

The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

In Memory of Pastor Paul Lindstrom

On August 1, 2020 former Holy Trinity Pastor Paul Lindstrom passed away at the age of 92, surrounded by family. Pastor Lindstrom became the interim Pastor at Holy Trinity when Pastor Synder left in 1997, and he was our Pastor until Pastor Opderbecke arrived in 2000.

Please keep his wife, Anita Lindstrom, and the rest of the Lindstrom family, in your thoughts and prayers during this time.



STEWARDSHIP, THE MANAGING THE RESOURCES GOD HAS GIVEN US

Being a good steward is the sound management of the resources that God has given us, management that gives glory to God. In this Sunday's Gospel, the Canaanite woman asked that Jesus heal her daughter of a demon. Jesus tells her that God's resources are meant for the Children of Israel and that he was sent to minister to them and not to the "Others". He tells her that it isn't right to give the children's food (God's resources) to the dogs. She reminds him that even the scraps of God's resources can be used for the Glory of God. At that point, Jesus changes his mind and uses God's healing powers to relieve the woman's daughter of her demon. Our stewardship probably won't be as dramatic as the healing of demons; however, we should use our talents and resources to the Glory of God in any way we can.



Pastor Tim's Article: Aug. 13, 2020

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Recently, I was asked why I always begin my Tidings articles, and all my articles for that matter, with the greeting of "Sisters and Brothers in Christ"? This person conveyed they had never seen anyone do anything other than "Brothers and Sisters in Christ."

My response was simple (at least in my opinion!). By making a slight change in the wording of something that we all are accustomed to, I hope to make people think differently about what is said. When we use "Brothers and Sisters," in that order, we are consciously or unconsciously, reinforcing old stereotypes of the male being superior as the male pronoun is used first. This is done in many ways in society. Traditionally, we say "Husband and Wife" or the husband/male is addressed first on a letter, i.e. "Mr. Tim and Vicky Krick."

I believe this does have an effect on us when we see it over and over. It reinforces a view of male superiority. I am not saying it is responsible for that, but it is a remnant from an age (that still exists in many ways) in which the male is more important and should be in the more dominant role. I make the subtle change in the greeting as it helps to remind me (and I hope all of us) of the equality that God has bestowed on everyone and to help me to live into it.



**BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST**

As I write this, I am now thinking if there is even a better greeting that I could or should be using. One of the things I learned this past year from going through the Reconciling in Christ process, is that we live in a very binary society, but gender is not as binary as we once thought. Meaning, while I am trying to be more inclusive in the greeting, some could read it knowing they do not fit into either of the two categories that are represented by "Sisters and Brothers" (namely female and male). Perhaps a better greeting would be "Siblings of Christ" or "To all Children of Christ." This is more

encompassing and whole. I think you should be on the lookout for one of those greetings in the future.

In the end, no matter how you identify, I hope we are place that communicates to you that you are loved. That you hear and come to trust that there is nothing that you can do to make God love you more and there is nothing you can do to make God love you less. God loves you. Period.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tim

Pop Up Pantry

Our new ministry of a “Pop-up” Pantry has been growing thanks to the efforts of church members! Last week 11 bags, stuffed with donated nonperishable food, were taken off a table in front of the church last Thursday. Beside these bags were also fresh produce from church members’ gardens and Heron Pond Farm: lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, kale, eggs, and tomatoes! This week 15 bags were made from donated food and will be appreciated by our neighbors.

Thank you for the interest expressed by Mark Beliveau to help with the set-up on Thursday mornings and the ongoing involvement by Paulette Sirios. Opportunities exist for members to also serve at other times alone during the week with this ministry if desired. Of course, you can also donate food and/or plastic grocery bags at the church. If you need help in bringing your donated food to church or have other questions you can email Cristina at foggdrive@yahoo.com or contact Mark in the church office. The list of suggested food donations is included.



Thank you for your support of this needed ministry!

(Please turn to the next page for a list of items accepted for the Pop-Up Pantry.)

Holy Trinity Pop-Up Pantry Donation list

Thank you! Tak! Merci! Danke! Gracias! Takk! Grazie! Terima Kasih!

Drop off at church or call office to confirm if you are concerned
about Mark or Pastor being there.

FRUITS

100% juice or no sugar added

- Canned fruits in cans and individual cups
(Apple sauce, pineapple, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.)

VEGETABLES

Low sodium or no salt added, no sugar added

- Canned vegetables in cans
(corn, carrots, peas, etc.)
- Spaghetti sauce in CANS, please

WHOLE GRAINS

First ingredient whole grain, no sugar added

- Cereals – regular box size (12oz) because larger boxes don't fit in bags/container
- Brown or wild rice
- Quinoa
- Oatmeal
- Pasta

PROTEIN

Low sodium or no salt added, no sugar added

- Canned chicken/tuna/stew
- Canned beans (refried beans, soup beans)
- Nuts
- Peanut butter
- Dried beans

OTHER ITEMS

Low sodium or no salt added, no sugar added

- Soups
- Broths
- Flour – whole grain white
- Toothbrush/ Toothpaste/Dental floss
Soap

President's Article

“When I think of the month of August I think about the colors of red and green.”

When I think of the month of August I think about the colors of red and green. Sure, these colors are popular in December, but right now I see them outside as my tomatoes ripen surrounded with lush green leaves. My effort to grow vegetables started in the Spring and has continued through this hot summer - now begins my “payoff” harvest that will hopefully be long and diverse with different vegetables.

I also make the connection of experiencing a related “payoff” as I compare efforts people in the Seacoast have made regarding social distancing and mask wearing. I am grateful we haven't had the dramatic increase of cases like other locations in the US and around the World. Having said this, I am not suggesting that we should change our current practices. I believe we need to carry on by following science informed restrictions in consistent and complete ways.



I believe the ideas and forethought that Pastor provided since mid-March to offer worship, ministry, and guidance has supported me through these bizarre, challenging, and isolating times. I think as a church, we can also acknowledge our “payoff.” We successfully reached and exceeded our Social Ministry goal which has sent funds to local social supporting organizations and ministries which help people in the Seacoast area. Other payoffs exist in how we are able to worship on Sunday via Zoom, outside (reserved seating) on Tuesday evenings, and quietly sitting alone in church (scheduled visit). We also benefit when we give service to the church through the chores completed outside and inside church, donation food for our Thursday pop-up pantry, offer your time to set-up the pop-up pantry, or serve on one of the church's ministry teams. If you are curious about any of these “payoffs” please contact Pastor or Mark in the office to learn more!

I have been also watched a “payoff” given to us by two of our church members. Several weeks ago, a strong storm moved over the church and an electrical surge or strike

caused damage to some of our electrical use systems. I was quickly reminded of how fortunate Holy Trinity is to have members who hold diverse talents and the willingness to invest their time and energy serving the church. Dave Smith and Dave Mercer, along with Pastor and Mark Donahue, investigated, researched, informed, collaborated, and still continue to follow-up with the process of repair. This “payoff” will be appreciated by us all when we are able to return safely together to worship in church.

I will continue to enjoy the “payoffs” from my garden and will look-out for more hidden pay-offs of appreciation and gratitude as we all transition to another season in the loving hands of God’s support and constant love.

Operation Blessing

We have had a request from Operation Blessing for school supplies. As you know, we have collected many times in the past for these supplies. The only difference is that this year we are asking you to drop off your donations at OB. On Lafayette Rd next to Crossroads House. OB is only open WED- FRI from 10-4 and the drop off directions are on the flier attached. Please help by donating some school items. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me at ljlnh@comcast.net or call me on my cell at 793-3120. Thank you.



(Please look on the next page for a colored flyer about which School Supplies are needed)

End 68 Hours of Hunger

Due to the increased need during the pandemic End 68 Hours of Hunger is continuing to provide food bags for Portsmouth families throughout the summer months. Taking into account the safety of our Holy Trinity team members we made the decision to have only the team leaders and members of their households do the monthly packing. We hope to be able to resume packing as a team in the fall if and when it is safe to do so.



Lauren Gianino and Kathy McKenna

Seacoast Adopt-A-Block

2020 BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

It's that time of year when kids are heading back to school. Even though it may look a little different this year, families in our seacoast area need help to get ready for the school season.

Here's a list of items we are currently collecting:

- Markers(regular/washable)
- Dry erase markers
- Ballpoint pens(black, blue, red)
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue/glue sticks
- Pink erasers
- sharpener
- pencil boxes/bags
- Rulers
- Index cards
- Stapler/staples
- Staple remover

- Calculators
- Protractor
- Scientific calculators
- USB Flash drives
- Geometry compass
- Backpacks
- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Assignment notebooks

- Lined paper(wide/college ruled)
- Subject notebooks (wide/college)
- Pocket folders
- Dividers & tabs
- 3 Ring binders
- Folders
- Scissors
- Mechanical pencils
- Correction tape
- Scotch tape

- tissues
- hand sanitizer
- sanitizer wipes
- facemasks

Items may be dropped off at 2 convenient locations:

- Greenleaf Rec Center, 195 Greenleaf Ave, Portsmouth (Monday thru Thursday, 1-3pm)
- Operation Blessing, 600A Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth (Wednesday thru Friday, 10am-4pm)

Or items may be dropped off by appointment by calling Tammy Joslyn at 603-988-2671

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson.

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

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

Friends

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), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Bonnie Beatty (Rich Wilcox's niece), Floyd Richards (Claire Radke's neighbor), Susan Rogers (Linda Edwards' cousin), Mary Roberts (Heidi Morrison's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Karla Roth (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' sister-in-law), Jane Stevens (Jill Larson's sister), Hayden Larson (Jill Larson's grand-nephew).

Birthdays – September

Tracy Barry, Steven Bauer, Erik Bygd, Bill Clapp, Hannah Crafts, Paul Eide, Serena Gerome, Judy Gessner, Don Gindlesperger, Emily Goupil, Russ Hilliard, Edie Hudak, Alex Janakis, Peter Johnson, Tim Krick, Mary Kuck, Sparky Larkin III, Jace Marone, Julie Mellor, Heidi Morrison, Grace Paradis, Joan Parseghian, Scott Rindfleish, Bill Semrau, Yosua Siagian, Michelle Spoto, Ann Stephan, Gerry Stone Jr., Rich Swiatocha, Sonia Talabessy



Anniversaries – September

Richard & Martha Belanger, Mark & Erlinde Beliveau, Pat & Rich Woollett, Rob Leatherbee & Margaret Tilton, Jim & Kathy McKenna, Dan & Lara Scammon, Jeff & Elena Pomroy, Paul & Lauren Gianino, Chris & Jason Miller, Jason & Beth Rice, Carl & Eileen Kackenmeister, Angie & Paul Eide.

