

Trinity News

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We remember with thanksgiving...



Each November in the northern hemisphere, the chill sets in, the days shorten, the leaves from trees pile up, and it seems again as if the sun might go away forever. Christians on this part of the round earth have regularly responded to the autumnal changes with *remembrance*: we keep an annual festival – we call it *All Saints* – when we remember loved and unknown

and numerous lives who have fallen asleep in the beloved triune God. We remember them held in the arms of Christ, whose love is promised to hold us even beyond and through death.

And we remember with *thanksgiving*; in praise to God for lives lived, for saints and sinners gone before, now living on in memories and the radiant light of God. While their absence still produces ache and tears, we are thankful for the ways the saints live on through signs, actions, sounds, smells, and any ways that stir the memory. We remember them *with thanksgiving*.

In our life together at Trinity Church, we are prompted now to remember with thanksgiving. We are the inheritors of a grand tradition, numerous gifts and blessings from those who have gone before. We are thankful. Yet, in our remembrance, we risk getting stuck in the past, letting nostalgia replace true thanksgiving, yearning for us to go back, or somehow reclaim what is past. We cannot. In embracing the memory, we are invited forward in trust and hope to what is set before us. While remembering with thanksgiving, we can press on joyfully, confident that God is with us in our present days and promised futures.



I am delighted that our congregation has chosen to step boldly into God's future for us, in mission to a weary world, armed with the holy gospel and the means of unearned grace. Our staffing plan invites us to stretch, turning well beyond ourselves to anyone in need of God's merciful love. It will mean we will need to give more, work harder, trust boldly, pray often, meet regularly, risk losing, embrace others, get messy, eschew comfort, break boundaries, listen intently, and accept change....yes, change....leaving behind some of the ways we have done things in the past.

When many gather on our national day of Thanksgiving this month, I will sit with my family in Pennsylvania at a table laden with too many good things, aware of the abundance of God, remembering my ancestors, praying for peace, and yearning for a world more accepting and loving and graceful. Yet, I will think also of those who do not have the gifts and blessings I enjoy, and ask for God's economy to take hold that we might share with those who don't have the things we have. At that table I will remember with thanksgiving all of you, my siblings in Christ, with whom I am joined in God's mission for the life of the world. I will remember. I will give thanks. I will look forward to working and walking with you through every autumn, winter, spring, and summer toward the unending season of life with God.

Cantor Mark Mummert

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Thom Tarquinio, President

The Trinity Council held its regular monthly meeting on October 8, 2018. The meeting began with devotions, followed by review and approval of the minutes from the September 10 Council meeting.

The monthly Executive Committee report to the Council was the next item on the agenda. The current bylaws, including a few tentative changes recently approved by Council, will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019. Our newly appointed Ministry Cabinet Chairs are working with Pastor Nathan to improve the function and coordination of our numerous ministry teams. We plan to highlight the activities and service opportunities at Trinity with a series of "Ministry Fairs" during coffee hour, starting in the near future. Look for announcements about the schedule for these events ... there is so much happening at Trinity! I am certain you will be able to find a group (or groups) of particular interest to you.

We also heard the monthly report from Pastor Nathan, highlighted by a follow-up report that “pre-baptism” *Life Together Class*, has been well-received by the families having their children baptized at Trinity in the next few months. There are five baptisms being performed on Sunday, November 4, and two on Sunday, January 13. 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.

Cantor Mark reported that the choir is thriving, with five new members! The 2018-2019 Music at Trinity series had a successful opening event with the Harmonie Transverse. The next event will be held on November 1.

The Treasurer report noted that actual YTD giving is still slightly above pledged giving, and that overall expenses remain within the budgeted levels.

The Trinity Preschool is interested in resuming a reading program, with TLC members reading to the students. This would require at most one hour of time, about once per month. If you are interested in reading, please contact Susan Brown. Due to the opening of a free public school option in our neighborhood, there has been a slight decrease in the enrollment of the Trinity Preschool.

The Property Committee reported that they are evaluating several quotes for repair of the gutters above Jeppson Hall, and that they should be able to make a recommendation at the November Council meeting. We discussed the importance of replacing the carpet in the library, due to buckling, which creates a safety issue. The Property Committee will make that a priority. The Property Committee would also like to repaint the chapel, and they will present color options to Council at the November meeting.

The Council then again discussed potential ministry staffing options. A motion was heard, discussed, and passed to direct the Personnel Committee to develop a job description, salary, and benefit package for a potential lay minister of Youth, Family, and Outreach.

The Council then discussed the need to have a strategic plan for managing the mid-range physical needs of our beautiful, but aging, building, also to look at appropriate building use options for the future. Look for an announcement of a Strategic Planning Committee and discuss with any Council member if you might be interested in serving on this committee.

Our next regularly scheduled Council meeting is on Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome, so please come and join us!

Special Congregational Meeting ... Meeting in a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2018, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church voted unanimously by voice vote in favor of Constitutional changes approved at the January 2018 Annual Meeting and 84 – 7 (with one abstention) by paper ballot in favor of adding a full-time lay minister of Youth, Families, and Outreach to the ministry staff that includes Pastor Nathan Piphos as pastor and Mark Mummert as cantor. The changes to the Trinity Constitution go into effect immediately. As a follow up to the vote on the ministry staff, the Church Council and Personnel Committee will now finalize a job description and compensation/salary guidelines in preparation for filling the position. If you have any questions, please speak with Council President Thom Tarquinio and/or a member of the Congregational Council.



Parish Office Closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 23. Have a safe and joyful Thanksgiving holiday! In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Nathan on his cell at (617) 388-5636.

End of Daylight Saving Time: Please note that Daylight Savings Time will end in the middle of the night on Saturday, November 3. So that you do not arrive an hour early to church on Sunday, November 4, be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Enjoy that extra hour of rest!

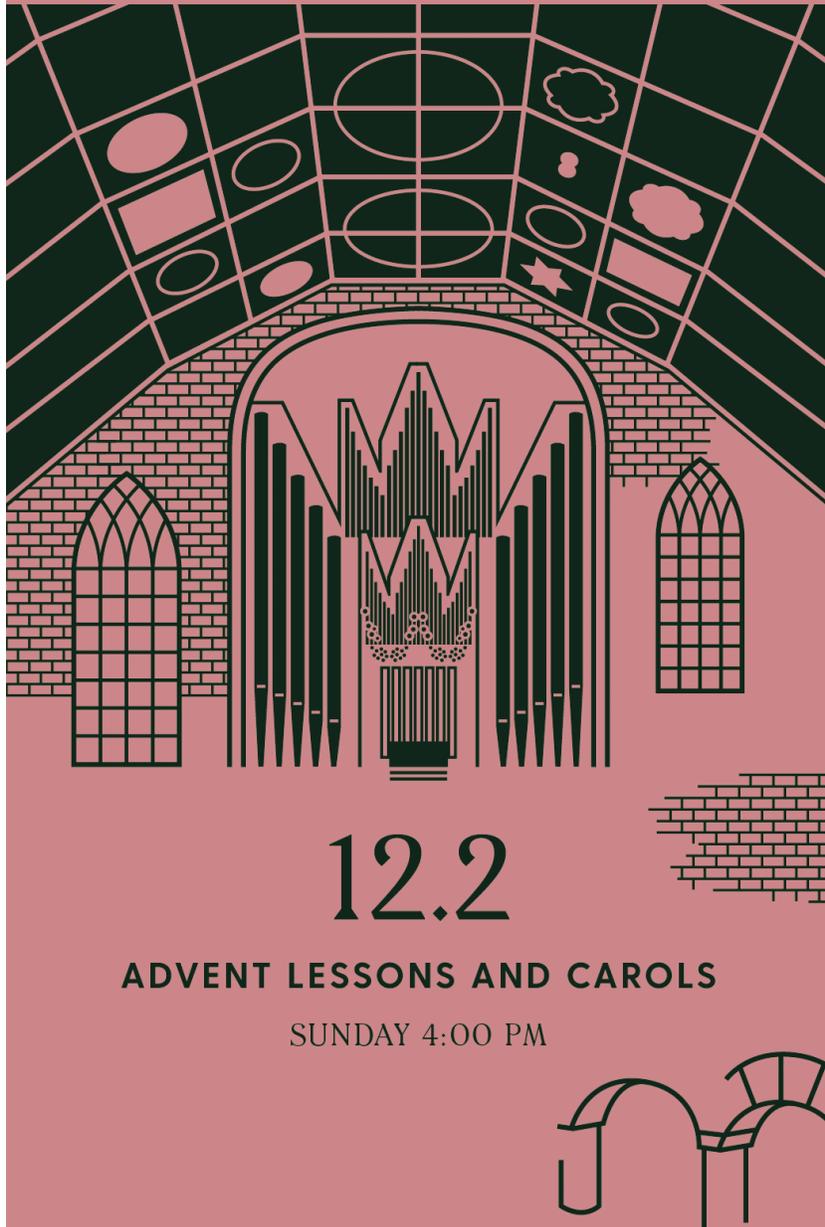


Northampton's Cathedral In the Night: On October 21, six of our youth went to Northampton's Cathedral In the Night ministry with Kathy Gingras, Lisa Stone and Jena Hardy. They brought with them, an entire car full of blankets, sleeping bags, hats, gloves and scarves that were donated by members of Trinity. The youth also prepared and helped to serve dinner to the community there in Northampton. It was a chilly night on the sidewalk which was very humbling considering the fact that we knew that we could warm up quickly when we left compared to the people we worshiped and ate with who have to figure out how to stay warm on the streets for the next several months. Please know that your donations went right into the hands of people who needed them the most! THANK YOU.

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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY 4:00 PM

Blessings around the Font in November: 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 November:

- ❖ November 11 – All Veterans and the Veteran Shelter
- ❖ November 18 – All Thanksgiving Family gathering and all who travel
- ❖ November 25 – All who work in retail during the holiday season

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.

Return your pledge cards today! Commitment Sunday was October 28 and pledge cards will continue to be collected either by putting them in the offering plate on Sunday or by mailing it to the parish office. If you need a card please call the office at (508) 753-2989 or email admin@trinityworc.org with your request. Thank you.

Faith Formation for All Ages

- **Sunday School for children up to grade 6 ... 9-9:45 a.m. – Classroom ce-214**
- **Youth Forum ... 9-9:45 a.m. – Youth Room:** with Jena Hardy.
- **Sunday Adult Forum ... 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Library**
- **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: Animate Faith ... Sunday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Library**
Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. – Library
See details for this new study on page 18 of this issue of Trinity News.





TRINITY LUTHERAN IHN HOST WEEK December 2-8, 2018

Two weeks each year, Trinity Church provides meals, dinner hosts, and overnight hosts at the IHN house at 91 June Street. The IHN house is a three-story home able to house up to six families at a time. The shelter is restricted to families with children who are homeless. It is a clean and safe shelter.

Please sign up to provide an evening meal, host a meal, or provide overnight hosting any day during the week of December 2-8. Training for all positions will be provided.

First-time volunteers will be paired with experienced hosts. IHN Worcester is dependent on volunteers to help the homeless families stabilize their income, seek permanent work, and establish their own safe and secure housing. The need is great. Our help is of enormous value. Trinity Church is a charter member of this community ministry.

Please sign up for Worcester IHN: Trinity Week December 2-8!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/login/entry/1007009696205256095>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Cantor Mark and he can sign you up manually.

Cantor Mark Mummert coordinates this ministry on behalf of the congregation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact him at mmummert@trinityworc.org or (508) 753-2989 ext. 12

DIAMONDS FROM THE DUST,
WORCESTER'S PREMIER CHAMBER CHOIR
PRESENTS

A Diamonds Christmas Card

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

DECEMBER

23rd

2018, 4 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
73 Lancaster Street
Worcester, MA 01609

\$30 GENERAL ADMISSION, \$10 STUDENT
TICKETS, \$20 SENIOR TICKETS



Tickets available at www.diamondsfromthedust.org

✠ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

Thursday, November 1 All Saints Day

7:30 p.m. – Prayers for Christian Unity and Duruflé Requiem

Sunday, November 4 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost / All Saints Sunday

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 *Keeping the words of God*

Hebrews 9:11-14 *Redeemed through Christ's blood*

Mark 12:28-34 *Two commandments: love God and neighbor*

Psalmody: Psalm 119:1-8 *Happy are they who seek the Lord with all their hearts. (Ps. 119:2)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 750, *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*, HERZLICH LIEB
In the gospel for this coming Sunday, Jesus repeats the short Jewish creed that is called the Shema, and he summarizes the Ten Commandments into two. Come to worship, to hear the words about the law and to receive the forgiveness that we sorely need. We also finish our observance of All Saints as we remember those who have died in the last year.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, November 7

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, November 11 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost -- Lectionary 32

1 Kings 17:8-16 *God Feeds Elijah and the widow*

Hebrews 9:24-28 *The sacrifice of Christ*

Mark 12:38-44 *A widow's generosity*

Psalmody: Psalm 146 *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 707, *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*, HYFRYDOL

This coming Sunday we hear about two widows, both of whom in their time and place exemplified the poor and helpless in society. Come to worship to identify with them and to share in God's meal of mercy.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, November 14

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, November 18 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost -- Lectionary 33

Daniel 12:1-3 *God will deliver the people.*

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 *The way to God through Christ*

Mark 13:1-8 *The end and the coming of the Son*

Psalmody: Psalm 16 *My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 327, *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*, EBENEZER

Near the close of the church year, the readings remind us of both the end of the world and the end of our lives. Come to worship to receive God's comfort for whenever we face destruction and death.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sunday, November 25 Christ the King / Last Sunday after Pentecost -- Lectionary 34

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 *The coming one rules over all*

Revelation 1:4b-8 *Christ, the ruler of the earth*

John 18:33-37 *The kingdom of Christ*

Psalmody: Psalm 93 *Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps.93:2)*

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 416, *At the Name of Jesus*, KING'S WESTON

This coming Sunday we close our liturgical year with a celebration of Christ as our king. Come to worship, and encounter Christ reigning from his cross with mercy for us all.

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

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Wednesday, November 28

6 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Nave)



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Deadline for December 2018 Issue: Thursday, November 15, 2018

Serving for the Month of November

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Lector 8 AM	Peter Schur	Richard Grusell	Barbara Van Renterghem	Joel Schur
Lector 10 AM	Ana Ranese	Katherine Duffy	Kevin Erkkila	Jessica Sutherland
Assisting Minister	Dale Mattice	Edward Van Corbach	John Trobaugh	Dale Mattice
Communion Assistant	Ana Ranese Ed Menard	Libby Stone John Trobaugh	Merrie Gerber TBD	Joyce Danielson Cole Mueller
Crucifer	Ed Menard	John Trobaugh	TBD	Cole Mueller
Greeters	Jo Alexopoulos Edie Levine	Pauline Belanger Lois Mangse-Pakula	Ken Johnson Judy Willoughby	Ken Johnson Judy Willoughby
Ushers	Robert Burns V. Eovacious Beth Axelson Carl Robertson	Gordon Wallat Gary Oja Carl Robertson Max Guertin	TBD Ed Menard	Robert Burns V. Eovacious Carl Robertson Max Guertin
Acolytes	Tyler Leino Beverly Leino	Ryan Trobaugh Davien Sawyer	Emilio Silva-Rosa Sofia Silva-Rosa	Kate Noroian Greg Noroian
Sacristan	Judy Willoughby	Patty Cummings Karen Short	Ed Menard Carl Robertson	Beth Axelson
Bread Baker	Loie Angelsten	Beth Axelson	LeeAnn H. Jaquith	Lori Doyle
TV Ministry	Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson	Paul Foster Paul Gustafson Richard Grusell Sandy Pike	Paul Foster Sandy Pike Paul Gustafson
Coffee Fellowship	Nina Behm	Katherine Duffy	Judy Willoughby	Rebecca Circle



New Member Class Forming ... *Are you interested in joining Trinity as a member? Are you curious about membership and would like some more information before joining? Or, are you already a member and would like more information about how things work around here?* If so, please speak with Pastor Nathan and participate in the Fall New Member Class! Pastor Nathan will be leading an interactive

New Member Class that *will meet at a time of convenience for those interested*. Participants will get a tour of the building, a history of the congregation, an introduction to church governance, structures, and ways to be involved, an overview of faith formation programs, and discussion about our connection with the New England Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To register, and/or if you have questions, please speak with Pastor Nathan. npipho@trinityworc.org.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Each year the church celebrates All Saints' Day on the first Sunday of November, and at the liturgies today we will remember by name those related to our parish community who have died in faith in the past year and who now rest in the Lord. Come join your prayers to those of the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, in praising the name of God and celebrating the lives of God's saints.

Hazel Bates
Dorothy C. Bergdahl
Rev. Charles Bergstrom
Karen Burke
Marilyn Carlson
David P. Christie
Marjorie W. Clark
Betty Jeppson Green

Edna Hill
Brett Jarvis
Elvira Kimball
Carl Larson
Roland Levin
Norman Olson
Robert Bruce Person
Leonard Salerno

Margaret E. Serra
Dorothy M. Stone
Carl Sundin
Everett Turner
Phillip Vinton
Rev. Dr. Fred Wedemeyer
Howard Wilder
Jeffrey R. Wilson



*God, the generations rise and pass away before you.
You are the strength of those who labor;
you are the rest of the blessed dead.
We rejoice in the company of your saints.
We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died,
and especially those most dear to us who now rest in you.
Give us, in time, our portion with those who have trusted in you
and have striven to do your holy will.
To your name, with the church on earth and the church in heaven,
we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen*

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Thu Nov 1, 2018

4pm Clemente Board Meeting
5pm Clemente Dinner
5:30pm Clemente Child Care
6pm TOPS
6pm Trinity Handbells
6:30pm Clemente Alumni Meeting
6:30pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Music at Trinity: Durufle Requiem

Fri Nov 2, 2018

No Scheduled meetings

Sat Nov 3, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
8:30am Meal Packing Event
12:30pm Children's Yoga
3pm WPI/Holy Cross Chorale Rehearsal
7pm WPI/Holy Cross Chorale Concert

Sun Nov 4, 2018

24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saint's Sunday
Food Collection Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum
9am Sunday School
9am Youth Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Baptism Party
11am Coffee Hour
11am Webster Baptism Party
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church
11:45am The Way: By Heart

Mon Nov 5, 2018

1pm TEC School Music Class
3pm Executive Committee Meeting
6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Mutual Ministry
7pm Volleyball
7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tue Nov 6, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday
11am Bible Study
5:30pm Clemente Child Care
6pm Adult Basketball
7pm Ministry Cabinet

Wed Nov 7, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study
5:15pm Trinity Jr Choristers Rehearsal
6pm Mid-Week Eucharist
6:30pm Fellowship Supper
7pm TEC School PTO Meeting
7pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm The Way: Animate Faith (God)
7:15pm Finance Committee
7:30pm CoDA

Thu Nov 8, 2018

5:30pm Clemente Child Care
6pm TOPS
6pm Trinity Handbells

Fri Nov 9, 2018

10am CMHA Forum
5pm Diamonds from the Dust Rehearsal

Sat Nov 10, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship
10am Hammo Planning Committee
4pm Worcester Common Ground

Sun Nov 11, 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Adult Forum
9am Sunday School/Youth Forum
10am Holy Eucharist
11am Coffee Hour
11:30am Rebekah Circle
11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church
11:45am The Way: By Heart

Mon Nov 12, 2018

Bishop's Convocation
Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
1pm TEC School Music Class
6:30pm Together We Can (NA)
7pm Council Meeting
7pm Volleyball
7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tue Nov 13, 2018

Bishop's Convocation
9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday
11am Bible Study
5:30pm Clemente Child Care
6pm Adult Basketball

Wed Nov 14, 2018

Bishop's Convocation

Trinity News Deadline

8am Men's Bible Study

10am Trinity Tots

5:15pm Trinity Jr Choristers Rehearsal

6pm Mid-Week Eucharist

6:30pm Fellowship Supper

7:15pm The Way: Animate Faith (Religion)

7:30pm CoDA

Thu Nov 15, 2018

8:30am TEC School Parent Classroom Visit

10am Anna Circle

5pm TEC School Holiday Concert

5:30pm Clemente Child Care

6pm TOPS

6pm Trinity Handbells

7pm Trinity Choir

Fri Nov 16, 2018

4pm Pie Baking for Thanksgiving

Sat Nov 17, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

Sun Nov 18, 2018

26th Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum

9am Sunday School

9am Youth Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon Nov 19, 2018

9am TLC Preschool Advisory Committee

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)

7pm Volleyball

7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tue Nov 20, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

11am Bible Study

12pm TEC School Thanksgiving Feast

6pm Adult Basketball

7:12pm Poetry at Trinity

Wed Nov 21, 2018

Preschool/TEC School Closed; TN Mailing Day

8am Men's Bible Study

7:30pm CoDA

Thu Nov 22, 2018

Happy Thanksgiving! Building Closed

Fri Nov 23, 2018

Preschool and TEC School Closed

Parish Office Closed

Sat Nov 24, 2018

6:30am Korean Presbyterian Worship

Sun Nov 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Adult Forum

9am Sunday School & Youth Forum

10am Holy Eucharist

11am Coffee Hour

11:45am The Way: Animate Faith (God)

11:45am Korean Presbyterian Church

Mon Nov 26, 2018

6:30pm Together We Can (NA)

7pm Volleyball

7:15pm Salisbury Singers Rehearsal

Tue Nov 27, 2018

9:30am TEC Take-a-Tour Tuesday

11am Bible Study

5:30pm Clemente Child Care

6pm Adult Basketball

Wed Nov 28, 2018

8am Men's Bible Study

5:15pm Trinity Jr Choristers Rehearsal

6pm Mid-Week Eucharist

6:30pm Fellowship Supper

7:15pm The Way: Animate Faith (Jesus)

7:30pm CoDA

Thu Nov 29, 2018

5:30pm Clemente Child Care

6pm TOPS

6pm Trinity Handbells

7pm Trinity Choir

Fri Nov 30, 2018

5:30pm TEC School Drop & Shop Movie Night

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:

- 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)
- All Saints Sunday (November 3, 2019)

Candidates and their families are invited to participate in a baptism class with Pastor Pipho for several weeks before the baptism..

Preparation for Marriage

Couples desiring to be married at Trinity should contact Pastor Nathan **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 ministry 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.



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❖ CELEBRATIONS ❖

BIRTHDAYS

Leonard Johnson 5.November
Jon Carlson 6.November
Betty Sander 10.November
Marion Grundberg 12.November
Dolores Diveley 14.November

Jeanne Doyle 17.November
Elaine Moberg 21.November
Carter Lindberg 23.November
Virginia Salerno 28.November
S. Chris Baehrecke 29.November

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert and Janet Johnson 19.November
Walter and Emily Fred 23.November
William and Janet Fenuccio 26.November

❖ PASTORAL ACTS ❖

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Benjamin Butler 28.October
Katherine Noroian 28.October
Ethan Paixao 28.October
Evan Taylor 28.October

FUNERALS

David P. Christie 6.October
Carl A. Larson 12.October
Norman Olson 20.October
Everett Turner (died 18.August)
Jeffrey R. Wilson 7.October

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

This issue of Trinity News is dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Norman & Ruth Aubin by Judith Aubin.

Remember, First Sunday Is Food Sunday! Please bring your non-perishable food items to Trinity on November 4 and December 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. 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!

Trinity Travelers Has Openings for Tuesday, December 11 to Aqua Turf, CT for Holiday Winter Wishes and luncheon. Departure is at 9 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. Contact Judy Rogers at (508) 304-8008 or Beth Axelson (508) 210-0726.

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.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT



THE WAY: ANIMATE FAITH

The next cross-generational (youth and adults together) faith formation offering at Trinity Church

- Have you thought about going deeper with a small group in conversations about faith and life?
- Have you wanted to go through a study leading to your own affirmation of faith?
- Is your schedule complicated, making it difficult to attend many consecutive weeks of classes?

In September and October this year at Trinity Church we offered *The Way: By Heart*. In seven sessions two small groups met to have a conversation with Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. We learned about some of the ways Lutherans are distinct from other Christians, but we also learned how much we have in common.

Our next seven session course is



Each of the seven sessions includes a facilitator, guiding us in discussions about topics central to Christian faith. Each session includes a video of a current pastor, teacher, or theologian introducing the topic and prompting our inquiry. This course is designed to be engaged by confirmation age youth, high school and college students, and all adults. The subjects and video presenters are:

- GOD** | FAITH IS A QUEST | BRIAN MCLAREN
- RELIGION** | SPIRITUALITY IS NOT ENOUGH | LILLIAN DANIEL
- JESUS** | THE REVOLUTION OF LOVE | MARK SCANDRETTE
- SALVATION** | ABUNDANT LIFE NOW | SHANE HIPPS
- CROSS** | WHERE GOD IS | NADIA BOLZ-WEBER
- BIBLE** | A BOOK LIKE NO OTHER | LAUREN WINNER
- CHURCH** | AN IMPERFECT FAMILY | BRUCE REYES-CHOW

WHEN?

Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. in the Library beginning November 7 (after 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper)
Sundays, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the Library beginning November 25 (after the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist)

God	Wednesday, November 7	or	Sunday, November 25
Religion	Wednesday, November 14	or	Sunday, December 2
Jesus	Wednesday, November 28	or	Sunday, December 9
Salvation	Wednesday, December 5	or	Sunday, December 16
Cross	Wednesday, December 12	or	Sunday, December 23
Bible	Wednesday, December 19	or	Sunday, January 6
Church	Wednesday, January 2	or	Sunday, January 13

WHO?

Pastor Nathan and Jena Hardy lead the Wednesday sessions.

Cantor Mark Mummert leads the Sunday sessions.

All are welcome. Contact Cantor Mark with questions at (508) 753-2989, ext. 12 or mmummert@trinityworc.org.

MORE INFORMATION

Check out the website for the Animate curriculum at

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286833/Animate-Faith>



Buy your Thanksgiving Pies

Apple Crumble or Pumpkin Pie

\$10 each or 3 for \$25

Sign up in the hallway outside Jeppson Hall or contact Jena at jhardy@trinityworc.org to place your order. Pies will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 18. The pies freeze great if you want to stock up! Thank you for supporting the youth!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Trinity's Meal-Packing Event will be held on November 3 ...

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and snacks, set-up and packing of meals will start at 9 a.m., and we will end with a pizza party for lunch. Working with Concordia Lutheran Church, the meals this year will be shipped to Liberia. Our goal is to match the 20,000 meals that we packed in November 2017, which requires us to raise \$5,000. To support this worthy cause, place donations in collection plates, making certain that the envelope or check is clearly marked "Meal Packing". Additionally, Treasurer Scott Baeder can accept donations via credit card. Lastly, we need volunteers to help with the packing of meals. The sign-up sheet is now available, so please let us know if you are available!



Temperatures are dropping so the coat drive is on! Please bring your donations of clean and gently used and new coats to Trinity. These may be left on the coat rack found outside Jeppson Hall. These will be taken to Concordia Lutheran Church for distribution to the needy. If you have any questions please direct them to Katherine Duffy at baflst@juno.com. Thanks in advance for your support of this ministry.

Understanding the Relationship between Sex Exploitation, Domestic Abuse and Substance Use Disorder. This presentation is an important event in a series of presentations at Blessed Sacrament Church on the opioid epidemic and other addiction issues. The guest speaker will be Ms. Nicole Bell, Executive Director of LIFT, Inc. 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, Phelan Center. Bring friends. All are welcome. The Phelan Center is the building directly behind the rectory at 551 Pleasant Street.

Ballot Question #3 ... On November 6 voters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will have the opportunity to either uphold or repeal current Massachusetts law which adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. A vote “YES” sustains current law protecting the rights of persons of all gender identities and banning discrimination based on gender identity. A vote “NO” repeals current law and removes protections of state law prohibiting discrimination. The current law, and a “Yes” vote has bipartisan support with Republican Governor Charlie Baker having signed current protections into law and announcing he will be voting “Yes” on Question 3.

On May 22, 2011, the congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, by a vote of 154 to 15 in favor of a welcome statement welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons into the ministry of Trinity Church. Voting “Yes” on Question 3 is consistent with Trinity’s public affirmation of welcome and ministry with transgender persons.

More information on this question can be found at www.FreedomMA.org. Additional information about this Question, along with Ballot Questions 1 & 2, can be found on the webpage of the Secretary of State of Massachusetts:

www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele18/ballot_questions_18/ballot_questions18.htm.

Mechanics Hall
Sunday, November 11, 2018
6 p.m.



Music Worcester presents a benefit concert of *Considering Matthew Shepard*, featuring the professional chorus CONCORA and the UConn Chamber Singers under the direction of both Jaime Spillane and Chris Shepard. This performance, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death, will bring together four Worcester-based non-profits serving the LGBTQ+ communities of Central MA and beyond.

With movements ranging from chant to Gospel, and texts ranging from excerpts of Matthew Shepard's own journals to love poetry across the centuries, *Considering Matthew Shepard* at Mechanics Hall will serve as a singular occasion to remember Matthew Shepard's story and will distribute proceeds to support Worcester Pride, Safe Homes, LGBT Asylum Task Force, and AIDS Project Worcester. Cantor Mark sings with CONCORA and will be a featured soloist at this performance. Tickets may be purchased at www.musicworcester.org.

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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.

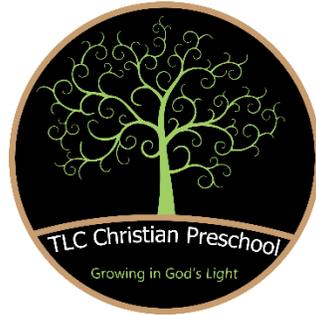


Do You Need a Copy of the Word in Season Booklet? This is a great tool for everyone to use as they study the Bible. The book can be mailed to you or picked up quarterly. Each day of the quarter has its own page listing several readings from the Bible as well as a commentary about something in the reading. 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 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



Our clothing exchange ran through October 26. This was our first outreach program for the school year. And thanks to everyone who participated both in bring items and in picking out items for their children. All of the leftover clothing was donated to Concordia.

Starting October 22, we began selling KidStuff Coupon books. This will be our first fundraiser for the new school year. The money raised will be for preschool materials. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please email Mary at mbcreager@trinityworc.org. Each book is \$25. Checks payable to TLC Christian Preschool.

With the beginning of this year we are looking for adults who like to read aloud. Everyone has a favorite book that they like to have read to them and volunteers are needed to do just that for the preschool students. The Preschool will supply the books. The time commitment is only an hour to read to all three groups and times are flexible so you may come once or once a month. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact me or Patti McAuliffe at (508) 753-2989 Ext. 17 or by email at mbcreager@trinityworc.org.

Blessings!

Mary Creager and Team

Take-a-Tour Tuesday

Dear TLC Members,

TLC Partnership: We are ecstatic to say that this year, we have had our first student join us from the TLC preschool. We are delighted to have a wonderful partnership with the TLC preschool. The T.E.C. School is thankful to have Mrs. Mary Creager and Ms. Joan to partner with us in our unified goal of providing high focus, high purpose education to our students at Trinity. The student, Tommy He, is surrounded by his teachers from The TLC Preschool and The T.E.C. School as he continues to grow in his academic and social skills.



Michael Stone Portraits: Michael Stone Portraits so graciously came to photograph our students for the third year in a row! We are thankful to be a part of a community of so many talented church members who are willing to step up and partner with us.



Come, celebrate the holidays with us! Our Third Annual Holiday Show is taking place on November 15 in Jeppson Hall from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our partnership with the church is profound and we invite you to join us in this joyful time and celebrate the holidays with us. The students of The T.E.C. School have prepared many holiday classics. We hope to see you there.

Call Rupali Sharma at (508) 577-3045 for more information or visit our website, www.thetecschoos.com to register for our events.

**2018 ALTAR CANDLES, FLOWERS, TOWER LIGHTING,
TRINITY NEWS and TV MINISTRY**

In this coming year, the Parish Office encourages donors for the altar candles, flowers, tower lighting, *Trinity News* and TV Ministry to sign up early by using the following form.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- **Altar Candles:** \$20 per month to sponsor the altar candles for the month of _____ 2018. The dedication is to read “given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.
- **Altar Flowers:** As sponsor, you will order the flowers from the florist of your choice. You may have the florist pick up the floral inserts from the Parish Office if you are ordering the double bouquet for the stands or you may order an arrangement in a vase that the florist supplies. The cost is paid directly to the chosen florist and the donation is noted in the bulletin for the chosen Sunday. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions about this process.

I would like to give the flowers on Sunday, _____, 2018. The dedication is to read “given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.

- **Tower Lighting:** \$20 per half month to sponsor the Tower Lighting for the first half/last half (circle one) of the month of _____ 2018. The dedication is to read “given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.
- **Trinity News:** \$50 per month to sponsor *Trinity News* for the month of _____ 2018. The dedication is to read “given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.
- **TV Ministry:** \$150 per Sunday broadcast to sponsor the TV Ministry for Sunday, _____, 2018. The dedication is to read “given to the glory of God in honor/memory/celebration (circle one) of: _____ by _____.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

This form is due in the Parish Office by Tuesday at 5 p.m. if not earlier. Thank you. Or you may drop this form and payment made out to Trinity Lutheran Church in the offering plate on Sundays, at the Parish Office, or send by mail to Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA 01609.



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Trinity Worship Services on TV and the Internet

Internet Webcasts – www.trinityworc.org or www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

TV- Same Day Broadcasts: **Shrewsbury** – Channel 28, Sunday 8 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

TV- Delayed Broadcasts: **Worcester** – Charter TV-193, Sunday 4 p.m.; Channel 194, Sunday 11 a.m.; **Auburn** – Tuesday 11 p.m., Thursday 10 p.m., Sunday Noon & 11:30 p.m.; **Holden** – Sunday 8 a.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.; **Millbury** – Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 3 p.m. & Saturday 7:30 p.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.