

**WE'RE
GLAD
you're
here!**

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us. We pray that, in our time together, you might experience the never-failing love of God found in Jesus Christ and that you might be inspired to share that love with others.

Have questions?

Ask anything! Ask the person next to you, ask an usher, or call/email Pastor Jacob Juncker at 860-887-5886 or jacob@leememorialumc.org.

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MAY 22, 2016
TRINITY SUNDAY

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The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with God's love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth
Monday	Romans 5:1-5	Being accepted by God
Tuesday	John 4:7-24	Spirit and truth
Wednesday	John 15:26-27, 16:1-15	The Spirit will tell about Jesus
Thursday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Friday	1 John 4:1-6	Truth and falsehood
Saturday	Psalm 8	God's glory and human worth
Sunday	Luke 7:1-10	The faith of a Roman centurion

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We gladly suffer, because we know that suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love. **Romans 5:3-5 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Great God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—you are wonderful and mighty. Thank you for caring for us. Amen. (Psalm 8:1-4)

Mealtime Prayer:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, you heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you peace. May Jesus bless you with his kindness. May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with love. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is a guide? When have you needed a guide?
- Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them (John 16:13). In what ways do you need God's guidance?
- Tell about a time you experienced the Apostle Paul's sequence of going from suffering to endurance to character to hope (Romans 5:3-4).

DEVOTIONS

Throughout the centuries Christians have prayed the Psalms and concluded by confessing the Trinity through the words of the Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father). This week as you pray Psalm 8 or any other Psalm, finish by saying, **"Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen."**

SERVICE

Romans 5:3-4 speaks of the sufferings experienced by Christians. Whom do you know in your congregation or community who is experiencing suffering at this time, such as health problems, grieving the loss of a friend or loved one, or having financial trouble? Plan an act of service to encourage them. Include them in your prayers.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

For meals or for household devotions this week, begin with these words: **"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."** As you do so, make the sign of the cross. Here's how:

1. Bring the thumb, index, and middle finger together (representing the Trinity).
2. Touch the forehead while saying, **"In the name of the Father"**
3. Touch the lower chest while saying, **"and of the Son"**
4. Touch the one shoulder (left first for western Christian traditions, right first for eastern Christian traditions) while saying, **"and of the Holy Spirit,"** and then cross to the other shoulder.

Making the sign of the cross reminds us of the grace we have received through the cross of Jesus. The four points of the cross can also signify loving God with all of one's heart, soul, mind, and body.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



announcements

Sunday May 22 9am Sunday School 9:15am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) <i>(Peace with Justice Sunday)</i> 12pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) 1-3pm Garden Planting (Garden)	Monday May 23 7:30pm Gamblers Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	Tuesday May 24 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	Wednesday May 25 8am Men's Group (Library) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Fellowship Hall) OFFICE CLOSED	Thursday May 26 8am—12pm Stoneview (Fellowship Hall)	Friday May 27 2pm Food Friday (Sprague Community Center) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	Saturday May 28 9—11am Norwich Plant Swap (Down by the Garden) 12p AI-Anon (Multi-purpose Room) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room) OFFICE CLOSED
May 29 9am Sunday School 9:15am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary) 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)	May 30 7:30pm Gamblers Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	May 31 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	June 1 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Fellowship Hall) OFFICE CLOSED	June 2 7pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	June 3 2pm Food Friday (Sprague Community Center) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	June 4 12p AI-Anon (Multi-purpose Room) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room) OFFICE CLOSED

Community Meal

Today is community meal Sunday! We will be serving a meal from 12pm—2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to stay; eat and meet our neighbors. If any questions see or call Helen Weeks (860-859-7489).

The Garden

Today will be a garden workday from 1—3pm. Why not stay for the community meal, then help out preparing and hopefully begin planting. For more information contact Pastor Jacob (860-861-3141 or Jacob@leememorialumc.org).

Men's Group

The Men's Group meets in the library at 8:00am on the last Wednesday of every month. Men of all ages is welcome to attend. Come and join us on May 25!

Plant Swap!

Saturday May 28, Norwich Plant Swap will be down back by the garden from 9-11am. This is a free community event! If you have any plants you need to thin down in your yard or have seeds you don't need. Here is the place to bring them. Or maybe you are looking for a specific plant, someone just might have it. (Check them out on **Facebook: NorwichPlantSwap**). This event is an exchange of plants,

seeds, and seedlings all for free! Indoor plants, outdoor plants, garden plants all are welcome. Empty hands are welcome to leave full.

A Challenge!

Our walk needs a title/name. During the month of May, the Outreach Committee would like to ask everyone to submit an appropriate name for our "walk". Take into consideration the proceeds will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Place, SCC, and the Community Meal and that it will take place in the fall. There will be a "receptacle" to receive your suggestion in the entryway (upstairs) in the church. The Outreach Committee will review all submissions at their June 6, meeting and one name will be chosen.

Summer Worship

Summer worship will begin on July 3—September 4. Service will start at 9am with prayer and Thanksgiving down in the fellowship hall. You will be invited to stay for discussion following service.

Save the Dates

Our 2016 Scheduled Events are:
 June 18—Rummage / Yard Sale (combined)
 September 18—Outreach Walk
 October 22—Turkey Dinner
 December 3—Bake / Holiday Fair

FOOD FRIDAYS

2-3PM FOOD DISTRIBUTION
 Sprague Community Center (SCC)

22 W. Main Street, Baltic

All are welcome to receive and/or help distribute food at the SCC. Contact Brenda Keefe, Director of SCC, (spraguecommunitycenter@gmail.com) for details. Volunteers are requested to be at SCC at 12:30 pm.



let us know...

Please drop this card in the offering plate

i'm here

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____

Others came with me! (name/birthday)

contact me

- I'd like a phone call.
- I'd like a visit.
- I'd like to know more about the church and get involved.
- I'd like to be baptized.
- I'd like to become a member.

pray with me

Is this request confidential? YES NO

Please pray for: _____

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