

The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

In Memory of Jeanne Dalzell

We are sad to announce the sudden passing of our Sister-in-Christ, Jeanne Dalzell. Jeanne passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, September 8. Jeanne Dalzell is survived by her husband of 51 years, Chandler Dalzell, her two children: Kristen Crawford & Dave Dalzell, and Kristen's two sons: Noah and Ethan. Jeanne was well-known in our congregation as a greeter on Sunday mornings, a former Council Treasurer (like her daughter is currently) and was part of our CaringConnections team. Please keep Chandler, Kristen, Dave, and the rest of Jeanne's family in your prayers while they mourn the loss of Jeanne.



A Celebration of Life for Jeanne Dalzell will be on Friday, September 29 at 11:00 AM, followed by a light lunch.

Pastor Luther's Installation Service

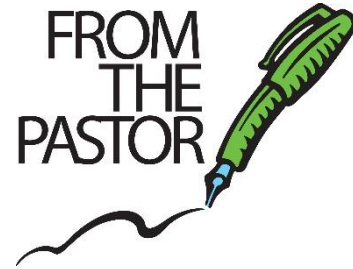
Pastor Luther's Installation Service will be on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 PM for a "Celebration of New Ministry" as we formally install Pastor Luther Zeigler as our 12th Pastor. We will have two choir rehearsals for the installation service, on Sunday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 24, both at 1:30 PM. All are welcome to join the Installation choir.



Pastor Luther's Article

How wonderful it is to be back in your midst! The only difference is that this time I can drop the "interim" label, and with gratitude and humility, step into the role of being your Pastor full-stop. The reality of this new beginning hit me when I arrived in the office on Tuesday and opened the official letter from the New England Synod approving your call and granting me the authority and privilege to serve as your Pastor.

We will get to celebrate all this on October 1st, of course, when we gather at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary to mark this new chapter in our shared ministry. I am touched by the fact that so many of you have for weeks been hard at work in planning for this event. I know that it will be a joyous occasion and I hope and pray that you can come.



The Dean of the New Hampshire Conference of the New England Synod, Pastor Kim Hester, will be presiding over the rite of installation. And I have invited my good friend, the Rev. Dr. Richard Simpson, to preach. Rich is a fellow Episcopal priest who serves as the Canon to the Ordinary (Episcopal-speak for "Chief of Staff") to Bishop Doug Fisher of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. I invited Rich to preach not merely because he is a friend and fine homilist, but more importantly, because he is a leading spokesperson for the importance of Lutheran-Episcopal collaborations such as ours as one manifestation of an emerging ecumenical and reforming spirit in Christ's Church.

Since 2001, the ELCA and the Episcopal Church have been in full communion, with clergy being able to move across denominational lines to serve and learn from each other. But it has only been recently that churches from both traditions have started to seriously engage with the rich possibilities of such partnerships. Holy Trinity has the opportunity to be a real pioneer in this new adventure. I so look forward to exploring with you what such a theological collaboration might look like for our community, as we draw on the very best of both the Lutheran and Episcopal traditions. What I suspect we will learn is that we can do so much more when we are working together!

Before we get to October 1st, however, we have two Sundays of worship to get reacquainted. I will be presiding and preaching this coming Sunday (Sept. 17) and look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it. And please try to wear nametags as Pat and I will need some help in remembering everyone and getting to know you even better!

In Christ's peace, Pastor Luther

Former Pastor's Article

The following article was written by Rev. Paul Lindstrom in September 1998. Pastor Lindstrom served our congregation from October 1997 until May 2000.

"The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8 We came back from our trip to the United Kingdom and our gardens and lawn looked tough. Not much rain and no one to care for the flowers and I suddenly realized it is near the end of August. Doesn't seem possible. I waited all year for summer to get here and now it's almost gone. I am at that age when I experience the reality of the old cliché "time goes faster as we get older." I read someplace that it's because each day represents a smaller percentage of the total elapsed time we've been alive. Still, I don't like it. It reminds me too much of big issues like mortality, human limitations, the fact that "our years come to an end like a sigh" (Psalm 90).

It's not just summer that is slipping by so quickly, it's my life. I've always read the verse about the shortness and transience of human life with a limited understanding. They are beautiful poetry and clear reminders that we, should focus on what is lasting and truly important in this life, but somehow they are meaning more to me lately. When I was younger, life seemed endless and its possibilities infinite. Now that has changed, and each day seems more of a precious gift.



But I've also noticed something else. The real point of these verses about the transience of life is not to make us feel bad. On the contrary, in pointing out the truth of our lives they call us to see more clearly the wonder that there is, in fact, something that lasts. When we hear the words "from everlasting to everlasting you are God" we can be struck ever more powerfully with the fact that this is indeed the true foundation for our lives. I love the flowers, I love summer, but the coming fall doesn't frighten me because the word of God will carry me through even the snows of December.

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President's Letter to the Congregation

This letter was sent to our congregation in early September, as an invitation to Pastor Luther's Installation Service, on Oct. 1 at 4:00 PM.

Dear Friends,

We at Holy Trinity are beginning a new and as yet unknown path to live our faith in a world that knows little stability. Over these past several months since we voted unanimously to call Pastor Luther Zeigler as our permanent Pastor, we have been “dipping our collective toes” into the unknowns of the future. We know that Pastor Luther has been called to lead two congregations with somewhat different polities and traditions: Episcopal and Lutheran. Even though no builder of houses would begin a new project without architectural plans for guidance, it may feel like we are doing just that.



But we share some basic tenets. Lutherans and Episcopalians have walked together more and more closely over the years. We have entered into this process knowing that:

- one of the highlights of our community is a strong shared bond of ministry;
- mutual trust is a critical ingredient;
- the love and support of each partner in ministry is essential; and
- the way we've always done things won't necessarily work in the future.

We will be challenged to find new ways to shape our ministry. We will find new pathways, new relationships, new avenues to share our joy. We also know that the future is an unknown, and that we will need to practice patience and resilience. We are also confident that joy and love await us as we move ahead.

I believe that I would not be able to find any person in 2023 who would tell me that his or her life is unchanged since the pandemic. In fact, in many of our conversations, we still hear phrases like “it used to be” or “before the pandemic we did...”. The notion that our world is spinning rapidly is as true of the church as it is in every other arena of our lives. However, the constant in the story of Holy Trinity is the bedrock of God's love for us. We are truly blessed to share our faith, love, and trust in the risen Christ with each other and the world around us!

Our faith emboldens us to act courageously and walk confidently together into God's future for us, even when we see change on the horizon.

There is a role for everyone to play in this exciting new ministry model, and we invite each of you to share in a celebration to honor this new era of ministry as Pastor Luther is installed as the pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. This "Celebration of New Ministry" will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 PM, followed by a reception in our gathering area. We invite you to share in this joyful ceremony.

Sincerely,
Judy Evans,
Holy Trinity Congregation Council President

Dover Friendly Kitchen

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 3:45 PM. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the 26th. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders or the Church Office for more info.

New Member Classes

New Member Classes will begin for all prospective members who wish to join our congregation next month. We anticipate there to be three classes on Sundays after our 9:30 AM Worship, with a Celebration of New Members in January. Further details coming soon. Those interested in becoming a member, please leave your contact information with the Church Office.

OPERATION BLESSING Needs.

For food: Macaroni and Cheese, any kind of pasta, and sauce or cans of pasta, peanut butter and jelly, any kind of juice (either a large bottle or juice boxes). Clothes needed are children's clothing from size 5 to junior sizes. Thank you for all you can do. Please put in the green boxes under the mailboxes.

Prayer Concerns

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **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: 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), Carol & Charlie Dunican (friends of Bobbie Febbo).

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, August 20:	75 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 43 (<i>Online</i>) = 118	Offering:	\$4,453.40
Sunday, August 27:	76 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 19 (<i>Online</i>) = 95	Offering:	\$3,426.90
Sunday, September 3:	37 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 48 (<i>Online</i>) = 85	Offering:	\$9,014.45
Sunday, September 10:	59 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 34 (<i>Online</i>) = 93	Offering:	\$4,794.90

Calendar at-a-glance

September 29, 11:00 AM: Celebration of Life for Jeanne Dalzell

October 1, 4:00 PM: Pastor Luther's Installation Service

October 7, 2:00 PM: Celebration of Life for Gisela Wemple

Sunday Worship, Sundays at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Property Team, Thursdays at 9:00 AM until *about* noon.