



Trinity Tidings

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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

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

Using a phone, dial +16469313860

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CHURCH STAFF AND TEAM

The Rev. Donald Lemke, Interim Pastor
Mr. Frank B. Auriama, Jr, Minister of Music
Mrs. Renee Robertazzi, Parish Administrator
Mr. Vincent Mele, Sexton
Mrs. Doris Tegge, Sunday School Coordinator

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



This month I had the privilege of interviewing one of our Trinity family about her work with rescued animals. It is an amazing story of how one person's passion can enrich the life of a greater community. ([Read all about it below.](#)) It is easy to see by the wagging tails that the lives of the rescued dogs and their new owners are enhanced. But by sharing her story, Valerie has also enhanced the lives of those who hear it. It brings a smile to the face of anyone who listens.

Sharing a story is one way to share God's blessings. It's summer and many are on vacation and posting pictures of cool beaches, beautiful scenery, and wondrous food. It's fun to share stories of travel. It's also good to share stories of those things, some ordinary and some not so ordinary, that we do as we live as people of God. Pass it on!

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."
(The Living Bible – 1 Peter 4:10)

- Doris Tegge

LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT TRINITY!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

On June 18 the Sunday School kids sang for the congregation and received their certificates of completion. They have been coming to Sunday School faithfully with great interest, lots of questions, and insights that can only come from the heart of a child. It has been a wonderful school year and I look forward to continuing the faith journey with these young people in the fall. Let's congratulate Olivia, Dorothy, Daniel, Sofia, Conner, and Kaitlin. – Miss Doris



THE RED DOORS

The church doors on the Dry Harbor side have a new look. Thank you scouts for the paint job! Why the color red? It is an easy color to see. If people are confused about how to get into the church, we can say, “Go to the red door.” Red is also pretty. But there is another, more significant reason for choosing the color red.

Churches have been painting their doors red for centuries, starting in medieval England where a red door on a church designated sanctuary from harm. A person fleeing persecution or violence could enter there and find refuge. Other traditions say that the red door symbolizes the blood of Christ shed for us and the blood of the lamb brushed on the Israelites’ doors on the eve of Passover. For Trinity in Middle Village the red door says, “All are welcome in God’s house. May all who enter find comfort and peace.”

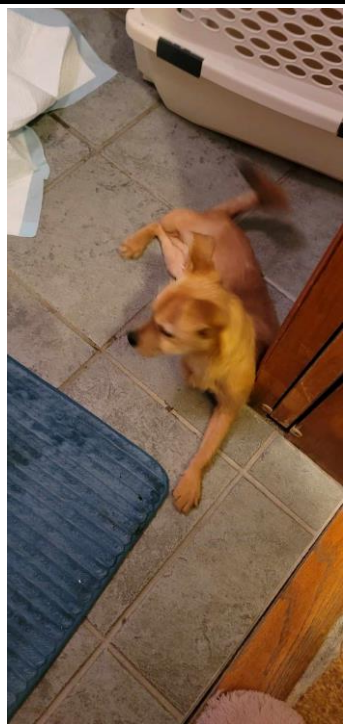


MEET VALERIE, ANIMAL TRANSPORTER

Valerie loves animals. She shares her home with three dogs and two cats. But more than that, her passion extends to giving a lift, literally, to animals looking for “forever homes”. Valerie is an animal transporter. She works with various animal rescue organizations to make sure that dogs and cats get to their destinations. Typically, she would pick up a pet from the ARK at JFK airport. The animals traveling by plane stay in a special pressurized and climate-controlled cargo compartment. After they land, they are held at the ARK, a specialized animal reception center, and Valerie gets a call. She jumps into her Jeep Grand Cherokee and heads to the airport. Sometimes the animal is sick and requires medical care and Valerie needs to rush to a veterinarian. On busy days there are multiple dogs and Valerie drives all over the tri-state area and beyond to take them to their new homes. Transport is not limited to airport pick-up but also between other locations, whenever a rescued animal needs to get from one point to another. This is more than just delivering packages like UPS. Valerie handles and comforts animals that have been on long trips. Some are military animals that come from war zones. Others come from countries where the standards for treating animals humanely are not like ours. Once she had to

transport a two (yes, 2!) legged dog from China named Mei-mei. The dog was quite friendly and able to get around on its own. Once the animal arrives at their new home, Valerie will spend time educating the fosters or adopters about their new pet to ensure a smooth transition. “She has a heart of gold and is definitely a big part of saving dogs lives!”





THE LITTLE LIBRARY



This little library was installed by Scout Marcus Coppa as an Eagle project. He was able to pre-cut most of the pieces at his high school in the woodworking program. Then he and about eight other people came and helped him put it together and install it. He has just put books in it but it's still waiting on the magnetic closure to keep it closed. He is going to polyurethane both the bottom area as well as the top. Marcus will maintain it for the next four years because he will be going to school here in New York City. The library is located on the Penelope Ave. side of the church next to the conference room door. Please use it and encourage friends to use it! And if you have a few books here and there you can drop them off at church and we can refill the library as needed.

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Since the Pastor is currently enjoying a well-deserved rest in Europe, I thought it would be nice if he shares some of his vacation pictures with us. So, without further ado, let's tour Budapest. Journey Well. - Renee Robertazzi



PARLIAMENT HOUSE, BUDAPEST





ST STEPHENS'S – BAPTIST, CENTRAL TO THE CHURCH, YET IN A CORNER



SAILING THE DANUBE

PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

We are a small group of women from various churches that meet every 2nd Friday of the Month. Our next meeting is September 8th at 12 noon. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide coffee and tea and something sweet.

Jeanne Seyffarth, a former librarian, does research on various topics. In the past we looked at women of the bible, countries and women's health. September will be the life of the elephant. There is so much we don't know about this wonderful creature. It is the largest land animal on earth. They bond together and become families. Elephants can detect earth vibrations with sensory cells in their feet. They have been known to detect storms from miles away and head toward them hoping to find water. I hope I piqued some interest and you'll join us.

– Joyce Beaudoin

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 September 6.

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 September 7.

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

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. Currently weekly donations are falling short of the required amount. Please be generous.

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

Please make checks out to TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. You must write the name in full so that our bank can process the deposit. 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 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-4:00pm, 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. Their first meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 8.

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/>

SEXTON'S APARTMENT

Trinity's sexton, Mr. Vincent Mele, has moved into the sexton's apartment located on the second floor. The apartment has been vacant for many years and has fallen into disrepair. Vinnie did a great job renovating the space himself. He will continue in his role as caretaker of Trinity property.

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

- Carol Palladino passed away on July 17, 2023.

TRINITY TIDINGS BOOSTERS

Joyce Beaudoin
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Bob Firneis
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Jim & Ann Haase
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Pastor Don Lemke
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John Maysonet
Kay Neuendorf
Emma Richter
Janet & Jerry Rugg
Edna Schwenk
Rev. E. Phillip Sebastian

Linda Swiatocha
Kathleen Treiling
Marie Wengert

IN MEMORIAM:

Olga Finneran
Pastor Leo E. Longan

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