

The Trinitarian



Pastoral reflections

It's been over 25 years since I've been in any kind of school setting, but I still have this undeniable urge to buy school supplies (which will be satisfied by donating to our LWR School Kits, see related article). There is just something about purchasing these items that exhibit a sense of hope and possibility.

Just as New Year's affords us a fresh start with the change from one year to the next, so too does the Fall as school resumes and life resumes its "normal" schedule (and yes, I do hear the collective groans of school kids everywhere as it does begin).

Newly sharpened pencils and blank notebooks beckon with creative thoughts about what will fill these pages. While I didn't always appreciate the information that filled my own school notebooks when I was growing up, they have come to mean so much more now. All that knowledge and information that I take for granted has afforded me opportunities as well as the impetus to apply this knowledge in different ways (for everything can be a sermon illustration).

I think about what I have forgotten or missed out in learning and how that might be of service to me today. Sometimes, I wish that I could go back now and relearn all that I've forgotten so that my life and world view might expand even more (Hello, Google, Siri, Alexa, Wikipedia, What is...?).

I confess that I didn't really remember much of what I learned in Confirmation and even specific lessons from Sunday school. It didn't really begin to make sense until I spent more time in looking at the stories of scripture as well as our Lutheran tradition. Even after seminary and so many years of ordained ministry, there are still times when I feel as if I have just scratched the surface.

For you see, it is not just about remembering certain facts and figures of our faith, it is about the ways in which they speak to us in our lives today – as a part of the community we inhabit, the experiences we each have had thus far, the world context and our current life situations.

Some stories or verses of scripture deepen in meaning as we encounter different moments in our lives. For instance, from I Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing" has often only seemed like a call to prayer for me. However, when I learned of my brother's death while I was at Pinecrest and was surrounded first by youth then other adult leaders who prayed over me and then as I heard of all of your prayers that followed me as I gathered with my family – I was being held unceasingly by each of your prayers.

While we may not buy a new Bible as often as we do school supplies, it does hold forth promise and possibility every time we open its pages. In worship, through the use of the Narrative lectionary that

retraces the narrative arc of scripture, in devotional practices that bring God's word into our daily lives and in faith formation, as we gather with others to explore the gift of scripture – we are invited anew to see the hope and possibility that God places before us. We come to see each new day through the lens of faith, of God with us – guiding, inspiring, comforting, nudging and encouraging us to live our faith as more than just something that we do, but more importantly as who and whose we are.

Come and experience the hope and possibilities that are offered in the gift of faith – as we gather in prayer, worship, conversation and fellowship. Come and see all that God is up to in our midst!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jen

Personal note: Thank you for all your prayers and support as I mourn the death of my stepbrother, James Arden who died unexpectedly on Aug. 15th. I am blessed by your prayers, care and compassion. **Additional Note:** I no longer have a home phone number, but am using my cell phone and office number as my contact info. Contact me directly if you need it.



3rd Tuesday Table Talk

Throughout scripture, people gathered around the table to share a meal and conversation with one another.

Each month, we gather at a local restaurant to do the same.

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, Sept. 18th (6:30pm) at Toro's Restaruant (Route 6, Carmel). Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Jen to reserve your spot (as reservations need to be made at the restaurant)

Clothing Drive:

We have begun to accumulate some clothing for the shed. While we continue to wait for final approval for it, we are going to do another drive. People may drop off items on Saturday, Sept. 29th (9am-2pm). If you are unable to deliver them and need help, please just let us know and we can make arrangements for them to be picked up.





Prayer Mondays

Prayer is vital to our relationships with God and with one another. We pray individually and communally at home, in worship and throughout our day.

Prayer Mondays offer us a way to begin our week in prayer – each week has a different opportunity. Please make a commitment to this time of prayer – on Mondays as well as each day of the week.

1st Monday: set your alarm for 5:17 (am or pm) to lift up those prayers and situations that are in your thoughts at that particular time; based on I Thessalonians 5:17 “*pray without ceasing*”

2nd Monday: *Prayer Vigil* (7pm) Come together for a time of prayer in the church sanctuary, lifting up those in need of healing and comfort. Individual prayers and the laying on our hands for healing are offered as well.

3rd Monday: *Prayer practices* – each month, different prayer practice is suggested for you to use as a part of your daily discipline.

Websites: Here are a few resources that offer prayers and the like to enhance your own practices:

Author & UMC Pastor, Jan Richardson has a few websites and books that combine art and blessings. Check out: <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

Both a website and a downloadable app that offers daily prayer reflections, check out: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/#>

Author, Parker J. Palmer and musician, Carrie Newcomer, have collaborated on a new project concerned with our “growing edges” at various times in our lives. Check it out at: <https://www.newcomerpalmer.com/>

4th Monday: *Prayer Labyrinth*. This circular path invites us to walk our prayers through a series of circuits. It will be spread out in Shepherd’s Hall (10am-7pm). Paper versions are available as well for those unable to walk the path

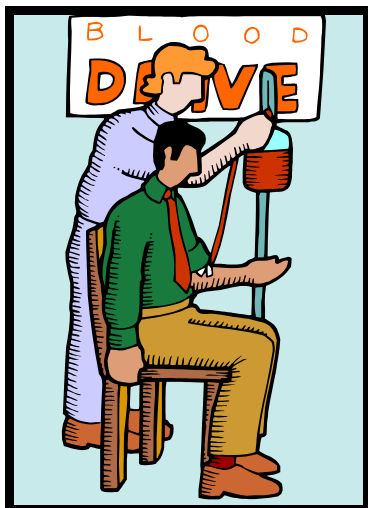


Trinity in the Community

Brewster Fall Festival is Sunday, Sept. 9th. We will be hosting a booth with information about Trinity. We need your help in manning the booth. There are one hour time slots from 10 am- 4 pm. Come help us share the gift of Trinity with others. Please contact Lois Lawrence and/or Pastor Jen for more information. This is a way to let people know about the mission and ministry of Trinity. Sign up for a time slot to help host!

Prayer Gathering

@ Brewster Middle school hosted by local congregations, we will be gathering on Thursday, Sept. 13th (6:30pm) at HH Wells Middle School to lift up our students, teachers, families and more as they embark on a new school year. We will be praying for all the local school districts, not just Brewster.



REMINDER

The next Blood Drive sponsored by the Churches of Brewster will be held on **Tuesday, September 25th, 2018**
2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
At Trinity Lutheran Church
2103 Route 6 in Brewster

Mark this date on your calendar!

faith at HOME



Faith @ Home

Faith is more than just something that we “do” when we gather at church. Faith is nurtured in our everyday lives. We take the opportunity to be intentional in our faith practices of prayer, service, conversation and more. Each month, we offer suggestions to share your faith with those that God has placed in your life.

Faith rituals: we greet and bid farewell to one another daily with the familiar words of “hello” and “goodbye”. What if you were to include God in these relationship expressions? Listed below are a few suggestions of a kind of call and response to our comings and goings. Use and adapt as best fits your relationships – use them in person, via text, email, etc.

God is good....all the time...all the time...God is good
God be with you...and also with you
Christ bless you...God keep you

Adult Faith Formation

We continue to learn and grow in our faith and understanding of God in our daily lives.

Join us for any of the opportunities that we offer each week.

Even if you are not able to make it every week, come as you are able to be a part of the conversations and relationships with others.

Wednesday evenings (7pm) We will be beginning a new study and reflection on Paul’s letter to the Philippians on Wednesday, Sept. 5th. We meet each week (except when Council meets) at 7pm.

All are invited to join us.

Sunday mornings (9:45am) will be focusing on similar studies as our Affirmation class based on the weekly scripture. Come as you are able.

Sunday School Update

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and that you're all ready for another great year at Trinity's SCS. Rally day will be on Sunday Sept.9th at the 9:30am service and SCS will begin on Sept. 16th at the 8:30am service when we go back to 2 services. This year we have a few changes, Nursery & Kindergarten grades along with 1 & 2nd grade will be grouped together and taught by Alicia Maston & Heather Duben. The 3&4th grade will also be combined and taught by Deb Lyon. They will start off the year with Bible study taught by Carol Ann Lutz with the children receiving their Bibles on September 16th and beginning Bible Study on 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 with the class then presenting what they learned to the congregation. Our 5&6th grade will be taught by Lisa Ulrich. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon and have a safe Labor Day Holiday

Jeanette Baldanza

Sunday School Superintendent

Property News

Thanks goes to Debbie Lyons for volunteering to oversee the clean-up of the flower beds this past summer and to all of you who stepped forward to assist her. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The air conditioners are finally fixed and running in Sheperd's Hall. Of course the summer is over!!!

Also, a huge thanks to Pat Wills for all her support to our Church. She came up with even more income for our church recently. 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.

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. If you have the time and you can empty the dehumidifiers in Shepherds Hall, the Youth Room and the back hallway to the downstairs bathrooms that would be awesome.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who have stepped forward to mow this past summer. Your support is so terrific. You are the best. Thanks to Gary Gerfen for overseeing this project.

A special thanks to Laurie Bell placing lights at our sign off route 6. We should now be able to see our sign when it gets dark during the fall and winter.

Finally, we are still waiting to hear back from the Metro NY SYNOD on the finalization of a bid for the back of outside of Fellowship Hall Hopefully we will receive approval, so we can finish the project. Thanks to Don Icken and Sharon Laird for their help with this. Thank you all for your continued support to Trinity Lutheran Church!

Ken Mongold Property Chairman



Social Ministry

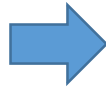
Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change. Any questions can be directed to Joanne Icken (jicken@yahoo.com). If you have **Kohl's cash** that you are not using, give it to me or bring it to the church office. We can use it to purchase clothing for our yearly activities.

Date	Activity
September 16th	Lutheran World Relief School Kits
October 14th	Midnight Run – October 1st
November	Thanksgiving baskets for Putnam CAP

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

On September 16th after the first service we will be assembling School Kits for LWR. We are still in need of the following:

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

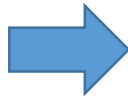


- + 70 sheet wide or college-ruled notebooks
- + Blunt scissor
- + Crayons (24 pack)

Midnight Run

Our Midnight Run is scheduled for Sunday morning October 14th. We will be feeding approximately 40 homeless men and women. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex at the beginning of September if you would like to help out. Help is needed Saturday morning to prepare for this event. I will also need at least 10 people to travel to NYC early Sunday morning to help serve. Please consider helping out.

**The following items
are needed:**



- + Men's briefs and undershirts sizes M, L, and XL
- + Travel size shaving cream
- + Travel size deodorant

Your donations can be placed in the plastic container in the Narthex labeled "Social Ministry".

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

Finances

-Barbara's Nails Are Safe!
Only Good News.

Your response had been tremendous. As of the end of June the Mortgage Fund balance was \$5,277. As of the end July the Mortgage Fund balance is \$13,570. That is an \$8,292 increase (for those of you mathematically inclined, there was a bit of rounding error there). On top of that, we are running ahead so far this month. With a significant pledge for December's final payment, we will be soon be done with our mortgage.

So, on behalf of Barbara Nicoletti, who is looking forward to a well-deserved manicure and shortly being out of Trinity's mortgage payment job, and your friendly financial gnome, we thank you for your overwhelming support. Job well done!

I plan on crawling back into my gnome hole and resting peacefully without any financial worries for the next few months. You will let me do so, won't you? Please. In return, I promise not to bother you with anymore financial haranguing until the end of the year, when we will probably again run short of money, and I will have to annoy everyone every week with my pleading.

Until then, God please you all!

Your Financial Gnome,

Don Icken



YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT (THRU July 31, 2018)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	
Contributions	109,252.96
Other Income	16,326.72
Total Income	125,579.68
EXPENSES	
Benevolence	\$3,500
Pastoral	\$61,749
Education	\$ 331.82
Evangelism	\$ -
Worship & Music	\$11,708
Administration	\$32,007
Property	\$21,443
Misc	\$6,034
Total Expenses	136,773
NET INCOME	(\$11,193)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES	
(Includes no loans)	
January 1, 2018 Balance	\$ 38,781
Current Balance	\$ 17,588

MORTGAGE FUND

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$30,530.48	(\$24,962.00)	\$5,568.48

COMMENTS

MORTGAGE FUND

- Contributions are \$8,271 ahead of payments.
- Mortgage Fund balance is \$13,571

MONTHLY INCOME

- July income was \$4,250 more than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$11,193 more than income.



Celebrations



Happy Birthday

JAMES TORLISH	9/1
CHRISTINE RICE	9/6
CHRISTOPHER HARLIN	9/9
CARRIE DE MARCHI	9/10
DOROTHY KAFALAS	9/10
MACIE MARINICH	9/11
PAM CARLSON	9/13
LLOYD JACOBSEN	9/13
DAWN MORELLO	9/16
ETHAN KOVALEC	9/17
RONALD STRAND	9/20
EMMY CURCURUTO	9/21
SHARI GRILLO	9/22
LINDA LUND	9/22
ROBBY FENDT	9/25
NANCY SMITH	9/25
JOHN POWELL	9/26
LAUREN CIHANEK	9/27
MICHAEL CIHANEK	9/27
CLOEY CALLAHAN	9/28
ANGELINA GIACOMELLI	9/28
JASMINE MOSCATO	9/29
TIM SMITH SR	9/30

Happy Anniversary

♥ DOUGLAS & LINDA NOAH	9/4
♥ JOAN & STEVE BRADLEY	9/5
♥ HOLLY & CHARLIE LAROCCHIA	9/19
♥ AGNES & BILL TORLISH	9/19
♥ BRUCE & BARBARA MARKERT	9/24
♥ DORIS & GEORGE O'TOOLE	9/24
♥ MICHAEL & SUE STRINGER	9/25
♥ STEPHANIE & JOHN HOWARD	9/26
♥ BRUCE & ANNE OSWALD	9/29

MEMORIALS

We Pray for Those Who Are ...

In the hospital, ill, recuperating from surgery, or undergoing medical treatment: Anne-Marie, Ava, Beth, Brigitte, Lee, Tamara Bagen, Walter Baietti, Peter & Helene Basick, Joan Baum, Kitty, Ellen Bell, Barbara Jean Bennet, Mimi Berlin, 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, Thomas DeMarchi, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Heather Evers, Wayne Farber, Tony Ferrajina, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Eric Halbekath Sr, Thomas Ingate, Jennifer Johnson, Janna Keps, Sofia Loraca, Judy Lutz, Chaleb McCaughey, Raymond Maglio, Michael, Kelly Maxwell, Robert Murphy, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Bob Obuck, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Donna Perrault, Nicholas Rogan, Liam Rogers, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, Sharon, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry & Marie Von Bagen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson, Edward McGuire, Loyd Jacobsen

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, , Coppy Cuomo, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Bill & Mary Duzal, Gabriel Elliot, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Kira Hansen, Catherine Henneforth, Corina Hohenstein, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Ryan Lee, Kim Marshall, Allen McCaslin, Reneé McElroy, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Ed Ranieri, Rosaleen, Riley Rushia, Zachary Schwartz, Linda Siebold, Zack Small, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, 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, Wanda & Cliff, Della Arndt, Charlotte Berwind, the Bueti family, Catherine, Jeanne D, Donlin family: Marisa Pease, Liam & Noah, Barbara, JD & Katie Ray, Dworkin family, 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, Melissa S, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Wanda & Cliff Strawn, 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, 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 Emergency Shelter 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 Comisso, Council members, Sunday School teachers, and worship leaders.

First Friday “Back From Houston”

We resume our First Friday potlucks on **Friday, Sept. 7th (6pm)**. Please bring a dish to share and join in our fellowship

Our youth will be sharing some of their experiences and pictures from the National Youth Gathering in Houston a couple of months ago.

Please join us for this special night of fellowship and witness.



Up early at the airport



At the Astrodome, ready to worship



Bishop McCoid on Synod Day



Pastor Jen and her donated hair

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 2018

Sept 2 9:30 AM Holy Communion

Sept 9 9:30 AM Holy Communion

Sept 16 8:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Sept 23 8:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Thursdays at noon: Spoken worship with Holy Communion

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Sept. 5th** Faith Formation resumes
- **Sept 9th** Rally Day
- **Sept. 13th** Sr. Choir Rehearsal resumes

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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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