

The Trinitarian



Pastoral Reflections:

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As I sit down to write this from my "home office" (which strongly resembles my recliner) with a cat on my lap, we are just one week into our new "normal". Making the decision to close our building and suspend in person worship, programs and activities has been heart-wrenching. Being together is such a vital part of being a community, we were so very reluctant to even imagine doing so. In fact, at our last in person worship (March 15 with 28 people at the early service and 12 at the late), we were determined to still meet. By the afternoon that had changed and by the next day, the church council had decided to close our building. we were also very mindful of how this decision was going to affect our tenants, particularly for those who need the support of groups like AA, Al-anon, etc.

Since then there has been a sharp learning curve related to technology and how we might use it to best connect with one another. Through sites like Facebook and YouTube, I've been able to share numerous "checking in with Pastor Jen" videos as well as Sunday morning worship. There have been a few Zoom online meetings where we can see one another and touch base. Additional ones will be offered for Bible study, prayer and the like. Regular emails are being sent as well as good "old-fashioned" phone calls.

We often talk about that the Church is not the building, but we have such a strong connection to this place of gathering. It is a tool in the sense that it gives us a sense of sacred space to be together. it can offer a place of identity and belonging.

Yet as we can sing in that old SCS song "we are the church together" as people of faith. This does

not stop just because we can't be in the same room together. We are challenged to be the Church in different ways.

Being the Church means believing and trusting in the love and grace of a Jesus that turned this world upside down. Jesus flipped the expectations of his day by doing more than turn over some tables in the temple. He points us beyond our assumptions to the core of who we are called to be - created in the image of God, surrounded by a love revealed in Christ Jesus that will never desert us and the Spirit moving in and among us to be the a Church in the world.

The question, beloved Church, is - are we remembering who and whose we are?

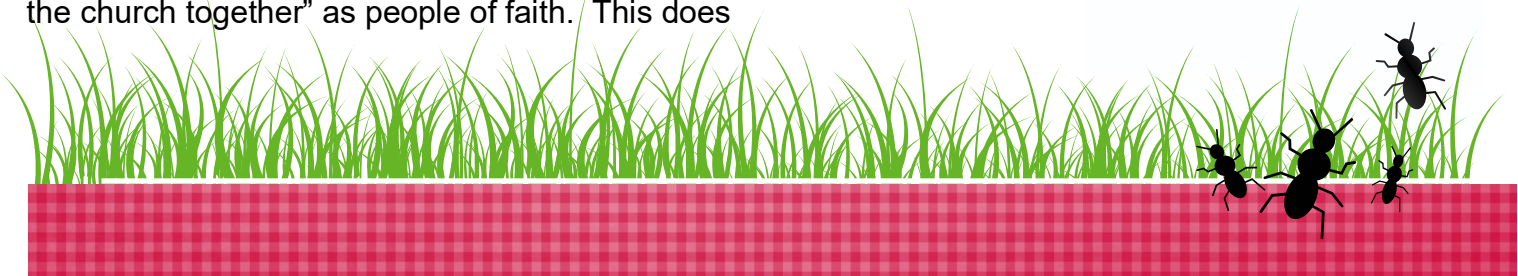
Are we living as Church, loved and loving, as we live into this time?

While many will hunker down and isolate themselves, we are called - still with physical distancing - to love all of Gods people - just in different means and in different ways. Be it online, phone calls, cards & notes, text messages or waves in passing at a safe distance. It is in how we treat those whom we do encounter in stores, on the road and in our neighborhood

Jesus calls and challenges in this time to continue to be who God created us to be - the Church, Gods people living in this world!

Thanks be to a God!

Christ's peace & blessings, *Pastor Jen*



Holy Week/Easter?

As of this newsletter, it is doubtful that we will be able to gather in person for Holy Week or Easter services. We will have our "regular" online worship for those services.

When we are able to get together in person, we will have a huge worship celebration! It will be a true resurrection event!

We are looking at ways that we may still safely worship, distribute palms and lilies

You can still order Easter Lilies (in fact, 40 have already been ordered and only about half spoken for. So if you'd like to order send info to church office and/or contact Kathie Ruhs)

Zooming together

Online opportunities to gather are currently being scheduled

Monday (5pm) Praying together

Wednesday's (7pm) Bible study

Sunday's (noon & 7pm) Coffee hour/Fellowship

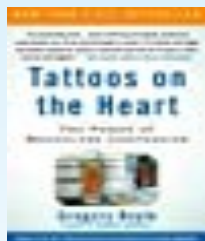
(10:15) Sunday School

(10:30) Affirmation

Off the shelf

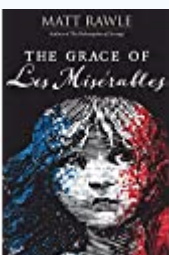
We all may find ourselves having more time to read these days. Here are a few that I am partaking of:

"Tattoos on the Heart: the power of boundless compassion" by Father Greg Boyle



This author shares his ongoing ministry with people in the midst of gangs in Los Angeles. For more than 30 years, he has not just preached in local prisons, but has helped to find jobs and ways out of the gang culture. He started Homeboy ministries that provides both training, jobs and support.

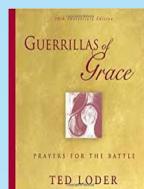
These are his stories from this work which are both heart-warming and heart-wrenching. Our next Faith Book club is reading this and will be discussing on April 20th (7pm). Contact Pastor Jen for more details



"The Grace of Les Miserables" by Matt Rawle

This is a six week study that explores the faith-filled themes of this work by Victor Hugo. Themes of grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and

hope fill this work that many have savored through the musical adaptation.



"Guerrillas of grace: prayers for the battle" by Ted Loder

This is a book of prayers that speaks of God's loving presence in the midst of all the days of our lives. Prayers of thanks and praise alongside those of confession, comfort and restoration

offer us the words we need to offer to our Lord in these days.

Faith @ home

This time offers an opportunity to delve deeply into our relationship with a God. Through regular prayer and devotion, we are invited to see and experience how Christ is present in the midst of all that is happening in our world.

We have a website that has numerous resources for all ages with activities, prayers, and more.

<http://faith.trinitybrewsterny.org/>

In addition, we are offering online Bible study and Sunday school gatherings. The links will be posted on our Facebook page, website and through emails. Join any of them as you are able and would like to do so.

Gratitude journal - in the midst of difficult times, it is hard to sometimes be aware of that for which we can be thankful. Yet, there are things each and everyday which call for our gratefulness to Jesus.

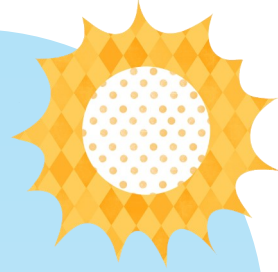
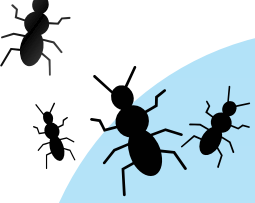
Write them down in a book, on slips of paper and put in a container, post them on social media and/or share them regularly with family and friends. Through this practice, we can be mindful of how Christ is truly with us everyday

Origami Peace Cranes - this Japanese practice is a symbol of hope. It is said that if someone makes 1,000 cranes, their wish will come true.

It can be about more than wishes, but a mindful practice in which we pray for peace and healing for our world.

We are challenging the congregation to make at least one crane per day (any color). When this crisis is over and we are able to return to worship in person together, bring your cranes and we will string them up in our sanctuary as a sign of peace, hope and prayer. There are many links about how to make them. Here is one that I found <https://youtu.be/bd9UIOveEYA>





Social Ministry

Schedule for 2020

Date	Activity
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

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

Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change.

Any questions can be directed to Joanne Icken (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.

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

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

Cooking Oil

Ensure

Coffee and Tea

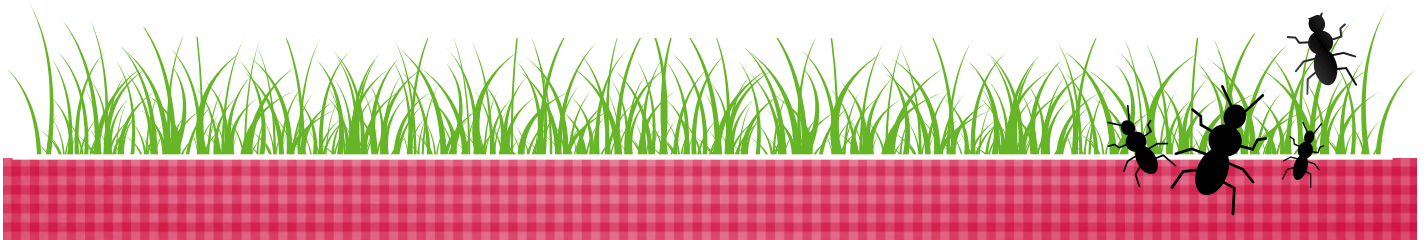
Cake Mixes

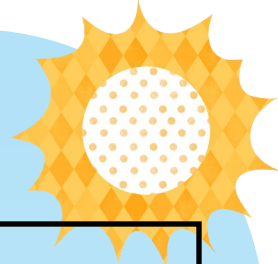
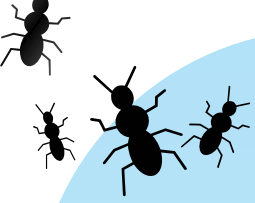
Baby Food

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.





Sunday School News

Welcome Spring and with the coronavirus changing our everyday lives, we continue to pray and try to maintain SCS with our annual activities.

All SCS events are postponed until we are able to meet again. We will then truly celebrate with Zach Duben and Jonathan Sciarra their First Communion. Thank you to Deb Lyon for teaching the Communion class. Happy Easter to all!

Jeanette Baldanza SCS



Trinity WELCA Thursday Morning Group

Pastor Jens Bible study will resume when we are able to again meet.

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:

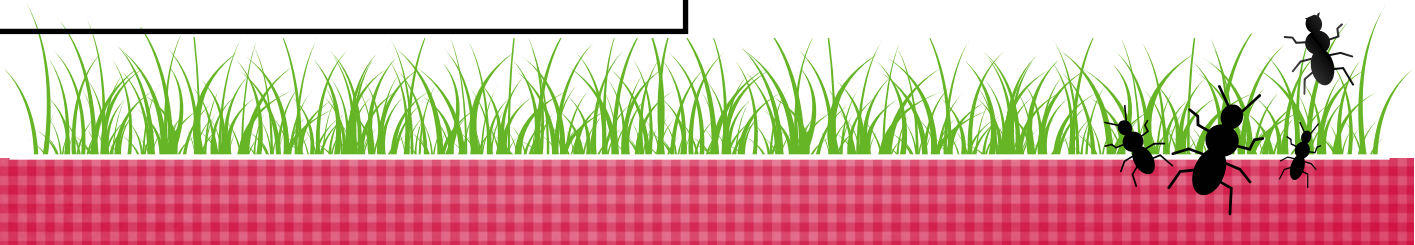
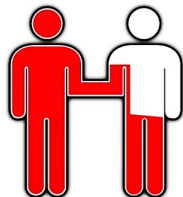
- Clean plastic containers
- Clean plastic cups
- Clean glass containers
- Aluminum
- Paper
- Cardboard
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Empty toilet paper rolls

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!

Please note we are also collecting deposit bottles and cans and check out our website trinitybrewsterny.org and search Terracycle to see what else we are recycling!

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE: Thank you to all who donated at our March 3, 2020 blood drive held here at Trinity. We collected 72 units of blood, of which 47 were whole blood and 25 units were double red cells. It was a great community event. Special thanks to Caitlyn for printing all the posters, signs and reminders, and to Pam and Fred Carlson who helped at the drive, arriving early to set up, escort donors, serve at the canteen, and stay to clean up. Our next blood drive will be at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church on Thursday June 4, 2020.





Property News April 2020

“No one knows what the future holds, except the One who holds the future.” I’m sure lots of people can lay claim to that quote over the span of human existence, my mom springs to mind; she predicted a lot about my future. When she passed away my first instinct was to clean her entire house. Cleaning is therapeutic for me and I’m sure my mom only wished I had done that while she was very much still here with us!

It is also an appropriate quote for one writing a news update on our Trinity Church property. We may never know what tomorrow may bring when it comes to daily maintenance like heat or air conditioning or a well pump. A switch fails and everything shuts down. As prepared as we may be, sometimes we are taken by surprise; especially by things we cannot even see. Our cleaning service, Integrated Maintenance Solutions (IMS), has done a thorough deep cleaning of our building during our recent shutdown. They have cleaned and disinfected everything we touch from our phones and keyboards and to every handle and handrail we come in contact with. I know that many of you have also joined in with wiping down these same items with a disinfectant on a daily basis and we are all doing our best to keep our building as clean and as safe as possible. Thank you all for all you do and let us keep in mind that as Christians, we know that God holds our future, and we could not be in better hands.

Calendar reminder: Saturday May 2, 2020 is our Spring Clean Up Day

Sincerely,
Peter Donoghue
Property coordinator

Trinity Finance

While we were down a bit in February, we were only down about a thousand dollars for the year as of February 29.

HOWEVER, March is looking bad. With in church donations essentially non-existent, mirroring our non-existent in church services, (thank you Pastor for holding virtual services) we are facing a potential gigantic donation shortfall. And, with the building closed, we are not getting any building use funds. If you can, please, please, please mail in checks or use our online website donation mechanism to continue your offerings. Most of our expenses don’t stop.

With God’s Grace we can ride this pandemic out, but it might be a close call if things continue too long.

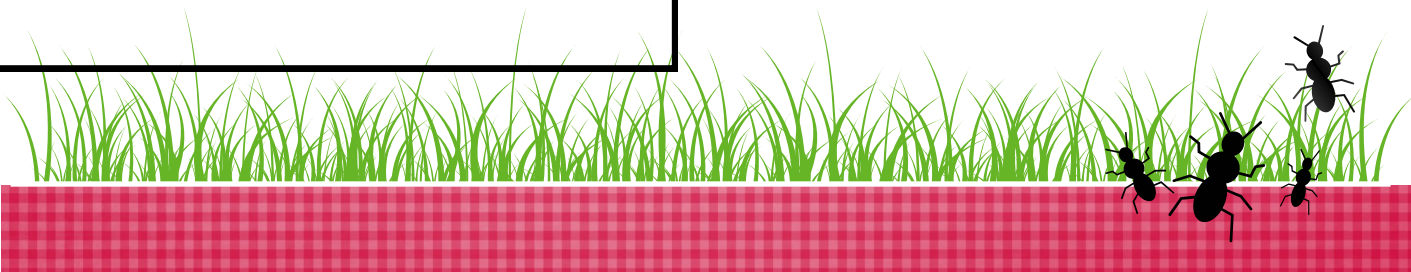
The governor is not allowing me to come out of my gnome hole to physically threaten you with severe bodily harm if you don’t “voluntarily” contribute, but I will end every service with long, boring lectures on our financial needs and you don’t want to be seriously delayed in getting to coffee hour, do you?

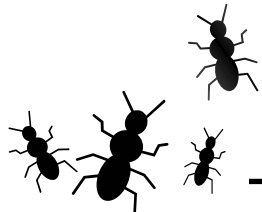
Thank you all and God bless.

Your financial gnome,

Don Icken

Donate Link: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRiH4Lrtq08ER_IAMPwritdEOVZpPclw91FrYieK2rA42EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pbouclm5s4-ovSOXvyqgjP-1ho=&ver=3





Happy Birthday!

GRILLO, BRYANNA	4/2
GENTILE, ALICIA	4/3
GENTILE, MICHELLE	4/3
LAROCCHIA, CHARLIE	4/3
BAGGETTA, DANIEL	4/5
IOVINO, VIOLET	4/5
KNAPP, NANCY	4/5
BETTCHER, TATIANA	4/7
HALBEKATH JR, ERIC	4/9
HARLIN, KATHERINE	4/9
TUCKER, ISABELLA	4/9
SCIARRA, JONATHAN	4/10
HALBEKATH, JOANNE	4/12
LAROCCHIA, DEBBIE	4/12
CUOMO, CLARISSA	4/13
O'TOOLE, TYLER	4/13
DZIBELA, ARIANA	4/14
CALLAHAN, DIANA	4/15
WILSON, DAVID	4/15
LOFTUS, RYAN	4/16
LAIRD, SHARON	4/20
SORBELLA, SCOTT	4/21
PROCTOR, ELLA	4/23
GERMAIN JR, CHARLIE	4/24
HELVIG, CAROLE	4/25
LUTZ, ANNA RAE	4/25
CHRISTIANO, LORETTA	4/27
TORLISH, WYATT	4/27
COMMISSO, MARY BETH	4/28
DANIEL, JUNE	4/28
MC NAMARA, JENNIFER	4/28
TEMPEL, ROSANNA	4/28
WILLS, PAT	4/28
O'TOOLE JR, GEORGE	4/29

Happy Anniversary!

ELLEN & BRIAN PARISE, 4/11
FRED & PAM CARLSON, 4/11
DON & JOANNE ICKEN, 4/16
CHRISTOPHER & SANDY SCIARRA, 4/26
NANCY & RANDY KNAPP, 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, 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, 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 Bagen, 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 Bretone, Jennifer Rebecca Butvinik, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Olivia Casale, Erin Conroy, Deena Cox, Coppy 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, Robert 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 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:

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.

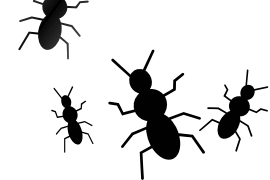
ATTENDING SEMINARY: Dawn Morello

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.

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





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.

Location:

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Worship Schedule

April 2020

Zoom meetings

930am virtual Worship

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A calendar will not be included in this months Trinitarian.



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