

# The Weekly Tidings

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## Call Committee Update

I would like to update everyone on our call process.



The call committee had narrowed the candidates down to one and recommended that candidate to council.

Council worked hard to come to an agreement with the candidate. We offered him a very fair and substantial financial package. Even though he loved our church and would love to come he declined. Synod is now working to get us other candidates and hopefully we will be interviewing them soon. I know this is a disappointment to all of us but we must trust God and know he has a plan for Holy Trinity. Thank you all for your prayers and words of encouragement as we all go through this time of transition

Martha Belanger  
Council president

## Faith Formation Forum

Curious about what the Faith Formation Team has been up to? Interested in helping shape the program for this coming year? Please come to one of two open forums after the 9:30 service on June 18 and 25. Hear more about the plan for learning together about our faith at Holy Trinity in 2017-18, help put the details into place, and find out how you can get involved. Questions? Talk to Pastor Grace or any member of the team.



## Services this Fall

With the input of the Faith Formation Team and Church Council, in September 2017 we will be returning to the practice of having two Sunday services (8:30 and 11:00) every Sunday morning during the "program year". Classes and programs for all ages will meet between services.



## Pastor George's Article

"Why Red on Pentecost?"

When you come to church on Sunday, you will see the color red predominantly featured. Why? For the ancients, God was found in the wind, the earthquake, and the fire. They were things beyond human control, and the fire that they



knew was from wood, oil or wax which gave off a bright red hue. As the old saying goes, fire can either warm you or

burn your house down. Fire therefore became associated with the spirit of God because we cannot control it.

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church because on that day the spirit was poured out on the disciples and a new relationship between God and humans (as well as human to human relationships). On Pentecost, gifts were poured out on all disciples, including us. What are those "passionate" gifts of the Spirit? Come on Sunday and find out what gifts the spirit has given you! Wear red to show your spirit!

## Operation Blessing

Please do not forget to bring in any food items, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Any kitchen items are also needed items as many people who come from

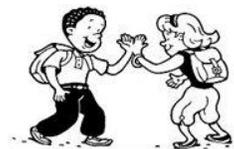


Crossroads House and get an apartment have nothing. Please consider donating to OB.

They also now have a truck in operation and can pick up furniture. They are open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10-4.

## End 68 Hours of Hunger

Thank you to the great team of volunteers for packing bags of food every 6 weeks to support End 68 Hours of Hunger this year. We endured snowstorms, missing lists,



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of Hunger**

wrong counts and Brownies. We pack for the last time on Thursday, June 8. If you are interested in leading this ministry next year, please speak to Donna Huot.

## Pastor Grace's Article

As I write this, it is 4 PM on June 6, the temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and it's raining. It's hard to believe that summer will ever come, but the forecast assures us that clear skies and warmer temperatures are not far off!

Many of us take advantage of the sunny weather and more open schedules of the summer months, to go on a trip. We may



travel by plane, train, boat or car; we may cross oceans or only drive an hour or two up the road. But the place we

choose to go, and what we choose to do once we get there, says a lot about what things in life mean the most to us.

Perhaps you travel to a camp where your family has been going for generations, because you find God in the laughter and fellowship of your kin. Perhaps you venture deep into the trackless wilderness, because you find God on a remote mountain peak. Perhaps you go to the beach because God's presence is clearest to you beside the vast ocean. Perhaps your preferred destination is a large metropolis because you find God

among the crowds of people from around the world, or a historic site that reminds you of God's presence with the people who lived there hundreds or thousands of years ago.

Some of us, when we go on vacation, need Sabbath – the ancient practice of complete rest that reminds us that God is in charge and that we are human “beings”, not human “doings”. Some of us need to reconnect with our bodies by hiking, swimming, biking or fishing. Some need to soak in the wonder of great art and architecture and marvel at the possibilities and persistence of the human spirit. And some of us need to be reminded of the importance of nourishing our bodies with food and sleep and our minds with reading that isn't for work!

This summer, Peter and I will be climbing aboard an Amtrak train in Boston on July 3: final destination, Vancouver, Canada! Along the way, we'll see friends, take in new landscapes both through the train windows and in person (stops in Omaha, Denver, Sacramento and Seattle as well as Vancouver) and attend the annual conference of Young Clergy Women International from July 10-13. I love train travel for both its practicalities (no driving! uninterrupted bathroom access!) and because of the way it allows a unique, not-too-rushed perspective on the world

as it goes by. Along with the chance to see far-flung friends, refresh my mind with continuing education, and explore a major city in a part of the world where I have never visited before, the journey itself will be a way of connecting with God.

Where do you tend to go, and why? Are you vacationing in the way that your soul and body most need, or are you holding on to old habits that no longer serve you mentally, physically and spiritually? How do you think you will find God in your travels this summer – or, if you lack the time, health, funds or inclination to travel, how will you change up your routine a bit and find God right where you are?



Traveling mercies!

***Peace,***  
***Grace***

P.S. Wherever you go, take a few pictures and send them to Mark at **office@htelc.com** so we can see where you found God this summer!

## **Property Team**

It is busy time for the Property Team. The Thursday Morning Group has been heavily engaged in its normal inside and outside routine. This time of year that means a lot



a grass cutting, trimming, tending to our outside plantings and gardens, and activities to

keep our Kitchen, Sanctuary and Gathering Area tidy. We have also been busy installing air conditioners, helping with preparations for the Church Picnic, and others matters that come up. As always, there is a backlog of tasks on our "to-do" list, so feel to join us on Thursday mornings to help out and to share in fellowship, coffee, and dessert.

***David Mercer, for the Property Team***