

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections – *Milestones of Faith*

May and June are the traditional months for graduations – from high school, college and even preschool and other grades. They mark a life milestone and transition in our lives. We will often take the opportunity to celebrate these milestones. We take pictures. We save memorabilia from the event. We gather with family and friends.

What milestones are you celebrating?

Yet, there are other kinds of milestones that we mark throughout our lifetimes. Losing your first tooth; getting your driver's license or registering to vote; getting a new or first job; retirement; and the like.

What other milestones are you marking?

Our lives are often compared to a journey. As we travel the path of life, we encounter smooth paths, bumpy roads, treacherous terrain; bright sunny days as well as storm filled moments. There are times that others accompany us along this journey; other times when we are travel alone.

What does your life path look like right now?

As children of God, we view all these milestones through the lens of our faith. We rejoice in the opportunities that God has offered us and the ways that we have been empowered to live the life that God has created. We pray for mercy and grace amidst those difficult times, seeking strength, comfort and guidance as we walk along the more difficult parts of our path.

Where have you seen or experienced the presence of God in the midst of these milestones as well as other parts of your life?

For it is in Christ that “we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). God is not a separate part of our lives - one obligation or relationship among others. It is in God's image that we are created. God's love and grace are not a piece of our lives but are in our very DNA. God is our life, each breath that we take, each beat of our heart is the rhythm of God.

As we mark milestones, as we leave each moment of our lives, it is God in us that enables, inspires and is revealed in and through us. God does not just celebrate or mourn with us, but is within us.

How will you live as God's beloved, as God's own heart?

May we each be bearers of the love and grace of God that is enfleshed within us.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Jen

Summer Schedule

We begin our summer worship schedule on **Sunday, June 17th** as we go to one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30am (please mark your calendar).



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.

First Monday (June 4): "Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17)—Set an alarm for 5:17 (am or pm - your choice) to pray for the mission and ministry of Trinity.

Second Monday (June 11): Prayer Vigil — We gather for a short time of prayer together for a Prayer Vigil at 7 pm, seeking prayers for healing for ourselves and others.

Third Monday (June 18): Prayer practices are for daily use and reflection. **Praying for the World:** we live in a vast and varied world that is wonderful. Pick a different country each day of the month to pray for it. You can lift up a general prayer, trusting that God knows what they need or learn about the current issues people are facing and lift them in prayer. Challenge yourself to see if there are ways in addition to your prayers that you can help. Use resources from Lutheran World Relief or others to help with your endeavors

Fourth Monday (June 25): We will have the **Labyrinth** available for people to come and use throughout the day (9 am-8 pm). Printed guides will be available to help you use it if you haven't done so before.

Faith @ Home

Marking the milestones in our lives (see Pastoral reflections). What are some milestones that the people in your life are marking?

Graduations? Birthdays? Weddings?

What other kinds of milestones have been reached? *Driver's license? First tooth – gained or lost? New pet?*

Whatever milestones you are celebrating and marking, take the opportunity to give thanks to God as well as to seek God's guidance, strength, peace, etc. in the midst of this milestone. Here are some suggestions:

Name the meaning and significance of this event for not just the person directly involved but for those around them.

What are the hopes and dreams of each of them?

What are the concerns?

Lift these all up to God.

Lay your hands on the persons head as you pray.



Join the conversation.

3rd Tuesday Table Talk

Due to conflicts, we had to cancel May's gathering, but we will meet again on Tuesday, June 19th (6:30pm) at Smalley's Inn (Main Street, Carmel). Please contact Pastor Jen to reserve your spot.

Saturday Summer Worship

We will be offering Saturday afternoon worship opportunities beginning on **July 14th at 5pm**. It will be a more contemporary, less structured and casual service.

We are looking for people who would like to share their musical gifts to help lead music as a part of the service. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lisa Schuldt and/or Pastor Jen

Congregational Retreat

Due to the storm in May, we postponed our Congregational retreat. It will be rescheduled for the Fall. Watch the Trinity weekly and the summer newsletters for more information. We gather to share a meal and conversation about the ways in which our faith impacts our daily lives. All are invited!

Women & Justice

The ELCA develops a variety of social statements regarding issues that affect all people. Current statements include issues related to Criminal justice, Creation, Peace, Human Sexuality, Genetics and the like (they can be found at: <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society>)

A Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice is being developed. This initial draft is currently available for study and response until the end of September. Once responses are received, the draft will be revised and be presented next summer at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI.

The women of WELCA participated in a discussion at the recent WELCA Region 7 retreat and would like to offer an opportunity for discussion for us here at Trinity. There will be 2 different opportunities for discussion – **Sunday, June 3rd (9:45am** between services in General meeting room) and an upcoming **Thursday, at 10am** during WELCA meeting (date TBA)

Copies will be made available or it can be accessed at <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/~link.aspx?id=76B65AF89F3C46F3BFFC5F50CF097A1E&z=z>. It is a long document; participants are encouraged to focus their reading on the Basic Statement (pg. 1-10)

Affirmation of Faith

Congratulations to six of our young people who affirmed the promises made to them in baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th: Kelly Conroy, Jake Groundwater, Melanie Klammer, Macie Marinich, Kristina McKenzie, and Winter Stathis.



National Youth Gathering

June 27 – July 2018

In less than a month, 9 of our young people and 3 adults will be leaving for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas (yehaa!). We thank everyone for their tremendous support throughout this year of fundraising. We are blessed by this community of faith who continues to generously and faithfully support the youth in our midst.

Look for a presentation of the Gathering this coming Fall to learn more about it. You can also watch and see their experience by going to: <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering> (or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering>)

On **Sunday, June 24th (9:30am)**, we will be doing a blessing and prayer as we send them off to this wonderful experience.

To Houston By the Numbers

Help our youth in their final fundraising push by taking a number off the board at church (between 1-90) and donate that amount to them (for instance, if you take #26, you then give \$26). These final efforts will help pay for our meals in Houston for the 12 people attending.

Wonder Women & Marvel Men of Faith



**Join us this summer to be
inspired by these “superheroes” of faith**

Summer Worship at 9:30am (Sundays), Saturdays at 5pm (beginning 7/14)

June 3 (Rahab)
Joshua 2:1-24

June 10 (Abraham)
Genesis 15:1-6

June 17 (Miriam)
Exodus 2:1-10, 15:20-21

June 24 (Moses)
Exodus 33:12-23

July 1 (Ruth & Naomi)
Ruth 1:1-22

July 8 (David)
2 Samuel 7:18-29

July 15 (Anna & Simeon)
Luke 2:22-40

July 22 (John the Baptizer)
Luke 3:1-20

July 29 (Mary & Elizabeth)
Luke 1:26-56

August 5 (Priscilla & Aquila)
Acts 18:1-4 & Romans 16:3-4

August 12 (Lydia)
Acts 16:11-15

August 19 (Ananias)
Acts 9:10-19

August 26 (Eunice, Lois, others)
2 Timothy 1:3-7

Sunday School Update

It's June and another year of SCS will be completed as we celebrate Promotion Sunday on June 10th! Our theme this year is Jesus is a fisher of Men. We look forward to celebrating with the children another year of learning about our Lord, his teachings and the blessings we receive.

Please join me in thanking the wonderful teachers who give so selflessly of themselves for our children.

Lisa Ulrich Nursery-Kindergarten, Alicia Maston & Kim Andren- 1 & 2nd grade. 3-4th grade Heather Duben, 5 & 6th grade- Chris & Sandy Sciarra. Deb Lyon as our substitute teacher and to Pastor, Deacon Kafalas, & Lorna O'Hanlon for supporting us in Trinity's Sunday Church School.

Thank you to the parents & guardians of the children for allowing us to spend time with your children. Wishing you all a wonderful summer full of God's blessings.

Jeanette Baldanza
Sunday School Superintendent

First Friday Potluck

June 1, 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the Narthex



Property News

Spring cleanup was awesome. Thanks to all of those that showed up and worked very hard to get the job done. You know who you are and so does the man above. God bless you all. Also, I want to thank Laurie Bell again for supplying the mulch for the flower beds..

Thanks to **Pat Wills** for all her support to our Church. She is constantly getting new groups to utilize our space. 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, folks are remembering to turn off the lights and this is greatly appreciated. Wonderful for sure.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who have stepped forward to mow this summer. Your support is so terrific. You are the best.

A HUGH THANK YOU to **Debbie Lyons** for volunteering to oversee the flower beds. Of course, she will need some help with this, so if you are available please let her know. Her email is Godsjoyfullyon@aol.com.

If you would like to help empty the 3 dehumidifiers when you are in the Youth room Shepherds Hall or back near the bathrooms down from the office. This would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help.

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 (jicken@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.

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 School Kits

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

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



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

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.

- Joanne Icken
Social Ministry Coordinator

Trinity Finances

April started off with a great Easter, but ended a disappointing month financially. While our Easter giving was just over \$1,000 better than expected, our general giving was \$2,000 less than expected. Plus, the loss of a large regular building use rental left us about \$1,500 below projections. In real terms, that means \$21,770 income for the month.

Larger than expected expenses, five pay periods and an extra insurance payment, means more than \$5,000 of expenses over budget. In real terms, that means \$25,898 in expenses for the month.

Net, we fell another \$4,000 behind in our checkbook.

With the summer months approaching and our normal attendance and giving falloff, we could be facing a stressful summer. Please help your church by giving what you can and not forgetting us during the dog days of summer.

Your financial gnome would like to spend his summer peacefully sleeping it away in his cool hole, not pacing back and forth with worry.

Your Finance Chair,
Don Icken



Year to Date Budget Report Thru April 30th, 2018

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT		
	<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME		
	Contributions	62,043.69
	Other Income	6,025.10
	Total Income	68,068.79
EXPENSES		
	Benevolence	\$2,000
	Pastoral	\$36,157
	Education	\$ 155.19
	Evangelism	\$ -
	Worship & Music	\$7,307
	Administration	\$22,219
	Property	\$15,222
	Total Expenses	83,060
NET INCOME		(\$14,991)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES		
(Includes no loans)		
January 1, 2018 Balance		\$ 38,781
Current Balance		\$ 13,790

MORTGAGE FUND

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$12,977.66	(\$14,264.00)	(\$1,286.34)

COMMENTS

MORTGAGE FUND

- Contributions are \$1,286 behind payments.
- Mortgage Fund balance is \$6,715

MONTHLY INCOME

- April income was \$4,126 less than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$14,991 more than income.



Over the past couple of summers, we have had both “Flat Jesus” and “Flat Luther” to accompany us during our summer activities. People have taken pictures for us to share on Facebook as well as through our newsletter.

This year, we are reminded that we are “Created in the Image of God” as a “Child of God”. Pick up a poster, cut out the middle and take a selfie and send it in to share what you are doing during these summer months.



A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Sign up TODAY to be sure to get the Weekend of your choice.

Weekends scheduled this fall in Northeast US are:

* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style retreat center with many acres of woodlands in the heart of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown, PA .

For questions, or if you would like a brochure, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Trinity Women of the ELCA

We welcome you to join us at Trinity’s WELCA meetings. Our 2018 summer schedule is as follows:

June 21 – Las Mananitas (1250 RT 22, Brewster, NY) at 12:30 pm. We will meet at the restaurant. Let Ursula know if you are coming (845-418-0189).

July 19 – Florie Kays Tea Room (69 Glenida Ave., Carmel) at 12:30 pm. We will meet at the restaurant. Let Irene know you are coming: Irene6174@comcast.net. Or call her at 845-225-4698.

August 23 – Centennial Golf Club at 12:30 pm. We will meet at the restaurant. Let Irene know if you are coming.



Happy Birthday

6/2 BRIGGS, BETTY
6/2 HILDRETH, ALISON
6/2 VON BARGEN, STEPHANIE
6/3 CHRISTIE, MARGE
6/6 CEASRINE, DELORES
6/10 LYONS, EMILY
6/12 CUOMO, DON
6/12 WINTERS, LANA
6/13 GERFEN, GARY
6/13 TORLISH, MELISSA
6/14 JOHNSON, MEREDITH
6/14 MARKERT, BRUCE
6/14 WILSON, TOM
6/15 LUTZ, RAY
6/16 DUBEN, CHRISTIAN
6/16 STRINGER, SUE
6/17 GERMAIN, IRENE
6/20 SCIARRA, SANDY
6/22 GIACOMELLI, LILLIE
6/22 STOECKER, ED
6/23 O'TOOLE, DILLON
6/24 GIACOMELLI, AUSTIN
6/24 RUHS, KATHIE
6/26 BOYD, JENNIFER
6/29 LOCKSHISS, DEE
6/30 HOWARD, AIDEN
6/30 NESTOR, JO-ANN

Happy Anniversary

- SCOTT & JOANNE DZIBELA SR 6/3
- KARL & MARGE WESTERVILLE 6/5
- CHARLIE & IRENE GERMAIN JR 6/6
- CARRIE & THOMAS DE MARCHI 6/7
- JOY & TONY BAGGETTA 6/10
- LINDA & ROB SALINGER 6/22
- PETER & ROSEMARY GEBHARDT 6/26
- JOHN & BARBARA NICOLETTI 6/26
- RYAN & PAULA BELMONT SR 6/27

We are Thankful ...

Memorials for Carolyn Cesare

From

- ❖ Roger and Patricia Chappell
- ❖ Margaret & Charles Fowler
- ❖ Joseph & Theresa Atanasio
- ❖ Virginia G. Goren & Jean Nicoletti
- ❖ Robert & Elsie Schatz

Our Graduates

- ☆ Kevin & Cassandra Wise
- ☆ John Baggetta going to SUNY New Paltz
- ☆ Walter Jaklitsch
- ☆ Kim Andren
- ☆ Michael Stringer, going to SUNY Binghamton
- ☆ Brian Stringer, going to SUNY Cortland
- ☆ Angelina Giacomelli going to Carmel High

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, Ellen Bell, Barbara Jean Bennet, Elaine Berg, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Cherish Bliefernich, Bella Bobinski, William Brown, Betty Buckmaster, Chuck, Colleen, Corrie, Fred Carlson, 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

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

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

For prayer list changes or additions email :
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 3

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS
10:45 AM Holy Communion

June 10

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS
10:45 AM Holy Communion

June 17

9:30 AM Holy Communion

June 24

9:30 AM 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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