



The Trinity Window

February 2024

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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 this month on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continues through all of March, 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 fittingly, Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year—a reminder that Lent is really about returning to that "true love" of God and neighbor. But this life of love is a struggle!

Like our Lord Jesus we too are constantly tempted and assaulted by the forces of "unlove"—sin, death, despair, and the devil. So Lent allows us to admit the truth about our daily struggles, and to let God's love for us be our help and salvation. So what will your "Lenten discipline" be this year, to help you love more faithfully? 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 loves us even

to death on a Cross, and who rose again on Easter morning so that his love for us would never end.

Join us in February for:

A St. Valentine's Potluck Lunch, on Sunday, February 11, upstairs in the auditorium after worship. The main dish will be provided, sign up to let us know you're coming and to bring a side dish to share!

Come and enjoy Valentine's fellowship with your Trinity church family, and good food in preparation for Lent!

Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Solemn Beginning of Lent, with Worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. Ashes will also be available on the sidewalk at the Orange Street church doors from 12-1 p.m., and at Union Station in the afternoon.

Lenten Self-Denial Folders, available in the back of the church to help you keep a holy Lent at home.

Trinity's Lenten Service Project, collecting canned and non-perishable food each Sunday for Christian Community Action's Easter grocery baskets.

Lenten Soup Suppers, every Thursday in Lent at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 22. Soup suppers will be held in the Church Parlor, and will close with a brief service of Compline Night Prayer. Sign up in the narthex to bring the evening's soup, bread, or dessert. Free parking during Soup Suppers available in our lot at State and Wall Streets.

Most importantly, join us each Sunday for worship at 10:15 a.m., where together we will return to the Lord and receive him in Word and Sacrament.

God grant us all a holy Lent of renewed love, 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:*
Jason Auman **Jan 21st**

Altar Flowers



Given to the glory of God...
In Memory of all the Faithful De-
parted

In Honor of:

Men's Fellowship Group

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group will be announced at an upcoming worship service. Please stay tuned for details. Please contact Pastor Mills with any questions.

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:

Karen Johnson, Annie Wright, John Chaffin, Donald Langlois Jr., Christine Thomforde, Margaret Hawkins, Thaddeus Gensicki, Pat Panza, Jake Swanson, Don Johnston, Debbie Boychuck, Joseph Aceto Jr., Michael Pingle, Richard Werner, Mindy Durham, Dan Zawack, Rosie Weaver, Amanda Rice-Johnston, William Douglas, Julia Kanozo, Rita Roman, Mike & Lucy Nieves, Nancy Kops, Yoly Ortiz, Rachel Thompson, Kathryn Patrick, Wendy Lynn, Allison Empringham, Mimi Thompson, Mary Ellen Schoonmaker, Philip Cerrone, Sandy Noonan, Maria Roman, Elizabeth Leone, Pamela Simone, Vincent Villano, Frank Wright, Esther Goffinet, Nicole Donzello, Cindy Quinn, David Lewis, Glenn Pelc, Joe Marinelli, Suzanne Pallanti, Florence Flynn, Carol Lee Robinson, Melanie Thayer, Stu Cohen, Mary Wade Home and all assisted living facilities, Christian Community Action, and all who serve in the armed forces, especially: Daniel Burk, Christopher Bushy, Justin Coonrod, Jonathan Outlaw, and Ben deLaubell.



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.

February

Feb 8 th	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Feb 11 th	After Worship	Blood Pressure Screen
Feb 11 th	After Worship	Valentine Pot-Luck Lunch
Feb 12 th	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Feb 14 th	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb 22 nd	6:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
Feb 26 th	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held at Trinity

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child

" Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth"

Greeting everyone. Hope you all had a wonderfully New Year and Epithany.

OCC 2023 is in the books at Trinity. Some of our boxes were tracked to Tanzania and Eswatini, Africa. How exciting Hoping to track more of our boxes in 2024. It is great to see how far they travel and perhaps hear back from the Children who receive them.

This is a slow time for OCC news (even though I think OCC every day). So I will give you a couple of dates to mark on your fresh new 2024 calendar.

1. Palm Sunday Bake Sale March 24th after Church in the parlor.
2. National Collection week November 18th - 24th.

As always the collection box awaits in the Narthex for your donations. Standard size shoeboxes are also greatly appreciated.

One more shout of praise and Thanksgiving to you all for your support of this ministry at Trinity in oh so many ways
You are all such a Blessing.

"To God be the Glory Great things he hath done."

Yours for the children
Barbara Mourer OCC Chairperson and relay coordinator.

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 date for our next service will be announced

CHURCH COUNCIL

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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

Monthly B.P. Screening



Deb Nicolson, Parish Nurse, has scheduled the next Blood Pressure Screenings for **Sunday, Feb 11th** Deb will do the screenings in Pastor's office after worship. A quick cleaning of equipment will be done

between each person.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU SHOT and the UPDATED COVID VACCINE ! if it is recommended by your doctor. Also, anyone age 60+ should consider getting the RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccine.

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 us know how you would like to assist in worship at Trinity. The office phone number is 203-787-6521 or email Office@TrinityLutheranNH.org

INSPIRATION

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

Where Are You ?

As you might imagine the church has quite a collection of phone numbers, home and email addresses. We are hoping to "clean-up" our files and get rid of any outdated information. We're asking that you please fill out one of the forms provided and return it to the church office.

PARKING AT TRINITY

Everyone is aware that there is limited off-street parking available at Trinity. There are spaces in the driveway and behind Emerson. We are happy to make these spaces available when possible. There are deliveries, and contractors who also need access to these spaces. **If you would like to use these spaces you MUST contact the church office for approval before you park. Do Not just park and assume that it's okay.**

Time for a Laugh

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

1253 Whitney Ave
Hamden, CT 06517
475-257-6538; 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

A man took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor." Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." The boy replied, "Well, then, I'm giving up hard candy."



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 8 th	Carter Handy
Feb 9 th	Dennis Olson
Feb 9 th	Kenneth Sturdivant
Feb 12 th	Ryan Morris
Feb 13 th	Janice Morris
Feb 15 th	Wayne Lubenow
Feb 15 th	Frank Wright
Feb 18 th	Vern Beudoin
Feb 23 rd	Keith Schmidt
Feb 27 th	Jason Doromol
Feb 29 th	Trish Gensicki



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 9 th	Erik Sundermann
Feb 19 th	Tyler Handy
Feb 19 th	Michael Hayes
Feb 19 th	Ted Warsawski
Feb 26 th	Imaim Doward



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

CALUMET OUTING

Come to Calumet next year and join in the fun. We go for 4 days and 3 nights. We have our own rooms and each room has a private bath. The cost is usually under \$300 and includes all meals while there. Fresh fruit and coffee/tea are always available. They even make us a huge bowl of popcorn for movies each night. The dates for next year are January 14-17.

If you would like more information, please contact Louise Bahner or any of the women in these photos. We'd love to have you join us!



We always pose for a formal portrait on our last morning at Calumet. This year we recruited Knute to be our photographer.



Playing Connect Four by the fireplace.



Painting wine glasses in the Micah Room. We also gather here each evening for movies.



Creating masterpieces using Diamond Art.



A beautiful piece of French toast. Breakfast is always amazing!



The Conference Center at Calumet.



We were greeted by snow on our first evening.

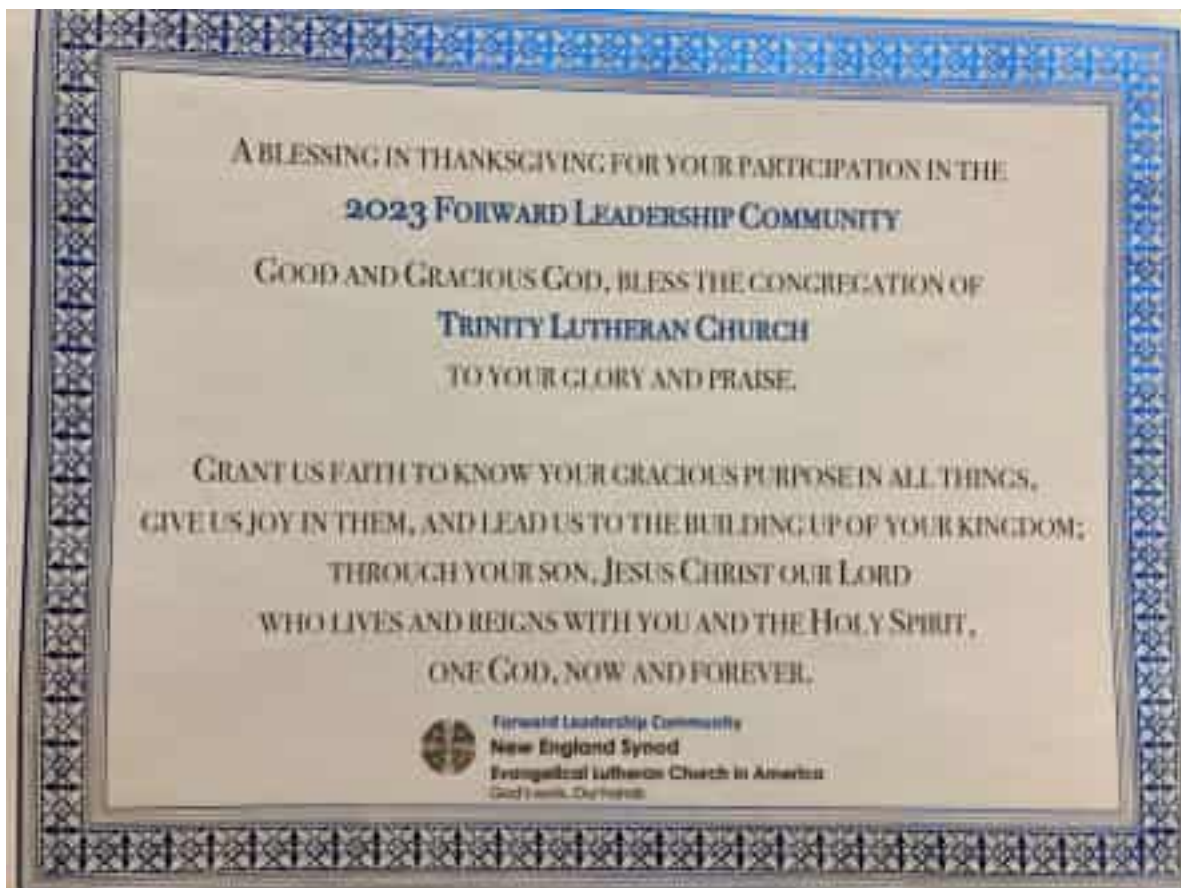


We enjoyed a walk by the beach.



A selfie by the lake.

Forward Leadership Team



Camp Calumet – Jan 5-6, 2024



Seafarers International House

The Lutheran response to the urgent needs of seafarers and immigrants since 1873

January 10, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church
Pat Sunderland
292 Orange St
New Haven CT, 6510

Dear Pat,

Thank you for spreading Holiday cheer among seafarers though your generous donation of time, satchels, knitting, and supplies to fill them. Your donation combined with those of other individuals, congregations, business and youth groups resulted in over 3,100 satchels being delivered to seafarers this Christmas season. This is a historic record!

Some late donations are still being delivered as Christmas time continues through January 6th for some. Your satchels knitted hats and scarves and other donated supplies show seafarers, who are away from loved ones for long periods of time, that we appreciate their sacrifice. Many are from low-wage countries and save every penny to support their families.

Our port chaplains not only deliver satchels, but bring essentials like medication or fresh produce, or sometimes, trivial things such as pizza or sweets when seafarers cannot come ashore because they were unable to get visas as US consulates abroad are backlogged.

Seafarers who have visas enjoy a ride with the port chaplains to the mall, a restaurant, or medical facility, a welcome interruption after monotonous weeks at sea.

Please, check out our web site at www.sihnyc.org to view our 150th anniversary video and "like" us on social media (Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn) to see posts on how you helped spread Holiday cheer among seafarers, who are providing essential services.

Wishing you peace and joy throughout 2024, - on behalf of the whole Seafarers International House crew,

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**INTERFAITH
VOLUNTEER
CARE GIVERS
OF GREATER
NEW HAVEN**

Dear Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution
to Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of
Greater New Haven! We received your
donation of \$1,200.00 and it was
processed on 12/13/2023.

Your gift is tax-deductible to the full
extent permitted by law. Please retain
this card for your tax records.

Every donation received makes a
significant impact on our organization
and the seniors in our community. We
are so grateful for your continued
support of our mission!

Sincerely,


Executive Director

*Your faith in
us is inspiring!*

THANK YOU FROM

Loaves & Fishes



December 20, 2023

To: Trinity Lutheran Church -

Thanks so much for your donation
of \$250.00 - it has helped us
continue packing 400 bags of
fresh food + groceries - and
giving them to those in need.

Thanks for your ongoing
support

Sally Fleming



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

January 4, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church
292 Orange St
New Haven, CT 06510-1716

Thank You

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$170.00 to ELCA World Hunger.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Amanda White

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

Downtown Evening SOUP KITCHEN

P.O. Box 1478, New Haven, Conn. 06510 - (203) 624-6426 - info@deskct.org - www.deskct.org

December 20, 2023

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

Dear Friends at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$200.00 received on 12/20/2023. By supporting our work, you are taking an active role in our community by creating an authentic sense of equity in Greater New Haven and empowering DESK to fulfill its mission!

Our clients come to us for basic needs — food, bathrooms, clothing, toiletries, coats — but once they are in our doors, we have an opportunity and an **obligation** to connect them with additional resources.

Your support allows DESK to continue to be the front door to the network of services needed so people can move beyond homelessness toward recovery and stability.

With you, our work is possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Luis Olmo-Rivera
Development Director



P.S. Interested in seeing our programs in action? Email me at lolmorivera@deskct.org or call us (203) 624-6426, to schedule your tour now!

This letter serves as your acknowledgment for tax purposes.
Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen is a 501(c)(3) organization.
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Families with senior members have all the ingredients for successful and healthy daily living. NSS's "meal kit" packages can facilitate nutritious family meals and connections. Everyone in the home can participate in meal preparation from quality ingredients, engage in lively conversation, and clean up as "together" times.

NSS provides FREE pantry food deliveries to low-income individuals and their families, containing only pre-ordered food items they request because of special dietary requirements and concerns. Most individuals asking for NSS food assistance are elderly or disabled. We are receiving feedback that the pantry users are delighted. Many testify that the NSS pantry service has made a real difference in their lives.

Donations are **vital** to ensure that people needing grocery deliveries have nutritious food. NSS provides foods unavailable from other area pantries. By donating, you are helping to bridge the gap between what seniors or disabled

individuals can afford and what they need to stay healthy. Your donation also helps to combat social isolation among seniors and others who cannot leave their homes to shop. **To make contributions, visit "Donate" on our website. www.NSSINCCT.org**



Follow us on FaceBook for all the NSS, Inc. events and other informative postings and action Reels.

Posts from NSS also appear on LinkedIn!



Become a volunteer for NSS!

Attend our volunteer orientation the 1st Tuesday of each month, 10:30 AM at our North Haven

Another way to be a supporting donor -

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Featured in every NSS Newsletter
in 2024

A "Silent Auction"

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During the rest of December until midnight on January 31st, you can make a bid for this unique "FISH" vase (approximately 6"x12") pictured on the left, created by a regional artisan potter, Vicki Finkel. Vicki does much of her work for charitable causes like NSS, Inc. Food Pantry Programs. Her work will be presented in many 2024 silent auctions.

To place your bid, send an email to: NSS, Inc496@gmail.com

Enter: *Bid for the FISH Vase* in the subject line.

Bidding on this month's beautiful FISH vase starts at \$200

Have a special dietary request? contact: Sandy Kops, PhD, RDN

warehouse. RSVP to
NSS.Inc496@gmail.com

You can join one of the following teams:

- Assist pantry users with online shopping using our "Hotline".
- Help assemble the pre-ordered packages.
- Become a delivery volunteer.
- Help seniors at an NSS pantry drop-off satellite site for pick up of online orders or shop during once per month "Fresh Produce" event.



Meet some of the NSS, Inc team in action, working hard to make it happen





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