

The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Upcoming Events at Holy Trinity & Camp Calumet

What are you doing to breakup the winter doldrums? How about a Youth Ski Weekend? Women's Retreat? Clean up at Camp Calumet? Planning for VBS? Bi-weekly Faith Learning Groups? Here is a brief schedule of what's happening! Please See Heidi Morrison for questions or to sign up!

- Youth Ski Weekend: Feb 28-Mar 1. Cost \$30. Forms due by FEB 7
- Women's Retreat at Camp Calumet: March 6-8. Cost \$172. Sign up on Kiosk. See Leslie Carson or Heidi Morrison for details.
- Sunday School Weekend at Calumet: Mar 27-29. Cost \$30. Sign up in Narthex.
- Camp Calumet Clean Up: May 1-3
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 19-23. Lots of Volunteer opportunities. More info to come!



Lenten Meals & Holden Evening Prayer

Lenten Meals will be served every Wednesday evening during Lent (March 4 – April 1), beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30pm. Soup will be available for adults, and Mac & Cheese will be served for young children.



President's Article

Dear Holy Trinity,

This month begins my tenure as President of our Church Council. I am looking forward to this position for several reasons. First, I will get to meet and work with church members whom I don't know and collaborate with amazing individuals as we adjust to future challenges. I will also enjoy marveling at the many gifts each member of Holy Trinity shares through their presence on Sunday, the acts of care shared with others, and the commitment to carry out the roles for our services and ministries. I will do my best to be present and listen during spirited and respectful conversations and seek out information and resources when working toward decisions. I will make mistakes, misinterpret, or simply mess up and know that you will help me understand other perspectives when making decisions on the Council. I am excited to experience the direction and opportunities God's light will offer to Holy Trinity in the time ahead. I will pray and reflect upon how I can best serve these endeavors. Please feel free to introduce yourself and share your thoughts with me.



I recently learned that purple dye was very hard to acquire in ancient times and was connected to royalty. Purple is also considered a color of meditation, penitence, and prayer as believers reflect upon the selfless death Jesus endured for us. As the amount of sunlight slowly increases, let's hold the promise that our Lenten practices will offer needed justice and peace in our World. Lent begins on February 26th, with Ash Wednesday which means

the beginning of family and church traditions. As much as I am intrigued with the music, food, and festivities of the “Carnival of Fat Tuesday,” I know the beginning of my Lenten season will be special when I attend the “monastery meal” and Lenten services on Wednesday evenings beginning March 4th.

May you be the Light,
Cristina Dolcino, Council President

Property Team

The main focus is to upgrade certain fire doors to comply with fire regulations. Four doors have been identified as needing an automatic fire door closure. The first door is nearing final adjustments before testing.

The new conference room now has a large TV moved from within the church for any needed video presentations.

Extra Helping Hands: January had two special helpers – Bernie Olsen and Erica Nania. Erica took on the task of moving the large TV from one classroom and installing it in the new conference room. Bernie has helped consistently each week and was the main installer for the first fire door closure.



Barry Philbrick, Interim Property Team Leader

Operation Blessing

Operation Blessing began a new mission this week by opening as a Warming Center when the temperature gets below 20 degrees. It will officially open Thursday the 13th and for the two next nights. They are in need of volunteers and donations. Operation Blessings operates solely on donations so with the onset of this new project, there are no available funds.

As you know, we have been donating food, clothing, household items, etc. for many years. Now needed items for the shelter are as follows: grocery store gifts cards to purchase items for the warming center, gas cards, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies toilet paper, paper towels, travel size toiletries, hats and mittens, socks, dish soap, individually packaged snacks, cereal and bread, juice boxes, milk boxes, coffee, microwaveable meals, and crackers.



If you would like to assist, please call Sharon Gaudet at 603 430-8561. If you would like to donate items, please put them in the green bins under the mailboxes and we will deliver them to OB as we always have in the past. Thunderous applause to Barry and Phyllis Philbrick.

If you have any questions please contact Lois Laurence at 580-1612 or ljlh@comcast.net. THANK YOU.

Lois

Stewardship Team

I read a post on Facebook yesterday that said, “Please pass this along if God has done anything for you today.” It seemed to me that the author missed the point. God does everything for us every day. I think the post should have read, “PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG IF YOU HAVE DONE ANYTHING FOR GOD TODAY.” We live in God’s world, and therefore we have a responsibility to be mindful of the ways we destroy God’s world. We must find ways to be true stewards who protect, preserve, and improve the place that God has given us. The call is to protect our environment so that we and all our descendants will have an Earth on which to live. We must preserve the noble elements of our humanity so that we promote the goodness in all people. God has a relationship with each of us. We must improve our vision of that relationship so that we may, in fact, do something for God today.

Dave Arrington



Ash Wednesday worship services

Ash Wednesday worship services will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM. As we journey towards Lent & Easter, Ash Wednesday is a reminder that we will perish and return to the earth as ash, but it is also a reminder that we were marked by the cross on our foreheads from our baptism.



Traveling Together Sunday

For our Traveling Together on Sunday, February 9, each table group picked a story from the Bible and created a scene from Play-Dough. Stories chosen were Noah's Ark, Jonah and the great fish and the garden of Eden. It was a great time.



Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

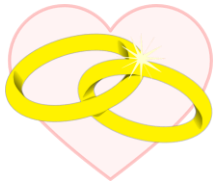
Health Issues: Leah Waldschlagel, Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Len Klein.

Homebound: Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Judy Sieg (Geri Sieg's daughter-in-law), Caleb Gray (Andy & Nancy S Gray's grandson), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Jill Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's daughter-in-law), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Todd Abild (Julie Moore's brother), John Barry (Tracy Barry's son), Lynn Geraci & Judi Thomson (Jill & Jerry Schock's friends), Martha Laperle (Betty King's friend), Pastor John H. Krahn (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friend), Kathy Germain (Franklyn Vosburg's sister), Megan Zadig (David & Carol Arrington's daughter), Joseph & Julia Spataro (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friends), Tammy Hickey (Tina Maiorino & Linda Sunderland's friend).



Happy Anniversary!

Matt & Ann Stephan, Mike & Nancy Gilmore, Mark & Linda Edward

March Birthdays!

Noah Berg, Ali Bozzuto, Caelyn Bucci, Benjamin Castellano, Anders Claesson, Margareta Claesson, Bruce Clement, Lynne Clement, Jasper Crafts, Ethan Crawford, Lucas Cromer, Chris Dunn, Lauren Eide, Judy Evans, Jeff Galle, Ken Galle, Karen Gerome, Nathan Goupil, Rachel Hayden, Max Hoene, Dot Kasik, Ava Kaufmann, Bill Larson, Sue Lebs, Imani Lugalla, Danielle Lyczak, Grover Marshall, Mike Mather, Warren Mellor, Frank Moore, Courtney Pomroy, Barry Proulx, Jr, Susie Reny, Lois Semrau, Maretta Siagian, Anggiat Sihotang, Jaxon Small, Lou Spoto, Naomi Stephan, Avelino Talabessy, Nathaniel Waterman, Penelope Williams, Pat Woollett, Alec Zollman.

