

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections– Where does time go?

How often have you found yourself, pausing for just a second, and marveling/lamenting/wondering about the rapid pace of life? Minutes pass into days that pass into months that pass into years. It seems that most days we can't even catch our breath to remember what we have done from one day to the next.

As quickly as it passes, we are often amazed at how much time has transpired. Where has the time gone, we find ourselves remarking more than once.

As much as we would like time to slow down so that we can savor many of those moments, there is also a sense in which that we feel as if we need to be filling each of those seconds with something. If our schedule is not full – have we forgotten something or are we being lazy or....?

We live in a culture that seems to thrive or at least applaud busy-ness. It is often seen as a kind of badge of honor – to demonstrate what? That we're not lazy? Of how much we can accomplish in our limited time? Our own importance?

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

Have you ever tried to just be still and do nothing? If you haven't – do it right now....I'll wait...see how long you can just sit and be still....how long were you able to do just that?

Even in our prayers, we are not often still. We spend most of our time talking to God, sharing our list of concerns as well as thanksgiving – which is important – but only one aspect of prayer.

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In stress management, the suggestion is often made to step back and take a longer view of that which is causing us stress or worry. We are told to take a deep breath and * try* to relax (often easier said than done).

From a faith perspective, the stepping back and being still can help us to remember first of all – that we are not God and that God is God; and to take that deep breath, remembering that in the beginning when we were made in God's image, God breathed life into us. Each breath that we take is a gift from God. As we exhale, we are, in a sense, breathing out all of our worries, stress, sins, etc.

So, take a deep breath in.....(praying the words: **Be still**)... slowly exhale...(praying: **and know that I am God**)...again...and again...and again.

In doing this simple exercise, we are savoring the breath that God gifts us and seeing our lives, each of our moments from God's perspective.

So- **be still**: resting in God's presence – **and know that God is God**: believing and trusting in the One who gives you breath and each moment of your life.

Sunday School



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s the weather is getting cooler & the leaves changing color we are getting

ready for our third graders to present what they have

learned in their Bible Study

classes at the 8:30 am service on

Sunday October 14th I believe it

may be on the calendar as

the 7th but that was my mis-

take. Thank you again to

Carol Ann Lutz for teaching our third

graders, we have been truly blessed

to have her.

On **Sunday October 28th** we will

once again have our annual Refor-

mation Sunday event. More news re-

garding the event will be emailed

home to parents and handouts will be

distributed at Sunday School.

Welcome back!

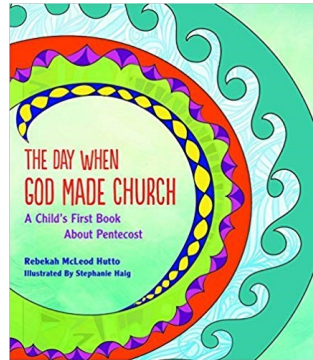
Jeanette Baldanza,

SCS Superinten-
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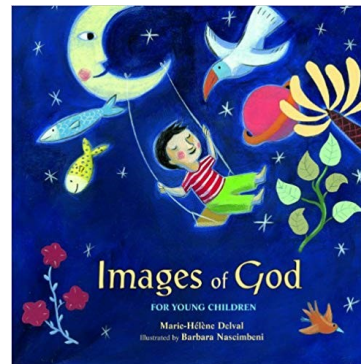
Off the Shelf (children's edition)

There are many great books out there about faith for children as well as adults. Here are a few that Pastor Jen has to share:



“The Day When God Made the Church” by Rebekah McLeod Hutto

This is a colorful story about Pentecost as God's Spirit filled people to share the Good News of Jesus Christ



“Images of God” by Marie Helene Delval

Using words like wisdom, fire, root and joy – the author imagines God in the midst of our daily lives.



“The Invisible string” by Patricia Karst

The book begins with the words that we are all connected by “the invisible string of love” which helps to explain death to children.

TLC Youth Group

We are jump starting the youth group and are planning monthly gatherings for all youth in 7th-12th grades.

Our first official meeting will be on **Sunday, Oct. 28th (5-7pm).**

There will be time for games, fellowship, a shared meal as well as planning events for the coming year.



See Pastor Jen, Joy Baggetta and/ or Cyndi Bertone for more info.

We will also be starting a text group for the youth (and interested parents) to share our ongoing ideas, prayers of thanks & concern, etc. Text Pastor Jen to get added to the group (make sure you tell her who is sending the text; her crystal ball is in the shop); you can text her at: (518)231-4633



Faith @ Home

At the end of the month is Halloween and we're already longing for our favorite treats (what is yours? Pastor Jen can't decide between M&M's or Butterfingers)



Some conservative Christian groups proclaim that Halloween is a satanic ritual and warn people away from its celebration. Pastor Jen believes that it would only have that focus if that is what we focused on it ourselves.

Did you know that Halloween is actually a condensing of "All Hallow's Eve"? Nov. 1st is the celebration of All Saints (or Hallowed/Holy ones day) when we remember all those that have gone before us. Culturally, it has taken many twists and turns over the years to become what it is today – just another excuse for candy (?). Take the opportunity to look up how it became what it is today.

For us, as Christians, how might we use this day as an exercise in faith? Here are a few suggestions:

Talk about those who are hallowed in your life – loved ones who have died or look up different saints. Share the stories of how they lived out their faith.

Martin Luther actually nailed his 95 Theses to the church door on Oct. 31st, sharing what changes he'd like to see in the church. What kinds of changes do you think we might make as a church in today's world?

Have too much candy?? There are veterans groups that will offer collect candy to send to soldiers who are deployed. Or you might think about donating them to Putnam CAP.



WELCA

September 2018 Report

Hope everyone had an awesome summer.

We met on Sept. 20, 2018 and discussed more planning for our annual Holiday Fair , which will be held on Saturday November 10,2018. The fair hours will be 10 A.M. -3 P.M. Lois Lawrence will be taking over organizing this event for us. Scott Dzibela will be handling our advertising. Sharon Laird will be handling our vendors this year before she turns over the reigns fully to Lois Lawrence. We will be meeting every Thursday until the Fair. We discussed but have not decided what we will do with any monies raised from this event. In past years we have been giving approximately 90% to Trinity Lutheran Church. We decided that on Friday November 9, 2018 , we will do set-up for the WELCA tables. Since it will possibly be a long day we are considering bringing crock pots for food to feed us and any additional people who are helping. We went to lunch at McKinney & Doyle Fine Foods Café in Pawling for our monthly luncheon after working on some crafts.

Respectfully Submitted

Kat Devine

Below is the WELCA Schedule through December 2018 :

September 27, 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. and work on Crafts for the Holiday Fair.

October 4, 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. for a Bible Study followed by Crafts.

October 11, 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. for Crafts.

October 18 , 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. for Crafts and followed by our monthly luncheon at Top Hibachi in Baldwin Place.

October 25, 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. for Crafts.

November 1, 2018

- We will meet for Crafts.

November 9, 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. to set up WELCA tables for the Fair.

December 6, 2018

- We will meet at 10 A.M. for a Bible Study followed by a Business Meeting.

December 13, 2018

- We will have our annual Christmas Luncheon at Southeast Grille at 12:30 P.M. in Brewster.

2018 Trinity Lutheran Church Holiday Market

Contrary to prior rumors, the market is on for 2018! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 10 from 10-3pm**. Spread the word – encourage friends and family to attend. A very easy way to help is to put out a sign on your well-traveled street or ask a local business to allow you to post a street sign. Church family...please ask yourself if you can find just a few hours in early November to help. Many hands make light work and your hands are needed. You can clean out your garage, attic, storage or linen closets and bring your used (but usable) items for our White Elephant room (location TBD). You can help with set up, our “county famous” café, general assistance during the day, and/or clean-up afterwards. Please contact **Lois Lawrence**, llawrence@tiaa.org, 845-490-2763 for more information.



Holiday Market



Saturday, November 10, 2018



10 AM to 3 PM



Trinity Lutheran Church

Route 6 Brewster, NY

Crafts Gifts Baked goods

Homemade soups and chili

30+ vendors on two floors

3rd Tuesday Table

Please note!!!!

For October, we will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday – **Oct. 23rd** (**6:30pm**) at Fiesta Mexicana on Rt. 22, Brewster.

Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Jen to reserve your place at the table.

Hope to see you there!



1620 TOWNE CENTER - ROUTE 22
BREWSTER, NY (845) 278-4515
SERVING LUNCH & DINNER 7 DAYS A WEEK



FALL CLEAN UP DAY at Trinity

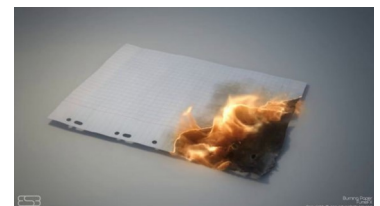
**Saturday, November 3,
2018, any time 9:00 AM-2:00
PM**

**Hope to see you there!
Your support is greatly appreci-
ated!**

Looking Ahead

Mortgage Burning Dinner

(just don't burn your supper)



Thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry of Trinity and helping to pay off our mortgage.

Join us for a special "Mortgage Burning" at our First Friday on Friday, November 2, 2018 (6pm). Please bring a "fiery" dish (spicy or just temperature hot) to share.

NOTE: Another cause for celebration is that if the money that we have regularly received for the mortgage is now applied to the General fund, we will have a balanced budget. Please prayerfully consider applying your offering in this way.

Finance



It's your friendly Financial Gnome. Oh no, not you again? Yes, me, but I have some good news. The congregation's response to my Mortgage plea has been outstanding. We have gotten more than enough money to pay off our mortgage with the October payment, two months early. The only question I have now is whether I should use the extra money to take an extravagant vacation (give me your email and I'll send pictures), or line my Gnome hole with dollar bills? What say you?

One thing I do ask is for members to switch their mortgage payments to the General Fund rather than stopping them. This would go a long way alleviating our chronic monthly shortfall (besides stopping my annoying pleas for more money). Any extra funds could go to frivolous things, for example, building maintenance/improvement or Social Ministry helping the less fortunate.

Warning. Boring financial information follows. Year-end planning for those people (you 70 ½ year olds) required to take Required Minimum Distributions from tax deferred accounts (IRAs, 401Ks, etc.), making the distribution from an IRA directly to a charity (hint, hint) saves the taxes due on the withdrawal and goes towards meeting the RMD. Something you might want to consider when deciding yearend RMDs.



Your
Financial
Gnome,
Don Icken

Property News

Well, its that time of the year again to start thinking about Fall Clean Up. This year it will be on November 3rd, 2018. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated. Signup sheet is on the table outside the Narthex. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Again, I ask you to thank 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 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. A special thank you to Charlie Larocchia for his continued efforts in mowing every other week. You are the best. Thanks to Gary Gerfen for overseeing this project.

If you notice anything not working, please let me know. Recently our hot water was not working and now it is fixed. Your help in keeping up with any problems is very much appreciated.

Finally, we are still waiting to hear back from the 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.

If you would be interested in serving on our committee, please give me a call! Thank you all for your continued support to Trinity Lutheran Church!

Ken Mongold, Property Chairman



Brewster Ecumenical Service Partnership

12 Main Street – PMB 269

Brewster NY 10509



Food Drive for BESP Emergency Shelter

We are asking for the following nonperishable items:

- Apple juice, orange juice, juice blends in ½ gallon bottles, boxes of hot chocolate
- Breakfast bars, granola bars, energy bars
- Cans of black beans, yellow rice, instant mashed potatoes
- Dried fruit, snack size fruit, fruit snacks

Please put items in BESP container in Narthex

A grant has been given to us from Thrivent Financial. If we collect 500 food items in October, BESP will receive \$500. So if you help by giving food to feed its Guests, BESP will also get some financial support.

Metro NY Synod Town Hall

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

*I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. — Isaiah 43:19*

When Presiding Bishop Eaton was present in our Synod after the resignation of Robert Rimbo as bishop, she pledged to provide us with resources to help us assess where we are as a Synod which would assist us discern our way forward in our life together.

As a way of initiating this process, we have scheduled Town Hall Meetings in each of our Synod's four quadrants to provide occasions for lay leaders and rostered ministers to provide input about what leadership gifts are needed as we discern together the election of a new bishop.

The Town Hall Meeting for lay members for our Quadrant is Sunday, Nov. November 4 (3 - 5pm at King of Kings Lutheran Church (543 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY). A separate meeting will be held for roster leaders.

[NOTE: We are looking to have at least 2-3 people from Trinity attend)

As I think about the upcoming Town Hall Meetings, I do think about what will be shared and how this may be helpful in the consideration of pastors who might serve as the next bishop of the Metro New York Synod. I do believe the Holy Spirit will support our considerations in all ways.

Isaiah has been a source of support, inspiration, and hope for me and for many people. The words from Isaiah remind us that God is able to do a new thing and even provide a way forward despite the challenges that exist. **As your interim bishop I have often heard about what is wrong with the synod. I understand there are concerns, but I would invite you to a new way of thinking as we approach the Town Hall Meetings and the next ten months.**

Can we flip our thinking as we share at our meetings : (1) What are our hopes for our synod and the next bishop? and (2) What are the strengths of our synod that we believe should be foundational for our future bishop and our life together as a synod?

Lest you believe this is a naïve approach, I do want to offer a [copy of the 2008 ministry audit](#) that was conducted by members of our ELCA churchwide staff between Bishop Bouman's and Bishop Rimbo's terms for your review .

- ◆ Have there been changes?
- ◆ Have some of the concerns been addressed?
- ◆ Are there concerns that continue?

In other words, your two or three minutes of sharing at our Town Hall Meetings can offer hopes, strengths, and concerns. I do ask you to keep a focus on our election of the next bishop and the future of our synod. Do you believe that God is about to do a new thing? **I sincerely believe this is a sacred time and sacred opportunity.** I am praying for the process, but I am also praying for the bishop chosen to bring the ministry of oversight to all the people of the Metropolitan New York Synod.

I extend my love to each of you!

In Christ,

Bishop Donald J. McCoid

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 Bliefertich, 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 Kreps, 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 Steinhart, 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 Commisso, Council members, Sunday School teachers, and worship leaders.

Celebrations

Anniversaries

DAWN & ROBERT ANDREN	10/10	BARRETT ALVARADO	10/27
		THATCHER ALVARADO	10/8
JOHN & CYNDI BERTONE JR	10/12	ROSS ANDERSON	10/5
		RYAN BELMONT SR	10/29
HEATHER & CHRISTIAN DUBEN	10/5	SOPHIA BUCAJ	10/16
		FRED CARLSON	10/28
LYNNE & JOHN HEUSCHKEL	10/2	JOHNATHON CIHANEK	10/3
		CARRIE CIOFFI	10/31
KATHLEEN & JIM MC MORROW	10/9	FIONA CIOFFI	10/18
		BRODY CONROY	10/30
THOMAS & DONNA PORTA	10/27	KELLY CONROY	10/4
		DONYCE DEROBERTS	10/3
LAWRENCE & KATHRYN RUHS	10/20	HEATHER DUBEN	10/6
		DEBBIE EFFEREN	10/1
		STEPHANIE FARRELL	10/16

Birthdays

EMILY KOVALEC	10/17	ALEXIA FAULKNER	10/6
ALYSSA LANGKE	10/12	KEMI GERFEN	10/7
JUSTIN LAROCCHIA	10/25	BROOKE GUINYARD	10/25
CAREY LYONS	10/20	CLAUDINE HAYES	10/1
ANTHONY MASTON	10/21	HANNAH HEINECKE	10/11
BRIDGET MORRIONE	10/10	CONNOR HEUSCHKEL	10/24
DANIELLE NESTOR	10/23	GAVIN HEUSCHKEL	10/28
MEGAN NESTOR	10/23	JOSEPH HILDRETH	10/27
BARBARA NICOLETTI	10/21	KEVIN ICKEN	10/31
JOAN QUINN	10/1	LAUREN ICKEN	10/17
BARBARA RODEN	10/28	BEATRICE JACOBSON	10/20
JUERGEN TEMPEL	10/2	LORELEI JAKLITSCH	10/31
AGNES TORLISH	10/11	STEPHANIE KOLAR	10/13
LILI VAN ZANTEN	10/6		
MICHELLE ZANARINI	10/23		
STEPHEN ZANARINI	10/26		



Last months edit:

Melanie Klammer's celebrated her birthday on 9/29

Worship Schedule

October 2018

Oct 7 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Oct 14 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Oct 21 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Oct 28 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

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Trinity Lutheran Church Mission:

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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