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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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2018 CALENDARS

Now is the time of year when we begin receiving 2018 calendars from businesses and organizations. There will be a basket in the parish hall to put these in. Every year they are sent to Seattle to be given to the Seafarers Ministry where men and women stationed on ships will be able to use them. Start bringing calendars in any time and collect some from your friends and neighbors too.

FAMILY NIGHT

There were 13 people at the September family night. You would have thought it was the middle of summer, we had only salads no hot dishes. At least it didn't make you overly stuffed and rolling on the floor all night feeling uncomfortable. There were a couple of desserts also. Marilyn Garcia and her kids brought a number of games we enjoyed playing. Our next family night October 25th at 5:30, will be a Halloween themed potluck so if you'd like to wear crazy hats, costumes or shirts that would be fun.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please remember the October 7th Blessing of the Animals at the church. It will be from 11:30am to 2:30pm. There will be popcorn, cookies, coffee and tea for people and treats for the animals who will be there. We try to have appropriate goodies available for all species of pets. The Wilder Band will entertain us with music and song. Each pet will receive a St. Frances/St. Christopher medal to attach to their collar. Please have all dogs, sheep, goats, etc. on a leash.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 53rd Annual Diocesan Convention for the Spokane Diocese will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho October 20 to 22. Gail Frazier and Erik Bergh are our delegates but Gail is unable to attend so alternate, Marilyn McCullough agreed to take her place. The theme of the convention is "Following Jesus Together". Those attending will give a presentation at coffee hour the following Sunday.

POTATO FUNRAISER RESULTS

We had a very successful potato feed September 16th. This was a fundraiser for Jeff and Gail Frazier to help with Gail's medical bills. We sold all 100 tickets but had about 50 people who came to eat. Several people donated \$100. just to support the cause. One couple gave a check that covered all the supplies for the night. Thank you to these generous supporters and to everyone who sold tickets, bought a meal, helped get ready for the dinner, served and cleaned up after. We were able to present Gail with a check for \$1000. Gail gave an emotional thank you to everyone involved after church. We are glad we were able to help the Frazier's, they are a very valuable part of our church.

REGIONAL MEETING

Five Trinity women attended the Fall Regional Meeting at St. John the Baptist Church in Ephrata. It was a beautiful day and perfect drive over. We reflected and discussed what is my "work of faith", "labor of love", "steadfastness of hope" and "What does it mean that God has called me?" These questions were both personal and in regards to our church family. Each church is asked to design and present a poster at convention about a ministry that we are involved in. We did a rough draft at the meeting and will work on the finished poster in the next couple of weeks to send with our delegates. Thanks to St. John's for hosting the event and providing us with a wonderful breakfast and lunch. The Spring Regional Meeting will be at St. Andrew's in Chelan, April 21, 2018.

The Vicar's Notebook

I am so thankful to be a part of a church that is so giving. At the moment, I am thinking of the great effort given by those who have so faithfully attended the Gathering Days. It is brutal. It means getting up in the dark and sometimes coming home in the dark. We're a long way from most anywhere. But those who go find it a good place to be; learning new ways to follow Christ, meeting new people, and sharing their own journey. That is most recent of my reflections, but I do think often of how each of you share of yourselves, your time and your gifts. I won't name them all here as our newsletter pages would have to be weighed rather than counted, but I do want you to know how much I appreciate your generosity of spirit that blesses our church and our community. Marilyn+

MINUTES OF THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING -- SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The meeting was held at noon, with Jeanne providing a delicious lunch. The Rev. Marilyn began the meeting with a prayer. Rev. Marilyn also read a scripture for our reflection and discussion.

PRESENT: The Rev. Marilyn Wilder, Dennis Wilder, Jeanne Hires, Perry Blackler, Alison Blackler, Pia Lemaster, and Marilyn McCullough.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Alison moved the minutes be accepted; Perry seconded; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy was unable to attend the meeting. Jeanne reported that \$1,310.00 was the profit from our Potato Feed Fund Raiser for Gail and Jeff Frazier. Gail was given \$1,000.00 for her medical expenses.

The Diocesan Asking for 2017 is \$9,306.00 for the year, or \$775.50 per month. The 2018 Asking will be \$10,202.00 for the year, or \$850.00 per month. Pia moved the 2018 Asking amount be approved; Jeanne seconded; approved.

WARDEN'S REPORT: The Fall Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 30, from 9:50 am until 3:30 pm, at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, in Ephrata, WA. We will need to leave Oroville at 6:30 am. The gathering will explore how we follow Jesus together through ministry and service. In preparation, we will need to think of a ministry that illustrates one specific concrete way our congregation is a compelling witness to Jesus Christ. We have decided to use our Foster Child Suitcase Ministry as our project. During the Regional Meeting we will work on a poster board presentation for sharing this ministry.

CLERGY REPORT/WORSHIP & MINISTRY: The annual Diocesan Convention will be held from Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22, in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Our delegates are Erik Bergh and Gail Frazier. Alternates are Nancy Spears and Marilyn McCullough.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dennis reported that the reroofing project to be done by Hensen Roofing & Building, LLC, will be accomplished the last week of September. Dennis also reported that one half of the fence has been stained. Weed and Feed has been applied to the lawn, and will be applied again in spring. Some sprinkler heads need to be raised. Perry Blackler and Rick Pickering will be in charge of getting the sprinkler lines blown out.

Rev. Marilyn made the request that the piano at the back of the church be moved near the organ to make it easier for Catherine Stangland to play them. Discussion was held, and possibly a pew needs to be removed, but measurements will be taken to see if the platform needs to be extended for the piano and organ. Dennis will do the necessary work, with help.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at noon. The next Friends and Family Night will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at 5:30 pm. Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 7, from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. An ad will be placed in the free section of the Okanogan Valley Gazette-Tribute. Jeanne will order new St. Anthony/St. Francis medals for the animals. We will need donations of cookies for the animal owners who will attend.

MISSION AND OUTREACH: Episcopal Relief and Development will be sent \$300.00 for a donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund. Dennis moved we send the amount of \$300.00; Pia seconded; approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Marilyn McCullough, Secretary

