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My View From Here

"Just a little light..."

I can never remember my dad's birthday.

He would have turned 80 on December 23rd. I usually called him early, on the 22nd, not remembering the correct day. I think that's because he would often say, "I was born on the darkest day of the year." Well, it's just that he really was born the day after the year's "longest night" when for many of us it is dark when we go into work, and it's dark by the time we leave work at 5pm.

What I liked to remind my dad was, "every day after your birthday, is just a little brighter!"

And that would make him smile.

It's true! December 23 the sun set in Buffalo, NY at 4:45pm. The sun set on December 24th at 4:46!

One minute!

Woohoo!!

Now, I know, what's a minute? But that little light can make all the difference! It often does!

Think about it:

For a child scared at bed time, just a little light can drive away the monsters under the bed.

For mothers living all around the world who walk miles to market in the morning, and miles more to make their way home again, just a little star light can illumine the hard road ahead of them.

For those who are soaking in stories, and can't take in enough words, just a little book light can brighten the pages that feed our dreams and aspirations.

Just a little light!



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My View From Here cont.

And when it seems that the shadows are closing in, just a little light can dispel fear and anxiety.

In the birth of the Christ, the Messiah, the prophet says, “unto you, light has shined!”

We have the light of Christ – this is our faith.

That God has come down, God has come to us, and God is with us.

This doesn't mean we won't walk through valleys of shadows of death – it means that we won't walk alone – it means the divine won't allow us to be lost – it means we have accompaniment – today and all the days to come.

Here's the good news – you don't need an extra storage unit of light – the light you have – the light you have been given is enough.

Just a little light!

May that Christ light shine in your life – one more minute in each day to come.

The light has come – thanks be to God!

That's my view from here,

Pastor Lee



Fellowship and Hospitality Committee

The committee would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the Advent and Christmas seasons a wonderful success.

Ten food baskets were filled for distribution to folks that needed some extra help at the end of the year. We were once again able to take what we did not use to the food pantry; to the tune of forty-four bags. Thanks for your tremendous support for the food basket program.

Our second Christkindlmarkt was a resounding success. Some vendors opted to turn some or all of their profits to charity. The items for sale were beautifully made. It was a pleasure to see that our congregation has so many talented people. We look forward to doing this event again.

A round of applause to those who decorated the church. The entire church looked festive.

Our first meeting of the new year will be announced shortly. All are welcome. Be sure to check out the committee's page on the Holy Trinity web site. Happy New Year!

What a year 2018 has been!

This year has definitely seen some amazing things happening! I completed my first full year of ordained ministry (although it definitely seems like longer)!! We have seen some amazing new ministries start and some continue to grow here at Holy Trinity.

We have introduced our new Wednesday Evening Worship services, Joyful Noise and Sue's Supper continues to grow. We put on a production of a Christmas Carol and built a new veranda! Things are thriving at HT and I am so grateful that I get to witness all these things happening!

As we move into the new year, I keep thinking about the preparation that happens during Advent, building up to Christmas and the coming of the Christ child. This year, for me, the preparation in the last few weeks left me struggling, rejoicing, grieving, and pondering among many other emotions.

One of the things that I have been thinking about the most the past couple of weeks is how we are called to be a part of the revolution. These words might sound a bit callous. And I don't mean them in that sense. What I guess I'm getting at is our part in the "Jesus Revolution". I think back to the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, where Mary embraces her situation and claims her power in the inbreaking of the God's kingdom. She has become a revolutionary for the work of God here on earth. She has decided to take a stand against the powers that be so that God's kingdom might be ushered in, so that we might better know God and God better know us.

What would it mean for us to become revolutionaries for this work? What might it look like? What could we do together? What does God's kingdom on earth look like at Holy Trinity? In Buffalo? In Western New York and beyond?

I invite you to imagine and dream with me as we begin this new year. That we might be able to usher in new ways to share God's love. That we might be able to stand alongside Mary and Elizabeth, to join in solidarity those in whom God lifts up; the lowly, marginalized and outcast. That we might truly know and understand what it means to welcome the stranger and love our neighbors.

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant."

Pastor Brenda



Why do we worship?

A Newsletter series in six parts.

Why do we worship? Why do we do what we do in worship? This series seeks to share our traditions and rites and to delve deeper into the significance of our sacraments. Our Mission Directive reads: Gathered into One by the Holy Spirit we *center our lives in Worship, Grow in faith, and Go out into the world* to love like Jesus, in word and action. In these articles we will highlight the ways and means that God is made known to us in our worship.

Part III – The Word

“God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song,” (ELW p. 92).

In our last Church Paper we talked about the regular Ordo of our worship, rooted in the ancient practices of the church, enlivened with contemporary practice and language. Our liturgical Ordo is: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. This article speaks about the Word portion of our liturgy together.

Communal hearing of the Word of God has its roots in the tradition of Judaism. In the earliest days of the faith gathering for a reading of the Word coupled with singing a response became a pattern and rhythm for worshippers. Reading – singing – reading – singing – provides a time of active listening, response, reflection, and anticipation of what is to come next.

The traditional order of the readings has been a reading from the Old Testament, the Psalms, including a sung response, a reading from the New Testament, the singing of a Gospel acclamation, the Holy Gospel, and the sermon.

Here at Holy Trinity we follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our scripture readings which takes a three-year journey through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, interspersing texts from John especially at Christmas, Easter, and other festivals. Recently, our directors of music have reintroduced us to singing the Psalms. We will do this occasionally, seasonally, interspersed with seasons of the choir offering a motet (another form of sung response).

Our new Wednesday Worship experience follows the Narrative Lectionary which walks through the entirety of the Bible in one year. This service features one read lesson followed by a sermon message.

While many Christians share this general pattern of worship, Lutherans in particular treasure an element of this pattern called the Hymn of the Day. More than a hymn based on the sermon, this hymn is selected to bring together the themes expressed in the texts and the season of the church year. Singing together, the assembly adds its voice to the proclamation of God’s word.

Look in your March/April Church Paper for the next installment of “*Why do we worship?*”

Yours in Christ,



Source: ELCA Resource: What is the Pattern of Worship?

Stewardship Corner

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as your self.'" Matthew 22:37-39



Every year when I write for our Holy Trinity newsletter in December I look back at the year, filled with gratitude for the life that has been given to me and for the relationships that define and shape my life (and since I am looking at my Christmas tree as I write, this year I am especially grateful that many of the needles are still ON the tree and not on the floor beneath it). I am so very thankful for **ALL** of you! What a wonderful, life-transforming community our church continues to provide!!

The delicious food shared by talented cooks at the stewardship luncheon was a delight for the palate and I discovered that one cannot claim to know a person if one has not experienced their puzzling personality. Kurt, our council president, for example, very much surprised me with his zeal to see the completed picture and he would probably have stayed well into the night to finish the task had he been given the opportunity to do so. I hope you all had a chance to take a look at the almost completed puzzle before it made room for Christmas treats. I write 'almost' completed because two pieces are missing!! Yes – you read correctly - two pieces are missing!! What can better demonstrate the importance of **ALL** parts, whether in a church community or in a puzzle, than a missing part? So let me emphasize again: **ALL** of what **YOU** do, **EACH** way you let the Holy Spirit work through **YOU** for the benefit of your neighbor either next door or around the world is important, no matter how insignificant **YOU** may think your part is!

Thank you to all of who made a formal commitment of your resources!! It is much appreciated!!

While your time and talents are an invaluable part of stewardship, your commitment of support is really helpful to our treasurer Emily since it facilitates her planning for the coming year.

As always, if you have comments, ideas or want to help but are not sure where you fit in, contact me at ucarlino@buffalo.edu or see me at church, where I usually attend the 10:30am service and once a month, when the Chapel Choir sings, the 8:30 service as well.

I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year! May the Holy Spirit give you an abundance of Love, Joy and Peace and move you in ways that you never dreamed possible!

Yours in Christ,
Uli MacDonald

Faith In Action

Since we had a collection of items in early December, I decided to bring some of them over to ECC PS 17 before the items from the Angel and Mitten Trees would be delivered. A couple of hours after I had made the delivery, I received this email:

Barb,

Thank you for the gorgeous and plentiful array of warm hats, gloves and even boots and coats.

I wanted to let you know that a teacher was desperate for a warm coat today for a student who only has a sweat-shirt for the winter. She needed a boy's size 10 and of course- there was a beautiful down coat in blue and orange - such a perfect and warm coat. It fit him perfectly and he wore it out to the bus with a huge smile on his face.

Everyone felt great as he left with a winter coat and a smile!

Thank you and please pass this thanks on to your congregation. We are truly BLESSED to have your love shine toward our school.

Marianna Cecchini, Principal

Many thanks for the donations of hats, mittens, gloves on the Mitten Tree for Early Childhood Center P.S. 17 and the generous gifts for the Angel Tree. Over 60 children were blessed by this ministry at Holy Trinity. "Santa's Elves" delivered the gifts on Monday, 12/17 and passed out kazoos to all the children of the school in the lunchroom. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Heather Miller.



Faith in Action cont.

The Racial Justice Task Force meets monthly and continues to be a presence in the community through the Peacemakers organization and VOICE Buffalo. Please see Pr. Miller if you would like to participate.

“Sue’s Supper” community dinner continues on the last Wednesday evening of the month. This event continues to gather about 30 community members for food, fellowship and devotions. If you would like to help in the preparation or serving of this meal, please contact Gary Herrreiter, Rebecca Torres or Pastor Brenda.

Each Sunday, 20 bags with items (hats, scarves, mittens) are hung on THE CLOTHESLINE for friends in the community and are usually gone by the next day! This project will continue until mid-March. Monetary donations are always welcome, if you are unable to go shopping. If you have questions, contact Linda Schmidt.



Report of Racial Justice Committee chaired by Barb Wozniak, Pastor Miller

On November 21, a large gathering of community members from the East Side of Buffalo met with Mayor Byron Brown, D.A. John Flynn, and Senator Tim Kennedy to address the violent crime in our city. Several members represented Holy Trinity. The meeting was chaired by Pastor James Giles, leader of Peacemakers and Voice Buffalo. The meeting was held at Mt. Ararat, Refuge Temple on Jefferson Ave.

Over 20 community organizations were present to address the problem of violence in our city. One group went to stores asking them to stop selling knives and guns as toys. Mention was made of the violence in the music and video games listened to by teens 24/7.

Vicki Ross brought up the discrepancy in bail for minority vs other offenders. Pastors spoke of prison ministry and how if a 17 or 18 year old is sentenced to 4 or 5 years in prison, they often come out a full-fledged gang-banger. They need mentors and several churches were doing that, moms, dads, other church groups. Our new WestSide Peacemaker group was recognized as was the well-known East Side Peacemakers. A representative of the Fruit Belt requested a community center for residents and cameras. Currently with high crime there, only one camera exists and that is turned on the Medical Campus. Finally, the Northland Job Training Center was highlighted as a facility that offers hope for youth and a productive life without crime.

A Day in the Life

Membership News

Special Birthdays

Below is a list of our members whose birthdays are in January and February, and are in nursing homes or homebound. We have included addresses if you would like to pass along a birthday message to them. Also, if you know of a member whose birthday we may have missed, please call the church office.

January 6	Merriejann Miller 179 Lafayette Avenue Buffalo NY 14213	February 22	Helen Santi Redstacks 303 Niagara Blvd Fort Erie, Ontario Canada L2A 3H1
January 20	Regina Goodell 1033 Ellicott Street Apt 4 Buffalo NY 14209		

Deaths

Our recently departed family and friends

November 11, 2018 Donna Stutzman (mother of Gail Camilleri)

November 14, 2018 Ronald Schulenberg (brother of Millie Nikischer)

"Blessed are those who die in the name of the Lord. Amen."



Gifts

As we celebrate the season of Epiphany, we remember the gifts the wise men brought to the baby Jesus. If you could give Jesus a gift, what would it be? You can, you know, and you actually already do. Because your congregation sends a portion of your offering to the Synod, you give gifts to Jesus all over the world. Jesus, in the form of a teenager from Central America who is in the United States because he fears for his life at home (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunity). Jesus, in the form of a family in California who just lost everything in the wild fires (Lutheran Disaster Relief). Jesus, who lives in Zimbabwe and has a school to go to thanks to you (World Hunger). Jesus, a student at college who is lonely and looking for guidance (Campus Ministry). Jesus, a refugee at the border (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). Jesus, a seminary student who can't pay her tuition (Fund for Leaders). All these ministries, and many more, are funded by Mission Support. If you'd like to learn more, go to ELCA.org and click on the "Our Work" tab.

May God bless this New Year, and each congregation and member in their commitment to do God's Work with Our Hands.

We are church together for the sake of the world.

Memorial Bricks Still Available

The Garden Veranda at Holy Trinity is a new space that has been built into our North lawn alongside Main Street. The Veranda provides a gathering space for the community all around us – a place to sit and rest, a place to enjoy lunch outside, a place to connect again with God and others.

We hope to gather as a congregation in the Veranda for special occasions and small, outdoor worship opportunities. There will be a fountain in the center of the Veranda where we may celebrate the gift of Baptism.

Memorial Bricks may now be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one.

The Details:

Small Bricks \$45.00 2 Lines, 12 characters per line (including spaces)

Example:

In Memory of John Smith

Large Bricks \$60.00 3 Lines, 12 characters per line (including spaces)

Example:

In Honor of Grandpa We love you

Please complete the form below and return to the Church Office with your **check made payable to Holy Trinity** with “Memorial Brick” marked in the subject line, or call the Church Office if you have any questions. It will be nice to give God thanks and praise from our Garden Veranda! Space is limited, order your Memorial Bricks today! Please use one order form per brick.

Your Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Circle One: Small Brick *2-lines* \$45 Large Brick *3-lines* \$60

Complete Dedication Message:

Winter Tips

It is winter time again, and we all know it! We did not even have an “Indian Summer” in October. We just had plenty of rain and then right into winter. Well, I just want to remind you of a few winter tips.

Before you go out the door, put your gloves on first. Many of us start to put them on as we are going out the door and start to walk. This is not a good habit because your mind is distracted and not paying attention to your steps. This can result in a fall.

Wear boots or winter shoes that have soles that are for winter snow. Many have little treads that are like your snow tires. They grip the snow and prevent sliding and falls.

Take small steps when walking on snow or ice. My husband use to say “Baby steps, Judy, Baby steps, Judy”. He was right and I try to remember his words when walking in winter.

When getting out of a vehicle, look before you put your feet down and start to stand. “Black Ice” is a killer and you will find it more in plowed or shoveled driveways and parking lots. More falls are on black ice in winter.

Please always wear appropriate clothing, a warm jacket or coat, hat and gloves. If you are not warm, you may start to shiver and start to walk fast and again be distracted in your walking.

Always take care of your overall health, this may lower your chances of falling. Most of the time falls just do not happen, there is always an underlying reason. If you are older, ask your doctor for a mineral and bone density test. It will tell you if your bones are weak. If it shows your bones are weak, your doctor will advise you on steps to take.

Stay physically active. Plan an exercise program that is right for you. Regular exercise makes you stronger and improves muscles. It also helps keep your joints, tendons, and ligaments flexible. Mild weight bearing activities, such as walking or climbing stairs, may slow bone loss from osteoporosis.

Have your eyes and hearing tested often. Even small changes in sight can put you at risk for falling. When you get new glasses, take time to get use to them. Always wear your glasses if you need them. If you have a hearing aid, be sure it fits right and wear it.

Find out about the side effects of any medicine you take. If a drug makes you sleepy or dizzy, tell your doctor.

Get enough sleep. If you are sleepy, you are more likely to fall. And if you do not feel well, stay home.

Limit the amount of alcohol you drink. Even a small amount can affect your balance. In winter, more people like to drink wine because of the warm feeling going down.

Lastly, as we get older, an emergency monitoring system is very important for one's safety. Get the one that can be used outside. If you go out shopping and are in a parking lot and fall, it can be a life saver.

I do hope these tips will help you stay safe this winter.

Judy Reifsteck
Faith Community Nurse



Food Pantry Update

Thank you to the members of Holy Trinity who have faithfully supported our outreach to the Food Pantry of the Network of Religious Communities.



Throughout this past year we have given an average of 40 bags of non-perishable food each month.

And about 30 man-hours a month are provided by our teams on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Thank you to Barb Wozniak and Carol Rockhill who recently resigned from the Tuesday team. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

So many people, individuals and families face hunger when their life circumstances may result in job loss, homelessness, unexpected illness or other losses. It is a blessing to be able to share and support God's children in need.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Looking for one or two volunteers to help on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The Pantry is open from 10-2 and the helpers usually are there from 10-12 or 12:30. Please contact Donna Leiser 862-0606 or 868-3862 if you feel called to serve in this way!

Food donations help our Pastors with emergency bags as well as those that go to the NRC.

Items needed. Easy open tops preferred. Canned fruits, vegetables, tuna fish, and meats, cereal, Mac and cheese, pasta and sauce. Ready to eat meals (ex. Chef Boyardee spaghetti)

You may also donate directly to the NRC. These gifts allow the Food for All coordinator, Kelly Kowalski, to purchase food items.

Once again thank you.



HT Needlers will not be meeting in January, but will resume in February with a Potluck Dinner. The event will be held in the Fellowship Room on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm to enjoy each other's tasty contributions. A brief meeting will be held to discuss upcoming programs and needs of the various ministries we support. Please join us if you are able!

Several members have participated in making "chemo caps" for the American Cancer Society. Karen Howard delivered 24 caps recently and would like to continue this ministry. All sizes are needed but should be made with soft acrylic yarn. Questions about this project should be directed to Karen Howard.

Prayer shawls continue to be made and distributed to members and friends in the community. Shawls were included in the 10 boxes of food that were delivered at Christmas for the needy. If you would like a shawl for someone in need, please contact: Ruth Schmidt, Elizabeth Vihnanek or the church office.

Our cardmaking ministry continues monthly with the Tuesday evening meetings. This ministry is lead by Angie Bavaro.

Plans are being made for the Women of ELCA Niagara Frontier Conference Spring Assembly. Please watch for flyers on the bulletin boards and announcements in the weekly bulletin.



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JANUARY 2019

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 Epiphany of Our Lord 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Degreening of the church/Coffee Hour	7 9:30 Bible Study	1 <i>Happy New Year</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:30 Brewed Faith 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	3 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	4	5
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13 Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Annual Meeting 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:30 Annual Meeting 11:45 Potluck Luncheon 12:00 Confirmation Class 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	14 9:30 Bible Study	15 3:30 Joyful Noise 6:00 Executive Meeting 7:00 Community Music Chorus	16 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	17 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	18	19 7:00 Community Choral Concert
20 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 11:30 Haiti Meeting 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day Observed</i>	22 3:30 Joyful Noise 6:00 Council Meeting 7:00 Community Music Chorus	23 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	24 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	25	26
27 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 Service of Holy Communion/chapel choir 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 BNYC Concert	28 9:30 Bible Study	29 3:30 Joyful Noise 7:00 Community Music Chorus	30 5:30 Community Meal 6:00 BNYC Rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	31 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON		

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School / Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 12:00 Confirmation Class 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	11 9:30 Bible Study	12 3:30 Joyful Noise 7:00 Community Music Chorus	13 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	14 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16
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What's Happening in LYO?

While the LYO year kicked started this past September, we are definitely looking forward to what 2019 brings. For the fall start we hosted a family meal, did some community service with 716 ministries and Jericho Road, sold some apple pies (thanks again!) and ended with a hopefully new annual tradition of ice skating and Christmas Party!

Plans for the remainder of the winter and spring are being made! Outings will include tubing at Holiday Valley (tentatively set for Jan. 19), more ice skating, possibly rafting and more community service! Be on the lookout for the upcoming schedule!

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