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Reformation emphasis at Trinity. . .

- All month. **Sermon series, “Simply Lutheran.”** You won’t want to miss any of these.
- All month. **Display, Gathering Space wall.** Includes Artist Amy Heinly’s stunning **Luther Seal.**
- All month. **Reformation Book Fair,** Sundays in the Gathering Space. Read and learn. *See p. 7.*
- Sun., Oct. 1, at 4 pm. **“My Fair Lutheran,”** a Reformation musical by member Rick Sten. Fun!
- Wed., Oct. 4, evening. **First session of Sup & Study series.** Always popular. *See p. 7.*
- Sun., Oct. 22, noonish. Reformation-themed **Octoberfest.** *See p. 5.*
- Sun., Oct. 22, at 4 pm. **Reformation 500 Concert.** It’s great and it’s free. *See p. 3.*
- Sun., Oct. 29. **Reformation Sunday.** Happy birthday, Lutherans!

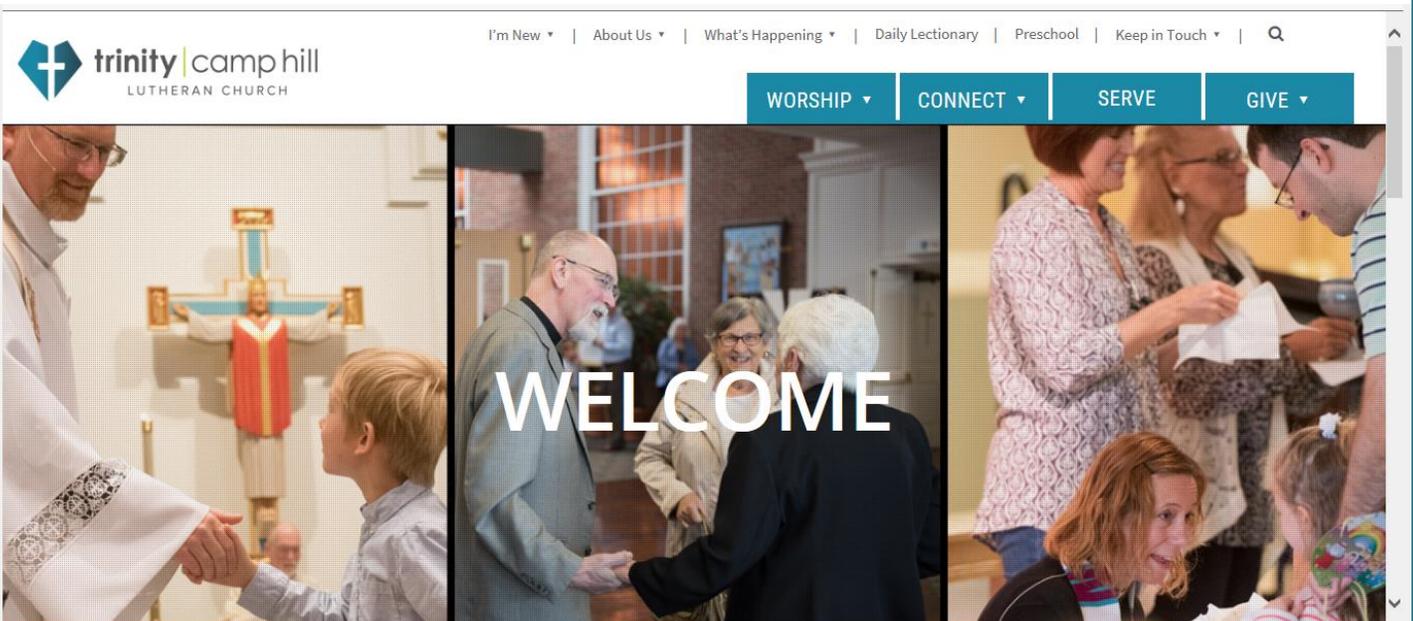
Of course, we’ve got tons of other October activities, too, including our Bible studies, adult and children classes, Youth Group meetings plus its pasta dinner, WOT circles, new member classes, Blessing of the Animals, Trinity on the Run, Healing Weekend, Bible Discovery Workshop, fall cleanup, and more. Stay updated by always checking the *Trinity Today* insert in your bulletin, checking online, and ensuring that you’ve signed up for our weekly e-blast.

Also: Stewardship Sunday is October 15. Bishop James Dunlop will preach at services that week. This month we’re asking for your Estimates of Giving, too. Whew! That’s a lot.

Wow! New website going live by Oct. 1

Same address: www.trinitycamphill.org • Check it out

Many thanks and kudos to Danelle Andrews, our Publicity & Communications Team leader, and to Jeff Weaver, our Webmaster, for the hundreds of volunteer hours they put in to get this new site up and running. And there’s more to come as the site evolves and as content is added.



Worship
with us!

Sundays 9 & 10:45 am contemporary
Sundays 8:30 & 11 am traditional
Christian education/Faith formation 10 am
Thursdays 6:30 pm • Saturdays 5:30 pm

Lead pastor's column

Happy birthday, Lutherans!

*They say it's your birthday. It's my birthday too, yeah.
They say it's your birthday. We're gonna have a good time.
I'm glad it's your birthday. Happy birthday to you.*
The Beatles, 1968

This month, we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, begun when a Bible professor and monk posted 95 articles for open debate at his university. It rocked the church of his day, and soon the world, as Protestants (protesting the abuses of the medieval church) changed the face of Christendom.

In many ways, Lutheranism was not about creating something new and novel but was instead about rediscovering the roots of early Christianity. Justification by faith through grace was a teaching of St. Paul and many of the early Church fathers and mothers like St. Augustine.

The Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, was the right person at the right time in history to again focus the church on its essential teachings. He called them the "solas." [From Latin for "alone" or "only"]. Only faith, only Christ, only grace, only the Word, only God's glory. If the church focused on the things that mattered to God, it

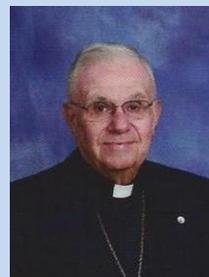
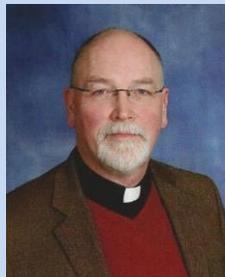
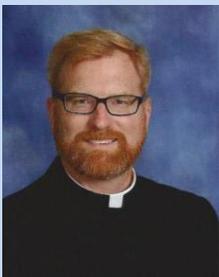
would fulfill God's purposes and be faithful to his promises.

This month, Trinity will focus on being *Simply Lutheran* and going deeper in our understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. And we will celebrate, too, because we join Lutherans throughout the world commemorating the birthday of the Reformation and our faith tradition. We are going to have a good time with special worship services, concerts, plays, and classes.

It will also be an opportunity for us to recommit our lives to Trinity and its mission by offering our Estimate of Giving for 2018. Think of it as a birthday gift of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that Christ has done for us and his church.

And let's share our church's birthday with our neighbors and the world. As Martin Luther said, "We need to pledge ourselves anew to the cause of Christ. We must capture the spirit of the early church. Wherever the early Christians went, they made a triumphant witness for Christ. Whether on the village streets or in the city jails, they daringly proclaimed the good news of the gospel."

Rev. Dr. Jack Horner



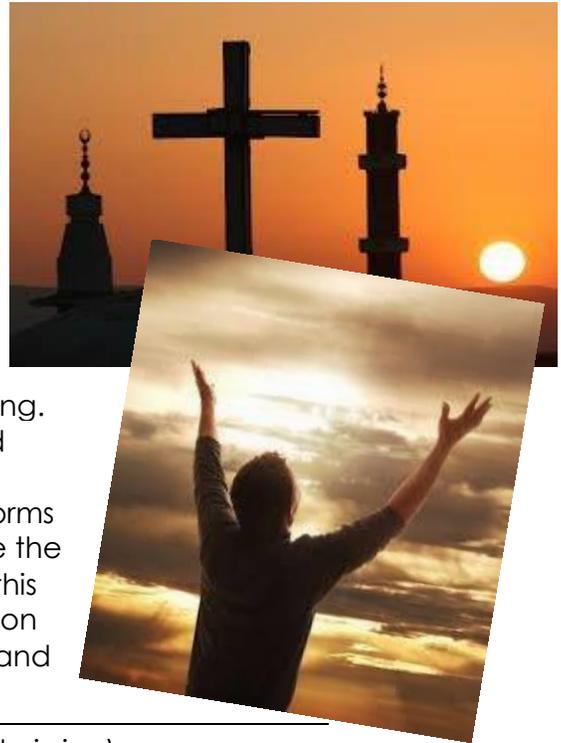
Pastors (l-r): Rev. Dr. Jack Horner, Lead Pastor
Rev. John Brock, Ministry Director for Parish Life
Rev. Dr. Guy Edmiston, Director of Congregational Care
Rev. Jennifer Crist, Interim Associate Pastor

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Trinity 2017-18 Concert Series**Reformation Concert is October 22 at 4 pm****REFORMATION 500:
THE CHURCH'S JOURNEY
IN ART AND SONG**

Outstanding! Performing are the Trinity Concert Choir plus choirs from area Lutheran churches, including Tree of Life, Harrisburg (Susquehanna Twp.); St. John's, Shiremanstown; and First Lutheran, Carlisle; with orchestral accompaniment. Admission is free.

For centuries, we Lutherans have embraced hearty singing. We also have a rich tradition of the visual arts. Lively and ever-evolving, singing and visual arts are used to communicate God's word. When joined, those artistic forms come together in an exceptional way to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. As you celebrate this important anniversary with us, you will LOVE the integration of music and art from many times, places, and people, and you will KNOW that the Holy Spirit has inspired us.



Next concert in series is Sun., Nov. 12, at 4 pm (free admission)

SERAPH BRASS, Quintet of top female brass players

Get tickets to see fun show at Oyster Mill

Reserve tickets now to see *Jeeves Intervenes* at the Oyster Mill Playhouse, 1001 Oyster Mill Road, Camp Hill, on Saturday, November 11, at 8 pm. Deadline is Saturday, October 21.

Tickets are \$18. Reservation forms are at the Gathering Space desk and the church office. You can drive yourself or carpool to this Fellowship Team event.

Adapted by Margaret Raether from the stories of P.G. Wodehouse, the show is described as a delightful romp full of deception and disguise. The setting is 1920s high-society London, thrown into chaos by a hapless playboy in cahoots with an old school chum. The two hatch a brilliant plan to dupe their meddling relatives in order to save one from an undesired marriage and the other from an unwanted job in India. But will the ever-faithful manservant Jeeves be able to rescue these bumbling fools from themselves?



Fall cleanup: Sat., Oct. 28. Start at 9 am. Bring rakes. Pickup trucks welcome. Rain date, Nov. 4. To help, let Bruce Bigelow know at nbbigs@comcast.net or 717-761-3289. And be sure to thank him and his team for their great work.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Trinity supports victims of domestic violence

The love of God compels us to help others, and every act of kindness to others is an act of kindness to Christ. In that regard, Trinity—through our Social Ministry Team—supports Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties, or DVSCP. This nonprofit organization (www.dvscp.org) gives women and their children hope and provides services to enhance their well-being in the journey toward a life free from fear and abuse.

October is domestic violence awareness month nationally, so we offer some information below.

What is domestic violence?

- It is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, or financial abuse.
- It is a pervasive, life-threatening crime affecting millions regardless of age, economic status, education, race, or religion. It has affected people you know locally.



In 2008 at age 27, Kirsten Julia Maurer was killed by her husband. A Trinity member from birth, she graduated with honors from college and was accomplished in classical ballet.



Why do victims stay with their abusers or return to them?

That's a frequent question, according to Trinity member Stephanie Maurer, whose daughter, Kirsten, was killed by her husband. Rather than blaming victims, try to understand possible reasons for staying:

- **Fear.** Abusers often threaten repeatedly to hurt or kill the victim, their children, a pet, a friend, a family member, or themselves. That was the case with Kirsten, police believe.
- **Low Self-Esteem.** Abusers often put their partners down, making them think the abuse is their fault.
- **Money.** Victims may depend on their abuser for financial support, and may not have the economic means to support themselves if they leave.
- **Children.** Victims stay with their abusers because they do not want to break up their family. They may also fear that, if they leave, the abuser will take the children away or harm them.

Trinity's support of DVSCP is part of a larger community of support, and is also in line with our commitment to serve God's people locally and worldwide.

Return your estimates of giving, please

You should have just received a mailing requesting that you return an Estimate of Giving for 2018. Your gifts are critical to support all that Trinity does. So read the letter, use the worksheet, and return your estimates! Please be as generous as you are able, and remember that electronic giving provides consistency even when you can't be here for worship. Thank you; please know that your gifts are very much appreciated!

Bible Discovery Day

On, Sunday, October 22, children in kindergarten and grade 3 will receive age-appropriate Bibles of their very own during a special 10 am workshop. Together with their parents, the children will dig into this wonderful library from God. How exciting for all!

Youth Group: Back in full swing! Keep it up!

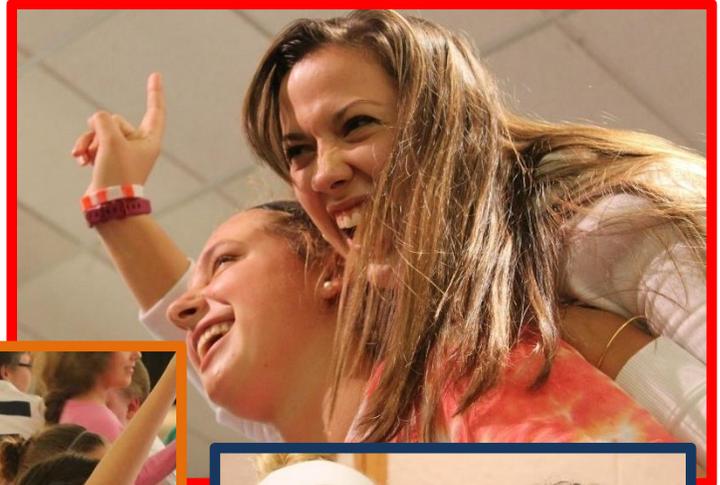
The first YG of the season on September 10 had 60 kids and advisors! Amazing! Then, a week later, it was an equally amazing first session just for senior high! It's all about faith, fun, and fellowship, so check out these dates and get involved NOW.

Remember, dinner and drinks are always provided—just bring snacks and friends!

- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 8, 6-8:30 pm, Grades 6-12.**
- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 15, 6-8:30 pm, Grades 9-12.**
- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 22, 6-8:30 pm, Grades 6-12.**
- ✓ **Sun., Oct. 29, 6-7:30 pm, YG Pasta Dinner. Tasty!**

YG hosts its annual all-you-can-eat pasta dinner for the congregation. All are welcome! Proceeds will help our senior high to attend the 2018 ELCA Natl Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. So worthwhile!

Pics: Great first YG session on Sept. 10



Octoberfest: Food, fun, pie contest, more

It was great fun last year and will be even more fun this year as we celebrate the 500th Reformation anniversary at Octoberfest on Sunday, October 22, right after late services.

There's bratwurst and hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad, and apple desserts. There's pumpkin decorating for the kiddos, and a costume parade with prizes for the best adult/child Martin or Katy Luther getup. There's also the Great Apple Pie contest—with our experienced judges to make the call.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space. We need the following: 10 folks to make potato salad (we supply the potatoes), apple desserts for all to share, apple pies for the pie contest, and names of all those planning to attend (so we're sure to have enough supplies and food).

Plan to attend Oct. 29 congregational meeting, plus building plan and capital campaign update

On Sunday, Oct. 29, after late services end (around noon), members are encouraged to attend a congregational meeting in the Nave to vote to approve the sale of a parcel of land.

Following the meeting will be an important information session about future building plans.

Land sale

The congregation will vote on the pending sale of a York County property for \$120,000. As reported in this newsletter in June 2016, the ±27 acre plot was donated to us decades ago, but the topography was not conducive to any practical use.

Building plan update

At its Sept. 11 meeting, Congregation Council discussed the importance of providing the congregation with periodic, ongoing updates about building plans and related capital needs. The goal for such projects is to ensure that, years from now, Trinity continues to be as strong and vital as it is today.

Our architects have presented several outstanding options for the Trinity of tomorrow, and Council members are keen to share that vision. While Council will ultimately have a recommendation, Council is not committed to any one specific plan. The final decision will be put to the congregation.

The direction to the architects from Council was to focus on: (1) security, (2) enhancing

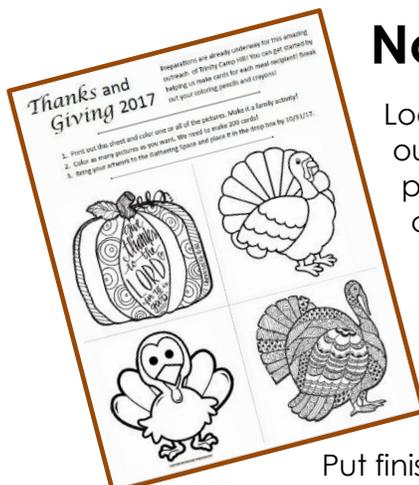
opportunities for fellowship, and (3) addressing current and future infrastructure needs. Some of the solutions to these challenges may include the following:

Regarding physical security for children and parishioners, we are considering: (1) relocating administrative offices to the first floor near the upper parking lot, a move that would also make staff immediately more visible and welcoming, (2) directing weekday entry to a single door in that area, and (3) adding an elevator to the second floor near that door to provide easier access for all, including parents with strollers and persons with disabilities. In addition, we are evaluating relocating and redesigning the library to be more inviting and productive, and moving the nursery closer to our worship spaces.

Opportunities for fellowship could be enhanced through the redesign of the Gathering Space and surrounding areas, updated sound and lighting services (which will allow us to better deliver our message to those members who cannot attend each week), and new classrooms and meeting rooms.

Improvements and repairs to the physical plant may include a new roof over the education wing, upgraded electrical panels in the basement, and a new chiller.

Hear an overview of these exciting and responsible development options on Oct. 29.



Nov. 19: Get ready for Thanks & Giving

Look for signups starting October 21. This wonderful tradition of outreach continues during the 2017 season! Gather to help make, package, and deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Donate canned goods at our Turkey Table. Help cover our turkey with "What I'm thankful for" feathers.

In the meantime, help us make cards for meal recipients. Look for a coloring page (**picture at left**) on our website, or find hard copies in the Gathering Space. Color the pictures for us to use on the cards. We need 200 cards, so make it a family activity!

Put finished artwork in the marked box in the Gathering Space by Oct. 31.

Sup & Study starts October 4, so come on out

Five Wednesdays: Oct. 4-Nov. 1 • Sup at 5:30 pm • Study at 6:30 pm

There's something for everyone at our Fall '17 series, "Strengthened to Serve: Body, Mind, & Spirit." Check out these courses:



Body

Body. Taught by Pastor Jenn, this Taiji course consists of light exercise for all levels of physical ability. It requires NO experience and NO special gear, just comfortable clothing.



Mind

Mind. Choose from two courses. In one, Linda Horner will use the popular NOOMA videos that give Jesus' perspective to explore the world. In the other course, "Semper Reformanda," or Always Reforming, you'll learn from Pastors Horner and Brock how the Reformation informs our lives today.



Spirit

Spirit. In this course, you'll learn to improve how you breathe and, at the same time, how to better connect with God. Leader is Deacon Marsha Roscoe from the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

For kids. This "Healthy Me" course is geared just for children 3 to 10. (For kids under 3, our nursery is available by request.)

There's still time to register, but hurry! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or register online at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill. If you "Sup" with us beforehand (and our kitchen crew prepares the BEST food, so why wouldn't you?), each meal is a bargain at \$7, or \$5 for kids 6-12, or free for kids under 6, and capped at \$20 per week for families. You can pay online when you register, or you can pay each week by cash or check. But no matter how you pay, it's really important to register so we know how much food to prepare!

Questions? Contact Kelly Falck, our Director of Faith Formation, at 717-737-9921, ext. 228, or at kelly.falck@trinitycamphill.org.

Course for new members starts NOW

Our course for potential new members starts on Sunday, October 1, at 9:45 in the Library. Sessions continue on the next five Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 during Sup and Study. Then, on the weekend of November 4-5, new members will be received at the service of their choice.

Topics include welcome and orientation (Oct. 1); exploring music and liturgy at our services (Oct. 4); baptism and communion in the Lutheran Church (Oct. 11); Trinity's relationship with Lutherans around the world (Oct. 18); ways we connect people with God and others (Oct. 25); and working together as God's hands (Nov. 1). Contact Kelly Falck if you or someone you know would like to attend this course.

See what our Reformation 500 Book Fair offers

Stop by our Book Fair in the Gathering Space during Sundays in October. Folks from our Education and Library teams will host a table of sample books that you can order. Books are from Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of ELCA, and include titles for readers of all ages. You'll save up to 50 percent and also get free shipping. There are bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Can you help out at the table? Sign up at www.timetosignup.com/trinitycamphill.

Every member prayer list for October

- Oct. 6-12:** Betty Wallower; Grace Waller; Stephen, Suzanne, Stephanie, and Christina Walker; Paul Walker; Melinda and Alex Walker; Jennifer Walker; Leigh Ann Waldner; Joan Waldner.
- Oct. 13-19:** Gene and Betty Lou Waldner; Jake and Sherry Wagner; Gary, Mel, and Marc Wagner; Tim and Linda Waechter; Paul Wade and Rebecca McFadden; Betty Wade; Richter Voight; Michael and Alexis Vogel.
- Oct. 20-26:** Sue, Joy, Hannah, Ethan, Olivia, and Charlie Verner-Waldner; Karen Vecolitis; Geraldine and Ray Vaughan; Nicole Vangenhassend; Dee and Cutter Van Gavree; Lana Glaser and Betsy Updegraf; Daniel, Terri, and Cael Underkoffler; Mary Tyler.
- Oct. 27-Nov. 2:** Sharon Twomey; Chad and Tonya Turns; Terry and Cindy Turney; Marian Trone; Tim and Judy Trissler; Lois Tress; Jocelyn Tress; Bradley, Kristin, and Grace Treaster.

October birthdays! November, too!



Homebound

- ✓ **Oct. 9.** Arlene Machemer, 545 York Rd., York Haven, PA 17370
- ✓ **Oct. 15.** Ken Bistline, 76 Longwood Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- ✓ **Nov. 2.** Joyce DeVerter, 265 Buchanan Valley Road, Orrtanna, PA 17353
- ✓ **Nov. 2.** Louise Husted, 2100 Bent Creek Blvd., Rm. 105, Mechanicsburg, PA 7050
- ✓ **Nov. 18.** Mitzi Fortenbaugh, 413 Winecoff School Rd., Five Oaks Manor, Concord, NC 28027
- ✓ **Nov. 24.** Evelyn Bentz, 5 Chelton Circle, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Staff

- ✓ **Oct. 14.** Pastor Jennifer Crist
- ✓ **Nov.** No November staff birthdays

Parish Ministry health tip: Get your flu shot

October and November are the best months to get a flu shot to help you avoid this contagious respiratory disease and its symptoms of fever, headache, tiredness, sore throat/cough, runny/stuffy nose, and muscle aches. It can also keep you from passing the flu on to someone else.

You are considered at high risk for flu-related complications if you are 50 or older, live in a nursing home or care facility, have a chronic condition such as diabetes or heart, liver, lung, or kidney disease, have a weakened immune system, or if you are pregnant.

And, no, the flu shot cannot cause the flu. If you get sick following the shot, you were likely exposed to the flu beforehand. In any event, if you don't feel well, stay home!

Blessing of the Animals: Sat., Oct. 7, at 8:15 am

All varieties of beloved pets welcome for this brief but wonderful blessing outside the Gathering Space entrance. Then join our Trinity on the Run group for a special pet walk after the blessing!



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