

The Trinitarian



JUNE 2015

BREWSTER, NEW YORK

Pastoral Reflections—Community of Faith

Each year, our Church Council takes a day apart from our regular meetings to meet for a day-long retreat. Over the past few years, we have reflected on what it means for us to be the Church in today's world. We have looked at the ways in which God has made us this community with a variety of gifts. While we continue to grow and change as a community of faith, we are called to not only look inward, but to look at the place(s) to which God has called us.

Last month at our retreat, we began with what it means for us to be a part of this community of faith. We developed what we saw as our core purpose as this Church: ***Living God's love and forgiveness, we are changing the world through the power of Christ.***

It was from this starting point that we then spent time talking about the communities in which we live. We shared our reflections on the following questions (these are just highlights of our answers):

- What would you say is the greatest assets of this community?
 - Safe communities with friendly people
 - Good school systems
 - Commutable distance to NYC
- What challenges/problems/issues do you see that this community is currently facing?
 - High taxes and housing
 - People are very busy; more unable to volunteer for all organizations
 - Less of a sense of community cohesiveness
- How has the community changed in the time that you have lived here?

(You may have your own thoughts and answers to these questions as well. You are invited to share them with any of our council members, deacons, or myself.)

From these conversations, we began to brainstorm the ways in which our core purpose might meet the

needs and challenges of our surrounding communities. You can find (and add to) that list posted on the large board outside of Fellowship Hall. While we wanted to undertake all of these ideas, we decided to begin with just two of them initially:

- Pub theology (being available and meeting in a local restaurant or bar to discuss questions of faith); Don Icken is point person.
- Wellness Fair (offering blood pressure and wellness checks, yoga, healing prayers, and anointing, etc.). Lynn Byrnes is point person.

If you are interested in learning more and participating in either of these projects or if there is another idea of your own or from the list that you would like to undertake, go for it! Just let us know in case there are others who are interested as well.

God has called us together as this community of faith in this time and place. We faithfully gather in prayer, fellowship, and learning so that we are empowered to go forth into the places and to the people that God is sending us.

Let us join our gifts together so that we can indeed share God's mission of love and grace with the world.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Jen

P.S. As a part of our time, we watched a video from "Chuck Knows Church: The Committee" called "Reflecting the Community." Check it out at: <http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/>

† Farewell and Godspeed †

We have been blessed by the gifts of Rev. Dr. John Hagedorn in our community of faith. It is with sadness that we wish him farewell and Godspeed as he moves to Florida. Join us on his last Sunday, June 14th (9:30 AM) as we offer God's blessing upon him.

New York Blood Center

BLOOD DRIVE

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE RCC

31 Prospect St, Brewster

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2:00-8:00 PM

Please come and donate life-saving blood. It doesn't hurt and only takes about 45 minutes start to finish. You must be 17 or over and have a valid ID (driver's license, etc.). There is no substitute for blood. You can sign up with me or just come in. Thank you.

Carol Fendt, 845-277-5126



POTLUCK DINNER

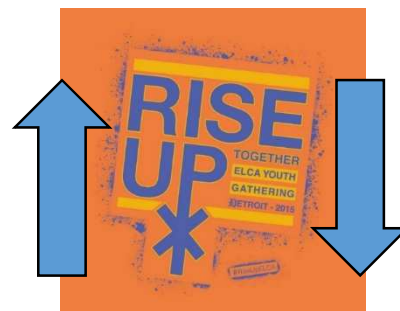
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

Potluck

FRIDAY, June 5

6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall
Sign up in the Narthex

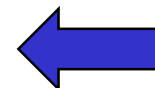


Getting from HERE to THERE

Here is Trinity. **There** is Detroit and the ELCA Youth Gathering less than 50 days away (July 15-19). Luke Morello, Jennifer Morello, Alex Bertone, Tyler Hansen, and Dowlette Alam El Din are the five young people who will be going on the trip. Thank you for all your support. We raised over \$400 at the Mother's Day Bake Sale. They are continuing to raise funds, collecting nickels and dimes (pennies too) and **selling stock in themselves**.



CLOTHING DRIVE



Watch for dates for our next clothing drive.

Nickels and Dimes

You can get rid of all those pesky nickels and dimes and other coins that pile up by depositing them in the jar in the narthex.

Selling Stock in Ourselves

Want to invest in our young people? They will be selling stock in themselves. Stockholders will be invited to a presentation about their experiences in Detroit after we return. Check our progress on the chart in the Narthex – don't miss out on this great investment opportunity!

Again, thank you for your support!

Deacon Charlie Germain

Summer Schedule

We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 14th with one service at 9:30 a.m. Please mark this change on your calendars! This will continue through August and we will return to two services on September 13th.

Stewardship Seeds



'Listen! A sower went out to sow.⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (Matthew 13:1-8)

Just as the seeds we have planted have begun to sprout and grow, we can see the ways in which our own community continues to grow in faith. We have each been given the seeds of faith that are planted within us. These seeds need the nurturing power of God's love and grace to rain upon us. We are nurtured through our gathering in worship and fellowship. The Word of God provides the nourishment that enables growth to occur.

We are God's garden, sown with a variety of seeds that will yield a bountiful harvest. Our faith-filled seed may bring beauty, satisfy hunger, offer healing, or more. What kind of seed has God given you?

How are you caring for the seed of faith that has been planted within you?

How might we help in tending the garden that has been entrusted into our care?

You are invited to share your own thoughts and reflections with one another as we all seek to be good stewards of all that God has given to us. If you are willing to add your reflections to this column, let Pastor Jen know.

Summer Opportunities Koinonia

Phone: 800-980-2267; www.KoinoniaNY.org

Pinecrest Leadership Ministries

Aug 9 to Aug 16, 2015

Information: pinecrestbuzz@yahoo.com or
<http://www.pinecrestllm.org>

Camp Ma-He-Tu

2015 Encampments begin July 12

www.mahetu.org; registrar: 631-351-1657

Camp Herrlich—Patterson, NY

2015 Day Camp begins June 29

Phone 845-878-6662; Fax 845-878-2030
www.campherrlich.org

Silver Bay—83rd Annual Lutheran Summer Conference July 11-17, 2015

Phone: 518-543-8833; Fax: 518-543-6733
<https://sites.google.com/site/lscsilverbay/>

Congratulations, Graduates!

Nick Fertig from SUNY Binghamton

Brianna Grillo from SUNY Cortlandt

Lauren Icken from Johns Hopkins

Moriah McCloskey from Siena College

Kiersten Monahan, daughter of Christine Monahan, is Valedictorian of Dover High School Class of 2015, graduating on Saturday, June 27th. Kiersten will be majoring in Marine Biology at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Katie Steike graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rochester on May 17th.

Katelyn Ulrich graduated with a degree in Journalism from the University at Albany, SUNY, on May 16th.



SUMMER FAITH FORMATION: WEDNESDAYS (7:00-8:00 pm) Wednesday Bible study is looking at the Book of Mark. All are welcome to join us. (Does not meet Wednesdays when there is a council meeting); **FIRST THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH WELCA Bible Study** each first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall; led by various people.



I will be graduating from the Diakonia program in June and thought I would share with you information about the program, what it has to offer to you, and how it has helped me grow spiritually.

The word Diakonia means living in order to serve, to minister to, and to proclaim to.

The diakonia program is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or anyone wishing in good faith to study these teachings. Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, began this program in 1977 to train lay people to be servants of the Lord.

There are currently nine sites for the program in the Metropolitan New York Synod: Manhattan, Western Suffolk, Nassau, Southern Westchester, Queens, Bronx, Staten Island, Hudson Valley, and a Latino location in Manhattan. I am completing my two years at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Southern Westchester.

The two-year program consists of two cycles: Year A and Year B. Each cycle consists of six courses and each course is five weeks in length. Class meets once per week for three hours. Homework is usually reading and sometimes writing a 1-2 page paper. Each class begins with a student-led devotion based on the commemoration of saints listed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. The devotion includes an opening verse, a reading from the Bible, a short biography of the saint you are commemorating, a prayer and a closing blessing from the residing Pastor. Each course is "pass or fail" and is based on class attendance and effort.

The classes include: Introduction to the New Testament, Church History, Practical Ministry: Biblical Images, Lutheran Creeds and Confessions, Daily Life of a Christian, Visitation, Introduction to the Old Testament, Lutheranism in American Context, Christian Doctrine, Christian, Worship, Practical Ministry: Proclamation of the Gospel, and Christian Ethics. Five weeks per class is not enough time to fully cover the topics but you will find that during the week you think about the topics discussed in class and are eager to attend class each week.

The three possible outcomes of participating in the program are:

- 1) Continue to participate in congregational ministries in which you already participate and serve more effectively as a result of the knowledge, skills, and spiritual development from attending the program.
- 2) Respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to participate in, or initiate, new ways to serve in ministry.
- 3) After graduation, pursue becoming a deacon for the MNYS Synodical Diaconate.

When I joined Trinity Lutheran Church and became involved in the Confirmation program with my children, I realized that I was lacking what it meant to be a Lutheran. I was raised Roman Catholic and the first thing I realized was that I never spent time reading the Bible because we were never expected to read it. Priests and Nuns taught us parts of the Bible but, unfortunately, I forgot a large part of it. When I was asked to join the Diakonia program I was unsure what the commitment would be and was uneasy about taking on the workload. When I finally gave in and decided to give it a try I realized in my very first class how attending Diakonia would strengthen my relationship with God and would help me see how the Holy Spirit is at work in my life.

As I am coming to the end of the program I realize this was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. I found the courses inspirational and thought provoking. I enjoyed making friends with fellow classmates and our teaching clergy. They have been amazing and a source of inspiration and support. I have learned so much about my faith and its history. I have deepened my understanding and meaning of what being a Lutheran Christian is. The program has helped to become more aware of people around me who may be struggling or who may need an ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on and I can serve God by responding to those needs. There is so much more I can learn every day. The program has enhanced my walk with God.

If you are interested in the Diakonia program I am happy to answer any questions you may have about it.

Joanne Icken

DIAKONIA GRADUATION—We celebrate with Joanne Icken as she graduates from two years of Diakonia classes. You are invited to attend the Graduation Service on Saturday, June 13th (2pm), St. John's Lutheran Church, 391 Mount Hope Road, Middletown NY. If you are interested in carpooling, please let Pastor Jen know.

Sunday School June News

How fast the year goes! Here we are in June and Promotion Sunday is on June 7th. Our kindergarten, first, and second graders will be leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer at the 8:30 service. Our Promotion Sunday event will follow the theme of sowing seeds at Trinity. The SCS classes will be planting flowers in the front of church.

I encourage all the children to come to services on Sunday during the summer to see how the flowers are growing and to see if you can sign up to water and help take care of them throughout the summer break.

On another note I am again asking for teachers to help us to serve God by being a part of our SCS team and join as teachers. Please let me know if you are interested in teaching, being a co-teacher, or substituting in our SCS classes. You can contact me at home at 845-225-8230 or by email at jeanettegbladanza@yahoo.com. Thank you and I wish everyone a beautiful and blessed summer.

Jeanette Baldanza,
Sunday School Superintendent

Faith @ Home

The story of Pentecost touches many of our senses (Acts 2:1-4), with the wind brushing by us, the heat of the tongues of fire, and the sound of the violent wind.

- What special effects for this story might you create? Take a picture or video of what you make and put it on our Facebook page or send it to Pastor Jen.
- Or think about the different things that wind can do – go fly a kite, make a pinwheel, or use a sail – comparing the ways that God’s Spirit can move us.
- Or watch a fire (campfire, candle, etc.) and see how it is always moving and changing. How is this like the Holy Spirit?

Pastor Jen

Sunday School Changes?? Changing World & Culture

There is no question that we have all seen a great deal of change in our lives—do you remember your life before cell phones or computers? Many of these changing factors have affected the church. Some of the ways that we “do church” that most of us experienced growing up no longer work.

While there many reports about the “declining church,” I don’t believe that we are dying. We are given the opportunity to re-focus on what it means to be the church and to share our faith. We are to set aside the “how” of faith and remember the “why” of our faith.

What is important about the formation of the faith of our children? What is important about it for us? With these questions in mind, we are looking to build on the strengths of our Sunday School and find different ways to form the faith of the whole people of God.

On **June 14th, following worship at 9:30 AM** (we will be starting our summer schedule that Sunday), we will have an initial gathering of people to begin talking about the questions below. ***We want and need the input of parents, teachers (current and former), and all who have a strong commitment to the faith formation of our young people.*** Any changes will come from you and **not solely** from myself as the pastor, the Church council, or our Christian Education committee.

There is no magic program to “fix” Sunday School. As with the Church as a whole, we need to focus on our purpose and think of ways that we are or we might accomplish this. These are not “last ditch” or desperate measures, but rather a time for re-formation and re-focusing on our purpose.

If you have any thoughts, comments, or questions, please feel free to contact me. While we live in a time of many changes, it can be exciting and rewarding to see where God is leading us as a people of faith. Come and be a part of our journey together.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Jen

Questions to begin to reflect upon:

- 1) What is our purpose or goal for Sunday School? What are we about?
- 2) How are we accomplishing this currently?
- 3) What still works well?
- 4) What isn’t working?
- 5) What are the challenges that hinder our goals?
- 6) What has been tried so far?

Check out this website for more reflections on the changing nature of the church: www.vibrantfaith.org (blog entries have series of information)

RECYCLE FOR TRINITY!

Don't forget that ordinary recyclable items such as shampoo bottles, toothpaste tubes, printer cartridges, and cell phones can be turned into cash for Trinity while keeping items out of landfills and the ocean. Any time you use a personal care or beauty product, bring the packaging and deposit it in the appropriate container in the coat closet. Trinity will periodically ship the items to Terracycle to be recycled in return for points that will lead to cash deposits. For more information, see the list available in the narthex, email Amy in the office, or contact Georgina Marek at georginamarek@yahoo.com or 845-228-0949.

A NOTE ON E-WASTE



INKJET & TONER CARTRIDGE

accepted waste:

Toner cartridges—only select toner cartridges are accepted. There is a list posted by the container. **If your cartridges are not on this list, you can recycle them at Best Buy or sometimes Staples will accept them with a purchase of a new cartridge.**

Inkjet cartridges—identified by the presence of a copper electronic nozzle strip on the ink cartridge. This copper nozzle strip is unique to inkjet cartridges as it is the means by which the ink is transferred to the paper. All types of inkjet cartridges are accepted.

Tanks are ink holders and are NOT accepted through this program. They are identified by the lack of a copper strip.

CELL PHONE accepted waste:

1. Standard cell phones
2. Smart phones
3. iPhone

Please NO chargers or batteries. Please restore your device to factory settings and/or remove any personal information. TerraCycle is not responsible for information on your devices. Hard drives will be removed and shredded. All information from electronics is removed.

AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS

Are you aware that your purchases on Amazon can earn donations to Trinity? Amazon has a special program called Amazon Smile, where they will donate a small portion of the purchase price of your purchases to your *designated church or charity*.

Taking advantage of this is easy. When you are ready to shop, go to the website smile.amazon.com. The Smile website is exactly the same as the regular Amazon website – same merchandise, same prices, and same merchants. If you have an account with Amazon, your account information is available on the Smile website. The only difference is that the first time you go to the Smile website, you will be asked to designate the organization to which they will provide donations (Please designate Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster, NY). After that, all purchases you make on smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to Trinity. Over the last six months, Trinity has received \$147.12 in donations from Amazon for purchases made on Amazon Smile. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Arnold Schuff or Pastor Jen.

APRIL 25 ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who helped with Spring clean up on April 25th. We had so many of our members and members of the boy scouts who came out and did an outstanding performance of trimming bushes, picking up tree limbs, filling in holes, raking leaves, putting rocks around our gardens and many more things to beautify the outside of our church. This was a great intergenerational faith-forming activity enjoyed by many! A special thank you to the youth who helped tirelessly. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.

We had a great time afterward's sharing in the tasty delicious food and good fellowship.

I also want to thank the garden ladies who recently planted new bushes flowers and plants to beautify our outside areas. We are so blessed to have such dedicated volunteers.

Ken Mongold, Chair of the Property Committee

NEW Assisting Ministers, Readers, and Ushers WELCOME

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**. 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! If you have questions about what’s involved, speak with Mary Beth Commisso. If you’d like more information, contact Mary Beth Commisso, Dawn Morello, or Pastor Jen.

Affirmation of Faith

We rejoiced with 12 of our young people as they affirmed their faith on Sunday, May 24th or 31st*. We celebrate this milestone in their life journeys. Please offer up a prayer of thankfulness and guidance for these people of faith: Dane Anthony Arrigo, Meagan Alexandra Beal, Alexander L. Bertone, Florence Mary Cuomo, Gavin J. Heuschkel, Luke Christopher Morello*, Samantha Nastasi, and Dillon Michael O’Toole.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| Muriel Rapp 6/1 | Gary Gerfen 6/13 |
| Betty Briggs 6/2 | Melissa Torlish 6/13 |
| Alison Hildreth 6/2 | Bruce Markert 6/14 |
| Stephanie Von Bargaen 6/2 | Tom Wilson 6/14 |
| Marge Christie 6/3 | Ray Lutz 6/15 |
| Anne Latini 6/3 | Christian Duben 6/16 |
| Delores Cesarine 6/6 | Sue Stringer 6/16 |
| Kyle Klammer 6/8 | Irene Germain 6/17 |
| Kiersten Monahan 6/8 | Keith Monahan 6/18 |
| Emily Lyons 6/10 | Sandy Sciarra 6/20 |
| Don Cuomo 6/12 | Ellen Parise 6/21 |
| | Lillie Giacomelli 6/22 |

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| Ed Stoecker 6/22 |
| Dillon O’Toole 6/23 |
| Austin Giacomelli 6/24 |
| Kathie Ruhs 6/24 |
| John Hagedorn 6/25 |
| Shane Markert 6/25 |
| Tom Porta 6/25 |
| Jennifer Boyd 6/26 |
| T.J. Porta 6/28 |
| Dee Lockshiss 6/29 |
| Aiden Howard 6/30 |
| Jo-Ann Nestor 6/30 |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| Daniel & Gert Donovan 6/2 |
| Scott & Joanne Dzibela 6/3 |
| Karl & Marge Westerville 6/5 |
| Charlie & Irene Germain 6/6 |
| Carrie & Thomas DeMarchi 6/7 |
| Joy & Tony Baggetta 6/10 |
| Nick & Anna Stathis 6/15 |
| Linda & Rob Salinger 6/22 |
| Peter & Rosemary Gebhardt 6/26 |
| John & Barbara Nicoletti 6/26 |
| Ryan & Paula Belmont 6/27 |

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



Pastoral Acts

May 17

Baptism of Carlton Erik Thomas Proctor

June Worship Schedule

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| Thu, June 4 | Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon |
| Sun, June 7 | Holy Communion/Promotion Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m. |
| Thu, June 11 | Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon |
| Sun, June 14 | Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Please note time |
| Thu, June 18 | Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon |
| Sun, June 21 | Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. |
| Thu, June 25 | Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon |
| Sun, June 28 | Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. |

We change to one service at 9:30 for the summer on June 14.

CARMEL STUDENTS PERFORM IN ITALY

On March 26th over 100 Carmel High School students of the Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra began on a concert tour along with many of their parents to The Vatican, Rome, and Florence, where the students performed at St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City, Church of St. Andrea della Valle in Rome, and to a standing-room crowd at St. Stefano al Ponte Church in Florence. The invitation to perform at the Vatican came as a result of Carmel’s consistent high scores in the state’s New York State School Music Association rankings.

Students and their families visited many sites in Siena, Rome, Vatican City, Montecatini, and Florence. The Pantheon, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum, and Michelangelo’s original David, along with the many breathtaking Duomo (Italian cathedral churches) are among some of

Travellers: Erin & Dan Mineri, Jo-Ann, Megan, and Danielle Nestor; Michael, Susan, Brian, and Michael Stringer; Ed, Lynn, Kristen and Scott Stoecker; Anna Rae Lutz

the sites that stand out. This was a trip of a life time to see the students perform and to have this incredible opportunity to view this beautiful country. The students performed with a program of pure Americana. The concert choir sang spirituals that included “Ride the Chariot,” “Battle of Jericho,” and “Shenandoah,” and the wind ensemble performed “Washington’s Post March,” “Rhapsody in Blue,” and “Scherzo for Percussion.” Both groups combined to perform “I Hear America Singing,” “Stars and Stripes Forever,” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

Lynn Stoecker



We have been busy working on crafts and LWR Quilts during the last month. Sharon Laird applied and received a Thrivent Action Team grant that enabled us to get some of the supplies needed for this project. Thank you to our WELCA ladies, the Sunday School classes, and the congregation for helping with the LWR Quilt Project. I have heard that 12,000 quilts have been sent by LWR to Nepal. Fifteen baby kits, four fabric kits, and four finished quilts went to Grace Lutheran for pickup on May 16. There is tracking information so we will be able to find out where they go. Another five quilts were ready by May 17th.

We will have a lighter schedule during the summer months as many of us will be away.

Irene Germain, Irene6174@comcast.net, 845-225-4698; Marge Westerville, Margerw@yahoo.com, 845-855-5593

**Thursday Morning WELCA Schedule
June, July, and August 2015**

- June 4 – Bible Study lead by Debbie Lyon
- June 11 – Craft lead by Marge Westerville
- June 18 – Craft followed by Lunch
- July 16 – 12:30 PM Lunch
- August 6 – Bible Study lead by Irene Germain
- August 20 – 12:30 Lunch

Sunday Morning Group—We will meet on **Sunday, June 14, 10:30ish**, and **Sunday, July 19**. Joanne Icken (jicken@yahoo.com) & Heidi Kuhland



COMMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME—

Total income is \$4,566 more than projections.

GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES—

Total expenses are \$82 more than projected.

MORTGAGE FUND—Contributions are \$78.29 behind payments.

APRIL INCOME—April income was \$1,505 below expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE—Expenses were \$6,590 more than income for the year.



ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AN OPTION!

Simply Giving...

Trinity Lutheran Church has an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account and transferred to the church's bank account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. It is easy to sign up for electronic giving! Visit Trinity's website, trinitybrewsterny.org, and click on the "Offering" button. You will need to set up an account, or "profile," and then follow the instructions to complete your donation amount and frequency. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Lyons after church or email her at lyonss1@comcast.net.

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT (through April 30, 2015)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
INCOME			
Contributions	\$63,925	\$64,951	\$1,026
Other Income	\$6,076	\$9,616	\$3,540
Total Income	\$70,001	\$74,567	\$4,566
EXPENSES			
Benevolence	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Pastoral	\$36,109	\$37,911	\$1,802
Education	\$1,472	\$958	(\$514)
Evangelism	\$0	\$0	\$0
Worship & Music	\$7,007	\$6,924	(\$83)
Administration	\$19,036	\$16,327	(\$2,709)
Property	\$15,615	\$17,020	\$1,405
Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0
Social Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$0	\$18	\$18
Total Expenses	\$81,239	\$81,157	(\$82)
NET INCOME	(\$11,238)	(\$6,590)	\$4,648

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

January 1, 2015 balance	\$12,251
Current balance	\$5,427

MORTGAGE FUND

Contributions	Payments	Variance
\$14,185.71	(\$14,264.00)	(\$78.29)

Memorial Gifts

We thank Sue Brown for her contribution in memory of Edna Robertson and from Grace and John Tadler in honor of their 65th anniversary.

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, Tamara Bagen, Lisa Bagnati, Kitty, Joe Basara, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Mark Boldish, Michael Boyd, John Boyle, William Brown, Lilly Browne, Wendy Bucaj, Betty Buckmaster, Lynn Byrnes, John Cannon, Gail Cardella, Tamara Casablanca, Christine, Erin Conroy, Helen Conte, Jon Cope, Lorraine Cornell, Linda Cowen, Eileen Dahlia, Ben Dalecki, Karen Delduco, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Dominic, Gert Donovan, Lillian Eberhardt, Priscilla Elz, Wayne Farber, Linda Fitzgerald, Christine Gallegher, Robert Glad, Barbara Goos, Eleanor Greene, Eric Halbekath Sr, Jeannine Harris, Catherine Henneforth, Jean Hnatow, Thomas Ingate, Walter Jakymiw, Joe, Dick Kittle, Bob Koenig, Kelly Kern, Karen Krebs, Matthew Kromar, Joe Laird, Justin Larocchia, Michael, Paul Malagiero Jr, Beth Maley, Hedy McCloskey, Dan McGill, Ziggy Mignanelli, Oliver Milton, Michael Montana, Karen Myerwold, Mike Nicholson, Barbara Nicoletti, John Noone, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bob Obuck, Pr Scott Paradise, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Ed Ranieri, Nicholas Rogan, Ronnie, Rosaleen, Larry Ruhs, Debbie Ruxton, Marilyn Schoeller, George Schwarz, Marian Schwarz, John Simon, Theresa Smith, Joe Stark, Lucile Steinberger, Curt Stiles, Walter Straub, Meranda Sue, Grace Tadler, John Tadler, Teddi Tom, John Torlish, Mary Torlish, Greg

V., Grecia Ventura, Henry Von Bargen, Katherine Waldvogel, Mary Wilkat, Jessica Wilkson, Gina, Cele, Marv, Arthur, Dorothy Yessian, Richard Yessian, Jeff

Wrestling with long-term health issues: Moshen Alameldin, Morgan Andren, Malcolm Beal Sr, Gloria Bretone, 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, the Bueti family, Catherine, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Larry Hampson, Logan Keane, Austin King & family, Matt, Bill & Debbie Logan, Anita Luhrs, Mary Jane McMahan, Ryan, Isabel Ranieri, Sue Rodriguez, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Katelyn Stufano, Kristen Sullivan, Michael Talarico, Jennifer West, Helga Whalen, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola

Remembering the lives of: Paul Anderson and Joe Basura

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

Celebrating the May 23rd marriage of:

Dan Kafalas & Allison Glassman

Restricted to home/nursing home:

Marge Christie, Frank Cucinella, Gerrit Franssen, Lucy Hillers, Heddie Kessel, Marian Langlois, Horatio Massatti, Marge Popham, Scott Werner

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



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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** trinelutheranoffice@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.



"I know I need it, but I don't want to think about it now." "I'll deal with it later, it's not a priority."

These are two of the most common responses when the topic of life insurance comes up. Life insurance remains a product that many financial professionals agree should be the foundation on which people should build their financial goals.

Why? First, think about your loved ones. The primary benefit of life insurance is to provide for them, helping them meet daily expenses so they can continue the activities of daily life should the unexpected happen. "Proceeds from life insurance can be used by families to pay ongoing expenses, like credit card and mortgage bills," says Patrick Egan, a retirement spokesperson with Thrivent Financial. "The proceeds can also help cover daily necessities like groceries, gas, and other expenditures and can also pay for college tuition and allow families to keep commitments to one another."

Without adequate life insurance coverage, many families could be placed under great financial distress to meet the ongoing financial obligations of their new situation. Having financial resources available after a loss can give families the time they need to grieve and figure out what the future looks like.



MORE Yoga is at Trinity!!

Thursday nights 7:30-8:45 PM **and now Tuesday mornings 9:30-11 AM.** 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 Trinity member Cyndi Bertone, RYT, at 279-8240 for more info.

HELP/SERVICES AVAILABLE or WANTED

Need an electrician, contractor, carpenter, music lessons, or a real estate broker? See the April Trinitarian or contact the church office for names and numbers.

Life insurance can also protect one's spouse against sharp reductions in future pension and Social Security payments by replacing assets cut short by premature death. Careful preparation and reviewing of all your accounts with a financial professional can help you know about all your pension coverage and whether you are prepared for the future.

And it's not just at home where life insurance can help. Life insurance can help business owners and others with significant assets to pass those assets to their loved ones in a tax-efficient manner. It also serves as an efficient tool enabling people to support nonprofit organizations through charitable gifts.

Life insurance may not be a popular topic, but the security it offers brings a level of comfort that many people can't do without. In addition, many people will find that life insurance coverage can be a key component of a retirement program as they plan for their long-term financial goals. None of us can control whether we will have tomorrow, but protecting the people in our lives is something we can take control of today.

This article was prepared by Thrivent Financial for use by Yorktown representative Rob Headley. He has offices at 2888 Meadowcrest Dr, in Yorktown Hts and can also be reached at 914-584-4929.

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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JUNE 2015

Sunday Services

June 7

8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

June 14 on

9:30 a.m.

Spoken Word Worship Thursdays at noon

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† JUNE HIGHLIGHTS †

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| Thu, June 4 | BLOOD DRIVE, St Lawrence O'Toole, 2-8 PM |
| Fri, June 5 | First Friday Potluck, 6:00 PM |
| Sat, June 6 | Synod Quadrant 1 event, Good Shepherd,
Pearl River, 9:00 AM |
| Sun, June 7 | Promotion Sunday, 8:30 AM |
| Sat, June 13 | Diakonia graduation, Middletown, 2:00 PM |
| Sun, June 14 | ONE service at 9:30 AM for the summer
Farewell and Godspeed to John Hagedorn
Meeting regarding Sunday School
following 9:30 AM service |
| Wed, June 24 | Council meeting, 6:30 PM |

Remember to see the full June calendar enclosed as well



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