

The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Camp Calumet: Walk the Walk 2022

Camp Calumet will have its annual fundraiser “Walk the Walk” again in the summer 2022. It will be the same event as 2021, where you will have to sign up at Calumet’s webpage, donate \$25, and report your July & August miles to Holy Trinity’s team captain (and Office Coordinator): Mark Donahue. He will in turn, combine all of our congregation’s miles and report it to Camp Calumet. If you’re interested, please talk to Mark. Registration begins on May 15, and you can learn more info at calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk



Dover Friendly Kitchen

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 3:45 PM, at St. Thomas Episcopal Hall in Dover, NH, across from the library. Any volunteers for cookies and for working at the meal can still contact Bonnie Sanders or Jill Schock, preferably by April 22nd.



Scam Email

Another email has been sent out to our congregation earlier this week, from a scammer impersonating Pastor Luther. This email was from pastorluther.htelc@gmail.com. We ask that everyone please block this email in your contacts and then delete the email.



Pastor Luther's Article: April 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday

'Maundy' comes from a Latin term (mandatum) for 'mandate' and in this case refers to Jesus' mandate of a new commandment in this evening's Gospel. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another" (John 13:34). Illustrative of this message is the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as they gather for the Passover meal. Then, in the Eucharist, we remember and live out Jesus's teaching about the Last Supper. As we clear the Table, we move directly into stripping the altar, accompanied by the chanting of Psalm 22, as we solemnly prepare for the world-shattering event of the next day. We conclude the service in silence until Friday evening.

Good Friday

This is a day to contemplate Jesus' death on the cross, to confront our own alienation from God and one another, and to offer our fervent prayers for the Church and the world. As this evening's service is a continuation of the liturgy begun yesterday, we pick-up without a gathering hymn or opening acclamation. On this night, we enter solemnly into the shock, sadness, and emptiness of Jesus' death. The altar is still bare and the cross is a prominent symbol. We hear the Passion narrative from the Gospel of John beginning with Jesus' betrayal by a friend in the garden of Gethsemane and concluding when his body is laid in a tomb. We pray the Solemn Collects, acknowledging our need for redemption and recommitting ourselves to God. Again, we disperse in silence as we await the break of Easter dawn.

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heart of our faith and Easter Sunday is for Christians the holiest and most joyous day of the year. In fact, it begins a whole season of celebration -- the Great Fifty Days of Easter -- that takes us up to the Day of Pentecost. But on this first day of Eastertide in particular, we pull out all the stops, decorating the church with flowers, singing many of the great Easter hymns, and hearing the wondrous story of the empty tomb. It is a day not to be missed!



Pastor Luther's Article: April 21, 2022

Happy Easter! I am so disappointed that I wasn't able to be with you on Easter Sunday, but from what I've heard, you had a perfectly grand celebration of this joyous day. Fortunately, the party is not over as Easter is not merely a day of rejoicing, but a whole season. We call it the Great Fifty Days, and so, we will continue the celebration throughout April and May, all the way until the Day of Pentecost.



This coming Sunday, in addition to continuing our Easter party, we also get to celebrate a baptism. Little Mac David Rouleau was born to Kelly and Mark Rouleau on April 7 and we will be welcoming Mac into the family of Christ at our 9:30 a.m. service. We hope you can be with us to greet little Mac!

Even though I was sad I couldn't be with you this past Sunday, I was grateful to be with my Emmanuel Church flock on Easter morning, first on the beach at sunrise and then later in our lovely chapel. I give you a short "shout out" at the beginning of the sermon!

I hope your Eastertide is off to a joyous start!

Upcoming Adult Forums

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

May 1: Why Us workshop

May 22: MSP workshop



Property Team

Easter has come and still no new church sign at the highway! The sign has been quite a challenge. Let's review things. The company we selected for the new sign is Stewart Sign, based in Florida. They have done church sign projects all over the country. The sign configuration, layout and such are done in Florida. The signs are manufactured at their factory in Alabama, then shipped to a local installer (typically another sign company or a contractor with experience working for sign companies). Stewart Sign selected New Hampshire Sign in Auburn, NH as the installer. The installer has visited our site, has the required permits from the Town of Newington, and is waiting for the sign to be delivered to their facility in Auburn. Stewart Sign initially told us the sign would be manufactured and shipped by April 7. They have since revised that date to May 13, saying materials availability issues have delayed manufacturing. With the coming of warm weather our installer is hoping to get some site work done before May 13 if certain of the required sign mounting details are available before then. I would have thought that information would have been easy enough to obtain, but apparently not. I and our installer have been having difficulty getting timely information from Stewart Sign. These days, it seems everyone, including Stewart Sign, claims to have been impacted by COVID in some manner. Patience seems to be the order of the day!



Regarding the normal, routine property team matters, we have completed the painting of the walls in the sanctuary and walls on the left and right side of the entry to the sanctuary. The warming weather means we will soon be outside and working on the grounds again when the weather allows. The snow shovels and ice-melt buckets have been put away (hopefully, not too soon), and our riding mowers have been serviced and are ready for the new mowing season. We will be getting the other power equipment ready to go soon. We will continue with our inside projects such as painting and cleaning and such, particularly when the weather forces us inside.

It is also worth mentioning that several people have approached me since January with some property related question and wanting to know who to contact now that I am no longer in charge of the Property Team. Everyone needs to know that my replacement has not yet been found, so I still remain as your Property Team Leader until this is resolved. Happy Spring to you all! *Dave Mercer*