



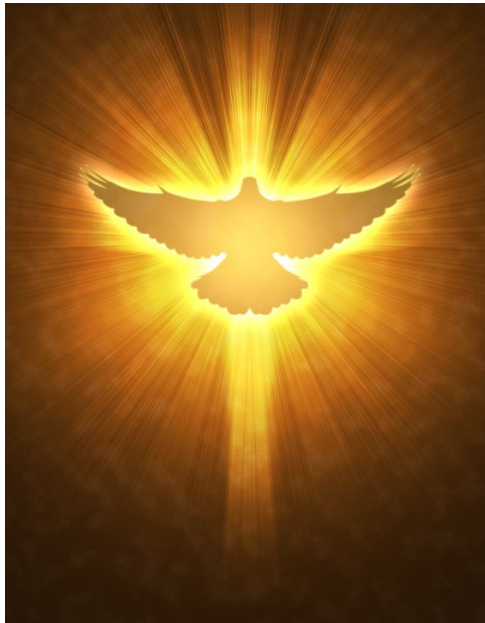
THE TRINITY WINDOW

May 2023

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

292 Orange St. New Haven, CT. 06510
Phone: 203.787.6521 | Fax: 203.776.7915
office@TrinityLutheranNH.org

www.TrinityLutheranNH.org



From the Pastor

*Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide,
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your power prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart,
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*
"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LBW 163, vs. 3., Martin Luther.

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!*

For the entire month of May we continue celebrating the Easter message that Jesus Christ is Risen, and Risen Indeed! He has truly triumphed over our sin and death, and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. On the 50th Day of Easter, the Day of Pentecost, we remember that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples in Jerusalem. But Luther's *Small Catechism* reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues his work among us

here and now: "the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in true faith." **This month we celebrate the Holy Spirit being actively at work and poured out among us at Trinity, that we may have the will to do God's work and abide in serving him by serving others!**

So join us each Sunday in worship this month to receive the fire of the Holy Spirit through God's Word and Sacrament!

Sunday, May 7, we invite all who are new to Trinity, or interested in becoming part of our congregation, to join us after worship for a **New Members' Lunch**. This is an opportunity to share in food and fellowship, meet new folks, and find out about becoming more involved at Trinity. We will look forward to officially welcoming these new members in worship soon!

Sunday, May 14, we recognize **Mother's Day**, giving thanks for all women who love with a mother's love.

Sunday, May 21, we celebrate the **Ascension of Our Lord** in worship, and after worship **inaugurate our new Trinity Talks series**. Each month after worship during coffee hour a different Trinity member will have the opportunity to tell their story and share an interest, passion, hobby, experience, or vocation. We hope these ongoing **Trinity Talks** will be an opportunity for Trinity members to get to know one another better and to grow in friendship and Christian fellowship. **You won't want to miss the "Mystery Guest" for our first Trinity Talk, and you will leave inspired! So be sure to join us after worship on May 21!**

Sunday, May 28, the 50th Day of Easter, we will celebrate the **Day of Pentecost**, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and upon us!

Come, holy Fire, comfort true!
Pastor Mills+

Sanctuary Eternal Light

Burns to the glory of God

In Memory of:

Emma Sundermann

Apr 9th

Seidi Minkkinen

Apr 23rd

Burns to the glory of God

In Honor of:

Colbi Auman

Apr 2nd

Jonathan Auman

Apr 16th

Altar Flowers



Given to the glory of God...

*In Memory of all the Faithful
Departed*

In Honor of

Joan deLaubell **Apr 9th**

Men's Fellowship Group

The May Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Join us for coffee and donuts, devotions and conversation. Please RSVP to Pastor Mills.

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.

**PLEASE DO NOT EMBED THE TEXT OF
YOUR ARTICLE IN THE EMAIL.**

Oremus

"Let us pray"

This month we prayed for the following members and friends of Trinity who were sick and/or hospitalized:

Shirley King, Karen

Johnson, Ruth Setaro, Annie

Wright, John Chaffin,

Donald Langlois Jr., Christine Thomforde, Debbie

Hart, Randy Rossia, Margaret Hawkins, Thaddeus

Gensicki, Pat Panza, Jake Swanson, Don Johnston,

Deborah Golden-Johnston, Linda Johnson, Karen

Hansen, Margaret Blachly, Sandy Langlois, Debbie

Boychuck, Marty Pieper, Joseph Aceto Jr., David

Lewis, Allen Kirton, 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, Katheryn Patrick,

Wendy Lynn, Allison Empringham, Mimi

Thompson, Mary Ellen Schoonmaker, Virginia

Masciola, Philip Cerrone, Sandy Noonan, Maria

Roman, Nicole Donzello, Elizabeth Leone, Pamela

Simone, Vincent Villano, Frank Wright, Esther

Goffinet, Nicole Donzello, Paul Renkewitz Jr., Edna

Woods, the residents of the Mary Wade Home and

all assisted living facilities, Christian Community

Action, Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA,

and all who serve in the armed forces, especially:

Daniel Burk, Christopher Bushy, Justin Coonrod,

and Jonathan Outlaw. And those who mourn John

Della Valle and Timothy Pue.



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.

May		
May 7 th	After Worship	Blood Pressure Screen
May 7 th	After Worship	New Member Lunch
May 13 th	10:30am	Strategic Planning Meeting.
May 25 th	2:45pm	Mary Wade Service
May 27 th	10:30am	Men's Fellowship

Operation Christmas Child



"Christ is risen "

Spring has sprung new life is piping out all over and oh what a glorious sight to behold.

Our Palm Sunday Bake Sale returned after being on hiatus during the Pandemic. The table was busting at the seams with goodies. \$317.00 (This is a correction to the bulletin announcement (my bad) was realized from the sale. Thank you so very much to all who contributed in any way to make this fund raiser a huge success. Money raised will go toward the shipping cost for our 2023 shoeboxes. As we are planning our next fund raiser we always are gratefully accepting donations.

Speaking of donations we have had a grand donation. 100 adorable Teddy bears have been made and donated for our shoeboxes this year. Thank you Susan and Thanks be to God.



As a reminder the OCC COLLECTION BOX is in the narthex. Standard size shoeboxes are always welcome.

" He is risen indeed "

Barbara Mourer
OCC Chair/Drop off Coordinator

The Mary Wade Service

Join us in our outreach to The Mary Wade Home, 118 Clinton Avenue, New Haven. Come help sing, assist in worship and/or visit with the residents! The next service will be held on Thursday, May 25 at 2:45p.m.



Lenten Can Do Project

Thank you to everyone who generously donated food to the Christian Community Action food pantry drive. The donations were greatly appreciated!



Monthly B.P. Screening



Deb Nicolson, Parish Nurse, has scheduled the next Blood Pressure Screening for **Sunday, May 7th**. Deb will do the screenings in Pat'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

Are You Interested in Serving?

Are you interested in serving on the Altar Guild, being a lector, or usher? Please email or call the office to let Pat know how you would like to assist in worship at Trinity. The office phone number is 203-787-6521 or email Office@TrinityLutheranNH.org

Women of Trinity

WELCA/Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a group that all the women of Trinity are members of, they will be holding a Strategic Planning Meeting and all women are invited. It will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Coffee and light refreshment will be provided, parking is available in the church driveway and in back.

In Home Safety

On April 19, Professor Barbara Glynn from Quinnipiac University made a presentation on fall-prevention and Staying Safe at Home. A copy of the her hand-out is attached.

Time for a Laugh

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

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

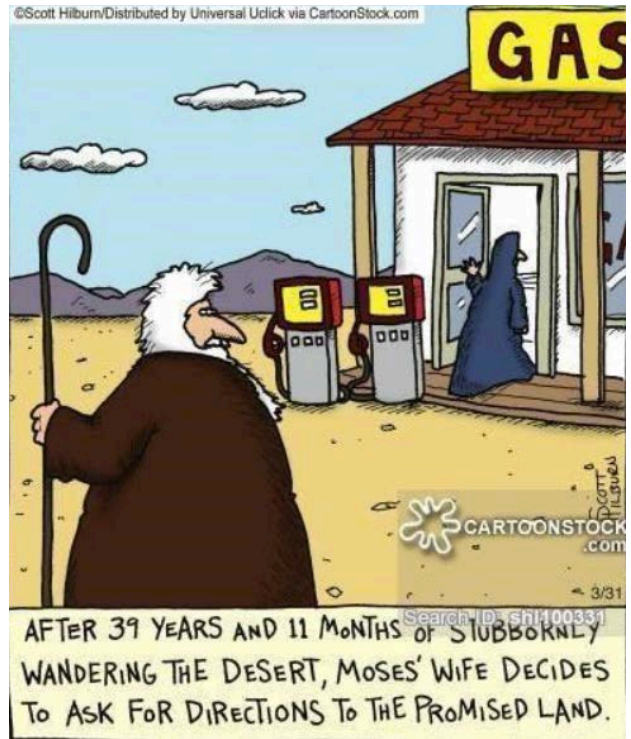
38 YEARS AS THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

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 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



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

MAY CELEBRATIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

May 10 th	Kristine Brophy
May 12 th	Sonja Schmidt
May 14 th	Ryan Mills
May 16 th	Amy Handy
May 24 th	Scott Prud'homme
May 26 th	Sandra Kops
May 26 th	Derk Strauch
May 27 th	Andy Ching
May 29 th	Karen Johnson



May 14th



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

May 6 th	Fred Sundermann
May 23 rd	Colin Morris
May 30 th	Anthony Ching



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Forward Open Forum

Recap of Forward Open Forum Session #1, held Sunday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Expectations:

Forward Open Forums were introduced as an opportunity to share input, counsel, ideas, and alignment between Congregation Members and the Forward Leadership Team's recommendations and action plans. We hope to foster an open, inclusive approach as we all lead Trinity into God's future!

Process:

As opposed to set committee, Forward Open Forums are OPEN—anyone can attend, with no participation requirement. The Synod "loves" this idea for gathering feedback and input from the Congregation for the Forward Leadership Team, and from there to the Church Council.

Key Areas of Focus:

A "Thriving Trinity" leads to more new people and more families with children! Based on the C.A.T. Assessment completed by our members three main areas were presented to the Forward Open Forum as key areas of focus:

1. Relationship Building within the Congregation
2. Community Renewal and Outreach/Healing to the Broken
3. Christian Education for all Ages

After good discussion, there was broad consensus and alignment that these 3 areas are key to leading Trinity into God's future.

Relationship Building:

Trinity Talks, recommended by the Forward Leadership Team and approved by Council, begin monthly during coffee hour on May 21! Each month after worship during coffee hour a different Trinity member will have the opportunity to tell their story and share an interest, passion, hobby, experience, or vocation. We hope these ongoing Trinity Talks will be an opportunity for Trinity members to get to know one another better and to grow in friendship and Christian fellowship.

Ideas from Forward Open Forum, esp. on "Relationship Building" & other priorities:

- Small group discussion/meeting groups, meeting in homes, getting to know new people! We're stronger when relationships are built and when you talk to people you don't know.
- Continue building our connection with Christian Community Action, for outreach, after success of Easter baskets and Lenten food drive. Mother's Day outreach to CCA?
- Home church groups, sharing conversation and meals and life together, not just specifically "Bible studies," which are also important but distinct.
- For Christian Education it seems harder to get up and gets kids to early Sunday School. Later times, different days, or community education options during school vacations?
- Focusing on hospitality and welcome towards one another for internal relationship building. Think carefully about our time together, esp. coffee hour, introduce a hospitality team and look at rotating schedule of coffee hour hosts and menus?
- Be more intentional about moving around, introducing yourself, and deepening connections during the Sharing of the Peace, no longer a great Covid risk for this.
- St. Matthew's model of inviting community groups to Church for interaction or shared meal to get to know neighbors and build connections.
- How do we become a more "organic" presence in the community, sharing who we are and making use of our space, especially with food?
- Food insecurity and housing insecurity becoming key issues for us to address!
- Coffee shop/welcoming space in the Gathering Room as a way of being more present and welcoming to neighborhood
- Question about who are our Council Members, can their names be listed in bulletin/publicized?
- St. James, Southbury, model of different/diffuse Sunday School and Christian Education opportunities—different times, places, ages?
- Trinity Talks, beginning May 21, with interest in continuing monthly.
- Importance of welcoming/connecting with visitors and showing hospitality.
- Name-tags for members and ushers/greeters, printed and worn on lanyard?
- Becoming more "sticky" with one another during coffee hour to build relationship
- Directory update—access to contact information.
- Physical suggestion box for Forward Leadership ideas, and an email to send ideas to.

Next Steps...

May 13, Forward Leadership Seminar, Norwich

May 19, Check-In with Synod

May 21, Forward Leadership presents above-recommend Key Areas of Focus to Church Council and first Trinity Talk, with Special Mystery Guest!

June 9-10, New England Synod Assembly, Worcester, MA

Next Forward Forum, TBA!

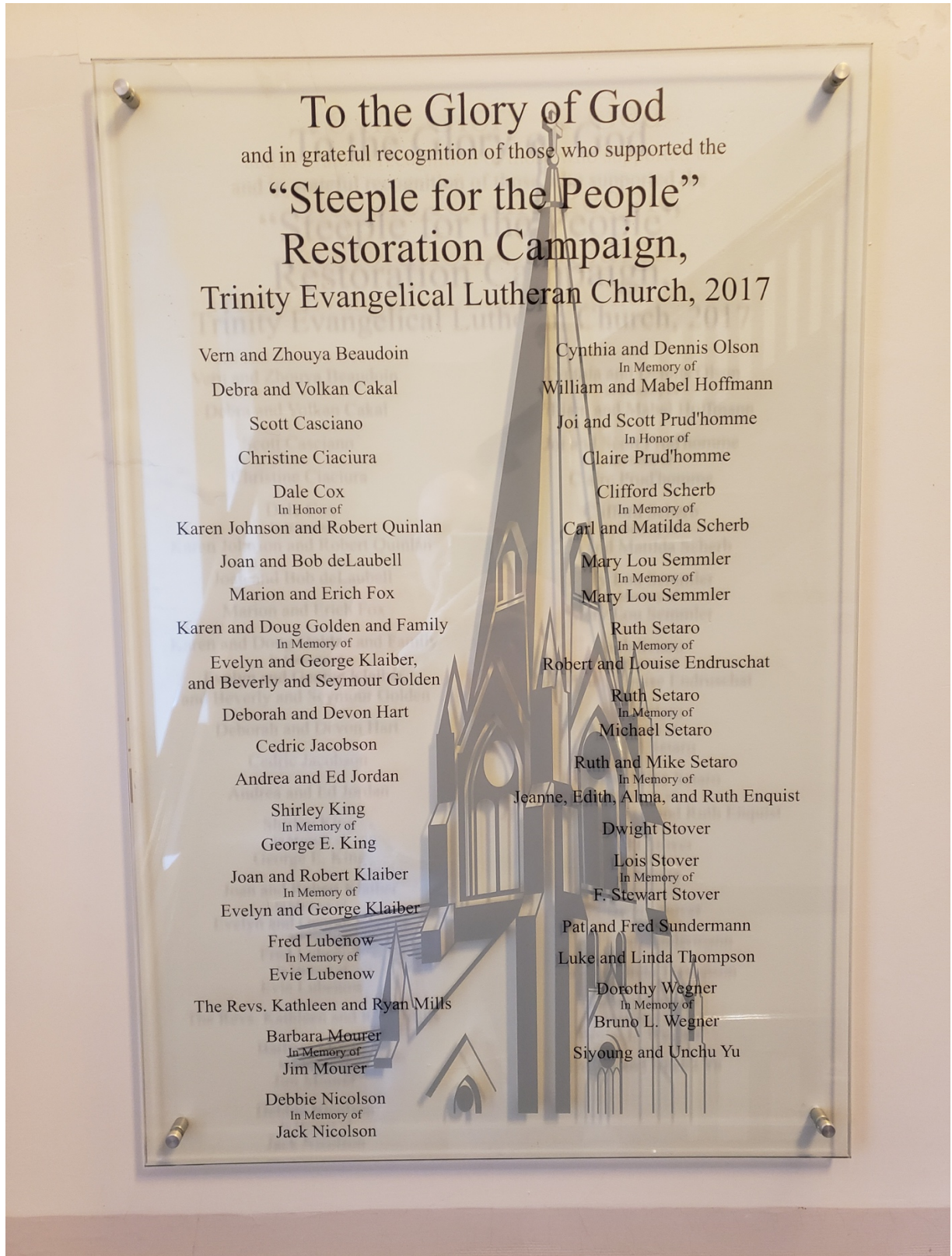
Thank you from Trinity's Forward Leadership Team!

Scott Prud'homme scott.prudhomme@outlook.com Pastor Mills pastor@trinitylutherannh.org

Marlene Warsawski mwarsawski@aol.com

Ruth Setaro ruthsetaro@snet.net

Steeple for the People



To the Glory of God
and in grateful recognition of those who supported the
“Steeple for the People”
Restoration Campaign,
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2017

Vern and Zhouya Beaudoin

Debra and Volkan Cakal

Scott Casciano

Christine Ciaciura

Dale Cox

In Honor of

Karen Johnson and Robert Quinlan

Joan and Bob deLaubell

Marion and Erich Fox

Karen and Doug Golden and Family

In Memory of

Evelyn and George Klaiber,
and Beverly and Seymour Golden

Deborah and Devon Hart

Cedric Jacobson

Andrea and Ed Jordan

Shirley King

In Memory of

George E. King

Joan and Robert Klaiber

In Memory of

Evelyn and George Klaiber

Fred Lubenow

In Memory of

Evie Lubenow

The Revs. Kathleen and Ryan Mills

Barbara Mourer

In Memory of

Jim Mourer

Debbie Nicolson

In Memory of

Jack Nicolson

Cynthia and Dennis Olson

In Memory of

William and Mabel Hoffmann

Joi and Scott Prud'homme

In Honor of

Claire Prud'homme

Clifford Scherb

In Memory of

Carl and Matilda Scherb

Mary Lou Semmler

In Memory of

Mary Lou Semmler

Ruth Setaro

In Memory of

Robert and Louise Endruschat

Ruth Setaro

In Memory of

Michael Setaro

Ruth and Mike Setaro

In Memory of

Jeanne, Edith, Alma, and Ruth Enquist

Dwight Stover

Lois Stover

In Memory of

F. Stewart Stover

Pat and Fred Sundermann

Luke and Linda Thompson

Dorothy Wegner

In Memory of

Bruno L. Wegner

Siyoung and Unchu Yu

Plaque Dedication - April 9, 2023

Easter Egg Hunt



April 9, 2023

Operation Christmas Child – Bake Sale



April 2, 2023

Thank You for Your Support, We Raised \$317 !

Hockey Champion – Jen Setaro



Florida Lucky Pucks 40+
2023 USA Hockey National Champions

Safe at Home – Fall Prevention



April 19, 2023

Professor Barbara Glynn, Quinnipiac University

HOME SAFETY TIPS

HOME SAFETY TIPS

Kitchen

- ▶ Roll up your sleeves!!!!
- ▶ Have a fire extinguisher handy
- ▶ Be sure all food is cooked thoroughly and put away as soon as possible – check expiration dates
- ▶ Place any important medication, medical history, or living will information on the refrigerator door – include a contact person
- ▶ No throw rugs on the floor!!!
- ▶ Is the stovetop clean?
- ▶ Place items in cabinets so you can reach them without using a stool or purchase a grab extender
- ▶ Label faucets
- ▶ Use a contrasting color for cups with liquids

Bedroom

- ▶ Is there a smoke or CO2 detector?
- ▶ Is there enough light to find the bathroom at night?
- ▶ Is there a clear pathway to the bathroom?
- ▶ Do you have a flashlight handy?
- ▶ Is the phone nearby?
- ▶ Do you have an Alert button device? (ie: LifeAlert)

Bathroom

- ▶ Use color contrast to see items clearly
- ▶ Use an elevated toilet seat
- ▶ Label faucets

HOME SAFETY TIPS cont.

- ▶ Grab bars and a shower stool? Non-skid mat or decals in the tub or shower?
- ▶ Night light?

Living Room or Family Room

- ▶ Electrical cords should be out of the way
- ▶ Any loose rugs should be removed
- ▶ Are there any sharp edges anywhere?
- ▶ Can you put on the light before entering the room?
- ▶ Place duct tape on the floor to help you distinguish where a step is located
- ▶ Can you walk easily about the room without hitting anything?

General Safety Tips

- ▶ If you have stairs or steps, are the coverings in good condition? Are there handrails?
- ▶ Do you have a smoke and CO2 alarm?
- ▶ Use 'soft' light bulbs to reduce glare
- ▶ Have an exit plan in case of fire
- ▶ Have furnace checked and cleaned
- ▶ Leave lights on outside at night
- ▶ Be sure your house/apartment number is visible
- ▶ Have your health care provider check your medications to see if any increase your risk for falling
- ▶ Hearing impaired phone if needed (ie: ClearCaptions)
- ▶ Large print labels for medications



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION
HELP · HOUSING · HOPE

April 21, 2023

Rev. Ryan Mills
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
292 Orange St.
New Haven, CT 06510-1716

Dear Rev. Mills and Friends at Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you for your partnership and support! We are most grateful for your donation of

- 12 Easter baskets
- 7 bags and 2 boxes of groceries (including 10 oatmeals)

to Christian Community Action on 4/3/2023. 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.

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, New HOPE Program, and Advocacy and Education Project.

We give thanks for your support of 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 for more consistent updates, follow us on instagram ([christiancommunityactioninc](https://www.instagram.com/christiancommunityactioninc)) or Facebook!

Sincerely,

Charmain Yun
Director of Administration and Planning

Thank you dear friends!