Trinity Tots
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
7:30pm CoDA

Thu August 16, 2018

6pm TOPS

Fri August 17, 2018

4:45pm Scanlon/Church Wedding Rehearsal

Sat August 18, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
10am Farmer's Market Farmstand
10am TEC Summer MakerFaire
3pm Scanlon/Church Wedding
6pm Youth Disney Double Feature
Movie Night

Sun August 19, 2018

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Scones for School Sale

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon August 20, 2018

TEC School Summer Program Week 5

Trinity News Deadline

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Volleyball

Tue August 21, 2018

12pm Ministry Staff Meeting
2pm Staff Meeting
6pm Adult Basketball

Wed August 22, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
7:30pm CoDA

Thu August 23, 2018

6pm TOPS

Fri August 24, 2018

No Scheduled Meetings

Sat August 25, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
10am Farmer's Market Farmstand

Sun August 26, 2018

14th Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon August 27, 2018

TEC School Summer Program Week 6

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Volleyball

Tue August 28, 2018

Trinity News Mailing

12pm Ministry Staff Meeting
2pm Staff Meeting
5pm Clemente Interviews
6pm Adult Basketball

Wed August 29, 2018

Preschool Inservice Day

8am Men's Bible Study
5pm Clemente Interviews
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
7:30pm CoDA

Thu August 30, 2018

Preschool Inservice Day

4pm Clemente Interviews
6pm TEC School Parent Orientation
6pm TOPS

Fri August 31, 2018

Preschool Inservice Day

7am Preschool Parent Coffee hour



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:

- 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)
- Mary, Mother of Our Lord (August 11, 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.

Follow Trinity Church on Social Media!



Facebook.com/tlcworchester

Twitter: @tlcworchester

Instagram: trinityworchester

Note from the Parish Office: Due to an oversight during proofreading, the Pastoral Acts and Celebrations for July were omitted from the July issue of *Trinity News*. I apologize to all of those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in July for this. Both the July and August Pastoral Acts and Celebrations are listed on this page. Sincerely, Karen Allen, Office Manager

❖ PASTORAL ACTS ❖

FUNERALS

Dorothy M. Stone 4.June
Karen L. Burke 2.July

Dorothy C. Bergdahl 7.July
The Rev. Fred Wedemeyer 14.July

❖ CELEBRATIONS ❖

BIRTHDAYS

Gilbert Hendrickson 11.July
Robert Hill 15.July
Helen Hill 25.July
Everett Turner 26.July
Calvert Mann 28.July
Janet Peterson 29.July
Vernon Erickson 1.August
Elvira Kimball 1.August
Judith Olson 1.August
Dorothy McLellan 9.August

Elizabeth DeWolfe 10.August
Carol Kennedy 10.August
Alden Lindquist 10.August
Nancy Person 13.August
Bruce Westlund 17.August
Howard Elander 23.August
Walter Fred 25.August
Barbara Nylind 25.August
Donna Zorn 25.August
Carl Larson 27.August

ANNIVERSARIES

Norman & Judith Olson 2.July
Eugene & Sally Card 9.July
Trent & Jo Alexopoulos 23.July
Christian & Ingeborg Baehrecke 23.July
Robert & Laurie Maynard 29.July
Joseph & Leslie Williams 31.July

Calvert and Elaine Mann 3.August
Bob and Judy Erickson 5.August
Tim and Jennifer O'Conner 7.August
Stanley and Ruth Krog 8.August
Robert and Kathleen Norrgard 11.August
Robert and Denise Salmonson 13.August
Ralph and Cynthia Nalbandian 20.August
Norman and Connie Hendrickson 25.August

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 August 5 and September 2. 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. Thank you for helping those in need!

Farmers Market Farmstand is here! There is a Farmer's Market Farmstand at the far end of Trinity's Parking lot near the Institute Road entrance every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. until October. This farmstand is sponsored by Dick's Market Gardens in Lunenburg. There will be plants, fruits and vegetables as they become available during the season.

Tabitha Circle Announcement: Back to school means notebooks, pencils, crayons, scones . . . SCONES? Yes, once again the Tabitha Circle will be selling fresh baked scones to raise money to buy back to school supplies for kids in need. We'll be in Jeppson Hall on Sunday morning, August 19, so drop by and pick up scones. They are a delicious treat and help a worthy cause. We're also happy to accept any donations of school supplies.

Update from the Iraqi family: Zeki and Nona have been in the United States for more than nine years and this year they are celebrating the purchase of their first home in the Greendale area of Worcester. They are near Burncoat High School and Quinsigamond College so all of their children, two daughters and a son, can walk to school. We wish them all the best in this new adventure.

YOUTH

The Elm Park Counselors are getting ready! Jena went to Calumet to meet the soon-to-be Worcester urban day camp counselors and to run orientation for them. Out of the 30+ applicants from Calumet who wanted to work in Worcester, we have 13 of the best counselors who are really excited to get to Worcester to do ministry with our campers. A handful have been here before and the rest will be brand new to Worcester. During our time together, we skyped with Jason in Ireland who will be our Head Counselor. We're hoping to put together "welcome" baskets for each of the counselors! If you want to help welcome the counselors to Trinity, an easy way to do that would be by providing them with their favorite snack items for them to enjoy while they're living here for two weeks. Check the hallway outside Jeppson Hall for more information or make a donation to Elm Park Ministries with one of the envelopes included in the bulletin.

Houston, we went to the Gathering! Thank you to all in the congregation who supported, encouraged and helped to finance our trip to Houston and thank you to those of you who partnered with us in prayer while we were gone. Not only did we get to and from Houston safely and without any glitches, we had a fantastic experience in all ways. I think it's safe to say that the theme was perfect, "This Changes Everything." We are all changed through the ways that we encountered God and experienced our faith at the Gathering and during our time together. HUGE THANKS to Warren Kast-Tuttle for taking time out of his own life to journey with us to Houston. More detailed stories about the Gathering will be coming.



← View from our seats of the Mass Gathering at NRG Stadium

↓ The group from Trinity at the hotel



← Trinity & St. Stephen's on the bus headed back to the hotel

All of the youth from Trinity & St. Stephen's at NASA in front of a rocket →



Calling all middle and high school youth! What are you doing September 7 - 9? Hopefully you're planning to go to what is known as the Hammonasset Youth Gathering at Camp Calumet. The cost is \$90/person. That includes all your meals and programming! It's a great way to start the school year off on the right foot! Please be sure to let Jena know that you want to go.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Worcester County Alzheimer's Walk: A few weeks prior to Fred Wedemeyer's death, he asked Merrie Gerber to organize a team of people from Trinity to walk in the upcoming Alzheimer's walk. He requested that the team walk under the name of Trinity Lutheran Church. Fred wanted all TLC members who have been, or are currently being affected by one form of dementia or another, to be honored through this walk. Of course, Merrie told him that she was happy to do this. The walk will take place on the morning of **September 23** at Quinsigamond Community College. If you have an interest in participating in this 3-4 mile walk or would like to donate to the TLC team, please speak to Merrie Gerber at (508) 753-6996 or email merrie_gerber@mac.com

EPMDC 2018: Elm Park Ministries Day Camp is 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!

From Doreen Rinas, New England Synod Refugee & Immigration Task Force Chairperson: If you would like to do something to help with the situation in our country with asylum seekers and/or families being separated, here are some options for individuals or congregations.

- **Becoming a "Welcoming Congregation:"** Join with other congregations in the New England Synod & the ELCA to welcome migrants, accompany them & pray for the children & families. This does not require a congregation vote nor does the congregation need to have migrants now in its midst. The form & more information is at: [AMMPARO_WelcomingCongregations.pdf](#), then [Welcoming Congregations: Sample Letter](#).
- **Participating in the "AMMPARO, Accompaniment, Advocacy Workshop"** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Providence on Saturday, October 13 or at Emanuel, Hartford, on Sunday, October 14. Mary Campbell, AMMPARO Director, will present & lead an experiential activity on migrating from Central America north. Many workshops will be offered. The cost is \$10 and the deadline for registering, September 29. Forms may be obtained from kiosk or office.
- **Becoming Guardian Angels:** Offer physical, spiritual and emotional accompaniment of migrant minors in Boston's immigration court! Two volunteers, one using Spanish-speaking skills, and the other, note taking skills, will work together. It's been found that with "Guardian Angels" present, judges & officials treat the young person with more respect! Mary Campbell, Director of AMMPARO, will train us in a three hour session. The time & place for the training will be decided on a conference call by those who sign up to be Guardian Angels. Guardian Angels will commit to volunteer half day (mornings), two times a year. Email doreen.rinas@gmail.com as soon as possible to sign up or ask questions.
- **Visiting Migrant Detainees in a Detention Center:** Visit asylum seekers & other migrants in Boston's Detention Center! Offer spiritual & emotional support through this listening ministry. The training will be on Saturday, September 22 and the evening of September 27 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Woburn, MA. Among the topics covered will be active listening skills, prison culture, cross cultural issues, legal issues, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), trauma, loss, and separation. Volunteers commit to once-a month visiting. Debriefing also occurs. To sign up or ask questions, email pastorbrittacarlson@gmail.com.
- **Foster Care for Unaccompanied Migrant Minors:** If you live within 40 minutes from Worcester or Waltham, consider this: There's an urgent need for foster homes, long or short term, for migrant minors (under 18) from Central America, often in shelters and awaiting foster homes. Also, foster care homes, long or short term, are needed for unaccompanied refugee children (under 18) from other areas who are awaiting placement while in refugee camps. Contact Orfa Torres at otorres@ascentria.org or (774) 243-3062.
- **Holding a Bible Study:** From Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service: "**Faith on the Move**" by Dr. Vasquez at www.lirs.org/faith-on-the-move and "**Locked in a Box**," www.lirs.org/assets/2474/lirs_lockedinbox_discussion_guide_2017.pdf and award winning video <https://www.lirs.org/detention-visitation>.

Come Join Us for Worcester Pride 2018 on September 8! As part of Trinity's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) ministry, we will once again participate in the Worcester Pride Parade. The parade assembly begins at Institute Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday September 8 and the actual parade begins at 11 a.m. We will march down Salisbury Street right past Trinity on our way to the Worcester Common. Once again, we will have several marchers and we also need volunteers to watch the parade from "our corner" (Lancaster and Salisbury) and to serve water to parade participants and spectators. Call the parish office if you will be donating. It is always lots of fun and we hope to see you there! Please meet at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. to help with set-up. Afterwards, those of us who are marching will go up to Institute Park. Please contact Ed Menard at edcarl48@yahoo.com or (774) 239-8130 if you would like to join us. More information about *Worcester Pride 2018* can be found at www.worcesterpride.org. All are welcome!

Donations of water are needed for the Pride Parade. It will be helpful if these are brought to Trinity before Labor Day so they may be labeled with the Trinity logo. Please let the parish office know if you are making a donation so the planning committee is aware of what to expect.



Actual Pledges Given vs. Budgeted Pledges



As of July 19, 2018, the Finance Committee reported that we had received pledges totaling \$191,652 vs a projected budgeted total of \$187,366.

Greetings from Minnesota: Pastor Eric Van Leeuwen called the parish office late in July and he asked that the message be sent out that he is now settled in his new apartment and he is doing well. He thinks of Trinity often and he thanks everyone for their good wishes and kind thoughts and he sends this all back to Trinity many times over.

POETRY AT TRINITY

Every 3rd Tuesday (begins September 18), 7:12-8:30 p.m.

Doug Behm, facilitator

If talk of “poetry” has previously caused you to scrunch your face, if mention of “poetry” makes you anxious to walk away, if the word “poetry” results in a blank look in your eyes, then you may want to consider *Poetry at Trinity* (gathering monthly on the third Tuesdays, 7:12 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. beginning September 18).

At *Poetry at Trinity* discussions will employ this God-given discourse to give expression to what’s on your heart, mind, and spirit; to enliven and expand your perceptions of this life’s beauty and challenges; and to enhance your self-awareness and well-being in relation to the world and God’s love for you.

We will begin discussing these very roots and purposes of poetry, with examples (you are welcome to bring and share what may have been helpful to you already) which will seek to bring you the delight and enrichment unique to poetic expressions that you may have not experienced previously under your old ways of thinking about poetry. There is no long-term commitment, no fee. So join-in so you will be able to bring new enjoyments and new perspectives to your life.

(Of course, we need those who have already experienced the blessings and joys of poetry to make the discussions richer for everyone.)

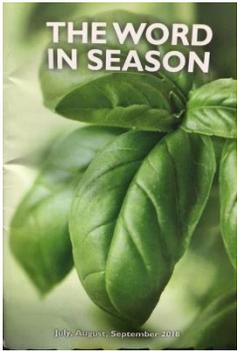
THANK YOU

From the family of Karen Burke: Pastor Nathan, Thank you for the lovely funeral service you gave my mom. My mom’s life began and ended at Trinity and her legacy there will live on. ... As I mentioned when we met, Mom was so happy to be able to watch Sunday service on TV when she wasn’t able to attend. Thank you again for all the peace you have given to us. In Peace, Susan Vigeant (Karen’s daughter)

From Veterans, Inc.: On behalf of all of us at Veterans, Inc., thank you for your support and generosity throughout the year. Please know how much we appreciate the use of your parking area so that we may conduct these vital events which benefit the veterans we serve and their families. We are grateful to have Trinity Lutheran Church as our friend and neighbor! From Erin Daley Stelmach, Media Relations and Event Specialist

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 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 July, August and September 2018.

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Dear TLC Friends,

We are geared up for the summer!

Register today to enroll your child for three fun-filled weeks of S.T.E.A.M. activities in August. Children will engage in science, technology, engineering, and art activities. This is a great time to learn something new while having fun with friends.

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 4: August 13-17
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Week 6: Aug 27 -Aug 31

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**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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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.