

The Trinitarian



MAY 2012

BREWSTER, NEW YORK

Pastoral Reflections

"You (the pastor) are the expert in the Bible, in theology, and pastoral care. And that's important. But you're not the expert in life. We're all experts in life. So maybe you should have some of us talk on Sunday about how our faith gets played out in daily life." (quote from "In the Meantime" daily blog by David Lose)

I am a life-long Lutheran and on top of that, I am a pastor's "kid." I don't say this as any kind of "badge of honor," but rather as a reminder to myself about the often narrowed focus of my existence. I know what it means to live and breathe "church" or faith daily. It's not just a part of my DNA, but how most of my life has been spent. (I even attended a Lutheran college.)

Marrying Michael was a wake-up call to me about my limited perspective on faith. He has challenged me to think outside of my "Lutheran box," as well as to no longer take for granted what I believe and preach or what other people believe and live daily.

I often feel challenged in my preaching as well by the fact that I don't live a "normal" (whatever that is) life. I get to freely live my faith

Faith in Life

daily. In fact it is expected that I will live and talk about my faith in Jesus since I am a pastor. I don't know what it is like for you: the challenges that you face daily in sharing your faith, finding the ways in which your faith relates to all that you encounter, and what it means to be a part of this community of faith. While I may be the "expert" in theology and the like—I have much to learn from you about living out this theology.

How does your faith relate to your work, family, play? What does it mean in the midst of the difficult days, the routine moments, or the joyous occasions? What message from God is most helpful for you as you seek to live faithfully?

These are not rhetorical questions, but ones that I would truly like to hear about your perspective and thoughts. Email me and/or let's get together. Help me to see outside my own experiences of life and faith, gaining in perceptions and experiences.

I pray daily for us as a congregation as we together and separately live as God's people in this world.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jen

GRACE TUNES

Here is another sung prayer to be used at meal time.

SpongeBob Grace

Who----- gives us the food that we need every day
THANK YOU JESUS!

Who gives us the truth and the light and the way
THANK YOU JESUS!

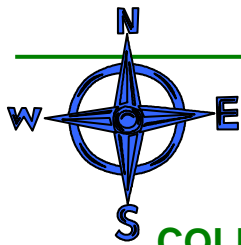
THANK YOU JESUS!
THANK YOU JESUS!
THANK YOU JESUS!
Thank you Amen!

SpongeBob's nose whistle sound for fun: Do-do-do-do-, do-do, do-do.

I just joined **GoodSearch.com**, and now every time I shop online and search the internet, a donation is made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster NY. It's easy, doesn't cost me a thing, and has turned my everyday actions of searching and shopping into ways to help make the world a better place.

Oh...and even better...
GoodSearch.com provides over 100,000 of the most up-to-date coupons so not only am I doing good, but I'm saving money too! Please help me support the congregation's ministry and start making a difference today!

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COLLEGE BOUND?

Just getting back home after time away at college?

What was it *really* like?

Preparing to enter college soon?

What will it *really* be like?

On Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 PM, there will be a gathering of those preparing to go to college with those who are currently in college where they will share the REAL story about going away to school.

**What is the best thing? Worst thing?
Unexpected? And more!**

For instance, having the freedom of staying up late but the responsibility of getting yourself to class; doing your own laundry, meeting new people who you haven't just spent the better part of 12 years with in school, etc.

While the youth are meeting on their own, the parents are invited into their own conversations to share the REAL story of what it is like to have a college student in your family.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jen.

Blessing of Our Pets

We confess and believe that God is the Creator of everything! And we are blessed by the gift of our pets, who often bring us comfort, companionship, joy, and love.

On **Sunday, May 20th at 5:00 PM**, we will have our 2nd Annual Blessing of Pets (in the lower parking lot). We would ask that all animals be on a leash or in a pet carrier. You may also bring a picture of your pet if you are unable to physically bring them with you.

Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal for a special blessing as well.

This event will also serve to help our local Humane Society (watch the weekly bulletin for more information).



Prayer Focus Groups

The gift of prayer is not a generalized part of our lives. It involves very real moments, situations, joys and challenges. In addition to our monthly Prayer Ministry team gathering (first Sunday of the month after worship), we are offering the opportunity for people to gather with others focused on different aspects of their own life's journey. It would be a time to share the joys and challenges as well as to pray for one another.

Some possible groups might include (but are not limited to):

- Parents of:
 - young adults
 - newborns and small children
 - middle schoolers
- Adults who are now caretakers of their parents and/or spouses
- Particular health issues
- Newly single or married couples
- And more!





1st Annual ROLL & STROLL FOR INCLUSION

Green Chimneys, June 9th

Join the fun! Registration 8:00 AM, roll & stroll event at 9:30 AM. Individuals can register at www.inclusionproject.org/rollandstroll as well as on site (400 Doansburg Rd, Brewster) that day. Activities include refreshments, light lunch, & a local DJ. The National Inclusion Project serves to bridge the gap between young people with disabilities and the world around them. We believe no child should sit on the sidelines. For more information, to participate, or to donate, visit www.inclusionproject.org. There are volunteer folders in the narthex, or contact Joanne Halbekath, Volunteer Leader, at jojo41249@hotmail.com for a registration form.

Announcing a visit from Israel! Israeli Scouts will be performing at: Temple Beth Elohim

31 Mt Ebo Rd North
Brewster NY 10509

Sunday, June 3, 2012, 7:00 PM

These amazing 16 and 17 year old friendship ambassadors from Israel will be sharing their songs, dance and culture in a lively musical performance. Visit www.israelscouts.org and click on Friendship Caravan for more information.

The Israeli Scouts are non-political and non-sectarian and the show will be enjoyed by everyone of any faith and any age. Please join us for a fun event! The performance is FREE. Donations to cover costs are welcome!

Questions: Edie Mullally at ediemullally@gmail.com
Jamie Novo at jnovo@optonline.net

7th ANNUAL Children's Expo & Public Safety Day

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 11 AM-3 PM

Donald B. Smith Campus, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel NY

Operation SAFE CHILD—Car Seat Checks—911 Emergency Ctr Tours—
Fire Engine Tours—STAT Helicopter Demo—Food, games,
live music, entertainment, and MORE!

www.putnamcountyny.com/publicsafetyday; 845-808-1400x44122

Presented by Child Advocacy Center & the Bureau of Emergency Services of Putnam County

BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive coordinated by the Churches of Brewster will be here at
Trinity in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, June 7, 2:00-8:00 PM**

Please come and donate life-saving blood. It doesn't hurt and only takes about 45 minutes from the time you walk in until you leave. You must be age 17 or over and have a valid ID (driver's license, etc.). You can donate whole blood every 56 days.

Please donate the gift of life. There is no substitute for blood. Without volunteer donors our communities will not have an adequate blood supply. You can sign up with me or just come in. Thank you.

Carol Fendt, 845-277-5126

May 6th Offering for Shepherd's Hall Tiling and Renovation Work

Dear Church Friends,

This coming May 6th is being designated the official day when we will receive, as part of our offering in worship, an 'over and above' donation which will specifically go towards refurbishment of Shepherd's Hall. The total amount Council approved as spending for this project is \$7,500.00, but total costs could run as much as \$10,000.00. While some funds have already been given by WELCA and our Sunday Church School, the better part of the total remains to be funded. Work will likely be done just after our normal VBS time in July.

This work will entail installation of newly donated tile (as replacement for badly worn carpeting), area carpeting over some tiled areas, and restoration work on drywall including re-painting of all walls and trim.

While much of the restoration work will be performed by member volunteers we will need to hire outside contractors to quickly and professionally install the tile as well as prepare the surface beforehand (called "scarification" of concrete).

In mentioning the fact that this collected offering will be an 'over and above' offering, we need to emphasize that this means your contribution should be *in addition to* already pledged amounts for the general budget and mortgage. In other words, to merely shift one's offering from one use to another would merely 'rob Paul only to pay Peter' (so to speak!).

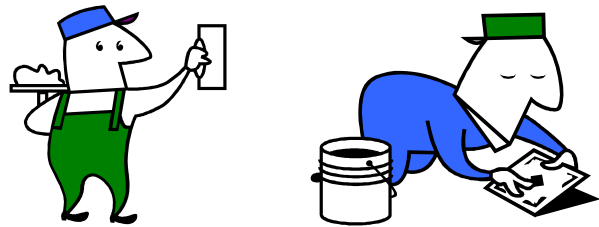
We are prayerfully trusting that God will lead you to give so that you may know the *joy* in giving, but also because this is exactly the kind of support any church needs in order to maintain its facility, to financially compensate its competent staff and to

otherwise provide meaningful worship, fellowship and bible study experiences. This is all part of our total mission as Christians before God in this time and in this place. Please come prepared to give on May 6, but know that offerings will also be warmly received both before and after that date.

If you have any questions or concerns about this work or need additional information, please contact Pastor Jen, Karl Westerville, or Michael Boyd – or any present Church Council member.

In Christ,

Michael Boyd
(for TLC's Property Committee)



2012 Grounds Mowing/ Maintenance Schedule

Please pray about and commit as you can to performing rider mowing, walk behind mowing, trimming and general clean up for each week from now through October. Let me also encourage you to consider asking other members you interact with regularly to see if they might be willing to help lend a hand. Together we can accomplish this work and so much more!

The 2012 Schedule is now located in the narthex upstairs. Don Icken, Samantha Hillegass, and Karl Westerville have already gotten us off to a good start this year – thanks to *all* who use their gifts in this endeavor this spring and summer!

Michael Boyd for TLC
and the Property Committee



What gifts of time and talents has God given you? How might you share them in and through the mission and ministry of Trinity?

Here are some ways in which you can serve in our life of faith together:

- Treasurer (see Cyndi Bertone and/or Karl Westerville)
- Evangelism team member (see Lynda Kraus and/or Pastor Jen)
- Counter (see Dorothy Kafalas)

Or check out our booklet with other areas of ministry to participate in as well as more information regarding these roles.

THANK YOU TO

- + Everyone who contributed food, toiletries, and monetary donations toward the Easter Bags for Putnam CAP, including the Girl Scouts who created the Easter baskets for children. About 65 baskets were picked up here at Trinity on Palm Sunday. In addition, about 10 were taken to be distributed by Putnam CAP.
- + The confirmation students and their families for hosting breakfast on Easter Sunday
- + Labyrinth hosts and helpers during Holy Week: Joan Bradley, Trice Ranellone, Veronica Hansen, Molinda Kearns, Samantha Hillegass, and Paul Doster

Successful Spring Clean Up 2012!

Some 28 brave souls (plus Rose and Cooper) braced themselves for a beautiful work day this past Saturday (April 12) and beautified our grounds and performed various jobs indoors as well. On behalf of all of TLC we thank the following persons for their presence and time and energy given:

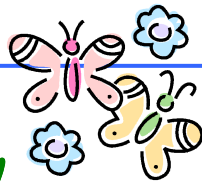
Maisa Tompuri
 John, Alex, Lucas Bertone
 Samantha Hillegass
 Paul Doster
 Don Icken
 Joan Bradley
 Michael and Pastor Jennifer Boyd
 Karl and Marge Westerville
 Loretta and Megan Christiano
 Rich & Cecile Winters
 Gary, Jennifer, John Gerfen
 Inez and Dane Arrigo
 Ed, Kristen, Scott Stoecker
 Lilly Van Zanten
 Tom Pease
 Eric Halbekath Sr.
 Jane Lee
 *Rose and Cooper Boyd

Working together, we pruned, raked leaves, extended some flower beds (creating a memorial garden in honor of Elsie Matteo out front), removed trees and limbs that were overcrowding our rear parking lot area, and mowed and trimmed as well. Inside work was also performed that included hard scrubbing of most, if not all, of our plastic folding tables. In addition to that, Rose and Cooper and our children provided joyful entertainment and fun! Though tired by day's end, we enjoyed working together all in the name of God's total mission through Trinity!

(Note: You can purchase mulch for \$15 per very generous yard [a front end loader bucket full] at Tremson Corporation on Rt. 6 in Brewster. It's a great deal and good-looking hardwood mulch!)

Again, thank you all *so much* for all that you gave of yourselves – and gave **generously!**

**Michael Boyd and John Bertone
 for TLC's Property Committee**



SCS News for May

The Palm Sunday Lent Event on April 1 began with the SCS students and teachers processing with their Palms to remind us all about the first Palm Sunday. Then the children went on their hunt for "Resurrection Eggs" and had a wonderful time making the crafts picked out for them by their teachers. A special thank you to Sue, Michael, and Brian Stringer for all their help in making sure all of our eggs were filled with the appropriate items.

We are almost finished assembling the "Baskets of Hope" and they will be sent to their new homes in Kenya. Thanks to the generous donations from all the members of the congregation.

We have only six more classes in Sunday School, including May 27th (Memorial Day weekend), before Promotion Sunday on June 3rd. This year's theme will be a "Beach Carnival." We hope to make this event one to remember!

More news to come in the Trinity Weekly and handouts to the parents.

Again, THANK YOU to all the parents who have been so helpful in filling in for their children's teachers this year. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you!

Dates to Remember

- 5/27/12 Memorial Day Weekend
(there is Sunday School)
- 6/3/12 Promotion Sunday

SCS Co-superintendents Jeanette Baldanza & Lois Lawrence



Help support our youth who are going to this summer's National Youth Gathering! Here are some opportunities to help:

We thank all who have supported our fundraising efforts so far as we seek to raise enough money to attend this summer's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

We continue to sell Stock Certificates as a way for people to invest in our youth ministry as well as collect spare change.



**Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

Trinity's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) begin their 2012 weekly meetings Thursday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the General Meeting Room. We cordially invite all women of Trinity and their guests to join us for a time of prayer, fellowship, and refreshments.

If you enjoy crafting, we have projects and materials available, and we welcome all new ideas. As you may know, our hand-crafted items are sold at the annual Christmas Fair as a fund-raiser for Trinity's ministries, as well as local and world-wide outreach programs. However, please know that crafting is not a requirement! Many of us enjoy the morning just visiting with one another.

Our other meetings in May are Thurs. May 10, 24, and 31 (9:30 a.m. GMR). We meet for lunch the third Wednesday of every month following our 9:30 meeting. This month, May 16, we plan to have lunch at 12 noon at the Golden House Chinese Restaurant, 3639 Hill Blvd., Jefferson Valley, NY. Please join us! Marge Westerville: 845-855-5593 (Margew@yahoo.com) Joan Quinn: 845-279-7024 (MJQ2005@aol.com)

Healing Prayers

Each Sunday, between worship services, you are invited to come to the altar rail after Pastor Jen has finished greeting people. She is offering individual prayers and anointing for healing; come for yourself or for someone else.

Pastoral Acts by Pastor Boyd

✦ Baptisms: Bradley Joseph Guszack, Jr on April 15, Ella May Proctor and Dean Richard Saccomanno on April 22, and Lola Victoria Tompkins on April 29

WORSHIP AND MUSIC IS LOOKING FOR RENEWED LEADERSHIP FOR THE CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

A leader for Children's Bells is needed. Please speak to Franklyn or Mary Beth Commisso if you are interested in continuing what you are currently doing or are interested in a new Ministry.

♫ ADULT BELLS and SENIOR CHOIR ♫

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings: 7-7:45 pm for handbells and 7:45-8:30 pm for vocal choir. Speak with Mary Beth or Franklyn Commisso.

ASSISTING MINISTERS & READERS USHERS & GREETERS

Trinity is blessed to have a number of people who enrich our worship services by acting as ushers and assisting ministers—but **we need more help in those areas, especially for 10:45 services!**

Do you think you might be called to give a little of your time to serve in one of these role? It's not difficult. It doesn't require a big commitment of time. You come to worship anyway, so why not think about participating in a new way!

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider it in your heart. If you have questions about what's involved, speak with Mary Beth Commisso. **Training is provided.**

Prayer Ministry Team

We gather in prayer and conversation about personal and congregational prayer needs, joys, and concerns.

We meet the 1st Sunday of the month, following the end of the later worship service. All are invited to join us.

Our next gathering will be Sunday, May 6th at ~12:30 PM.

Bible Study

You are invited to join the following groups, who meet to reflect on the scripture and what it means for our daily lives. These gatherings are about more than just learning information about God, but rather how do these texts speak to us today. Please come and join the conversation! (As always, if you are unable to make either of these current groups, please let Pastor Jen know and we can make other times to meet.) The dates and current topics are listed below (each gathering meets about an hour).

- ✦ Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM: Fruit of the Spirit (based on Galatians 5:22-25)
- ✦ Thursday afternoons, 2:00 PM: Women of Faith (each week, we reflect on a different woman in the Bible)

May Worship Schedule

Thu, May 3	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, May 6	Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, May 10	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, May 13	Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, May 17	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, May 20	Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, May 24	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, May 27	Pentecost Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m.
	Confirmation/Holy Comm, 10:45 a.m.
Thu, May 31	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon

Dream Team

What does it mean to be the Church? What does it mean for us to be called Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster, NY in this day and time?

A newly formed ministry team has been formed to begin to ask, reflect, and discern answers to these questions and others. As many mainline churches are in decline and others are closing, we are called upon to no longer take the church and God's mission for the church for granted.

Please keep this team in your prayers as well as share any thoughts, questions, concerns, or ideas you may have about the future of Trinity with them. Currently serving on this committee is: Ralph Rudolph, Lynda Kraus (council liaison), Charlie Germain, Mary Beth Commisso, and Michael & Pastor Jen Boyd.

IS THERE A GRADUATION COMING UP?

If someone in your household is graduating from high school, college, or higher education this spring, please let the office know his or her name, graduation date, and school. If you wish, please include future plans, such as what college he or she will be attending. Thanks!

office2@trinitybrewsterny.org



ELCA Social Statement:

Draft statement on Criminal Justice

The ELCA periodically develops statements on the world and culture around us. Past statements have included ones on Education, Abortion, the Death Penalty, Health and Health care, Peace, and more.

The process in developing social statements is first the call from the Churchwide Assembly to develop one. Then a task force is appointed to study, reflect on, and talk to a variety of people regarding all the issues related to the primary social issue. As a draft statement is formulated, it is published for conversation, prayer, and feedback from congregations.

A Draft Social Statement on *Criminal Justice* has recently been issued for these conversations. It is available at www.elca.org/criminaljustice. We also have copies available at church. After folks have had a chance to read it, we will have a forum to discuss this statement. All are invited to respond to the ELCA task force about the statement (with the draft copies is a response form that all are encouraged to use).



ALTAR FLOWERS 2012

Altar flowers can be dedicated as a memorial or thanksgiving gift for \$30 a week. Sundays can be shared with other donors, reducing the cost. Flowers can be taken home after Sunday worship or left to beautify the altar.

To dedicate altar flowers, please sign up on the chart in the narthex and a flower fund secretary will contact you. Payments should be made by the Sunday you have chosen and payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church Flower Fund and placed in the Flower Fund mailbox or offering plate. You may also give a general gift to the Flower Fund at any time.

Please contact Kathie Ruhs at 845-277-8012 or Linda Salinger at 845-277-5345 for more information.



BULLETIN COVERS

Children and adults are welcome to sign up in the narthex to submit a drawing or photograph for an upcoming bulletin cover.

COMMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME

Contributions are \$673 less than projected. Baptisms are \$135 less than projected, fund raising is \$981 less than projected, Misc Income is \$500 less than projected, and \$638 of Building Use Income was treated as 2011 income.

GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES

were under budget by \$3,505.

MORTGAGE FUND

Contributions for the first quarter are \$358 greater than payments.

SHEPHERD'S HALL REFURBISHMENT

Goal	\$10,000.00
Pledged to date	\$ 4,082.71
Received to date	\$ 3,982.71

As of April 25, 2012

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND (Regular)

From March 22, 2012 to April 25, 2012, \$4,262.82.00 was received from: Emmy Curcuruto, Alyssa Nastasi, Samantha Hillegass, Don & Joanne Icken, Helga Siebern, Henry & Marie von Bargaen, and Helga Whelan.

We thank those who have contributed to the Building Improvement Fund. Please provide encouragement and financial support for these projects with whatever offering amount you are able to make.

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT (through March 31, 2012)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
INCOME			
Contributions	\$43,305	\$42,632	(\$673)
Other Income	\$7,756	\$5,504	(\$2,252)
Total Income	\$51,061	\$48,136	(\$2,925)
EXPENSES			
Benevolence	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
Pastoral	\$27,300	\$26,695	(\$605)
Education	\$1,411	\$1,245	(\$166)
Evangelism	\$0	\$28	\$28
Worship & Music	\$5,678	\$4,704	(\$974)
Administration	\$15,092	\$15,151	\$59
Property	\$15,723	\$13,769	(\$1,955)
Stewardship	\$0	\$25	\$25
Social Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$67,005	\$63,416	(\$3,588)
NET INCOME	(\$15,944)	(\$15,281)	\$663

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES

January 1, 2012 balance	\$18,082
Current balance	\$4,175

MORTGAGE FUND

	Contributions	Payments	Variance
	\$11,056.29	(\$10,698.00)	\$358.29

Memorial Gifts

We are grateful for contributions to the memorial fund in loving memory of Janet Schofield from Barbara Goos, Lucile Steinberger, and Helga Siebern.

A Christian memorial gift is a contribution of money or property to some Christian cause in loving memory of a relative or friend. We give such memorial gifts on the occasion of a loved one's being called to Eternity, on an anniversary of the "Gift of Life," or on the remembrance or celebration of an event in the life of the departed one. Such gifts, given lovingly, honor the Living Lord, Jesus Christ. If you would like to contribute a monetary memorial gift to Trinity, there are forms available on the credenza in the Narthex. If you are interested in sponsoring an item, please contact the office for a list of suggested gifts.

Thank you

We Remember in Prayer Those Who Are

In the hospital, ill, recuperating from surgery, or undergoing medical treatment:

Brigitte, Lee, Kathleen Bailey, Terry Baldanza, Sam Beukelman, Dee Blunier, John Boyle, Ric Byrnes, Erin Conroy, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Margie Dyer, Priscilla Elz, Christine Gallegher, Barbara Goos, Karen Goos, Ron Hansen, Wendy Healy, Walter Jakymiw, Riley Jordan, Sue Kaufman, Barbara Keogh, Anne Kramer, Joe Laird, Luis Marques, Marianne Miller, Michael Montana, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bunky Penny, Jean Pfisterer, Martin Schechter, Toni Simpson, Isabelle Smith, Theresa Smith, Kara Stern, Meranda Sue, John Torlish, Harper Tortorella, Tina Verra, Wayne White, Mary Wilkat, Antoinette Yessian, Kathy Yurkon, Joe Zhinin, Gina, Cele, Marv, Arthur

Wrestling with long-term health issues:

Morgan Andren, Kristin Audelo, Malcolm Beal Sr, Gloria Bretone, Christa, Janet Canor, Deena Cox, Tom Curran, Al Eberhardt, Robert Eckwerth, Margaret Fowler, Santa Garafolo, Amanda George, Chuck Helvig, Raymond Kiernan, Rev. John Kroschel, Janet Krouslis, Gayle Martorano, Renee McElroy, Cole Megaro, George Miller, Louise

Morgese, Tanya Murgai, Roland, Regina Paulson, Betty Rodda, Jordan Rothstein, Laura Rothstein, Riley Rushia, Norma Schwarz, Sherry Seidman, Dale Smith, David Spar, Kenneth Strawn, Dylan Stolper, Audrey Stone, Kathy Sullivan, Josephine Talley, Michael Tillstrand, David Vangor, Gloria Veaz, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Elizabeth Waugh, Cecilia Winters, Stephanie

Facing life's challenges: Amie, Ed Ahlsen-Girard and family, the Bueti family, Karen C., the Cardella family, Eric Colapinta, Cristina Dieguez, Phyllis Dischel, Bob and Chris Donohue, Paul Garofolo, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Larry Hampson, Anita Luhrs, Bob, Sue Rodriguez, Anna Ruopp, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, the Strawn family, Katelyn Stufano, Michael Talarico, Jennifer West, Dave, Marie & Jim, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola

Celebrating the birth of: Ryan Henry Loftus to Heather & Stephen Loftus

Mourning the passing of: Paige Schmeelk, sister of Trice Ranellone, and Mark McKay, son of Pr Dolores McKay of The Wartburg

Serving in the Armed Forces:

Michael Caitney, Michael Conroy; all

those in the service of our country, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their chaplains

Restricted to home/nursing home:

Marge Christie, Frank Cucinella, Lottie Eisele, Beatrice Foley, Gerrit Franssen, Gordon Griggs, Lucy Hillers, Heddie Kessel, Marian Langlois, Horatio Massatti, Marge Popham, Scott Werner

Expecting a child: Liz & John Fendt

Partnership Ministries: The Northwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania; the Brewster Soup Kitchen (Grace Assembly of God) and Brewster Food Pantry (St. Andrew's Episcopal), Brewster Ecumenical Service Partnership (BESP); local small business owners in challenging economic times.

Servants of the Church: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and the Churchwide staff; Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan New York Synod and his staff; Pastor Jennifer Boyd, Deacons Charles Germain, Jr. and Dorothy Kafalas; Minister of Music Franklyn Commisso; Council members; Sunday School teachers, and worship leaders

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: To add a name to Trinity's prayer list, please complete a request form located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Names are usually listed for four weeks. Please contact Elsie in the church office if a person should be listed for a longer period of time, moved to a different area of concern, or removed. Wednesday is the deadline for including names in the following Sunday's printed list.

Prayer Tools

Praying the Psalms: The Psalms are sung prayers and hymns that lift up all the different aspects of our lives and of our relationship with God. Some of them cry out in celebration; others cry with sorrow, repentance, confusion.

Pick any Psalm (a favorite or randomly or one used in worship recently). Read it aloud as a prayer. What part(s) resonated with you? What didn't? What does it tell you about God? About the person who wrote it? Is there someone in your life that might need to hear these words?

Pray the Psalm a couple of times, reflecting on these questions in more than one sitting. Or pick another Psalm and ask these questions of it.



**Congratulations
to Stephen and
Heather Loftus
on the birth of
Ryan Henry on
April 16, 2012!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Graham 5/1
Marie Von Barga 5/1
Albert Cuomo II 5/2
Olivia Daday 5/2
Barbara Markert 5/2
Alex Bertone 5/4
Joe Laird 5/5
Denise Anderson 5/6
Emily Sloan 5/7
Tyler Knapp 5/8
Barbara Goos 5/9
Lucy Hillers 5/10
Sue Kaufman 5/10

Michael Boyd 5/11
Erik Markert 5/11
Jenna Russell 5/11
Christopher Sciarra 5/12
Lucile Steinberger 5/12
Anita McElroy 5/13
Alex Nicoletti 5/13
Tyler Hansen 5/15
Michael Stringer 5/15
Halsey Tuthill 5/15
John Bertone 5/18
JT Sorbella 5/18
Fred Fendt 5/20

Joanne Icken 5/20
Jim Sorbella 5/21
Robert Briggs 5/22
Heather Efferen 5/23
Erik Grillo 5/23
Diana Kolar 5/23
Matthew Kolar 5/23
Christopher Donovan 5/24
Kimberly Gerardi 5/24
Madeline Larocchia 5/24
Don Icken 5/25
Brian Emery 5/29
Claire Brusie 5/30

Samantha Hillegass 5/31
Kristen Stoecker 5/31
Maisa Tompuri 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Laurie & Peter Bell 5/4
Grace & John Tadler 5/7
James & Angela Nastasi 5/9
Ed & Lynn Stoecker 5/13
Pat & John Wills 5/18



Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in May and aren't on this list? Please contact the church office with the complete month-day-year information. Thanks!

THINKING GREEN

RECYCLE rechargeable batteries and cell phone in the box in the upstairs hallway (no alkaline batteries). Place cans & bottles RETURNABLE for the New York state deposit in the container in the upstairs kitchen. Please WASH everything well and REMOVE CAPS from bottles. WELCA returns these for the deposit.

HELP NEEDED

Waitstaff needed for banquets and full time professional waiter.

Plumbush Inn, Cold Spring—email résumé to plumbush1656@aol.com or call 845-265-3904.

HELP/SERVICES AVAILABLE

Electrician—Licensed in Westchester, Putnam, & Connecticut; also available for work in Dutchess—Brian Van Vlack, 845-724-3621

Licensed Plumber—Repairs & service for plumbing & heating—Dan Ranellone, 914-815-6745, danielranellone@yahoo.com

Car Clinic—9 Lupi Plaza, Mahopac NY 10541 Craig Truglia, 845-628-6668, CarClinicofNY@gmail.com

Remodeling & New Construction—Kenstruction; Kenneth Von Barga, 845-222-5045

Finish and All Phases of Carpentry—Jacobsen Carpentry, Insured—Lloyd Jacobsen, 845-729-1287, trislloyd@verizon.net

Zumba® Fitness—Erin Kenny leads fun exercise classes locally. Contact her for more information/schedule: zumbawitherin@gmail.com

Piano Lessons for Beginners—Children and Adults—With introduction to basic concepts of music and musical notation; Introduction to playing the cello available—Juergen Tempel, 917-935-1142

French Horn Lessons—Also baritone; Kyle Kayler, 845-228-4167

Realtor (Associate Broker) with Houlihan Lawrence, Brewster, NY—Linda Salinger, cell 914-282-1243

Realtor (Exclusive Buyer Broker) Laurie Bell with Balch Realty—Putnam/Westchester/Dutchess/Fairfield Counties; cell 914-490-4841; lauriebel2@aol.com

Need something done? Hire a Trinity member!
Have a service to offer? Let the congregation know!
LIST YOUR NEEDS OR SERVICES HERE

E-mail: office2@trinitybrewsterny.org
Or call the church office: 845-279-5181

PLANNING AN EVENT?

Please contact Samantha Hillegass at 845-225-9851, 914-523-3430, or Hillegass4@aol.com regarding any **BUILDING USE**.

PASTOR JEN'S CONTACT INFO

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Closed Monday, May 28

Articles for the June *Trinitarian* are due Mon, May 14. Please email articles to Amy Finney at office2@trinitybrewsterny.org

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Current issues of Trinity Weekly, the monthly calendar, TLC e-notes, and the *Trinitarian* are always available at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

MAY 2012

Sunday Services
9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Church School
9:00 a.m.

Spoken Word Worship
Thursdays at noon

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✠ MAY HIGHLIGHTS ✠

- Sat, May 5 Council retreat at Westervilles' home
- Sun, May 6 Shepherd's Hall Refurbishment Commitment Sunday
- Sat, May 12 Shepherd's Hall Facelift Day
- Sun, May 13 Mother's Day
- Thu, May 17- Synod Assembly in Tarrytown
Sat, May 19 *(attended by Pr Jen, Dorothy Kafalas, & Joan Quinn)*
- Sun, May 20 College Bound meeting, 3:00 PM
Blessing of Our Pets, 5:00 PM
- Sun, May 27 Pentecost
Confirmation, 10:45 AM
- Mon, May 28 Memorial Day—office closed

Remember to see the full May calendar enclosed as well.



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