

# The Trinitarian



DECEMBER 2014

BREWSTER, NEW YORK

## *Pastoral Reflections—For Such a Time as This*

There never seems to be enough time. We are always running out of time. We are all given the same amount of time—12 months, 365 days, 7 days a week, 24 hours in a day. Yet, why does it feel like it is just rushing by?

### *For such a time as this*

Time only speeds up for us as adults as we move towards Christmas (though it slows down for children). We count the days by how many “shopping days” left until Christmas. We cross off the days on the calendar until we gather with family and friends. We make our plans and our preparations for all the celebrations that will mark this month.

### *For such a time as this*

With all of our doing—planning, preparations—what is “such a time as this?”

These are the words that are spoken to Esther by her uncle (our reading for Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>). Though she did not realize it, God has brought her to this time in her life and will work through her for the good of all. (If you haven’t read the book of Esther, take the opportunity; it is short). *For such a time as this*, for that time in her life, God has prepared her and will lead her to be the hope of a nation.

### *For such a time as this*

In the midst of the frantic nature of this month, we too are prepared for such a time. While we remember the past, marking the birth of Christ, we come to see that the Word-becoming-flesh is happening to today. God is birthed through us and we are called to reveal to the world that God is among us—that there is hope, that all are loved, that peace is possible, that restoration and renewal will happen, that all is not lost.

### *For such a time as this*

It is for this time that Christ was born. It is for this time that God’s love is made flesh. It is for this time that hope is restored. It is for this time that peace is promised. It is for this time that we too are prepared.

As you do your planning and preparations, be aware of the time—not as a shrinking clock—but as THIS TIME that God is in our midst and that it is AT THIS TIME that we are called to birth Christ into the world.

#### **Craft idea to help you remember *such a time as this***

Cut out the clock face below (make a hole in the center) and glue onto a CD. You can string it and hang it on your tree.

Peace in Christ,  
*Pastor Jen*





## *Advent Vespers* *Saturday, December 13, 2014, 5:00 pm*

**This December's Vespers** features Cantatas and organ works by Tunder as well as music by his contemporaries, Buxtehude and Alessandro Stradella. We will have musical offerings by Trinity Brass, Senior Choir, Bell Choir, and organ. Come help celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

Lutheran Advent Vespers is the invention of organist and composer Franz Tunder (1614-1667) whose quadricentennial we celebrate this year. He was the organist of the Marienkirche in Luebeck, Germany and father-in-law of Didrik Buxtehude. He began the tradition of "Abendmusiken," a long series of free concerts in the Marienkirche, the most elaborate of which were before Christmas time. The earliest of these concerts occurred in 1646. The concerts seem to have originated as organ performances specifically for the businessmen who congregated at the weekly opening of the town's stock exchange. These concerts were to continue through the 17th and 18th centuries; they were distinguished from other concerts by having free admission (for they took place in a church), and by being financed by the business community.

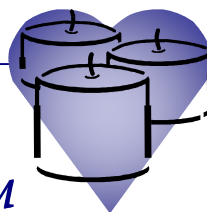


### *'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and All Over Heaven...*

The Journey to the Manger cast and crew will be presenting David Frost's story of Christmas in shadow and song **Saturday, December 13, noon and 4 PM**, Holmes Presbyterian Camp & Conf

Ctr, Agape Bldg (Presbyterian Way, top of the hill), 60 Denton Lake Rd, Holmes, NY 12531. Fellowship & refreshments follow each performance. <http://www.facebook.com/journeyplayers>.

### *Compassionate Friends World Candlelight Vigil* *Sunday, December 14, 6:30 PM*



This event is held annually the second Sunday of December, uniting family and friends around the globe as they light candles for one hour, from 7 to 8 PM local time, to honor and remember a child or sibling who has died at any age from any cause.

This year a lighting will be held here on **December 14** in Fellowship Hall. This nondenominational event will include readings, music, lighting of candles, and reading of the loved ones' names. Those attending may bring a photo or small memento of their loved one for the remembrance table. Set up begins at **6:30** with the program to follow.

For more information, to RSVP (for an attendance count), or to have your child/sibling remembered if you are unable to attend, please call Rosemary Gebhardt at 845-225-4076.

### *Longest Night/ Blue Christmas Service*

For many of us Christmas can be a difficult time. While all the decorations and activities around us call out "be happy and celebrate," we may be feeling sad, aching with the emptiness of having lost a loved one, facing the breakup of a marriage, dealing with financial pressures or the loss of a job, struggling with illness in ourselves or someone close to us, or feeling lonely away from family or friends. We may just be overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle of the world. There are many reasons why we may be feeling "blue."

On **Sunday, December 21, at 5:00 PM** we will have a special worship service that acknowledges that not everyone feels jolly at Christmas time. Called **Worship on the Longest Night** or sometimes a **Blue Christmas Service**, this quiet time for worship provides an opportunity to remember our loved ones or share our hurting places with God, and gives us a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is held near the day that has the least daylight and the longest night of the year, calling to mind the darkness that we feel in our lives when we grieve. It also provides the reassurance we need that, even in our longest night, God's love surrounds us. Come and share in this time of worship and supportive fellowship.



**Four 2014  
Advent Retreats**

- I–November 28-30**
- II–December 5-7**
- III–December 12-14**
- IV–December 19-21**

Kairos Conference  
Center: \$170/Adult,  
Double; \$216/Single;  
\$140/Triple; \$85/Youth,  
5-16 years; Retreat  
Cabins, \$97.

**(800) 980-2267**  
**www.koinoniany.org**

*Advent Devotions*

We will be sending out weekly emails with Advent reflections from one of the members of our Worship and Music committee. They will be send out each Tuesday via email. If you would like to receive a physical copy each week, let the church office know and we will mail them to you each week. Also, check out the following on-line Advent resources (if you'd like a physical copy, a few will be made available in the narthex):

From the ELCA and our Ecumenical Partners: Their Advent devotions are available at [http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Advent\\_Devotions.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Advent_Devotions.pdf).

From Luther Seminary <http://www.luthersem.edu/advent/>  
You can also sign up for their God Pause weekly devotional emails  
Mark Oldenburg from Gettysburg Seminary - "Bothering with Advent"  
video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxDedqAG5mM>

The Slate  
Project's #AdventUs <https://www.facebook.com/slateproject>  
Lutheran Campus Ministry in Toronto (ELCIC)  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/694332940674399/?pnref=story>

Women of the ELCA .has two different resources:  
It's "A Different Kind of Journey: Advent as a Walk, not a Sprint"  
<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/resource---a-different-kind...>

"Advent: A Season for All Generations"  
<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/resource---advent-news-20.php>

*Advent Images*

*How will you mark this season of Advent?*

What comes to mind for you when you think of "Advent" or even "Christmas"?

More than word association, are there pictures that frame this season?

On the right is a list of words that are often associated with both Advent and Christmas, one for each day of December leading up to Christmas. Use this list to take a photo, draw a picture, write a reflection and/or focus on as your prayer for the day. Share your images with others, post them to Trinity's Facebook page or send them to Pastor Jen.

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| 1) Hope         | 14) Justice     |
| 2) Advent       | 15) Celebrate   |
| 3) Anticipation | 16) Preparation |
| 4) Waiting      | 17) Radiance    |
| 5) Caring       | 18) Promise     |
| 6) Awake        | 19) Community   |
| 7) Generous     | 20) Faith       |
| 8) Light        | 21) Darkness    |
| 9) Rejoice      | 22) Immanuel    |
| 10) Peace       | 23) Joy         |
| 11) Good News   | 24) Nativity    |
| 12) Believe     | 25) Love        |
| 13) Prayer      |                 |



**Calling All Angels!  
Hour Children's Center  
Annual Gift Drive**

Over 200 mothers at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility will select gifts for about 500 children, as well as providing gifts to correctional facilities across NYS so that many more incarcerated parents can give gifts to their children during the holidays. All donations are tax deductible. A **Wish List** with suggested gifts is available in the narthex. Even if you have donated in the past, **please take a new list, because some of the rules have changed.** If the instructions are not followed, the gifts will be denied. **Please leave gifts CLEARLY MARKED "Children's Center" in the narthex by Sunday, December 7th.**



**Putnam CAP  
TOYS**

In collaboration with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Department of Social Services and Toys for Tots, toys are distributed to children ages 0-18 in

celebration of the December Holidays. New, unwrapped toys (Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic-looking weapons) can be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex.

**Gifts That Keep on Giving**

Why not give a gift that gives twice this year! By using one of these resources, you can give a gift in the name of a loved one and help someone in need in our world. Or you can purchase a fair trade item when you buy gifts, which also means giving twice. Have your gifts go further this year as expressions of our faith. Here are a few resources to choose from:

Fair trade coffee or chocolate:

[www.lwr.org/getinvolved/fairtrade](http://www.lwr.org/getinvolved/fairtrade)

Fair trade gifts: <https://www.serrv.org/>

ELCA Good Gifts catalog (where you can give: to a ministry, buy animals: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>

Heifer International (similar to ELCA good gifts):

<http://www.heifer.org/>



**BESP—Brewster  
Emergency Shelter  
Partnership**



This year the temporary shelter runs December 8, 2014 through March 29, 2015 (Palm Sunday). Our ecumenical partnership has worked together, being God's hands for greatness. Trinity, with John Hagedorn, chair, Don Cuomo, treasurer, Gail Pease, board member, and Irene Germain, co-coordinator, are central to this ministry.

Trinity's dates for providing a hot meal and overnight volunteer hosts (along with the paid overnight host) are: January 19-25, February 23-March 1, and March 16-March 22. The first two weeks will be using the Brewster Baptist Church and the March week will be at St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Contact Gail Pease at 845-225-8921 or [gpeasesoar@aol.com](mailto:gpeasesoar@aol.com) or Irene Germain at 845-225-4698 or [Irene6174@comcast.net](mailto:Irene6174@comcast.net) for questions or to volunteer.

**Attention All Knitters, Crocheters,  
and Yarn Aficionados!**

One of our un-sung ministries at Trinity is our Prayer shawls. They are created by a variety of people and given out to those who are in need of prayer. Sometimes they are prayers for healing, strength, comfort as well as for times of joy, celebration and transitions in life. There are times when we need to physical feeling of being wrapped up in prayer and shawls provide that tangible sense of God's presence surrounding us.

We are always looking for additional people to create these shawls. Patterns vary and you can use whatever one that you like best. Also check out [www.shawlministry.org](http://www.shawlministry.org) for examples. Shawls will be made available in the narthex (look for the shawl bin)

- for people to use during worship when they feel they need to be enrobed in prayer (or if you are just cold)
- to take for themselves or to give to someone who is need of prayers (you can use one of the cards in the notecard box with the shawls that has various kinds of prayers)
- for you to leave a shawl for others to use.



**First Friday  
Nativity  
Exhibition**

**Friday, December 5**

**6:00 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Appetizers**

**A NATIVITY EXHIBITION** is coming to Trinity—We are asking all members if they would like to lend Trinity their Nativity Set for the first week of December, either multi-piece or one-piece units, Nativity art work, etc. to be displayed in our Nativity exhibit, which will take place on **First Friday, December 5th, 6:00 PM**. You can drop off your items Nov 30-Dec 5 in the Sunday School office/library downstairs during office hours (M-F 9 AM-1 PM). We are also asking if anyone would like to perform a Christmas Christian-themed musical piece during the show (either solo, duet, trio, quartet). Please contact John Bertone @ 845-279-8240 or jbertone@portmorrilltile.com for more information.

**DECORATING** the nave will be on Sunday, December 21, following the 10:45 AM service.



**Santa's Helpers  
Child Care**

**Sat, Dec 13**

**11:30 AM-4:30 PM**

On **Saturday December 13** the youth group members who are attending the mission trip summer 2015 are **hosting a Santa's Helpers Event from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm**. This event is an opportunity for parents to drop off their children for some fun and games while they have a date night (or possible Christmas shopping they will like to do.)

Cost is \$20 a child and includes games, a craft, and dinner. Recommended age is four years and older.

Any questions/ considerations or special arrangements can be made by speaking with Albert Cuomo and Kristi Torlish: trinityyouthgroup1@gmail.com.



**Affirmation  
Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 14, 3 PM**

**Everyone is welcome!**

Contact Charlie Germain for more information or if you would like to have carolers visit someone (by Dec 7)

**Special Music for Christmas Eve**

All those gifted with musical talent, children and adults, are invited to offer special music for our Christmas Eve services. Traditionally we have children's musical offerings at the 4:00 PM service. If you or your child would like to sing or play for Christmas Eve, please contact Franklyn Comisso **no later than Sunday, December 7**. All musical selections must reflect the religious nature of our Christmas celebration—no Santa and reindeers, please!

**Faith Formation**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

(9:45-10:30 am)

**Faith Formation for Adults** with Pastor Jen in Fellowship Hall

**The Heart of Christianity**—Youth Room; led by Michael Boyd

**High School Faith Formation**—Pastor’s office; led by Albert Cuomo and Kristi Torlish

**Affirmation**—General Meeting Room; led by Charlie Germain

**Sunday School** in Shepherd’s Hall

**FIRST MONDAYS** (7:00-8:00 pm)

Call to Discipleship led by Pastor Jen in General Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** (7:00-8:00 pm)

**The Letter to the Hebrews** with Pastor Jen in the General Meeting Room (note: does not meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday because of Council meeting)

**FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH**

**Transforming Life and Faith** at WELCA meeting at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall led by various leaders

**Sunday School December News**

A big thank you to Doris O’Toole for coordinating the activities for the Advent Festival.

December already, with Advent upon us we remember the coming of baby Jesus and in preparing for this SCS will be collecting layette items for WELCA. A list will be given to students with needed item. Any donations will be appreciated. The children will be singing during the 8:30 service on December 21st as an entire group. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

**Jeanette Baldanza,  
Sunday School Superintendent**

♪ **CHILDREN'S** ♪

♪ **CHOIR** ♪

Meets during coffee time for 20 to 30 minutes with Joy Baggetta

**P.R.A.Y. PROGRAMS  
COMING JANUARY 2015**

The family is where a child’s faith often begins and is developed. At Trinity we use the P.R.A.Y. Program (Programs of Religious Activities with Youth) [www.praypub.com](http://www.praypub.com) as an opportunity for parents to study together.

This year we are offering God and Me for grades 1, 2 and 3 with Irene Germain as counselor and the God and Family Program for grades 4 and 5 with John Bertone as counselor. The programs will be on Sundays in January and February at 10:30 (right after Sunday school)

These programs are run as a “parent and child” program with both the parent and child attending the sessions together. There will be assignments to be done together at home. Originally this program was offered by the church to Girl Scouts and Boy scouts but is now available to all children. A religious award is presented at the end of the program which may be worn on the Girl Scout and Boy Scout uniform.

All parents of children in grades 1 to 5 should have received registration forms in the mail for these programs. Please see Irene Germain 845-225-4698, [Irene6174@comcast.net](mailto:Irene6174@comcast.net) or John Bertone 845-279-8240, [jbortone@portmorrill.com](mailto:jbortone@portmorrill.com) if you have questions.

## STEWARDSHIP

We thank Ralph Rudolph, Dawe Morello, Ken Mongold, and Maureen Sergio for sharing their stewardship reflections during our recent worship services. We are blessed by their faith-filled witness. Below is the reflection from Maureen Sergio for you to ponder as you think about your own understanding and experience of stewardship.



When Dawn Morello approached me and asked me if I would speak, I was inclined to say no. When Pastor asked me... I couldn't say no. I tried to think about what I would say that may encourage and motivate people to fill out their pledge cards, because for the last few years, I have not. All I can do is tell my story.

I have been coming to Trinity Lutheran Church since the late 1990s—thank you, Barbara Nicoletti, for leading me here. My daughters received their first Communion and their confirmation here. They belonged to the children's choir and ran bells and chimes. We went on Midnight Runs, to Youth Quakes in New Jersey, and National Youth Gatherings in San Antonio and New Orleans—all the while growing in faith. In those days I felled out pledge cards.

When the economy took a downslide, things changed for us, as I am sure they did for many of you. We found it hard to meet our monthly bills, and that's when I stopped my pledges, but gave what I could.

Coming to service here at Trinity has always brought me a sense of peace. It's the break in the busy week to quiet my mind and to reflect on my blessings. And singing with the choir and ringing bells brings me so much joy. So what would it be like if Trinity was not here? Just as we have been having trouble paying our bills... so has our church.

I started to think about my spending and where I could make a change. I've been in the habit of stopping at Dunkin' Donuts for an iced coffee almost every day. It easily adds up to \$15 each week. This is now my new pledge, and I'll look for ways to improve upon it. So I'll ask all of you to look for your iced coffee. Maybe it means bringing lunch to work instead of buying, or fewer trips to Peachwave and Carvel.

And ask yourself: What would it be like for you if Trinity was no longer here?

Maureen Sergio

Hi Fellow Trinity Members! My name is Moriah McCloskey and I was wondering if everyone could help me out.... I am currently attending Siena College upstate and was selected out of a competitive group to attend a Service Trip to Haiti. During this trip I will be helping teach English to the students of St. Gabriel's Secondary School. The trip will be taking place January 3rd through the 10th in Fontaine, Haiti. Being selected to go on this trip was very important to me and helping me connect with the franciscan tradition outside of Siena College. The cost of the trip is very expensive and I know the holidays are coming up and finances are tight, but any amount that the community could contribute would greatly help me seeing as this is a self funded trip. I will be home for thanksgiving service and after service mid december until the trip with a donation box and to answer any questions or just to talk! I also have a fundraising website if you would like to donate online: <http://www.gofundme.com/h0ybr8>

Thank you so much :)  
Moriah McCloskey

### *Upon this rock, I will build my church (said Jesus to Peter)*

It is upon the building stones of faith that we are the Church. We are blessed by all those who have already made a commitment to continue to build up the Church as we live together in faith. As of Nov. 24th, we have received 64 pledges. Thank you for your ongoing participation and support of the mission and ministry of Trinity.

If you have not yet sent in your pledge, there is still the opportunity to do so. If you need a pledge card, extras are available in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

## THANK YOU!

A huge THANKS for those who helped out on Saturday Nov. 1st for fall clean up. We had over 18 members come out on a very chilly day to serve the Lord by raking leaves, trimming trees and bushes, bringing food and making drinks for those in attendance and putting in snow stakes to make our church presentable for us to come to and for us to get through the winter. Trinity Lutheran Church has have been blessed to have you there! Giving of ourselves to make our church a nice place to come to worship is a great thing. Each one of us brings something to Trinity, whether it be time, talents, or much-needed funds.... it is so very valuable and important for our mission.

God's Blessing on each and every one of you for what you do and what you did that day. Let us never forget what our purpose is. We are here for a reason and you all know what that reason is!

Also, thanks to those of you who brought other family members to help out. It was greatly appreciated. Here are the names of those who worked on Saturday: John, Alex, and Lucas Bertone, Jen Boyd, Joan Bradley, Scott Dzibela Sr, Gary, Jennifer, and John Gerfen, Jennifer Graham, Brent Hnatow, Don and Joanne Icken, Lois Lawrence, Peter Lyons, Ken Mongold, Jeananne and Jasmine Moscato, Tom Pease, and Arnold Schuff.



Have a great day!  
Ken Mongold, Property Chair

As the gardening season ends, a note of appreciation goes out to all who contributed time, plants, expertise, and appreciation for the TLC gardens. Kudos to Kat Devine, Paul Doster, Lois Lawrence, Debra Lyon, Dawn Marinich, and Ken Mongold for their efforts in watering, weeding, and planting. Thank you Lois for the lightweight hoses. Donna Relyea, an alumna of the New York Botanical Gardens' Landscape Design program, donated time and expertise in helping to redesign the existing gardens. We are always grateful to Ralph Rudolph for his generosity and advice. We also thank the WELCA ladies for their continued generosity and support. The Trinity Gardeners, an informal group, works as needed in the TLC gardens. All are welcome to join in the fun of gardening.

Marge Westerville  
Joan Bradley, coordinator

### TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2015

In order to be a *voting* member of Trinity Lutheran Church, confirmed church members must make a contribution of record once and receive Holy Communion here once a year.

**To ensure that our records are accurate:**

**Please use your offering envelopes!**

2015 envelopes will be in the Narthex for pick up beginning December 14. Make a note of your envelope number and ensure that it is marked on any contributions.

**Whenever you receive Holy Communion, please complete a Record of Communion card and hand it to an usher.** We record this information and encourage you to get into the habit of completing one each time you receive Holy Communion.

### On the Shelf

Did you know that we have a library with books that you can borrow? There are variety of biblical resource as well as books about faith.

A recent addition to our library is the Mitford book Series by Jan Karon. This series follows Father Tim, an Episcopal priest serving in a small town. They are wonderful stories about how faith and everyday life intersect. Check them out.

If you are interested in more information about our library, see Joan Bradley or Pastor Jen.

**Pastor Jen**

Thank you to everyone who put Holiday Market road signs out. If you did so, please retrieve and return them for re-use.



*Assisting Ministers, Readers,  
and Ushers*

**NEW SYSTEM FOR SCHEDULING**

Now there is a sheet with the remaining slots for Nov/Dec, including Christmas, and one for Jan/Feb. Please sign up and check it regularly to see where volunteers are needed so it becomes self-monitoring.

**ADDITIONAL SERVERS ARE NEEDED**

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.**

Do you think you might be called to give a little of your time to serve in one of these roles? 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.

**Server Training** will take place on the 2nd Sunday of every month between services. If you'd like more information, contact Mary Beth Commisso, Dawn Morello, or Pastor Jen.



**Thursday Group**

On Thursday, December 4, we will meet at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall for Bible Study and a business meeting. For more information, contact Irene Germain Irene6174@comcast.net or 845-225-4698 or Marge Westerville at Margerw@yahoo.com or 845-855-5593.

WELCA's annual Christmas party will be held on Dec. 11th beginning at noon at Wilbur Herrlich Camp. Cost will be \$20. All women of Trinity and guests are welcome. Please contact Irene Germain 845-225-4698, Irene6174@comcast.net or Marge Westerville 845-855-5593, margerw@yahoo.com

WELCA's second group will meet on Sunday, January 18 after Faith Formation. Contact Joanne Icken

*Altar Flowers 2015*

The chart for 2015 will be posted in the narthex. Flowers may be taken home after Sunday worship or left to beautify the altar. You may designate the gift as a memorial or thanksgiving gift. Sundays may be shared with other donors, reducing the \$30/week cost. You may also give a general gift to the Flower Fund. Contact Kathie Ruhs at 845-277-8012 or Linda Salinger at 845-277-5345 for more information.

*December Worship Schedule*

- Thu, Dec 4 Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
- Sun, Dec 7 Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
- Thu, Dec 11 Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
- Sun, Dec 14 Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
- Thu, Dec 18 Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
- Sun, Dec 21 Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
- Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve, 4:00, 8:00, 11:00 PM
- Thu, Dec 25 Christmas Day, 10:00 AM
- Sun, Dec 28 Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m. ONLY  
(no Faith Formation classes)
- Thu, Dec 31 Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS** Barbara Von Bargaen 12/17  
 Jean Schuff 12/1 William Groundwater 12/18  
 Helga Siebern 12/2 Tyler Lee 12/19  
 Harold Hansen 12/6 Susan Megaro 12/19  
 Lauralee Ulrich 12/7 Karen Nicoletti 12/19  
 Heather Loftus 12/8 Keira Markert 12/20  
 Juliette Dudowitz 12/10 Anna Ruopp 12/21  
 Sawyer Loftus 12/10 Sandra Kenny 12/22  
 Meagan Beal 12/12 Kaitlyn Hansen 12/24  
 Marisol Langke 12/12 Nancy Sorbella 12/24  
 Cassandra Wise 12/12 Dan Kafalas 12/25  
 Kevin Wise 12/12 Gabrielle Scorrano 12/26  
 Joe Bettcher 12/13 Laurie Bell 12/27  
 Susan Kolar 12/15  
 Freyja Smith 12/15  
 Inez Arrigo 12/17

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Robert & Jane Lee 12/26

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

*First Monday Practicing Discipleship*

What does it mean to live as a disciple—to follow Jesus? Join us on the first Monday of each month (next meeting **Monday, December 1, 7:00 pm**, downstairs in the General Meeting room) as we gather for conversation and reflection on the ways in which God is calling us to follow him in today's world.

*Senior Handbells*

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Interested? Contact Mary Beth Commisso

*Senior Choir*

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:45 PM in the Choir Room. Interested? Contact Franklyn Commisso

*Pastoral Acts*

Memorial service for Peggy Bell, November 15, 2014



*Christmas Decorations*

If you wish to place poinsettias in the Chancel or make a donation toward decorations, please use the form below. The cost of each poinsettia plant is \$10.00 and donations for wreaths or decorations can be made in any amount. Checks should be made payable to the "Trinity Lutheran Church Flower Fund." **By December 14**, please complete the form below, enclose your money, and place in the offering plate, put in the church office mailbox, or mail it to: Flower Fund, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Rt 6, Brewster NY 10509. The plants may be brought home following the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service. Plants not taken by donors will be delivered to shut-ins and/or area nursing homes.

*2014 Christmas Decorations Order Form*

Please place \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia plants in the Chancel. Attached is a check for \$10.00 for each plant, payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church Flower Fund."

Enclosed is a donation for wreaths and decorations

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or cash \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

OR (check one)

\_\_\_ To the Glory of God OR \_\_\_ In gratitude for God's many blessings

*Pledges for 2015*

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE.** As of November 16, 60 pledge cards have been received. If you have not completed one, there is still time! Blank cards are available in the narthex or contact the church office to have one e-mailed to you.

**CUT-OFF FOR 2014 CONTRIBUTIONS IS DEC 31, 2014**

If you would like to know the **status of your contributions toward your 2014 pledge**, please contact the office for a year-to-date statement at [trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) or 845-279-5181.

*Comments*

**GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME**—Total income is \$2,515 more than projections.

**GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES**—Total expenses are \$1,650 less than projected.

**MORTGAGE FUND**—Contributions are \$4,702 behind through October.

**TARGETED BUDGET**—In order to achieve the desired benevolence and custodial care, Trinity needs \$3,956 per week. As of the end of October, we need \$6,276 per week, or \$2,320 more than the normal weekly contribution to make up the deficit.

**2015 Offering Envelopes** will be in the narthex starting Sunday, December 14. PLEASE USE your envelopes and complete ALL the requested information so your contributions can be correctly credited. Please discard any unused envelopes from 2014 and earlier.

**Your envelope number** → 000

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Please fill in a dollar amount for each appropriate fund:

GENERAL FUND	\$	<input type="text"/>
MORTGAGE FUND	\$	<input type="text"/>
		(SPECIFY) <input type="text"/>
<b>TOTAL OFFERING</b>	<b>\$</b>	<input type="text"/>

Check #  or  Cash

AUGSBURG FORTRESS

**Indicate cash or your check number    Fill in ALL relevant amounts**

**YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT  
(through October 31, 2014)**

**GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>			
Contributions	\$147,073	\$149,315	\$2,242
Other Income	\$17,654	\$17,928	\$274
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$164,727</b>	<b>\$167,242</b>	<b>\$2,515</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Benevolence	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Pastoral	\$91,570	\$89,090	(\$2,480)
Education	\$2,563	\$3,952	\$1,389
Evangelism	\$116	\$227	\$111
Worship & Music	\$18,509	\$17,835	(\$674)
Administration	\$40,625	\$42,724	\$2,099
Property	\$26,710	\$24,655	(\$2,055)
Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Ministry	\$21	\$0	(\$21)
Fund Raising	\$20	\$-	(\$20)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$185,133</b>	<b>\$183,483</b>	<b>(\$1,650)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$20,406)</b>	<b>(\$16,241)</b>	<b>\$4,165</b>

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES** (includes \$15,000 in loans)

<b>January 1, 2014 balance</b>	\$19,086
<b>Current balance</b>	\$6,065

**MORTGAGE FUND**

Contributions	Payments	Variance
\$30,957.77	(\$35,660.00)	(\$4,702.23)

*Memorial Gifts*

**We are grateful to contributions to the Memorial Fund from** Vickie Brooks Baker, Dorothea Baratta, Laurie Bell, Richard & Ruth Billetter, Carol Brooks, Sue Brown, Ed Johnson, Deacon Carol & Walter Straub, and James & Dorothy Yessian, in loving memory of Bunky Penny.

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.

## *We remember in prayer those who are*

### **In the hospital, ill, recuperating from surgery, or undergoing medical**

**treatment:** Brigitte, Lee, Nan Bader, Lisa Bagnati, Kitty, Joe Basara, Jack Baum, Jeff Bertone & Ruthie Parker and Alexandria Grace, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Mark Boldish, Amy Booth, Michael Boyd, William Brown, Lilly Browne, Betty Buckmaster, John Cannon, Gail Cardella, Tamara Casablanca, Christine, Erin Conroy, Helen Conte, Jon Cope, Linda Cowen, Eileen Dahlia, Ben Dalecki, Karen Delduco, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Gert Donovan, Joanne Dzibela, Altjie Egmon, Priscilla Elz, Wayne Farber, Bea Fieldstadt, Linda Fitzgerald, Christine Gallegher, Avril Gelder, Robert Glad, Barbara Goos, Karen Goos, Patricia Graham-Alvarado, Eleanor Greene, Eric Halbekath Sr, Jeannine Harris, Kenny Holler, Jean Hnatow, Walter Jakymiw, Joe, Dick Kittle, Karen Krebs, Joe Laird, Justin Larocchia, Michael, Beth Maley, Dan McGill, Bill McMahon, Mary Jane McMahon, Ziggy Mignanelli, Oliver Milton, Michael Montana, Karen Myerwold, Mike Nicholson, Barbara Nicoletti, Noel, John Noone, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bob Obuck, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Ed Ranieri, Ronnie, Rosaleen, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, George Schwarz, Marian Schwarz, John Simon, Theresa Smith, Joe Stark, Curt Stiles, Ronald Strand, Walter Straub, Meranda Sue, Grace Tadler, John Torlish, Mary Torlish, Greg V., Henry Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Helga Whalen, Mary Wilkat, Jessica Wilkson, Gina, Cele, Marv, Arthur, Richard Yessian, Chris Young, Jeff

### **Wrestling with long-term health**

**issues:** Moshen Alameldin, Morgan Andren, Malcolm Beal Sr, Gloria Bretone, Christa, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Deena Cox, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Al Eberhardt, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Mollie Fitzpatrick,

Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Chuck Helvig, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Ryan Lee, Reneé McElroy, Thaine Manske, Virginia Mead, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Regina Paulson, Katie Ray, Betty Rodda, Riley Rushia, Sindy, Zack Small, Kenneth Strawn, Audrey Stone, Kathy Sullivan, Josephine Talley, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Elizabeth Waugh, Cecilia Winters, Stephanie, Donna

**Facing life's challenges:** Daniel Baggetta, the Banuelos/Cable/Lyon family, Wanda & Cliff, Della Arndt, Danielle Blummer, the Bueti family, Catherine, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Larry Hampson, Logan Keane, Matt, Bill & Debbie Logan, Anita Luhrs, Isabel Ranieri, Sue Rodriguez, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Katelyn Stufano, Kristen Sullivan, Michael Talarico, Jennifer West, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Caitney, Dylan Cumpston, Adam Elliott, Phillip Gerhardt, Ron Hansen Jr., Dylan Kinsella, Pr Anthony Stephens, Adam Vieux, Jessica Woodall, 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, Gerrit Franssen, Lucy Hillers, Heddie Kessel, Marian Langlois, Horatio Massatti, Marge Popham, Edna Robertson, Scott Werner

**Remembering the life of:** Peggy Bell, mother-in-law of Laurie Bell

**Attending seminary:** Dawn Morello

**Partnership Ministries:** The Northwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania; the Brewster Soup Kitchen (Brewster 1st Baptist Church) 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 Elizabeth Eaton, and the Churchwide staff; Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan New York Synod and 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 **Amy** in the church office ([trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) 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.

**DIGITAL MINISTRY**—Did you know that you can support Trinity by using Good Search and Amazon Smile (just designate Trinity as your selected charity)? How about checking in when you come to worship on Foursquare, Facebook, or other social media sites? Or tweet something that you find especially meaningful—like a scripture or hymn verse. Or maybe during the passing of the peace, take a “Sunday Selfie” with someone and share it with others. Here is a Quick Response (QR) code created specifically for our organization. Feel free to use it to connect to the mobile version of our web page.



**HELP/SERVICES AVAILABLE or WANTED**

**Full-Time Job Needed**—Amy Buchoff (845-249-8600) has owned a bakery opposite Carmel Diner for one year. She had to close at the end of September due to building problems. I can vouch for her ability as a pastry chef, generosity, hard-working nature, and skill with people. Over the year she donated yummy items to the shelter four times a week. Call her or me if you have any job possibilities for her. Gail Pease 845-225-8921 or gpeasesoar@aol.com.

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

**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; lauriebell2@aol.com

**LIST YOUR NEEDS OR SERVICES HERE**

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Or call the church office: 845-279-5181

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Lovely Private Bright One Bedroom Apartment for Rent in Single Family Home on Second Floor. \$900 monthly, tenants pay own electric (lights & heat). No pets, no smoking. Parking for 1 car on premises. Security deposit and first month's rent required.

Serious inquiries only please call for an appointment:

**845-279-2570**

**PLANNING AN EVENT?**

Please contact **Pat Wills** regarding any **PROPERTY USE** at 845-259-3138 or e-mail her at [p.wills@comcast.net](mailto:p.wills@comcast.net)

**Do you have a building key that you are no longer using? PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you!**

**Yoga is at Trinity!!** Thursday nights 7:30-8:45pm. Just bring a yoga mat and an open mind! All abilities welcome. Cost: Suggested donation of \$10. Donations exceeding \$10 will be donated back to Trinity. Contact Cyndi Bertone, RYT, at 279-8240 for more info.

Articles for the January *Trinitarian* are due Mon, **December 15**. Please email articles to Amy Finney at [trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)

**Office Hours: Mon to Fri, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Office closed Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1**

**PASTOR JEN'S CONTACT INFO**

Here is my personal contact information, in case of emergency.  
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Current issues of Trinity Weekly, the monthly calendar, and the *Trinitarian* are always available at [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org)

## DECEMBER 2014

### Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

### Spoken Word Worship Thursdays at noon

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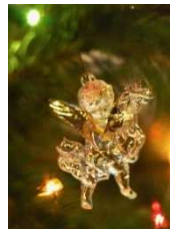
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## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



- Wed, Dec 3 Youth Ministry workshop at Yale
- Fri, Dec 5 First Friday Nativity Exhibition, 6:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 7 Second Sunday of Advent  
Children's Center gifts due
- Sat, Dec 13 Advent Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 14 Third Sunday of Advent  
Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil, 6:30 PM
- Sun, Dec 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Worship on the Longest Night, 5:00 PM
- Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve services, 4:00, 8:00, & 11:00 PM
- Thur, Dec 25 Christmas Day service, 10:00 AM



*Remember to see the full December calendar enclosed as well*



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