

Trinity News

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Pastor Piphó's Perspective ...

**"I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.
I do it all for the sake of the gospel." 1 Corinthians 9:22-23**

This summer, demolition began on the Notre Dame de Canadiens Church in downtown Worcester. Once the Mother Church of Worcester's French-Catholic community, the grand cathedral-sized former church dedicated in 1929 (just 21 years before Trinity's dedication) will soon be replaced by condos. Just as Worcester's French speaking community disappeared, so has its churches.

I don't know about the ministry that existed within Notre Dame Church before it closed. Did the priests and congregation try to move the parish beyond its French-Canadian heritage? Did they make intentional efforts to expand the scope of its ministry outreach to an increasingly diverse Worcester? Did they, like Paul, try to become all things to all people by intentionally choosing to look like the community around them?

Or, did they persist in a narrow ministry to French-Canadian descendants only? Did they insist on preserving a French-Canadian culture that was disappearing all around them? Did they demand that their parish customs, traditions, and perspectives remain those of their ancestors, instead of reflecting those of their neighbors?

I'm not sure and I'm not going to pass judgment. But what I do believe is this: we can minister to the ghosts of our past, and in so doing become a ghost. We can persist in cultures, traditions, and perspectives handed down to us, and in so doing put up barriers between our ministry and our neighbors.

Or, we can take the Apostle Paul's lead. In the 9th Chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul shared his missionary approach: becoming all things to all people. Paul's insight was that the good news of Christ was, and remains, best shared in relationships. For the sake of the gospel, and to win hearts and minds for Christ, Paul

became like the people he ministered with. To those under the law he became like one under the law, to those outside the law he became like those outside the law.

I believe this is an important insight for us to consider as we look at ministry staffing and plan for the future of Trinity Church. I believe that by ministering to the neighbors of our present, we create a vibrant future! I believe that for the sake of Christ, we can learn from the Apostle Paul to become like our neighbors in Worcester. In turning intentionally towards our community, we can find ways to become more and more like our neighbors for the sake of winning hearts and minds to Christ.

Having changed my normal August vacation so I could be at Trinity for both weeks of the Elm Park Ministries Day Camp, I am convinced that those two weeks shows us what our community looks like. Our community is black, brown, white, rich, poor, native English speakers, English as second language speakers, born in Worcester, moved to Worcester, born in the U.S., moved to the U.S. as refugees/exiles/immigrants. This is our community and this is who Trinity Church is called to become for the sake of the Gospel!

That is why I support hiring a full-time Minister of Youth & Family Outreach to complete Trinity's transition process and fill out the Trinity ministry staff. I believe this would be a way for the congregation of Trinity Church to make a profound statement that we want to be a church that looks like Worcester, is committed to proclaiming the gospel in Worcester, and is confidently moving into its future ordained by the Holy Spirit.

I believe a Minister of Youth & Family Outreach, with one foot in the ministry of Trinity, and one foot in Worcester, can help us connect with our neighbors in new ways and help us look increasingly like our multi-ethnic and multi-cultural community. One of the primary ways this person can lead us, is by helping us create relationships with the families of children who attend our Preschool, Elm Park Day Camp, Trinity Basketball programs, and The T.E.C. School. What would it look like to be in intentional relationship with these children and families all year round?

Paul's journey was not easy. He had to endure seemingly relentless hardships, obstacles, and sufferings. But he was glad to endure these things, willingly enduring them, for the sake of knowing Jesus Christ and proclaiming Jesus Christ throughout the world. May the Holy Spirit grant us such faith! May the Holy Spirit grant us the courage to become like our neighbors, to look like our neighbors, in order to win our neighbors to Christ.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Thom Tarquinio, President

The Trinity Council held its regular monthly meeting on August 13, 2018. After opening devotions, Council heard a presentation from the TEC School, outlining the past, present, and future plans for the school. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session with Council members. Both the TEC School and Trinity have noted this relationship to be mutually beneficial.

An update of information from the Executive Committee to the Council noted that the TLC Preschool application for status as a tax-exempt status has now received final approval by the IRS. Council was also informed that we now have chairpersons in place for each of the newly formed Ministry Cabinet positions. An initial meeting of the Cabinet Chairs with Pastor Nathan and Council President Thom Tarquinio will take place on August 22.

We also heard monthly reports from Pastor Nathan and Cantor Mark, detailing their recent activities on our behalf. Pastor Nathan's report highlighted a planned 6-week "pre-baptism class" being offered to families wishing to have children baptized at Trinity. The goal of this class is to help families gain a deeper meaning of the significance of baptism and the importance of the family's obligation to continue with the faith formation of their child. This type of pre-baptismal education meshes very well with discussions during the 9 a.m. Adult Forum recently led by Cantor Mark.

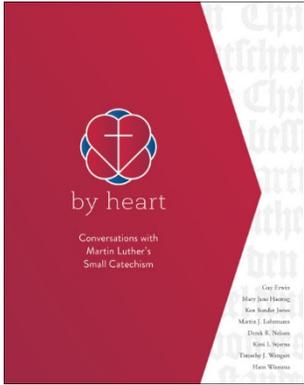
The Treasurer report noted that actual YTD giving remains slightly above pledged giving. The Property Committee reported that they continue to gather quotes for repair of the gutters above Jeppson Hall, and that they continue to work on several maintenance projects. Council also heard a follow up report from the Forever Faithful Campaign committee about their ongoing activities. Finally, Council discussed a tentative "Memo of Understanding" between TLC and our preschool.

After the above items were presented, the Council went into Executive Session to have extensive further discussion about staffing options for Trinity. Our congregation will soon be making an important decision that will significantly affect the future of our Church. The entire Council has been deeply involved in open, honest discussion of our options. There have also been discussions between Exec, Personnel, and Finance committees. Council will then host several sessions with the congregation, which will include presentation of the Council's recommendations, feedback from church members, and answering questions from church members. The process will end with a congregational meeting to vote on our staffing model going forward.

Our next regularly scheduled Council meeting is on Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome, so please come and join us!



Pastor Cliff is on-call 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 will return to the office on Wednesday, September 5.



THE WAY: BY HEART

A new adult faith formation offering at Trinity Church

- Have you ever wanted to study Luther's Small Catechism as an adult?
- Have you wanted a short seven-session course on the basics of Christian faith in a Lutheran key?
- Have you thought about going deeper with a small group in conversations about faith and life?

The Way: By Heart is "for you." This seven-session study for adults is open to all who wish to study Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. The entire course is built around three kinds of source material that we see as essential to a meaningful experience of the catechism.

1. Scripture and Tradition. For example, the Ten Commandments as cited in Exodus 20 or the Apostles' Creed as we have it from Christian traditions.
2. Luther's explanations of the scripture or doctrine from Christian traditions.
3. The "backstory" of Luther's own life and times, the fertile soil of the Reformation itself.

This short course is *especially* "for you" if:

- You have children in confirmation and you want to understand what they are learning about the catechism. Plus, it meets concurrent with our Wednesday evening confirmation class.
- You are in Trinity Choir or have other obligations that prevent you from participating in the Sunday morning Adult Forum.
- You are new to Christianity or Lutheranism and would like a primer in the basics of faith and doctrine.
- You are new to Trinity Church and want to become involved in a small group study to learn to know more people better.
- You have been a Lutheran all of your life and are ready for a refreshed look at our faith.

WHEN?

Sundays, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the Library beginning September 9 (after the weekly 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist)
Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. in the Library beginning September 12 (after the weekly 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper)

WHO?

Cantor Mark Mummert leads both the Sunday and Wednesday sessions. All are welcome. Contact Cantor Mark with questions at (508) 753-2989, ext. 12 or mmummert@trinityworc.org.

Time & Talent Pledge Drive in September

Are you new to Trinity Church and looking for ways to get involved? Have you been at Trinity for a long time, but are looking for something new? Have you wondered just how it's possible to get more involved in the ministry?

Those questions, and more, can be answered during our Time & Talent Pledge Drive in September! Members and friends of Trinity will have the opportunity to complete either an online or paper Time & Talent Pledge Form to indicate their interest in serving in the ministry of Trinity Church in any number of ways. During September, all members of Trinity will be encouraged to fill out these forms.

As a follow up, Ministry Cabinet Chairs will be in touch in October to connect people to the ministries they've signed up for. Please stay tuned and watch for more details!

The Ministry Cabinet for 2018-2019:

- ❖ Communications/Social MediaJake Schur
- ❖ Faith in ActionLori Doyle
- ❖ Faith Formation Chris Pavasaris
- ❖ Hospitality/FellowshipKatherine Duffy
- ❖ StewardshipDave Horn
- ❖ WelcomingMary Tarquinio
- ❖ Worship & MusicJennifer O'Connor

It's That Time of Year Again!

Annual Trinity Congregation Picnic on Sunday September 16: Our picnic will be held after the 10 a.m. liturgy on September 16 on the Trinity Green or in Fellowship Hall (in case of inclement weather). Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and beverages will be provided. Side dishes and desserts will be offered by potluck. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass. If you are able to help with one or more of these activities, please contact Kathy Gingras by email at kgingras921@yahoo.com or Katherine Duffy by email at baf1st@juno.com. Thank You!

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

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



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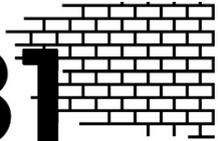
FIFTY
YEARS
OF
OPUS FORTY

2018-2019

9.30

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

5.5

NATHANIEL GUMBS, ORGANIST

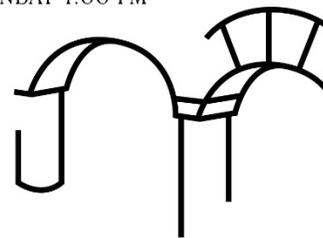
YALE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY 4:00 PM

3.3

JONATHAN DIMMOCK, ORGANIST
SAN FRANCISCO

SUNDAY 4:00 PM



Faith Formation for All Ages

- **Sunday School for children up to grade 6 ... 9-9:45 a.m. – Classroom ce-214:** Classes begin on Sunday, September 16.
- **Youth Forum ... 9-9:45 a.m. – Youth Room:** with Jena Hardy.
- **Sunday Adult Forum ... 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library** Watch for further details for the forum organized by Pastor Cliff Gerber, Carter Lindberg and Jessica Sutherland.
- **Tuesday Bible Study ... 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Golden Room** Mark Mummert will be leading this study group about the lectionary readings used each Sunday.
- **Wednesday Men's Bible Study ... 8 – 9 a.m. – Golden Room** This 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.
- **The Way: By Heart ... (see page 4 for details)**
 - Sunday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Library**
 - Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. – Library**



Wednesday Schedule at Trinity Lutheran Church

resuming September 12, 2018

- 5:15 to 6 p.m. **Trinity Junior Choristers Rehearsal** – *Music Room*
- 6 to 6:30 p.m. **Mid-week Worship** - *Nave*
- 6:30 to 7 p.m. **Fellowship Supper** for all – *Downstairs Fellowship Hall*
- 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. **The Way: By Heart** for all generations - *Library*

These Upcoming Events!

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

Saturday, September 8 - Worcester Pride Parade (See page 21 for details)

Sunday, September 16 - The Annual Homecoming Picnic & Blessing

Of Backpacks and Briefcases

Tuesday, September 18 – First meeting of Poetry at Trinity

Sunday, September 23 – Worcester County Alzheimer's Walk

Saturday, September 29 - International Dinner (See page 9 for details)

Sunday, September 30 – Music at Trinity: Harmonie Transverse Flute Ensemble

Wednesday, October 3 - The Blessing of the Animals

Blessings around the Font in September

As we continue to live out our baptisms in the life of the congregation and in the world, we will gather around the font at the conclusion of the 10 a.m. Sunday liturgy to bless and give thanks for our various baptismal callings. Blessings in September:

- ❖ September 9 – Trinity Choir
- ❖ September 16 – Backpacks and all students/teachers returning to school
- ❖ September 23 – Ministry Cabinet Chairs

If you have any ideas of groups or teams of people who might be recognized, blessed, and appreciated in a similar way, please reach out to Pastor Nathan or Cantor Mark.

TRANSITION NOTES

At its August 13, 2018 meeting, the Congregational Council continued its conversation on ministry staffing options. Various scenarios were presented, with most of the conversation focused on a staffing model of a full time ministry team of *Pastor + Cantor + Youth & Family Outreach Minister*. The Council discussed how this model was consistent with the reports of the Transition Team and how it might, or might not, meet the needs of the congregation. The Council also received a report from the Treasurer and Finance Committee regarding the impact various staffing models might have on the operating budget and endowment fund.

Pastor Nathan is called to serve as the pastor of Trinity Church and Mark Mummert is called as the cantor of Trinity Church. Conversation on ministry staffing is focused on additional staff to serve with Pastor Nathan and Cantor Mark as they continue to live out their calls to the congregation. The question about ministry staffing is about the complete ministry team that helps the congregation live out its Mission Statement: *“To Welcome, Proclaim, and Serve in Christ’s Name.”*

The Congregation will continue discussing the *Pastor + Cantor + Youth & Family Outreach Minister* model at its September meeting and invites your prayers in this time of transition. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Nathan and/or a member of the Council.

2018 Trinity Council: Thom Tarquinio, *President*; Susan Brown, *Vice-President*; Dale Mattice, *Secretary*; Scott Baeder, *Treasurer*, The Rev. Nathan Piphon, *Pastor*; Mark Mummert, *Cantor*; Alivia Burns, Nancy Fontneau, Jennifer O’Connor, Chris Pavasaris, Anastasia

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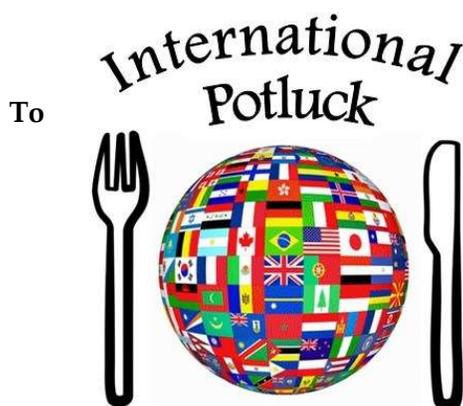
Trinity International Dinner & Meal Packing Fund Raiser!

Fundraising for meal packing has begun! We invite you and your friends to join us for our 1st Annual International Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 29! This will be an evening of food, fellowship, and music, and it will also serve as a fundraiser for our November meal-packing event. It will be a celebration of diversity...old traditions, as well as the energy and life that new members and immigrants bring to us.

Those interested in cooking will prepare foods from a country or region with which they have some connection or interest. Foods will be arranged on tables decorated with memorabilia, such as photos, small flags, etc. of the represented country or region. Cooks at each table may wish to share the history of their dish. During the event, attendees (and cooks) will be able to sample "small bites" of a wide variety of foods. Each cook will prepare 1 or 2 dishes, each large enough to serve 10-16. Desserts will all be together on a table labeled as "Heavenly Bites". Cantor Mark will be leading festive music during the evening.

So far, we have commitments for "coordinators" of the following tables: Greece, Italy, Ireland, Germany, and the Cajun region of New Orleans. We're hoping for a Swedish table, as well as an "All-American" table. The possibilities are endless, so please contact Thom Tarquinio [president@trinityworc.org, or (601) 954-9315] if you would like to head up a table. Even if you are not cooking, please just come to enjoy the food and fellowship! We will be accepting donations to help fund our next meal-packing event, which will be held on November 3.

The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 29. The church will open at 4:30 p.m. to allow those bringing food to do any final food prep/cooking and to allow time to set up and decorate the tables. Dinner will start at 6 p.m.



support the next
Meal-packing event.



+ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church +

Sunday, September 2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 22B

Commemoration of Nikolai Frederick Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, 1872

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *God's law: sign of a great nation*

James 1:17-27 *Be doers of the word*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *Authentic religion*

Psalmody: Psalm 15 *Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 328, *Restore in Us, O God*, BAYLOR

This coming Sunday we are back to the Gospel of Mark, and a conversation with Jesus about dirty hands and soiled hearts. Come to worship, and be cleansed.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 23B

Commemoration of Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, 1654

Isaiah 35:4-7a *God comes with healing*

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 *Faith without works is dead*

Mark 7:24-37 *Christ heals a little girl and a deaf man*

Psalmody: Psalm 146 *I will praise the Lord as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 612, *Healer of Our Every Ill*, HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

As North Americans come into autumn, in the gospel reading Christ heals a non-Jewish girl and a deaf man. We too need our demons conquered and our ears unstopped. Come to worship to be healed by Jesus Christ.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, September 12

The Eve of the Commemoration of John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, September 16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 24B

Commemoration of Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, c.258

Isaiah 50:4-9a *The servant is vindicated by God*

James 3:1-12 *Dangers of the unbridled tongue*

Mark 8:27-38 *Peter's confession of faith*

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-9 *I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 116:9)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 651, *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*, CHRISTPRAISE RAY

What does it mean to take up the cross and follow Jesus? Didn't Jesus die for us? Come to worship on Sunday to hear what Mark and James have to say about this.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, September 19

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, September 23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 25B

Jeremiah 11:18-20 *The prophet is like a lamb*

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a *The wisdom from above*

Mark 9:30-37 *Prediction of the passion*

Psalmody: Psalm 54 *God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 781, *Children of the Heavenly Father*, TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

This coming Sunday the gospel presents us with the death of Christ, the life of a servant, and the situation of a vulnerable child. Come to worship to see how these three interact, to sing our praises to God, and to pray for all who are in need.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, September 26

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, September 30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 26B

Commemoration of Jerome, translator, teacher, 420

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 *The spirit is upon seventy elders*

James 5:13-20 *Prayer and anointing in the community*

Mark 9:38-50 *Warnings to those who obstruct faith*

Psalmody: Psalm 19:7-14 *The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 806, *O God, My Faithful God*, WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT
The gospel this Sunday suggests that if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. What in the world does this mean? Come to worship to hear the word of God and to receive comfort in the bread and wine.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)



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Deadline for October 2018 Issue: Monday, September 20, 2018

Serving for the Month of September

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Lector 8 AM	Rich Osterfield	Jacob Schur	Barbara Van Reterghem	Richard Grusell	Loret Schur
Lector 10 AM	Tim Horan	Ellen Jewart	Ingerlise Kilcoyne	Dale Mattice	Jo Alexopoulos
Assisting Minister	Dale Mattice	Edward Van Corbach	Dale Mattice	John Trobaugh	Nancy Fontneau
Communion Assistant	Ana Ranese Ed Menard	Libby Stone John Trobaugh	Merrie Gerber Cole Mueller	Dale Mattice Scott Mueller	Dale Mattice Scott Mueller
Crucifer	Ed Menard	John Trobaugh	Cole Mueller	Scott Mueller	Scott Mueller
Greeters	Ken Johnson Judy Willoughby	Hjordis West Edi Levin	Edi Levin Jo Alexopoulos	Ken Johnson Judy Willoughby	Pauline Belanger Lois Mangsen-Pakula
Ushers	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Carl Robertson Beth Axelson	Robert Burns Vincent Eovacious Beth Axelson Max Guertin	Maureen Stake Grace Mueller Scott Mueller	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Ed Menard Carl Robertson	Robert Burns Vincent Eovacious Max Guertin Carl Robertson
Acolytes	Tyler Leino Beverly Leino	Ryan Trobaugh Davian Sawyer	Kate Noroian Greg Noroian	Emilio & Sophia Silva-Rosa	Tyler Leino Beverly Leino
Sacristan	Beth Axelson	Patty Cummings Karen Short	Judy Willoughby	Ed Menard Carl Robertson	Susan Brown
Bread Baker	Lori Doyle	The Noroians	The Noroians	Loie Angelsten	Beth Axelson
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	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson
Coffee Fellowship	Nina Behm	Katherine Duffy	Judy Willoughby	Rebecca Circle	TBD



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 1, 2018

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

Sunday, September 2, 2018

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Food Collection for Carty Cupboard
8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 3, 2018

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

3pm Executive Committee Meeting
6pm Adult Basketball

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
7pm Holy Land presentation with Pizza
7:15pm Finance Committee
7:30pm CoDA

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6pm TOPS
7pm Trinity Choir

Friday, September 7, 2018

4pm Off to Hammonasset at Calumet

Saturday, September 8, 2018

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

Sunday, September 9, 2018

16th Sunday after Pentecost
8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:30am Holy Land presentation
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 10, 2018

TEC After School Session 1 starts
6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Council Meeting
7pm Volleyball
7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday
11am Bible Study
6pm Adult Basketball
7:30pm Worcester AGO Executive Comm

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Trinity Travelers: Turkey Train
10am Trinity Tots
5:15pm Trinity Junior Choristers Rehearsal
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
6:30pm Fellowship Supper
7pm Confirmation Class
7:15pm The Way: By Heart
7:30pm CoDA

Thursday, September 13, 2018

6pm TOPS
6pm Trinity Handbells
7pm Trinity Choir

Friday, September 14, 2018

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, September 15, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
10am Farmer's Market Farmstand
12pm Narcotics Anonymous "Children
Are Family, Too" Fashion Show

Sunday, September 16, 2018

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Annual Homecoming Picnic
Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Adult Forum & Sunday School
9am Baptism Life Together Group
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Annual Picnic

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Monday, September 17, 2018

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)

7pm Volleyball

7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

11am Bible Study

6pm Adult Basketball

6pm Clemente Reunion Group

7:12pm Poetry at Trinity

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study

5:15pm Trinity Junior Choristers Rehearsal

6pm Mid-Week Eucharist

6:30pm Fellowship Supper

7:15pm The Way: By Heart

7:30pm CoDA

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Trinity News Deadline

10am Anna Circle

6pm TOPS

6pm Trinity Handbells

7pm Trinity Choir

Friday, September 21, 2018

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, September 22, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

10am Farmer's Market Farmstand

Sunday, September 23, 2018

18th Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum & Sunday School

9am Baptism Life Together Group

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

11:45am The Way: By Heart

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)

7pm Volleyball

7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

11am Bible Study

5:30pm Clemente Child Care

6pm Adult Basketball

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study

5:15pm Trinity Junior Choristers Rehearsal

6pm Mid-Week Eucharist

6:30pm Fellowship Supper

7:15pm The Way: By Heart

7:30pm CoDA

Thursday, September 27, 2018

5pm Clemente Dinner

5:30pm Clemente Child Care

6pm TOPS

6pm Trinity Handbells

6:30pm Clemente Board Meeting

7pm Trinity Choir

Friday, September 28, 2018

Trinity News Mailing

Saturday, September 29, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

10am Farmer's Market Farmstand

6pm International Dinner

Sunday, September 30, 2018

19th Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum & Sunday School

9am Baptism Life Together Group

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

11:45am The Way: By Heart

3pm Music at Trinity Donors Reception

4pm Music at Trinity: Harmonie Transverse
Flute Ensemble & reception

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.

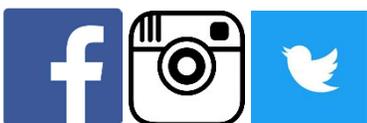
New Parish Members

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

✠ PASTORAL ACTS ✠

FUNERALS

Margaret Serra 24.July
Elvira Kimball 18.August

✠ CELEBRATIONS ✠

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

David and Rosalind Horn 10.September
Kenneth D. and Linda M. Brick 11.September
James and C. Joy Leveille 17.September
E. John and Mary Reeks 17.September
Thomas and Nancy Cunningham 22.September
Bernard and Cynthia Bellerose 25.September

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



Briefly Noted

Remember, First Sunday Is Food Sunday! Please bring your non-perishable food items to Trinity on September 2 and October 7. 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. The items they are looking for include spaghetti and sauce, ready-to-eat soups, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables and canned fruit. Thank you for helping those in need!

Farmers Market Farmstand continues! The Farmer's Market Farmstand is still 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 mid-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. New items become available every weekend so come again and again!

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, 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

Prayer Chain: We currently have a group of members in a prayer chain which means that they are praying daily for those on our prayer list as well as for any urgent prayers that may be needed for those in a crisis situation. If you have an urgent need for prayer, please contact Peggy Moskowitz at (508) 892-9640 or at pmoskowitz@charter.net. Peggy will then alert the group to add the name to their daily prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list but it is not a crisis situation, please contact Karen Allen in the office at (508) 753-2989 or at admin@trinityworc.org.

YOUTH

Youth going to Hammo at Calumet, September 7-9: Please make sure that you get your \$90 to Jena in order to get your packing list and other details from her.

Wednesday, September 12: Confirmation students meet with Jena from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 16: Blessing of the backpacks, briefcases and lunchbags during 10 a.m. liturgy followed by the Church Picnic

Congratulations! Trinity Scholarship Recipients

The Svend & Ragnild Agerholm Memorial Scholarship

The Carl & Margaret Larson Memorial Scholarship

Edward Van Corbach – University of Massachusetts-Lowell

The Per & Agnes Gustafson Memorial Scholarship

Brendon Olson -- University of Massachusetts-Boston

The Dr. Waldo O. Hagberg Memorial Scholarship

Alivia Burns – Worcester State University

The Gustafson & Alice Wickstrom and Mr. & Mrs. Sven Trulson Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Carlson – Roger Williams University

Liam Doyle – University of Massachusetts-Lowell

Andrew Gingras – SUNY Cableskill

Christopher Mahan – Quinsigamond Community College

Kaylee Mahan – Roger Williams University

Charles Muhanguzi – Roger Williams University

Geoffrey Van Renterghem – University of Massachusetts – Amherst

William Van Renterghem – Northeastern University

The Trinity Education Assistance Fund Scholarship

Turner Robert James Geenty – Union College



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



To say that Elm Park Ministries Day Camp in 2018 was a success is an understatement. 2018 was THE BEST YEAR YET! We started off the summer with a brand new logo, tons of donations of clothes for campers and their families, an awesome slate of volunteers (young and old) from Trinity, more than a dozen CIT's and 17 of Calumet's best counselors.

There's always a concern about whether or not we have enough campers, enough snacks, enough food to make EPMDC the best that it can be but it turns out that we had more than enough of all of those things! We had more than 70 campers and were able to send 19 up to Calumet for a week of resident camp. There are hundreds of stories to tell about camp but the biggest message that needs to be heard right now is that "It was awesome!" Thank you to all who donated their time, money, resources to make camp happen! And thank you too to those of you who offered to help in some way but you weren't utilized this year. What a great "problem" that we had too much! Stay tuned for more stories about camp and God's abundance experienced through EPMDC!



Awesome Calumet Counselors!



Great CIT

Calling all the troops in

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!

As part of the celebration the Rainbow Flag will fly from the church sign during the month of September.

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.



Worcester County Alzheimer's Walk: A few weeks prior to Fred Wedemeyer's death, he asked Merrie Gerber to organize a team 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 three to four mile walk or would like to donate to the TLC team, see Merrie Gerber at (508) 753-6996 or email merrie_gerber@mac.com. To donate or sign up to walk online, go to act.alz.org and find the Worcester walk.

Holy Land Presentations: Last November, Trinity members Dave and Roz Horn participated in a trip to Israel, Palestine and Jordan sponsored by the New England Synod of the ELCA. Their group of 23 went well beyond a standard tour of pilgrimage sites to experience firsthand the current political and economic situation in Jerusalem, the West Bank, Galilee and Jordan. In addition to visiting biblical sites and following in the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples, they also experienced firsthand the extensive ministries of the Lutheran Church working under less-than-ideal circumstances. Frequently they were asked to "just tell people back in the USA what you saw." Dave and Roz are going to do that in a one-hour presentation on Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. Please come – you may be surprised at what you hear.

Actual Pledges Given vs. Budgeted Pledges

As of August 20, 2018, the Finance Committee reported that we had received pledges totaling \$220,178 vs a projected budgeted total of \$216,612.

New

Poetry at Trinity

Tuesday, September 18, 7:12 p.m.--8:30 p.m.
(monthly 3rd Tuesdays thereafter)

Your Invitation To Join Others
(engaging in group discussions of exciting poetry)

discovering poetry as a joy

(not a chore!)

(not a bore!)

able to energize, able to empathize;

replenishing the vibrancy in daily living,

making new connections

to ourselves, to neighbors, to nature,

to vocation, to spirituality

Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster, Worcester

Doug Behm, facilitator

nina4doug@aol.com (508) 842-2129

THANK YOU

From the Liberian Church that formerly rented the Nave on Sundays: On behalf of Christ Worship Center Church, I want to thank you for helping us use your facility to host a benefit dinner for children in Liberia, West Africa. The dinner was successful and helped us receive donations to support over 300 primary school children in Liberia. Again, thank you for making our event a memorable and encouraging experience for all of us. You can be sure the church and the families of these children will hear of your hospitality. Thanks again,
Rev. John Durstine Abban for the Christ Worship Center International Ministries.

From the Trinity Scholarship Recipients...

I would like to take a moment to thank our loving church community and especially the TEAF for the generous scholarship I have received. As I continue on in my second year at Worcester State, I feel blessed and overwhelmed to have such a strong support system here at Trinity. This church and its loving community has helped to mold and shape me into an individual who values compassion, service and the Lord. These values have helped me in many aspects of my life and motivated me to choose occupational therapy as my future career. This church and its wonderful community has allowed me to experience a multitude of different events that have allowed me to become a leader, a friend and a follower of Jesus. I would not be where I am today without the support from our community and I cannot thank Trinity enough for all it has done for me. Blessings,
Alivia Burns

I would like to thank you for the scholarship that was awarded to me on the 12th of August. I would also like to thank you for allowing me to enjoy my time in the church as both an usher and as a regular member of the congregation. I will continue to give my best when I get to college. The scholarship will be used in a meaningful manner to help cover my tuition and book costs. Thank you again for everything. From Andrew Carlson

I thank you all a great deal for selecting me to receive your scholarship and assisting me in pursuing my education. I look forward to another year of study and hope to apply myself so that I can make the most of my classes. Faith and peace, William VanRenterghem

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year! This money will be put towards books for my classes so that I am able to learn and put into practice the ideas and knowledge I acquire. Best wishes, Geoffrey VanRenterghem

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.

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 on Sunday, 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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

TLC Christian Preschool serves children 2.9 to 5 years of age. We are open year-round and offer flexible scheduling Monday through Friday. We are open from 7:30 a.m. -- 5:30 p.m.



We believe that children learn best through hands on experiences in an environment that is rich in language, literacy and developmentally appropriate materials. Our curriculum is thoughtfully prepared by our dedicated teachers, and is based on the children's needs, interests and skills. We reinforce concepts such as respect, compassion, community outreach and cooperation, recognizing the individual requirements and differences in each child.

We would love the opportunity to give interested families a tour and show you why we love our school. Please call our office at (508) 753-2989 Ext. 17 or email mbcreager@trinityworc.org. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please send them our way.



THE TEC SCHOOL



The school year is starting and we are looking forward to beginning our third year! We have been working hard to prepare our growing school for students and the exciting events we are holding this year! This summer, The T.E.C. School has hosted Summer Programs such as STEM Creations, 3D Printing and Art Club! Students have been working hard and have made wonderful creations with the 3D printer and in art club. In STEM Creations, students worked hard in competitive challenges to make paper bridges and towers. During our final week named “Make a Mask a Day”, students observed pieces of artwork for inspiration to create their own masks.

The Montessori approach allows us to individualize each child’s education to maximize their innate talents, and includes life skills curriculums like *Grace and Courtesy* and *Practical Life*.



Every Tuesday starting on September 4 from 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m., we offer personalized tours every week. Sign up now to join us on Tuesdays, to learn what The T.E.C. Difference can mean for your child.

For our latest activities you may follow us on Twitter and Facebook: To learn more visit us at:

<https://twitter.com/thetecschools>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheTECschoool>

Thank you,
The T.E.C. Schools.
Think. Explore. Create.

**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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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.