

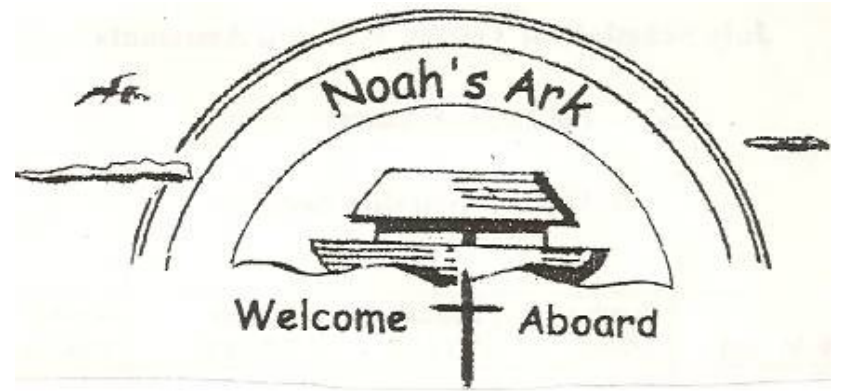
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born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that
we might receive adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5*



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Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5:30 & 8 PM
Christmas Day Worship 10 AM

*“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.” St. John 1:1*



Alpha Course—
Wednesdays at 9AM
and Thursdays at 7PM
Meals served
ALL WELCOME!





Noah's Ark

December 2017

*Reformation Series
Part 3—Grace Alone*



From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every house or building needs a cornerstone. Something to build upon it. We could try to build on sand or with cards but they will never hold up. I would love to watch you build a sand castle or a house full of cards and live in it. Would it keep you warm and protect you? The answer is probably no. Any house outside of God would be like a sand castle. Nothing will hold up to it and be compared to God's house, it would just come crumbling down.

Our religious life isn't something that we can do or build on our own. We can't just state today is the day I believe in God. We need God's help. We need God's gift. God's grace is a wonderful gift that we build our faith upon. Without His grace, we would be left outside God's house. Without Grace, God would judge us by our sin. Sin that makes everything crumble no matter what we do.

Thanks be to God with the grace of God, God forgives us of our sins. He welcomes us into His Heavenly Kingdom. Through God's Grace we can work in the Kingdom of Grace (the church). May we work to build God's church from within and from the outside. It all begins with Grace.

Living in God's Grace, Pastor Travis

A Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church



December's Schedule

*On Saturday Dec 2nd at 1 PM you are invited to **A Birthday Party for Jesus** at Church. All families are invited and friends!*



We will have birthday cake, candy, food and fun! We will be coloring the Advent Poster telling a special story in picture and making Gingerbread Houses. See you then!

On Sunday, December 10th we will join together as God's Family after church for Lunch at our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**. This is for **everyone** who worships with us on Sundays/Thursdays. Please plan to stay and hear what's happening! *Loving God, Serving Others, and Reaching the Lost!*

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." Eph 3:20-21

Also on Sunday, December 10th we will host the annual **German Christmas Service** at 2 pm **in German!** Invite your friends and neighbors. Refreshments served!



December 17th, Sunday at 9:30 am **Sunday School Children's Pageant will present "The King's Birthday"** during Worship service. Come and hear the children tell the story.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
Dec. 24th Sunday at 5:30 and 8 PM**

Christmas Day Service on Monday at 10 am



What's Happening at Trinity...

Our Mission Bottle



Help fill the water bottle with your spare change that is set up in the narthex for mission donations. Each month will be a different mission. Fill it up, watch it grow, see it help!

December: Nicaraguan Children

LuHi student Elise Norelius spoke to the congregation about her upcoming mission trip to Nicaragua. She will be making up boxes of supplies for the children. Elise also has to raise money for her trip. Thanks!



Would anyone like to write for future issues of *What Trinity Means to Me?* Please submit a paragraph or two to Kay Charon at God4us11542@yahoo.com or to Pastor Travis at Trinitygcpastor@gmail.com

CHURCH DEACONS: Mark your calendar for
Worship Committee Meeting Thursday 12/7 at 7 PM

Please Note: Mill Neck Foundation Hearing Van will be at church on Sunday, Dec. 10th from 12-4 for anyone interested in getting their hearing checked.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

30 Operation Christmas Child Boxes were collected plus money for more! Thanks for all your contributions
Thanks to Ted & Sharon Norelius and the Sunday School Families for hosting this mission project for the children in need.



"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16



ADVENT –Services Start Wednesday Dec. 6th at 12:15 pm Theme: 1-Keep Awake 2-Prepare 3-Do Not Be Afraid 4-My Soul Magnifies the Lord



Advent Boosts...

"4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." Gal 4:4-7
-As we enter into the season of Advent we remember our Lord's words from the Gospel of Mark when he began his Galilean ministry. Mark 1:14 "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"

-As we await His Second Advent—Jesus IS coming again - the message still rings clear: Repent and believe in the Gospel and do the works!

Rev. 21:3 "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"

-For we know the end of His-story! Jesus was crucified, died, buried, resurrected, and ascended into heaven - all for us, His adopted children, Hallelujah!

Rev. 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

-Let us share this promise of Hope with others as he told us to do. And always remember Christ's testimony to the churches, excerpts from Rev. 22: 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 16 I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." *Thank you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, strengthen us in our Advent walk with You and give us boldness to share the Greatest Story ever told to those you put in our path. Amen!*

Ladies Guild: (Please Note: No meetings in Jan/Feb)

LWML Advent Breakfast will be held at Calvary, East Meadow on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 9 AM for registration, 9:30 AM Worship. All ladies of the congregation are welcome! Worshiping together is a great way to welcome Advent! Bring an item for Pantry in New Life, Uniondale.



***Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon**
December 4th, Monday, at 12 noon.
at the Locust Valley Inn and Bistro
Reservations contact Ann Olsen -Cost \$30
Bring Your Secret Pal or Grab-bag Gift*

Please contact Mim Edwins if you would like to be added to the **Prayer Chain** list to pray for those in need. God urges us to pray, God listens to his children, God answers our requests according to His will. Amen!



Our Church VP Kim Flower in charge of **Scheduling Worship Assistants** is now also scheduling the **Altar Guild** volunteers for the monthly calendar. If you would like to serve on a particular weekend please give Kim a call at 954-224-1816.

Sewing Group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 AM. A Quilt will be auctioned off this month and some other items. See them in the entranceway to church. No sewing on Dec. 26th.

College Care Boxes were mailed in November to our 8 College students. Thanks for your help and thank you Ann Olsen.

The **Food Pantry and Thrift Shop** will be open on Saturday, **Dec 9th from 9:30 to noon**. Please remember to bring in your food pantry items and place them in the blue trunk in entranceway to church. Regular items needed include: Peas, Carrots, Beets, Mixed Veggies, Creamed Corn, Pancake Mix, Canned Fruit, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Tea, Rice, Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Chili, Cereal, and Spaghetti. Thank you!



Plant Order Form

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Red Plants will be in 6-inch pots
wrapped in Gold Foil Cost: \$17.50 each

ORDER NOW - DEADLINE SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH

Name _____

Phone # _____ How Many? _____

To the Glory of God In HONOR of:

To the Glory of God In MEMORY of:

Donation towards greens _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Thank You!

Please make check payable to **Trinity Lutheran Church** and mark **Plant on memo line**. Place in Flower Mailbox in hallway, in offering plate or mail to Trinity Church at 74 Forest Ave, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Attn: Kay Charon

Any Questions call Kay Charon 516-671-0182



News in the Pews...

God has Called Home Samuel Heagan Bayles, Jr. Christie Callahan's brother, after a long illness. Our love, sympathy and prayers to Christie & family. Although we missed her at worship, we are thankful that Christie was able to spend valuable time with Heagan before his passing.

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and at the last He will stand upon the earth." Job 19:25



Memorials Received

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>	<i>Designated</i>
Heagan Bayles, Jr.	Edith & Frank Uhlendorf	Music
	Elsie Armstrong	Music
	Ann & Warren Olsen	Music
Normand Brunelle	Harriet & Mike Rich	General

*A **Thanksgiving gift** was received from Anthony & Doris Petrella in loving memory of their son, **Manny**.*

Altar Care Note: We are in need of new altar linens for the Holy Communion ware. If you would be interested in making a memorial or honorarium donation toward them, it would be appreciated. Thank you! We are also looking into redipping the inserts for the communion cups.



Bell Choir Rehearsals under the direction of Kim Flower rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Ring a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Looking ahead to January... On Jan 6th at 3:30 PM volunteers will meet at church to prepare food for the men in the North Shore Inn Homeless Shelter. At 6:30 PM volunteers will serve the meal at the Presbyterian Church in Glen Cove. Think about spending time to help those less fortunate-mention to Pastor Travis if you can help out. Both men and women welcome to volunteer. Thanks!

News in the Pews...Trinity's Fall Theme is Family Values



The Caroline Petersen Christian Service Award was presented to Juli Charon on November 12th for all her outstanding photography and design work on the Church Directory and for her professional photography of our many church events and the members' pictures for our family wall. Thanks Juli, we are all enjoying the fruit of your labor of love!

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Anthony & Nesha Cimorelli for organizing the dinner and Pastor Travis & Phyllis, Chef Travis Lippmann, Nancy Kreiner and everyone who helped out to make it a memorable event. Many people attended from the community-from the groups that use our church building to the Glen Cove Senior Center. By dinner-time most seats were taken at the two tables. Delicious turkey cooked in oil, sumptuous ham, and all the sides and desserts! "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"





Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Assistants' Schedule December 2017

*Serve the Lord with expectant hearts.
Please be at your assigned post
15 minutes prior to start of service*



Worship Assts	12/3/17 Sunday 9:30 AM	12/10/17 Sunday 9:30 AM	12/17/17 Sunday 9:30 AM	12/24/17 Sunday 9:30 AM	12/31/17 Sunday 9:30 AM
Chancel Assistant	Cheo Teng	George Meyer	Rob Edwins	Kim Flower	Kim Flower
Acolyte/ Crucifer	Lucas Rabanal	Grace Miller	Adrien Brunelle	Nils Coffey	Colette Brunelle
Reader	Edith Uhlendorf	Scott Miller	Elise Norelius	Kim Flower	Kim Flower
Ushers	*RobEdwins Rod Catano	*Geo Meyer Scott Miller	*Patrick Charon Ted Norelius	*T Sitterer Cheo Teng	B Bartlotti G Brunelle
Greeters	Charlene Haug	Roberta Baade	Phyllis Yee	Lucia Coffey	Jane Sorenson
Nursery	Elise N	Amelia N	Ali Bebry	OPEN	OPEN
Altar	Phyllis Yee	Edith Uhlendorf	Janet Bebry	Kim Flower	Jane Sorenson
Sanct Lite	OPEN	Wanner	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Flowers	OPEN	Uhlendorf	Cimorelli	OPEN	OPEN
Fellowship	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

If you can't make your scheduled assignment please contact a replacement from your list and call the church office to let Carol know. Call Kim Flower to be added to assistants' lists 1-954-224-1816

**Head usher responsible for elevator, head count/offerings; other ushers tidying pews, refilling pew offering envelopes. Sanctuary Light \$5/Sunday Flowers \$20/vase, 2 available each week.*

Put your All on the Altar and help fill the OPEN Slots

What's Happening at Trinity...

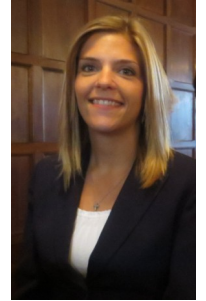
Sunday Morning Bible Study at 8:30 AM
Studying 1st Kings-Solomon—Leader: Edith Uhlendorf in Pastor's office.



CONGRATULATIONS PHYLLIS ON FINISHING YOUR DEACONESS COURSE OF STUDY!

**Monday Evening Bible Study with
Deaconess Phyllis Yee at PANERA BREAD
LIFT—Ladies In Faith Together**

Women's Bible Study twice a month 12/4 & 12/18
on Monday nights at 7 PM studying "Ruth"
Please let Phyllis know if you can attend. Thanks!



Bible Study at Sunrise Assisted Living



Sunrise Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Monday
at 3:30 PM on the 2nd floor at 39 Forest Ave in Glen
Cove. Pastor is leading the group and they are studying
1st Samuel 23
Carol Ann Munday now lives there. If you can join us
that would be great, Carol Ann would love to see you.

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 1 PM. Studying the Gospel
of John - Leader: Pastor Travis in the Fellowship Room. We will begin
the Book of Revelation in January.

ALPHA PROGRAM AT TRINITY: A 10-week course
where we invite others to have a personal relationship with
Jesus through Scripture, fellowship, meals, a DVD with
Nicky Gumbel and small group discussion. There are two
opportunities to attend. Please keep Alpha in your prayers!



All welcome on Wednesdays at 9 AM to the ALPHA Series. Bill Charon
will lead the it in the Upper Room. Breakfast served.

If you can't make Wednesdays, come on Thursdays at 7 PM when
Pastor Travis will lead the it in the Upper Room. Dinner will be served.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God! Rom 10:17



“What Does Trinity Lutheran Church Mean to Me?”

by Pastor David Mahsman



Trinity was the first and only congregation I ever served as pastor. After only two years at Trinity, my first call out of the seminary, I was called to serve the church in a number of non-parish ministries over the years. Because I was never again a parish pastor, I am especially grateful that the Lord gave me those two years with the people of Trinity, Glen Cove.

Not only were the people warm and friendly toward Lois and me, but they were also very patient with me as a new pastor. Allow me just a few examples: I was not an experienced preacher, but Chuck Grossman, then the congregation’s president, told me after a time that my sermons were getting better. I was grateful for his encouragement. Perhaps I was still in somewhat academic mode, but Kay Charon and Mim Edwins tolerated my reading theological tomes to them while they worked on the “Noah’s Ark” newsletter. And I had no idea how to deal with seventh and eighth graders, but a number of school teachers came to my rescue and helped me develop an approach to confirmation classes that was a blessing to the students and their families, and not least of all to me.

It’s a wonderful blessing to have served God’s people at Trinity as their pastor. You all have a special place in my heart.

Editor’s Note: Thanks Pastor David Mahsman for sharing your thoughts, often combined with humor to keep us smiling. Ah, but you did teach Confirmation; our John still remembers you teaching them the “Moonwalk” lol. At least you made it fun! I remember your dog sliding down the hall of the parsonage haha. You did good with the youth but it’s always good to put the saints to work, too. Equipping us was a special part of your ministry; Evangelism calls were part of that training. Thanks for all your work you did with the Lutheran Witness over the years and then the tremendous job you did in Wittenberg, Germany.

Well Done good and faithful servant!

News in the Pews...





Acolytes/Crucifers: Our new first year Confirmation students are being trained for their role in worship. Charlotte Charon, Sebastian Baltazar, Jorge Rios and yet to be pictured in alb, Grace Miller. Anita Mazzella awaits receiving the Lord’s Supper. Frank Armstrong’s cousin Mary from New Zealand receives a blessing for safe travel home. Great to see Maria VanOmmeren and Warren Olsen at worship in November. Praise God!





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31 <i>1st Sun of Christmas</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i> 9:30AM Worship A Happy & Safe New Year 2018	<div><p><i>How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still The dear Christ enters in.</i></p></div>					