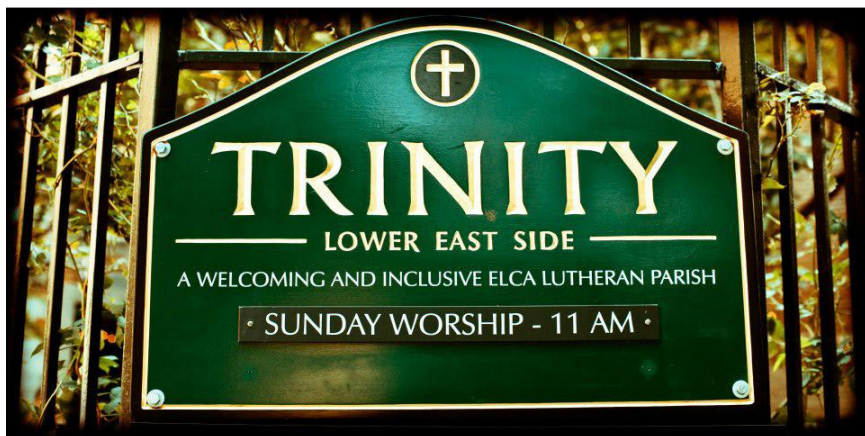


A photograph of a brick building with a patterned facade of red, tan, and grey bricks. The word "TRINITY" is visible in stone above a window. A circular emblem with a cross is mounted on the wall. The background shows green trees and a blue sky.

TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH

**INFORMATION FOR YOUR
STAY IN OUR YOUTH HOSTEL**

602 E. 9th Street (at Avenue B)
New York NY 10009
212-228-5254
www.trinitylowereastside.org



WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish and its outreach program, Trinity's Services And Food for the Homeless (also known as SAFH, pronounced "safe.")

This brochure includes information about our programs and facilities. We encourage you to share this information with trip participants or other leaders. Inside you will find answers to some commonly asked questions, concerns, and some more information about who and what we are.

Some of this will make more sense once you have arrived, but we want to make sure you have all the information you need before you arrive.

*Our staff is limited, and we ask that visitors be mindful of this and treat our facilities and other people who use it with care. **When planning your stay, one helpful guideline is to think of our facilities more as an urban campsite than a hotel.***

We are enriched by the participation of groups like yours. We want to make your stay with us as comfortable and rewarding as possible. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us at the church office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

- The Rev. William R. Kroeze, Pastor.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

CHECK-IN

We ask that all groups plan on arriving no later than 8pm. If you find yourself stuck in traffic or delayed for any reason, please contact the designated staff member. A staff member will be on premises to greet you when you arrive and orient you to our facilities.

CHECK-OUT

Please be sure our staff is aware of the approximate time of your departure. When checking out, you will need to meet with a staff member to return your keys and inspect the building.

Before departing, please sweep the chapel floor, wipe down and clean any sleeping mats used before putting them away, and return the chairs to the way you found them, as instructed.

If you must depart outside normal business hours, please coordinate this with a staff member in advance.

COST

We ask that you please contribute **\$30 per person, per day** to help cover the cost of your stay with us. 50% is due at the time of reservation, with the remainder due anytime before or upon arrival.

KEYS

You will be given **two** (2) sets of keys which you are asked to return upon departure. The keys will allow you entry into the building and also the chapel where you'll be sleeping. Please lock the chapel when it is not in use. We are not responsible for any lost or missing items.



PARKING

There is a space in front of the church for loading and unloading only and cannot be used for parking. We cannot provide parking of any kind.

STREET PARKING

Unfortunately, street parking in NYC is always a challenge. The church does **not** have its own parking. You may be able to find free on-street parking near the church, but **pay close attention to the street side rules for street cleaning that are posted. You may have to move your vehicle at some point, or risk getting a ticket or deal with a towed vehicle.**

PARKING GARAGES (contact for individual rates)

- **City Parking** - 525 East 11th Street (btw Ave A & Ave B) (212) 388-1030
- **Littleman Parking** - 220 East 9th Street (btw 2nd Ave & 3rd Ave) (212) 979-5708
- **Central Parking System** - 310 East 11th Street (btw 1st Ave & 2nd Ave) (212) 598-0873

OTHER PARKING

Some groups have independently made contact with outer borough churches or schools that have parking lots and have stored their vehicles there and then taken a train into the city.



Our First Floor Community Room where we operate our soup kitchen, and where the restroom/shower is located.

BUILDING INFORMATION

SAFETY

Please remember that this is a working building and there are many regular events happening and people coming in and out of the building. While the neighborhood is relatively safe, there is no such thing as 100% safe. Do not let anyone not known to you into the building. Check the door when you leave to be sure it is locked.

THE FRONT DOOR MUST BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES. If someone is supposed to be in the building, they will have a key.

ONGOING BUILDING EVENTS

- **Evening Events**

These weekly meetings take place in the first-floor Community Room. During these times access to the restrooms is limited. Please be sure meals are finished and cleaned up and your group members use the restroom BEFORE these events begin to maintain the privacy of 12-step meetings.

- **Alcoholics / Narcotics Anonymous**

- Monday 6:30 – 9:30
 - Tuesday 6:30 – 9:30
 - Thursday 6:30 – 10:00

- **STP Creative Foundation** – Wed. 7:00 – 8:30

This meeting is not confidential, and access to the restroom is allowed.

- **Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry**- Monday through Friday from 7:30am-3pm (when staff is here.) – Community Room/Kitchen 1st Floor.
- **Worship Services**- Sunday from 11am-12:30pm. Various other programs may begin at 10am – Chapel, 2nd Floor.

RESTROOMS

There are two all-gender restrooms on the first floor. Only one restroom is equipped with a single shower, so arranging a personal care schedule is helpful. ***There are no restrooms on the second floor.***

Please finish personal care and ensure restrooms are clean by 9am. We are a small staff, and bathrooms are only cleaned once a day.

For your own comfort, arranging a cleaning schedule amongst your group is helpful. Encouraging the groups to wipe down counters/mirrors with each bathroom use will only make your experience positive. A staff member will be happy to show you where cleaning products are located.



KITCHEN USE

We have a full commercial kitchen which you are welcome to use. Space in one of our refrigerators will be provided for you. You are welcome to use the kitchen's pots, utensils, etc for dinner/weekend meals. The kitchen, and all items used, must be left clean. You are welcome to use the kitchen during evening AA meetings, just use the back staircase to go up and down from the chapel to the kitchen, as they meet in the community room.

Monday-Thursday, dinner should be finished and cleaned up by 6:30 as evening meetings take place in the Community Room (see building schedule above).

Unfortunately, we are unable to share any disposable plates/forks, etc. Please provide your own.

Breakfast:

Please be advised the kitchen staff may begin working as early as 7am and the kitchen must be clean upon their arrival and may not be used to prepare breakfast. **Please limit breakfast to cold cereals/pastries/bagels** that can easily be eaten in the Community Room, and **limit access to the kitchen to two people to retrieve items from the fridge and clean up after breakfast.** This helps to ensure that guests stay out of the way of our soup kitchen staff as they work.

Guests must vacate the Community Room by 9:00am on weekdays, unless volunteering in the soup kitchen.

ODDS & ENDS

WIFI

Network name: Trinity Lower East Side

Password: lowereastside (case-sensitive)

POWER OUTLETS

There are limited power outlets available in the chapel. We suggest bringing power strips that can be shared.

SMOKING

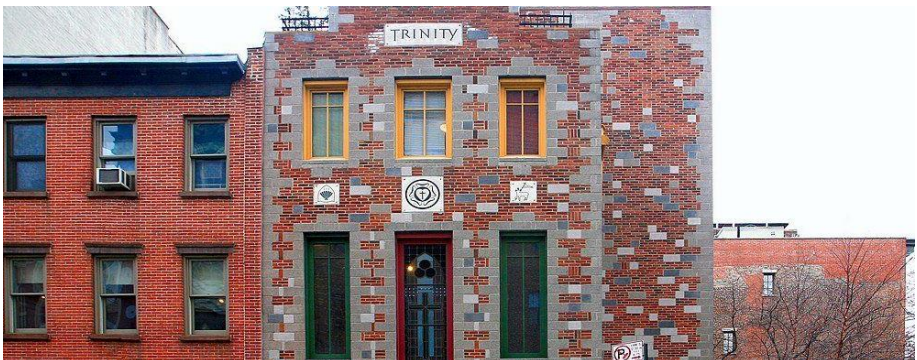
There is no smoking allowed inside the building. If you do smoke, please do so outside and dispose of all cigarette butts in the receptacles provided.

COURTESY

Please be respectful of the chapel as it is a place of worship. Please do not set anything on the altar, lectern, or piano. **Please do not play the piano, and please leave the humidifier inside the piano plugged in.**

Please do not dry clothing on the main exterior railing in the foyer. You may hang wet towels to dry on the banister in the stairwell (located outside the door near the chapel windows). **Please turn off the lights and Air Conditioning/Heating when no one is in the chapel.**

Please keep noise levels down after 10pm. There is no set curfew, but as there are apartments above the chapel and office, the later you return to the building the quieter you should be. After 10pm, please do not buzz the intercom at the front door but rather, if possible, have a member of your group meet you at the door.



AIR CONDITIONING/HEAT

The chapel has both air conditioning and heat available. Please ask a staff member how to adjust the temperature. Please do not open the windowed doors at the front of the chapel.

Please turn off the air conditioning/heat when you leave. Do not worry, the system works very fast to cool/heat when you turn it back on.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

If a circuit is tripped (often with blow dryer use) the circuit breaker boxes are in the kitchen by the tall spice rack and/or in the basement boiler room.



GETTING AROUND TOWN

MTA SUBWAY/BUS

The best way around New York City is the subway and bus system. The three closest subway stations are 1st Avenue (L Train), followed by Astor Place (6 Train) and 8th Street/NYU (N/R/W Train). Further, but still within walking distance is the 2nd Avenue (F Train). For information on cost, maps and more go to MTA.info.

TAXIS/CARS

Metered Yellow cabs and Uber/Lyft taxis are readily available in Manhattan and less so in the outer boroughs.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

GROCERIES

The closest is Associated Supermarket is located on Avenue C at 8th Street.

Additional grocery stores are:

- **Whole Foods** – in Union Square, 14th Street between University Place and Broadway
- **Key Food Market** - Avenue A, between 3rd and 4th Street
- **C-Town Market** – Avenue C, between 11th and 12th Street
- **Sheen Bros** - Avenue B at 10th Street (very close, more of a “convenience store”/deli)

LAUNDROMAT

LaLa Laundry is located on Avenue B at the corner of 11th Street.

RESTAURANTS

The East Village is home to a rich restaurant scene with options in many price ranges. Here are a few of our favorites!

- **Remedy Diner** (\$\$) 245 E Houston St. at Norfolk St. Classic NYC Diner open 24/7 great for everything from breakfast to late-night snacks.
- **Mighty Quinn's Barbeque** (\$) 103 2nd Avenue at 6th Street. Wood-fired BBQ & sides using Texas & Carolina methods served cafeteria-style at communal tables. Fast/Casual.
- **Dallas BBQ** (\$\$) - 132 2nd Ave, at 8th Street. Bustling local chain serving big plates of saucy meats & other classic American fare. Can accommodate large groups with advance notice.
- **Gruppo** (\$\$) 98 Avenue B, between 6th and 7th Streets. A neighborhood bar-like pizzeria serving thin-crust pies along with salads, pastas & desserts.
- **Two Boots Pizza** (\$) 42 Ave. A, at the corner of 3rd St. - Offbeat chain serving cornmeal-crustured pizzas with quirky toppings in a kid-friendly space.

FREE/CHEAP IN NYC

PUBLIC PARKS

- **Central Park**- Manhattan's biggest park starts at 59th Street (between 5th and 8th Avenues) and continues to 110th Street. For more information visit CentralParkNYC.org.
- **The High Line** - A former elevated freight rail line that has been transformed into a public park, The High Line offers amazing views of the city and the Hudson River. It runs from Gansevoort Street to 34th Street (between 10th and 12th Avenues). For more information visit TheHighLine.org.

MUSEUMS

A vast majority of NYC museums are free to visitors or operate on a "pay what you wish" policy, including the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of the American Indian. Be sure to check the policy of the specific museum before your visit.

STATEN ISLAND FERRY

A free ferry that connects Manhattan to Staten Island, the short boat ride offers great views of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. Visit SIferry.com for more information.

ROOSEVELT ISLAND TRAM

The Roosevelt Island Tram is an aerial tramway that connects the east side of Manhattan with Roosevelt Island, located on the East River and has been featured in many movies. For the cost of a subway ride (you can use your Metrocard) it offers spectacular views of Manhattan and the surrounding areas, especially at night

Once on the island, there is a walkway along the river with fantastic views, including a memorial to Pres. Franklin Roosevelt at the southern tip of the Island. From Trinity, take the Queens bound F train at 2nd Avenue to the Roosevelt Island stop.

BROADWAY

Cheap tickets for Broadway shows? You bet. You can download the app Today Tix for discounted tickets to a large selection of shows.

Group discounts are often available when purchased in advance.

Additionally, many Broadway shows offer rush, lottery, and standing-room-only (SRO) policies. For the most up-to-date policies, visit Playbill.com and look for “Broadway Rush, Lottery and Standing Room Only Policies”. For a more downtown experience, Playbill.com offers the same information for Off-Broadway shows as well.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In the event of a medical emergency, please call 911. The closest hospital is **Beth Israel Hospital** on 1st Avenue at 16th Street

Pharmacies are located at:

- Duane Reade/Walgreens: Avenue B at 2nd Street,
- Duane Reade/Walgreens: 1st Avenue at 14th Street
- CVS: 1st Avenue at 15th Street

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Do not take the elevator. Take either the stairwell located in the front of the chapel or the stairwell at the back of the church. Emergency flashlights are in the drawer on the desk outside the chapel. Please ask a staff member to show you the location when you arrive.



Our chapel (your room for your stay!) is located on the second floor.

KEEP IN TOUCH / ABOUT US

CONNECT WITH US

We love to see photos from your stay with us! Please be sure to follow and tag us as you explore our great city.

Facebook: [Facebook.com/TrinityLES](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLES)

Instagram: [TrinityLES.NYC](https://www.instagram.com/TrinityLES.NYC)

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ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish, nearing it's 180th year of ministry, is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We welcome people of all genders, including women and trans individuals, into ordained ministry and are enthusiastically ecumenical.

OUR MISSION:

We strive for justice and work for measurable change among the oppressed as we live out the way of Jesus. To that end, members of the church, on behalf of the church, have established Trinity's Services and Food for the Homeless, Inc. to meet the growing needs of the hungry and underserved in the East Village/Lower East Side of the City of New York. Visit www.safhnyc.org for more information about our hunger relief efforts.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION:

Trinity Lower East Side is proudly listed as a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes LGBTQIA+ people into our fellowship and works to erase all discrimination against them.