



The Trinitarian

Pastoral Reflections— *For all the Saints*

Over the past number of years, I have done a bit more in looking into my family history through ancestry.com (along with other family members). It is interesting to not just look back over my family tree, but also to learn more information about their births, marriages and dates of their immigration to this country.

Though, despite the fact that there is so much more information at our finger tips, there are so many other pieces that are lost amidst the dates and years of their lives, the hyphen between the dates of their birth and death. Information like their motivations for immigrating or the circumstances around marriages, births, jobs and other living arrangements can't be found on a website. Some of them may be passed down in family lore and stories, but most remain hidden or lost.

Even more so, the stories of their faith amidst all the circumstances of their lives leaves nary a shadow. More than when and where they were baptized, but what scripture passage was most meaningful for them, what hymn inspired them, what prayer did they use at meals or bed - and why?

So many biblical accounts and inspirational books share these kind of faith-filled reflections. They enhance, guide, and strengthen our own lives of faith. Yet, those that we are often closest to, their faith remains in the shadows. We can claim that we are shy or uncertain about sharing our faith or even that is "between me and God". Yet, it is because of the witness of those saints who have gone before us that the faith has been shared from generation to generation.

Sharing our faith does not need to be a scary practice. Theological dissertations don't always inspire. The first step is viewing our lives and daily routines from a faith perspective. Asking ourselves the questions like: where did we see God today? Or in the face of the uncertainty of our lives and world, what might God have to say about this or what might God want me to say or do in this experience?



Write your responses to these kinds of questions in a journal. Ask them of a friend or family member. Tweet them. Share them on Facebook or in a text.

Or if a Bible passage speaks to you, share that with others. Pair it with a picture or check out the app called Bible Lens which will pair your pictures with a Bible verse.

Sharing our faith - what we believe and trust about God's role in our lives - is a vital part of what it means to be the Church, what it means to live as God's beloved saints. It takes practice as well as intentionality.

How do you intend to live and share your faith today?

Peace in Christ, *Pastor Jen*

Note: check out other articles in this newsletter (such as Faith @ Home, Faith Formation, Off the Shelf and others that continue this theme and invite you into some different opportunities.

For all the Saints

On Sunday, Nov. 4th, we will be remembering all the saints who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. Their names will be read and you are invited to light a candle as a symbol of hope and the promise of eternal life

If you would like to add a name to this list, please contact the church office by Oct 31st.

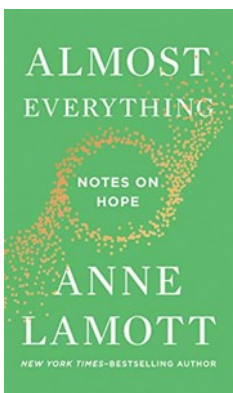
Faith Formation:

A great cloud of witnesses

On Wednesday, Nov. 7th (7pm), our midweek Faith formation group is beginning a new time of study and reflection called "Highlights from Hebrews" as we look at portions of this New Testament letter.

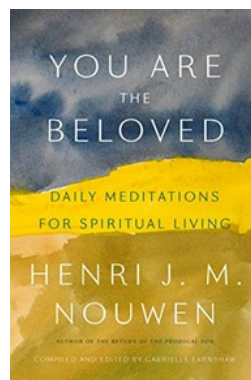
Please join us as we join with the "great cloud of witnesses" that have shared their faith across generations.

Off the shelf *So many books ...never enough time.*



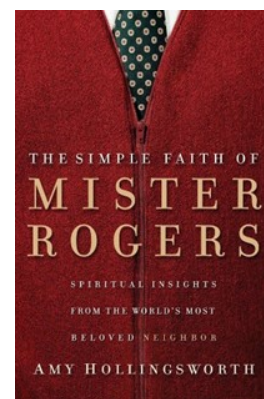
Almost Everything: Notes on Hope" by Anne Lamott is a reflection on finding light amidst despair and uncertainty. Using hu-

mor and personal examples, Lamott offers us ways to view life from the perspective of hope and faith.



"You are the Beloved: Daily meditations for spiritual living" by Henri Nouwen is a collection of writings that invite us to remember our

belovedness in God's eyes. More than 20 years since his death, Nouwen's writings nurture our faith and relationship with God.



The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual insights from the world's most beloved neighbor" by Amy Hollingsworth invites us to

do more than reflect on this beloved icon's life. Mr. Roger's legacy reminds us how to live with and amongst all of our neighbors, near and far.

November 2018 Property News

Hope you can be at this years' Fall Clean Up 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.

Pat Wills is just awesome 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.

Don't want to keep bringing this up, but 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.

Again, I want to thank 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.

We have heard back from the NY SYNOD on the bid for the back of outside of Fellowship Hall. It was approved, so we can now go forward to finish this project. Ken von Bargaen has been selected to do this work. Thanks to Don Icken and Sharon Laird for their help in getting this approved. We may need your help to pay for some of this project. More to follow!

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**

Sunday School News

October went by so quickly with our third graders presenting on the 14th about what they learned in Bible Study. Again how can we say thank you to Carol Ann Lutz for the many years she has taught Bible classes to our third grade, thank you again Carol Ann!

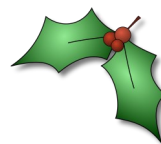


October 28th was our annual **Reformation Event** and Luke Morello shared his experiences of being in Germany where Martin Luther hung his 95 thesis'. Thank you Luke!

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday November 25th due to Thanksgiving weekend we will see everyone at one of the regular services. Hoping everyone counts their blessings and has a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Our annual Advent event will be on the first Sunday in Advent Dec. 2nd, emails & handouts to come.



**Jeanette Baldanza,
SCS Superintendent**

Social Ministry

Social Ministry Schedule for 2018

Date	Activity
November	Thanksgiving baskets for Putnam CAP
December	Christmas satchels for Seafarer's International House

Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change.

Any questions can be directed to Joanne Icken (jicken@yahoo.com).

Midnight Run

On **Sunday, October 14th** we served 25-30 men and women at Stuyvesant Park in NYC. We served a hot breakfast sandwich and distributed a bagged lunch, a bag of toiletries and underwear to each person. I would like to thank Kathie Ruhs, Lynn Byrnes, Pastor Jen, Lois Lawrence, Phil De Roberts, Doris O'Toole, Dillan O'Toole, Thomas Riley, Jean Moscato, Pattie Kapp, Deb Lyon and Don Icken

Seafarer's Christmas-at-Sea

Seafarer's International House (SIH) is an ecumenical mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and provides pastoral care, social assistance, and advocacy to seafarers and sojourners.

All of us look forward to Christmas with family and friends. For nearly all seafarers, Christmas is a lonely day in the middle of an ocean, without family or friends. This year once again Trinity will participate in the Seafarer's Christmas-at-Sea and help to bring a little joy to these men.

SIH will provide us with 20 satchels and we will fill them after our first service on **Sunday, December 9th**. Items still needed to fill 20 satchels are:

New Men's Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size XL)

New Men's Casual Pullover T-Shirt (size -XL)

New Men's dark color socks

Donations can be made until **Sunday, December 9th** and placed in the Social Ministry tub in the Narthex.

Thanksgiving baskets for Putnam CAP

Starting **November 1st** Trinity will be participating in the **Thanksgiving Food Basket** program for Putnam CAP. The baskets provide a meal to low-income residents of Putnam County. Last year, Putnam CAP distributed over 400 baskets to these struggling families. The Thanksgiving Food Basket can be a cardboard box wrapped with festive paper, a laundry basket, a recyclable shopping bag, a gift bag or any other similar type of container. Putnam CAP asks that the food box contain all of the items needed to make a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner as well as some additional items such as breakfast foods and food for another meal during the week. All food baskets should include a \$15 grocery store gift card for the purchase of a turkey. The completed baskets must be returned to Trinity **no later than November 12th**.

Suggested Food Items for a complete basket:

**Juice, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate,
Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup,
Stuffing, Crackers, Cookies
Cranberry Sauce, Soup,
Yams (fresh or canned),
Potatoes, (fresh or canned),
Butter or Margarine,
Gravy (canned, jar or package),
Fruit (canned or fresh),
Pie (fresh or frozen) and/or Other Desserts,
Vegetables (Fresh or canned),
Dinner Rolls (fresh or frozen),
Aluminum Roasting Pan,**

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.

Putnam CAP's food pantry is experiencing severe shortages on non-food items that our clients need and are unable to purchase with SNAP coupons. Please help by purchasing some of the following items:

Here are also a few suggested non-perishable foods that would be greatly appreciated at the pantry:

Cooking Oil
Ensure
Coffee and Tea
Cake Mixes
Baby Food
Condiments

Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Toilet Paper
Toothbrushes
Laundry Detergent
Bar Soap
Feminine Hygiene Products
Shaving Cream
Cleaning Products
Baby Wipes
Diapers and Pull-Ups in sizes 4-5-6

Youth group

The first gathering of the youth group this Fall was just as this newsletter was going to print. Additional gatherings will be happening on a

Monthly Basis

Make sure you're on the contact list by being in touch with **Pastor Jen, Jot Baggetta or Cyndi Bertone.**

First Friday

You should've received an invitation about this month's special First Friday on **November 2nd (6pm)**. We will be celebrating the end of our mortgage!



You are invited to bring a fiery" dish (temperature hot or spicy) or comfort food to share for this potluck.

Please sign up in the narthex or online at: <https://mealtrain.com/y3y8ll>

3rd Tuesday Table talk

Due to the previously scheduled Interfaith Thanksgiving service, this month's Table Talk will once again be moved a week to **Tuesday, Nov. 27th (6:30)**. We will be meeting this month at Thai Golden (Carmel)

Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Jen to make your reservation

Faith @ Home For all the Saints

November 1st has traditionally been the time in the Church when we remember and celebrate the lives of saints who have touched our lives with their faith and witness. In worship, we name those individuals and light candles in their memory.

Yet, through Christ's grace, we are all saints.



Part of living as God's beloved saints is pointing to this love and grace that we experience and sharing it with others.

Here are some questions to help you share your faith with others:

If you could live the life of any person in the Bible, who would it be and why?

If you could jump into any story in the Bible (even just to observe), which one would it be and why?

If you could ask Jesus any question, what would it be? What do you imagine his answer might be?

If you could travel anywhere in the world with a Jesus, where would you go? What would you want to do with him while you were there?

Are there other questions that come to mind?

Share them on a Facebook, text or email them to a friend, family member, folks at Trinity and/or

Trinity Finance

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT
(THRU September 30,
2018)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT			
	<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
INCOME			
	Contributions	133,446.74	
	Other Income	21,696.43	Total
Income		155,143.17	
EXPENSES			
	Benevolence	\$4,500	Pastoral
		\$81,011	
	Education \$	1,058.92	Evangelism \$
	65.00		Worship & Music \$14,968
	Administration	\$36,847	
	Property	\$25,656	
	Misc	\$6,048	
Total Expenses		170,154	
NET INCOME		(\$15,011)	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES (Includes no loans)			
January 1, 2018 Balance		\$ 38,781	
Current Balance		\$ 13,770	

MORTGAGE FUND

	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$42,316.65	(\$34,094.00)	\$8,222.65

COMMENTS

MORTGAGE FUND

- Contributions are \$3,395 ahead of payments.
- Mortgage Fund balance is \$16,224

MONTHLY INCOME

- September income was \$359 more than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$15,011 more than income.



Just a quick popup out of my gnome hole. I think the congregation is playing head games with me. We actually had a surplus this month. We took in \$359 more than our

monthly expenses. I am impressed! Of course, we still have a \$15 thousand-dollar deficit, but it is a step in the right direction. Thank you all.

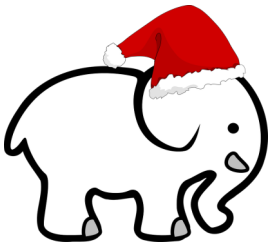
Mortgage update – We paid off our mortgage! And then some. The mortgage company forgot to stop our automatic payment on the first of the month, so took out an extra payment October 1st. They politely refunded it, when we pointed it out to them. We have decided to symbolically burn our mortgage at our **November 2nd First Friday** pot luck dinner. Thirty years in coming.

I am having a hard time wrapping my head around the idea that we are doing well money-wise. Keep up the good work.

**Your Financial Gnome,
Don Icken**

Save the Date:

Trinity's **Holiday Market** will be held on **November 10 from 10 AM to 3 PM**. Please consider donating handmade/craft or baked goods for the church tables. Donated items for the white elephant tables would be greatly appreciated. Items not accepted: appliances, tvs, or clothing. You may leave donations in Shepherd's Hall left of the ramp entrance.



Interfaith Thanksgiving

Join together in praise and Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 7pm** at Drew United Methodist church in Carmel for our annual worship service with many of the areas faith communities .

This is a wonderful service with great music and fellowship



Remember



Nov 3rd/ Nov 4th is the Fall back time change. Turn you clocks back one hour and gain an extra hour!



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





Celebrations



November Birthdays

PETER GEBHARDT	11/1	MAC KENZIE MEISSNER	11/15
JOYCE MORIN	11/1	MELISSA RENAUD	11/15
JOHN BAGGETTA	11/2	MICHAEL SCORRANO SR	11/15
ALYSSA TORLISH	11/2	MCKENZIE BELMONT	11/16
JAKE MEISSNER	11/3	AMELIA CUOMO	11/17
ERIK JACOBSEN	11/4	JARED OSWALD	11/17
SCOTT JACOBSEN	11/4	GEORGINA MAREK	11/21
ANNE OSWALD	11/4	ERIN MINIERI	11/21
WILLIAM VON BARGEN	11/5	LAMORNA COYLE	11/22
JENNIFER FISH	11/6	RALPH RICE	11/22
LAUREN PETER	11/6	CINDY SIMON	11/22
BRIANNA SERGIO	11/6	KRISTI TORLISH	11/23
ELIZA MATTEO	11/7	DEBORAH MC NAMARA	11/24
DOROTHEA BARATTA	11/8	JOHN NICOLETTI	11/24
BOB LUND	11/8	NICK STATHIS	11/24
KATELYNN ULRICH	11/8	BRIAN HARLIN	11/25
STEVEN MEISSNER	11/9	KEN MONGOLD	11/25
FRED KOLAR	11/10	TATUM BETTCHER	11/26
LINDA SALINGER	11/10	HEIDI KUHLAND	11/26
THOMAS VON BARGEN	11/10	TIMOTHY SMITH JR	11/26
SCOTTY DZIBELA JR	11/13	JOHN YOUNG	11/26
DAWN ANDREN	11/14	BRUCE FOLEY SR	11/28
JOAN BRADLEY	11/14	FRANCIS GRIMALDI	11/28
JOEY EFFEREN	11/14	ELIZABETH PAYSON	11/28
NINA JACOBSEN	11/14	RYAN GARDNER	11/29
SCOTT LOCKSHISS	11/14	KRISTINA MC KENZIE	11/29
HENRY VON BARGEN	11/14	DANE ARRIGO	11/30
SHAYLA KNOLKER	11/15	STEPHANIE HOWARD	11/30
		LYNN STOECKER	11/30



Celebrations



November Anniversaries

DAWN & MARK MORELLO	11/3
VICKIE & ARTHUR BAKER	11/5
RAY & CAROL ANN LUTZ	11/10
MICHELLE AARONSON & PAUL ZABKO	11/11
KRISTINA & JOHN RUSSELL	11/14
DAWN & JAMES ULRICH	11/18
JOHN & EILEEN ROTA JR	11/28



Please join us for
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday Nov 20th at 7 PM at
Drew United Methodist
church
in Carmel

Thursday November 22nd, Thanksgiving,
And Friday November 23rd,
office is closed.

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 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 Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry & Marie Von Bargaen, 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, Copsy 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, Bruce Kaufman Jr., 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, Marisa Pease, Liam & Noah Donlin, 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 McMahan, 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.

Worship Schedule

November 2018

Nov 4 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

(Turn Back Clocks)

Nov 11 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Nov 18 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

Nov 25 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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