

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Walking with Jesus

Our Sunday morning readings are a part of what is called the Narrative Lectionary – this traces God’s relationship with us from the Old Testament through the New Testament. It is on a four year cycle with a different Gospel as the focus each of those years. This year, we have been in the Gospel of John.

John has a much different way of bringing us the Gospel message than Matthew, Mark & Luke. There are numerous (and longer) stories in John that we don’t find in the others. One of these notable differences is that his account of Holy Week spans almost half of the entire Gospel. Jesus’ final meal with his disciples which contains his farewell discourse is five chapters alone!

Unlike other years, we will be hearing the Holy week readings for four weeks during Lent rather than just during Holy Week (this does not include the farewell discourse; though it is included in the daily readings during the week). This gives us the opportunity to do more than just hear Jesus’ journey to the cross, but to walk with him.

Scripture does more than teach; it invites us to participate in God’s story. It invites us to see the ways in which God enters into our own story, into our daily lives. How have we experienced what Jesus experiences during that week – betrayal, misunderstanding, etc.? Who would we be willing to lay our own lives down for?

When have we needed to hear a word of forgiveness?

We do not experience the depth of what Christ endured, but Jesus knows us deeply as we live amongst sorrow, pain, confusion, violence and despair. Christ is in the midst of our lives – looking at us from the cross as well as from the empty tomb.

We walk the path of Holy week with Jesus. Along this path, we see our God who is faithful in his unconditional love for each of us. We witness a God who does not bow to the transient rulers of this world, but brings a greater truth that surpasses all understanding. We find ourselves drawn into a relationship not based on who we are, but who God was, is and continues to be.

From Jesus kneeling at the feet of his friends to wash their feet (John 13) to his final cry of “it is finished” (John 19:30), we see our God who goes to what might be considered extremes because of his faithful love for all of us. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)

Let us journey together, growing in faith and understanding of this God who loves each of us.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jen

Prayer Mondays

As we move further into this New Year (and it has lost that “new year smell”), we continue in prayer as a community of faith. We have asked everyone to commit to pray (at the very least) on each Monday of the month. Each week, there is a different way and/or time to pray – join together in this time of conversation with God, in focusing on daily lives in the love and grace of God.

1st Monday (March 5) – We “pray without ceasing” as we set our alarms for **5:17** (am or pm) to pray for our church and our world (based on I Thessalonians 5:17)

2nd Monday (March 12) – We gather for a short time of prayer together for a **Prayer Vigil at 7pm**, seeking prayers for healing for ourselves and others.

3rd Monday (March 19) – We learn and use different **prayer practices**. This month, you are invited to look through your wallet, purse or bag – what do each of the items contained there represent and how might they be a prayer (for example: mirror – I am created in the image of God; money – gift from God entrusted to me)

4th Monday (March 26) – This is the beginning of Holy week as we move from Palm Sunday to Easter. This week, we will have the **Labyrinth** available for people to come and use throughout the day (9am-8pm). Guides will be available to help you use it if you haven’t done so before.

Third Tuesdays Table Talk – March 20th

Using a model from Martin Luther who gathered around a meal with family, friends, colleagues and students – we gather for a meal on Tuesday, March 20th (6:30 pm) at **Patrick’s Pub, 925 Rte 6, Mahopac** to share a meal and to share our reflections about how our faith impacts our daily lives. Please contact Pastor Jen and/or sign up at church to reserve your spot (as we need to make reservations at the restaurant).

Faith at Home

Lent is a time for focused prayer and reflection. Here are a few resources to use for your own and/or family’s time of devotion at home:

- 1) **DIY Resurrection Garden** – make your own small garden with a tomb and crosses and seeds to watch it come to life over the next few weeks (Check out more



instructions at:

<http://wearethatfamily.com/2012/03/diy-mini-resurrection-garden/>)

- 2) **Living the Gospel story:** Read the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples (John 13:1-17) as you wash the feet of a family member or friend (having them do the same for you). If this is too uncomfortable or difficult to do – try washing their hands instead.
- 3) **Online resource:** From LEAD resources, color and pray together using this resource (paper copies are also available at church): <https://waytolead.org/portfolio-item/2018-lenten-resources/> . You will need to create a free login to access this year’s resource.
- 4) **Pray without ceasing** – using the idea from Prayer Mondays (see related article), make a commitment to pray at the same time everyday. In addition to the “5:17” suggestion, you could also pick another time like 3:16 (am or pm) from John 3:16. Find a time that works best for you and/or your whole family.



WELCA Update

We will be meeting in March on the following dates:

In March Pastor Jen will lead us in a Lenten Study. Please join us.

- ❖ March 1- 10 AM: Pastor Jen- Lenten Study
- ❖ March 8 - 10 AM: Pastor Jen – Lenten Study
- ❖ March 15 -10 AM: Pastor Jen –Lenten Study followed by lunch out at 10:30 PM at Mama Rosas.
- ❖ March 22-10 AM: Pastor Jen –Lenten Study

In April we are getting a group from Trinity to attend the Region 7 WELCA Retreat. This Retreat held once every 3 years is a time to gather for fellowship, study, and fun. See the flyer in this Trinitarian for details. Let Irene Germain know if you are interested in coming.

Irene Germain

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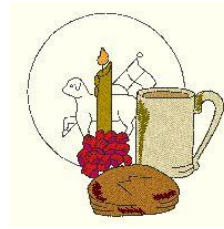
Sunday School Update

The entire SCS class marched to the Trinity Brass' wonderful rendition of The Saints go Marching in, with the Alleluia banner as part of Mardi Gras Sunday and the unofficial beginning of Lent. In their classes they went on to learn more about the Lenten season and the upcoming Ash Wednesday.

The 4th graders will begin their formal Communion lessons with Heather Duben and on **March 29th** they will partake of the Lord's Table for the first time. On Palm Sunday **March 25th** we will again have the children parade in with their palms and then onto our annual Lent Event. A happy and blessed Easter to all.

Jeanette Baldanza,
SCS Superintendent

Holy Week Schedule



Annual Moravian Love Feast Saturday, March 10 at 5pm

Please come to the annual Moravian Lovefeast on Saturday, March 10 at 5pm. This special service of music and prayer celebrates the fellowship we share as the family of Christ. Wonderful music will be provided by the Trinity Brass, String Quartet, Senior Choir and Handbell Choir. Make room for a unique hour in your Lenten journey to attend!

March 25th - Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 29 – Maundy Thursday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM Holy Communion

March 30th - Good Friday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM Holy Communion

Easter Sunday is April 1st

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM Holy Communion



BESP Shelter Needs

Thank you so much for all the warm socks and hats. We are good for now! Please sign up to cook, serve or stay overnight with the paid supervisor for our remaining week of ministry: **Feb 26—March 4 at First Baptist Church.** Contact: Gail Pease (845) 629-1963; Irene Germain (845) 225-4698



All that we have...

All that we are...

All that we hope to be...

We Are An Offering

REGION 7 SPIRITUAL GATHERING—APRIL 27-29, 2018
Holy Family Conference and Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

*Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others.
Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.
1 Peter 4:10-11*

Social Ministry Schedule for 2018

Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change. Any questions can be directed to Joanne Icken (jiicken@yahoo.com). To help with the cost of our social ministry projects I will be collecting monetary donations to add to our Thrivent project funds after a Sunday service sometime soon. If you have Kohl's cash that you are not using, give it to me or bring it to the church office. We can use it to purchase clothing for our yearly activities.

Date	Activity
Mar 19th	Easter candy bags for Putnam CAP
Apr 8th	Lutheran World Relief Fleece Blankets
Oct	Midnight Run – October 1st
Nov	Thanksgiving baskets for Putnam CAP
Dec	Christmas satchels for Seafarer's International House

Easter Candy Bags for Putnam CAP

On Sunday, **March 4th** I will distribute Easter bags after service. If you take a bag please fill it with Easter candy for the clients of Putnam CAP. The filled bags must be returned to Trinity by Monday, March 19th in order for them to be distributed in time for Easter.

Midnight Run

There is a plastic container, labeled "Midnight Run" will be located in the Narthex for donations for our Midnight Run in October. To help 50-60 homeless men and women requires many toiletries and underwear. For some it is easier to donate once but for many of us it is easier on the budget to buy a little at a time. We ask that as you shop each week, pick up a couple travel size toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, shampoo, and lip balm. When you are in Walmart pick up new men's underwear sizes M-XL, both briefs and shirts. They have the best price. This will help us make sure we have enough come October.

Lutheran World Relief Fleece Blankets

On Sunday, **April 8th** after the first service we will once again assemble Fleece Blankets for LWR. This project requires fleece 58-59" wide by 80" in length. If you have fleece at home and would like to donate it to Trinity, please do so during January and February. Place the fleece in a bag, mark it, bring it to the church and leave it in the Narthex. Please note that the fleece must be new and it cannot have any religious symbols, messages, group names, US flags, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



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.

- Joanne Icken

Trinity's Financial Status

Year to Date Budget Report Thru 1/31/2018

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT		
	<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME		
	Contributions	13,821.05
	Other Income	1,195.55
	Total Income	15,016.60
EXPENSES		
	Benevolence	\$500
	Pastoral	\$9,296
	Education	\$ -
	Evangelism	\$ -
	Worship & Music	\$1,887
	Administration	\$4,598
	Property	\$3,495
	Total Expenses	19,776
NET INCOME		(\$4,760)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES		
(Includes no loans)		
January 1, 2018 Balance	\$	17,180
Current Balance	\$	24,022

MORTGAGE FUND

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$3,380.00	(\$3,566.00)	(\$186.00)

Comments

MORTGAGE FUND

- Contributions are \$186 behind payments.
- Mortgage Fund balance is \$7,815.10

MONTHLY INCOME

- January income was \$4,760 less than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$4,760 less than income.

Property Update

Thanks to Sharon Laird we now have two new first aid kits. One in each of our Kitchens. They are set up to serve 50 people and are very nice. We also have an older one in the coat closet near the upstairs bathrooms. Thanks, so much Sharon.

Our building usage is growing all the time Thanks to Pat Wills for all her support to our Church. We are always looking for other organization to rent our building. Let Pat know if you hear of anyone looking for a place to hold their meetings. God's Blessings on all our members and their families.

Thanks for all those who help keep our closets clean. Sharon Laird and I appreciate it very much.

If you have the time to help with the mowing this Summer, please let us know. Thanks to all our committee members for their support to our building and grounds. You are loved.

Thanks to Joanne Icken for letting me know that one of our toilet paper holders was loose from the wall. It is fixed now. If you notice that something is out of place or needs some repair work done, please let us know. Your eyes will help us keep things up to date!

We are always looking for more committee members. If you are interested please let us know.

Thanks goes out to Karl Westerville for putting little signs on the Fellowship Hall windows. Now we will all know how to lock them. If you have to open them PLEASE be careful.

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

Ken Mongold,
Property Chairman

March Birthdays

ANGELA CUOMO	3/1
LINDA NOAH	3/1
DANIEL DONOVAN SR	3/2
DANIEL KENNY III	3/2
HOLLY LAROCCHIA	3/2
MARY TORLISH	3/2
GRACE VAN VLACK	3/2
WINTER STATHIS	3/3
ROSEMARY GEBHARDT	3/4
ALI DEVINE	3/6
DEBRA LYON	3/6
VIOLET COYLE	3/8
LAUREN MC NAMARA	3/10
JOSEPH BALDANZA JR	3/13
LYNN BYRNES	3/13
AUDREY STONE	3/13
LUCAS BERTONE	3/14
KRISTYN LAROCCHIA	3/15
RYAN BELMONT JR	3/16
EDWARD JOHNSON	3/16
SIGRID ALLEN	3/17
VICTORIA SCIARRA	3/18
HANNAH SIMON	3/18
MEGAN KNOLKER	3/19
CAROL ANN LUTZ	3/19
MORGAN ANDREN	3/20
PHILIP DEROBERTS	3/21
WALTER JAKLITSCH	3/21
LIAM TORLISH	3/24
SUSAN BROWN	3/25
HEATHER COYLE	3/26
RALPH RUDOLPH	3/26
LISA SCHULDТ	3/27
LORRAINE WALZER	3/27
LIAM CONROY	3/28
MORIAH MC CLOSKEY	3/29
DORIS O'TOOLE	3/31

Happy Wedding Anniversary

March 8th

Kimberly & Peter Gerardi

Memorial for Alfred Eberhardt, Jr.

From John and Judy Lenaerts



Congratulations

Lauren Giacomelli & Rich Masucci on the
birth of Michael Anthony
on February 16, 2018

Congratulations

Lauren & Colin Gaines on the
birth of Levi Easton
November 17, 2017

Youth Fundraiser - Help our youth raise funds for their ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June. If you are unable to make the dinner, but would like to support our youth, check out their online fundraising page at: [Support Trinity Youth Trip to National Youth Gathering](#)

'Fiesta de Texas' Fundraiser

Friday, March 2nd

6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Menu includes

★ Tacos

★ Texas Chili

★ Spanish Rice

★ Cornbread

... and More



There will also be a 50/50 raffle

And dancing ...

Learn the Texas two-step!



We pray for those who are ...

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

Donna Andren, Anne-Marie, Ava, Beth, Brigitte, Lee, Tony Baggetta, Tamara Bagen, Peter & Helene Basick, Joan Baum, Kitty, Barbara Jean Bennet, Elaine Berg, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Cherish Bliefernich, Bella Bobinski, William Brown, Betty Buckmaster, Chuck, Colleen, Corrie, Helen Conte, Sharon Cooper, Robert Cowen, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Joanne D; Karen Delduco, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Heather Evers, Wayne Farber, Tony Ferrajina, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Barbara Goos, Eleanor Greene, Barbara Grispin, Eric Halbekath Sr, Thomas Ingate, **JoAnn** Johnston, Jennifer Johnson, Matthew Kromar, Judy Lutz, Chaleb McCaughey, Raymond Maglio, Gail Maisel, Michael, Kelly Maxwell, Robert Murphy, Hedy McCloskey, Michael Montana, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bob Obuck, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Nicholas Rogan, Liam Rogers, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, Sharon, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Walter Straub, Rob, Rebecca, Debby Tieste, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry & Marie Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Ruth Werner, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson, Jim Yessian

WRESTLING WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES:

Morgan Andren, Judy B, Lisa Bagnati, Bill Barki, Gloria Breton, Jennifer Rebecca Butvinik, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Olivia Casale, Erin Conroy, Deena Cox, Nancy Cuomo, Copsy Cuomo, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Gabriel Elliot, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Kira Hansen, Catherine Henneforth, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Janet Kniffin, Ryan Lee, Allen McCaslin, René McElroy, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Ed Ranieri, Rosaleen, Riley Rushia, Otto Schmid, Linda Siebold, Zack Small, Audrey Stone, Dylan Stolper, Kenneth Strawn, Kathy Sullivan, Jennifer Szczechowiak, Josephine Talley, Michael Tamborino, Kaeli Tretera, Mary Torlish, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Walt, Stephanie, Donna

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, Lillian Eberhardt, Rebecca Elliot, Fahy family, Elizabeth Goscinski, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Joanne Halbekath & family, Larry Hampson, Frank Hastie, Lillian K, Logan Keane, Nicola Kenny, Matt, Bill & Debbie Logan, Anita Luhrs, Mary Jane McMahan, Ryan, Mariela Ramirez & family, Alexander Maxwell, Charles Maxwell Wieller, PJ; Sue Rodriguez, Twila Skeels, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Katelyn Stufano, Kristen Sullivan, Michael Talarico, Morgan Watt, Jennifer West, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola; Zaccardo family

EXPECTING: Lauren & Collin Gaines, Sarah & Jay Moser

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

To make changes to the Prayer List, email:
trinelutheranoffice@yahoo.com

Coming Soon to Trinity

Clothing Shed Program

We will be hosting a shed to collect clothing, bedding and stuffed animals. Save any of your donations and we will let you know as soon as it is available for you to drop off items.



Dobbs Ferry Lutheran Church

cordially invites you to the

Installation of

Pastor Marie Meeks

On

March 3, 2018

at 5 o'clock in the evening

Dobbs Ferry Lutheran Church

43 Ashford Avenue Dobbs Ferry, NY

Please RSVP by March 1 to

Lisa McHugh (914) 693-0810 or

dflutheran@gmail.com

**Reception to Follow in the Dobbs Ferry Lutheran
Church's Fellowship Hall**

Your Presence would be a Blessing to Us!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



**Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 6th
2-8 PM, Shepherd's Hall**

Donors must be between 16 years old (with parental permission) and 75 years old. Over 76 years old need a doctor's note to donate. Bring an ID (license, blood donor card, etc.) and after your donation stay for a refreshment of homemade baked goods, juice and coffee or tea. Please come to donate and save lives. One donation can be split and given to three people.

Contact Carol Fendt with any questions.

Interested in joining Trinity?

Pastor Jen is looking at gathering with people who might be interested in becoming a member of Trinity's church family. It usually entails about 2-3 sessions; scheduling will be determined by participants.

Please see Pastor Jen for more information .

**You are invited to a Service
of Installation**

for

Rev. Christopher Chantelau

Sunday, March 11, 2018

4:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
3830 Gomer Street
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2017

March 4

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 11

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 18

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 25 – Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 29 – Maundy Thursday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM Holy Communion

March 30 – Good Friday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM 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.

Location

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