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The Weekly Tidings

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President's Article & Call Committee Update

"There is Time for Everything"

As I left church the other night, after spending four hours on council business, I got into the car and turned on the radio to *The Byrds* singing "Turn, Turn, Turn". How appropriate, we just had a wonderful devotion on patience and now this song was singing to me Ecclesiastes 3, telling me "There is time for everything". I guess that drive home was my time to reflect on the day and all that we had discussed. The summer may be slow for some people, but church business continues, at least council business.

The Call Committee is setting up a meeting with the new candidate that the synod has sent. It may take us awhile between vacations and summer activities, but we have not abandoned our job. It is just a struggle juggling all of our schedules.

Some of you may have noticed that we now have two signs directing us to the church. One is behind Walmart and the other is on the entrance into the mall by Texas Roadhouse. Both have the church's name and an arrow showing you how to find us. Thanks go to Joan Bauer for all her hard work on these signs. Hopefully they will help more people find us.

So, may we all have patience and wait for our time. May our time come soon enough when a new Pastor will walk through our doors. Right now, it is our time to search and I know our time to give up the search will come when we have found the right pastor.

May all your travels be safe and bring you back to your Holy Trinity Family.

Blessings,

Martha Belanger
Council President



Our mission of giving in Guatemala!

Seven Members of Holy Trinity are preparing to travel on a mission trip to Fundaniños Orphanage in San Jose Piñula, Guatemala on Sunday, August 6 - 13. The seven members include; Kay Drought with her two sons, Daniel and Jonah, Tory and Alex Liebel, Juanita Sihotang, and Cristina Dolcino. Our service work project is still needed to be identified at the writing of this message, but we know we'll be playing with the 50 children who live, learn, pray, and grow at Fundaniños! We will be staying in the volunteer house, eating meals with the children, leading special activities with the children, and helping with their Christian Education lesson on Sunday afternoon.



In addition to our big project work at Fundaniños, we will also be organizing two outreach projects. One involves the visiting of Casa del Destino, an orphanage of 11 children who are 4-11 years old. We will bring with us playground balls, bubbles, chalk, jump ropes, etc. so we can play and leave donations for these children who could benefit from visitors and new toys. Our other special project will involve purchasing and "bagging up" rice, dried beans, and sugar with the older children at Fundaniños. We will then take these bags and walk to the neighbors just outside the orphanage to offer these staples to the 12-15 families who work and live in primitive conditions.

Later in the week we will also take a half day trip to the town of Antigua where "old" Spanish-Baroque influenced architecture can be seen. We will walk around this small town and visit churches like, the Church of San Francisco and Cathedral de Santiago, practice Spanish while ordering lunch and buying gifts, and see the comings and goings of the Guatemalan people who live there.

There will be plenty of time to play with the children outdoors and inside the dining hall space. Of course, soccer is an ongoing game that is played daily along with swinging, throwing ball games, jump rope, and hopscotch. Many children love to do crafts, board games, color, face painting, and polishing nails. For quieter times, there are books written in Spanish and English that can be read to the children. And just when you are ready to relax there is always help needed to help get the younger children ready for bed!

Our week in Guatemala is bound to be busy, surprising, tiring, sad, fun, and emotional- just to mention of few adjectives! As in all endeavors of God's work, individuals give much of

yourself - time, energy, and love. But what also happens is the realization that you RECEIVE so much more in “gifts.” Simple gifts like the precious smiles of joy, little hands reaching up asking for help, "high fives" in being able to teach something, wiping away tears after a misunderstanding, or hearing committed voices while saying grace before eating together. Our nightly share of “bummers and blessings” will be the avenue we use to discuss our observations, learn about another culture/country, reflect upon bible verses, and reflect upon the numerous experiences that happen when away from home.



Your prayers and support will be felt and very much appreciated while we are in Guatemala using our hands to share God’s love. Thank you also for the budgeted \$500 dollars approved by the Church Council as well as the monetary donations given for school supplies, big service work materials, and outreach projects. We will be posting daily messages about our week, the method of which has yet to be determined. We return late on Sunday, August 13th. In early fall we will share our mission trip experiences with all of you!

This is the link to the Fundaniños site.

<https://fundaninos.wixsite.com/fundaninos>

This link shows pictures the children we will be serving!

<https://fundaninos.wixsite.com/fundaninos/the-kids>

This is a 4 minute video (in English) about Fundaniños.

VBS Needs Volunteers

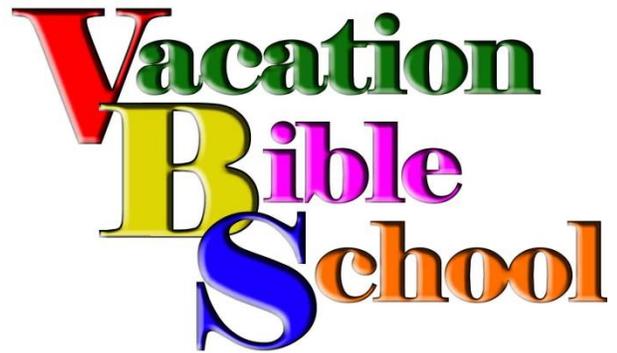
VBS is fast approaching (Sun. 7/30 – Weds. 8/2) and I am looking for a Kitchen Leader and Kitchen Helpers as well as Volunteers/Leaders to bring the children from activity to activity and or other helpers for various areas. So many have stepped forward with enthusiasm, but I still have a few slots to fill. Your consideration is appreciated!

Dinners are as follows:

- Hot dog and mac 'n cheese night;
- Indonesians usually provide one dinner;
- Breakfast night; pancakes and sausage. (Michael DeBeck will make all the pancakes.)
- Pizza night with salad or veggies. We will use paper plates, juice boxes and paper cups; serving is 'buffet style.' We do need desserts, fruit and veggies.

Donations are appreciated and will likely be sought. For shoppers; REIMBURSEMENT THOUGH RECEIPTS is no problem at all!

Questions, please contact Debbie DeBeck either by phone @ 603-969-7413 or by email at clubdebeck@comcast.net. Thank you so much, in advance for your help in making VBS an enriching experience for the children. God Bless.



CaringConnections

Mail Communications, the Prayer e-Tree, and Visitation groups continue to connect with parishioners in need of support. Those in need of those or our other services are asked to contact the office at 603 436-1704.



Church Office

“Read More...”

I have to apologize for not sending out an article from the Church Office since April. There hasn't been anything noteworthy since then. However, I have been working on on a two minor projects, both completed and unfinished.

In the weekly Tidings email blast, when you click “READ MORE...”, you'll notice a new addition at the top of the page. This new addition is a summary written custom for that specific team, which includes a photo representing the team's message and purpose. For instance, the library team has a photo of the church library as their blog photo (See photo below)

Fairly shortly, and hopefully within the next month, I will be adding a *Table of Contents* into the Tidings' email blast. The new Table of Contents will be pasted towards the top of the email blast and will list is everything included in the weekly email blast.

Library News

A monthly blog, written by Holy Trinity's Library team. Holy Trinity has hundreds of books on various Christian education subjects, such as Faith Formation, Bible Study, Biography, Prayer, and World Religions. All books are free for members and attenders to check out for two-three weeks.

Our 2017 Library Team leaders are Dorothy Kasik and Judy Evans.

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