

# Annual Meeting Report Insert

**Patricia Kapp**

## **My Spiritual Journey**

I was raised Catholic from birth. I attended catechism, confession and church faithfully. I grew up during the early stages of Vatican 2 and was taught, in my opinion, that we had a vengeful God and that no matter what you did, you were going to hell. I would lay awake nights too frightened to close my eye.

There were several events that left me bewildered and disenchanting with the Catholic Church, so I decided to leave. The hypocrisy of the priests, congregants and teachings were blaring. The love of money, treasures, self and tradition far surpassed the love of Jesus, the compassion of Jesus and the heart of Jesus.

I wandered for years, even returning to the Catholic Church but quickly felt those old feelings of materialism, manmade rules and hypocrisy too overwhelming.

I prayed constantly...that was when I started attending some services at Trinity Lutheran Church. WOW! I was blown away. The members were so welcoming and Pastor Jen seemed too good to be true. Down to earth, a love for the Lord, spiritual teachings and a caring for others are just a fraction of what drew me there.

I was installed as a member in March, 2019 and am overjoyed to be a part of such a wonderful community. I can't wait until the day we are free from this awful pandemic and are able to worship TOGETHER.

I live in Brewster, married to Steve for 29 years, I am passionate for animals and am an advocate for animal rights. I am also the proud purrrrent of 4 cats.

### **Flower Fund Annual Report for 2020**

Balance as of December 31, 2019.....	2039.76
Total deposits for 2020.....	1437.00
Total.....	3476.76
Total Expenditures for 2020.....	1875.95
Current checkbook balance as of 12/31/20.....	1600.81

### **Itemized Listing of Expenses:**

Altar flowers (12/19 to 11/20).....1140.00  
 Christmas Poinsettias (2019).....735.95\*  
**Total for 2020.....1875.95**

\*Poinsettias for 2020 will be paid for in January 2021 as will December altar flowers.

Thank you to all the members of the Trinity family who have given so generously to adorn the altar of our Lord with flowers each Sunday & Christmas.

Without your generosity this would not be possible.

Peace,

Kathie Ruhs

Flower Fund Secretary

### Sunday Church School (SCS)

SCS again had their annual marching into church with the Trinity Brass playing “as the Saints go Marching In” with beads & masks on Mardi Gras Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the children then began the Lenten Season with our annual Lent event which was held on Palm Sunday. Promotion Sunday was held on June 9th.

Sunday Church School began this fall on Sept. 8, 2019. Registration for SCS is currently at 20 registered children from pre-K through 6th grade. This year we are continuing to use a program that can be downloaded from the computer and sheets printed for the number of children attending each week, saving on pre-printed booklets for the 3-6th graders. We have gone back to using the Witness Program from Augsburg for the N-2nd grade. This year we had seven third graders who received their Bibles on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Bible study was taught this year by Deb Lyon. The children then presented what they learned to the congregation on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> with posters about their favorite Bible story. The Reformation Sunday event this year was held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> again learning about Martin Luther and how he reformed the church and started the Lutheran religion. This year's annual Advent Event was held on the second Sunday of Advent on December 8<sup>th</sup>, it included having the children working on advent coloring pages, an Advent Wheel project and pinning their stars on the manger all in preparation of the coming Advent season, thank you to Amy Conroy for helping with this event. This year's Mardi Gras Sunday will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 before Ash Wednesday which is on February 26th this year. We have three 4th graders who will then begin Communion classes on March 1st and receive their first Communion on Maundy Thursday April 9th, 2020. Promotion Sunday this year will be on Sunday June 7th.

We ask for assistance from our parents and members of the congregation as teachers, co-teachers and substitutes, and to help with our annual theme events. Our teachers this year are, K, 1st & 2nd grade- Alicia Maston, 3rd & 4th grade- Deb Lyon and 5th & 6th grade-Heather Duben, along with Sandy & Chris Sciarra as our substitute teachers. We are blessed to have such wonderful teachers for our children.

SCS would not be able to continue without the support we receive from all of our teachers, Pastor Jen, Dorothy Kafalas, our office staff and of course, the parents & guardians of our SCS school students, who help, support and guide them in faith formation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Baldanza, SCS Superintendent

### Communion Class

There were no registered fourth graders in 2019.