

Trinity News

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Finding Our Rhythm Jena Hill

In the months since we became parents, I've noticed that I've stopped saying things like "We can't wait to get back to normal." What was normal (not being parents) will never be again because on June 15, 2022, our adoption was finalized with a judge on Zoom. We are officially a family now! We're adjusting to our new normal and trying to find our rhythm as a family of three.

We know what it feels like when we lose our routines, when we're out of sync or out of rhythm. The entire world felt that when the pandemic began. We lose our rhythm throughout life when things happen that cause us to worry, redirect our energy and change our routines in unexpected ways. The past few months in particular have been "out of rhythm" for our family. We've had big celebrations like adoption day and birthday parties, endings and goodbyes to caseworkers, therapists, coaches and beloved teachers. Andrew has experienced lots of "firsts" this summer too, going to the beach and being on vacation, road trips, participating in summer camps.

Most recently, my husband, BJ, donated a kidney to a friend in New York City and thankfully both BJ and the recipient are doing great! This first summer together has been full and good but that has meant that Andrew has had to adjust and adapt to so many new people, places and experiences in a short amount of time. While all of those things are good, it's been a lot of change and for all of the reasons that you can imagine, it's sometimes difficult for Andrew and consequently BJ and me too. Our family has learned that we need to focus more on the "unforced rhythms of grace" rather than routines that are rigid. We need time to catch our breath so we are ready for the coming rhythm of the school year.

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 11:28-30 The Message)

Rhythm ebbs and flows and provides flexibility. With rhythm, you know what needs to be done, and you can take into account the changing emotions, needs and circumstances that you can't predict or control. Rhythms can help us navigate all of the unpredictability of life by leaning into what's important and realistic. As much as I lean towards packing schedules full of fun activities and new experiences, we needed to simplify things. On vacation and for most of the summer, we tried to abide by this simple rhythm:

Eat together:

Do something or go somewhere.

Rest. Just be or do something that isn't complicated.

Repeat however many times we can during the day.

As we enter into a new school year and program year at Trinity, we can't predict what will happen but we can rely on the rhythm of the seasons of the church year to move us forward.

In September there are many ways to participate in the rhythms of the church:

- Sunday, September 4 - Back to School Blessing
- Wednesday, September 7 - Wednesday Night Eucharist resumes
- Saturday, September 10 - Join Trinity at the Worcester Pride Festival with us
- Sunday, September 11 - Enjoy food and fellowship at our picnic

Right now at Trinity, we are trying to discern what is necessary for the future and how God is leading. We are learning that it's OK to let go of some things that have been a part of our routine in order to make way for new rhythms. We are thinking about mission and ministry, but the most important part of that is people, people who follow an unforced rhythm of grace that is life giving.

Eat together: "Come to me." Participate in worship and Eucharist as part of a community of believers. Enjoy fellowship!

Do something or go somewhere: “Walk with me and work with me-watch how I do it.” We are called to love and serve outside of the walls of the church building.

Rest: “Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest.” Spend time abiding with God who is full of grace, talking and listening and observing how God is at work. Figure out what Sabbath rest means for you.

Repeat: Repetition creates new rhythms and the more you do it, the more natural it feels.

For centuries, followers of Jesus have followed simple rhythms like this. Remember that God’s rhythm is one of unforced grace so even if, or *especially if* you’ve been out of rhythm, know that it is never too late to join in this ancient rhythm with us!

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – KAREN COUTURIER

Sharing some highlights of our August council meeting. Council focused on two large agenda items this month, The TLC Preschool and the 2023 Budget.

TLC Preschool:

Council met with Patti McAuliffe director of the TLC Preschool for an update on the preschool. This was the first time since prior to the pandemic the entire Council met as a group with Patti and her teachers to hear updates on the current status of TLC preschool and discuss goals and visions for the future.

Patti shared a Power Point presentation; TLC Christian Preschool is a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church whose main objective is to uphold Christian values through teaching and relating to children.

The primary objectives of TLC Christian Preschool are to:

- Provide a safe environment where all children can realize their full potential for growth and development
- Provide first hand experiences that are challenging and meaningful
- Stimulate learning through guidance, curiosity and language skills

Regarding the current climate of early education and childcare in Massachusetts, many preschools closed or lost teachers during the pandemic and are struggling to find qualified teachers. State and Federal funding has been essential in providing support for childcare programs.

State of Massachusetts – Approved \$250 million in Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) Stabilization Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023 noting “Access to stable, quality early education and care programs is critical to the pandemic recovery for children, working families, and the economy.” TLC preschool continues to receive grant funding through the EEC (C3) Stabilization Grant. Funding is expected to continue through December 2022.

We are blessed to have dedicated qualified, hard-working teachers who have stayed with us through the pandemic. We are currently challenged with increasing our enrollment. Many of our preschoolers graduated to kindergarten this fall. We currently have 16 students enrolled for September. TLC is planning to extend hours beyond 8-4:30 in hopes of attracting new families and meeting the needs of working parents.

Our tuition is fair, competitive and comparable with area preschools. To learn more about the TLC preschool visit the website and see our children engaged in a variety of learning activities. We can all do our part to support and promote the TLC preschool by sharing information with friends and family. We have a quality preschool program that we would love to see grow and thrive. Please continue to pray for the TLC Preschool ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

2023 Budget:

The Council focused on the 2023 Budget, wrestling with challenges and opportunities we face in the coming year. We considered various budget scenarios for 2023. There is no formal budget proposal at this time, as many ideas and options are being thoughtfully explored and considered.

We looked seriously at all our expenses, salaries being the largest portion and where and how we can reduce expenses without compromising our ministry goals and mission. We considered how to maximize our income from all sources including pledges, other offerings, building use fees and careful use of the Mission Endowment Fund.

Our goal for the past few years has been to minimize the percentage drawn on the MEF to preserve the principal balance needed to generate sufficient interest. The 2022 market volatility and inflation have added to the challenge.

Some ideas you have already heard for increasing income include legacy giving, increased percentage giving, and exploring options for increased building use fees. We can each consider our own unique situation for increasing our giving.

It is worth noting that Trinity is a generous congregation. We have consistently received more money than was pledged over the past two years. We can give thanks for this spirit of giving. Keeping in mind the mission priorities identified in the CAT, we have a framework to give us focus and direction.

The Finance committee, Stewardship committee and Council are actively and creatively working to identify the most fiscally responsible options to support the mission and goals of our congregation and create a realistic budget for 2023.

Three Mission Priorities from C.A.T.

- a. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.*
- b. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.*
- c. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners that share this vision and commitment.*

NEWS & UPDATES



TRINITY AT WORCESTER PRIDE

FESTIVAL / Let's show our love to the LGBTQIA+ community by showing up in support and celebration! On *Saturday, September 10*, we will meet at the Major Taylor Monument outside of the Main Library branch at 2:00 p.m. We do have a few sizes of Trinity's "God's Doors are Open to All" shirts if you

would like one to wear for the festival (and beyond)! If you are planning to attend, please contact Amanda Cummings (adcummings42@gmail.com).

TRINITY PICNIC / Mark your calendars! Our annual picnic is taking place on *Sunday, September 11* following the 10:00 a.m. service. We invite anyone planning to attend to bring something to share, if you are able. Please RSVP in-person on the sign-up sheet located outside Jeppson Hall, or online at <https://tinyurl.com/TLCpicni>. We look forward to seeing on you the green for food and fellowship!

TRINITY BOOK CLUB / With Fall begins a new season for the Trinity Book Club! All meetings will be held in the Library at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Brown sbrown5453@gmail.com.



Listed below are the books for the upcoming year:

- **September 26:** *Chatter: The Voice in our Head, Why it Matters and How to Harness it* by Ethan Kross
- **October 3:** *Under the Whispering Door (re-scheduled)* by T.J. Klune
- **October 24:** *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- **December 5:** *The First Christmas* by Marcus Borg
- **January 23:** *Love Wins* by Rob Bell
- **February 27:** *Give Unto Others* by Donna Leon
- **March 27:** *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- **April 24:** *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn
- **May 22:** *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson
- **June 26:** *The Body in the Gallery* by Katherine Hall Page



MONDAY SENIOR LUNCHEONS / The weekly *Senior Luncheons* held on *Mondays at Noon*, will continue to be held through September on the 12th, 19th and 26th (with the exception of Labor Day, September 5.) The *location of the luncheons will take place on the patio outside of the Golden Room*, due to school being back in session. As of *October*, the luncheons *will go back to being on the second Monday of the month at Noon*. Since Columbus Day falls on the second Monday, *we will meet the following Monday, October 17.*

NAVE WALKING / Starting on *Friday, September 9*, the Nave will be open from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to walk in the beauty of the church. On inclement weather days, seniors from Briarwood have been invited to join in on walking in the Nave.



LITTLE FREE PANTRY / We are so excited to have a *new* Little Free Pantry to use! It is located on the fence near the exit at the back of our parking lot on Institute Road. Some of our neighbors have already been utilizing it. Please feel free to add items directly into the pantry if there is space OR you can drop items into the shopping cart in the hallway of the church. *Items we need more of:* Granola bars, fruit bars, water bottles, tuna/chicken packets or cheese and crackers. Thank you for your generosity towards the Little Free Pantry!



DICK'S MARKET FARM STAND / We are pleased to announce that Dick's farm stand is back again this summer. Tables will be set up at the far end of the church parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoons until the second Saturday in October. If you would like a coupon (we have five each week), please contact Chris Jackel 508-753-2989.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING ON SEPTEMBER 4 / Summer is just about over which means that families are getting ready for another school year. Join us on Sunday, September 4 for a "Back to School Blessing" during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Bring your backpacks, lunch bags, briefcases or devices with you on that day. We will bless all those who attend and work in schools of any kind. Please note that Family Sunday School will take place at 9:00 a.m. that day. Contact Jena Hill if you have any questions.

CHURCH MOUSE

The Personnel Committee has enlisted the help of the Church Mouse to communicate with the congregation the work the staff puts in during the weeks, and behind the scenes, to keep the ministry moving forward in mission. The monthly Church Mouse Report will focus on different staff members each month. Stay tuned!

Hello Congregants! Here's some of what has been happening this past month!

Over this summer Cantor Mark has prepared and led 14 Sunday morning Eucharists and three (3) midweek Wednesday worship services. After one mid-June choir rehearsal, Trinity Choir has been on summer vacation, well, except for singing the National Anthem at Polar Park in July. Mark has also led four (4) music classes for the Trinity Preschool. With 72 hours of editing worship materials, 30 hours of rehearsal time and 40 hours of planning work, he has been his usual busy self.

Church mouse reports Cantor Mark attending five (5) full staff meetings, five (5) ministry staff meetings, as well as a Worship Team meeting and a Faith Formation meeting. In addition, seven (7) Tuesday morning Bible studies, four (4) Wednesday evening Book Study Sessions, one Monday Book Group Study Session, and four (4) Adult Forum Book Study Sessions.... Ooh lah, church mouse sees a lot of reading and talking going on!

TLC under Mummert's tutelage, also hosted the Worcester Chamber Music Society Chamberfest, July 11-15, with 45 participants and eight (8) faculty making music in the building all week. He also published an essay, *This and That*, for his quarterly column *Musician as Theologian*, in the most recent edition of *CrossAccent*, the professional journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

In addition to the regularly scheduled Eucharists with associated (thoughtful) sermons, and the usual staff and ministry team meetings, Pastor Nathan has made 11 pastoral care visits and meetings with congregants in July.

He has participated in seven (7) church committee meetings: Stewardship, Personnel, Council, Executive committee, Finance and Property. (ooh lah, lots of meetings, even in the summer!) Pastor Nathan has attended Wednesday Night Alive, presided at the Lutheran Home Eucharist July 17, and attended a Clergy Support Group via Zoom.

Pastor Nathan and fellow staff members have also remained busy working through their yearly assessments, aiming for September deadlines to complete the process. Pastor met with the newly hired WPI Director of Religious & Spiritual Life and the Worcester Interfaith, Faith Leader emergency response team to a suicide at 1050 Main Street. Additionally, he had media interviews with WGBH and Spectrum News to discuss the Worcester Interfaith Voting Rights Lawsuit and district-based elections to the Worcester School Committee.

The ministry staff has been asked by the Stewardship Committee to think about how they spend their time so that they can develop a narrative around how money spent on staff compensation translates into ministry and mission.

With that in mind, Pastor has been attempting to provide a narrative picture of how his weekly activities would fall into a 5-day work week and clarify the categories under which his work with various committees and ministries would fit. More on all of this to come!

TRINITY'S MEAL-PACKING EVENT



Where: Jeppson Hall (Childcare will be available)

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Breakfast Snacks
9:00 a.m. Unload Van and Set Up Packing Lines
10:00 a.m. Pack the Meals
1:00 p.m. Lunch

Goal: \$7,000 needed for supplies to pack 20,000 meals

Meal destinations: Local food pantries, Liberia, and Haiti

How to help:

- Donate (“meal packing” MUST be on memo line of a check)
- Volunteer to pack meals
- Spread the word...we need at least 70 volunteers
- Pray for a successful event

If you have any questions, please contact Thom Tarquinio or Chris Pavasaris:

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NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE

As with all families with school aged children, the Shams family is preparing for the return to school. August has been a vacation for them, since they finished summer school the end of July. Susan Brown has been visiting twice a week, working on reading skills with the family, writing stories for them using their own names and activities that they regularly do. They have really enjoyed that. Bev Hobbs continues to visit to work on conversation skills. Barb Grussell has helped the older girls and mother learn to use a sewing machine. They now understand quite a bit of English, although their speaking skills are not as advanced.

Health care is an ongoing project. Two family members are receiving physical therapy, and family members are seeing specialists as needed. Those referrals took a long time to come, but have resulted in very helpful outcomes for the family members. Roy and Denice Briggs, both RN's from Blessed Sacrament, chair the Healthcare Committee, and keep track of appointments for the family. Ken Johnson is on the Healthcare committee, and chairs the Transportation Committee. If you can help, even occasionally, with driving to appointments please contact Ken: khjohnson39@outlook.com

Recently I shared some pictures of my grandchildren, who are teenagers, with the teenaged children. Asmatullah, who is 16, brought out his phone to show me pictures from Afghanistan. I didn't see pictures of their house, but he did show me the solar panels they had. There were pictures of the very large walled-in yard, filled with fruit trees. "Apple trees" he told me, "And cherries." There were so many trees that I asked, "Did you sell the apples?" "Yes, in the market, and the cherries." I asked, "How many people lived in your house?" wondering if extended family lived there. "Eight" they told me. (So just their family.) Noor Jamal, the mother, said, "Bess, my home..." and motioned, with her fingers, tears coming from her eyes. I took a breath, and told her, "We know you lost so very much, but we are here to be your friends and welcome you." She smiled sadly, and nodded. But as they are able to communicate more with us, our hearts ache for all they lost, all they have been through in the last year, and how much lies ahead in acclimating to our culture.

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to the Shams family. If you haven't met them yet, you will be blessed when you do. Let us know if we can introduce you to them.

Ed and Bess Sproul

2022-2023 TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following students were awarded scholarships at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 7. The total amount of scholarships allocated for the 2022-23 year was \$11,250. We congratulate these students and the three (3) individuals who received scholarships to Camp Calumet.

The Svend & Ragnhild Agerholm Memorial Scholarship
The Carl & Margaret Larson Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Stone – Assumption University

The Per & Agnes Gustafson Memorial Scholarship
Cole Mueller – University of Maine Orono

The Dr. Waldo O. Hagberg Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Paixao – University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

The Gustafson & Alice Wickstrom
Mr. & Mrs. Sven Trulson Memorial Scholarship
Amelia Alfonso – Boston University
Beth Getman – School of Lay Ministry – New England Synod
Morgan Gingras – Wells College
Grace Mueller – University of Massachusetts Boston
Max Guertin – University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Sofia Silva-Rosa – Westfield State University

The Trinity Education Assistance Fund Scholarship
Hannah Drackley – Assumption University

Camp Calumet Scholarships: *Julia Dacri, Livia Dacri and Peter Horan*

+ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church +

Sunday, September 4 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Walk in the way of life*

Philemon 1-21 *Paul says, Receive Onesimus*

Luke 14:25-33 *Give up your possessions*

Psalms 1 *They are like trees planted by streams of water*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn #667, *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*, BOURBON

In the gospel for this coming Sunday, Jesus calls us to "carry the cross." Didn't he carry the cross for us? Come to worship, to meditate on the word of God and to share in the bread and wine, and so follow Jesus as his disciple.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) Livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, September 7

2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7 *A king repents, the nation is saved*

Luke 18:18-30 *The rich ruler*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Livestreamed on www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, September 11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14 *Moses begs for forgiveness*

1 Timothy 1:12-17 *Christ Jesus came for sinners*

Luke 15:1-10 *Lost sheep and lost coins*

Psalmody: Psalm 51:1-10 *Have mercy on my, O God, according to your steadfast love*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn #587, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, ST. HELENA

This coming Sunday we will hear about the ancient Israelites, St. Paul, a lost sheep, and a lost coin, all of which receive God's merciful attention. Come to worship, asking for forgiveness, and celebrating the community of repentance.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) Livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, September 14 Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4b-9 *Moses lifts up a bronze serpent in the wilderness*

John 3:13-17 *The Son of Man will be lifted up*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Livestreamed on www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, September 18 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, 1961

Amos 8:4-7 *Those who trample the needy*

1 Timothy 2:1-7 *One God, one mediator*

Luke 16:1-13 *Serving God or wealth*

Psalmody: Psalm 113 *The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn #678, *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, RUSTINGTON

The gospel this coming Sunday deals with something that concerns us all: money. Luke calls us “children of light,” and we want to see clearly how to live our lives in Christ. Come to worship, to think and pray about this.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) Livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, September 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11 A prophet to the house of Israel

Matthew 9:9-13 Jesus calls to Matthew: Follow me

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Livestreamed on www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, September 25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Warnings to the wealthy

1 Timothy 6:6-19 Pursuing God’s justice

Luke 16:19-31 Poor Lazarus and the rich man

Psalmody: Psalm 146 The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn #1010, Wind and Cold Roar, CORRE EL VIENTO

The gospel this coming Sunday is the well-known parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus. Come to worship to hear what all this story might mean for us, who are rich in God, and who feast sumptuously on the meal of Christ.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) Livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, September 28 Eve of Michael and All Angels

Revelation 12:7-12 Michael defeats Satan in a cosmic battle

Luke 10:17-20 Jesus gives his followers authority over the enemy

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Livestreamed on www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

✠ CELEBRATIONS ✠

BIRTHDAYS

We recognize the birthdays of our members age 75 and older

Kurt Koppetsch – September 1
Carolynn Mathisen – September 8
David Cote – September 15
Priscilla Evans – September 17
Marion Johnson – September 18
Thomas Toeppner – September 18
Inger-Lise Kilcoyne – September 19
David Hobbs – September 24
Lois Mangsen-Pakula – September 24
Jo Alexopoulos – September 27
Edith Levin – September 27

ANNIVERSARIES

We recognize anniversaries beginning with 25 years

John & Lynne Ostlund – September 7
David & Rosalind Horn – September 10
Kenneth & Linda Brick – September 11
Vernon & Marian Erickson – September 12
James & Joy Leveille – September 17
E. John & Mary Reeks – September 17
Thomas & Nancy Cunningham – September 22
Paul & Suzanne Bloom – September 27
Jeffrey & Karin Underkoffler – September 27

+ DEATHS +

John Foster – August 14, 2022
Bradley Hansen – August 15, 2022

TLC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

August brought a lot of heat this year with two heat waves, but the preschool children managed to enjoy some early morning outdoor time before the heat became oppressive. Below are some pictures of both inside and outside activities. We will be spending August 25 and 26 preparing for new student arrivals, and the transition of the Daisy students to the Pre-Kindergarten Class, on August 29.



Making Lemonade



Visiting Institute Park



Checking on the Swan



This is one BIG Zucchini ... which makes a LOT of Muffins .. YUM!



Check out our Carrots!



Our Budding Engineer



We are Getting These Babies Clean



Dramatic Play Area

RESTRUCTURING NECESSITIES FOR NEIGHBORS

For the past few years, we have been collecting new items each month for local organizations as part of our Necessities for Neighbors ministry. For the coming year, we are going to restructure Necessities for Neighbors to meet the seasonal needs of what is happening in our community. Here's the plan for what we are collecting quarterly:

Season	What We're Collecting	When donations will be shared
Summer	School supplies for Elm Park Community School	September
Fall	Donations for Lutheran Home Christmas gifts	December
Winter	Hats, gloves, scarves, mittens etc.	Ongoing throughout the winter
Spring	Supplies for summer ministry	Ongoing throughout the summer

We're looking forward to making a greater impact on our community by focusing on just a handful of projects throughout the year. It's still summer, so you can donate school supplies throughout the month of September. After that, we'll be sharing information about how you can help out with Christmas gifts for the Lutheran Home residents. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Behm or Jena Hill.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME / Following the "Time with Children" during the **10:00 a.m. liturgy** on Sunday mornings, children are invited to go to the narthex with Jena Hill for age-appropriate learning and activities. The children return to the Nave at the Sign of Peace in time for the Lord's supper.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY / **Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library & via Zoom.** Cantor Mark leads this bible study discussing the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY / **Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Library and via Zoom.** Dave Horn leads this bible study discussing the reading for the upcoming Sunday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY / Will resume on *Wednesday, September 21 at 6:45 p.m.* in the Trinity Library. Pastor Nathan leads this study. If you have not attended, but would like to do so, please contact Pastor Nathan for more information.

2022 ALTAR CANDLES, FLOWERS, TOWER LIGHTING, TRINITY NEWS, TV MINISTRY and TV EQUIPMENT

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 this form.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

- **Altar Candles:** \$20 per month to sponsor the altar candles for the month of _____ 2022. 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, _____, 2022. 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 _____ 2022. 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 _____ 2022. The dedication is to read given to the glory of God in **honor/memory/celebration (circle one)** of:
_____ by _____.

- **TV Ministry:** \$100/month or \$50 for the **first half/last half (circle one)** of the month of _____ 2022 to sponsor live streaming of Sunday services. Dedication can be given to the glory of God in **honor/memory/celebration (circle one)** of: _____ by _____.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ *Form and check can be mailed to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Parish Office, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester MA 01609*

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Deadline for October Trinity News: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Trinity Worship Services on TV and the Internet

Live Stream Webcasts – www.trinityworc.org or www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

TV – Worcester: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on Channel 194 (one week delay)

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

TV- Delayed Broadcasts: Auburn – Tuesday 11 p.m., Thursday 10 p.m., Sunday Noon & 11:30 p.m.; **Holden** – Channel 191, Sunday 8:00 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. and 9:15 a.m.; **Spencer** – Saturday & Sunday 8:30 a.m.;

Sterling/Lancaster – Monday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. **Sutton** – Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 9 a.m.; **Uxbridge** – Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **Westborough** Sunday at 1:30 p.m. **Briarwood** (closed circuit) – Channel 900 at 11:00 a.m. Sunday