The Trinity Window – April 2022

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From the Pastor

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

--Prayer of the Day for Palm/Passion Sunday.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday/
The Sunday of the Passion
April 10th, 10:15 am
Procession of the Palms, St. Luke's Passion

Maundy Thursday
April 14th, 7:30 pm
Holy Communion, Individual Absolution, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday
April 15th, 7:30 pm
St. John's Passion, Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 17th, 10:15 am
Festival Service of Holy Communion

--Pastor Mills+

Sanctuary Eternal Light

Burns to the glory of God
In Memory of:
Erik Minkkinen Mar 12th
Emma Sundermann Mar 27th

Burns to the glory of God
In Honor of:
Finley Setaro Mar 6th

Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God…
In Memory of all the Faithful Departed

In Honor of

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group is not meeting currently.

Trinity Window Articles

Trinity Window articles for the next issue are due by the 15th of every month. It is important that you get your articles in on time and think ahead for the next month. Please email articles to: Office@TrinityLutheranNH.org.

Articles MUST be submitted in WORD or PDF format.

Oremus

"*Let us pray*"

This month we prayed for the following members and friends of Trinity who were sick and/or hospitalized: Bob Child, Lin Hayes, Fred Sundermann, Mark Setaro, Annie Wright, John Chaffin, Ruth Setaro, Donald Langlois Jr., Christine Thomforde, Edward Warsawski, Thaddeus Gensicki, Pat Panza, Jake Swanson, Don Johnston, Deborah Golden-Johnston, Robert Wingard, Linda Johnson, Karen Hansen, Margaret Blachly, Sandy Langlois, Debbie Boychuck, Joseph Aceto Jr., Kari Vogt, David Lewis, Margaret Hawkins, Allen Kirton, Julie Coonrod, Michael Pingle, Richard Werner, Mindy Durham, Ivy Schultz, John Dexter, Dan Zawack, Rosie Weaver, Amanda Rice-Johnston, William Douglas, Julia Kanozo, Rita Roman, Mike & Lucy Nieves, Nancy Kops, Laurie Connors, Pat Minges, Yoly Ortiz, Rachel Thompson, Wendy Lynn, Allison Empringham, Mimi Thompson, Mary Ellen Schoonmaker, Philip Cerrone, Sandy Noonan, Maria Roman, Nicole Donzello, Elizabeth Leone, Lorraine Dewar, Laurie Lauman, Thomas Palm, Pamela Simone, Vincent Vilano, Lilian Karolus, Betsey Sumners, Rich Rick, Frank Wright, Olga Peterson, Esther Goffinet, Nicole Donzello, Mary Psarras, the residents of the Mary Wade Home and all assisted living facilities, and all who serve in the armed forces, especially: Daniel Burk, Christopher Bushy, Justin Coonrod, and Jonathan Outlaw. And those who mourn Helen Gensicki and Phyllis Kallert.

Upcoming Events

Here is a preliminary listing for the events we have for this month. Please mark your calendars in advance so you can save the dates.

April

7th	6:30pm	Lenten Vespers
7th	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
10th	10:15am	Passion/Palm Sunday
14th	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday
15th	7:30pm	Good Friday
17th	10:15am	Easter Sunday

Operation Christmas Child

Go therefore and Make Disciples
Matthew 28:19-20

Greetings to you all. Hard to believe it is time for the April window already. So much going on in our world but one thing that stays strong in whatever situation is Gods ever abiding Love for us all. It is by his Mercy and Grace that we at Trinity enfold his little children through Operation Christmas Child. This November Mark's our tenth year of being a drop of location.

I am looking forward to attending the virtual 2022 Connect Confrence April 29th and 30th. Last year was amazing. I look forward to sharing it all with you.

Advance notice so plenty of time to mark your calendars. NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 14TH-21ST. plan to volunteer. What ever time you can give is greatly appreciated. Many hands working together for Gods children. Daily hours have been selected and I will include them in May's window.

I am accepting any standard size shoeboxes that you may have. You can leave them in the OCC box in the Narthex. Please remember OCC when you are our and about shopping.

God Bless and Happy Easter.
Barbara Mourer OCC Chair/Drop Off Coordinator

Mary Wade Service

Our outreach to **The Mary Wade Home,** is currently suspended for the safety of the residents. We will let you know when conditions improve to allow us to safely resume this program.

Weather Related Church Closings

Winter is here and we never know what it can bring! Please note that any weather related delays, cancelations or closing of Trinity will be broadcast on WTNH 8, WFSB 3, NBC 30 and Fox 61.This information is also available on their websites at www.wtnh.com www.fox61.com www.wfsb.com and www.nbcconnecticut.com

Sunday Worship Continues on Facebook

You can go to Trinity's Facebook page to join Pastor Mills in Worship at 10:15AM Sunday mornings.

Choir Rehearsal

The next Thursday night choir rehearsal has been scheduled for April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Monthly B.P. Screening Returns

Deb Nicolson, Parish Nurse, has not scheduled an April Blood Pressure Screening. Look in the May Window for the next date. Deb will do the screenings temporarily in Pastor's office after worship. A quick cleaning of equipment will be done between each person.

Important – Be Prepared; One on One Zoom or phone conversation can be scheduled with me to discuss appointing a Health Care Representative if you don't legally have one plus other details. It's especially helpful if you have a sudden illness or are in an accident and can't speak for yourself. For 18+ and any stage of life or health. It's like buying insurance, it's there if you need it! I have forms, no attorney needed and no cost. Email me at debnicolson@optimum.net or 203-877-8614 with questions or to schedule. Thanks!
Deb Nicolson, Parish Nurse

Time for a Laugh

It seems that there was a little old church out in the countryside: painted white and with a high steeple.

One Sunday, the pastor noticed that his church needed painting. He checked out the Sunday ads and found a paint sale. The next day, he went into town and bought a gallon of white paint. He went back out to the church and began the job.
He got done with the first side. It was looking great. But he noticed he had already used a half gallon. He didn't want to run back in town and being the creative person that he was, he found a gallon of thinner in the shed out back, and began to thin his paint. It worked out great. He finished the remaining three sides with that last half gallon of paint.
That night, it rained: it rained hard. The next morning when he stepped outside of the parsonage to admire his work, he saw that the first side was looking great, but that the paint on the other three sides had washed away.
The pastor looked up in sky in anguish and cried out, "What shall I do?"

A voice came back from the heavens saying, "Repaint, and thin no more!"

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
30 Gillies Road,
Hamden, CT 06517
203-230-8994; www.carenewhaven.org

38 YEARS AS THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? Can you drive an elderly person to a doctor's appointment? Visit with an elder from time to time? Please consider joining our team and discover how your small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in the life of an elder in our community. Since 1983, Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers (IVCG) has assisted seniors in the Greater New Haven area by fostering independent living and reducing isolation. We train and insure volunteers from area faith communities and civic organizations to offer free neighborly services with compassion and love.
To find out more, please check out our new website: www.carenewhaven.org

Volunteer Orientation &Training At The Connecticut Hospice, Inc.

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. (inpatient and homecare). is sponsoring volunteer orientation and training this fall. If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community, we would like to hear from you. Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. As a volunteer, you can fill your hours (weekdays/evenings or weekends) by assisting in a clerical capacity or offering direct patient/family contact as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral care or bereavement services, help in arts, massage therapy, pet therapy, hairdresser/barber or provide transportation. For more information, please contact Joan Cullen at 203-315-7510 or jcullen@hospice.com.

The Story of Dust: An Invitation

A Faith-Reflection Workshop with Intern Christine, Sunday, April 3

"Remember that you are dust. And to dust you shall return." At a time when the natural world around us is bursting forth with new life, we are reminded of our own mortality. Lent helps us become more aware of the cycles of dying and rising that are a natural part of life. We have the opportunity every day to cultivate our Christian faith in the good times so that when the hard times come, we don't fall apart. But do we take it? Do we reflect on how our faith has grown or changed? And do we share our faith story with those we love?

Two years of Covid have reminded us all of the fragility and preciousness of life. Come spend some time with Intern Christine on Sunday, April 3, after coffee hour reflecting together on where God has been at work in your life, and how you might want your faith story to be told in the years to come. Some questions we'll consider:

> What scripture passages carry you, comfort you, bring your hope, or give you peace?
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> What hymns echo in your soul?
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> How do these passages and hymns reflect your life journey and your faith journey?
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> If you were suddenly unable to pick up a Bible for yourself, would those around you know what to read for you?
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> Would they know what hymns might comfort you?

RSVP to Intern Christine if interested!

Seafarers International House

Dear Friends of Seafarers,

I don't usually have a problem. I can usually think of something interesting that has happened in my work with seafarers and I have over the years written about many things but I have never had to write about war. For several days now I have been trying to figure out in my head how to write what I want to say and it hasn't been easy. I watch the news and I cry. I visit ships with seafarers from Ukraine, Poland, Romania and other Eastern European countries and I cry and I pray.

Ukrainian seafarers are desperate to get information about their country and to make contact with their families not knowing if they are dead or alive or if they have escaped to another country. Some have feelings of guilt that they are not home fighting.

I met a Polish captain. We had a long talk. We talked about how during the Cold War as youngsters we were taught and practiced in school for a nuclear bomb attack and where to find a bomb shelter. He never thought that his children would be learning to do this again. His wife has taken in a woman and 2 young children and offered their home to them and he worries about that. He worries that Russia will retaliate on Poland for giving so much aid to the millions of people who have fled Ukraine. I was able to take him to a Polish mass at St. Stanislaus Church which gave him some comfort and then escort the Priest the next day to do a mass on the ship.

I am told of memories of the past, memories that are always there but do not want to be remembered. Fears for today and fears for the future.

Currently there are more than 100 ships stranded at Ukrainian ports with more than 800 seafarers caught in a war zone unable to get off their ships and some have come under missile attack. Russian war ships threaten attacks on Ukraine from the sea.

For now, we watch and wait, cry and pray. God be with the people of Ukraine and God help us all.

Ruth Setaro, Chaplain

APRIL
CELEBRATIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 2nd	Kaileen Langlois
Apr 3rd	Colbi Auman
Apr 3rd	Denver Lamont
Apr 3rd	Dawn Mankowski
Apr 7th	Carol Lee Robinson
Apr 8th	Claire Prud'homme
Apr 12th	Ebony Latimer
Apr 13th	Cynthia Olson
Apr 14th	Jonathan Auman
Apr 15th	Patrick Morris
Apr 18th	Clifford Scherb
Apr 21st	Marion Fox
Apr 28th	Kai Langlois

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 2nd	Kent Golden
Apr 2nd	Susan Jahnke
Apr 11th	Tai'asia Hutchinson
Apr 11th	Camaje Moore
Apr 11th	Kenneth Sturdivant
Apr 28th	Ethan Hayes
Apr 30th	Jason Auman

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Pat & Fred Sundermann Apr 29th

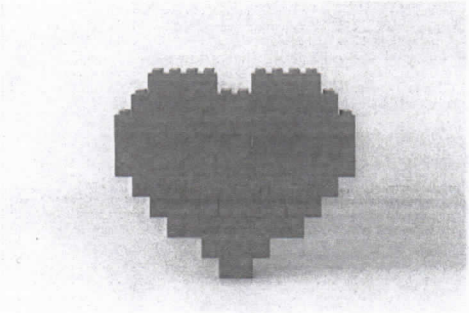
Resuming Pre-Pandemic Practices at Trinity

Based on updated CDC and local guidelines, and at the recommendation of our Reopening Task Force and Church Council, Trinity will resume many pre-pandemic practices on Sunday, March 27. Beginning on this day we will:

—No longer require masks for anyone (high-risk persons check with your doctor). You may personally choose to wear a mask at any time.
—Return to sharing the Lord's Peace as you feel comfortable.
—Return to Offering collection by the ushers (online giving options continue).
—Return to Communion at the Altar Rail. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice will also be available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages will also be available up front near the individual cups for those more comfortable receiving in that way.
—Return to exiting the church and/or going to coffee hour as you wish.
—Continue to have hand sanitizer available, and continue to prioritize good ventilation and fresh airflow.
—Remember that getting vaccinated and staying up-to-date with your Covid vaccinations, including boosters, is the most important thing we all can do to keep Trinity a safe and healthy environment for all God's people.

Not everyone will immediately feel comfortable returning to such practices, so please respect one another's comfort levels and choices: *"Let all you do be done in love."*-- 1 Cor. 16:14

--Pastor Mills+



Free Family Event!

A Safe Kids Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 15, 2022
11am - 3 pm
Warsaw Park, Pulaski Highway, Ansonia

Games, Safe House,
Health, Wellness, & Safety Interactive Displays
Free Fitted Bike Helmets to first 300 children

GRIFFIN HEALTH

SAFE KIDS GREATER NAUGATUCK VALLEY

The Valley Parish Nurse Program

GRIFFIN FACULTY PHYSICIANS

ANSONIA

IMPORTANT

For those not vaccinated for COVID, highly consider receiving the vaccine but always consult with your Dr first.

****Protect yourself, your family, friends and others.****

For those who are vaccinated, the Pfizer and Moderna Boosters are recommended 5 months after your 2nd shot for **all adults.**
12 to 17 year olds have been eligible to get the Pfizer booster 5 months after their 2nd vaccine**.** Johnson&Johnson is recommended 2 months after your initial shot for ages 18+ but is advised at this time to use Pfizer or Moderna due to some rare blood clot issues with the J&J. The Boosters don't have to be the same brand as the original Covid vaccine.
Children ages 5-11 have been eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.
4 years and under is still waiting approval as of 3/15/22.

A **4th Pfizer** shot for those over 65 is awaiting approval as of 3/15/22.
Go to vaccines.gov to find a location near you or call 1-800-232-0233. Many pharmacies have available appointments also.
Any **homebound member** can call 211, your Dr. or go to the vaccine portal at; ct.gov/covidvaccine and you can register there to receive the vaccine or booster in your home.

Remember to also get your annual flu vaccine!

Stay safe and the CDC still recommends a 😷 especially for those at risk.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION
HELP · HOUSING · HOPE

February 28, 2022

Pastor Ryan Mills
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
292 Orange St.
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Pastor Mills,,

We are most grateful for your congregation's donation of six bags of clothing and three bags of groceries to Christian Community Action on 2/4/2022.

Through this act of generosity, you are part of a warm and faith-filled community of caring and conscientious people who have chosen to share their abundance with families in need. This donation will make a significant difference in the lives of those who are experiencing homelessness, seeking emergency assistance for basic needs, and coping with the challenges of poverty in New Haven. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

This support helps us to achieve our mission of providing "Help, Housing, and Hope" to families in our community. Achieving this mission includes support for our programs: Hillside Family Shelter, ARISE Center, Neighborhood Assistance, the soon-to-open New HOPE Project, and Advocacy and Education Project.

Thank you again for supporting CCA's mission and vision. I hope you will feel most welcome to be in touch with me or our Executive Director, Rev. Bonita Grubbs, directly at any time. Please visit our website at www.ccahelping.org, and follow us on social media (christiancommunityactioninc) or Facebook!

Sincerely,

Charmain Yun
Director of Administration and Planning

Thank you to people at Trinity Lutheran. We are so grateful for your partnership!

Downtown Evening SOUP KITCHEN

Creating
HEALTH, COMMUNITY, and EQUITY.
One meal at a time . . .

P.O. Box 1478, New Haven, Conn. 06506 ♦ (203) 624-6426 ♦ info@deskct.org ♦ www.deskct.org

January 21, 2022

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
292 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Friends at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the staff and Guests of Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, I want to thank you for your contribution of $300.00 received on 12/31/2021, as well as for your continued support. For tax purposes, DESK's federal EIN is 22-2985448.

DESK thrives on the broad base of support we receive from across the community. By supporting our work, *you* are taking an active role in your **community**, enabling DESK to fulfill its mission of serving people experiencing homelessness or living in poverty.

Your contribution will provide **nutritious meals and a safe place** for our Guests to enjoy the warmth of community. When our Guests come to DESK each night, they are greeted by old friends, some there to serve, some there to eat, some there to do both. Ultimately, we hope that our guests come to us not because they *have* to but because they *want* to.

DESK is a progressive and forward-thinking organization, and as we look toward the future, we are thinking how to move our Guests **beyond homelessness and poverty.** Through collective impact and collaborative strategies, DESK will ensure that our people have the resources they need to get on the path to stability and greater wellbeing. In this way, we are *all* fostering a truer sense of **equity** in Greater New Haven.

Thank you as always,

Steven H. Werlin
Executive Director

The Community Soup Kitchen
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New Haven, CT 06511
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January 12th, 2022

Trinity Church
292 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Trinity Church,

Thank you very much for your gift of $500 we received this past December. We are delighted and humbled by your donation. The generosity of friends like you has allowed the staff and core volunteers of the Community Soup Kitchen to continue serving our neighbors in need without interruption throughout the COVID19 outbreak. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram at @csknewhaven to learn about our pandemic adventures and share our story with your friends and family.

The Community Soup Kitchen is a nonprofit recognized as tax exempt by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). The estimated value of any goods or services received for this donation is zero.

CSK has been providing free, nutritious meals to anyone in need since 1977. We work closely with Saint Luke's Lunch Program for Women and Children and three neighborhood churches that provide breakfast. During the Winter months we continue to serve lunches out of our Broadway location and help feed many families and individuals at the Warming Centers where we deliver hot meals and grocery items. Altogether in 2021, we provided 330,401.

The people that we serve are truly grateful that you have cared enough to support our efforts, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

Thank you very much!

Joshua Lamarr Watkins, Executive Director

Burton Alter, Board President

On behalf of the Guests, Staff, and Board of Directors