

JULY 2018 GRAPEVINE



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS



We have had three funerals in the past month of persons of Danish descent. It was the Danes who dug the foundation of this church with their bare hands. For many years the worship services were only in Danish. I recently spoke with a very elderly woman at Gorham House who told me she came to the “Danish Lutheran Church” when she was young. Danish ornaments still hang on our Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees. The Danish ship hangs prominently in our sanctuary.

Today, however, this congregation has truly become multicultural with families from other European backgrounds, from St. Lucia in the Caribbean, and from several African nations including Ethiopia, Eritrea, Congo and Tanzania. There are still some Danes that are the heart and soul of this congregation and we will never lose our Danish roots. But we are so richly blessed by the variety of customs and traditions that our new members bring to us. It is with great joy that all are welcome in this place.

Pastor Karen



"I Heard it through the Grapeseed!"

IMPORTANT DATES

COUNCIL IS MEETING MONDAY JULY 9 AT 7:00PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE IS MEETING THURSDAY JULY 12 AT 11:00AM

NEW DIRECTORY – It is time for a new directory. If you have not already passed a directory form in to the office, please ask for a form to fill out and return as soon as possible so our secretary may update the current directory this summer. Thank you.

THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY MEAL ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, DUE TO THE HOLIDAY



WE WILL WORSHIP IN THE PARK – SUNDAY, JULY 15 WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 22. Worship will be followed by brunch.



Welcoming the Stranger is a grass roots project that matches mentors with asylum seekers to help them integrate into the greater Portland community. If you are interested, visit www.WTSMaine.com



Family Promise week begins at Westbrook-Warren on July 1st and ends July 7th. Whether you provide a meal, arrange activities for children, come to share dinner, or stay overnight, you can make a difference in the lives of families who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to everyone at Trinity who has shared time with these families. If you are interested in helping in July, please see Jane.



GLORY TO GOD CHOIR On Sunday August 5, the Glory to God Choir is scheduled to present the special music for that Sunday. Rehearsal will take place the Sunday before (July 29) after church at 10:30. All are welcome.

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

WOO-WOO! - THE TRAIN IS IN THE STATION!



Thank you to all for the success of "Climb Aboard the Food Train" Thrivent event, sponsored by Jane Sinclair. Thanks to all who brought our jars to places all over town and also picked them up. Thanks to all for checking and sorting food and who brought food or donated money. Thanks to all who helped load and unload all boxes of food at the food pantry. A total of \$8,550.66 was raised and 153 large boxes of food! THANK YOU, THANK YOU! "WE KNEW WE COULD, WE KNEW WE COULD, WE KNEW WE COULD..... "

FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE



FOR YOUTH AGES 6-15 FROM First Lutheran, St. Ansgar, Trinity and the local community-You are invited to Vacation Bible School, July 9-13, 2018 from 9-4 at Trinity. Please contact cathiebunk@gmail.com 404-0059 or Pastor Karen 854-5653 for more info.

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FROM JANE AND BONNIE



SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP – AUGUST 2ND-4TH TO SEE JESUS-TWO MONTHS TO GO!

The White Star Tours will be sending us more information regarding departure, etc. as the date gets closer and you will be notified.

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ETHIOPIAN AND ERITREAN FELLOWSHIP IN SONG AND PRAYER – Our

Ethiopian and Eritrean brothers and sisters from Westbrook and greater Portland are meeting weekly at Trinity in the fellowship hall for a Celebration of Prayer and Praise in their native languages. Worship is held at Trinity on Sundays @ 4:00 pm.



PRAYER GROUP – Meets Wednesdays at 11:15. Many prayer concerns have been lifted up and many thanksgivings have been raised. We invite all who cannot attend to consider praying with us at 11:15 on Wednesday from wherever you are at that time. **There are prayer request cards and a box to place them in after they are filled out on the table next to the Secretary's office door.**

WAYSIDE FOOD PROGRAM-WESTBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER MEALS Every Wednesday



from 5:00-6:00, the Community Meal is held at the Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street. You can enter the center through the front door or directly to the meal site from the right side entrance. The Community Center space is large, with on-site parking. Wayside Food Services is our wonderful partner in sponsoring this weekly free meal for anyone who wants to come. We can always use help. **If you would like to volunteer, contact Jane or Ted.**

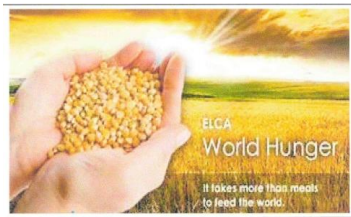


Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran, A special thank you to Trinity for their generous response to our donational appeal! Because of the thoughtfulness of our New England ELCA friends, we are distributing personal care items and bedding to hundreds of individuals and families living in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Gratefully, Dana Ramish, Executive Vice President and Diane Fitzmaurice, Volunteer Manager, Ascentria Care Alliance

Thank you very much to Parish Care for your support to me here at *Long Creek*, as well as your concern for me at this difficult time. I am back to work at the center trying to make a difference and thankful for those who have stood behind and beside me. Chaplain Dan

The Ethiopian committee wants to say thank Trinity for their generosity and willingness to help the displaced people in Oromia and Ethio Somali Regions in Ethiopia. Especially we want to say thank you for your initiation and willingness to match up the \$1000. donated by the Ethiopian and Eretrean Christian fellowship. The Trinity Lutheran Church is always in the front line to reach out for the needy people in Ethiopia and we are so grateful for your wonderful exemplary action. Thank you, God bless you all. The Committee

CONGRATULATIONS! TRINITY IS #3 IN CONGREGATIONAL GIVING IN THE NEW ENGLAND SYNOD



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Westbrook, ME

Thank you for your faithful service in sharing your God-given financial resources with the ELCA World Hunger Program! Your generosity is helping people have sustainable lives. Through gifts like yours, people in over 60 countries have better agricultural resources, access to clean water, nutritious food, education for children, effective ways to earn a living and better health care.

According to the ELCA World Hunger Program, your church for fiscal year 2017 has given to the ELCA World Hunger Program

\$6,169.

This reflects #3 in congregational giving in the New England Synod.



Congratulations to Krista Keene and Nick Mangino.

They will be married by Pastor Karen at Sugarloaf on July 28.

REMEMBRANCE  OF BAPTISM



Pastor Karen has been collecting anniversaries of baptisms, either from our church records or by persons submitting their date. Every month we will print the dates that we have - month and day only, not the year. Include a prayer of thanksgiving for our members and friends on the anniversary of their baptisms. Please submit your date to the pastor if you would like to be

included.

JULY

Holly A. 07/01 Josh C. 07/07 Jessica C. 07/11 Jennifer S. 07/12 Joey D. 07/22

JULY WORSHIP HELPERS - THANK YOU!



If you are unable to perform this duty on specified date, please arrange for a substitute or swap with someone. Assistants and Readers please supply your replacement with your prayers or readings that are emailed to you or notify the office to resend to your replacement. In order for participants to be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, please put notice of change in Secretary's mail box or tape to door. Thank you.

JULY	Assistants	Readers	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Care	Counters
1	Beth	Christina	Alexis	George/Royden	Greta	Jane	Carey/Ted
8	Paul	Carey	Delia	George/Joleen	Carol	TBA	Abera/Beth
15	Carey	Bill	Addie	George/Paul	Peggy	TBA	Beth/Linda
22	Doug	Joleen	Bev	George/Sue	Hazel	TBA	Christina/Diane
29	Linda	Josh	Tamagne	George/Thomas	Priscille	TBA	Doug/Carey



CONGRATULATIONS, TRINITY LUTHERAN!

