

MARCH 2020 GRAPEVINE



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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS



During this year's Lenten season, we are delighted to host our midweek Lenten worship with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in the Portland area. A simple meal of soup, bread and dessert will be served at 6:00 accompanied by fellowship and a chance to make some new friends. Pick-up choir rehearsal is at 6:30, followed by the much-loved Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00. The homily presented by one of our local clergy will focus on the significance of our baptisms. Lent has traditionally been a time for new Christians to prepare for baptism at Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday. For most of us it is a time to remember our baptisms and affirm the promises made.

I hope that you will join us this year in our hospitality and in beautiful and meaningful evening vespers as part of our forty-day journey to Easter.
Blessings to you during these holy days.

Pastor Karen



Ron's Adventure in Bosque



Annual Meeting



Valentine Tea for Seniors



ANOTHER MISSION OPPORTUNITY PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP MAY 24-31

You're invited to be part of a team from the New England Synod, partnering with Lutherans in Puerto Rico to rebuild, roof, worship, and make new friends. Registration and a \$100 deposit are due no later than Feb. 29th and space is limited! The registration form can be found online at <https://forms.gle/263xYgT8LfdCjhQRA>. Contact Rev. Tim Roser at trosor@nesynod.org with any questions. Cost of the trip is \$400 excluding airfare; participants are responsible for booking and paying for their own flights.

Trip cost includes all ground transportation. Monday-Friday breakfast & dinner meals will be provided by the camp. Additional meal costs are the participants' responsibility. The group will be staying at Lutheran Camp Eduardo Roig, Maguayo, Dorado, operated by Lutheran Social Services of Puerto Rico. Camp Eduardo is located 22 miles from San Juan. See map for location: <https://goo.gl/maps/h8UTNUR8WAL2>. Participants are expected to arrive at Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport on Sunday, May 24th and leave on Sunday, May 31st. More details will be sent upon registration.

I HEARD IT FROM THE GRAPEVINE!



SAVE THESE MEETING DATES:

Parish Care – Tues March 3rd @ 2pm Social Ministry – Tues March 3rd @ 6pm

Council - Tues March 10th @ 7pm

PAUL'S PALS will sing at 2pm Sun., March 8th at Springbrook Nursing Home, 300 Spring St. Westbrook

SENIOR SAINTS will sing at 2pm on March 18th at Ledgewood Manor Nursing Home, Windham



PAUL'S PALS will be honored with an award at Knights of Columbus meeting at St. Anthony's on Monday, March 23rd at 6pm. Social gathering is 6:00-6:30 with dinner at 6:30 and then singing for half an hour.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR OUR VETERANS – Alternatives to Suicide Support Group for Veterans, Westbrook Chapter, meets 1-2:30pm on Tuesdays at the Warren memorial Library in Room D on the second floor-800 Main St. Westbrook. You do not have to be suicidal to attend You may have successfully dealt with suicidal thoughts in the past and have strength to share with others. Trained facilitators. Call or text Paul Young at (207)310-1238 or Rob Foley (207)409-5001 with questions.



ANNUAL "CLIMB ABOARD THE FOOD TRAIN" We are gearing up again for this awesome event. Last year's program raised \$20,137.17 and 120 boxes of non-perishable food for Westbrook Food Pantry. The program will break ground on March 1st. The Westbrook Food Pantry has been very appreciative of the efforts over the past 8 years. Food must be non-perishables (please check dates-we cannot accept any expired donations). More details to follow. This is a Thrivent Event led by Jane Sinclair.



Home Care & Hospice is offering another opportunity to

become a hospice volunteer and make a difference. Hold a hand, lend an ear, run an errand, or provide a comforting presence. If you are a compassionate, reliable individual with a sincere desire to help, we encourage you to join our team of valued Northern Light Home Care & Hospice volunteers. Call today to learn about this opportunity and sign up for our upcoming training session! Beth Simmons, LSW, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Volunteer Coordinator 207-400-8852

SPRING SCHEDULE – DATES: TUESDAY, MARCH 10,17,24,31, 9AM-1PM/TUESDAY APRIL 7, 4:30-6:30PM

LOCATION – SUITE 1, 50 FODEN ROAD, SOUTH PORTLAND



SEASON OF LENT

This year Trinity will be providing leadership for our Lenten services.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – This is the year when the Portland area Lutheran Churches will hold their midweek worship at Trinity. Beginning on Wednesday, March 4, a simple soup and bread supper will be served at 6:00, followed by a pick-up choir rehearsal at 6:30. Worship at 7:00 will feature Holden Evening Prayer with meditations by local clergy. The theme for this year is “Baptismal Renewal”; Week 1-*Renouncing Evil*; Week 2-*Seeking New Birth*; Week 3-*Living Water*; Week 4-*Dying and Rising*; Week 5-*Anointing and New Light*. If you can assist with the soup supper sponsored by Parish Care, contact Jane Sinclair.

HOLY WEEK - Palm/Passion Sunday on April 5 begins our journey to the cross in anticipation of Easter.

\$1.00 ELCA WORLD HUNGER’S 40 DAYS OF GIVING You are invited to join together with fellow members and give a dollar a day during the 40 Days of Lent. Please see Jane if you are interested.

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS FOR:

ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26) IS FOR MY PLACE TEEN CENTER, WESTBROOK- Use envelope with purple stripe. **THE LENTEN OFFERING – IS FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION-**Use envelope with orange stripe.

THE COMBINED LUTHERAN LENTEN SERVICE OFFERINGS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT TRINITY WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR GREATER PORTLAND FAMILY PROMISE

A LENTEN INVITATION FROM WESTBROOK-WARREN – PLEASE JOIN US

WALKING DURING LENT Once again this year we will gather for stretching and walking during Lent. Meet at the church (weather permitting) or at the Carhartt entrance to the Mall (in bad weather) every Tuesday & Thursday morning at 10:00 am. **MOVIE SERIES & POTLUCK DURING LENT** During Lent this year we will be showing “The Chosen” on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. Bring a potluck dish to share or just come to the movie! “The Chosen” is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – SUNDAY MARCH 22ND



GPFP is holding a volunteer appreciation event from 4-6 pm at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland. All volunteers are welcome. There will be food, music, and maybe some former guests as well! Family Promise looks forward to recognizing the life-

changing work that the volunteers do every day.

GPFP TRINITY VOLUNTEERS – Thank you to the following volunteers who gave of their time in February to make our guests welcome and comfortable during their stay at Westbrook-Warren. Tiruneh, Josh, Hazel, Jane, Abera, Carey, Brenda O., Linda C., Mary C. & Christina.

FACTS: In 2019: 17 Families were served; 78 individuals were served; 13 families were housed; the 2019 housing success rate was 93%

Since opening in July 2017: 167 individuals were served; 40 families were served; 97 children under 18 were served; 36 children ages 5 and under were served

58% of people served were children; 37% of children served were ages 5 and under; 88% of families served were newly arrived immigrant families (35 out of 40); 31 families have been housed;

overall housing success rate is 84% - 31 out of 37!



GUIDELINES FOR CAMPERSHIPS

CAMPSHIP APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE IN BY MARCH 31 DEADLINE

Applications can be requested from the church office. Guidelines for granting Camperships are:
The recipient must be active in Sunday School, youth group, and/or church.
Camperships must be for a Christian camp.

A completed form requesting a campership by the applicant must be made in a timely fashion with the deadline set forth by the Church Council on an annual basis.

The amount to be granted for each campership will be the amount set in the annual budget and any additional funds received prior to the decision-making deadline, divided by the number of recipients.

The recipients must be present to receive their camperships at a worship service.

ON-GOING AT TRINITY



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.

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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.

MARCH

Karen Indorf 03/11 Virginia Cote 03/19 Alexis Mangal 03/26
David Peterson 03/28 Tyler Souliere 03/30 Brenda Orach 03/31

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MARCH 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.

MARCH	Assistants	Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Care	Counters
1	Doug	Elsie	George/Joleen	Thomas	Diana	Doug/Carey
8	Paul	Henry	George/Joe	Carol	Diana	Carey/Bob
15	Linda	Beth	George/Linda	Tiruneh	Diana	Bob/Linda
22	Abera	Christina	George/Dennis	Alitza	Diana	Linda/Ted
29	Sue	Doug	George/Vauve	Bev G	Diana	Ted/Beth

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Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Family, Thanks for your wonderful gift to our Ministry this past year! Your gifts have always been both generous and timely. Blessings on your Church Ministry – Chaplain Dan, Long Creek Youth Development Center

Thank you from The Root Cellar, Portland Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, 2019 was an exciting and eventful year at The Root Cellar! In 2019, you donated a total of \$500. With your financial support, we were able to expand our programs and serve more of our neighbors in need in Portland and Lewiston. Thank you! God Bless, Drew King, Executive Director.



Thank you for your faithful support of Family Promise. We are grateful for your generosity. As you know, a core principle of the Family Promise program is the use of existing community resources to help families facing homelessness. Our partnership with you and your congregation's volunteers enables GPPF to create a system of care for children and families experiencing homelessness. You are such an important part of this community of generous, caring people that provides children with a warm place to sleep, healthy meals, and a feeling of hospitality. Thank you so much for your contribution. With gratitude, Sara Ewing-Merrill, Executive Director.



Greetings from Global Mission Funding Team! As we celebrate this season of Epiphany, we rejoice in the ways you reflect the light of Christ by giving in support of ELCA missionaries at work in the world. Through your sponsorship of long-term ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission participants, you are walking alongside our international companions in every corner of the globe as they spread the good news and reach out to neighbors with love and care. Thank you. Because of your support, the ELCA remains committed to supporting and engaging the global church. We will continue to equip and send missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission participants to accompany our companions. As we continue to live into God's abundance, we give thanks for your generosity that makes a difference in the world.

FROM LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER Dear Friends at Trinity, Greetings! I am always blown away by the kindness that folks from the community show the young people we work with, not just during the holiday season, but throughout the year. I have been trying to come up with words that best express how grateful we all are and that best impress upon you all just how powerful your generosity is. It is hard to be a youth struggling with the things our young people struggle with, especially during the holidays. It is a wonderful thing that the youth we serve receive gifts around the holidays. ("When you give the best you have to someone in need, it translates into something much deeper to the receiver. It means that they are worthy." Kristine Levine) But the task is bigger than we are, which is where our amazing donors and volunteers come in. By giving the best of what you have to them for no reason other than the fact that you care, you are telling them loudly and clearly that **THEY ARE WORTHY!** It's when they feel worthy, hopeful, and connected to a world bigger than themselves that they can start to imagine life's possibilities. So, thank you for traveling alongside us on this meaningful journey. It's a long road, with its share of bumps and beauty and we could not ask for better partners. I hope 2020 brings you all health and happiness! Best. Stephanie Netto

TRANSFORMATION project

Dear Trinity Members, Thank you for your support of our ministry! As a partner in the work of reentry, your contributions make a way for lives to be transformed in the name of Jesus. 2019 was a year full of volunteer project planning, work weekends with the Cumberland County pre-release community, and the first few worship nights in our new venue. We also saw significant momentum with the development of Start to Finish, a reentry program designed in partnership with a local correctional facility. And, most important, we witnessed the transformational power that comes from a discipleship-based relationship where a reentry coach is working hand-in-hand with a returning community member as they commit to “doing it differently this time.” Your involvement is crucial to the fabric of our community dedicated to supporting offenders both inside corrections and upon reentry to live out their full potential in Christ. Gratefully, Hank Dunn, Chair-Board of Directors

Preble Street

Dear Members of Trinity, On behalf of those whose lives were touched by your generosity this holiday season, thank you for your December 2019 gift of 25 full size shampoos and stockings for the women at Florence House. We are grateful for your support during a season of giving, highlighting that when many contribute, much is accomplished. Sincerely, Ray Hepler

MY SISTER’S KEEPER Dear Trinity Friends, On behalf of My Sister’s Keeper, I want to thank you for your generous special offering of %500 from members of your congregation. These funds will be used to support the women with whom we work. Thank you again for your support; you help us to fulfill our mission of supporting our sisters in need as they transition from corrections. We are so humbled by the generosity of your congregation. Looking forward to continued partnership! With blessings and appreciation, Kelly M. Dell’Aguila



THE VALENTINE’S DAY PARTY sponsored by Parish Care was a great success! Thank you to the following: Card Making-Mary Christensen; Set up/Decorations-Jane; Sandwich Makers-Pastor, Jane, Peggy & Alice; Desserts-Pastor & Alice; Servers- Pastor, Cathie, Alice & Jane; Tea Makers- Bev & Deb; Clean-up-JoAnn, Bev, Deb, Alice & Priscille



Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for your generosity and support, as well as monthly good deliveries.

A BIT FROM BONNIE - CHURCH SIGNS

God wants full custody – not just weekend visits.

When you throw mud at someone, you lose ground.

Sevens days without prayer makes one weak.

Cars are not the only thing recalled by their maker.

Can’t sleep? Counting sheep? Talk to the shepherd.

Soul food served here.