

# The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

## New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a “member” at Holy Trinity, or curious about what “membership” means? There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for you to express your interest. Pastor Tim will then contact you to have conversations about who we are as Holy Trinity, the ELCA and what it means for our lives.

**Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family**

## First Communion

Are you or your child interested in learning more about communion and what happens when we receive the bread and the wine? Please sign-up for communion classes in the Gathering Area. Dates are not set yet for the classes. It will depend on who and how many people are involved. Please see Pastor Tim for additional information or questions.



## Tax Preparation

VITA volunteers will prepare Personal Income Tax Returns at Holy Trinity on February 10 and 17 beginning at Noon and ending around 5 PM. The maximum income should be about \$52,000 or less. If you have any questions, please see Dave Arrington.



## Presidents Article

Greetings everyone!! Happy New Year!!

I hope you all had a wonderful, joyful Christmas season. Before it's totally faded from memory, I want to thank everyone for the generous response to my letter on behalf of Church Council in early December, which gave you the opportunity to offer good wishes, thanks and support to all of our great staff here at Holy Trinity. Pastor Tim, Mark, Jon, Jonathan, Ken, Heidi, and Juanita were all very appreciative of the recognition shown to them, and I and all the Council members want to thank you, the congregation, for your generous response. Thank you very much, one and all, and "God Bless us, everyone".

So now we're into January .... On average the coldest month of the year, with long nights and short daylight time, and (hopefully) working on paying off all those lingering Christmas bills. And.....we have the Annual Congregational meeting, which relative to that other stuff, makes it a good event!!.



This year, we'll be holding the meeting between services on the 27th. At this point the primary topic will be the presentation and vote to accept the budget for the 2019 calendar year. The Nominating Committee will present names to fill the Secretary Position and Member at Large – Serve The Lord position. We will also be approving two members to attend the New England Assembly in June in Worcester, Ma.

There will be an Adult Forum discussion about the budget the week before, on January 20th, and I hope that everyone that is able, will attend. As with last years budget, our anticipated offerings for 2019 will be shy of our anticipated expenses, hence Council will be recommending a budget that will include use of some reserve funds and "In and Out" funds to fill the gap. Last year's anticipated offerings were exceeded by an amount that was greater than actual expenses, so the need for dipping into the reserve funds did not materialize. I would hope we can be as blessed for a second year in a row. Linda Edwards, Treasurer, will have the budget paper available at the Forum.

Finally, the Council is looking for two congregation members to attend the NE Synod Assembly on June 7 & 8. If you're interested, please speak to Pastor or any Council member, and we'll give you the details. You will go as the two voting delegates of Holy Trinity, with the church paying all expenses. It takes place in Worcester, Ma. and runs Friday evening thru Saturday.

Please don't forget the Annual Meeting between services on the 27th. There will not be any NFL action that weekend, so that should help clear your calendar a bit and allow time to attend!!

Enjoy the rest of January. Stay warm.

Peace to All

Dave Smith, Council President



### **Stewardship Team**

As we begin a new year, the Stewardship Committee would remind every member of our Church of the need to care for our church, the staff who serves us, and each other. Financially, we have committed ourselves to a greater degree than last year, both in the number of pledging units and the total amount pledged. We would remind all to love and care for our staff as we would care for our family members, and to tend to our fellow members of Holy Trinity and to give our love and support to them. It goes without saying that fulfilling our pledge to the Church is extremely important, but we would be remiss if we didn't mention it. If you haven't picked up the envelopes for your giving, please do so. If you haven't made a pledge yet and would like to do so, please ask me, Mark Donahue or Pastor Tim for a pledge card.



Dave Arrington

For the Stewardship Committee

## NE Synod Assembly

Congregation Council is looking for two Holy Trinity members to represent us at the New England Synod Assembly on Friday evening and Saturday, June 7th and 8th, in Worcester, Ma. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to Pastor or any Council member.



## CaringConnections

CaringConnections aims to assist church friends and families. If you fall and fracture your wrist and cannot drive; if you have the flu or similar and need a meal; if you just feel alone and know that a short message in a card would help—we will be there. BUT! We are a New England congregation, and we don't shout out our frailties. Often, CaringConnections simply does not know you need us. SO! If you need prayers, a card, a meal or two or want to be put on our visitation or home communion lists for those who cannot attend church, please, please, please contact the church: Mark in the office (603 436 1704) or office@htelccom. He will contact us immediately. Help is on the way!!



## Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be March 8-10 this year. The theme is Fruits of the Spirit based on Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*



The cost for the weekend for those staying the entire weekend is \$165 per person. For those coming on Saturday only, breakfast is \$8, lunch is \$12, and dinner is \$18. Sign up information and rooms available will be up later in February. Renovations to the upstairs rooms are not complete so I don't have confirmed rooms/occupancy numbers yet. If you have any questions or would like to help out contact Jill Schock at jillschock@gmail.com or at 603-749-9073 and of course at church!