



The Trinitarian

Pastoral Reflections – *Symbols of faith*

Our beginnings as the Lutheran Church are marked historically by Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 theses (statements) calling for the reform of the Church of his day on Oct. 31, 1517. Luther was a prolific writer of letters, hymns, sermons and other writings that sought to express not just the need for reform, but as an expression of faith and trust in God's promises revealed through Jesus Christ.

As much as the written word is vital to learning and growing of faith – oftentimes, symbols can bear a wealth of meaning that enhance our understandings of God. For instance, a cross while a symbol of death in Roman times – stands as a reminder of hope, of life after death, that death does not have the final word in our world. The upright post points us to God while the cross beams shows arms open wide to all people, gathering us together in community.

One of the gifts from the time of the Reformation is Luther's seal which serves as both an expression and summary of his faith. It is a visual and imaginative reminder to meditate upon and to learn from. For those who were illiterate in Luther's day, it became a teaching tool.

In a letter to his friend, Lazarus Spengler (who was the designer of the seal for Luther), Martin Luther wrote:



"Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is

a symbol of my theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who believes from the heart will be justified" (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it

leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen."

You are invited to use this symbol and its meanings as a part of your own reflections. Look up the scripture verses included in Luther's letter to add to your devotions.

If you were to create your own seal or symbol of faith – what might you include? What is central to your understanding of God?

If you would like to share anything that you have created as this seal and symbol – please contact Pastor Jen about where we may be exhibiting these faith-filled expressions.

Peace in Christ, *Pastor Jen*

Faith @ Home

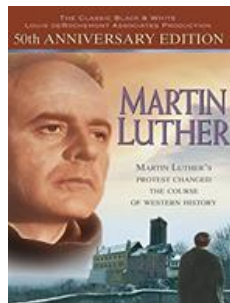
As Lutherans, the end of October we focus on the Reformation and Martin Luther. Reformation Sunday is always the last Sunday in October (**Reformation Day is Oct. 31st**).

What do you know about this part of Lutheran Church History?

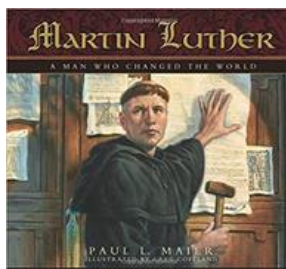
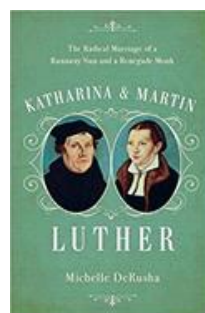
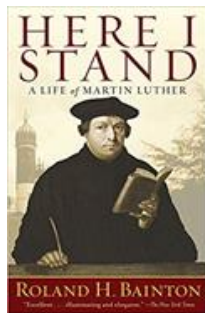
What did you learn about the Reformation at school?

Here are a few resources to learn more (most of which are available to borrow from Trinity's library):

Movies



Books



Property News

Cool weather is upon us as our fall season gets off to a comfortable start. Air conditioners have gone into hibernation after serving us well during those hot summer months. Stan, our reliable boiler technician, has cleaned and serviced our furnace and it is now ready to keep us warm and comfortable. We have 700 gallons of oil in our tank and are off to a good start.

“Be prepared”, who many of us recall is the motto of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts everywhere, is good advice throughout life. I enjoy hearing our members’ ideas for work that should be done in order for us to be prepared and also for improvements that enhance not only our facility but our mission to spread the Gospel. We have recently had wonderful classical music performances on Sunday afternoons and the Brewster Carmel Garden Club bring their events to our beautiful Trinity Church setting. These types of gatherings bring new folks to our church and we are glad to have them and hope they will return to worship with us in the future.



If you know of a group who is looking for a gathering place, please feel free to recommend our church and let Pat Wills know; she has done an excellent job in coordinating our current renters’ needs with the needs of prospective renters. **Thank you all for taking such good care of Trinity in all the work I see you doing...yes, I see you!**

Sincerely,
Peter Donoghue

Social Ministry Schedule for 2019

Date	Activity
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 (jiicken@yahoo.com)

If you have Kohl's cash that you are not using, I am happy to take it off your hands to use it for items needed for our social ministry projects.

Midnight Run

On Sunday, October 20th Trinity will once again be doing a breakfast run to NYC to feed approximately 40 homeless men and women. We will begin at 5am the morning of **October 20th** and we should be back at Trinity sometime before **11am**. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex so please consider volunteering because without your help Trinity will not be able to continue this ministry. I need at least 8-10 people to travel to NYC to help serve.

The following items are needed:

Men's briefs and undershirts

(sizes M, L, and XL)

Travel size deodorant

Lip Balm

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.

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 & Pull-Ups (sizes 4-5-6)



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

- + Cooking Oil
- + Ensure
- + Coffee / Tea
- + Cake Mixes
- + Baby Food
- + Condiments



WELCA

WELCA is starting to gear up for the Trinity -WELCA Holiday Market set for Saturday, November 16. For the WELCA tables we would like you to donate homemade items, craft items, used jewelry, baked goods, and soup. We also need help manning our tables and kitchen on the Market day. Talk to Irene Germain, or phone 845-225-4698



Our WELCA schedule for October:

- **October 3** – 10 AM Bible Study and crafts
- **October 10** –Crafts
- **October 17** –Crafts followed by lunch out at 12:30 PM at Mamma Rosa Ristorante -252 Rt. 100, Somers
- **October 24**- Crafts
- **October 31** -Crafts

Looking forward to seeing you.

Irene Germain

2019 Trinity Holiday Market

The market is on for 2019! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 16 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 Treasure Chest room (Shepherd's Hall, left of the ramp entrance).



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@gmail.com, 845-490-2763 for more information.

Food Drive for BESP Emergency Shelter



We are asking for the following nonperishable items:

- Apple juice, orange juice, juice blends in ½ gallon bottles
- Breakfast bars and granola bars



Please put items in BESP container in Narthex

The shelter will be starting for the winter before we know it. Help the shelter be prepared for this winter. We are collecting items through October.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership.



If you have questions or want more information please contact Joe Tucciarone @ 1-800-972-5716 or

joe.tucciarone@thrivent.com

Off the shelf – TLC Faith Book club

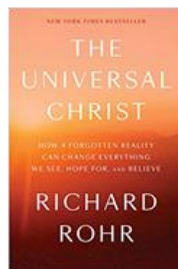
We have begun a monthly book discussion group using primarily books on faith. You are invited to join the discussions IRL (in real life) and/or on our Facebook group. Below are the books we will be discussing over the next couple of months.

People will be responsible for obtaining their own copy of the books – however, if you need help in doing so, contact Pastor Jen

October

"The Universal Christ: How a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for, and believe" By Fr. Richard Rohr

Fr. Rohr invites us to see Christ as our "God who loves by becoming them". This book offers us ways to delve into our understanding of God who transforms our lives.



Monday, October 28th at 7pm (General meeting room)

Books for subsequent months will be announced soon.

Brewster Fall Festival

On Sunday, September 8, we hosted a booth at the Brewster Fall Festival. We give many thanks to all those who helped support our booth at this year's Fall Festival.



Trinity Youth Group Event

Mark your calendars for our next TYG event! Welcoming all youth grades 7 – 12!! **Sunday October 13 at 2PM** we will go apple picking at Stuart's Farm in Somers. We will meet at Trinity and car-pool down to the orchard. Wear your sneakers and long pants. We are estimating the cost to be no more than \$15 per person, depending on how many attend.

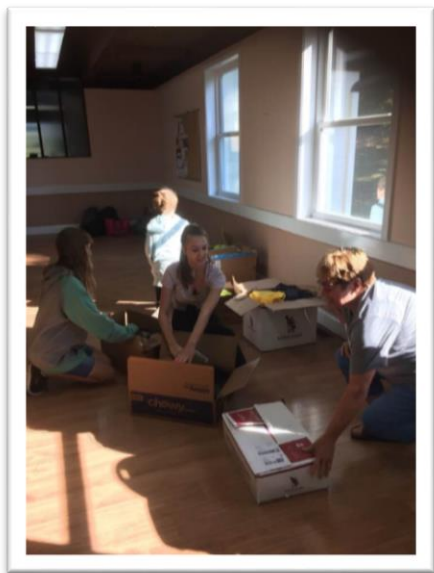


LWR Kits

Thanks to all who donated and help assembled the Lutheran World Relief Kits.



September 22nd after the first service, we assembling LWR school kits. Each backpack was filled with 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, a 12-inch ruler with centimeters and inches, a pencil sharpener, a pair of blunt scissors, a box of 16 or 24 crayons, and a 2 1/2 inch eraser.



We assembled a total of 63 backpacks to send worldwide to help support education across the globe. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger

results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Thanks again for all your support in making theses kits a success.

Joyful Noise Choir

Hoping that this message finds you well and that this summer you saw many of God's creations of glorious places and wondrous things!

I am excited to get started and am looking forward to seeing your beautiful faces and listen your wonderful voices! This year we will also take on something new. Many of our talented youth play instruments and showed interest in performing at our services. Since these are all God's gifts to us, I would like to try collaborating and incorporating these talents into our choir as accompaniments. Therefore, all kids interested in singing in the children's choir, and /or accompanying with instruments, can fill out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and indicate their preference (or both). Any adult that can read music and help in this endeavor, is encouraged to contact me. 😊

On an extra note . . .

I know there are many families with children enrolled in sports. Please don't let this deter your child from signing up. I am happy to work something out with our schedules. Any time together is better than no time at all!

Thank you for all your support!
It's truly my pleasure to lead your children in song!!

Mrs. Joy



Psalm 98:1 - "O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things."



Affirmation Retreat

On September 20- September 22 twelve youth from Trinity and four adults attended the affirmation retreat at Camp Herrlich.



Above is a group shot of all the participants from Trinity, Brewster St Paul (Rye Brook) and Trinity, (White Plains).

Below several campers enjoyed kayaking and the beautiful weather on the lake.



Teambuilding activities to foster cooperation and togetherness.



Discussion and learning.



Synod News-

Installation of Metro NY Bishop



The election of a new bishop is reason to celebrate, which we will do on Saturday, **November 16, at 2:00 PM.** It is important to remember that in addition to serving in and on behalf of your synod, our newly elected bishop serves on behalf of the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Therefore, we welcome Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, who will preach and preside.

In worship, as we install Bishop Egensteiner, we will celebrate Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament. The Metropolitan New York Synod enjoys God's blessing of rich diversity, for we are united in Christ. We are also one Church among many churches and faith traditions in the greater metro NY area. Thus, our synod will also welcome representatives of the wider Church, including our full communion partners along with leaders of other religious traditions with whom we serve the common good.

We are pleased to gather at the historic Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine; the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and chartered as a house of prayer for all people. We are most grateful for their hospitality.

A reception at which you may greet our new bishop and one another, will follow the liturgy. Please join us in this celebration of our ministry together!

For more information and/or to make a reservation, go to www.mnys.org



Sunday School Update

Sunday School is in full swing and our third graders will be sharing what they have learned from their bible classes to the congregation on Oct. 13th. The children who received their Bibles were Tatum Bettcher, Fiona Cioffi, Erin Conroy, JP Maston, Logan McConnell, Bridget Morrione and Hannah Simon with Deb Lyon teaching the class. Stay tuned for news about our annual Reformation Sunday event, emails and hand-outs on Oct 25th.



Jeanette Baldanza
Sunday School Superintendent

Trinity Finances

In case you haven't noticed, Summer is gone, and Fall is just around the corner. That means school has started, leaves are changing, our church is back on its regular schedule (wake up you early service sleepy heads) and things get busy around here. That also means our expenses start to go up with the increased activity.

We are about ten thousand dollars in the red and I would like to close some of the gap between now and Christmas. You can do us both a favor by giving a little extra each week to help.

That would mean:

- (1) I won't have to harangue you each Sunday about money (which I'd rather not do) 😞, and
- (2) You won't have to listen to me chastise you (even better). 😊😊

So how about you do us both a favor and just chip in a little more.

Then I can go back to my favorite thing, counting money.



**Your financial gnome,
Don Icken**

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT (THRU August 31, 2019)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	
Contributions	121,573.65
Other Income	12,015.43
Total Income	133,589.08
EXPENSES	
Benevolence	\$ 4,800.00
Pastoral	\$72,495
Education	\$595
Evangelism	\$443
Worship & Music	\$13,835
Administration	\$29,670
Property	\$22,639
Misc	\$189
Total Expenses	\$144,666
NET INCOME	(\$11,077)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES	
(Includes no loans)	
January 1, 2019 Balance	\$ 36,572
Current Balance	\$ 25,495

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

- August income was \$3,935 less than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$11,077 more than income *

DEBBIE EFFEREN	10/1
CLAUDINE HAYES	10/1
JOAN QUINN	10/2
AUDREY FANNING	10/2
JUERGEN TEMPEL	10/3
DONYCE DEROBERTS	10/4
KELLY CONROY	10/4
HEATHER DUBEN	10/6
ALEXIA FAULKNER	10/6
KEMI GERFEN	10/7
BRIDGET MORRIONE	10/10
AGNES TORLISH	10/11
ALYSSA LANGKE	10/12
STEPHANIE KOLAR	10/13
GARY KORAN	10/15
LAUREN ICKEN	10/17
EMILY KOVALEC	10/17
FIONA CIOFFI	10/18
BEATRICE JACOBSEN	10/20
CAREY LYONS	10/20
ANTHONY MASTON	10/21
BARBARA NICOLETTI	10/21
DANIELLE NESTOR	10/23
MEGAN NESTOR	10/23
MICHELLE ZANARINI	10/23
CONNOR HEUSCHKEL	10/24
BROOKE GUINYARD	10/25
JUSTIN LAROCCHIA	10/25
FRED CARLSON	10/28
GAVIN HEUSCHKEL	10/28
BARBARA RODEN	10/28
BRODY CONROY	10/30
CARRIE CIOFFI	10/31
KEVIN ICKEN	10/31
LORELEI JAKLITSCH	10/31



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lynn & John Heuschkel	10/2
Heather & Christian Duben	10/5
Dawn & Bob Andren	10/10
John and Cyndi Bertone	10/10
Larry & Kathie Ruhs	10/20

Third Tuesday Table Talk

Please join us!

Our monthly dinner and discussion will be on **October 16th at 6:30 PM** at La Familia (Rt. 311, Carmel). Please sign up in the narthex or speak to Pr Jen to reserve your spot.

First Friday Potluck

Join us for our Oktoberfest First Friday Potluck on **Oct 4th at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the narthex with what food or supplies you are able to bring.



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, 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, Joan Brundage, Chuck, Colleen, Corrie, Helen Conte, Sharon Cooper, Lorraine Cornell, Robert Cowen, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Joanne D, Thomas DeMarchi, Maryann DeRose, Dilynn, William Eberhardt, Heather Evers, Wayne Farber, Tony Ferrajina, Stan and Linda Fitzgerald, Bruce Foley Sr., Kimberly Galantich, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Thomas Ingate, , Lloyd Jacobsen, Jennifer Johnson, 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, Sara Tompson, Teddi Tom, Greg V., Henry Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson.

Wrestling with long-term health issues: Thomas Allen, Neil Amorusa, 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, Tara Eacobacci, Gabriel Elliot, Donna Ficara, Margaret Fowler, Amanda George, Barbara Grispin, 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, Mary Ryan, Vera Scatigno, Zachary Schwartz, Linda Siebold, Zack Small, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, Audrey Stone, Dylan Stolper, Kenneth Strawn, Kathy Sullivan, Josephine Talley, Michael Tamborino, Kaeli, Mary Torlish, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Walt, Stephanie, Donna.

Facing life's challenges: Kim Andren, Wanda & Cliff, Della Arndt, Charlotte Berwind, the Buetti family, Catherine, Jeanne D, Marisa Pease Donlin, Liam, Noah, Barbara and JD Dorlin & Katie Ray, Dworkin family, Rebecca Elliot, 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.

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.

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 Paul Egensteiner 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.

To make changes, email: trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2019

Oct 6 8:30 & 10:45 AM HC

Oct 13 8:30 & 10:45 AM HC

Oct 20 8:30 & 10:45 AM HC

Oct 27 8:30 & 10:45 AM HC

Trinity Lutheran Church
2103 Route 6
Brewster, NY 10509

Return Service Requested

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- Oktoberfest Fellowship
- Midnight Run
- Youth Group Event
- Installation of Metro NY Bishop

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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