

April 14 & 21, 2019

# The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

## Save the date for an Adult Spring Fling

Thursday, May 23 6-9 PM at Cornerstone Pizza & Brewery in Portsmouth.

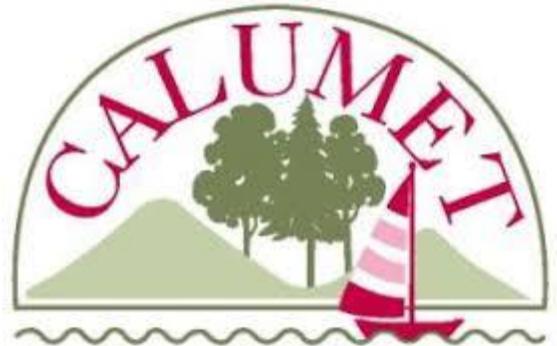
Details to follow!



## Calumet Work Weekend May 3-5. Rain or Shine

Calumet's Spring clean up weekend is less than a month away. You can stay for the whole weekend or come on Saturday and help with the many jobs that need to get done. Calumet will be contacting you soon to sign up for the projects you are most interested in doing. For this reason and so that they can plan for meals, please contact Calumet if you will be coming (indicate for the weekend or for the day) if you have not already done so. Remember to pack bug spray, head bug net, work clothes you can get dirty, and most importantly your strong arms and good spirits. Calumet 603-539-3223 or [alice@calumet.org](mailto:alice@calumet.org).

Other questions Leslie Carson at [carsonsl@maine.rr.com](mailto:carsonsl@maine.rr.com)



## Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.



## Liturgical Dance on Palm Sunday, April 14

On Palm Sunday we celebrated Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem with a dance. Religious worship of all kinds has traditionally been enhanced by an element of movement or dance. Our human nature just naturally finds expression in dance, whether it be for reasons of great joy or deep sadness, or to tell a story. Dance is also found in the Old Testament as for instance in Psalm 149:1-3. It says "Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker, let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp." In Exodus 15:20-21, it is written that after the Israelites passed through the Red Sea and were safe from Pharaoh's army, "Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them, 'Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.'" In 2 Samuel, it is documented that when David brought up the ark of God to Jerusalem, he danced before the Lord with all his might. Those of us who have studied dance and love it have found it meaningful to worship God with dance during celebratory times in the church year. It is an offering to God and a gift we wish to share with the congregation.

*Written by Bonnie Sanders, Lara Scammon, and Leslie Darling. Photo by Mark Donahue*



## Holy Trinity's Facebook Page feed

Holy Trinity's Facebook Page feed is now available on our webpage. Simply go to our home page at [htelc.com](http://htelc.com) and scroll down to find our Facebook page feed (next to the Worship Schedule). This is perfect for those of you who want to meet Pastor Tim for coffee every Thursday morning, but you don't have a Facebook account. We also share fun photos of Church Events, messages from the ELCA, and our weekly video of Pastor Tim's sermon. No facebook account needed!



## Property Team

The parking lot is clear except for patches of ice and snow at the rear of the lot, blocking the full use of some spots. But thanks to a seasonal change of warmer weather and an assist from our plow provider, this is no longer an issue.

The damage to one of the trash bin doors has been repaired, painted, and re-installed. There were repairs made for a dripping faucet and a leaking toilet tank.

As the season changes very soon, there will be a need for the lawn mowers to perform again, and a tent raising for a local garden club plant sale.

*Barry Philbrick, Interim Property Team Leader*



## Faith Formation Team

In the next month, Faith Formation at Holy Trinity includes Traveling Together Sundays on April 14 & May 12th; and All Ages Faith Learning Groups & Adult Forum on April 28th & May 5th. The forum will continue the study of “How to keep practicing our Christian faith, even when our faith is shaken” with Mark Edwards and Pastor Krick. The children and youth will focus on Easter in their classes. May 19th will be the last Sunday of programs for the school year. For the summer, we are planning VBS for the evenings of Sunday, July 28 - Thursday, August 1. If you would like to participate or volunteer to help, please see Heidi Morrison. If your child is attending day or residence camp at Calumet, please ask Heidi about camp scholarships by May 5. We are grateful for everyone who purchased, assembled, and prayed for the 130 personal care kits, which were put together on the service Sunday in March.



May you be richly blessed this Easter!

*Lara Scammon*

*And the Faith Formation Team*

## Stewardship and Spiritual Gifts

<sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

We have each received a gift to serve from God's abundant Grace. Do you know where your gift fits in service to the Lord? Do you wonder how God asks you to serve at Holy Trinity? God wants you to serve in an area that gives you great joy. He doesn't want you to begrudge serving. Do you know where your deepest joy is in serving? The answer to these questions lays in the discovery of your own spiritual gifts.

Here at Holy Trinity, it takes a huge part of our congregation to fulfill the mission of service to ourselves and to the world. Each person is uniquely gifted by God for ministry when we understand that we need to use those gifts to serve to build up the body of Christ. Some of the tasks at Holy Trinity seem mundane, but all who serve can be part of a vital mission here and abroad.

In the coming weeks we will be conducting our Time and Talent campaign. This year it will be done slightly differently, but we believe that our past drives have given a glimpse of the desired outcome.

In the book *Wishful Thinking* by Frederick Buechner, the author writes, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." We each have special gifts from God and when we find and apply them, we will find the deepest joy.

We hope your service is our deepest joy.

*Dave Arrington*

