

# The Weekly Tidings

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## College Care Packages

Christmas may seem like a long way off, but we need to begin preparations now by gathering the names and mailing addresses of your college or grad students. Also, indicate if your student is not on a traditional semester term. Please email that information by October 30 to Pat Woollett at [pawoollett@comcast.net](mailto:pawoollett@comcast.net) or call her at 603-942-7556. Include your name and phone number in case we need to clarify any information with you. Collecting this information now will help us to determine when we need to ship packages; how many boxes we need to order; etc. Information on how you can help fill these care packages will follow in the weeks to come.



## Electronic Giving

As part of our stewardship ministry this fall, we are asking people to consider signing up for electronic giving through Elexio. Setting up a recurring electronic donation enables Holy Trinity to more effectively carry out its ministries by ensuring that your financial contributions are made even when you're unable to worship with us in person. For more information, visit [HTELC.com](http://HTELC.com) click on My Ministries and then Giving Online. If you need further help or a one-on-one tutorial, contact Scott Carson ([sdc1338@gmail.com](mailto:sdc1338@gmail.com)).



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## President's Article

Greetings Everyone

I know autumn officially began a few weeks ago back in September, and it didn't feel like fall, but now it looks like it's here for real with leaves turning from green to bright beautiful colors, and in fact they're even starting to fall, which means.....uh oh.... raking season is coming soon, if not already here in some places But in my mind it's worth it, because on a crisp morning with crystal blue sky and bright sun shining on the trees as the leaves get bright orange/yellow/red, you can't help but feel good, and grateful for all of God's blessings.

Another sure sign that summer is way back in the rear-view mirror and we're into the regular routines of school and work can be seen here at Holy Trinity where so many are doing so much. Members of the Thursday Work Group, Faith Formation Team and others pooled their talents to move the Wiggle Room to the room at the end of the hallway to the right of the kitchen. Further work will be done to change the former Wiggle Room into a gathering room for classes and meetings. The Faith Formation Team has been meeting and mapped out plans for the coming year, and plans are being made for future events such as the ski weekend, spring cleanup at Camp Calumet, and Confirmation retreat.



Closer at hand, October 27<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday, when we will be confirming four of our young people during first service. In addition, it will be pledge Sunday, during which time we will be making our commitment to Holy Trinity for the coming year through our financial support. Be on the lookout for the Stewardship mailing that will be coming out shortly. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Holy Trinity in 2020. Forums centering on Holy Trinity exploring the possibility of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation will continue this Sunday/Wednesday and next (13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and the following week the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>) with the topic this Sunday/Wednesday being "What Would It Mean For Holy Trinity". The following week Alice Kerr Laird will be

leading a discussion about what the Bible says about same-sex relationships. I strongly urge everyone to attend all the sessions. If you miss one, see Mark Donahue and he will make available the recording so you can listen. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or raise points or concerns during these get togethers. If you're hesitant to speak during the sessions, seek out one of the RIC Team members (Pastor, John Corgan, Steve Bauer, Jo Whiting, Cristina Dolcino, Matt Nania, or Glen Oswald) with your thoughts and ideas or for more information.

Enjoy the beautiful autumn days ahead.

Peace

Dave Smith

Congregation President

## Upcoming Reconciling in Christ Forums

Please find below a list of all upcoming forums for RIC. If you've missed a forum, you can find a DVD of each forum in the Church Library, under the Prayer Shawls. Some of these dates are tentative and are subject to change.

- *Sun. 11/3 & Wed. 11/6:* Follow up conversation about what the Bible says about same-sex relationships.
- *Sun. 11/17:* Wil & Jo Wesley share what it would mean to someone who identifies as LGBTQIA for a church to be RIC. *On Wed. 11/20:* We will re-share the Wesley's story, but they will not be present.
- *Sun. 12/8 & Wed. 12/11:* Knute Ogren (of Camp Calumet) shares what it mean for someone who identifies as LGBTQIA for a church to be RIC.
- *Sun. 1/12 & Wed. 1/15:* Rev. Amanda Nelson educates us on what the terms LGBTQIA and other new language means.



## Faith Formation Team

Fall at Holy Trinity is a fun time to catch up with our church family after a busy summer, when so many of us are busy with our gardens and home projects, out enjoying favorite places, and coming together with friends and family. Fall is a celebration time for the harvest. This fall we celebrate Confirmation for three of our youth on Sunday, October 27th at the 8:30 service. We celebrate a new Wiggle Room for our young children and families. We celebrate coming together in faith formation learning groups to grow in relationship with our faithful God, who calls us to Him. We are investing time to know him better through Bible lessons, to serve him with God's work, Our Hands service projects, and to praise Him with uplifting worship.

In Faith Formation, our lessons in faith learning groups have shared the Bible adventures about Joseph and his journey to Egypt, as well as his reconciliation with his family. God was faithful to him and to all of his family, providing for their every need and staying close as Joseph endured the frightening trip to a foreign land away from the security of his own family. God was with Him through many years in prison, as well as carrying his family through the fear of famine. I often wonder how hard it must have been for Joseph to remain hopeful that God was still with him. How did he trust the Lord for every need when things seemed over in his life? And how was it for his father and his brothers? The grief and guilt they felt must have been so hard. I believe it was Joseph's faith formation in his home with his father's teaching that saw him through. We see how strong Joseph's faith was as he revealed to his family God's vision revealed in his dreams. In our world today, we have so much going on, but I believe that to be true of Joseph's family too. Keeping up with the herds of sheep and providing for such a large family must have had its challenges too. They still made time for the Lord. Under Jacob's leadership, and with Joseph's longing to know and serve the Lord, Joseph's faith was formed, and this faith helped him overcome the adversities of life. Our hope is that the programs we share together at Holy Trinity will provide all of us with fortitude in our faith, as well as inspiration for each of us to spend time each day with the Lord, praying for His guidance in our lives and reading the Bible to remember how God has always provided for the



needs of his people. We are his people. He knows our joys and our sorrows, and everything in between. He loves us and blesses us with His word, so that we are uplifted and encouraged to continue trusting in our savior, Jesus. His word helps us to follow the Lord's leading through the Holy Spirit. His word helps us to respond to His call to serve Him in our lives, so that we may personally know His joy. The journey may seem long at times, but like Joseph, we will see the fulfillment of His plans in our lives. God's love is freely given for all of us. We pray that you will be blessed in every way in each of your lives, and we cherish each and every one of you in this precious family of God at Holy Trinity.

We pray for every blessing for you,  
Lara Scammon and the Faith Formation Team

## Stewardship Team

To paraphrase a well-known typing exercise, “Now is the time when all good people should come to the aid of their church.” Holy is in the midst of a low key annual pledge campaign. You will receive a packet of materials which should arrive tomorrow. Your will find a one page brochure which shows the many ways our giving does God’s work in our communities. We help many agencies through the use of our building, from our monetary giving and from the material things we give.

There is another brochure which shows the work of the ELCA in the world. We participate in that work through our monetary contributions. We are a generous people! Our giving allows us the opportunity to do God’s Work with Our Hands. A pledge card is in the packet. Please fill out the pledge card and return it to Church with you on the 27th or you may also fill out a virtual pledge card on Elexio.



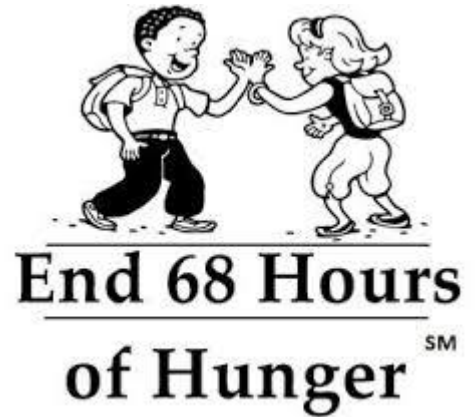
## End 68 Hours of Hunger

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has a team that packs food for the program 'End 68 Hours of Hunger' for the city of Portsmouth!! This program is designed to provide food for children in need that would sustain them for the weekend when school is not in session. Kathy McKenna and Lauren Gianino are the Team Coordinators for our church.

Our team is responsible for packing food bags for children on 6 more Thursdays this school year. We pack at the **First United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Ave. Portsmouth** and we meet at 6pm. Depending on the number of volunteers, the packing process takes between 40 minutes to an hour - but rarely a full hour.

Our next packing date is this **Thursday, November 14th**. The dates our team is responsible for are:

Thursday, November 14th  
Thursday, January 2nd  
Thursday, February 6th  
Thursday, March 19th  
Thursday, April 23rd  
Thursday, June 11th



Last year our group packed 663 bags of food! If you are interested in joining our team please email myself ([mckenna.kathy.62@gmail.com](mailto:mckenna.kathy.62@gmail.com)) or Lauren Gianino([pglg813@comcast.net](mailto:pglg813@comcast.net)). If you know of someone who would like to join our team....please have them contact us!! **This is such an unique volunteer opportunity as you can make a huge impact on our local community in under an hour!! We always welcome new participants!!**

## Prayer Concerns

*Please include the following in your daily prayers:*

### Members & Attenders

**Health Issues:** Edna Di Nola, Leah Waldschlagel, Hazel Larson & Family, Mary Kuck, Tina Waterman, Robert & Sally Rindfleish, Susan Rindfleish, Emily Beliveau, Jackie Kohlhase, Franklyn Vosburg, Grover Marshall, Brendan Podszus, Jean Klein, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Margareta Claesson, Mark Beliveau, Pastor Linn Opderbecke.

**Homebound:** Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Everett Nelson, Carol Saufley, Shirley Bauer, Edith Rowan. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

### Friends

Aimee Bucci (Dick & Yvonne Topping's daughter), Ray Kunsman (Karen Gerome's father), William Lewis (Phyllis Philbrick's brother-in-law), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin), Matthew Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's son), Megan Zadig & Rachel Arrington Boal (daughters of Dave & Carol Arrington), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), The Vocell Family (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friends), Jamie Stevens (Jill Larson's sister), Matthew Seeley (Elinor Young's niece's partner), Kari King (Stephanie Goupil's sister), Eileen Berube (Yvonne Topping's friend), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Judy Sieg (Geri Sieg's daughter-in-law), Marion Viole (Joyce Rivore's friend), Caleb Gray (Andy & Nancy S Gray's grandson), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Nancy Burpee (Dave and Joyce Rivoire's friend), Jill Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's daughter-in-law), Richard Marshall (Grover Marshall's brother).

### November Anniversaries

Dave & Lynn Reinhard, Rev. Linn & Nina Opderbecke, Lois & Ron Laurence.



### November Birthdays

Rich Belanger, Eric Berg, Karen Berg, Jonathan Bock, Leslie Carson, Scott Carson, Katherine Clement, Wolf Dehne, Judy Galle, Erik Johnson, Paul Karl, Mariah Kirsch, Henry Larson, Grant Lebs, Anita Lindstrom, Jan Lucas, Kathy McKenna, Maelyn Morrison, Evelyn Peters, Lynn Reinhard, Dave Rivoire, Larry Sanders, Geri Sieg, Krystal Small, Langdon Tarbell, Seth Williams, Richard Woollett

