

# The Trinitarian



## Pastor's reflection— Let your light shine

Following the 12 days of Christmas (no, it doesn't end the day after Christmas), the season culminates and then transitions into Epiphany. January 6th is the traditional celebration of the coming of the Wise men who brought gifts to the Christ-child. It actually falls on a Sunday this year. The season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday. Because Easter moves, the season of Epiphany can vary in length. This year, it ends in up being 9 weeks which includes the visit of the Magi as well as the Transfiguration.

More than a "filler" kind of season, Epiphany is a season of revelation and of light to the nations. With the arrival of the wise men from far off lands, we remember that Christ entering this world was not just for a select group, but that "God so loved the world". This season focuses on the way that the message of God's love and grace is to be shared with all people in word and action.

The first week after the Epiphany is the Baptism of our Lord when we see the heavens ripped apart and God's spirit descend upon a Jesus. In our own baptisms, we pray for the light of Christ to shine in and through us: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father in heaven".

In these dark days of winter, after all our Christmas decorations come down, we need to be reminded of the light of Christ that brings hope and peace.

Think about those in your own life that are going through a tough time. While you may not be able to change their circumstances, how might you offer the comfort of God's love?

As we witness the chaos of the world around us, how might we offer the light of justice and peace?

As many still struggle to put food on the table or even to have a home in which to place a table, how might we offer a meal, share our table, invite the forgotten to have a seat and bring the light of Christ's love into their lives?

We are called to not just see the light of Christ, but to let it shine through us.

The season of Epiphany both reminds us of that guiding star that points us always to Jesus and that invites us to let that star shine through us for the sake of the world.

May the light of Christ's light shine in you brightly this day!

Peace in Christ, *Pastor Jen*

## Faith @ Home

Is your house blessed?

One tradition connected with Epiphany is a house blessing that is marked on our doorways.



They are chalked with a pattern such as this, "20 † C † M † B † 19", with the numbers referring "to the calendar year (20 and 19 for instance, for the year 2019); the crosses stand for **Christ**; and the letters have a two-fold significance: C, M and B are the initials for the traditional names of the **Magi** (**Caspar**, **Melchior** and **Balthasar**), but they are also an abbreviation of the Latin **blessing** *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means, May Christ bless this house.

In addition to this chalked blessing, consider offering this prayer to ask for God's blessing upon your home:

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from Sundays & Seasons, 2019)

Can also read Proverbs 24:3-4 as a blessing: May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built

and through understanding it is established; thought knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures



## Faith formation

The Wednesday evening group will be finishing up their Highlights from Hebrews in January. We will soon be deciding what we will do during the rest of January and February. Watch the Trinity weekly for updates about upcoming topics.

The Sunday morning time, between services, will offer different kinds of learning and intergenerational activities in Fellowship hall. Come for a coffee and goodies and join in what's going on.

## Annual Meeting

On Sunday, **January 27th**, there will be one service only at **8:30 AM** followed by our Annual meeting (with, of course, the egg sandwiches from our Affirmation students).

Annual reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, January 20th.

All who have made a contribution of record and have communed in the past year are eligible to vote during the meeting. ( See Insert) All are invited to attend.

## Mourning to Mourning

The Mourning to Mourning grief group will meet again on **Monday Jan 14th (7:00 PM)**. We will be sharing resources and talking about the scope of this group.



January 2019 Property News

The salt buckets and snow shovels are now stationed outside each entrance. If needed and you can put some salt out and clean the entrance to any of the entrances this would be very much appreciated.

Again, Pat Wills has recruited more organizations to utilize our building. 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 and for all Pat does on a daily and weekly basis.

Thanks to all the folks that are remembering to turn off the lights. This is greatly appreciated. Wonderful for sure.

If you notice anything not working, please let me know. The restrooms upstairs have automatic switches for the lights, please do not turn them off when you leave.

Ken von Bargaen has been selected to do this work on the walls outside the back of Fellowship Hall and Shepherds Hall. Thanks to Don Icken and Sharon Laird for their help in getting this approved and especially Don for working with Ken to complete this job. We may need your help to pay for some of this project. More to follow upon its completion.

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!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Ken Mongold, Property Chairman**

Labyrinth

Have you ever seen or used a labyrinth? The word is sometimes used interchangeably with "maze", but you can't get lost in a labyrinth. There is only one path that leads you through it and there are no dead ends.



It is a prayer tool that invites us as people of faith to physically walk out our prayer. There is not a right or wrong way to do it.

On **Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> (10am)**, during WELCA, we will be meeting in Shepherds Hall downstairs. Pastor Jen will offer some information as well as guidance to use the labyrinth. For those who find walking difficult, there will also be ones that you can use with just your fingers.

All are invited to come - even if you're not a part of WELCA.

Trinity Finance

We had another good month, although the timing of money transfers among funds makes it look like a loss. Two months in a row. The congregation may make an optimist of me yet.

Remember, on a pure boring financial note, we need to end the year with substantial balance, something in the neighborhood of \$20K or greater. We have a lot of early in the year bills, and winter can play havoc with attendance and giving.

We are heading into December on a high note and I thank you. Please keep up your thankful giving.

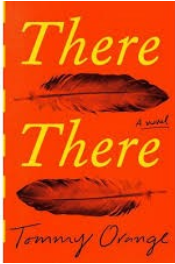


Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good end of the year. The Christ child is born.

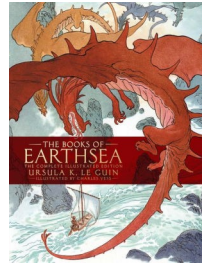
**Don Icken, Your Financial Gnome**

Off the shelf

In December, the local Lutheran clergy in our conference had a book exchange to share books that recently spoke to them. Here are just a few of the ones shared (quite an eclectic assortment):

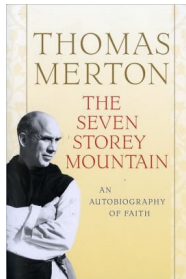


Tommy Orange, "There, There"

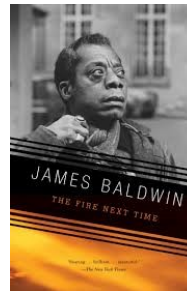
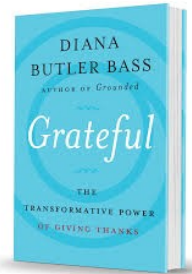


Ursula K. Le Guin, "The Wizard of Earthsea"

Thomas Merton, "The 7 story mountain"



Diana Butler Bass, "Grateful; the transformative power of giving thanks"



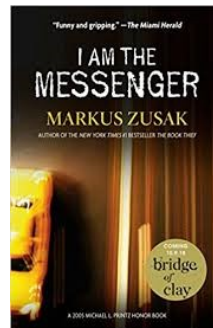
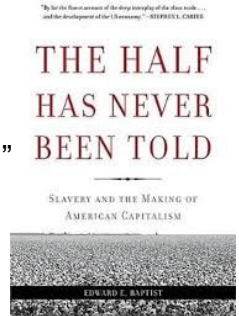
James Baldwin, "The Fire inside"

Since you asked...

Our Advent wreath had new candles this year. We got oil-filled ones, but also there was one pink candle amidst the blue. Why, you say? One tradition connected with Advent is that the 3rd Sunday of Advent was called "gaudete" Sunday (Latin for "rejoice"). In a season that sometimes focuses more on repentance, this break in somber tones was to remind us of the joy of the expecting birth of Christ.

If there are other things that you've wondered, please share them with **Pastor Jen**.

Edward Baptist, "The Half that has been told: slavery and the making of capitalism in America"



Marcus Zusak, "I am the Messenger"

# Social Ministry

## Seafarer's Christmas-at- Sea

Thank you for all the donations of shirts and sweatshirts. Also thank you to the folks who crocheted hats for the men. We were able to pack 20 satchels. These satchels will be given to the men in the ports at New Haven and New London, Connecticut

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**



**We have collected almost \$300 in bottle returns and \$71 in the Terracycle Recycling program for the year 2018. Thank you to all who have contributed!**

## 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:

- 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**

### Third Tuesday Table Talk

Third Tuesday Table Talk will meet again on **Tuesday Jan 15th (6:30 PM)** We will be gathering at Southeast Grill. Please contact Pastor Jen or sign up to reserve your spot.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE

**IN THE HOSPITAL, ILL, RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY, OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:** Anne-Marie, Ava, Beth, Brigitte, Lee, Tamara Bagen, 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, Stan and Linda Fitzgerald, Christine Gallegher, George Gileo, Eric Halbekath Sr, Thomas Ingate, Lloyd Jacobsen, Jennifer Johnson, Janna Kreps, Pastor Tim Kennedy, Sofia Loraca, Judy Lutz, Chaleb McCaughey, Melanie, Raymond Maglio, Michael, Kelly Maxwell, Edward McGuire, Robert Murphy, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Bob Obuck, Pat, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Donna Perault, John Powell, Nicholas Rogan, Liam Rogers, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, Sharon, Barbara Siegel, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, 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, 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, Laurie Nucherenno, 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 Donlin, Liam, Noah, Barbara and JD Dorlin & 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, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola, Zaccardo family.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF:

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.

*Names in boldface are read aloud in the Prayers of Intercession during service, Underlined names are new on the prayer list, To make changes, email: [trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)*



**ANNIVERSARIES**

KARL & ELIZABETH LYON

1/18

**BIRTHDAYS**

HEATHER WUND-MATOS	1/1	JEFFERY BROWN	1/15
LAURA DEFILIPPIS	1/2	MC KENZIE CALLAHAN	1/16
DECLAN HOWARD	1/2	KIMBERLY JOHNSON	1/16
DAWN MARINICH	1/2	SARAH-MARIE ALAM EL DIN	1/17
ANDREA DEMARCHI	1/3	ROBERT LEE	1/18
MAXINE FOLEY	1/4	STEPHANIE ANN DUDOWITZ	1/20
COLE MEISSNER	1/4	CAITLIN PARISE	1/22
DYLAN TORLISH	1/4	JAKE GROUNDWATER	1/23
ZACHARY DUBEN	1/5	ERIN MARKERT	1/23
SARA CORBI	1/6	PENELOPE LITCHFIELD	1/24
JOLIE GARDNER	1/7	JENNIFER MORELLO	1/24
CHARLOTTE HUTCHINGS	1/8	THOMAS DE MARCHI	1/25
JULIUS CESARE	1/9	RYLEY MATOS	1/25
BRADLEY GUSZACH JR	1/11	KYLE STEIKE	1/25
LUKE MORELLO	1/11	PAUL TURANO	1/26
COURTNEY MEISSNER	1/12	HEATHER LAROCCHIA	1/29
DONNA PORTA	1/12	DANIEL DONOVAN JR	1/24
ALEXANDRA ALAM EL DIN	1/13	DANIEL MINERI	1/27
DUNLIN STATHIS	1/13	RUSSELL O'LEARY JR	1/28
JENNIFER ROTA	1/14	HEATHER LAROCCHIA	1/31
AIDEN SMITH	1/14	ANNA TRIELLER	1/31

# Worship Schedule

January 2018

**Jan 6** 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

**Jan 13** 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

**Jan 20** 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

**Jan 27** 10:00 AM Holy Communion

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Finance

Annual Mt Voting Members

## 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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