



Trinity Tidings

JUNE, 2023



A newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church

63-70 Dry Harbor Road

Middle Village, NY 11379

Office – 718-335-7300

Sunday School	Sunday 9:15am
Social Time	Sunday 10:00am
Worship Service	Sunday 10:30am <i>in person and on Zoom</i>

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

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CHURCH STAFF AND TEAM

The Rev. Donald Lemke, Interim Pastor
Mr. Frank B. Auriemma, Jr, Minister of Music
Mrs. Renee Robertazzi, Parish Secretary
Ms. Doris Tegge, Sunday School Coordinator

Mr. Vincent Mele, Sexton
Dcn. Lois Jenkins, Synodical Deacon
Dcn. Masayo Kagita, Synodical Deacon
Ms. Masayo Kagita & Mr. Jeff Gardner, Worship
Streaming Technical Team

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FROM THE EDITOR



The liturgical altar color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green. It is a fitting color for this time of year when all kinds of trees and shrubs are in full leaf. Green is the color of growth and renewal, and it is not just plants that are growing. We celebrate the spiritual growth of our younger members. This month several have completed the milestones of Holy Communion and Affirmation of Baptism (a.k.a. Confirmation) on their faith journey.

Growth and renewal are not just for the young. We are being renewed constantly as we worship, share the sacrament, and study the Word. On Pentecost, we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit is with us even now.

“So we’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.” (The Message - 2 Corinthians 4:16)

- Doris Tegge

LOOK AT WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT TRINITY!



FIRST COMMUNION FOR DOROTHY AND DANIEL

Daniel and Dorothy have been working hard toward their communion for the past few months with Pastor, who taught them that everyone has a place at the table. On April 30, both children made their first holy communion in front of family, friends, and the church congregation. A small reception was held for all after the service. God bless them as they continue their journey in Jesus' name. Thank you to the Brosky family and Boy Scouts for all their help shopping, setting up and baking.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – EMMA RUSSO

On June 11 Emma Russo publicly affirmed her baptism by a profession of faith. She gave a beautiful and heartfelt speech titled, “My Life In The Church”, in which she expressed her desire to devote her life to using her considerable gifts in service to others. The congregation responded with prayer for Emma and a promise to support her.

Emma has been a lifelong member of Trinity and has served in many aspects of our congregational life. She is an accomplished artist and her work will be the design for the new church banner. God bless Emma!





FAITHX SUNDAY

On May 21 Trinity joined with Grace Lutheran of Forest Hills to get a look at a software program that provides demographic data of people in the community. Brendan Dupree of the Synod office demonstrated various infographics which showed data for our neighborhood. Did you know that many of our neighbors like to travel no more than 15-20 minutes for worship, are more available mid-week than Sundays, and prefer to get their information through the internet?

The presentation was followed by fellowship and a delicious lunch. Food and paper goods were supplied through Thrivent Action Teams.

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD (MNYS) ANNUAL ASSEMBLY



On May 5-6 our deacons Lois Jenkins and Masayo Kagita along with Pastor Lemke attended the annual synod assembly at the Marriot in Melville, Long Island. The theme for this year is “Live like Christ in our communities.” Delegates to the assembly are elected at Trinity’s annual meeting and any member can be nominated to attend.

ARTISAN MARKET

Due to the success of the Spring Market, Trinity hosted another market event on May 7. This market was planned as a smaller, more curated event with only those vendors selling hand crafted or artistic items. There were raffles, gift baskets, and food from the kitchen. Thanks to Sandy Boos who organized everything and all those who helped.



SPRING FLOWERS

Come see the beautiful flowers that the Girl Scouts have planted on the Dry Harbor facing terrace. Thank you, girls!

Bob Firneis is getting his hands dirty installing raised beds on the Trinity campus. Thank you, Bob! Thanks to the Hardin family for creating a Thrivent Action Team to help purchase supplies.



FROM THE PASTOR



June seems to be a really important time in our lives. The summer begins allowing us the opportunity to grow and discover the burgeoning life around us.

Weddings have been booked for indoor and out. Graduations are anticipated as a completion of a level of education from kindergarten to high school to college marking setting out into the world where we can make our individual and corporate marks.

June is a time to refresh and look at the world around us with hope, joy, and surprise at what is possible. Vacation summons us to dream.

But June holds us to task for our failure to hear and live the command of our Christ to love one another.

May 31-June 1, 1921, The Greenwood community in Tulsa, Oklahoma was destroyed in a racially motivated riot, no a massacre, where bodies were buried in mass graves. It was only in 2001 that what happened was brought into the light of day.

On the 12th of June 2016, a 29-year-old man killed 49 persons in Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando and wounded 53 more. Seven years have passed but the hate that was shown has been codified by many and the faith communities have not stood to heal the sojourners or welcome the stranger, rather acted to condemn, and revile.

Just yesterday 14 June 2023 the Southern Baptist Convention acted to cast out two congregations because they dared to have women as pastors to serve their people. The fear was/is that the liberal women would allow all who God created to

join their communities and the love for all people, what, corrupt God? Or is it once again a rich white boy afraid he is wrong?

17 June 2015, at Emanuel African Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, nine had gathered to bible study and prayer and were martyred. Pastorally trained and lay persons killed. All being faithful. Empowered by a racist who had a weapon to manifest the hate of those that want to hold power.

June 20, World Refugee Day. How do we follow the God of Abraham and welcome the stranger? How do we walk with the homeless and those who are starving? Why is it that a refugee is so often someone who doesn't look like us? Why were the people on the boat from Libya seeking a new home so desperately they were willing to risk the loss of everything including life? Were our ancestors' refugees? How do we celebrate their risk taking for us? Do we pray for them?

On the 27 of June 1969 the NYC police raided the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. And that night the gay community said no more and those in drag fought back, visualizing a life that honored who they would be and that honor who we all are created to be. Pride Day is observed on 28 June in recognition that all people are children of God and loved.

What are we afraid of that we act to kill, condemn, deny, and ultimately fear others? Jesus turned things upside down by invitation. He condemned the arrogant and went to dinner with the sinners. Oh, right he died for them and us! Is that what we are afraid of? So, we ask that we pray for the conversion of any person or organization who would harm themselves or others. Perhaps, with the pain of June we might be reminded of how much we are loved and how much work there is to be done.

Journey well.

PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United is a group of women from various churches. It meets on the second Friday of each month at noon. Bring your own lunch. Jeanne Seyffarth runs the program and leads discussions on a variety of subjects. June 9 was the last meeting before the summer recess. Meetings will resume in the fall.

TRINITY WEEKDAY PRAYER GROUP

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

EVENING TRINITY BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DON LEMKE

Wednesdays, 7:00pm, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/7183357300> password = 11379, Dial-up +1 646 558 8656. Bible Study is on hiatus until August 16.

MORNING TRINITY BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DON LEMKE

Thursdays, 10:30am, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/7183357300> password = 11379, Dial-up +1 646 558 8656. Bible Study is on hiatus until August 17.

WESTERN QUEENS CONFERENCE PRAYER MEETING

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WITH HOWARD COHEN, BILL GATI AND DONNA KUHNER

Tuesdays, 7:30pm, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/2729059246>, 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 council-president@trinitymiddlevillage.org

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 81st 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.

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. If you can help, please contact the church office at 718-355-7300.

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 tithely.com

IN THE COMMUNITY

STACEY'S PANTRY

48-08 91st Place, Elmhurst

Saturdays, 8:00am – 10:00am

Contact 917-533-1679 or stjacobuspastor@gmail.com

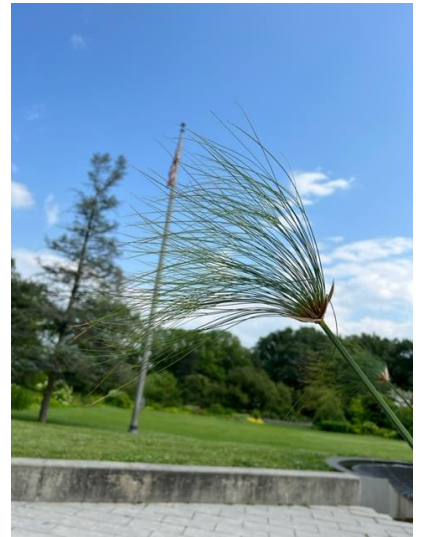
<https://www.facebook.com/Staceyspantryelmhurst/>

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

119-15 135th Avenue, South Ozone Park

Thursdays 3:00pm-4:pm, sign up by Wednesday

Contact 718-845-8770 or foodin11420@gmail.com



ON THE CAMPUS

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.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout troop 106 meets Fridays 7:30pm in the Education Center. Boy Scouts are on hiatus for the summer. They will resume in September.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout troop 04633 meets Fridays in the Education Center. Girl Scouts are on hiatus for the summer. They will resume in September.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout troop 106 are on hiatus for the summer. They will resume in September.

Email: Communications.pack106@gmail.com Website: <http://cubscoutpack106.weebly.com/>



Cub Scout Pack 106 held their Blue and Gold Promotional Ceremony “under the sea” on May 19, 2023. All 53 registered scouts advanced to the next level, including 2 that crossed the Arrow of Light Bridge and became Boy Scouts. We are so proud of them all! Cub Scouts will resume at Trinity Lutheran Church in September.

TRINITY LEADERSHIP

Rev. Don Lemke
Dcn. Lois Jenkins - President
Dorothy Russo - Vice President
Lillian Hoffmann - Treasurer
Doris Tegge - Secretary

Joyce Beaudoin
Sandy Boos
Rich Eichinger
Muriel (Didee) Davis
Dcn. Masayo Kagita

Nancy Keicher
Bill Muller
Cyndy Rooney
Karin Spykerman

PEOPLE OF TRINITY

- The Ilagan Family formally transferred to Holy Trinity Church in Trumbull, CT on May 29. We are thankful for the many years that Genesis and Feliz have shared their spiritual gifts and good company with the Trinity family. The boys, Daniel and David were baptized here and we watched them grow up. God's blessings on their new home.
- A new banner sign will be ordered for the 81st Street Juniper Blvd South corner. It will use Emma Russo's original design.
- Benjamin Brosky has started Affirmation of Baptism (formerly known as confirmation) studies at Trinity.
- Daniel Brosky and Dorothy Eriksen made their First Communion on April 30.
- George Grill passed away on May 30.
- Emma Russo reaffirmed her baptism on June 11.
- Charles Schueler, Jr. passed away on June 11.

BIRTHDAYS

June 1 – Matthew Connolly
June 4 – Ronald Russo
June 12 – Anni Schroder
June 13 – Joe Russo
June 15 – Kelsey Jenkeleit
June 17 – Carole McMullin
June 19 – James Stokes
June 24 – Egbert Hardin

July 1 – Kathy Carlson
July 2 – Lois Jenkins
July 3 – Emma Russo, Thomas Jenkeleit
July 6 – Linda Seubert
July 10 – Gloria Vergara
July 11 – David Ilagan
July 17 – Kyle Petznick
July 24 – Lori Catalano, Ted Renz
July 27 – Mallory Eichinger, Liz Marus
July 31 – Patrick O'Malley

ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 – Marty & Cindy Rooney
June 2 – Patrick & Diane O'Malley
June 5 – Erwin & Henrietta Markisch
July 14 – Ted & Angela Renz
July 27 – Genesis & Feliz Ilagan
July 27 – Michael & Lillian Sheridan

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