

# The Trinitarian



## Pastoral Reflections Time Leap

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*But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. (2 Peter 3:8)*

Have you ever had one of those days that seem to last forever or go by in the blink of an eye? They say that time moves faster as you grow older. And I remember being younger and feeling like the day would never come when I would graduate, be able to drive, go to college, etc. Time is one of those funny things that Einstein tried to make sense of with his theory of relativity ( $E=mc^2$ ) which I certainly don't understand.

Despite how fast or slow it seems to go, the clock keeps ticking with 24 hours in a day filled with 1,440 minutes and 86,400 seconds. Time is the only thing that we can't increase or decrease. Everyone gets the same amount every day. We might use sayings like "can you spare a minute" or "give me a second", but we can't control how time passes.

Except every 4 years, we get a whole new day and this is one of those years. . This addition to our calendar helps to re-align our days to the seasons. We even have a few Leap Year "babies" in the congregation (see birthday list) – so make sure you wish them a Happy Birthday since they only get one every four years.

What will you do with this "extra" day? What difference does it make in your own

calendar, your own daily schedule? Or does it?

*...with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.*

God's time is not our time, but our time is indeed God's. Just as we look at the world around us and are reminded that everything is God's gift to us, so too is time itself. All those minutes and seconds, the rising and the setting of the sun, the changing seasons – they are all given to us as a gift of God's grace.

We may not be able to increase or decrease time – no matter how slow or fast it seems to go – but we are invited to be mindful of the time that we are given. We can take the time to pause and give thanks for the moments we are blessed to spend with others. We can view the time we are given as that gift that enables us to work, to play, to rest and to create.

With the gift of an extra day at the end of the month, we can mark the gift of this day in a variety of ways. Here are a few suggestions:

- 1) Use it as a time for prayer. Pick a time during the day – a very specific time (maybe use the date of your birth – for example, I might pick 6:26pm) to set aside as that moment to pray. Set an alarm on your most used clock as a reminder.
- 2) Spend time with that person that you keep saying that you want to catch up

with. Or maybe someone you know who is going through a tough time.

- 3) Share this gift of time in acts of service. Volunteer your time with a local agency or even just take the time to learn about some of the ministries happening in our area or around the world.
- 4) Use it as Sabbath time where you don't plan anything. Rest, re-create, play, pray, worship, etc.

### Follow us on YouTube



We are working on getting Pastor Jen's sermons and other content regularly posted online.

Subscribe to our channel and join as one of our followers (use the link below or search Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster, NY)

If you are interested in helping with recording the sermons, please contact Gary Gerfen or Pastor Jen.

Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA>

### Church Keys

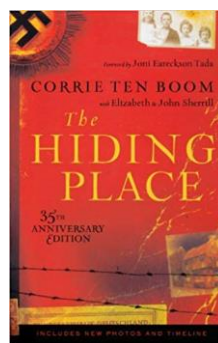
We have had to change the outside door locks to our building due problems with them. If you have a key – it will no longer work (you may keep or dispose as you wish – souvenir?!). If you need a new key, please contact the Church office to arrange to sign out a new one. Please check to make sure your new key works as at least one (Pastor Jens!) didn't.

How will use this God-given gift of this extra day? How will you be mindful of each day, of all the times of your life?

*This is the day that the Lord has made, we are indeed glad and rejoice in it?*

Peace and blessings, *Pastor Jen*

### Faith book club



Our next Book Club will be on Monday, Feb. 17th (7pm) at Lois Lawrence's home. We will be reading "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. This recalls her and her family's faith-based work for the

Resistance in Belgium during the Nazi occupation and her subsequent time in Ravensbrook concentration camp. Published almost 50 years ago, its message continues to bear witness to the power of God's love to overcome evil in the world.

Please sign up to indicate your participation.

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## **College Care Packages**

We are planning on sending or delivering care packages to our college students in late March and we need your help and input. Pastor Jen will be trying to drop off the packages to many of those who are in NY on her way to and from Buffalo the last week of March (she is preaching at the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her first congregation, St. John's, Elma). The others we will be mailing.

We need the following information from the parents/guardians of our college students to be able to do so. If we don't receive it, we won't be able to include them.

We will need this information about the students:

- 1) Student contact info: physical address and phone number
- 2) Do they have any allergies and/or health needs that we should be aware of?
- 3) What kinds of things would they most like to receive - gift cards, candy, cookies, etc. (we hope to have folks from the congregation provide some of these items)
- 4) Any other information that you think might be helpful.

Please get us this information as soon as possible so that we can begin to organize this (send to Pastor Jen). If you have any questions, let us know that as well.

## **Military**

We are looking to send prayer postcards to members of military connected to trinity. Please send their address to the church office.

## **Ash Wednesday**

February 26<sup>th</sup> (noon & 7pm)

We begin the season of Lent, humbly coming before the Lord that a new heart might be created within us.

Ashes to go will also be offered at the Southeast Train station that morning by area clergy.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Table talk**

Join us as we gather for food, fellowship and faith-filled conversation on Tuesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm) at Southeast Grille. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Jen to make your reservation.

## **Mission trip to Guatemala**



Pastor Jen is still planning about making another mission trip to the San Lucas mission this

summer. She would like to have at least a few people go with her. If you are interested, please contact her as soon as possible



## WELCA Update

We will be meeting in February on the following dates:

We invite any women of Trinity to come to any of our WELCA events. The following is our Winter calendar:

### **WELCA Calendar Winter 2020**

February 6 -10 AM – Bible Study led by Debbie Lyon

February 20 – 10 AM service project or craft followed by out to lunch at 12:30 at Mezza Luna

March 5 – 10 AM – Lent Study lead by Pastor Jen

March 12 – 10 AM – Lent Study lead by Pastor Jen

March 19 – 10 AM – Lent Study lead by Pastor Jen followed by lunch out at 12:30 PM at McKinney and Doyle

March 26 – 10 AM – no meeting

April 2 – 10 AM Lent Study led by Pastor Jen

Irene Germain

[Irene6174@comcast.net](mailto:Irene6174@comcast.net) 845-225-4698

## Sunday School Update

It's February already, before we know it Spring will be here. This month we will have our Mardi Gras Sunday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the children traditionally march in with the Alleluia banner with the Trinity Brass playing as "The Saints Go Marching In". Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup> and the first Sunday in March will be the fourth graders beginning of Communion classes which will be led by Deb Lyon. They will then partake of the Lord's table on Maundy Thursday on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Jeanette Baldanza  
SCS Superintendent

**Social Ministry Schedule for 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
February 16th	Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief
March	Easter Candy Bags for Putnam CAP
September	Schools Kits for Lutheran World Relief
October 25th	Midnight Run
November	Thanksgiving Food 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](mailto:jicken@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.

**United for the Troops**

This year we will be supporting the United for the Troops charity. They are a local 501(c)(3) organization whose sole purpose is to make life while at war a little better for the brave men and women serving in the US Military in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas of the world. They collect food, money, and goods that the military does not provide them. Every military member receives 2 boxes, 1 of toiletries and 1 of snacks. They have sent over 20,000 care packages since 2007. You can check them out online at <https://unitedforthetroops.org/>. More information will be made available.

**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 4-5-6

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

Gift Cards for grocery stores, gift shops and other retail outlets are very much appreciated as well. A gift card for \$25 for local shops can be a great help to families in need of assistance. Gifts cards from the following stores are especially appreciated: Kohl's, Marshalls, and Walmart.

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Do Not leave the gift cards in the grocery cart, instead give them to me, Pastor Jen, or drop them off at the office. We will make sure they get to Putnam CAP.

### **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits**

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> after the first service we will assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will need **brand new** light-weight bath-size towels between 20"x40" and 27"x52" in dark colors. If you would to contribute towels please use the signup sheet in the Narthex.

- Joanne Icken

### **Altar Guild Help Needed**

We are currently looking for new Altar Guild members as we have lost 3 members over the past few years. Being a member consists of three major tasks: setup for service, clean up after service and changing the paraments. Setup takes about 20 minutes. Cleanup takes about the same. Changing the paraments takes about 30 minutes. Members typically serve a month at a time, but other members can fill if you can't commit to a particular week.

The weekly service responsibilities include preparing the chalices, replacing the water in the bowl in the baptismal font, adding oil to the altar candles and the eternal candle, filling the wine decanter, and adding hosts to the host container, and replacing the white cloths and cleaning the chalices for the second Sunday service. The second service cleans up after.

During the year if the color of the paraments changes, silver and brass require polishing or there is a special setup for holidays, I or members of the team are available to help. We are flexible and always work around scheduling issues. If you are unsure if you want to make a commitment and would like to see us in action please let me know and I will schedule a time to show you.

If you can help us out, please contact Joanne Icken ([jicken@yahoo.com](mailto:jicken@yahoo.com))

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## **Seafarers International House**

Dear Joanne,

Happy New Year! Thank you for having brightened the holidays of seafarers who could not be with their families and loved ones. On their behalf we thank you for your generous donation of satchels and supplies to fill satchels.

In the past weeks, our six port chaplains have been busy taking the Christmas-At-Sea satchels that you helped fill with knitted hats, scarves, socks, sweatshirts, a holiday snack plus handwritten holiday cards to the ships before they left to spend the holidays on the sea. You should have seen the happy faces. If you like, visit our Facebook page and review the posts of some of the seafarers, who felt loved and cared for because of your generosity.

Christmas-At-Sea has been a great success this past year with over 2,500 satchels delivered to mariners!

May you and yours enjoy a bright, happy and healthy 2020

Henry k Behnke

Director of Development



**YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT**  
(THRU December 31, 2019)

<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Contributions	192,206.57
Other Income	22,990.45
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>215,197.02</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Benevolence	\$ 6,800.00
Pastoral	\$108,464
Education	\$2,593
Evangelism	\$443
Worship & Music	\$20,375
Administration	\$39,072
Property	\$30,489
Misc	\$1,019
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$209,256</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,941</b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	
(Includes no loans)	
January 1, 2019 Balance	\$ 36,572
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 42,513</b>

**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**

- December income was \$8,467 more than expenses.

**YEAR-TO-DATE**

- Expenses were \$5,941 less than income

**Trinity's Financial Status**

**Good News, Bad News**

Good News – We closed the year on the plus side by almost \$6,000. Thank you all and God Bless.

Bad News- That \$6,000 surplus is only part of the \$42,750 yearly mortgage payment we had been making in 2018 and no longer had to make in 2019. You have to ask yourself, where did the other \$36,750 go? Any Lutheran Pastor can tell you, there is more money in peoples' pockets than in the collection plate.

If we start running a deficit in 2020, don't make me have to start going through peoples' pockets and purses looking for it.

Your financial gnome,  
Don Icken



P.S. Jesus and I are watching you.



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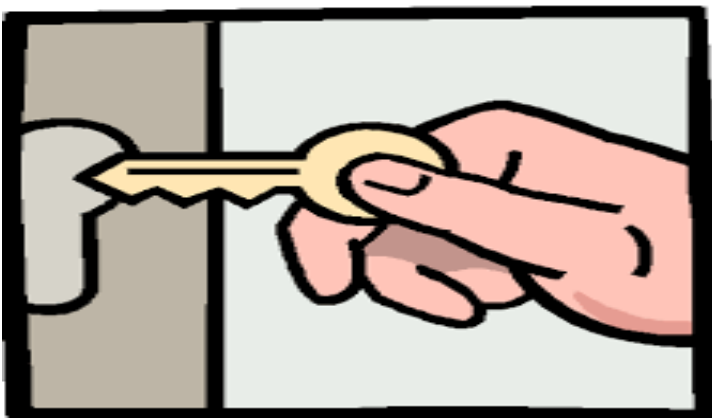
## Property Update

This morning in Shepherds Hall, Sunday January 26, I enjoyed sitting with many of you for our annual meeting. Listening to presenters and reading through the report and committee summaries was uplifting in many ways. It's wonderful to see how each one of us gives of our time and talents within committees in specific ways; and how our efforts all merge to further the master plan that God has given us in spreading the Gospel of our Lord.

At property, we have recently had our entry locks replaced and new keys issued and some doors, closures and saddles reset for ease of opening and closing. In hindsight, I found one of the attendees at a nightly meeting here at Trinity is a locksmith and he would have been more than helpful in that work if I had only known to ask him. Ken von Bargen gave me a very good tip on flipping hinges top to bottom, bottom to top in trying to fix door alignment. (tension vs compression) He also gave me a heads up about how to run LED lights on the ballasts that are already in place.

With concerns about paving the parking lots I have found that Scott and Joanne Dzibela have much knowledge in the industry and will be our main resource in making sure that if we get the monies to do the work that it will be done right and for a fair price. Lois has been a whiz at writing up proposals and I hope that her work on a proposal for our paving will be as successful as it was in finding available funds for the purchase of 100 brand new "comfortable" chairs at Trinity. I'm thankful to all of you who keep my "list" up to date on things that need to be taken care of in our building. I will be extra thankful if you have leads on who might have the expertise to guide specific work that needs to be done this year. We have an abundance of talent here at Trinity and I appreciate you sharing your talents freely and blessing us all with your presence.

Sincerely,  
Peter Donoghue, Property coordinator



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Happy Wedding Anniversary



February Birthdays

SCOTT DZIBELA SR	2/1
LUKE LOFTUS	2/1
PAULA BELMONT	2/3
WENDY HEALY	2/3
URSULA MEROLLA	2/3
NICOLE MORELLO	2/3
DOWLETTE-MARY ALAM EL DIN	2/4
LAUREN BALDANZA-GIACOMELLI	2/4
LINDSAY WUND	2/4
JENNIFER GERFEN	2/6
JOHN GERFEN	2/6
ASHLEY HANSEN	2/6
SOPHIA PUCHALSKI	2/6
ALDONA GASIUNAS	2/7
LOIS LAWERENCE	2/7
JOSEPH MASTON	2/11
AIDAN CASTRO	2/13
OLIVIA GIACOMELLI	2/13
BRIAN VAN VLACK	2/13
ANDREA TIERSCH	2/14
KARL WESTERVILLE	2/14
SHARON LUND	2/17
MARY GERHARDT	2/20
JEFFREY VON BARGEN	2/22
ADELINA ZHANG	2/22
ERIN CORBI	2/23
GRANT CUOMO	2/23
CAROL FENDT	2/24
GARY MEISSNER	2/27
RITA KARLSSON	2/28
LAWRENCE RUHS	2/28
LORRAINE VAN VLACK	2/28

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## **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, Kitty, Ellen Bell, Barbara Jean Bennet, Mimi Berlin, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Cherish Bliefernich, William Brown, Joan Brundage, Betty Buckmaster, Chuck, Colleen, Corrie, Helen Conte, Sharon Cooper, Lorraine Cornell, Robert Cowen, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Joanne D, Dilynn, William Eberhardt, Terry F, Heather Evers, Wayne Farber, Tony Ferrajina, Stan and Linda Fitzgerald, Bruce Foley Sr., Kimberly Galantich, Christine Gallegher, George Gilleo, Catherine Harrington, Thomas Ingate, Lloyd Jacobsen, Jennifer Johnson, Billie Knipple, Janna Kreps, Pastor Tim Kennedy, Sofia Loraca, Judy Lutz, Chaleb McCaughey, Melanie, Raymond Maglio, Michael, Kelly Maxwell, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Bob Obuck, George O'Toole, Pat, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Donna Perrault, John Powell, Mary Ryan, Nicholas Rogan, Liam Rogers, Helen Rosenbolm, Larry Ruhs, Marilyn Schoeller, Sharon, Terri Siegel, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Walter Straub, Teddi Tom, the Thut family, Sara Tomson, Greg V., Henry Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Alex Wallace, Mary Ann Wilk, Jessica Wilkson, Danielle Williams, Barbara Siegel, Charles Hogue, Kathie Ruhs, Rita Stark, Florence Rothenberger, Barbara Gripin, Dawn Andren, Zach, Orchid, Natalie and Bryson

**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, Raymond Kiernan, Ryan Lee, Kim Marshall, Allen McCaslin, Reneé McElroy, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Laurie Nucheren, 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, Mary Torlish, Gina Venezia, Danielle W, Glenn Wagner, Walt, Stephanie, Donna, Carolyn Pisciotta.

**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, Elizabeth Goscinski, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Joanne Halbekath & family, Larry Hampson, Frank Hastie, Lillian K, Logan Keane, Maria Lueck 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.

**BIRTH OF:** Helena Erminia Cusano -Maryann & Arthur Cusano

**THANKS THE LIFE OF:**

**RESTRICTED TO HOME/NURSING HOME:** Gerrit Franssen, Lawrence Henry, Rita Karlsson, Horatio Massatti, Scott Werner

**SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Michael Caitney, Carlos, Liam Conroy, Dylan Cumpston, Phillip Gerhardt, Dylan Kinsella, Pr Anthony Stephens, Kyle Tiersch, Adam Vieux, Jessica Woodall, Max Lueck, Joshua Attra, 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 to the Prayer List, email: [trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **February 2020**

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

### **February 9**

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

### **February 16**

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

### **February 23**

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

### **February 26**

12:00 PM Ash Wed. services 7:00 PM

Ash Wed. services



**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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