



# The Trinity Window – March 2022

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## From the Pastor



*"As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline."*

*--LBW Ash Wednesday Service*

**Lent begins on March 2**, beginning the 40 days of repentance, prayer, fasting, and works of love leading up to Easter.

Lent calls us to "struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor." And it is a struggle! Like our Lord Jesus tempted by the devil in the wilderness, we too are constantly tempted and assaulted by sin, death, despair, and the devil, especially in the wake of these last two years. Lent allows us to admit the truth about our daily struggles, and to let the living God be our help and salvation. So what will your "Lenten discipline" be this year, to help you in your struggle? It is not easy, but together we will repent, fast, pray, and do works of love. And we will find ourselves met and strengthened by the living Jesus Christ who died for us on the Cross, and who rose again on Easter morning so that we might have Life everlasting.

Join us for solemn **Ash Wednesday worship, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.**

Those wishing to affirm their baptisms and become members of Trinity are invited to a **New Members' Lunch** on Sunday, March 6 after worship.

**Lenten Devotionals and Self-Denial Folders** will be available in the back of the church to help you keep a holy Lent.

Our **Bible Studies** continue each week during Lent. If it's been a while since your Bible has been opened, come and read the Word together Sunday morning at 9 a.m., Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., and/or Thursday at 5:00 p.m, also available on Zoom.

**Join us each Sunday in Lent for worship at 10:15 a.m.**, where together we will receive our Lord in his Word and Sacrament.

Due to road closures for the St. Patrick's Day parade there will be no Sunday service on March 13. Instead please join us on **Saturday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m. for a Service of Holy Communion. The newly-ordained Pastor of Hadlyme Congregational Church, The Rev. Brian Peterson, will preach and preside with me at this Saturday service.** A special reception in his honor will be held afterwards.

*God grant us all a holy Lent, and so an even more joyful Easter!*

*--Pastor Mills+*

## Sanctuary Eternal Light

Burns to the glory of God  
*In Memory of:*

Burns to the glory of God  
*In Honor of:*  
**Carter Handy**      **Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, Kathy Paquette, Lin Hayes, Bob Nilsen, Fred Sundermann, Mark Setaro, Annie Wright, John Chaffin, Ruth Setaro, Donald Langlois Jr., Christine Thomforde, Edward Warsawski, John Guiliano, Pat Panza, Jake Swanson, Edward Colavolpe, Don Johnston, Deborah Golden-Johnston, Robert Wingard, Linda Johnson, Karen Hansen, Margaret Blachly, Sandy Langlois, Joseph Aceto Jr., Kari Vogt, David Lewis, Margaret Hawkins, Allen Kirton, Julie Coonrod, Michael Pingle, Richard Werner, Mindy Durham, 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 Howard Borgnine, Walt Busk and Ron Walters.



## 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.

## March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday
6 <sup>th</sup>	After Worship	New Member Lunch
12 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	Saturday Worship
27 <sup>th</sup>	After Worship	BP Screenings

## Operation Christmas Child



If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples. John 13:35

Greeting everyone. I am excited to be attending the virtual Connect Conference again this year. It will be April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to sharing information from the Conference with you in the coming months.

I recieved a project leaders goodie box in the mail. am excited to share the good news with others. Am including some photos of it.

Update since last Window world wide 10,505,255 shoeboxes were packed and processed. That's a whole lot of children and gospel opportunities. God is good.

Please remember OCC when your out and about shopping.

Yours for the Children

Barbara Mourer OCC Chair/Drop Off Coordinato



## 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.

## In-Person Worship Update

Masks are mandatory for all, we still continue with distancing precautions, contact less offering and prepackaged communion available with wine or grape juice.

## 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](http://www.wtnh.com) , [www.fox61.com](http://www.fox61.com) , [www.wfsb.com](http://www.wfsb.com) and [www.nbcconnecticut.com](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com)

## Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is in the parlor and narthex. You will enter the parlor and get your coffee (regular and decaf) and a prepackaged goodie. You can either sit at one of the two tables in the parlor or at the one table in the narthex. You can remove your mask during this time. When you are ready to leave, please put your mask on and throw your trash away.

## New Members Lunch

Interested in affirming your baptism and becoming a member of Trinity? Join us for a New Members Lunch on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, after worship in the upstairs auditorium. Please RSVP to Pastor Mills.

## Easter Lillies

They're back ! Instructions and a form for ordering Easter lilies is attached. Please note that all orders must be received no later than Monday, April 7.

## Monthly B.P. Screening Returns



Deb Nicolson, Parish Nurse, has scheduled the next Blood Pressure Screening for Sunday, March 27, 2022. Deb will do the screenings temporarily in Pastor's office after worship. A quick

cleaning of equipment will be done between each person. Please continue to wear your mask.

**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](mailto:debnicolson@optimum.net) or 203-877-8614 with questions or to schedule. Thanks!  
Deb Nicolson, Parish Nurse

## Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us for solemn **Ash Wednesday Worship, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.** Parking is available for the service in the commuter lot we use on Sunday mornings. Please note that if you use on street parking you must pay the meter.

## Saturday Worship, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Due to the St. Patrick's Day Parade there will be no Sunday service on March 13, but join us **Saturday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m. for a Service of Holy Communion.** There will be no Sunday School on March 12. Please note that if you use on street parking you must pay the meter.

## Time for a Laugh

A businessman from Wisconsin went on a business trip to Louisiana, and his wife was joining him later for vacation. Upon arrival, he immediately plugged his laptop into the hotel room port and sent a short E-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer Johnson, at her address, [JennJohn@world.net](mailto:JennJohn@world.net).

Unfortunately, in his haste, he mistyped a letter and the E-mail ended up going to [JeanJohn@world.net](mailto:JeanJohn@world.net), a Jean Johnson in Duluth, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away and was buried that day.

The preacher's wife took one look at the E-mail and promptly fainted. It read,

"Arrived safely. It sure is hot down here! Can't wait for you to join me.



## **Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers**

30 Gillies Road,  
Hamden, CT 06517  
203-230-8994; [www.carenewhaven.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:jcullen@hospice.com).

### **Choir Rehearsal**

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

## **Sunday Worship Continues on Facebook**

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

### **HELP TRINITY WHILE YOU SHOP AT AMAZON !**

Do you do any online shopping at Amazon ? During the current pandemic shutdown, we have probably all done some shopping at Amazon.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a member of the Amazon Smile Program. This means that if you Shop on Amazon, and register for the Amazon Smile Program, you can designate that 0.5% of your purchases will be sent directly to support Trinity. There's no cost to you and all you need to do is register for Amazon Smile using the following link:

<https://smile.amazon.com>

That's all there is for you to do and you Amazon purchases will benefit Trinity.

Many of you have subscribed to this service since we first announced it in September 2018, and we thank you.



## Seafarers International House

Dear Friends of Seafarers,

**PING PING PING** It's amazing what connections to the internet and iphones and all kinds of technical stuff that I don't understand can do. I do know that the "whatsapp" has really allowed seafarers to communicate and connect with me and that is why I sometimes hear ping ping ping in my sleep. Although many of the seafarers have US visas and shore passes it has continued to be shipping company policy that seafarers continue to be denied shore leave because of the danger of them contracting Covid. A sick ship cannot work, a sick ship cannot make money and so the ship continues to be a prison for so many.

And that is where I have been able to help a little. My wifi modems allow them to shop online at Best Buy, Target, Walmart and other stores. They then send me pictures of things that they would like to buy: unlocked phones, toothpaste, body lotion, vitamins, wireless earphones, laptops, external hard drives, apple watches, chocolates, perfumes, Champion T-shirts, coffeemate, soy sauce, nuts, play station games, toys, hand and toe warmers, cycle gear, 5 50lb bags of rock salt for slippery decks, an espresso machine and coffee, \$50 worth of Toblerone candy, watches, and Doritos. Well, you get the picture. Don't think that seafarers have a lot of money because they don't but hoping to come to the USA and not having had shore leave for so long, they have saved their money and hoped to be able to get off the ship to shop not only for themselves but for their families at home. Sorry not here.

So, PING PING PING, I have spent many hours shopping and I kiddingly tell the guys that they are certainly helping the American economy but it is the look in their eyes when I deliver the things that they have asked for that makes it all worthwhile. "How can we ever thank you?" they ask. "What can we give you?"



The Chief Officer of the Poland Pearl sat in the van with me one cold night. I told him to tell the crew how grateful we are for the hard work they do and for the sacrifices they make to bring us 90% of all the things we need. That we recognize the hardship of being away from their families for months and months and the dangers they face. "Thank you, mam," he told me, "no one ever tells us that and we are very grateful for your help. Everyone is happy, mam."

We shared a hug and a prayer, a prayer for the Poland Pearl and the crew and a prayer for all seafarers. "Hope we come back to New Haven, mam."

PING PING PING bring it on.....

Ruth Setaro, Chaplain

# MARCH CELEBRATIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Finley Setaro
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Krista Ching
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thom Hayes
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Handy
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Stover
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	John Chaffin
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Mims
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Morris
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Siyoung Yu
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Mills
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah Johnston
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Lamont
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	John Mills
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Setaro
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Theresa Driscoll
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Sundermann
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Golden



## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kai Langlois
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Langlois
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Lubenow
Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Handy



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Amy & Justin Handy
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## Easter Lily Order Form

Orders are now being taken for Easter Lilies (\$15.00 each plant) to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may place your order by completing this form and returning it, along with payment to the church office. You can mail it or put it directly into the offering plate. Orders must be received no later than Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please print clearly! Make sure to fill in memory of or honor of! (Please note that only one family name per plant; i.e.: John and Mary Smith, could be 1 plant, but John and Mary Smith & Jim Jones would be 2 plants.

**In Honor or**

**In Memory of Name:**

**Given by:**

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**Number of Plants:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ELCA World Hunger Donations

Donations to the ELCA World Hunger Fund may be given instead of or in addition to lilies.

**In Honor or**

**In Memory of Name:**

**Given by:**

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## Reach Dalit

It got to me in the middle of the night: “Isn’t it?”, “Did I miss it?”, “Wasn’t it in 2012?”

That was the end of sleep, time to find the paperwork:

Yes, it was February 15, 2012 when Reach Dalit was officially established.

10 years ago!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The dry stuff:

Business Name: Reach Dalit, Inc.

Type of Request: Organization and First Report

Type of Request: Certificate of Incorporation

File Date/Time: Feb 15, 2012 08:30 AM

Payment received: \$150

Numbers, more numbers ... more paper Signed: Secretary of State, Hartford, CT, Commercial Recording Division.

The 4 of us had been at the lawyers office in Wallingford a few days before, filled out all the forms, paid the fees. Opened a bank account, got an email address .... Wasn’t all that hard.

Vikash was our first boy who received help, the first one who moved into Simon’s House, the orphanage we established. Vikash had been roaming the streets of Odissa, East India. His mother had died early, his father took to alcohol. A farmer and his wife took Vikash in – but they didn’t even had enough for themselves.

I met that farmer, shook his hand, thanked him. Vikash got new parents and a bunch of brothers. He learned proper local language, learned how to use a bathroom and how to eat properly. He had to learn to go to school (he run away a few times, he missed the freedom of the open fields). By now he is a full-blown teenager, maybe looking at college.

We hope we helped him, really helped him.

We established an after-school-program in a little village in Orissa. Kids who fell behind in school were tutored – the program is still up and running (they receive support from other donors and didn’t need us anymore).

The orphanage became financially independent from us and we moved on and supported more children who already lived in an orphanage. But then the new government set new rules: they didn’t allow foreign funds anymore and it became impossible to send money to India.

We switched again and started to support well established nurseries in the South of India. We sent the financial support to a non-profit in Vermont, it’s their problem how the \$\$\$ get to India. They found a way. (Reach Dalit was their biggest contributor in 2020.)

Last year we supported a water project: We bought filters for clean drinking water.  
10 years!

The Reach Dalit treasurer wrote recently: shall we knock at the door of Simon’s House again? HAPPY 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY! And a big thank you to all the people we have met on the way, who have helped in any shape and form.

Kids got help. Kids got hope. And I feel just a little bit of pride for reaching this milestone.

Onward!

Ute

*“Bringing Hope to Children in India”*

**Reach Dalit, Inc.**

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<http://ReachDalit.org>



**\*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 for approval as of 2/16/22.

Go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.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](https://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.**

**Don't forget the  and stay safe!**