

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections – “That’s why we gather”

I love to listen to different kinds of music, all depending on my mood at the time. One summer I worked at a record store and probably spent half my pay check on music (cassettes and records; cds were just starting to be produced – so that will tell you how long ago it was!). Over the years, I have been drawn to artists outside of the mainstream who often write their own songs which seem to emanate from their own life experiences.

Recently, one of the artists that I’ve actually met and been to see a few times, named Christopher Williams, put out a new cd. Many of his songs over the years have had spiritual themes woven into their lyrics. The title track of this cd, “Gather” speaks to the gift of community and the reasons that we do gather together in faith (see the sidebar for the lyrics)

People are not joining in communities as much as they used to – we often live very fragmented lives. Too busy to join, too many other things to do; if we just had more time, we might join. Not only are churches facing a decline in membership, but so too are many of the other communities such as fraternal organizations, the VFW and the like.

In the beginning, we were created and God said that it was not good for us to be alone. The creation of Adam and Eve was about much more than just two people starting a family, but it was about the importance of community.

I need you. You need me. This is why we gather.

Community is not about obligation so much as it is about the importance of being in relationship with one another. We support one another in our difficulties and celebrate our joys. We share our thoughts and knowledge, our reflections and experiences. We can do more together than we can do alone.

Gathering in community is *sacred and holy ground*. It is in community that we experience the presence of God as we live out the love that we have received from the One who created us.

This is why we gather!

We do not live our lives alone, but in the loving presence of the Lord our God as we gather in faith-filled community.

Peace in Christ, *Pastor Jen*

To be known, to feel safe
To be honest and unafraid
To leave the past, run into hope
To find together we are not alone

Refrain: I need you
You need me
This is why we gather, this why we gather
To remember why we matter
This is why we gather

To share our story, silence the noise
To hear the wisdom in the tremble of a
voice
To carry healing for all the scars
To know we’re more than broken hearts
Refrain
When we help each other fight the fear,
Be present with one another
We find that’s where the life of God is lived
To give courage, to hear it now
We are beloved, this is holy ground

Listen online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIQ9y2GQN0U> or at www.christopherw.com

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Affirmation of Faith

On Sunday, May 20th (10:45am), six of our young people will be affirming their faith. They are: Kelly Conroy, Jake Groundwater, Melanie Klammer, Macie Marinich, Kristina Mckenzie and Winter Stathis. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this day.

This rite of confirmation is part of their faith journey as they move from others taking responsibility for it to their own claiming of the promises made to them in baptism.

In many ways, we are each called to affirm our own faith everyday. It is both claiming what we believe about God as well as how we seek to live out that faith.

What do you believe about God?

How will you live out your faith today?

Prayer Mondays

We continue our focus on prayer for each Monday of the month. Here's a reminder and updates to our various activities for each week of the month.

1st Monday (May 7th) – we “pray without ceasing”, setting a reminder to pray at 5:17 (am or pm)

2nd Monday (May 14th)– Prayer vigil as we offer up prayers for healing for ourselves and others

3rd Monday (May 20th) – Prayer activity: See the Faith @ Home article for this month's suggestion.

4th Monday (May 27th): Since it is Memorial Day, we will not be having the labyrinth put out this month, but you are invited to lift up your prayers in memory of all those who served and died in the military

Faith @ Home

Our Affirmation students will be affirming their faith this month. As a part of this rite of faith, they will be asked to commit to living out that faith daily, using the promise below. This is how we are called to live out our faith.

Brainstorm specific ways that you are currently living out these promises as well as ways that you live them out. Some of our current ministries as well as other suggestions and questions are included to get you started.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

Being in relationships with others in our community of faith

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,

Joining in worship and faith formation opportunities

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

Offering forgiveness, love and caring to those around us

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

Donating time and resources to the shelter, food pantry, etc.

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Learning about different social justice issues and advocating for them

If so, please answer: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

May this be our prayer as we seek to live out our faith daily.

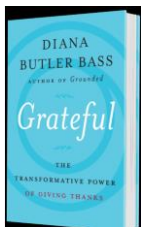
3rd Tuesday Table Talk

We gather at a local restaurant on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for food, fellowship and faith-filled conversation. We meet again on Tuesday, May 15th (6:30pm) at Smalley's Inn (57 Gleneida Ave, Carmel). You are asked to sign up and/or contact Pastor Jen to reserve your spot as we need to make reservations at the restaurant.

Congregational Retreat

On **Saturday, May 19th (9am-2pm)**, we will gather as a community of faith in ongoing reflection about what it means for us to be the Church in today's world. We seek to do this every year so that we remember the One on whom we are founded and how we are called to live as God's people together on a mission. Please join us as we prayerfully discern the mission that God has set before us. Each church has its particular set of values that define the mission that God has set before us. There is a great variety of ways that we can serve God, but we are not asked to do everything - only that which God has given specific gifts and guiding values.

During the retreat, we will be clarifying the defining values of the congregation - what is central to our mission - service, hospitality, discipleship, education as just a few examples of the kinds of values. All of the values are good and worthy of a church, but what are the ones that define Trinity? Join us as we prayerful discern who God has created us to be and how we are living out that mission. Please sign up in the narthex. Folks are invited to bring a dish to pass for our lunch together.



Faith Formation

Our Wednesday group will begin a book study on **May 2nd at 7:00 PM**. We will be reading "Grateful: The Transforming Power of Giving Thanks," by Diana Butler Bass. You may either borrow or buy a copy of the book from Pastor Jen or purchase your own edition.

Summer Worship



We are looking at doing a Contemporary Saturday evening worship service during the summer, beginning mid-July. It will be a different format than our Sunday morning liturgical worship.

If there are people who would like to help in any way or would be willing to use their musical talents to lead our singing, please see Pastor Jen. Watch for more information coming soon!

New Recycling Guidelines

What Goes into Trinity Recycling Dumpster?

Suburban Carting, Trinity's garbage and recycling contractor, has provided new recycling guidelines. Starting this month, they will **only collect paper and cardboard.**

NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE RECYCLING DUMPSTER.

If paper and cardboard are collected in plastic bags, these bags must be emptied directly into the recycling dumpster.

CARDBOARD WASTE ONLY

Absolutely NO



Saturday May 5th, 9 AM – 2 PM

May 2018 Property News

What an outstanding job that Brent Hnatow did in cutting up all the tree and large bush limbs and a large pine tree. He is just awesome and the work he did is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Pat Wills for all her support to our Church. We are always looking for other organizations or groups to rent our building. Let Pat know if you hear of anyone looking for a place to hold their meetings. Thank so much for your support.

Please be aware that **ONLY** cardboard can be put in the bin to the left outside. **NO PLASTIC** bags or containers that are shiny can be put in there. Computer paper can be put there but not in a plastic bag. **NO plastic at all. JUST CARDBOARD!** Thanks for your help with this.

I have noticed that when I walk around our building I see that some groups are not turning off the lights when you leave the rooms. Please help us.... if you see lights on in a room and no one is in it turn off the lights. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

A huge THANKS for those that are helping or helped with Spring Clean-up. Thanks to Laurie Bell for providing the covering for the flower beds again this year. It is greatly appreciated.

The new area rugs have been installed in Shepherds Hall. Thanks to Joanne Icken and Pastor Jen for helping with the selection of them. They look really nice.

At our next Property meeting on April 24th we will be discussing items to do going forward: Outside wall repair on Fellowship Hall, Back parking lot resurfacing, painting of our sign by the youth off route 6, replacing ceiling lights where needed and other items.

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

Ken Mongold, Property Chairman

Social Ministry

Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change. Any questions can be directed to Joanne Icken (jiicken@yahoo.com). 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.

- Joanne Icken

Date	Activity
September	Lutheran World Relief School Kits
October	Midnight Run – October 1st
November	Thanksgiving baskets for Putnam CAP
December	Christmas satchels for Seafarer's International House


Lutheran World Relief Fleece Blankets

On Sunday, April 8th we completed tying 16 fleece blankets for LWR.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

In September we will be assembling School Kits for LWR. Each kit requires the following:

- ✓ 4 notebooks
- ✓ 1 12" ruler
- ✓ 1 pencil sharpener
- ✓ 1 pair of scissors
- ✓ 5 pencils
- ✓ 5 pens
- ✓ 1 24 pk of crayons
- ✓ 1 eraser
- ✓ 1 backpack



*Remember these items
while back-to-school shopping
for your children.
Thank you!*

Midnight Run

A plastic container, labeled "Social Ministry / Midnight Run" is now located in the Narthex for your donations to 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 those on a budget it is easier to buy a little at a time. As you are shopping each week, pick up a couple travel size toiletries such as shaving cream, 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 what is needed come October.

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.

Trinity Financials

Good News – Compared to our prior two months when our expenses were averaging \$4,500 per month more than our giving, this past month our expenses were only **only** \$1,160 more than our giving.

Bad News – While increasing at a slower rate, our total shortfall grew from \$9,704 to \$10,864.

April looks to be a good month because Easter giving was good but still nowhere good enough to significantly close the gap. Let's not make this the last positive month before we head into the financial doldrums of the summer months.

Keep Trinity in your prayers, God's Grace in your hearts and money in our checkbook.

Your Finance Chair,

Don Icken

P.S. The mortgage fund deficit grew from \$500 last month to \$1,100.

Year to Date Budget Report Thru March 31st, 2018

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	
Contributions	42,151.43
Other Income	4,147.05
Total Income	46,298.48
EXPENSES	
Benevolence	\$1,500
Pastoral	\$25,582
Education	\$ 155.19
Evangelism	\$ -
Worship & Music	\$5,693
Administration	\$13,583
Property	\$10,650
Total Expenses	57,163
NET INCOME	(\$10,864)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES	
(Includes no loans)	
January 1, 2018 Balance	\$ 38,781
Current Balance	\$ 17,917

MORTGAGE FUND

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$9,587.44	(\$10,698.00)	(\$1,110.56)

COMMENTS

MORTGAGE FUND

- Contributions are \$1,110 behind payments.
- Mortgage Fund balance is \$6,891

MONTHLY INCOME

- March income was \$1,160 less than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$10,864 more than income.

TerraCycle

Rinse Your Returnables

Thank you for your continued support of our recycling program. Just a reminder—before you drop off your empties, please remember to rinse the glass bottles and cans (beer, soda, juice). This helps keep the deposit container clean and we don't run the risk of attracting rodents! Thank you!



TerraCycle has discontinued the #6 plastic cup recycling program. These cups can go in your curbside recycling so please do not bring them to Trinity anymore. Thanks for your help.



Are Ziploc Bags Recyclable?

Yes! Ziploc bags ARE recyclable (along with Hefty One Zip and other comparable zipper bags). While most curbside pick up programs do not accept most plastic bags, you can deposit them in bins at the grocery store for grocery bag recycling. (You can also put dry cleaning bags and other plastic sheeting in there). Find a location near you at Earth911.org/recycling by searching for places to recycle "plastic bags."

Ziploc bags are made from polyethylene plastic resin number 4, which is difficult to recycle mostly because of its light weight. They get tangled in complicated recycling equipment. They are simple to recycle but must be kept completely separate from materials generally included in curbside pick-up programs.

... and before you bring your stash of bags to the recycling center, make sure to reuse them as often as you can! Clean and dry them and give them as many go 'rounds as possible.

When possible, opt for reusable containers that never need to be disposed of.

- Georgina Marek

Sunday School Update

May brings new life and hopefully warmer weather. SCS continues with classes and the teachers will be preparing for promotion Sunday on June 10th. Enjoy the photos from our annual Lent event and of our newest communicants. There is no SCS on May 27th Memorial Day weekend.



Trinity WELCA

We welcome you to join us at Trinity's WELCA meetings. In May we will continue to meet weekly at 10:00 AM as follows:



- ❖ May 3 – Bible Study lead by Deb Lyon
- ❖ May 10 – Craft or LWR project
- ❖ May 17 – Craft or LWR project followed by lunch at 12:30 PM at McKinney and Doyle
- ❖ May 24 – 10 AM craft or LWR project
- ❖ May 31 – 10 AM craft or LWR project



**Mother's Day WELCA
Jewelry Sale**

- **Sunday April 29**
- **Sunday May 6**



National Youth Gathering (June 27-July 1)

Our youth are preparing to go to Houston this summer for a week of worship, service and fellowship. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to support their trip, watch for upcoming fundraisers and/or go to their fundraising page on the Trinity website.

We thank all those who donated clothes for our recent clothing drive fundraiser - we collected 298 bags!!! Wow!!! We are still waiting on the final numbers on how many pounds and how much money we will receive. We will be having a couple more fundraisers in the next couple of months - Car wash and Youth Dance. Watch the bulletin and your email for more information.

During the gathering, there will be a few opportunities to share our gifts through a variety of offerings. One of the them is "Blast off for Books" part of the literacy efforts to support the Houston area schools. We will be collecting books to take with us (or mail to Pastor Jen's family) as part of our offering.

There is a very specific lists of books that they are requesting - please see handouts at church or go to the link:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/BlastOffForBooks.pdf?_ga=2.112313668.1301952748.1524750266-1448952989.1470070955

If you purchase them on Amazon, remember to use <http://www.smile.amazon.com> and designate Trinity in Brewster as your charity.



Happy Birthday

DEVINE, KAT	5/1
GRAHAM, KENNETH	5/1
SCHUFF, ARNOLD	5/1
VON BARGEN, MARIE	5/1
CUOMO II, ALBERT	5/2
MARKERT, BARBARA	5/3
BERTONE, ALEX	5/4
LAIRD, JOE	5/5
ANDERSON, DENISE	5/6
MC DONNELL, ADDISON	5/6
KNAPP, TYLER	5/8
GOOS, BARBARA	5/9
LYON, KARL	5/11
MARKERT, ERIK	5/11
RUSSELL, JENNA	5/11
SCIARRA, CHRISTOPHER	5/12
MC ELROY, ANITA	5/13
NICOLETTI, ALEX	5/13
GUINYARD, NELIDA	5/15
HANSEN, TYLER	5/15
STRINGER, MICHAEL	5/15
TUTHILL, HALSEY	5/15
BERTONE JR, JOHN	5/18
FENDT, FRED	5/20
ICKEN, JOANNE	5/20
BRIGGS SR, ROBERT	5/22
EFFEREN, HEATHER	5/23
GRILLO, ERIK	5/23
KOLAR, DIANA	5/23
KOLAR, MATTHEW	5/23
DONOVAN, CHRISTOPHER	5/24
ICKEN, DON	5/25
BRUSIE, CLAIRE	5/30
STOECKER, KRISTEN	5/31
TOMPURI, MAISA	5/31

Happy Anniversary

- ❖ LAURIE & PETER BELL 5/4
- ❖ ED & LYNN STOECKER 5/13
- ❖ PAT & JOHN WILLS 5/18

*Memorial for
Carolyn Cesare
From Carol & Walter Straub*

**First Friday Potluck – May 4th
6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall**

**Bring a dish to share and enjoy food,
fellowship and fun!**

Our Prayers

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, Ngan Dyer, Heather Evers, Wayne Farber, Tony Ferrajina, Bea Fieldstadt, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Barbara Goos, Eleanor Greene, Barbara Grispin, Eric Halbekath Sr, Kathleen Heuschkel, Thomas Ingate, JoAnn Johnston, Jennifer Johnson, Matthew Kromar, Sofia Loraca, 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

WRESTLING WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES:

Morgan Andren, Judy B, Lisa Bagnati, Bill Barki, Gloria Bretone, Jennifer Rebecca Butvinik, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Olivia Casale, Erin Conroy, Deena Cox, Nancy Cuomo, Coppy Cuomo, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Gabriel Elliot, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Kira Hansen, Catherine Henneforth, Corina Hohenstein, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Janet Kniffin, Ryan Lee, Allen McCaslin, Reneé 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

For prayer list changes or additions email :
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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 McMahon, 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

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

Serving in the Armed Forces: Michael Caitney, Carlos & Alyssa (Torlish) Class, Liam Conroy, 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

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 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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 6

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

May 13

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

May 20 - Affirmation

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

May 27

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ May 5 – Trinity Spring Cleanup
- ✓ May 15 – Third Tuesday Tabletalk
- ✓ May 19 – Congregational Retreat

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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