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The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Festive Lunch

On June 2nd after the church service, the youth and young adults going to the National Gathering in New Orleans will be serving a festive lunch. Please stay and eat or take food with you. We will offer Jambalaya and Indonesian dishes. We are asking for a free will donation toward our trip.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School this year will be held from July 7-10 in the evening. The sign-up sheet for participants and volunteers will soon be in the Gathering Area. Please see Lara Scammon for more Information. (dscammon@aol.com)



Holy Trinity Mugs

Holy Trinity Mugs will be for sale, available for \$20 each, after the service concludes. These mugs will come in Blue and Orange, and all proceeds will go to supporting our youth going to New Orleans for the National Youth Convention. Purchase a mug in the Gathering Area.



Pastor's Article: May 19, 2024

This is an important year for the New England Synod as we elect a new bishop in early June at our annual gathering of clergy and lay leaders we call Assembly. This year's Assembly will be held June 6-8 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and I will be attending along with our elected representatives, Cristina Dolcino and Mike Gass.

For the past twelve years, Bishop James Hazelwood has served as the Synod's leader, but he is now retiring, requiring an election of a new bishop. Accordingly, this is an occasion both to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop Hazelwood's episcopate and prayerfully discern who may be a good choice for our next bishop. Under ELCA rules, bishops are elected to six-year terms.

There are nearly a dozen candidates who have been nominated and you can learn more on the ELCA Synod webpage. There is also a website that provides detailed information about the election process and even more information about the candidates. We will also be posting information about the candidates in the Gathering Area for the next few Sundays.

Cristina, Mike and I very much want to hear from all of you about what Holy Trinity is looking for in a new bishop. We are your representatives in this electoral process and invite your views! You can reach me at pastorluther@htelc.com or Cristina and Mike in the directory.

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the church to lead us into all truth. Bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the people of this synod as we prepare to elect a bishop. Keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may manifest your glory and prepare for the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated on June 16

If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.



Library

Notice all the changes in the BGLibrary? We have three brand new topical sections, all designed to fit the needs of our changing, growing congregation. First, last fall we added an area for "Creation Care." We've been putting many of those books on display, and Glenn O has written some book reviews for the Tidings. After last Sunday's forum, your Library Team encourages you to do some reading about what's happening with our earth's ecology and learn what you can do about it.

Our other two new areas for perusal: "Seasonal" and "Older, Wiser Lutherans" (OWLs). Your Team chose Seasonal because Pastor Luther introduced us to appropriate and challenging readings during Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. Pentecost is coming in a couple of weeks. We encourage you to peruse this section and pick out something meditative.

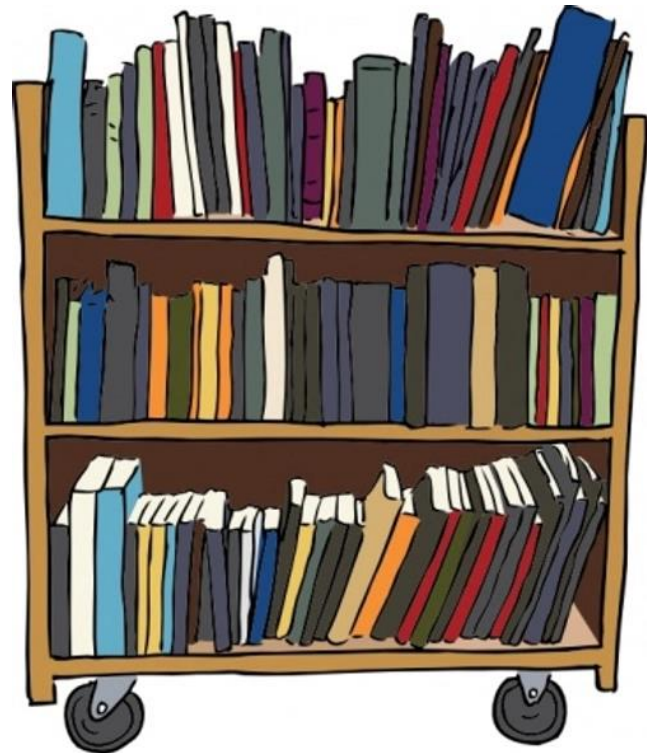
One look around our congregation on a Sunday morning, and it's easy to see why your Team decided we need an OWLs section! It features such titles as "Outlive," "The Inner Work of Age," "Honest Aging," and "Dying Well." There's lots of richness to be learned and enjoyed during these times of our lives.

We'll be gradually adding to each of these new collections, and we invite you to make suggestions. We also welcome donations from our readers' personal collections, books you've found useful and would like to share.

Take a few minutes next Sunday to check out these new areas. Happy reading!

Scholarships

Holy Trinity will offer scholarships for children and youth who attend this year's Camp Calumet summer programs. Please give your child's name and your contact information to the church office by May 31st.



Property Team

We have selected a contractor, Applied Painting and Epoxy in Nashua, NH, to complete painting of the steeple, staining of the exterior wood around the main entry and sanctuary soffits, pressure washing of the exterior siding, and hand washing of the exterior glass. The agreement has been signed and work could begin as early as June 24. If weather cooperates, this work should be completed in about five days. More information will be provided as we get closer to the start date.



You may have observed the new rain gutters and downspouts recently installed to the right of the main entry. This work was completed by the Thursday Group and we are hopeful that it will resolve some water intrusion issues in the basement during heavy rainfall events.

We recently experienced more water leakage from one of our toilets. As is typical for these types of leaks, some ceiling tiles in the basement were damaged and had to be replaced. We made changes to the bolting hardware and seals for the tank. Hopefully, this problem is resolved.

When it rains, it pours! A pin-hole leak developed in the copper line that supplies water to the same toilet tank discussed above. Unfortunately, the leak was between the shutoff valve and the wall and could not be isolated for a repair. We were able to install a temporary fix and called in a plumber to complete a proper repair. This type of leak is fairly common in copper lines, particularly older lines such as ours.

The Thursday Group has need of more hands, particularly for some of our routine inside tasks that involve some light cleaning and some outside work in our garden areas. Please advise the office or contact me if you are willing to help out.

David Mercer, Property Team Leader (pro tempore)

Stewardship

For those who weren't at the Pre-Semi-Annual Meeting forum. Dan Scammon distributed a report of Giving for January through April of this year. It showed that giving was up by four percent for the period. Dan congratulated the congregation for their generosity. I want to add my thanks to you for being good stewards of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

It is wonderful to be a member of such a vibrant congregation where the whole congregation understands how important it is to aid in the success of our Church when some are failing. We should all give thanks to each other and to God for our continued growth and commitment.

David Arrington



The Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is looking for new helpers for the Committee. At present the Committee consists of two people. It is time for new blood on the Committee. Please see David Arrington if you are willing to help.

Operation Blessing

If you can possibly help by purchasing any of the items for OB, they would be very grateful. You may place them in the green buckets under the mailboxes. OB advises that they always need Health and Beauty items: Shampoo, conditioner, soap/body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, and laundry soap. Other items: ketchup, mayo, mustard, juice, pasta, coffee, tea. Thank you so much. Lois Laurence

Prayer Concerns

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Larry Sanders, Julie Moore, Bob Hollister, Judy Evans. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, June Slipp, Edna DiNola. **Military:** Jake Brouker, US Navy (Pam Brouker's relative), Jacob Connors, Ian Connors, and Ryan Connors, and Robert Scammon (Grandsons of Bonnie & Larry Sanders, Dan & Lara Scammon's son) **Partners in Ministry:** ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: Cinda DeWerff & Dane Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's sister & brother), Dan & Paula LeRoux (Pamela Brouker's sister and brother-in-law), Donald Dunican (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), Kelly Fater (April Murphy's sister), Alex/Heidi/John (Friends of Pamela Brouker).

Calendar at-a-glance

Sun. June 2, 10:30 AM: Festive Lunch
Wed. June 12, 10:30 AM: Outdoor BBQ & Worship
Sun. June 16, 10:30 AM: Graduation Sunday
Sun. June 16, 10:30 AM: Tanzania Adult Forum
Sun. June 16, 10:30 AM: Tanzania Adult Forum
Sun. June 23, 10:30 AM: Semi-Annual Meeting & Church Picnic

Sunday Worship, Sundays at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Property Team, Thursdays at 9:00 AM until *about* noon.

Monthly Attendance & Offering

Sunday, April 21:	87 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 25 (<i>Online</i>) = 112	Offering:	\$4,225.95
Sunday, April 28:	98 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 31 (<i>Online</i>) = 129	Offering:	\$3,060.45
Sunday, May 5:	75 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 21 (<i>Online</i>) = 96	Offering:	\$6,147.40
Sunday, May 12:	83 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 25 (<i>Online</i>) = 112	Offering:	\$3,742.95