

Brewster, NY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections - *Living as Easter people*

Easter is one of those moveable feasts. Christmas is always Dec. 25th. There are a few other holidays where the actual date might move a bit – such as Mother's day as the 2nd Sunday, Father's day as the 3rd Sunday and Thanksgiving as the 4th Thursday – but Easter can be any day within a 4-5 week time frame in March and April.

The establishment of which Sunday will be Easter is determined by the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (in the northern hemisphere). How's that for a formula?! This is according to the Gregorian calendar unlike the Julian calendar which many Orthodox churches observe.

The earliest Easter can be is March 22nd (last occurred in 1818 and not again until 2285) and the latest is April 25th (last time = 1943 and next time will be 2038).

This moveable date also affects when Ash Wednesday falls (40 days, excluding Sundays before Easter) and Pentecost (50 days after Easter). It also indicates how long is our season of Epiphany (time between Christmas and Lent) as well as the weeks after Pentecost (from Pentecost Sunday until Advent. All these weeks we use green for our paraments – time of growth & discipleship).

This is more than just a bit of trivia, but points to a greater truth to the nature of our identity as Christians. While Christmas may hold sway in our culture, it is Easter and the resurrection that is at the core of who we are as a people of God. Jesus' birth would mean little if we did not have Easter. Even at his birth, there were signs that pointed us to this reality – Magi's gifts of gold for royalty; frankincense for prayer and the myrrh that is used for burial.

Easter and Christ's resurrection points us to the promise that there is life that comes out of death, new possibilities when hope has been damaged. Brokenness is healed and relationships can be restored.

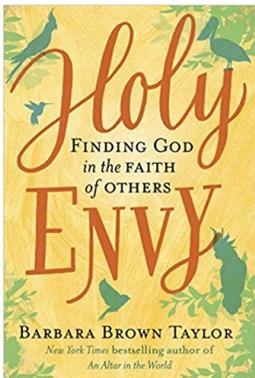
The date of Easter moves – which is most fitting when we see ourselves as Easter people, as those who walk in the way of the resurrection. As we gather to celebrate the joy and the promise of Easter, we see what it means to be a person of faith, trusting in God's promises. Easter is not a date on the calendar but a way of life.

May you live the hope and promise of Christ's resurrection this day and all days!

Peace in Christ, *Pastor Jen*

Off the Shelf

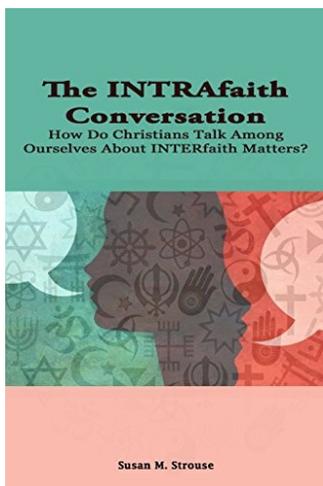
In a time where there is much confusion about the faith of others, here are a few books that invite us into reflections and conversations about our neighbor's faith in relationship to our own



Episcopal priest, professor and author, Barbara Brown Taylor shares her experiences of teaching world religions and how it has impacted both her own faith as well as that of her students.

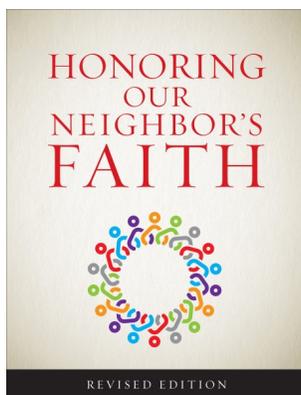
In reflecting on learning and teaching about world religions, Taylor found that:

What I do remember is that I got exactly what I wanted: new views of the divine mystery, new worlds of meaning, new buckets for lowering into new wells, new words to describe the living water I fetched up. (pg.7)



Friend & Colleague of Pastor Jen, author/pastor Susan Strouse shares her own experiences in interfaith & intrafaith dialogues and practical ways to participate in these kinds of experiences in our own community of faith.

“The conversation begins when we ask ourselves: what does it mean to be a Christian in our religiously diverse society today? This is not merely an academic question. In my experiences in both congregational ministry and interfaith dialogue, I have come to appreciate the people “on the ground” who wrestle with the implications of openness to other religions and how this affects their own beliefs and practices.’



Published by Augsburg Fortress, this book offers brief and concise summaries of a variety of faiths and different Christian denominations in comparison to our own Lutheran tradition.

It is hoped that we can gain sympathetic knowledge about what others believe and why, that we can gain some insight from other faiths that may help us in our own faith journeys, and that without dishonoring our own faith in any way, we can honor our neighbor's faith.” (pg.3-4)

Trinity Finance

Just saying, are we running a little light on our contributions early this year or is it my imagination? It might be that big insurance bill we just paid, but I really won't be able to tell for sure for another two months, after Easter.

Please keep on giving generously to our church so I can crawl back into my gnome hole and sleep until the cold weather is gone.

Unfortunately, the winter of my (financial) discontent is not quite over yet.

Hopefully waiting for the Spring.

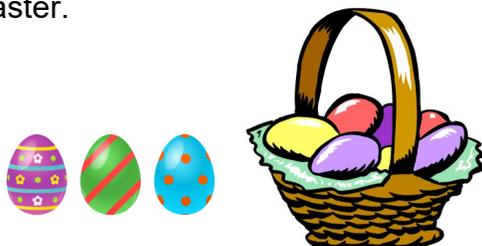
**Your financial gnome,
Don Icken**

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT (THRU February 28, 2019)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	
Contributions	27,631.51
Other Income	3,389.62
Total Income	31,021.13
EXPENSES	
Benevolence	\$ 1,800.00
Pastoral	\$19,483
Education	\$124
Evangelism	\$214
Worship & Music	\$3,160
Administration	\$13,592
Property	\$7,343
Misc	\$88
Total Expenses	\$45,804
NET INCOME	(\$14,783)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES	
(Includes no loans)	
January 1, 2019 Balance	\$ 36,572
Current Balance	\$ 21,789

Easter Candy Bags for Putnam CAP

On Sunday, March 31st I will distribute Easter bags after service. If you take a bag please fill it with Easter candy for the clients of Putnam CAP. The filled bags must be returned to Trinity by Monday, April 15th in order for them to be distributed in time for Easter.



MORTGAGE FUND

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

COMMENTS

MORTGAGE FUND

- Mortgage is paid off as of 10/1/2018

MONTHLY INCOME

- January income was \$4,191 less than expenses. *

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$14,783 more than income *

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

On Sunday, March 17th we completed 13 Fleece Blankets for LWR. Thank you for your help.

Social Ministry

Social Ministry Schedule for 2019

Date	Activity
April 15	Easter Candy bags for Putnam CAP
April 28	Lutheran World Relief Fleece Blankets
September 15	Lutheran World Relief School Kits
October 20	Breakfast Run
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)

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.

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
- Paper Products
- Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent
- Bar Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shaving Cream

- Cleaning Products
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers and Pull-Ups in sizes 4-5-6

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

- Juice (Non-Refrigerated)
- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Crackers
- Rice
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE: Thank you to all who came to donate at our blood drive on Tuesday, March 5th. We had an excellent group of donors who braved the cold to donate and help close the gap in the blood shortage. We beat our goal **of 60 donations collecting 62 units of blood**. We registered 54 donors, deferred 7, collected 10 units of double red cells from 5 donors. It was a great community event. Thank you again to all donors and to Sarah for printing signs and fliers and to Pam and Fred Carlson who helped at the drive, arriving to set up and staying to clean up!

Sunday School Church

As April approaches and spring weather is



here, we are preparing for Easter with our annual Lent Event and this year we will be having our **Resurrection Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday**

April 14th after the children process into service with Palms.

We look forward to this event every year and a flyer & email about snacks for Palm Sunday will be coming soon.

Jeanette Baldanza

Midnight Run

In October we will once again be doing a breakfast run to NYC to feed the homeless. Please remember we can always use travel size toiletries and men's underwear and socks when you are doing your weekly shopping. Place the items in the "Social Ministry" container located in the Narthex.

Trinity Connections

Trinity now has a new classifieds webpage. It is located under the new "News" pull-down button on our website. Trinity Connections allow members to share a business card image along with information about the services they or their company provides. It also allows those who are looking for a job to post what type of job they are looking for and for those with a job

Trinity members can post to this site via email to trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com with a Subject: Post to Classifieds.

Mourning to Morning

Grief knows no schedule. Often times, it is when we least expect it that sorrow fills our eyes and hearts. It may be something seemingly insignificant that triggers our grief and catches us unawares.

This grief support group is a time to discuss what we do during these times as well as other resources and practices that may assist us.

We meet the first Monday of each month – our next gathering will be **Monday, April 1st (7pm)** in Pastor Jen's office.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jen.

Property News

Spring is here!!! Thanks for all those who helped out this past winter, your support is greatly appreciated.

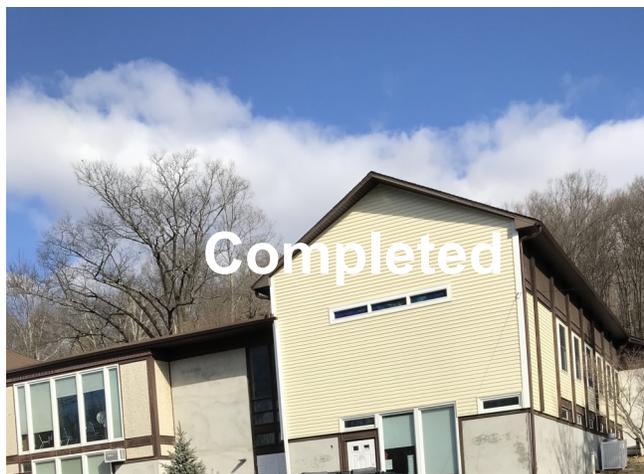
What a wonderful job that Pat Wills does in recruiting more organizations to utilize our building. She is constantly getting new groups/organizations to utilize our space. Let Pat know if you hear of anyone looking for a place to hold their meetings!

Also, thanks to all the folks that are remembering to turn off the lights when the rooms are no longer in use. This is greatly appreciated. If you notice the doors open in Fellowship and Shepherd's Hall please close them so we can save on the heating bill!

Thanks to those of you that notice things that need fixing or replaced. The restrooms upstairs and downstairs have automatic switches for the lights, please do not turn them off when you leave.

The Septic tank has been emptied and the carpets in the Sanctuary and the stairs have been cleaned. Thanks to all of you who have helped with this project!

Ken von Barga has now completed outside of Fellowship Hall in the back of the church. It's really looking good. Working outside is not fun but he and his son did an excellent job. Going forward we may need your help to pay for some of this project.



We have more items that need to be done around our building. We are so Blessed for those of you that help out when needed!

I have resigned as the chair of the Property committee and have recruited a replacement—Peter Donoghue has accepted the position. Next Property meeting is April 15 and Spring Clean up is Scheduled for May 11. Thank you all for your continued support to Trinity Lutheran Church!

May we continue to be blessed with Gods presents!

Ken Mongold, Property Chairman



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Reduce should take Precedence

The Following headline drew my attention:
What to give up for Lent? Smoking? Cursing? How about Plastic? The Church of England Names a New Taboo For Lent: Plastics.- both in products and packaging.

Ruth Knight, the Church of England's environmental policy officer stated:
 "Environmental stewardship, one of the five marks in the church's mission statement, is to safeguard the integrity of creation. The church created a calendar in which a daily entry is either an environmentally-themed bible verse, or a suggestion for avoiding the purchase of plastic, known as pre-cycling. This Lenten practice reflects anti-plastic sentiments and legislation in Britain and across Europe and other nations.

Although recyclable, the following are the worst plastics: # 3 Polyvinyl chloride, used in plastic wrap, toys, squeeze bottles. It contains lead and chemicals compounds that effect development of testosterone (National Institute of Child Health and Development); #6 polystyrene- Styrofoam found to be toxic to the brain and nervous system; # 7 Polycarbonate- found in the lining of canned foods, sports drinks, and clear sippy cups. Look for a BPA-free label when shopping.

A large percentage of the five million tons ends up in the ocean, where currents have created massive rotating waste flotillas in subtropical regions. Wave action and sunlight break down floating plastic into smaller pieces; many are extremely slow to degrade chemically and are toxic. These smaller pieces are consumed by seabirds. Why? These

birds rely on a chemical, dimethyl sulfide, to locate their prey. This chemical is released by the phytoplankton consumed by krill and other organisms that constitute the birds' prey. Research finds that this chemical is also released from tiny pieces of plastic in the process known as biofouling, when algae colonize plastic and die or are eaten. The trash attracts sea birds to their detriment and often demise.

What can we as consumers do?

Precycle:

- Use glass jars for left overs and storage
- Select steel bowls for pet food and water bowls
- Use worn clothing for dust and cleaning rags, as our mothers did
- Use reusable water bottles whenever possible, etc.

Annually Americans discard 35 billion water bottles, most end up in landfills. Manufacturers are recycling and transforming plastic waste in to comfortable, fashionable clothing. From 44 water bottles a work out wardrobe was created. Outdoor brand Columbia produced their Outdry Extreme Eco Jacket; Adidas created shoes from plastic washed up on beaches; and Manduka made tights of 88% recycled polyester. Look at clothing tags.

We can contact companies whose products have excessive or harmful packaging. For example, restaurants routinely provide fresh plastic straws with refills. Americans daily discard 500 million plastic straws. In Great Britain several restaurant chains have eliminated plastic straws. The government of Scotland has banned them last year.

Learn more about environmental threats. For Example, the BBC documentary series on oceans, Blue Planet II, has had an influence on viewers. You can view Blue Planet I and II on BBC America or Netflix.

Recycle: Teracycle (TerraCycle.com) ac-

cepts difficult to recycle waste, including pens, cosmetic liners, coffee packs. Trinity Lutheran participates in Teracycle's program. Contact a congregant in our Garden Club. I am sure they would be willing to help in the recycling process.

Stewardship: "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

A Sand County Almanac (1949)

Alda Leopold.

Did you know ?

The following plastic films can be included when you recycle your plastic grocery bags?

Ziplock bags and plastic sandwich bags

Newspaper delivery bags

Dry cleaning bags

Shrink-wrap

Carry out bags

Wrap from packages of paper towels, napkins, toilet paper

Beverage case wrapping

Shipping "pillows"

Bubble wrap

Clean bags from bread and produce

We at Trinity Lutheran Church would like to reduce our carbon footprint. One way of doing this is to expand our recycling efforts. We have signs and bins throughout the church including the kitchen upstairs, the room adjacent to the kitchen downstairs and the bathrooms. Please read the signs before discarding your trash or recycling to make sure it goes in the correct bin.

We will be recycling the following items:

Clean plastic containers

Clean plastic cups

Clean glass containers

Aluminum

Cardboard

Empty paper towel rolls

Empty toilet paper rolls

Please remember to rinse out your recyclables before putting them in the bin.

Thank you for helping Trinity Lutheran be better stewards of God's creation.

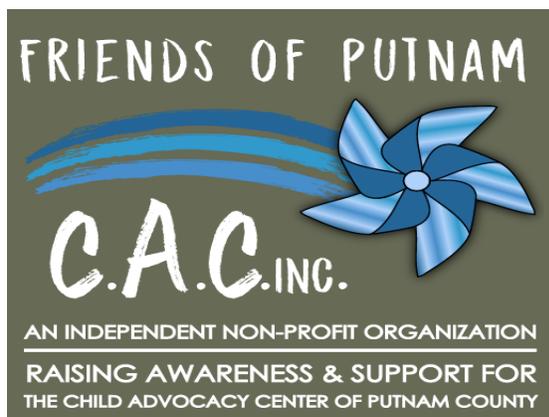
Congratulations and continuing blessings to **Lorie & Dale Bettcher** as they are recognized for their generosity, kindness and openness to so many children over the years. If you would also like to attend, see the information below :

Please join us for a powerful presentation on April 3rd as we kick-off **Child Abuse Prevention Month** at our

Champion's for Children Breakfast...

For more information and to register, click here:

<http://friendsofputnamcac.org/>

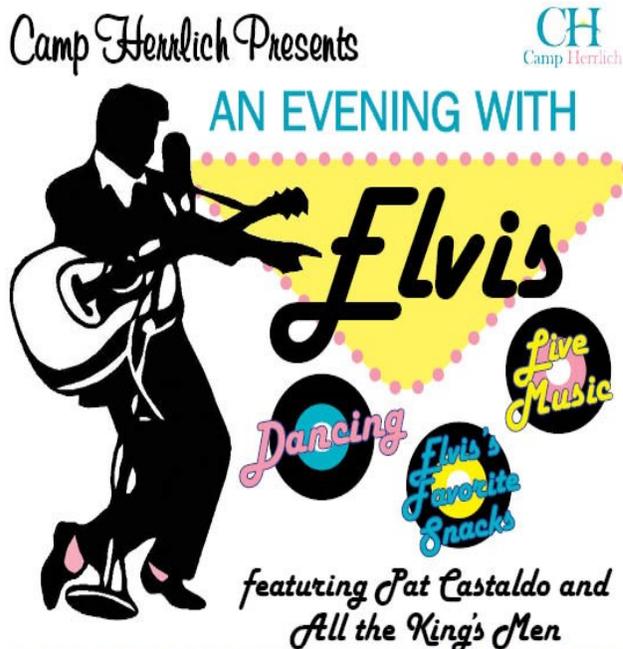


First Friday – Game Night

These monthly potluck suppers are a great way to grow in our relationships with one another. We meet the first Friday of the month - often around a theme – bring a meal to share and spend time with one another.

Our next gathering will be
Friday, April 5th (6pm)

In addition to a dish to share, you are invited to bring card or board games to share and play during our time together.



*Saturday, April 13, 2019, 7-10 pm
at Camp Herrlich*

Tickets: \$40 🎵 www.campherrlich.org
Space is Limited 🗨️ **Get Your Tickets Now!**
101 Deacon Smith Hill Rd, Patterson NY 12563

All net proceeds benefit Camp Herrlich's capital fund for a performing arts center. Camp Herrlich is a not-for-profit organization.

3rd Tuesday Table Talk

Join us for this time of fellowship and conversation as we meet monthly at a local restaurant. For April, we will be meeting on 4th week (**April 23rd**) due to Holy week the previous week. We will meet at **Fiesta Mexicana** (Rt. 22, Brewster) at 6:30 pm.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrations

BRYANNA GRILLO	4/2
KATHERINE MINIERI	4/2
CHARLIE LAROCCHIA	4/3
REBECCA VAN VLACK	4/3
DANIEL BAGGETTA	4/5
VIOLET IOVINO	4/5
NANCY KNAPP	4/5
TATIANA BETTCHER	4/7
ERIC HALBEKATH JR	4/9
JONATHAN SCIARRA	4/10
JOANNE HALBEKATH	4/12
CLARISSA CUOMO	4/13
TYLER O'TOOLE	4/13
ARIANA DZIBELA	4/14
DIANA CALLAHAN	4/15
RYAN LOFTUS	4/16
SHARON LAIRD	4/20
ANN-MARIE PALMO	4/20
ELLA PROCTOR	4/23
CHARLIE GERMAIN JR	4/24
CAROLE HELVIG	4/25
ANNA RAE LUTZ	4/25
LORETTA CHRISTIANO	4/27
WYATT TORLISH	4/27
MARY BETH COMMISSO	4/28
ROSANNA TEMPEL	4/28
PAT WILLS	4/28
MAYSEN EDMONDSON	4/29
GEORGE O'TOOLE JR	4/29



FRED & PAM CARLSON	4/11
ELLEN & BRIAN PARISE	4/11
DON & JOANNE ICKEN	4/16
NANCY & RANDY KNAPP	4/26
CHRISTOPHER & SANDY SCIARRA	4/26
JIM & NANCY SORBELLA SR	4/26

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 Gilleo, Thomas Ingate, Lloyd Jacobsen, Jennifer Johnson, Dorothy Kafalas, Janna Kreps, Pastor Tim Kennedy, Sofia Loraca, Judy Lutz, Chaleb McCaughey, Melanie, Raymond Maglio, Michael, Kelly Maxwell, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Bob Obuck, Pat, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Donna Perrault, John Powell, Carol Richie, Nicholas Rogan, Liam Rogers, Helen Rosenbolm, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, Sharon, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Walter Straub, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry Von Bargen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson.

WRESTLING WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES: Thomas Allen, Morgan Andren, Judy B, Lisa Bagnati, 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, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Kira Hansen, Catherine Henneforth, Corina Hohenstein, Sue Kaufman, Teresa Kemp, Raymond Kiernan, Ryan Lee, Kim Marshall, Allen McCaslin, René McElroy, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Laurie Nuchereno, Ed Ranieri, Rosaleen, Riley Rushia, Zachary Schwartz, Linda Siebold, Zack Small, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, Audrey Stone, Dylan Stolper, Kenneth Strawn, Kathy Sullivan, 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 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, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola, Zaccardo family.

RESTRICTED TO HOME/NURSING HOME: Gerrit Franssen, Lawrence Henry, Rita Karlsson, Marian Langlois, Horatio Massatti, 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.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF: Marge Christie

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.

Worship Schedule

April 2019

April 7

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

April 14 Palm Sunday

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

April 18 Maundy Thursday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM Holy Communion

April 19 Good Friday

Noon Tenebrae

7:00 PM Way of the Cross

April 21 Easter

7 AM 9 AM 11 AM Holy Communion

April 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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