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# The Weekly Tidings

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## Full Worship Services have returned

Holy Trinity is now holding our complete worship service since March 2020, including Communion around the altar, and the return of the Kyrie, Hymn of the Day, & Communion Hymns. We hope you join us again for the full worship service. We are asking for more Worship Assistants, including Liturgical Deacons, Altar Guild, Lectors, and Greeters. As of now, masks are still strongly recommended, but all other aspects of our worship service have reverted back to what it was prior to 2020.



## Lenten Worship Services

*Midday Lenten Devotional Worship:* Every Wednesday at 12:30 PM, (beginning Wednesday, March 16) Pastor Luther will hold a special 20-minute Lenten service in the chapel. These services will be recorded and available on [htelc.com](http://htelc.com).

*Holden Evening Prayer:* Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent for our beautiful Holden Vespers worship, with hymns written by Marty Haugen. This service will be led by Franklyn Vosburg. These services will be livestreamed on [htelc.com](http://htelc.com) every Wednesday night.

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## The Transition Team

The Transition Team will host three Adult Forums in the coming months. More details on each event will come shortly, but these dates and events are:

- March 17: Present CAT results to the congregation
- April 24: Why Us workshop
- May 22: MSP workshop

Upcoming  
Events:

### **Pastor Luther's Article: March 3, 2022**

And so, the holy and beautiful season of Lent begins! Yesterday, our two Ash Wednesday services were well-attended and my sense is that those who came appreciated not only receiving ashes, but perhaps even more so, gathering as a community around the altar to receive real bread and wine for the first time in quite a while. I know our four-year-old granddaughter Emerson enjoyed baking the communion bread with her Nana Pat. (See the photo!)

This coming first Sunday in Lent we will likewise be returning to our customary communion practices for those who so wish to participate, and we will be adding some more music to the service as well. You can view the bulletin at the link above. I hope to see you there.

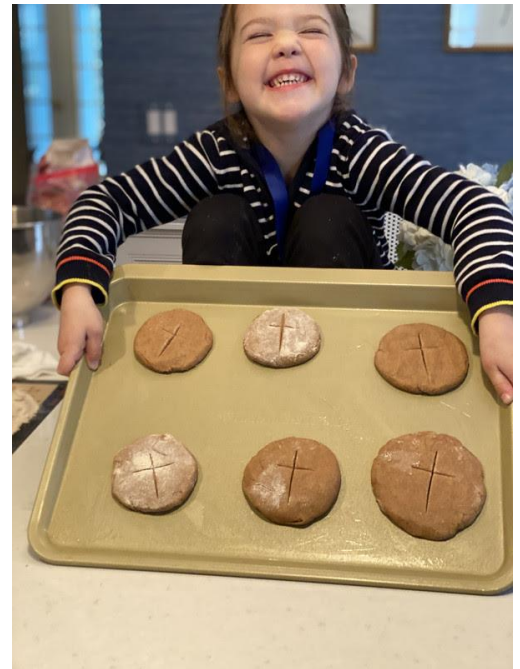
This is also a reminder that I will be away on vacation from March 6-13. Pastor George Koch will be presiding and preaching on the Second Sunday of Lent. During my absence, please call Mark in the Church Office with any pastoral emergencies and he will connect you with someone.

Finally, once I return, I will be offering a mid-week Lenten prayer service on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm beginning on March 16. The simple service will consist of a short reading from Scripture, a meditation, and some prayers, and will last no longer than 20 minutes. It will be live-streamed and available to be viewed at any time thereafter on our Youtube channel and Facebook page. People are also invited to attend the prayer service in person (in the chapel) if they so wish.

May God bless you and keep you this day and always,  
Pastor Luther

### **Isimani Scholarship**

During Lent, we will be collecting donations to help fulfill our commitment to the Isimani students who receive our scholarships to help them complete their education beyond primary school.



## Property Team

We do not hear Ina Mae Duley Ogdon's hymn much these days. That sort of hymn has gone out of fashion. She wrote the words with Matthew 5:14-16 in mind and collaborated with her friend, Charles Gabriel, who wrote the music. The style is much like many hymns generated circa 1900. Many of the hymns of that period remain my favorites. Ina died in 1964 in Toledo, Ohio, but the song lives on. I have read that her words were intended to encourage us to serve the Lord in many different ways, to make the best of where we find ourselves. As I said, she was not writing about the Property Team, but she could have been.



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Among the Property Team's ongoing goals are the various activities to literally brighten the corner where we are. The Thursday Group regularly tidies up things around the building, cleans glass doors and windows, keeps the kitchen under control ... that sort of thing. Recently we have undertaken a painting project in the Sanctuary to brighten the walls that have not been painted in a long time. As of this report, we have finished approximately half of the plaster walls and plan to complete the balance of the painting over the next few weeks. We are hopeful that some additional painting can be done in other areas of the building before the season changes and calls us to work outside again. David Mercer, Property Team Lead

## Dover Friendly Kitchen

Last month, we made 100 meals on Tuesday at Dover Friendly Kitchen and gave out all but 13. Those and the leftover undressed tossed salad went to Crossroads in Portsmouth as did the rest of our cookies. They are always so happy to receive whatever we have after our Dover needs are met. I also want to mention that we had 12 volunteers come to cook and assemble the meals. We also had eight bakers, and in addition, had decorated cookies from Lara Scammon's middle school students. We did very well and enjoyed a productive time together. Our next meal is Tuesday, March 22nd. Anyone wishing to help in any way is invited to contact Jill Schock, Bonnie Sanders or Mark Donahue at church.



## Good News Garage “Pass Your Keys to a Neighbor in Need”

*The following article was written by Tom Kupfer, Marketing Manager for Good News Garage. Holy Trinity is a proud supporter of Good News Garage. Please read the following article, as Good News Garage is currently in dire need for extra support.*

The pandemic has driven prices of used cars to record highs, leaving many of our neighbors unable to afford safe and reliable vehicles. Without a car, these families are literally stuck at a standstill in their lives. Fortunately, a local nonprofit is able to help those in need. Good News Garage was founded in 1996 with the help of its parent organization, Ascentria Care Alliance, and our Lutheran community. The nonprofit provides refurbished donated cars to individuals and families in need. Over the last 25 years, they’ve awarded over 5,500 cars to our neighbors with the help of generous car donors.

There is currently an urgent need for vehicles! Car donors receive free towing, qualify for generous tax deductions, and can feel good about putting a neighbor in the driver’s seat towards a better life. Let Good News Garage help you pass your keys. For more information and to donate, visit [www.goodnewsgarage.org](http://www.goodnewsgarage.org) or call 603.669.6937. You can also “like” GNG’s Facebook page to hear stories from car recipients and other news at <https://www.facebook.com/goodnewsgarage>.



## Creation Care

The New England Synod has a new newsletter: the Green Team magazine! The monthly magazine will include reflections, announcements of upcoming events, and resource ideas. To subscribe, please send your name, email, and congregation to Martha Whyte at [mwhyte@nesynod.org](mailto:mwhyte@nesynod.org).

