

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections - *I heard it said*

"Something's your vocation if it keeps making more of you" (quote from Gail Godwin's novel: *Evensong*).

This quote caught my attention while preparing for a sermon a month or so ago. This will often happen to me – I will come across a quote that speaks to where I am in my own life's journey. I have scraps of paper taped to my computer screen and pinned to my bulletin board with many of these quotes. These quotes serve as prayers as well as inspiration for me. Here are a few more of them:

May God's grace go before you. May his love enfold you. May his mighty arms uphold you, protect you til' we meet again, go with God.

Prayer is not about getting God's attention but giving our attention to God.

Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Sometimes – maybe once in a generation – a spirit of resistance is awakened at the intersection of love, faith and holy outrage.

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.
(Irenaeus)

Life is a verb. (fortune cookie)

But by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace toward me has not be in vain
(I Corinthians 15:10)

These quotes have come to me at different times and in different places. I haven't always written down who said it or where I found it (I need to get better about this), but still they came often when they were the words that I needed to hear at that particular time.

While I only included one scripture reading in the quotes above, there are countless verses that have served as the voice of God spoken when I needed to hear from God. Other examples include:

Be still, and know that I am God.
(Psalm 46:10)

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
(Jeremiah 29:11)

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
(I Corinthians 10:13)

Do you have quotes and/or scripture verses that you turn to at different times in your life? What has inspired you? What has guided you? Given you hope? Peace?

Think about sharing them with me (as well as others). I'd like to use some of these quotes and scripture passages during one of our Sunday morning Intergenerational events.

Blessings in Christ, *Pastor Jen*



*What do the following things have in common –
People Bingo
Bible Scavenger Hunt
Blessing rocks*

These are just a few of the activities that were offered during our weekly FAITH5 intergenerational events.

Join us each Sunday, following worship, to spend time in fellowship and learning as we expand on the 5 actions of FAITH5 (share, read, talk, pray, bless)

Check out the weekly inserts that follow that Sunday's readings using this FAITH5 format. It is also available in a devotional booklet as well as on our Trinity Blog with a link on Facebook (<http://tlcdevotions.blogspot.com/>)

Sunday School Update Teachers Needed for the Fall

Summer days in July are my time to start planning for September and the return to Sunday Church School. We will again be starting at the 8:30 service and dismissed to class following the children's message.

I will be needing help this year for some of our classes and if you are interested in being a teacher/ co-teacher or a substitute that would be a great help.

Being a part of Sunday School brings great satisfaction and makes such a difference in the lives of our children. Please consider being a part of our team at Trinity. Enjoy these warm days and please contact me at 845-225-8230 for any information about Sunday School.

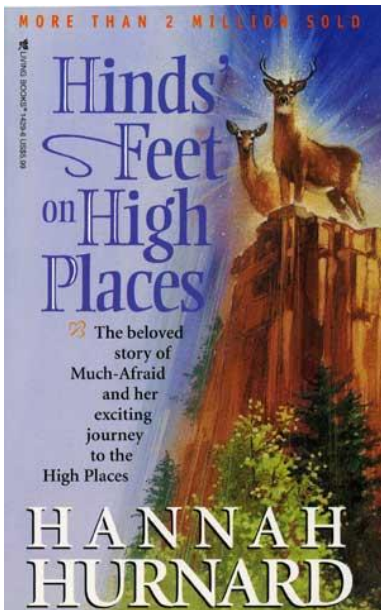
- Jeanette Baldanza
SCS Supertintendent
845-225-8230

Summer Camp Scholarships

Scholarships are available for junior or high school students attending a christian camp this summer.

For more information, contact Pastor Jen:
Revjedyer1@yahoo.com

845-279-5181



Off the Shelf

Originally published in 1975, "Hinds' Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard is an allegorical story based on Song of Solomon 2:8 (*the voice of my Beloved! behold, he comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills*).

It dramatizes the yearning of God's children to be led to new heights of love, joy, and victory. Follow Much-Afraid on her spiritual journey through difficult places with her two companions, Sorrow and Suffering. Learn how Much-Afraid overcomes her tormenting fears as she passes through many dangers and mounts at last to the High Places. There she gains a new name and returns to her valley of service, transformed by her union with the loving Shepherd.

Summer Readings

During the summer, we take the opportunity in worship to hear a variety of different scripture readings and themes. If you are away for any of these weeks, you are invited to read and pray through these readings on your own.

DATE	MAIN READING	ADDITIONAL READING	Theme
July 2	Psalm 13	John 6:35-40	Psalms (lament)
July 9	Psalm 23	John 10:1-4	Psalms (trust)
July 16	Psalm 30	John 6:67-69	Psalms (thanks)
July 23	Psalm 150	John 4:24-26	Psalms (call to praise)
July 30	Exodus 20:1-17	Luke 10:25-28	Catechism: Ten C's
Aug. 6	John 14:1-7	Genesis 1:1-5	Catechism: Creed
Aug. 13	Luke 11:1-4	Colossians 1:3-14	Catechism: Lord's Prayer
Aug. 20	Luke 3:21-22	Romans 6:1-4	Catechism: Holy Baptism
Aug. 27	Luke 22:14-23	I Corinthians 11:23-26	Catechism: Holy Communion
Sept. 3	Luke 6:46-49	James 1:19-25	Labor Day (**)

**This day, we will be recognizing the various "labors", jobs, vocations that people are active on a daily basis. You will be invited to bring a symbol of your job for a special blessing during the service (more information will be forthcoming in the August newsletter)

Trinity Needs Your Financial Help

Just the facts:

1. We've had to borrow our first \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund last month to cover expenses.
2. We are still running about \$1,000 short each week.
3. At this rate we will have to borrow our next \$5,000 by August.
4. The Endowment Fund balance will then be zero.
5. We will then have to start taking money from our Special Funds.

We need your help. Summer has always been tough on our finances, but this year we are off to a particularly bad start. Please do what you can to help us get through the summer without having to use funds that we shouldn't have to touch.

Don Icken, daicken@yahoo.com

Outreach Program - "Care for Caregivers"

Do you have an hour or two a month that you could donate to this new program? It would offer a respite to caregivers to have some free time to themselves or to do errands without worrying about who can stay with their loved one. Perhaps you would prefer to visit someone at home or in the hospital or long term care. Prayerfully hoping you can find it in your heart to volunteer some time to help make someone's day a little brighter. Please sign up on sheet in Narthex, or contact Kathie Ruhs. We hope to have this up and running by September.

- Kathie Ruhs (845)277-8012

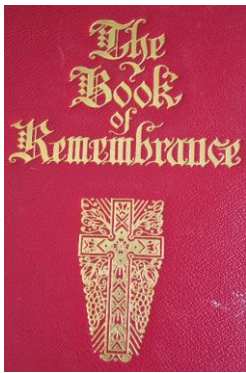
WANTED: Trinity Greeters - Would you be willing to be a Trinity greeter? Greeters would help greet existing members and newcomers. Newcomers would be directed to our guestbook. To follow up with newcomers to Trinity, we will send out a welcome letter on the following Monday. For more information, please contact Cyndi Bertone.

- Cynthia09bertone@comcast.net, 845-279-8240



Terracycle Update

From January to June of 2017 we have collected \$80.50 in bottle returns and \$70.00 in Terracycle recycling.



Our Book of Remembrance

Have you ever noticed the Memorial book inside the case that resides in the foyer at the upstairs church entrance? The last entry is dated 1978! We know that additional items have been purchased in memory of or in honor of a loved one. These would be items in addition to any financial gifts that have been made the the Memorial Fund.

We are in the process of gleaning from our own records a list of these items so that they may be properly recorded in the Memorial book. We are seeking your assistance - please let us know of anything that you and/or a family member has given since 1978.

Please share this information with Jeanette Baldanza: jeanettegbaldanza@yahoo.com; and/or email the church office:

trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com

Jessi Ann Bettcher Memorial Scholarship

The Jessi Ann Bettcher Memorial scholarship is in the process of being established and will be endowed if we can reach the \$5000 goal needed. We are about \$2000 away from this goal and would so appreciate your help today, if possible, to continue her mission of giving back.

<http://www.shop-bef.org/donate.asp>

Thank you for letting Jessi Ann continue to positively affect the lives of others.



June Blood Drive Results

The Churches of Brewster partnership ministry group collected 58 units of blood at the June 1 blood drive.

Thank you to all who took the time to come and were able to donate. Your donation saves lives.

Our next blood drive will be at Trinity on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

- Carol Fendt

Yarn, Woven or Fleece Fabrics, Adult t-shirts Needed

Yarn, woven or fleece fabrics, and used adult t-shirts are needed for Lutheran World Relief projects. Donations may be left in labeled storage tubs in the narthex or outside the office door.

Putnam CAP

Thank you for your continued generosity in filling the shopping cart each month with food and home items for Putnam CAP. Their clients are very grateful for the extra help we give them with your donations.

Upcoming ...

These are opportunities to use the gifts God has given you to serve others.

<i>Dates are tentative and subject to change.</i>	
Date	Activity
August	School supplies for Putnam CAP
September	God's Work. Our Hands
October	Midnight Run – October 1st
November	Thanksgiving baskets for Putnam CAP
December	Christmas satchels for Seafarer's International House

Year-to-Date Budget Report Thru May 31, 2017

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	
Contributions	70,434.17
Other Income	9,682.12
Total Income	80,116.29
EXPENSES	
Benevolence	\$2,500
Pastoral	\$47,506
Education	\$ 190.80
Evangelism	\$ -
Worship & Music	\$9,573
Administration	\$21,222
Property	\$13,841
Total Expenses	94,833
NET INCOME	(\$14,717)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES	
(Includes \$25,000 in prior year loans)	
January 1, 2016 Balance	\$ 17,180
Current Balance	\$ 7,754

MORTGAGE FUND

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$15,443.49	(\$14,264.00)	\$1,179.49

COMMENTS

MORTGAGE FUND

- Contributions are \$1,645 ahead of payments.
- Mortgage Fund balance is \$7,0729

MONTHLY INCOME

- May income was \$4,393 less than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$14,717 more than income.

Property News

Thanks for those who have volunteered to mow the grass during this summer. If anyone would like to help with this, please let Gary Gerfen know of your commitment. Thanks Gary for all your help with this. In addition, should you be available to help trim bushes and trees your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help.

Again, I thank you for your help in turning off lights, closing doors and keeping our closets neat. This saves us lots of money and keeping the closets neat makes it easier to find things. It's amazing how much time and money is saved by helping with these items.

As some of you know we have a couple dehumidifiers in operation for the summer months. Should you wish to help to empty them, this would be greatly appreciated.

I will never stop being amazed at the work Pat Wills does for our church. Recruiting organizations to rent our building is wonderful. The income she brings in is fantastic. We have more groups every month looking to use our facility and that is terrific. Gods Blessings on all our members and their families.

If you are the last one to leave a meeting or other event, you can help us by making sure lights are turned off and especially the bathroom lights. Even though the lights are on auto, some folks are turning them on or off. Thanks again for your help.

Thanks so much for the volunteers who have signed up in the Narthex to help with the flower beds for this summer. Weeding and watering the flower beds is very important. Please help us out if you can.

Thank you all for your continued support to Trinity Lutheran Church!

- Ken Mongold, Property Chairman

Happy Birthday

7/1	LOFTUS, STEPHEN
7/2	SERGIO, MAUREEN
7/2	STRINGER, BRIAN
7/2	STRINGER, MICHAEL
7/4	HARLIN, DEBRA
7/5	JOHNSON, BRADLEY
7/6	HYATT, MASON
7/6	MARKERT, BROOKE
7/7	EBERHARDT, AL
7/7	TORLISH, BILL
7/10	ANDREN, KIMBERLY
7/12	SCORRANO, DONNA
7/14	COMMISSO, FRANKLYN
7/14	EBERHARDT, LILLIAN
7/14	VON BARGEN, KEN
7/20	BETTCHER, SOLOMON
7/20	GRILLO, ROBERT
7/21	PEASE, GAIL
7/22	CONROY, ERIN
7/23	CAPECEA, MEAGAN
7/24	LEE, JANE
7/25	BAGGETTA, JOY
7/25	DZIBELA, JOANNE
7/26	LANGKE JR, MICHAEL
7/27	BERTONE, CYNDI
7/27	RICE, LAUREN
7/30	NOAH, DOUGLAS
7/31	KNAPP, BRYAN
7/31	MC NAMARA, KRISTEN

Congratulations

*Kristen Knolker and Albert Cuomo
on their Marriage
on July 1st*

Happy Anniversary

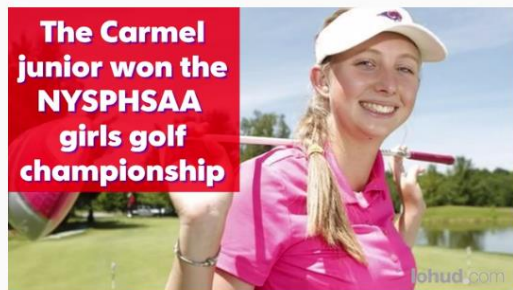
PHILIP & DONYCE DEROBERTS	7/1
GEORGINA & KENNETH MAREK	7/1
LISA & DAWN SCHULDT	7/1
BEATRICE & LLOYD JACOBSEN	7/2
EMMY & JAMES CURCURUTO	7/3
JUERGEN & ROSANNA TEMPEL	7/4
ERIN & DAN MINIERI	7/5
RALPH & CHRISTINE RICE	7/8
BRUCE & MAXINE FOLEY SR	7/10
MICHAEL & KRYSTAL LANGKE JR	7/12
JENNIFER & MICHAEL BOYD	7/21
AL & LILLIAN EBERHARDT	7/27
JOSEPH & DEBBIE EFFEREN	7/27
WENDY & KENNETH HEALY	7/28

Memorial

For
Lynda Kraus
received from
Darcy Stacon

And the Winner is ...

Congratulations to Georgina Marek on winning the Fair Trade gift basket at the Metro NY Synod Assembly in May! Bon appetit, Georgina!



Carmel High School junior Lauren Peter won the NYSPHSAA girls golf state championship on June 4, 2017 at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale.





PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS - 1 PETER 2:9

Metro-NY Women of the ELCA 2017 Annual Gathering

Saturday, September 16, 2017 8:30 AM- 4 PM

At The Wartburg, Mt. Vernon, NY

Opening worship service with **Pastor Carol Fryer** presiding and **Pastor Dinah Dutta** from churchwide WELCA preaching and special music by members of the **Charis Chamber Voices**.

Thelma Ruffin Thomas - Who Am I – Thelma is a renowned story teller and will help us discover new insights.

Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Services – Judy Benke - Hear what a refugee is and how LIRS has been working with refugees since the 1940's.

Continental lunch and breakfast included

Business meeting. Greeting from our WELCA Churchwide rep.

Registration due by September 1, 2017

Cost is \$45 per person (Program is free for girls 10 – 18 years old)

For information e-mail Irene Germain at Irene6174@comcast.net

WELCA Welcomes all Women of Trinity Church

Below is our upcoming meeting schedule. In the summer we will have lunch out only.

For lunch, please RSVP to Irene Germain: 845-225-4698.

July 20—12:30 Lunch at Las Mananitas

Aug 17—12:30 PM Lunch out, place TBD

We pray for those who are ...

IN THE HOSPITAL, ILL, RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY, OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:

Ava, Beth, Brigitte, Lee, Tony Baggetta, Tamara Bagen, Lisa Bagnati, Joan Baum, Kitty, Barbara Jean Bennet, Elaine Berg, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Cherish Bliefernich, Bella Bobinski, Michael Boyd, William Brown, Betty Buckmaster, Ronnie Byrnes, Chuck, Colleen, Corrie, Erin Conroy, Helen Conte, Sharon Cooper, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Joanne D; Karen Delduco, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Wayne Farber, Tony Ferrajina, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Barbara Goos, Eleanor Greene, Rachel Gressel, Eric Halbekath Sr, Thomas Ingate, JoAnn Johnston, Jennifer Johnson, Bob Koenig, Matthew Kromar, Jean Lamberston, Krystal Langke, Judy Lutz, Chaleb McCaughey, Raymond Maglio, Gail Maisel, Michael, Kelly Maxwell, Hedy McCloskey, Ziggy Mignanelli, Michael Montana, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bob Obuck, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Chuck Pease, Ed Ranieri, Nicholas Rogan, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, Sharon, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Walter Straub, Meranda Sue, Rob, Robin Talmadge, Michelle Tessier, Debby Tieste, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry Von Bergen, Marie Von Bergen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Lorraine Walzer, Ruth Werner, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson, Jim Yessian, Gail Zenker



WRESTLING WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES:

Bette Adams, Morgan Andren, Stephen Arden, Judy B, Gloria Bretone, Jennifer Rebecca Butvinik, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Olivia Casale, John Cianciullo, Dorothy Cordell, Deena Cox, Nancy Cuomo, Coppy Cuomo, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Al Eberhardt, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Catherine Henneforth, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Janet Kniffin, Ryan Lee, Allen McCaslin, Reneé McElroy, Thaine Manske, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Betty Rodda, Rosaleen, Riley Rushia, Otto Schmid, Linda Siebold, Sindy, Sally Sheets, Zack Small, Audrey Stone, Dylan Stolper, Kenneth Strawn, Kathy Sullivan, Josephine Talley, Michael Tamborino, Kaeli Tretera, Mary Torlish, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Walt, Stephanie, Donna, Richard Yessian

FACING LIFE'S CHALLENGES: Kim Andren, the Banuelos/Cable/Lyon family, Wanda & Cliff, Della Arndt, Charlotte Berwind, the Bueti family, Catherine, Donlin family: Marisa Pease, Liam & Noah; Barbara, JD & Katie Ray, Cole Dyer, Lillian Eberhardt, Fahy family, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Joanne Halbekath & family, Larry Hampson, Frank Hastie, Logan Keane, Nicola Kenny, Matt, Bill & Debbie Logan, Anita Luhrs, Mary Jane McMahan, Ryan, Mariela Ramirez & family, Alexander Maxwell, Charles Maxwell Wieller, Sue Rodriguez, Twila Skeels, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Katelyn Stufano, Kristen Sullivan, Michael Talarico, Morgan Watt, Jennifer West, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola

RESTRICTED TO HOME/NURSING HOME: Marge Christie, Gerrit Franssen, Lawrence Henry, Rita Karlsson, Marian Langlois, Mary Langord, Horatio Massatti, Marge Popham, Sylvia Rieg, Elizabeth Waugh, Scott Werner

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Michael Caitney, Carlos & Alyssa (Torlish) Class, Dylan Cumpston, Adam Elliott, Phillip Gerhardt, Ron Hansen Jr., Dylan Kinsella, Pr Anthony Stephens, Kyle Tiersch, Adam Vieux, Jessica Woodall, all those in the service of our country, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their chaplains

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF:

Lynda Kraus, Virginia Mead

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 Church-wide 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 Comisso; Council members; Sunday School teachers, and worship leaders.

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**Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**



Upcoming Events At a Glance

JULY 10, 2017-JULY 13, 2017

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Biennial Conference

Rise, Remember Well the Future

JULY 16, 2017

Sunday Brunch: Jeopardy and the Called Life

Join Calvary, Bronx for a conversation about "Martin Luther and the Called Life" by Mark D. Tranvik.

AUGUST 07, 2017-AUGUST 10, 2017

ELCA Rostered Leaders Gathering

On the Way -- Together!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

We join together as four million members, nearly 10,000 congregations, 65 synods and the churchwide expression for a dedicated day of service.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Metro NY Women of the ELCA Annual Gathering

Priesthood of all Believers – 1 Peter 2:9

OCTOBER 14, 2017

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Bilingual English/Spanish service with Latino congregations from Long Island.

For information visit the Metro NY website at <http://www.mnys.org/events/>

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2017

July 2 9:30 AM Holy Communion

July 9 9:30 AM Holy Communion

July 16 9:30 AM Service of the Word

July 23 9:30 AM Service of the Word

July 30 9:30 AM Holy Communion

On Thursdays at noon, there is spoken worship with Holy Communion.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Mission Statement: As a people of God, we desire to experience the presence of God in our lives that we might be the presence of God in the lives of others.

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