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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

Last week I went to speak at the Salisbury Boys School about their participation in the CROP Hunger Walk. They were about to have lunch, but it was not the lunch they expected. The mid-day meal was only hard boiled eggs, brown rice and oranges. For many hungry people around the world this itself would be a feast!



A few grumbled, especially those who did not eat breakfast. But there was a faculty member at each of the boys' tables to help them work through the notion of food insecurity. And what that must be like for 970 million people around the world every day.

I told them of one of my personal experiences while working as a missionary in Honduras. Many of the villages I visited and worked in were places where sometimes the people had enough beans and rice to fill their bellies today, but they weren't sure what they'd be eating tomorrow. And yet, when I was invited into a home, the people always made sure to give me a cup of strong coffee with sugar, and a small hard biscuit. Most of the time that was the farmer's only food in the middle of the day when he came in from the coffee bushes. **"Caffeine and sugar will only get you so far in a**

day," I told the boys.

The reason for eating this sort of limited lunch, and listening to a story of farmers in Honduras is that the boys will understand why they are raising money for alleviating hunger. And the hope is that they will also have a change of heart. We don't want to only be generous out of duty, but out of desire to help make people's lives better. To have empathy (feeling with) rather than sympathy (feeling for.)

Henri Nouwen said, "Indeed, living a spiritual life requires a change of heart, a conversion. Such a conversion may be marked by a sudden inner change, or it can take place through a long, quiet process of transformation." - Making all Things New

Once a year we come to the season of stewardship. We send you out a pledge card and ask you to pray and consider how much you will be able to give to Trinity Church for the coming year to support our ministries and mission, our building and staff.

Giving to the church from a sense of duty is an honorable and worthy thing, and the church is very grateful for dutiful givers. **And it is my hope that through the music, and prayer, art and fellowship that this parish provides to us, that it will be not be simply our duty, but our converted heart's desire to see the church flourish.**

When you receive your pledge card this month, please remember how much Trinity means to you, and how much we can do, only with your continued and heartfelt support.

Pastor Heidi Truax

FALL ART SHOW!



The Fall Art Show will open on Friday, **Oct. 5 from 5-7 PM** with the traditional artists' reception and awarding of prizes by the

judges. As always, we will have a People's Choice award as well, so come and vote for your favorite work!

The show will be open from 12-4 on Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 6,7 and 8, as well as the following weekend (Oct. 13 and 14) during those same hours.

A percentage of any works sold go to the mission and ministry of Trinity.

HARPSICHORD CONCERT

Did you know the late Wanda Landowska made her home in Lakeville? A tribute to this remarkable musician will be offered at Trinity on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 PM at Trinity. World renowned Polish harpsichordist Wladyslaw Klosiewicz will play works by Johann Jakob Froberger and by Louis and François Couperin.



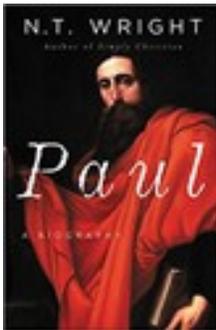
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

We will celebrate St. Francis and his animal companions on **Sunday, Oct. 7** at the 10:30 service. This particular liturgy is a favorite of many in our parish as we bring our dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, pet mice, birds and other critters (on a leash or otherwise contained!) to receive a blessing at the end of the service.

Friends and neighbors are, as always, invited! We also offer a special Prayers of the People that morning. *If you wish to have a departed pet remembered by name, please send that name to Pastor Heidi by Wednesday, Oct. 3.*



BOOK GROUP



We will continue our discussion of Anglican theologian N.T. Wright's *Paul: A Biography* on **Tuesday, Oct. 30** at 7:00 PM.

There have been volumes and volumes written about Paul's theology and many translations of his writings over the centuries. This biography seeks to uncover what experiences in Paul's life made him become a Follower of the Way (aside from his vision of Jesus's call to him) and through what "lens" he viewed the world.

If you were unable to attend the September meeting, get the book, read fast, and join us in October!

OCTOBER MISA

The October Misa will be held on Saturday, October 20 with Pastor Heidi leading the worship. Padre Juan will be away, and Pastor Heidi will be attending the Diocesan Convention on the 26th and 27th, thus necessitating the change of date from the last Saturday of the month.

CORNER FOOD PANTRY

The donations of snack food we took during September to the Corner Food Pantry have flown off the shelves! Thus there is a request for more juice boxes, small packages of raisins, cheese and cracker packs, small boxes of animal crackers...you get the idea...anything that can fit into a student's lunch box or bag.



Also...big bottles of juice!

These are also welcome, as are boxes of brownie, cake, and pie mixes, boxes of stuffing and packaged gravy mixes as clients of the Pantry begin to gather the ingredients for their Thanksgiving dinners.

The Red Letters

Wait—the *what?* Some editions of the Bible have the words (allegedly) spoken by Jesus printed in red.

The Bible study group that meets between the services on Sunday morning believes that further investigation of this approach is warranted. Who decided what should be included? How do we know exactly what Jesus said—or is what is printed in red what the Gospel writers thought he said, or the oral tradition held

that Jesus said.

Adding to the mystery is comparison with *The Scholars' Version* of the Gospels. This book was published by the Jesus Seminar, a study group of the Westar Institute.

In their consideration, Biblical scholars tried to determine what it is likely Jesus said, what sounds like something Jesus would have said, what they think it is unlikely Jesus said, and what they are pretty sure Jesus never said. Accordingly, the text is printed in red (likely), pink (sounds like Jesus) gray (probably not) and black (almost surely not!)

Commentaries on why the scholars voted the way they did are included as well, and make for interesting (as well as colorful!) reading.

Come and make your thoughts known as the Bible Study group continues thinking about the implications of this approach.

IN APPRECIATION



Every Sunday we walk into church and expect to find the Liturgy running like clockwork. Which it does. We expect the ushers to distribute the order of service,

lectors to stand up and read after the collect, epistlers to read after the Psalm and intercessors to pray after the sermon. We expect the young people to be in the care of Terri and another adult (and the dogs). After "half time", we expect the MOCs to assist Pastor Heidi at the altar. In fact, we'd be surprised it all this *didn't* happen!

But our smooth running liturgy does not fall into place by itself.



Geoff Brown, our Verger, is also our "rota-ian". Four times a year Geoff assigns various liturgical roles to those who wish to participate, taking in mind everyone's availability – and what other assignments

they have that Sunday. Then he prints it out for us to take home AND he emails to remind us that we are "on deck" the Friday before our turn on Sunday. A big job, and it isn't really over each Sunday until those of us who are reading or ushering or MOC'ing have a check mark placed by our names on Geoff's clipboard – and Geoff has found subs as necessary when someone who is on the list doesn't appear.



How can you help? Check in with Geoff if you are on the rota for a Sunday. Find *your own sub* if you suddenly can't come on an assigned Sunday and then let Geoff know. Managing the rota each Sunday (and let's not even *think* about Christmas and Easter services!!) is a big job,

and we appreciate Geoff's faithfulness in doing it year after year!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Last Thursday a team of diligent Trinity people came together with Melissa Adam, bookkeeper, and Pastor Heidi to clean and

reorganize the Treasurer's office. Once every couple of years files need to be shifted to storage, or shredded for safety of financial data so that we can find what we need and jettison what we do not need.

Many thanks to Carol Taylor, Geoff Brown and Martha Nesbitt for taking the afternoon to do the tedious and boring work of filing documents, and making sure that important documents are securely stored for posterity. Teamwork makes all things possible!



Community outreach! Cooking dinner at the Bitterman Center.

To be the Body of Christ in our community is a privilege in which we are all invited.
Please RSVP with your pledge card!

