



The Trinitarian

Pastoral Reflections: *The Journey of Lent*

"Jesus told them to take nothing for their journey except a staff..." (Mark 6:8)

Take nothing with you?!

When was the last time you left the house with only what was absolutely necessary? The bare minimum? What do you and I even consider the most basic of necessities?

Make a list – what would you include on it? Do you really need it?

I don't know about you, but my purse and bag contain much more than the basics. While many of the items don't get used all the time, I want to be prepared for whatever life throws at me, prepared for a variety of contingencies.

Most of the time, I don't notice the heaviness of my bag. I don't tend to carry it all the time, just from place to place – home, car, office, car, home, etc. It gets moved more than it gets used. I will admit there are times that I need to clean out my bag as it begins to accumulate additional items along the way that aren't quite as "necessary".

I only notice its heaviness when I have to carry it for longer periods of time as well as when I have tried to stuff too much into the one bag (that's when I'll switch to a bigger one or multiple ones). There are times when it just gets sooooo loaded down.

This is just as true for our lives beyond our stuff.

What else are you carrying with you?

What are you holding onto that is weighing you down?

What do you need to let go of?

Jesus is pointing to more than a "Marie Kondo" kind of simplification for life. While he does tell the rich young man to "sell everything" (Mark 10:21), he is pointing beyond what we accumulate to what is truly needed to live life abundantly.

Jesus sent his disciples out with all that they needed – God's word of grace and love to sustain them in their journey and to share with all whom they encounter. Everything else – while it might be nice to have for "just in case" – it is not life-giving.

Lent is a time of "giving up" – more than sweets, coffee or other "vices". It is the giving up of all that weighs us down, all that hinders our lives, all that shrouds the life that God offers to you. Lent is a time to turn back to God, drop what we're holding and what is holding us back, and to walk into the arms of Jesus where we will receive what we are really lacking – love abundantly poured out upon us.

You will find throughout this newsletter, suggestions for ways to re-focus your life on Jesus – through devotions & prayer, worship & fasting, as well as acts of service. These are tools to help you find what is really needed and how to lay aside all those "just in case" and "can't let go of" things in our lives.

May this time of Lent be a time of letting go and of drawing nearer to the Lord our God!

Peace in Christ, Pastor Jen



Lenten practices & challenges

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. It is a time of turning our whole selves towards God and what we are offered in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Numerous practices are encouraged during Lent such as fasting, prayer, offerings and the like.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th) and continuing until Easter (April 12th), you are invited to join in one or more of the following Lenten practices:

God’s Global Barnyard Challenge – placing offerings in the barnyard box (one box per household) to raise funds to “purchase” an animal through the ELCA Good Gifts program (see flyer). Our goal is to raise enough for a cow (\$500) and/or for a variety of other animals.

Walk to Jerusalem – keep track of your daily steps (through your preferred walking app), adding them to the congregational total to cover the miles from New York (Brewster) to Israel (Jerusalem) which is approx. 5,700 miles (11.4 million steps). See Pastor Jen to sign up.

Bible study

From Cradle to Cross (Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30pm) – led by Dee Lockshiss, we will focus on the life of Jesus and his ministry revealed through scripture and paintings.

The Gift of Prayer (Thursdays, 10am) – led by Pastor Jen, we will explore different prayer practices and how we might incorporate them into our daily lives.

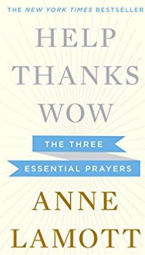
Daily Devotional readings (copies available)

Practicing Lent - this guide offers weekly Bible readings along with practices to incorporate into your daily life.

Love Builds Up Family Challenge – this guide also has weekly Bible readings and practices as well as questions to discuss with family and/or friends

Fasting – while this can involve giving something up – such as candy, smoking, etc. – it could also be to refrain from using electronics (one day or the whole season); or fasting from worry, anger, apathy, etc.

What do you need to fast from that would help you grow in faith and understanding of God’s love and grace in your life and world?



Faith book club

During the season of Lent, we draw closer in our relationship with God through the gift of prayer. In our next book “Help, Thanks, Wow: three essential prayers”, author Anne Lamott invites us to join her as she lives into her faith through these particular expressions of prayer.

We will be meeting on Monday, March 16th (7pm) at Kathie Ruhs’ house. Please sign up so that you can be given directions and/or her address

3rd Tuesday Table talk

Our monthly dinner out will meet Tuesday, March 24th (6:30pm) at Southeast Grille (Rt. 6, Brewster) (Please note day change)

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

Languages of faith

It has been a real gift to have the Lord’s Prayer shared in so many different languages during the season of Epiphany. It is a wonderful reminder and witness to the countless ways that Christ’s message of Good News is shared around the globe and throughout the ages.

We especially thank: German (Dorothea Barratta, Ellen Bell, Laurie Bell, Ursala Merolla);

Spanish (Brian Stringer);

Polish (Nina Eckwerth, Laurie Bell’s aunt,)

Finnish (Ann Marie Palmo, Maisa Tompuri);

Italian (Lucas Bertone)

Latin/French/Italian (Franklyn & Mary Beth Commisso);

Nigerian (Kemi Gerfen)

Trinity Youth Group

Packing The Pantry Lock-in

To raise money and non-perishable goods for

Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 AM through 2:00 PM



Trinity Youth Group

<p>Kids will fast for 25 hours, including phones and all electronic devices. Sponsors will have the opportunity to pay by the hour or single payment.</p>	<p>Any cash payments received will be used to purchase food for the pantry during the lock-in. We will display the food results of this fundraiser on Sunday in Fellowship Hall.</p>
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WE NEED YOUR HELP. We are asking for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants • Sponsors • Overnight chaperones • Donations for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> water juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations and/or volunteers for cooking/hosting breakfast • Transportation to and from Shoprite on Saturday night and possibly Saturday morning. • Large empty boxes, especially appliance sized.
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Sunday Church School News



March winds will be bringing in Spring weather as we are entering into the Lenten season of Sunday school. Our fourth graders will begin their formal Communion classes on March 1st and join in the Lord's table on Maundy Thursday April 9th at the 7 pm service. Look for notices about our annual Lent event on Palm Sunday April 5th.

-Jeanette Baldanza

Looking ahead ...

Ash Wednesday was February 26th –Service at Noon and 7:00 PM.

Lent begins Sunday March 1st through March 29th

Holy Week Schedule

April 5th - Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion & SCS

10:45 AM Holy Communion

April 9th – Maundy Thursday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM Holy Communion

April 10th - Good Friday

Noon Holy Communion

7:00 PM Holy Communion

Easter Sunday is April 12th

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM Holy Communion



Social Ministry Schedule for 2019

Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change. Any questions can be directed to Joanne Icken

Date	Activity
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

(jjicken@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.

Used Men's Winter Clothing

As the warmer weather arrives, if you have any clean, gently used men's winter clothing that you are planning to discard, please remember it can be used for our Midnight Run. Please place the items either in the "Social Ministry" tub or in a plastic bag clearly marked for Midnight Run and place it in the Narthex.

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.

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.

Easter Candy Bags for Putnam CAP

On Sunday, March 22nd I will distribute Easter bags after service. If you take a bag please fill it with Easter candy in sealed bags for the clients of Putnam CAP. The filled bags must be returned to Trinity by Monday, March 30th in order to be distributed in time for Easter.

Trinity Finance

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We are starting the year off on the right foot. We have an almost \$2,000 dollar surplus for January.

However, my job as a gnome is to worry about money. And worry I do. We slightly exceeded our income projections, but we were way under our expected expenses. We might be doing a great job managing our expenses (hurrah Dawn), or we may have some BIG bills that are just waiting around the corner (boo creditors).

But, I am going to go with it, so RAH, RAH, GO congregation!

Thank you all and God bless.

Your financial gnome,

Don Icken



P.S. Jesus and I are STILL watching you. 😊

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT THRU January 31, 2020)

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	
Contributions	14,502.53
Other Income	1,694.31
Total Income	16,196.84
EXPENSES	
Benevolence	\$ 500.00
Pastoral	\$6,174
Education	\$0
Evangelism	\$0
Worship & Music	\$1,271
Administration	\$1,979
Property	\$4,349
Misc	\$0
Total Expenses	\$14,273
NET INCOME	\$1,924
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES	
(Includes no loans)	
January 1, 2020 Balance	\$ 42,520
Current Balance	\$ 44,523

COMMENTS

MONTHLY INCOME

- January income was \$1,924 more than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE

- Expenses were \$1,924 less than income



From the Cradle to the Cross: In preparation for our Easter Celebration the Lenten Bible Study will focus on the life of Jesus and his Ministry using both the Bible as well as paintings. We will meet at the Church beginning Wednesday, March 4th and continuing for 5 weeks through April 1st from 6:15-7:30pm. Please feel free to bring a bible, a sandwich (if you wish) and a friend. All are welcome.—Dee Lockshiss

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 3rd

2-8 PM, Shepherd's Hall

Donors must be between 16 years old (with parental permission) and 75 years old. Over 76 years old need a doctor's note to donate. Bring an ID (license, blood donor card, etc.) and after your donation stay for a refreshment of homemade baked goods, juice and coffee or tea. Please come to donate and save lives. One donation can be split and given to three people.

Contact Carol Fendt with any questions.

Annual Moravian

Love Feast

Saturday, March 7th

at 5 PM



Please come to the annual Moravian Lovefeast on Saturday, March 7 at 5pm. This special service of music and prayer celebrates the fellowship we share as the family of Christ. Wonderful music will be provided by the Trinity Brass, String Quartet, Senior Choir and Handbell Choir. Make room for a unique hour in your Lenten journey to attend!



WELCA

In March and April Pastor Jen will lead us in a 4 part Lenten Study:

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

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

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March 2020 Property News/Report

“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” I hope that lion is just a little cub this year and that we have more of Isaiah 11:6 at our doorstep here at Trinity. Only two small leaks made their way through our roof this season and will be patched as the weather warms. Gutters are clogged in sections from falling leaves and will be looked at this Spring. Might be nice to have leaf filter guards installed on top of the gutters so that they might never clog again. Some 8 foot fluorescent bulbs have been replaced in Fellowship Hall and much needed dusting done above those lights with a very sturdy little dust buster, rags and windex. The 100 new chairs have arrived and Lois and her crew of volunteers have them all stacked in Fellowship Hall on easy to move platforms. They look terrific and are very comfortable. We recently had a property committee meeting and discussed the necessary, long term, expensive work, such as resurfacing our parking lots and window replacement. If matching funds become available, these projects may be financially possible in the next few years. We all do what we can, with what God has given us to work with and are grateful as always for each and every one of you. Thanks for your time, your talents, and your generosity as we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for all God has entrusted to us here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sincerely,
Peter Donoghue

BIRTHDAYS

ANGELA CUOMO	3/1
LINDA NOAH	3/1
DANIEL DONOVAN SR	3/2
DANIEL KENNY III	3/2
HOLLY LAROCCHIA	3/2
MARY TORLISH	3/2
GRACE VAN VLACK	3/2
BRUCE KAUFMAN SR	3/3
WINTER STATHIS	3/3
ROSEMARY GEBHARDT	3/4
DEBBIE LYON	3/6
VIOLET COYLE	3/8
LAUREN MC NAMARA	3/10
SAMANTHA TORLISH	3/10
ANGELA NASTASI	3/12
JOE BALDANZA JR	3/13
LYNN BYRNES	3/13
AUDREY STONE	3/13
LUCAS BERTONE	3/14
MATTHEW DE MARCHI	3/15
KRISTYN LAROCCHIA	3/15
ED JOHNSON	3/16
SIGI ALLEN	3/17
DAN MINIERI	3/17
VICTORIA SCIARRA	3/18
HANNAH SIMON	3/18
MEGAN KNOLKER	3/19
CAROL ANN LUTZ	3/19
MORGAN ANDREN	3/20
MARC RUSSELL	3/20
PHILIP DEROBERTS	3/21
WALTER JAKLITSCH	3/21
LINDSEY GARDNER	3/24
LIAM TORLISH	3/24
SUE BROWN	3/25
HEATHER COYLE	3/26
RALPH RUDOLPH	3/26
LISA SCHULDT	3/27
LIAM CONROY	3/28
MORIAH MC CLOSKEY	3/29
DORIS O'TOOLE	3/31

Anniversaries

KIMBERLY & PETER GERARDI 3/8



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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 Bliedernich, 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, 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, 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 Breton, 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 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, 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 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, Maria Lueck 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.

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.

Worship Schedule

March 2019

March 1 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 8 (Daylight Savings Time) 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 15 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 22 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

March 29 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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