My View From Here

Swimming in a pool, in the middle of winter, is luxurious to me.

Our family belongs to the Town of Tonawanda – Youth, Parks, & Recreation Aquatic Center. What this means is, as a resident within the town, we have a discounted membership by which Heather and I can take advantage of the gym facilities and our whole family can take the opportunity to go for a swim.

For my part, I like swimming twice a week, as a way to exercise on days when I’m not running.

It feels luxurious.

I mean, it is luxurious. What a privilege it is in the first place to be able to be a “member” of the pool center. What a privilege it is for us as a family to be able to afford this amenity of life. What a luxury to swim indoors when it is freezing outside!

So when it’s cold and the sun has not yet risen on a new day, and the waters are all around me, I’m reminded of the abundance of all my gifts.

But so often in our lives we are not mindful of our abundance, but are rather concerned out of a sense of scarcity. We are measured, calculating the cost of everything – time, energy, resources. Rosamund and Benjamin Zander, in their book, The Art of Possibility, write that we live in a “world of measurement” where the assumption is that “life is about staying alive and making it through – surviving in a world of scarcity and peril.”

In the world of scarcity where every element is measured (and therefore has the possibility of ‘coming up short’) we are afraid of anyone else getting a bigger piece of the pie than we do. However, when our world is expanded, to a universe of possibility, then “the pie is enormous, and if you take a slice, the pie is whole again.”

At Holy Trinity our council leadership has been looking at practicing the “Art of Possibility.” We want to imagine what God is up to in our community if we are willing to be open, to say yes, to imagine without limitations, to design new forms, constructs, paradigms, to take risks.
My View From Here cont.

This is a paradigm shift from a world of scarcity to a universe of abundance. Isn’t that what Christ has in store for us in baptism? That through the waters of new birth we might have life everlasting, and life abundant!

Our baptismal life – our water-life – is luxurious. Like my morning swim, the waters of baptism flow all around us, renewing us, refreshing us. This water-life, this baptismal-life, is luxurious!! Because Christ first loved us, we have an abundance of grace, love to go around. Living this water-life, all things are possible – together, let us step out boldly into this universe of possibility!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Lee

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**Vacation Bible School**

Welcome to “On Earth As in Heaven” Holy Trinity’s Vacation Bible School Program provided through ELCA World Hunger. The theme for this program comes from the Lord’s Prayer, and each of the five days of the program focuses on a different petition from the Lord’s Prayer and a related Bible verse.

“On Earth As in Heaven” invites children and adults to (re-) experience the Lord’s Prayer and to see the connections between prayer and service in the world. As the church prays and plays together, we also serve together and walk together toward a just world where all are fed. The stories for each day lift up church and communities around the world who are prayerfully and powerfully doing their part in this work, while celebrating the diversity with which God has gifted the world.

Vacation Bible School has a **NEW DATE**! VBS will be held the week of **JULY 27-31**. VBS is open to children in grades Pre-K through 6. More information to follow.
A Word from Pastor Brenda

Well, so much for my reflection time this month. As we move towards Lent and the Easter season, planning seems to pick up and it feels like there are times that I’m busier than others. That there aren’t enough hours in the day or days in the week. It comes and goes, ebbs and flows, like seasons in nature. But perhaps this is just what I needed (minus the stress that comes with an uptick of activities), to spend time in the business of pre-Lent preparation.

Usually, when you think about Lent many associate that with fasting. And yes, while fasting can be a Lenten practice that one can participate in, there are other ways to “fast” during Lent. Lent is a season to help us see that the embrace of God is the most fundamental of our lives. Lent offers us the opportunity to put things in their proper perspective. Martin Luther said, “That the thing in which you put your ultimate trust is your God.”

So if Lent is a time in which we turn from all other embraces to the embrace of Christ Jesus, than yes, I guess you could equate Lent to fasting. But it is so much more, it is not just the act of “giving something up” there is the underlying reason as to why we abstain from such things. Usually the time and energy spent on these things which we choose to fast from are to be redirected to the time we spend in building and strengthening are relationship with God. Many people “give something up” in order to spend more time in prayer or study, perhaps even focusing on service.

In Lent, instead of giving up a bad habit (let’s be real, you should probably be giving that up regardless) try to focus on giving up something that is good or you enjoy for a little while. Perhaps in giving up something good, that you can do without for a short while and that you will miss, might provide a “speed bump” calling you to prayer, service or study.

So, you may be asking what this all has to do with my laments over my busy life. Well for me, my goal is to find at least 15 minutes each day to do something just for me, for a time of peaceful meditation perhaps with a small devotion. 15 minutes a day to reset myself from the world around me. I know it doesn’t necessarily look like a “traditional” fast, but somewhere along the way I am going to have to “give up something” to make room for the 15 minutes, because like I said before, there are days when it feels like there aren’t enough hours in the day and it will require me to stop and prioritize my day to look for these 15 minutes, as extra minutes in the day aren’t a thing.

Happy Lent, I hope you are able to find something during Lent to assist you in strengthening and nourishing your relationship with God.

Pastor Brenda Maynor

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Reminder:
Daylight savings time begins on March 8.
Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.
What's Happening in LYO?

The National Youth Gathering is coming up so that means that many of our activities will be geared toward getting ready for our trip to Lutherland... Minneapolis!! We are planning on having our first interest meeting in May/June; be on the lookout for more information on upcoming meetings!

Upcoming dates include the following:

March 15- St. Patrick’s Parade Parking (following church)
April 6-Family Seder Meal
April-10-Family Good Friday Service (3:00pm **Note new time**)  

Other upcoming events include our Allentown Parking and our Plant Sale, information on the plant sale is included in the newsletter.

Just a reminder, that our fundraisers go towards our mission fund which helps to support our efforts in mission work in Buffalo and beyond and helps to support our participation in the Youth Gatherings!

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It's Camp Time!!!

Camp season is right around the corner and that means that LCLC camp registrations are now open! LCLC offers 6 weeks of camp throughout the summer starting in June and going through the first week of August. These weeks offer a variety of camping opportunities for most of our youth, from Horse Camp to Classic Youth, Confirmation to Senior High, Sailing to Night Owls 2.0 to Mini Camp and Sailing! Pastor Brenda will be teaching during confirmation camp week (July 12-17). If you would like to attend any of the camps offered by LCLC, you may register via brochure or website www.lclcenter.org. Limited brochures can be found on the tables at the entrance way. Confirmation Camp registrations are due by June 1st, please see Pr. Brenda to register for Confirmation Camp or with any questions related to camp. Camperships are available.

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LYO Annual Plant Sale

The Annual LYO Plant Sale is here! The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 16th. Order forms can be found by speaking to any LYO member, on the tables in the entrance ways, seeing Pastor Brenda, or on our website. Orders are due back to the church Sunday, April 4th. Proceeds from the sale go towards the LYO Mission Fund, which helps to support the mission work of our youth group including supporting the Youth Gathering.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church strives to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all. We are excited to announce that our Sunday School program is Safegatherings certified.

As part of our efforts to establish reasonable guidelines for all programs and activities involving youth, we now require all volunteers to be certified through the Safe Gatherings abuse prevention and boundary awareness program. This course includes a background investigation, on-line instruction, and a brief 10 question test. The entire process takes approximately 2 hours, and the cost is covered by Holy Trinity. If you need assistance or do not have access to a computer, you may make arrangements to complete the course in the church office with support from either of the pastors. All your information is held confidential by the Safe Gatherings program and will not be disclosed to anyone at Holy Trinity.

If you are interested in helping out or volunteering for any program or activity working with children, please follow these steps for the Safegatherings training. For additional information, please contact one of the pastors.

**Steps for certification:**

1. Go to [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com)
   a. Click on the red “Get Started” box in the upper right corner.

2. Register
   a. Hints (Type of organization- Church/Faith Based, Denomination – Lutheran, Applicant type-Volunteer, Do not check the DMV box unless you are a designated HT driver)

3. Please provide two references with their contact information. *It is important to note that Pastor Miller, Pastor Maynor CANNOT be used as references, and neither can I.*

4. Ensure ALL information is accurate and correct before submitting.

5. You will be directed to an online training. **THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED.** You will be notified when your checks are completed. Certification is valid for 2 years.

More information can be found at [info@safegatherings.com](mailto:info@safegatherings.com).

*Susan Bundt*
A Note from the Council President....

I would like to express a heartfelt Thank You to our former Council President Kurt Kaufmann whose term ended this January. Kurt’s steady and faithful leadership has served our congregation well and I will most certainly miss him around the Council desk!

A big Welcome to our new council members Kathy Crissey and Raúl Saona! They are both serving our congregation in many ways already and I am thankful that they decided to dedicate even more of their time and talent to our church!

I am honored to serve as President for the coming year. I am excited yet, at the same time, also a bit nervous – Robert’s Rules are daunting!

Most importantly, however, I would like to invite all of you to share your ideas, criticisms, praise or inspirations with me or any council member. We are here to serve the congregation and the wellbeing of every one of you is important to us.

On the weekend of February 8th, council members spent Friday evening and most of the day on Saturday on a retreat here at Holy Trinity. The purpose was to deepen our relationships and to get to know each other better. During our time together we prayed for all of our members, reading aloud each name listed in our Church directory. Pastors Lee and Brenda took time to teach concepts such as ‘Growth Mindset’ vs. ‘Fixed Mindset’ and we explored our passions in life – the things that ignite in us a ‘spark’ and fill us with joy. We started discussing the book “The Art of Possibility – Transforming Professional and Personal Life” by Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander. Council will work with this book throughout the year. Pastor Brenda shared beautiful devotions from the book: “Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals,” by Shane Claiborne. I can recommend both books if you are looking for something new to read!

It is my hope that all who enter into our church and community will find a warm welcome, inspiration, hospitality and teachings that will lead to growth in faith and in love toward one another.

Yours in Christ,

Uli MacDonald

Eucharistic Minister Training

Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or being a member who visits the homebound in our Holy Trinity community? You are invited to join us for Eucharistic Minister training! The training is open to both new members and returning members of our home communion team. We will spend the morning learning about what it means to offer communion at home and just what to do when you go. You will also have the chance to pick the brains of those who have been serving in this role. The training will take place on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Room. Please RSVP by calling the church office no later than Wednesday, April 15. Please see Pastor Brenda for more information.
**Come to the Table classes**, communion education, will take place in a two-part series of family classes on **April 26 and May 3**, following the 10:30 service.

Every child grows and matures at his/her own pace. As parents, you know when your child is interested and ready to learn more about the sacrament of Communion (generally around grade 2).

Following the classes, the children will participate in a **celebration** of Communion Education on **May 12** at the 10:30 Worship Service.

*If you feel your child is ready to learn more about Communion, please contact the church office and make reservations for the classes.*

*All children are welcome to receive at the Lord’s table at any time, regardless of age or of attendance at classes.*
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 yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Lent is around the corner and if you are contemplating how to make this time before Easter more meaningful, I invite you to consider the abundant service opportunities right here at Holy Trinity. Many of our long-term members are already sharing generously of their time and talent but if you are newer to our congregation and wonder where you might fit in, I hope that some of the following suggestions might spark your interest:

If you are already attending our Sunday worship service ... why not serve as an usher, a reader, help with communion or set up the altar once in a while? If helping ‘behind the scenes’ would suit you better ... then coffee hour set-up/clean-up might be the right fit. If you love to sing hymns ... try out Chapel Choir! There are just two one hour practices per month with one performance at the 8:30am service and, while doing so, you are receiving free voice training from our highly talented Choir Master Justin Pomietlarz! If you are into arts and crafts ... you might enjoy the Prayer Shawl or the Card Making ministries. If you like to cook and feed people ... help Garry Herrnreiter serve Sue’s Supper once a month, cook a meal for the Kevin Guest House or Family Promise, assemble burritos for the hungry on Buffalo’s streets, prepare soup and sandwiches for the Thursday Lenten program or join our food pantry team. If activism is more your ‘cup of tea’ ... our Faith in Action team can teach you how to become an advocate for social change. If you are an expert in your field ... would you share your knowledge and enthusiasm at our Sunday Forum?

Jesus’ ministry was one of service and maybe our Lenten Practice for this year can be one of service to others and the church we love!

Yours in Christ,

Uli MacDonald
**Fellowship and Hospitality**

Plans for spring and summer are taking shape. Keep the following events on your calendars.

Our second paint night will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 6:30pm. Each participant will paint the same picture with help from an instructor. You need not be an accomplished artist to have success. It’s a night of fun and fellowship and you will find that you do have some artistic ability. The cost is $40 per person with a portion of the proceeds going to the LYO to offset some of the cost for their trip to next summer’s youth gathering. Please call the church office to make your reservations.

The committee will once again be sponsoring the Easter breakfast. The breakfast runs between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

The LYO plant sale will be starting soon. This year’s pick up day will be Saturday, May 16th. That same day we will be planting the gardens around the campus (weather permitting) beginning at 9:00 am. This is a big undertaking and we can use all the help we can get. Lunch will be served to all who participate. We hope to see you there.

Finally. This year’s golf outing is scheduled for Monday, July 20th.

Meetings are open to all. Check your Sunday bulletin or go to the church’s web site for more information.

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**A Day in the Life**

**Membership News**

**Special Birthdays**

Below is a list of our members whose birthdays are in March and April 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.

April 12 Betty Hutcheson
Greenfields
5949 Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086

**Baptisms**

February 16, 2020 Jonathan Schliefer Schoen, son of Jill Schliefer-Schneggenburger and Joseph Schoen. Sponsors are Crystal Gramse and Keith Roesch.
Faith Formation classes for children from pre-school through grade 6 continue each week during the 10:30 Worship service. All children, including visitors, are welcome to attend.*

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3.*

Upcoming dates:

- Multigenerational Seder - April 6, 2020 @ 6:00pm
- Good Friday Family Service - April 10 @ 3:00pm
- Family Event - date TBD - watch the bulletin for more information.
- Come to the Table classes - April 26 & May 3 following the 10:30 service
- Come to the Table Celebration - May 10 @ 10:30 am
- Youth Sunday - May 10 @ 10:30 am
- Children’s Community Service Day - date TBD
- Vacation Bible School - July 27 - 31, 2020 - Look for more information from Pastor Brenda about this new program.

*(Sunday school staff and caregivers are all required to be Safegatherings certified.)
Please join us as we gather together for a Passover Seder on Monday April 6, at 6:15 pm in Redeemer Hall.

Passover is a teaching experience, intended to call all people to their identity as the people of God. The Seder is a symbolic meal that celebrates the passage of the Jewish people from a time of bondage to a time of freedom and calls the participants to experience and share in the story. Jesus celebrated such a Passover Seder with His disciples at the Last Supper. The Passover Seder reminds us that in every age, we must do whatever we can to help those who are held captive by meanness.

During the Seder, we will eat special foods that retell the story of the Israelite’s exodus from Egypt and pray the same prayers Jesus prayed as He celebrated Passover at the Last Supper. The Seder involves everyone present and the children will help tell the story.

The Seder foods are meant to help bring the story to life. A “family-friendly” meal will be served at the conclusion of the Seder.

This is a wonderful Holy Week experience for everyone and we hope you can be with us!

Please call the church office or complete the bottom section by April 1st, to make reservations.

Please place in the collection basket or mail to the church office before April 1, 2020

Reservations for Passover Seder April 6, 2020 6:15 pm

Family Name ____________________________

Number Attending ____________________________
Clothesline Project

A basic annual report on the Clothesline in front of our church would give you the following statistics: From October 20, 2019 through February 16, 2020, these items were made available to those in need: 90 each of socks, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens. Also 51 Thrivent “Act Generously” Tee shirts for a total of 441 items. With four more weeks to go as of this writing, there will be an additional 80+ items added to this total. This information on its own tells you only so much. For a broader understanding of what this clothesline means to our surrounding community, here are a few short stories:

One gentleman I encounter periodically is very grateful for what our church provides. He praises us for our generosity and I assure him it is not me and Dave who put them out each Sunday after the 8:30 service, but the wonderful, loving members of our church. He told me that he has come to our dinner in the past and needs to come again. He was referring to Sue’s Supper, our monthly outreach to the neighboring community.

Another gentleman was walking by one morning and asked about socks, but when offered, changed his mind and walked on. The same man I previously referenced pointed out to me that this man had no hat and wondered if I had a hat I could give him. So, I grabbed a knit hat and hurried to the man walking on and offered it to him. He first asked if it would fit and once I assured him it would, he put it on and continued on his way a bit better protected from a cold Buffalo Sunday. When I returned to the clothesline, I thanked the man who was still there for pointing out to me another’s need. It’s wonderful how God’s love is spread.

One woman I’ve met told me she likes to take a few items from our clothesline to the Boy’s Club because “they collect things there.” Perhaps this is her way of giving what little she has to help others.

Because of your generosity, The Burrito Project has been able to take many of your donated items and have passed them out to the homeless and those in need a bit farther away from our church location.

These are but a few of the encounters with others that all of us at Holy Trinity make possible. It is God’s love shown through all of us that help to spread His word. So, with God as our guide throughout our lives, the time has come to change what we do from merely a Project to becoming a Clothesline of Love! Praise be to God to each of you as we minister here as this amazingly generous congregation.

Mary Linda Schmidt.
MUSIC at HOLY TRINITY presents

Jake Runestad
Composer-in-Residence

INTO THE LIGHT
for Chorus and Chamber Orchestra

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir and Friends
Justin F. Pomietlarz, conductor

Written in 2017, INTO THE LIGHT was commissioned by Valparaiso University in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

The work will be presented throughout the Service with the composer in attendance.

Reception to follow in Redeemer Hall.

Sunday, Lent V
March 29, 2020
10:30 AM Service

Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
1080 Main St.
Buffalo, NY
Music at Holy Trinity
Spring 2020 Calendar of Events
Justin Pomicetlarz, choirmaster
Kristen Pomicetlarz, organist

Orchard Park Chorale
David Curtis, conductor
Sunday, February 23, 2020
10:30 AM Service

On Transfiguration Sunday, we welcome the Orchard Park Chorale under the direction of David Curtis. The Orchard Park Chorale is a 50+ voice choir and will be accompanied by the Rockwell Brass Quintet.

The Genevans
from Geneva College, PA
David Kenneth Smith, conductor
Friday, March 6, 2020
7:30 PM

The Genevans, the student choir of Geneva College, exists to glorify God and minister to people through the gift of music. Founded in 1938, the choir continues a rich heritage of choral singing dating from the early years of the college over a half century ago. The mission of the Genevans is to engage audiences while glorifying God and ministering with important spiritual truth. Over their history, the Genevans have acquired a reputation for choral excellence, musical variety, and spiritual impact. The choir sings works of Henry Purcell, Isaac Watts, Philip Stopford, Paul Christiansen, Paul Manz, as well four new compositions.

Vocális Chamber Choir
James Burritt, conductor
Sunday, March 15, 2020
4:00 PM

Vocális is thrilled to present their program CONTEMPORARY VOICES, honoring the creative craft of composition, featuring a premiere chosen from Vocális’ composer submission contest.

The concert will also celebrate works by WNY composers Caroline Malloné, Cary Ratliff, and Roland Martin, with special performances by the Amherst HS Concert Chorale, the Grand Island HS Choir, and the choirs from Lewiston-Porter HS.

Jake Runestad
Grammy-nominated composer-in-residence
Sunday, March 29, 2020
10:30 AM Service

featuring Jake Runestad’s
Into the Light
with Chamber Orchestra

On March 29th, we welcome Jake Runestad as our composer-in-residence at the 10:30 service. Runestad is a Grammy nominated and frequently-performed composer of “highly imaginative” (Baltimore Sun) and “stirring and uplifting” (Miami Herald) musical works. He will be with the Chancel Choir in rehearsal and with our congregation at the 10:30 service. Runestad believes that music has the power to initiate positive change and creates musical works that are socially conscious and explore authentic human emotions and experiences. Conductors, performers, and audiences continue to praise his music for its ability to connect with the head and the heart. Don’t miss this exciting worship service!
EASTER Triduum Services with Full Choir

Maundy Thursday: April 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Good Friday: April 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday: April 12, 2020
  8:30 AM in the Mansperger Chapel
  9:45 AM Pre-Service Music
  10:30 AM Festival Service
  with Brass and Percussion

Buffalo Master Chorale
Buffalo Niagara Youth Choir

Sunday, May 17, 2020
4:00 PM

In their final concert of the season the Master Chorale and the Youth Chorus will collaborate in a showcase of exceptional talents. Conducted by Jaman E. Dunn and Kristen Smith.

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir

Byrd: Mass for Four Voices
Justin T. Pomietlarz, conductor
Kristen Pomietlarz, organ
Sunday, May 3, 2020
1:30 PM

The Chancel Choir will perform William Byrd’s Mass for Four Voices, as well as works by Arvo Pärt, Sarah Quartel, and Kim Andre Arnesan. Organist Kristen Pomietlarz will also perform works on our beloved Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ.

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir

Bach: Cantata BWV 176
Es ist ein trostig und verzagt Ding
Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020
10:30 AM Service

The Chancel Choir performs Bach’s Cantata 176 Es ist ein trostig und verzagt Ding (There is something defiant and fainthearted), composed 1725 for Holy Trinity Sunday, with chamber orchestra.

Aurora Deeds, soprano
Maria Parker, mezzo-soprano
Timothy Flynn, Bass

Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Bach: Magnificat BWV 243
Robert Cohen: Alzheimer’s Stories
Adam Leubke, conductor
Sunday, June 7, 2020
3:00 PM

The BPO Chorus and Orchestra present a fascinating program featuring Robert Cohen’s Alzheimer’s Stories. The work is in three movements the arc of which loosely mimics the progression of the disease.

“Find those you love in the dark and light.
Help them through the days and nights.
Keep faith. They sense what they cannot show.
Love and music are the last things to go.
Sing anything.”
Holy Trinity Needlers Prayer Shawl ministry continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30pm. The 15th anniversary meeting in January of the ministry celebrated that more than 875 shawls have been provided! If you’re able to join us, bring a dinner for yourself for fellowship time. We will be working on shawls, etc. so if you’re working on a project, also bring it along!

SAVE THE DATES!
Plans are in the works for Spring Assembly at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 9, 2020 and Fall Assembly on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at St. Paul’s Ellicottville. Fall Assembly will be a joint event with the Southwestern Conference. More information will be provided in the bulletin, church paper and flyers on bulletin boards as it becomes available. Any questions can be directed to Ruth Schmidt or Barb Wozniak.

FAITH IN ACTION

This committee continues to support Family Promise with donations of food for the families in residence. Thanks to all the members who have donated to the dinner in February. If you’d like more info on Family Promise, check out their website (fpwny.org) or contact Linda Schmidt or Barb Wozniak.

The Clothesline project continues to provide 20 items each week from mid-October to mid-March. (socks, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens). A Thrivent grant provided funding to supplement the generous support of items from the congregation and friends. Thanks to all who have donated to this ministry.

Many donations of food have also been made to the Network of Religious Communities food pantry. Several members donate time to stock shelves and prepare bags of groceries. More information can be obtained through a conversation with Donna Leiser.
Paint Night

Join us on Sunday March 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm in Redeemer Hall for *Let your Little Light Shine!* This Rock-in’ Robin painting event is a fundraiser to help send members of our youth group to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. All art supplies, instruction, and snacks are provided. No experience is necessary. Tickets are $40 at the door (cash), with half of the proceeds going directly to the youth group. RSVP by contacting the church office. Seats are limited to 40, so reserve your canvas now!

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BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, March 22 from 9am to 1pm, Connect Life will be here at Holy Trinity for our blood drive. Connect Life use to be UNYTS and they have done our blood drives in the past.

Connect Life is the primary supplier of blood to Kaleida Health, ECMC, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, Eastern Niagara Health, Wyoming County Community Health System, Olean General Hospital, Brooks Memorial Hospital and TLC Health Net Works. As WNY’s only community blood bank, it is our responsibility to answer the call for blood products to ANY hospital in need. So much help from blood donors is needed all the time. So Holy Trinity, it is your time to step up for WNY. You never know when you may need blood, and you would hope the blood will be there for you. One pint of blood saves 3 lives, the platelets will go to heal cancer patients, red blood cells will be used in surgeries and accident victims. Plasma will be used in chronically ill patients to hydrate.

You can donate if you are at least 17 years old in most states. If you are 16 years old, you will need parental consent. You must weigh at least 110 lbs. Additional height and weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors. Once you are 76 years old, you will need permission from an MD. If you have some health issues, you just need to let them know, an MD is available to call, on sight if need be, to answers any questions.

At this time, there is a shortage of blood in this area. Please consider the call. I will be available after the services on March 15 and March 22 to help schedule donors.

God Bless you all, and thank you for donating.

*Judy Reifsteck*
Introducing:
THE LENTEN
TOILET-PAPER DRIVE CHALLENGE!!!

Did you know that families who live with food scarcity, including fifty-percent of children in the City of Buffalo, do not always have the means to have basic household items? Toilet Paper becomes a luxury.

Parkside Lutheran Church has extended us a challenge for the season of Lent.

How many rolls of toilet paper can we collect?

Bring donations of Toilet Paper to Holy Trinity through the season of Lent and we will stack them to watch our progress. At the end of the season donations will be given to our local food banks and food shelves.

Together, let’s wipe out this problem in Western New York!

(Yeah, we went there.)
**Thursday Lenten Lunches**

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Lenten Hospitality Team (help set up/serve/clean up) and to serve as Lunch Hosts (provide soups/sandwiches, serve). This year's Lenten lunches will be soup and sandwiches. If interested in making soup or helping serve, please contact Pastor Brenda or click on [https://forms.gle/wVgeMhpQHSTC71zG6](https://forms.gle/wVgeMhpQHSTC71zG6) to sign up.

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John Busch, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Charles Ryniec, Steward of Buildings and Grounds
Lenten and Easter Worship

Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity
(3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2)
12:10 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Lenten Lunch

Palm Sunday, April 5
8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10
7:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions and Breakfast

Monday, April 6
6:30 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday, April 9
**7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/striping of the altar w/Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 10
**3:00 p.m.** Family Service
**7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 12
8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group
9:45 a.m. Pre-service music
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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| **8:30 Service of Holy Communion** | 8:30 Service of Holy Communion | 9:30 Bible Study | 12:00 Women at the Well | 10:00 Staff Meeting | 12:00 Worship Service | 9:00 Vocalis |
| **9:30 Sunday Forum** | 9:30 Sunday Forum | 12:00 Confirmation Class | 10:00 Wednesday Morning Musicales | 10:00 Wednesday Morning Musicales | 12:30 Lenten Lunch | |
| **10:30 Service of Holy Communion** | 10:30 Service of Holy Communion | 12:00 Confirmation Class | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 7:00 Chancel Choir | |
| **10:30 Sunday School/Nursery** | 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 6:00 Vocalis | 7:00 Chancel Choir | |
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| **Third Sunday in Lent** | 15    | 16     | 17      | 18       | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| **8:30 Service of Holy Communion** | 8:30 Service of Holy Communion | 9:30 Bible Study | 5:30 Sue’s Supper | 12:00 Worship Service | 12:30 Lenten Lunch | 12:00 AA/AL-ANON |
| **9:30 Sunday Forum** | 9:30 Sunday Forum | 5:30 Sue’s Supper | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 12:00 Worship Service | 12:30 Lenten Lunch | 12:00 AA/AL-ANON |
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| **Fourth Sunday in Lent** | 22    | 23     | 24      | 25       | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| **8:30 Service of Holy Communion** | 8:30 Service of Holy Communion | 9:30 Bible Study | 6:00 Council Meeting | 10:00 Staff Meeting | 12:00 Worship Service | |
| **w/chapel choir** | w/chapel choir | 11:00 Worship Meeting | 6:00 Council Meeting | 10:00 Staff Meeting | 12:00 Worship Service | |
| **9:00 Blood Drive** | 9:00 Blood Drive | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 6:00 BNYC rehearsal | 12:00 Worship Service | |
| **10:30 Service of Holy Communion** | 10:30 Service of Holy Communion | 6:30 Wednesday Evening Service | 6:30 Wednesday Evening Service | 6:30 Wednesday Evening Service | 12:00 Worship Service | |
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<p>| <strong>Fifth Sunday in Lent</strong> | 29    | 30     | 31      |          |          |        |          |
| <strong>8:30 Service of Holy Communion</strong> | 8:30 Service of Holy Communion | 9:30 Bible Study | 11:30 Recording |          |          |        |          |
| <strong>9:30 Sunday Forum</strong> | 9:30 Sunday Forum | 1:00 Explore Buffalo |          |          |          |        |          |
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**Easter Lilies**

The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, please complete the form below and send with a check made payable to “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church” and mail to 1080 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14209, or place in the offering at church on Sunday. There will also be order forms in the back of the church. Please also indicate how you would like the dedication to read: “In memory of...” or “In honor of...” and return along with your check. The cost of the lilies is $10.00 per plant.

Name

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