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A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"

Matthew 11: 28-30

Beloved Siblings in Christ,
Happy Summer!

I will admit, summer is one of my favorite seasons. One the things I appreciate about this particular season is that it almost comes with a slower more relaxed pace. I hope this is true for all of you as we head into this season. You all certainly deserve some time for rest and renewal. ,and it's certainly a necessary part of our life together.

Speaking of rest and renewal, at the end of July, I'll be beginning a time of sabbatical rest, which will run through the end of October. I'm certainly looking forward to it. In any case, as I prepare to head out on sabbatical, I thought I would give you a sneak peek into what my plans are during this time away.

The overarching goal of the sabbatical, aside from spending time resting and recharging, will be to develop a faith formation curriculum based on the theology of Bruce Springsteen's music. I will certainly be eager to share that with all of you. I'll also be doing a great deal of traveling. The first trip will be traveling up to West Ossipee, NH to the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry site Camp Calumet Lutheran for some quality time with family and friends on Lake Ossipee.

I'll also be spending some time on retreat out in Washington State at Holden Village, located in the Cascade mountains. It will be a time to unplug, catch up on reading, and reconnect with God's creation.

The big trip for this sabbatical will also include a trip to Europe. The plan is to reconnect with dear friends who I first met when I was living in Hungary from 2014 to 2015. We will be traveling around much of Central Europe, but the real purpose for this trip is rekindle the relationship I have with these dear friends.

As I continue to make final preparations for the sabbatical, I would ask that you continue to hold me in your prayers during this time away. I will also continue to pray for all of you.

I do hope you all can find sometime this summer to seek out your space for renewal and refreshment.

It can be so easy to get caught up in the busyness of our own lives, then we can forget to take time for ourselves. I hope you can be intentional about that this summer.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

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Daughters of the King

For His Sake...I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

The Mary & Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King would like to take this time to thank you all for joining us in celebration as we welcomed Rose Reith and Traci Stuart into the Mary & Martha Chapter of the DOK on April 7, 2024. It truly was a Blessed & Beautiful Day!!

The DOK continues to move forward in ministry. With our last shipment to Liberia now on its way, and after the induction of two new daughters, our chapter brought forth and discussed possibilities for ministry. After much discussion, the Daughters voted to adopt "New Hope" as our chapter's mission outreach service ministry. "New Hope" is a non-profit organization serving those affected by domestic and sexual violence. Since domestic & sexual violence are often intertwined, New Hope's clients benefit from a full spectrum of programs offered, allowing to receive domestic & sexual violence services in one place. There has been a surge in Hotline Call volume, surpassing previous years by over 10%. There has also been an increased demand for counseling services for children & families. According to one client: "My New Hope counselor picked me up when I stumbled, taught me how to build

healthy relationships, boost my self confidence, and most importantly, she didn't let me off the hook when I needed to be honest with myself!" We are each looking forward to doing what we can to help those in need through our relationship in ministry with New Hope.

On a final note, since we are the Mary & Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King, we thought it would be a good idea to learn more about our namesakes. So, as part of our study program we will be reading and discussing a book entitled "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", by: Joanna Weaver. This should prove to be a very interesting and thought provoking study. Again, we would like to thank you all for your support and your very presence in each of our lives here at Holy Trinity Church. God's Peace & Blessings be with you!

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Robin Yates, DOK President

Mary & Martha Chapter



Vestry Highlights

Discussion:

- Four members of the Board of Food Share met with a few Vestry members to discuss the possibility of Food Share renting some of our classrooms for the food pantry. The initial meeting went well.
- Holy Trinity passed the Board of Health Food Service Inspection for 2024.

What we have done well:

- ⇒ Organizing a get-together with a group from Food Share about using/renting space in our building.
- ⇒ Funeral for Colleen Chickering.
- ⇒ The choir singing during May.
- ⇒ Gardens are looking very good. Lynn and Dave have been working on it.



Summer Accommodations For Those Serving On The Altar

All of us know that summer heat provides a strong challenge for us during our worship service due to our lack of air conditioning. Those of us in the pews are often uncomfortable but the altar is even warmer due to the lack of windows. Those serving on the altar have the added challenge of wearing vestments, which make them feel even hotter.

Our tradition has been to have those serving on the altar continue to use vestments during the summer. This tradition began when summers were cooler but as summers are getting hotter, we need to change our practice to fit this new reality. So, for the rest of the summer the priest, eucharistic ministers, acolytes and organist will not be wearing their vestments. Pastor Dan will wear his clerical collar and a stole, the eucharistic ministers, organist and acolytes will wear "business casual" clothing.



Lynn Garland
Senior Warden



**Happy 80th
Birthday
to
Brian Canty!**



Birthdays

- 1—Sam Pieczynski
- 2—Peter Lucey
- 15—Paul Aloia
- 25—Brian Canty
- 29—Norma Kennedy
- 29—Ryan Bousquet

July and August Mission Plate

Cradles to Crayons, Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. Cradles to Crayons supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities.

In the United States, 2 in 5 children live at or below 200% of the federal poverty, a level that ranges from deep poverty (50%) to low income (200%). These families struggle to pay for rent and groceries and often can't afford anything else. Basic items for their children: clothes that fit, shoes, a coat for cold weather, are simply not possible.

Please give generously to our mission plate at Holy Trinity Church, especially as back-to-school items will be needed by many families very soon.

Cradle to Crayons is located in Newtonville, MA and provides to children across the state.

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone in the church for their support. Thank you so much for giving me the Fitzpatrick scholarship. It will be used to help me with my college needs. Also, I want to thank everyone who sent me cards and came to my graduation party.

Thank you all so much!

Maddie Segarra



The office will be closed
for Chris' vacation:
July 23 & 25



S'MORES AND MORE AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fellowship, Friends, and Fire!
What could be better!

JUNE 29TH 6:30PM

JULY 6TH 6:30PM

Chance of S'mores?
100%!!!!

St. Luke's Guesthouse: Volunteers Needed

Are there any members interested in volunteering to answer the phone at St Luke's Guesthouse? We are willing to provide "training" and scripts for whatever calls come in. If you could do one day a week, or more, I would love to speak with you. I'm available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Best,
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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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