

January 26, & February 2, 2020

# The Weekly Tidings

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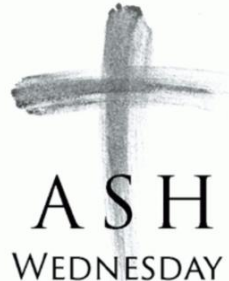
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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday worship services will be held on February 26.  
Services will be at 1:00 & 6:30 PM.



## 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, February 6th.

The dates our team is responsible for are:

- Thursday, February 6th
- Thursday, March 19th
- Thursday, April 23rd
- Thursday, June 11th



**End 68 Hours  
of Hunger**

## Pastor Tim's Article

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has been a long time since I have written to you here. I have no excuse except to say I am sorry, and I will strive to make this a monthly article, like it was supposed to be when I first came.

There is a lot I could write about, and I suppose the topic will change each month. It will depend on what is going on in the life of the church and my own life, as well. I hope that through it, we will stay in good communication and you will have a deeper understanding of who I am as a pastor and what our dreams are for the church, both Holy Trinity and the larger Church (with a capital "C").



To start off with, I would like to reiterate some of the things I said at the closing of the Annual Meeting from this past Sunday. I began by explaining why Joan Bauer was stepping down from council. Simply put, there was so much in life going on that she had to say "no" to something in order to be able to be able to breathe a little easier.

As I said on Sunday, that is important advice for all of us, both individually and collectively. You (We) don't have to say "yes" to everything, even if it is a good thing. Sometimes we have to be able to say "no" in order to be able to say "yes" later on. Those are difficult decisions. We have a lot of opportunities in our life to do a lot of good things, but time is not limitless

and neither is our energy. As I always preface anytime that I ask someone to do something at church, “No is an acceptable answer.”

As we move forward into the future of Holy Trinity, we will have some decisions to make. The world is changing around us and we will have to change accordingly. We will have to try some new things and say goodbye and thanks to some ministries that we have done in the past. We will get excited about the possibilities that we want to try but we will have to say, “No, this isn’t the right time for us.”

As we do this as a church and as you do it in your personal life, please know that I give thanks for you and the Church (both the capital “C” church and Holy Trinity).

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Tim

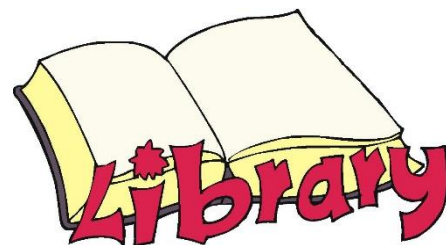
### **BG Library Article**

Our little library has something for everyone!

For instance, if you’re interested in contemporary social justice, look through our “Social Issues” section. For history, dip into “Biography/Autobiography.” You’ll find issues of theology in “Christian Studies” and facts on Lutheranism in—where else—“Lutheranism.” Look further and you’ll find “Science and the Environment” and “International Study.”

For pure fun, pick an author from the “Series” section and read straight through. There’s even “Poetry.”

At the lowest shelf, you’ll find “Humor.” Five books.  
(Lutherans apparently aren’t humorous.)



## CaringConnections

'The mission of CaringConnections is to directly serve the members of the Holy Trinity family. This is done in several different ways:

- monthly blood pressure clinic
- home-cooked meals
- prayer shawls
- an e-Prayer Tree
- mail communications
- college packages
- home visits
- home communion
- transportation to church



We are so grateful to all who volunteer to be a part of this team and provide the gift of caring to others.

If you would like to be a part of this team or have questions about it please let Cheryl know. OR if you know of someone who would benefit from one or more of these services please let Cheryl know at [brighamca.cc@gmail.com](mailto:brighamca.cc@gmail.com) or Mark at [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com). Thank you to all that help to make this Team successful and beneficial for others!

### **Women's Retreat March 6-8, 2020 "Relax, Renew, Revive"**

Get ready for another great weekend enjoying the fellowship and support of other women from Holy Trinity and of course, everything Calumet has to offer. Signups and information are available in the Gathering Area. Questions? Leslie Carson at [carsonsl@maine.rr.com](mailto:carsonsl@maine.rr.com)

