

# The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

## Confirmation is beginning!

All youth and parents in grades 7-9 are invited to join us Sunday, Sept. 22 from 5-7 pm. We will play some games, make some dinner, learn about our faith and end with meditation and prayer. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Questions? Email Pastor Tim at [pastortim@htlc.com](mailto:pastortim@htlc.com)



## Funeral Team

We are looking for someone to head up a Funeral Team. We have volunteers to help, but looking for someone to lead. This person is responsible for recruiting and organizing the food aspect of a funeral. It is an important part of what we do at Holy Trinity. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tim for more details. [pastortim@htlc.com](mailto:pastortim@htlc.com)



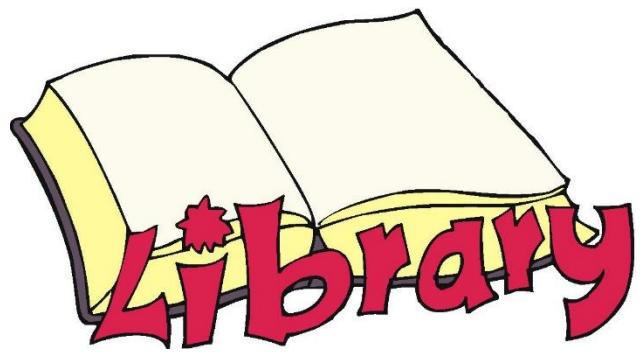
## God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work, Our Hands is on Sunday, October 6. More details will follow as the date approaches. Don't forget to wear your yellow or blue shirts.



## Library Team

Ever been curious about how the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America came to be? Let me just say, it wasn't quick and easy! The quick answer is that in 1986 the ALC, ELC, and LCA merged to be the ELCA. But before that, there were the AELC, ELCC, UELC, and TALC, not to mention individual synods organized in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century by folks from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, etc. When I was an Iowa teenager, in the square mile where my family's farm was located there were two ELCs, an ALC, a Wisconsin Synod, and a Lutheran Brotheran (not to be confused with Lutheran Brotherhood). My family belonged to one of the ELC's and though we shared a minister and struggled financially to keep up two congregations, we couldn't possibly unite. After all, one was *country* and the other *town*.



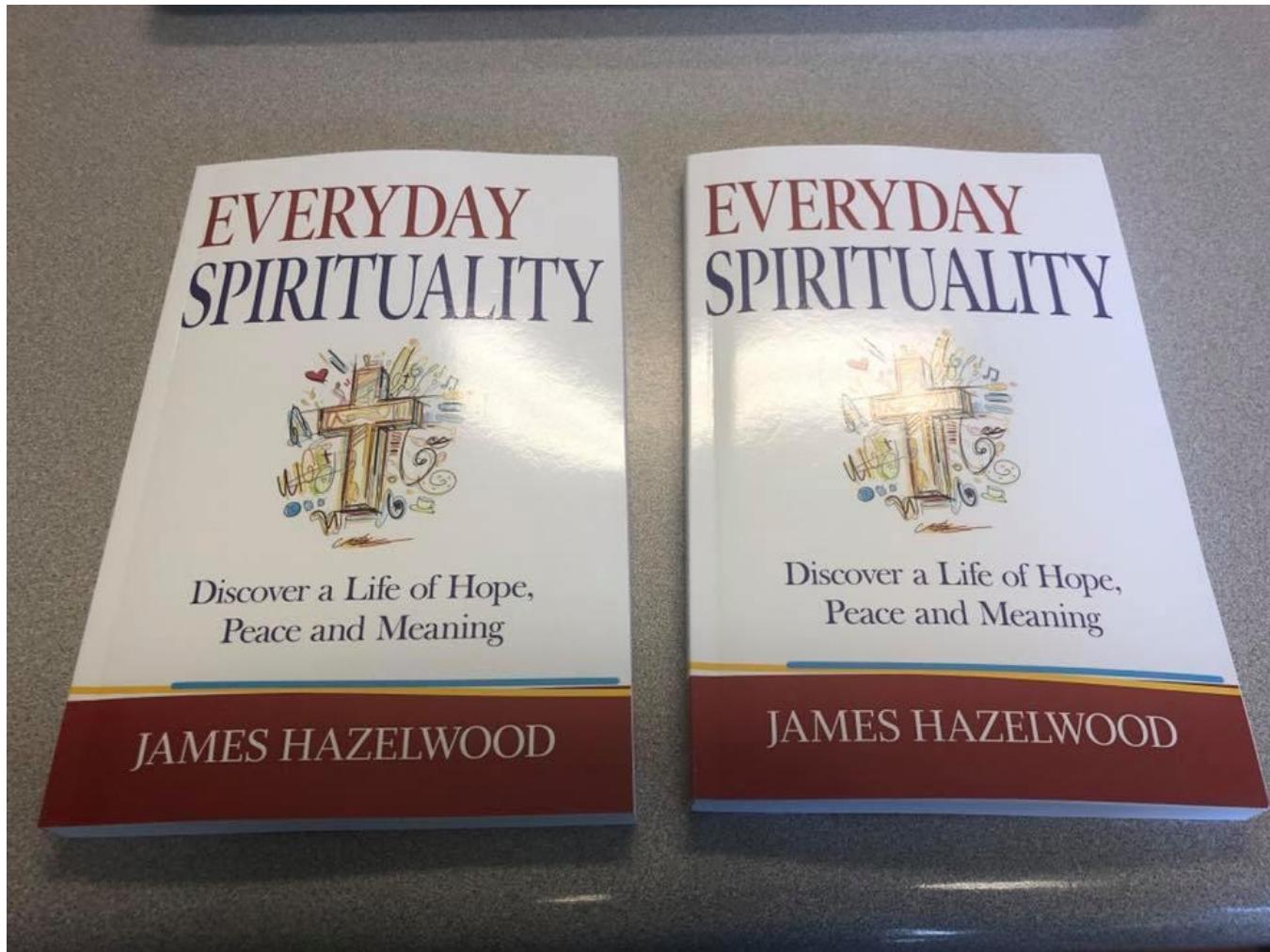
Two new books at the BGLibrary address the questions. "Lutherans in America" by Mark Granquist and "Lutheran Denominations in America" by L. DeAne Lagerquist might not have been your beach reading, but they're just right for the beginning of another academic year. Granquist (Professor of Lutheran History, Luther College, Iowa) and Lagerquist (same, St. Olaf College, Minnesota) are perhaps today's best known Lutheran historians.\* Granquist "brings to light not only the institutions that Lutherans founded...but the people that lived within them." Lagerquist traces the development of Lutheranism in our country "from the colonial era through the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

These two volumes are currently on display. Both are lively, fascinating reads. You'll be surprised at how complicated we are! To paraphrase

Granquist, we Lutherans are about “politics and policies” combined with “piety and practical experience.”

\*That is, besides Holy Trinity’s own Mark Edwards, who, incidentally, recommended these books.

*Church office note:* Two copies of Bishop Hazelwood’s new book, “Everyday Spirituality” have arrived in our mailbox. You can start checking out his book in our library now!



## Property Team

Maybe my memories of August are just wishful thinking, but I recall our outdoor work typically slacked off in August, just in time to accommodate late summer vacations. This has not been the case this year, due in part to a backlog of outside work that did not get done earlier in the summer, but we have managed to keep the seasonal vegetation under control. Many thanks are due to Scott Carson who came in several times in August to trim and shape all of our bushes, cut back some troublesome tree branches, cut back the plant growth along the Spaulding Turnpike fence line, and more. Erica Nania, the newest member of our Thursday Group arrived just in time to help Scott with some of the trimming and she has also been introduced to the normal inside routine. It is great to see new people such as Erica, a mother and employed, who finds the time to help us when her schedule permits. As always, our Thursday Morning regulars have continued with their outstanding efforts to maintain the building and property. I applaud each of you. Thank you for your service.



The mystery of the non-functioning electrical outlets in the kindergarten classroom has been solved! The electricians we hired to resolve this issue and install additional outlets in this room, discovered an electrical line in the basement overhead area that had been damaged and cut off. It appears that the wire was probably damaged in one of our construction projects, so the outlets have not been functional for many years. They are functional now, and all of the receptacles are the tamper-resistant variety recommended by our insurance carrier, especially in spaces for our young children. We can now move forward with converting this space to the new Wiggle Room and converting the existing Wiggle Room to a conference room. Another new

Property Team volunteer, Bill Kath, came in to help move items out of the kindergarten room to support the electrical work. This is a great example of how a volunteer can support the Property Team at times other than Thursday Morning. Thanks, Bill.

By the time you read this, we will have completed a cleaning of the stone floor in the Sanctuary. As noted by a long-time member and passable humorist (thanks, Alice), the last time the stone floor was cleaned was when the roof leaked during construction! All jokes aside, many thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to move chairs and other items so our cleaners could do their thing. There is good reason why it has not been done for a long time. It is a big effort. Many thanks to what I am calling the "Clean The Stone Floor Team" ... they are ...

Byrl Short

Bob Hollister

Bernie Olsen

Barry and Phyllis Philbrick

Eleanor Young

Pastor Tim Krick

Dave Arrington

Pat Woollett

Dick Topping

Yours truly ... and of course ... Seacoast Cleaners



I can't resist a little braggadocio. I recently repaired two of our lawn mowers for a grand total of about \$10. One of our riding mowers quit on us, so I hauled it to my garage in Madbury, found a failed part and got it running again. One of our push mowers would not start for lack of compression ... off to Madbury! I found an internal engine part that was not working properly

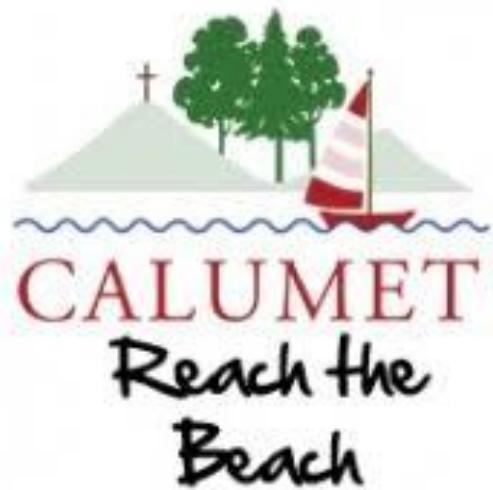
and fixed it at no cost. I estimate I saved the Holy Trinity about \$400! I have one more piece of our equipment in Madbury that I am working on. Time is money unless you are retired! Martha says I need a raise.

As for what is coming up, we will be continuing to resolve fire protection related issues identified in a recent Fire Department inspection. We have taken care of several items, but much more remains to be done over the next several months. Stay tuned for more progress reports.

*Dave Mercer, Property Team Leader*

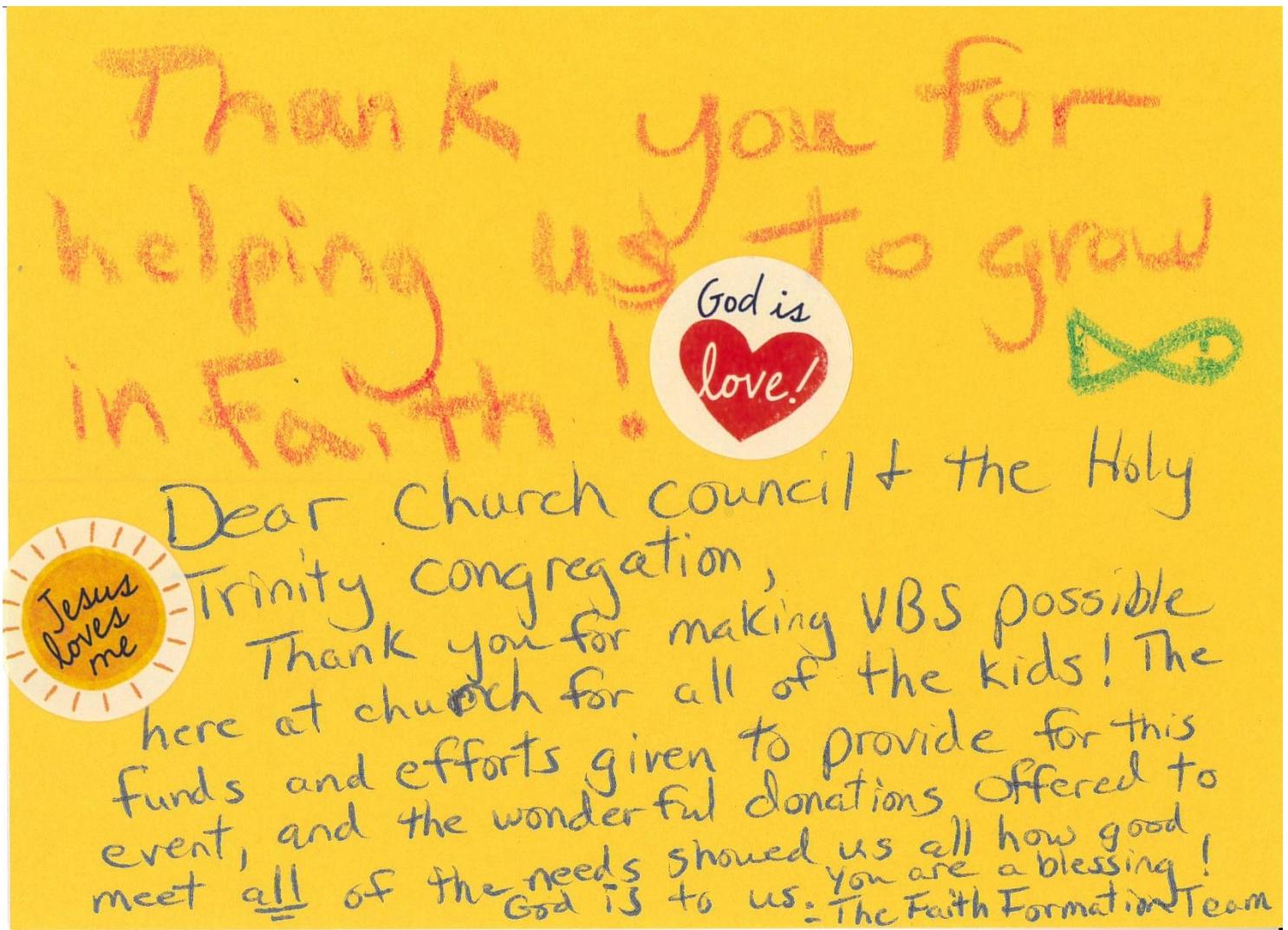
## **Reach the Beach**

Next weekend, our own Stephanie Goupil will be joining thousands of others in running in Ragnar's Reach the Beach, on behalf of Camp Calumet to raise money for camp scholarships. This is a two-day, 200 mile race across NH, beginning at Bretton Woods and ending at Hampton Beach. If you would like to help out Stephanie, go to [crowdrise.com/stephaniegoupil](https://crowdrise.com/stephaniegoupil). Alternatively, you can go to [calumet.org](http://calumet.org), click on "Giving to Calumet" and click on "Make a Gift". Under "Reach the Beach 2019" add your donation and add Stephanie Goupil's name.



## Thank you, from the Faith Formation Team

The following, received from the Faith Formation Team was addressed to the church council, and more importantly to the congregation, and I thought we should share it with you all. (See photo below) - *Dave Smith, Council President*



## Faith Formation Team

We're looking forward to the Rally Sunday celebration this week on September 8! After such an uplifting week of VBS this summer, we cannot wait to welcome everyone together to explore the Bible and grow together in faith, seeking ways to serve the Lord.

What a time to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." (Psalm 118:29) Come join us for Faith Learning Groups, with Adult Forum including youth (7-12th grades), and Preschool-2nd grade & 3rd-6th grades in the back classrooms. If you have any questions, please see Heidi Morrison.



*Lara Scammon & the Faith Formation Team*