

A newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church 63-70 Dry Harbor Road Middle Village, NY 11379 Office – 718-335-7300



In person and on Zoom Sunday School Sunday 9:15am Social Time Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 10:30am

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, founded in 1863 and confluent with Ascension, Glendale in 2011. We are a family of Christian believers called together by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to serving God and community. We are followers of the Lord Jesus; in our life together we seek the promise, the love, the peace and the hope, which are God's gifts to us as His people. Our doors and our hearts are open to you in God's name. We invite you to share with us the adventure of faith that unfolds each week at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our fellowship embraces many activities, to which you are most warmly invited.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Church Office: 718-335-7300, 9:45am to 2:45pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS: Zoom meeting ID = 7183357300, password= 11379

- or click on direct link: Trinity Middle Village Zoom

<u>Using a phone</u>, dial +16469313860 When prompted enter the meeting id followed by # 7183357300# When prompted enter the password followed by # 11379#

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# FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to Trinity's online newsletter. It has been a long time since COVID-19 restrictions halted the production of the Trinity Times. Since then we have had to make many adjustments. Worship services were streamed, and council meetings were conducted over Zoom. We had to acquire and learn new technology, a work that is still in progress. We lost some loved ones. We missed being together in person. Slowly and cautiously, we resumed activities with masks and sanitizing. It was a tough three years. Now people are back in the sanctuary and worshiping in person. Our music minister is back at the organ and piano. Scouts have pitched in to make some welcome

improvements to our spaces. Pancakes and sausages were cooked and served from the new kitchen. Already two craft markets have been held. You can enjoy reading all about our events in this newsletter.

All this is good news. Good news because we did not give up hope in the tough times. Our hope is based on our faith that with God's help and in Jesus' name we have a job to do. We are witnesses to God's love for us by loving other people. Sometimes that means finding new ways to do things. Sometimes we need to use whatever resources we have at hand. But our mission remains always the same. In the words of our risen Savior, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34 RSV)

Doris Tegge

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### Notices

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - April 6, at 10:30am MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – April 6, at 7:30pm VIGIL AT THE CROSS – April 7, at 10:30am TENEBRAE OF LIGHT AND DARK– April 7, at 7:30pm MASS OF RESURRECTION – April 9, at 10:30am

**ANNUAL CHRISM MASS SERVICE** - will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:30pm in the Chapel of The Interchurch center at 61 Claremot Ave. in Manhattan.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** - will meet on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL** - will meet on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**FAITHX** - The training session and lunch will be held on May 21 at Trinity Middle Village. Grace Lutheran of Forest Hills is joining us for the learning and sharing experience.

**ENVELOPES** - As you are probably aware, offering envelopes were not issued in January. I have just learned that they have arrived and will be ready for pick up. Pastor had informed me that the Printing Vendor has experienced many problems since COVID. Be assured that any donations that you made have been duly recorded. – Joyce Beaudoin

**WOMEN IN TRINITY** - A new group of women from Trinity and other churches meet at Trinity Middle Village the second Friday of each month at noon. Bring your own lunch. Enjoy fellowship, discussion, and a cookie. For more information <u>click here.</u>

## Look at what's been happening at Trinity!

Rein Olvet dedication and Pancake Breakfast - December 4, 2022



The scouts served up heaping stacks of pancakes to honor Rein Olvet, who used his culinary talent and love of cooking to serve Trinity and the greater community. The new kitchen and professional range were each dedicated with a plaque of honor. And guess who showed up during the meal? Santa!!!

Scout Sunday – February 5, 2023



On Scout Sunday, Boy Scout Troop 106 put on their uniforms and joined Trinity in worship. The scouts acted as ushers, readers and gave a heartwarming and inspirational reading of the 12 principles of the Scout Law.

### Autumn Market - November 19, 2022



TELC had our Flea Market/ Autumn Market for the first time in 9 years and after our recently completed renovations on Saturday, November 19, 2022 in our Parish Hall. We had 34 vendors as well as our own flea market in the lower level/educational area of the church, through donations given to the church over the years. It was quite the undertaking for someone who had never done this before! Thank goodness for those who had helped in the past and gave their input and feedback. Everything was well planned and organized. However it ended up

being the coldest, windiest day of the Autumn Season-which seemed to have affected the foot traffic so it ended up being a little slower than we had hoped! Something we could not control. We are working on learning from this event to make the next one even better! There were fully loaded hotdogs, pretzels, danishes, snacks and even some sweets on hand to sell. The Russo family donated a slew of battered rolls for the event as well! Coffee, tea and hot cocoa were the popular items on the menu due to the cold, chilly weather! We had a variety of themed-baskets on hand in which raffles were being sold and a 50/50 Raffle which helped to raise money for TELC ministries as well. Many thanks to people that donate items in order to create our themed baskets: Cindy, Karyn, Sandy, Christina with Harry's Hardware, Phillies pizzeria, Alex and Massie at Bliss Salon, Met Food Stores. The themed-baskets were personal creations, prepared by me, Sandy Boos. The Boos Family also donated additional gift cards and basket items in order to make each basket fun and unique!

Many thanks goes out to Doris and Renee for helping to make this happen and fielding vendor questions and support. Thanks to all the people that came the day of the event to help and support the Autumn Market in the kitchen: Doris, Karyn, Joyce, Dorothy, Maryann, Bill, and Bob, as well as a huge shout out to the Troop 106 Boy Scouts and head Scout Leader Anthony Zalak who helped shop for and cook the food as well as set up the night before and be present and help on the day of the

event. This event could not have been possible without Mr. Zalak and the Scouts support and manpower! This fundraiser brought in an additional \$1600+ in order to help Trinity Ministries. Thanks to ALL!! -Sandy Boos, TELC Market Coordinator



# Eagle Scout Court of Honor – January 7, 2023



On Saturday, January 7, 2023 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Boy Scout Troop 106 hosted the first Eagle Scout Ceremony in over 3 years. Scout Master Anthony Zalak was the master of ceremonies for the event. There were three inductees as Eagle Scouts, due to their competition of all requirements for Scouting's highest rank. The inductees were: Kevin Plut, Alexander Alexandrov

Dimitrov, and Harry Ivanov Markov. The ceremony consisted of all the inductees and their parents. Due to the pandemic, a long overdue full dinner buffet celebration was available for all participants, families and friends at the event and was provided on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 106. Also in attendance were other Eagle Scouts that had previously earned the same highest rank in the past. Eagle Scout Attendees went back as far as 1968!

In order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a life Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Be able to tell how they have done their duty to God and live the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their everyday life and how their understanding of the Scout Oath and Scout Law will guide their lives for the future. They also needed to earn a total of 21 merit badges and have served for 6 months or more in a position of responsibility. Each one of the Scouts needed to propose and complete a service project with a group of individuals they formed in order to help the community in one or more ways. After completion of all of the above, and after turning the age of 18, the Scout must present all of this at the Scout Board of Review in hopes of earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Congratulations to Kevin, Alexander and Harry with completing all of the above and ultimately earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout! Troop 106 and the congregation

of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church are so very proud of you all! I was very honored to be a part of this wonderful and duly deserved celebration.

Submitted by Sandy Boos Chartered Organization Representative For Troop106 at TELC



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 21, 2023

Trinity resumed the tradition of eating pancakes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, called Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday. This tradition dates to Roman times and is an occasion to consume rich and delicious foods before the start of the Lenten fast on Ash Wednesday. The Boy Scouts, directed by Sandy Boos went to work in the Trinity kitchen making stacks of pancakes and trays of sausage. Also on offer were other goodies: fresh fruit, frittatas, and pastries. And to top it all off – whipped cream. The Fellowship Hall was decorated in Mardi Gras style, and we listed to New Orleans jazz as we ate.



### Spring Market and Rummage Sale – March 18, 2023



Trinity held another market and craft fair in March. We had 57 vendors, basket raffle, 50/50, hot dogs and refreshments, bargain basement, and music. Sandy Boos did a monumental job of managing and coordinating the affair. Just about all able-bodied Trinity people came out to help or shop, some bringing along friends and relatives. The Boy Scouts helped with some heavy lifting. By all accounts it was

a great success. People from all over came and shopped. Many asked when we were going to have another market. We were able to raise much needed funds for our congregation. Best of all we had a good time working together and it showed. Many, many thanks to all the helpers and supporters.



## Prayer, Bible Study, and Fellowship

### WOMEN IN TRINITY

This is a new group of women in our church. Trinity Women disbanded during COVID, we lost many and others are tired of running a group. Sooo, we came up with Church Women United with a group of women from Trinity and some ladies from various churches. We meet the second Friday of each month at Noon, we bring our lunch, have coffee and maybe a cookie or two. Jeanne Seyffarth runs the program and gives a little talk about a variety of topics that is informative. It is a nice couple of hours with like-minded women and we invite you to join us. – Joyce Beaudoin

### TRINITY WEEKDAY PRAYER GROUP

Monday through Friday, 12:15pm – 1:15pm, on Zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/7183357300</u> password = 11379

MORNING TRINITY BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DON LEMKE

Thursdays, 10:30am, on Zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/7183357300</u> password = 11379, Dial-up +1 646 558 8656

### **EVENING TRINITY BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DON LEMKE**

Wednesdays, 7:00pm, on Zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/7183357300</u> password = 11379, Dial-up +1 646 558 8656

WESTERN QUEENS CONFERENCE PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays, 7:00pm, on Zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/6370126621</u> password = 062145

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WITH HOWARD COHEN, BILL GATI AND DONNA KUHNER Tuesdays, 7:30pm, on Zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/2729059246</u>, Dial-up +1 646 8769923

DAILY PRAYER LINE WITH DCN. INGRID COMPTON

Monday through Friday, 6:00am, Phone# 605-468-8820, access code = 1885702

# **Opportunities for Service**

## TRINITY WORSHIP

Volunteers are needed each Sunday to read the lessons in person or on Zoom. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Eucharist, usher, and deliver communion. Contact Lois Jenkins at <u>council-president@trinitymiddlevillage.org</u>

## HYGIENE BOX

Personal care items such as toothpaste, soap, and shampoo may be put into the Take Something – Leave Something box near the church entrance on 81<sup>st</sup> Street.

# CLOTHING BOX DROP

The large orange container is near the church entrance on Dry Harbor Road. Please do not leave items next to the container. The container is emptied multiple times each week.

# FUTURE MINISTRY

Donations continue to be needed to support our technical ministry. This includes sound and video equipment, streaming, WIFI, and online hosting. The technology enables Trinity to reach out to a wide range of people.

# STEWARDSHIP

In addition to worship service offerings, donations can be made online by clicking the DONATE button on trinitymiddlevillage.org or going directly to tithe.ly

In the Community **STACEY'S PANTRY** 48-08 91<sup>st</sup> Place, Elmhurst Saturdays, 8:00am – 10:00am Contact 917-533-1679 or <u>stjacobuspastor@gmail.com</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/Staceyspantryelmhurst/</u>

FOOD MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES – ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

119-15 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Ozone Park Thursdays 3:00pm-4:pm, sign up by Wednesday Contact 718-845-8770 or <u>foodin11420@gmail.com</u>

# Trinity Leadership

### 2023 COUNCIL

Rev. Don Lemke Dcn. Lois Jenkins - President Dorothy Russo – Vice President Lillian Hoffmann – Treasurer Doris Tegge - Secretary Joyce Beaudoin Sandy Boos Muriel (Didee) Davis Rich Eichinger Genesis Ilagan Dcn. Masayo Kagita Nancy Keicher Bill Muller Cyndy Rooney Karin Spykerman Rich Eichinger

#### **FINANCIAL**

Support needed to continue ministry is estimated at \$3,500 per week to cover salaries, insurance, utilities, and repairs.

#### PROPERTY

One of the two compressors that support our air-conditioning has broken down. The property committee (Helmut and Rick) are looking for someone with expertise to fix it. Otherwise, a new one will need to be purchased.

Thank you to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for recent improvements to the fellowship hall and downstairs education center.

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee meets every month. You may submit your suggestions via the survey and feedback forms available on trinitymiddlevillage.org and here.

### On the Campus

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### AA

AA continues meeting on our campus on Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:30am (open discussions) and Tuesdays (beginners) & Thursdays (step meeting) at 7:30pm. Pray for their ministry of healing.

### CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout troop 106 meets Fridays 7:00-8:00pm in the Education Center. Email: Communications.pack106@gmail.com Website: <u>http://cubscoutpack106.weebly.com/</u>

### **BOY SCOUTS**

Boy Scout troop 106 meets Fridays 7:30pm in the Education Center.

### **GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scout troop 04633 meets Fridays in the Education Center.

### **FITNESS**

Low-impact fitness classes are given Saturdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

# Aids Quilt Group in 2017



# People of Trinity

**BIRTHDAYS** 

April 3 – John Rooney	May 29 – Sal Favia
April 4 – Nancy Ross	May 30 – Michael Sheridan, Jr.
April 6 – Bob Firneis	May 31 - Elaine Schueler
April 11 – Helmut Kromar	June 1 – Matthew Connolly
April 12 – Eric Hussong	June 4 – Ronald Russo
April 17 – Lori Grill	June 6 – Marlene Limbach
April 22 – Nancy Kotov	June 12 – Anni Schroder
April 27 – John O'Malley	June 13 – Joe Russo
April 28 – Dorothy Russo, Romayne Jagessar	June 15 – Kelsey Jenkeleit
May 8 – Billy Carlson	June 17 – Carole McMullin
May 9 – Nancy Barton	June 19 – James Stokes
May 24 – John Sommo, Jr.	June 24 – Egbert Hardin

#### ANNIVERSARIES

April 19 – Joe & Dorothy Russo	May 22 – MaryAnn & Bill MUller	
May 16 – Jerry & Janet Rugg	June 2 – Marty & Cindy Rooney	
May 20 – Ken & Sandy Boos	June 2 – Patrick & Diane O'Malley	
June 5 – Erwin & Henrietta Markisch		

#### WEDDING

Candi Joseph and Colin Gordon were married on Friday, March 17,2023. Support them in prayer in their life together.

# *In the Community* – Cub Scout Troop 106

Cub Scout Pack 106 has been a part of the Trinity Lutheran family since the late 1970's. It is a wonderful program for children from grades K-5 and is inclusive to all genders. The program strengthens our scouts to live their lives according to these values: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Pack 106 has absolutely thrived these past few years, even with such obstacles, such as Covid-19. During that time, meetings were moved virtually. The scouts even had a virtual camping trip! Now, in 2023 we have over 50 scouts, which meet on Friday evenings to take part in activities, crafts, community service and just plain socialization. They go on monthly trips, including hiking and camping, as well.

These young boys and girls recently participated in cleaning up Juniper Valley Park, beautifying this wonderful area in our community. The scouts also collected new toys for family shelters and children's hospitals with the Jared Box Project. They marched in our local Memorial and Veteran's Day Parades, held a coat drive and participate in Wreaths Across America. These are just a few ways our scouts are making a difference in their community!

One of our scouts even assisted the "big scouts," Troop 106, with their pancake breakfast in December, honoring Rein Olvet, our Chartered Organizational Representative, who recently passed. Troop 106 is for grades 6 and up, and recently held an Eagle Court Ceremony, where 3 scouts earned the highest scouting rank, the Eagle rank. The Troop also meets on Friday evenings, in the upstairs portion of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Many dads in the Pack recently renovated the basement at Trinity Lutheran church, replacing the lighting, flooring, painting and taking the "den" and turning it into a beautiful space to be enjoyed by all.

Our scouts will be present in Trinity Lutheran Church on February 5, 2023 for Scout Sunday.

Submitted by Alicia Brosky, Cub Master of Pack 106