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The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Walk the Walk

The time has come for Calumet to start their annual fundraiser: "Walk the Walk", beginning July 30 and ending on September 16. This is a wonderful and fun way for Holy Trinity to band together and support our favorite Lutheran Summer Camp. Every week, you will log and report your miles to the church office, who will in turn, report our church's miles to Calumet. Please sign up at Calumet's website and follow the register link:
<https://calumet.org/ontheroadagain>



Confirmation Classes 2023-2024

Are you the parent or guardian of a youth who'll be entering Grades 7-12 this fall? This applies to all youth and families who participate in either Immanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church or Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please call Mark, our Office Coordinator, to register your interest before August 15th, so that he can forward your contact information to the confirmation class leaders. There is no need to call Mark if your youth is already active in the confirmation program. Lara Scammon and Glenn Oswald are preparing suggestions for our newly called Pastor Luther regarding 2023-2024 confirmation program curriculum, procedures, sessions and other activities. There'll be a Confirmation Class kick-off event around the first of September if Pastor Luther concurs.



Former Pastor's Article

(The following article was written in 1997. We've updated some terms and labels used in this article to sound more inclusive.)

Alice Vosburg called my attention to the posters which hung on the walls of the sanctuary of Bath United Church of Christ as we waited to hear Professor Marcus Borg lecture about the politics and ethics of the Historical Jesus. The posters had been hung on Civil Rights Sunday (January 19th...the Sunday before Martin Luther King Day). The posters were designed to stimulate thought and reflection regarding the continued existence of racism in the church of Jesus Christ. These provocative posters caused me to ask the question "what kind of church is Holy Trinity." I share them in the context of the church's Easter mission...the proclamation of the Good News of Christ's victory over darkness, despair and death to a hurting and lost world. Indeed, what kind of church are we...

The panels in the sanctuary address racism in the church. Read them and ask yourself where we are. Then read them again and substitute other groups, e.g. women of all colors, disabled people, LGBTQ, poor people, old people...



An Excluding Church... Enforces the racial status quo of dominance and exclusion of racial and ethnic people through its teachings, decision-making, policy, practices, and employment. Exclusion seen in absence of diversity of membership.

A Club Church... Maintains the power of white advantage through teaching, decision-making, policy and practices. Tolerant of a limited number of racial and other peoples with "proper" credentials. Often heard: "We don't have a problem."

An Open Church... Sees itself as committed to inclusion of all, but unaware of habits of privilege and paternalism. Symbolic inclusion, receptive to some but not to those who "make waves." No real change of policies and decision-making.

An Awakening Church... Desires to eliminate discriminatory practices and inherent advantage. Sensitive to differences. Expanding view of diversity may include women, disabled, elderly, children, LGBTQ and other groups. But decision-making still conforms to norms and practices derived from dominant group's world view.

A Redefining Church... Not satisfied with just, being anti-racist. Begins to see benefits of broader cultural and racial perspectives and contributions to its mission. Commits to auditing all aspects of church's life for openness to participation and contributions of racial and ethnic peoples. Willing to struggle.

A Transformed Church... Diversity is an asset. Reflects contributions of diverse racial groups in determining mission; full participation in decision-making. A real community of mutual caring. Confronts racism in church and society. Allies with others to challenge racism and oppression of all groups.

What kind of Church are we... What kind of Church would Jesus want us to Be??

Faithfully, The Rev. David L. Snyder, Pastor. *(Written in May 1997)*

President's Article

It was 2 months ago today that we met together following our Sunday worship service, and agreed unanimously to call Pastor Luther Zeigler to be with us, to be our spiritual leader, to take a journey that has yet to be charted, and to "grow" a new ministry. During the coming 2 months which will go by quickly, we will begin to talk about what could be, what might be, and how we can work together to forge a new path. The Worship Team together with Pastor Don and Pastor Luther are planning what may be the first obvious demonstration of this new partnership, the Installation of Pastor Luther as our called minister which is scheduled to take place on October 1 at 4PM. The title for this worship service when we will publicly acknowledge our new path will be "Celebration of New Ministry." I'm struck by how perfectly those words form a virtual image of this future: exciting, stimulating, a bit intimidating, and both celebratory and new.



Several Holy Trinity friends have commented to me about how they are feeling a new and different sense of excitement of what lies ahead. Yes, I totally agree. Beginnings are both exciting and unsettling. Over these next months, we need to look inwardly to ascertain what gifts each of us can bring to share in our new ministry. Do you have the gift of compassion, or teaching, or leadership, or music, or writing, or speaking, or fixing things, or organizing, or cooking, or art, or finance, or planning, or working with young people. All types of gifts are needed to make our vision a reality. Let us all pray that we might know our gifts and find ways to share those gifts with others. As I prepared this message, I was drawn to the words of Julian of Norwich –'all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well'. I believe it to be true.

Please note the date of October 1 on your calendar so you can join the celebration of this new ministry at Holy Trinity.

Stewardship

The following three paragraphs have been copied from the website www.gotquestions.org, with some minor changes relating to inclusiveness. Ada

“To discover what the Bible says about stewardship, we start with the very first verse: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things, and to miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on our shirt or blouse—nothing else will ever line up. Nothing else in the Bible, including the doctrine of stewardship, will make any sense or have any true relevance if we miss the fact that God is the Creator and has full rights of ownership. It is through our ability to fully grasp this and imbed it in our hearts that the doctrine of stewardship is understood.

The biblical doctrine of stewardship defines our relationship to God. It identifies God as owner and us as managers. God makes us His co-workers in administering all aspects of our life. The apostle Paul explains it best by saying, “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building” (1 Corinthians 3:9). Starting with this concept, we are then able to accurately view and correctly value not only our possessions, but, more importantly, human life itself. In essence, stewardship defines our purpose in this world as assigned to us by God Himself. It is our divinely given opportunity to join with God in His worldwide and eternal redemptive movement (Matthew 28:19-20). *Stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is His method of bestowing His richest gifts upon His people.*



More often than not, when we think of good stewardship, we think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness in paying God’s tithes and offerings. But it’s much more than that. In fact, it’s more than just the management of our time, our possessions, our environment, or our health. Stewardship is our obedient witness to God’s sovereignty. It’s what motivates the follower of Christ to move into action, doing deeds that manifest his belief in Him. Paul’s stewardship involved proclaiming that which was entrusted to him—the gospel truth.

It is time to consider our participation in the Time and Talent Ministries here at Holy Trinity Church. We have many ways of serving. These can be found at Holy Trinity’s website: <https://www.htelc.com/time-and-talent>. In the next edition of the Stewardship portion of “The Tidings”, we’ll get further into this area and how we can serve the Church and our World, near and far.

Prayer Concerns

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall, Shirley Jackson, Julie Moore, Dick Topping.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Bonnie Bly (Sue Althof's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Rich Conway & Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friends), Renee Chin (Sue Althof's friend).

Prayers will be listed for at least 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

Monthly Attendance & Offering

Sunday, June 11:	91 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 22 (<i>Online</i>) = 113	Offering:	\$2,840.45
Sunday, June 18:	76 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 21 (<i>Online</i>) = 97	Offering:	\$4,296.85
Sunday, June 25:	67 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 24 (<i>Online</i>) = 91	Offering:	\$2,745.05
Sunday, July 2:	55 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 30 (<i>Online</i>) = 85	Offering:	\$4,566.50
Sunday, July 9:	68 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 32 (<i>Online</i>) = 100	Offering:	\$5,654.25

Calendar at-a-glance

October 1: Pastor Luther's Installation Service

Sunday Worship, Sundays at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Property Team, Thursdays at 8:00 AM until noon.