

LENT 2021



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



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From Pastor's Desk

Dear Trinity Family and Friends—

I'm excited to enter the holy season of Lent with you. It is a time of re-examination and renewal. I hope that as you participate in the worship, and take part in the various opportunities for devotion and study, you will feel enriched, and drawn closer to Christ.

Of course the Pandemic continues to push and shape us in ways we would prefer to avoid. We must continue to pray for those afflicted with the Covid virus and for all who care for their needs. As we have lived with this for nearly a year now, I pray you will not become discouraged or

weary, especially in the practice of your Christian life.

I'm particularly excited to share with you a Lenten series I'll be teaching at our Sunday morning class at 9:00am each week. I'll be taking you through a very unusual book by Peter Bouteneff entitled "How to Be a Sinner." He writes with a Greek Orthodox background. If Christ came to save sinners, how come we spend so much time trying not to be a sinner? The class begins on February 21st at 9:00am. You can participate in person at church, or through ZOOM.

I also hope you will find useful the Lenten Bag we have prepared for



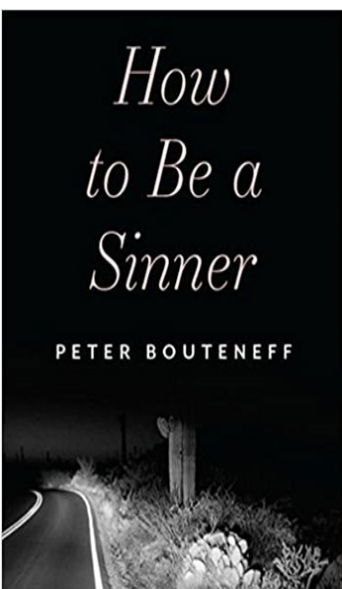
everyone. Especially during this pandemic time, it is a way to hold us together in Christ as we use its resources week after week.

I feel particularly blest to be your pastor in these days. Please continue to pray for me and I will pray for you, that Trinity may remain strong to face the challenges of life and ministry in these pandemic times.

Pastor Wendy

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Lent in a Bag

In her pastoral love for this congregation, Pastor Wendy was seeking a way to reach us during this time when that is especially challenging. Similar to her “Advent in a Bag” offering, Pr. Wendy and her helpers have prepared “Lent in a Bag”!

We won’t spoil the fun of exploring the contents yourself, but you will find many items to help your Lenten journey to be a prayerful one. “Spoiler alert” on two items, just so you know you will have them if you pick up a bag, or receive one by delivery:

•Ashes to Go- as you mark the beginning of Lent with the traditional imposition of ashes. (Services will be held at noon

and 7PM for in person worship for those who are able to come, and via Zoom at 7PM))

•Mary Wolf’s *Lenten* Devotional, as described on page 4.

Pastor Wendy reminds us that, “Lent is a season of preparation of the mystery of our redemption in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This time of Lent and the celebration of Easter is the focus of our Christian faith.”



Faith In Action

TriniKnits: We are increasing our production/collection of knit goods this year due to the increased need. We are placing our knit, crocheted and purchased hats, gloves, mittens and scarves at Cathedral Park downtown for our homeless brothers and sisters. If you have any questions about this ministry and how you can help, please see Barb Seegar.

Gerard Place Soup Kitchen: Friends of Night People provides take-out meals. Trinity provides 2 volunteers on the 4th Wednesday of each month. **In addition, we are collecting COATS in the ark.** They will be delivered on Wednesday, February 24th. If you are interested in helping this ministry financially, they are running a raffle with prizes each day in March. The flyer is available at Trinity or you can also call 897-9948 x101.

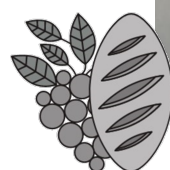
Hearts for the Homeless: Collecting clothing in the red box in the parking lot.

Collections: There are containers on the table in the narthex for the following: **Ronald McDonald House** (can tabs), **Wands for Wildlife** (clean, used mascara wands), and **Dash's Markets** (receipts). We continue to collect both 2020 and 2021 receipts.

Amazonsmile: If you shop Amazon, consider doing so through Amazon Smile indicating that you are supporting Trinity as the church will receive 0.5% of eligible purchases. 1) Log into smile.amazon.com 2) Enter sign-in info or create an account. 3) At the top of the next screen under the search box, there is a place to select the charity one wishes to support. Type "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church". Select the one that says "East Amherst, NY" 4) Shop online. Contact Kathy Back with any questions.

Food Pantry for Good Neighbors Food Justice Ministry: It’s cold outside! So we are currently focusing our collection on SOUP! Please place donations in the FOOD PANTRY basket in the narthex.

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January Mission Message from Marcia Brown: New Year—New Beginnings

As we flip the calendar page over and celebrate a new year, think of millions of people in circumstances that are just another day of misery—the refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers of the world.

There are 10 million refugees in the world, 5% of them children who have been separated from their parents. Many have been publicized in papers and news magazines—the Syrians, the Central American children who are sent north. But there are so many more whose stories haven't been told. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is a mission of the ELCA, founded in 1939 with other partners, which addresses these nightmares. LIRS draws from the deep well of our Lutheran theological understanding, our cherished Lutheran heritage, our commitment to humanitarian relief and our identity as people with immigrant roots as faith is put into action in solidarity with migrants and refugees, working from a grounding in deep core values, reflecting the understanding of how we witness

to God's love for all people to realize a vision of just and welcoming communities.

Refugees are resettled, connected with employers who can use their talents. Children are reunited with their parents, or are placed in new loving homes. Migrants receive social and legal services, resources for safe integration into US communities, trauma rehabilitation. In this way, they too can celebrate a new day in their lives, just like we see a new year full of anticipation and promise.

Your mission support helps the work of LIRS. *Thank you!*

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.



Trinity will be offering two services on Ash Wednesday this year. The first at **12 PM**, led by Pastor Wendy, will be a brief service of Ashes. The second will be Eucharist and Ashes at **7 PM**.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

The 7 PM service will also be available via Zoom. Ashes will be distributed individually to the gathered members. Separate, small “muffin cups” containing blessed ashes will be used by each member to anoint themselves. **“Ashes to Go”** are also available in the “Lent in a Bag” at church.

Lenten Evening Prayer



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will be offered each Tuesday in Lent, followed by Bible Study, led by Vicar Meghan.

Evening prayer will begin at 6:30 PM.

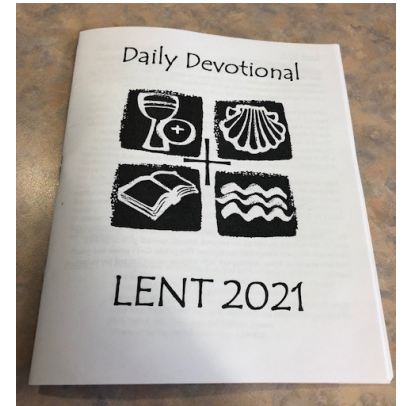
Bible Study will be available via Zoom.

Mary Wolf's Daily Devotional offering for Lent 2021

If you receive a "Lent in a Bag" you will find Mary Wolf's, *Daily Devotional* offering for the season.

Thank you, Mary! After last year's record length "Lenten-Pentecost Devotional" you deserved some time off. But, we are very grateful that you did not take it!

Additional copies are available in the Narthex.



Farewell and Godspeed, Andy and Eli!



This past Sunday our congregation bid a bittersweet goodbye to Andy Cassidy and Eli Grimm. While we are happy and excited for this next chapter in their lives, we will miss them very, very much. Somewhere in Colorado a congregation doesn't know what a blessing it is about to receive and we feel a holy jealousy. God bless you, Andy and Eli, and come visit soon.

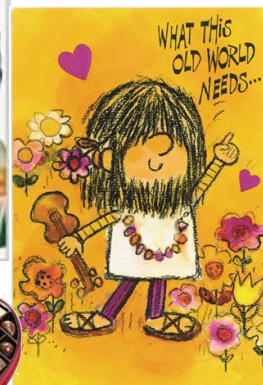
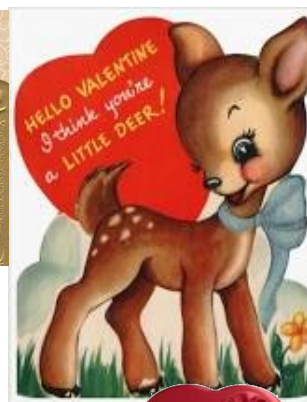




Parting gifts, including an icon of the Holy Trinity. Thank you to Susan Hayden for the pictures!



In the bleak and cold of mid February comes a flaming red ray of fun in the form of Valentine's Day. I love the excuse to eat a little chocolate, buy a little gift, write a little note, share a little love. It can be corny, tacky, cheesy and over-the-top. You can't do it wrong. Just enjoy and share the joy with your friends.



FRAUDULENT EMAIL ALERT



One of our email recipients kindly let us know that they received an email that appeared to be from our account, asking them to purchase iTunes Gift Cards for our benefit. This was a fraudulent email. Please be assured that we would never request you to purchase something online for us nor ask for your account information. Please let us know if you receive any emails like this purporting to be from Trinity. Thank you.

Lutheran Charities of WNY Virtual Happenings

Wine and Chocolate Pairings

Thursday, February 11th @ 7:30pm.

For just \$60.00, this online event includes four bottles of wine and four chocolates, available for pick up or delivery. Enter into our virtual tasting room for a guided experience with an expert from Addy's Fine Wine and Spirits. Register on our website!



Virtual Beer Tasting

Thursday, March 11th @ 7:30pm.

Beer lovers, unite (from a distance)! Lutheran Charities partners with Community Beer Works to bring you a unique and informative experience. Join us in the online event to sample local craft beers guided by a local brewing expert! More details coming soon!



For more details and to learn more about what is happening at Lutheran Charities of WNY click [here](#).

February Mission Message from Marcia Brown: Drought in Cambodia

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response helped La Phat stay in her home. She is a community leader in a village in Cambodia which is experiencing drought. The rice paddies have dried up, and there is not enough rain to support the corn, green bean, and sesame seed crops. Many left the village for cities to find work to support their families, but she had a better idea.

Working with longtime ELCA partner Life With Dignity, La Phat and members of the community designed training programs in risk mitigation, advocacy, alternative livelihood opportunities, and more. They dug ponds and obtained 20 plastic tanks to capture the little rain they do get. Five new wells are being constructed, and two old ones repaired. "We now have hope in this new venture."

Lutheran Disaster Response works all over the world to assist people after hurricanes and earthquakes, and during chronic problems such as drought and health crises. 100% of donations go to the response effort, because overhead is paid for by the ELCA. ***Thank you!***

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Trinity Family

What an unexpected delight and sign of love to receive a Christmas Gift Card after retirement. You are as always generous and loving —

In Christ's Peace

Pr. Dan & Deb



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the generous and fun gift of an Amazon gift card for Christmas. It has been a hard year, but we got through together. Thank you for all you do to make this life so much better.

With love and prayers,

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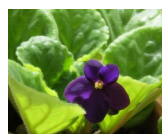

A NOTE FROM ELLIE KLEM

Just a note to say Hello. We miss you all and will be so glad when this darned virus slows down. We are doing ok except for me little "fall" again. I'm just klutzy I think. No breaks I think. Just sore like the last time.

We have been watching the broadcast of Zion and 2 other church on Sunday morning. I even sing with them.

God's blessing on you all for a healthy, happy New Year.

Ellie Klem

Our trinity family,

Thank you for the generous gift card. Kelly and I hope that 2021 finds restaurants open fully so we can do a family dinner.

Mostly we pray for worship to open fully and peace and healing for all.


Love & God bless,

Barb & Kelly

Happy, healthy, peace-filled New Year to all!



2020 Angel Tree Thank-you



Pandemic or not, our Angel Tree project for 2020 was a resounding success! With assistance once again from Trinity East Amherst, we were able to send one book gift wrapped to every student at school #74 from pre-school thru grade 8!! We provided lots (too many to count!!) of hats, mittens and scarves. The school supplies we collected were many and varied. The students will be ready to resume their studies with lots of new supplies to help them.

Special thanks to:

Kathy Back for coordinating this project at Trinity.

Judy Bradbury, Trinity's own "author" who donated books for grades pre-K thru grade 2. Thank you for your generosity!!

St. Paul's Kim Olsen for selecting and ordering the books for the students in grades 4 - 8.

Falling Leaves bookstore in Kenmore that selected and wrapped books for the 3rd graders.

Nancy and Vern Noble and Brianna Smith for wrapping all those books!! Great job!!

We continue to be blessed, especially during difficult times. Thank you, thank you to everyone at Trinity East Amherst and St. Paul's for this outpouring of love and sharing it with others!



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ZOOM CONNECTION

Our Zoom account, "Worship and Meetings" can be found at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85167890638?pwd=eHptd21KN01Vc0QyS2pSNVU4U3hUQT09>

ID # 851 6789 0638 Passcode: 860145

Wednesday Exegesis continues to offer in-person and Zoom, using Pr. Dan's account:

ID# 460 550 4086 Passcode: 600776

Both of these accounts can be found at <https://zoom.us/>. You will need to download the app to your computer, phone or device. Then, to join our Zoom meeting simply go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4605504086> If you are using dial-up, find your local number at: <https://us04web.zoom.us/u/fei59xzihG>. To watch the recording of Sunday's service go to www.trinityontransit.org.

Lent and Easter Triduum Service Notes

- Contemporary Music led services will continue to be offered on the second Sunday of each month (Marcy 14th and April 11th).
- Palm/Passion Sunday**, March 28th, will follow our usual practice of procession with palms, the reading of the Passion narrative from the Gospel of Mark and a brief homily by the presiding minister.
- Maundy Thursday** will follow our usual practice including the stripping of the sanctuary led by the altar guild.
- Good Friday** will employ the Tenebrae service as in the past.
- The Easter Vigil** will be led musically by the Living Stones with Vicar Meghan's leadership. The service will begin with a "new fire" outside and conclude with reappointing the altar and celebrating the Eucharist.
- Each of the Triduum services will begin at 7 PM.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY 10:30 AM	2/14/21	2/17 ASH WED 7 PM	2/21/21	2/28/21	3/7/21
PRESIDING	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy
PREACHING	Vicar Meghan	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy	Pr. Wendy
ASSISTING MINISTER	Doug Cassidy	Mary Wolf	Marilyn Rohl	Mary Wolf	Marilyn Rohl
LECTOR	Kathy Back	Doug Cassidy	Mary Wolf	Debbie Cassidy	Kathy Sullivan