



Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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**Ash Wednesday Worship
with Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion
February 14th
6:45 p.m.**



**Worship preceded
by
Lenten Meal
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**



Lenten Meal



“What’s in a name?” You may have heard this question during your lifetime, as from the beginning of time we have been given names to people, places, things, and to God and gods. In our society today with its greater diversity we hear a great abundance of names for children that reflect our multi-cultural world. I have always had an interest in how or where someone received their name. My first and middle names “Robert George” come from ancestors on each side of my family reflecting a family heritage. There are a multitude of reasons a new-born child is given a name, whether it is from family tradition, to popular name of the time, to the name of a celebrity of the day, to one having a specific meaning in a language.

In the Old Testament scriptures, particularly in the Psalms, we find names used for God in specific way that reflect or pronounces a particular attribute or nature of God. Names spoken such as “Adonai”, *El Shaddai*, “*Jehovah Nissi*”, and others. They all had meaning for the Hebrew people in God’s relationship with them and these names can have meaning for us in God’s relationship with us in our lives today as people of God through Jesus Christ, God’s Son.

During this Lenten season, for a mid-week study and worship service series we will be hearing, discussing, reflecting, and meditating on some of the names of God that are found in the Old Testament scriptures. Lent is a specific time in our spiritual lives leading up to Easter to “turn back” to God, to repent of sin, and to renew our relationship with God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer of life. Through God’s anointed one, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, we are blessed with the forgiveness of sin and given the gift of eternal life. I hope and pray for all of us who take part in this Lenten series that we may learn more about Yahweh, the one God, and to be renewed and grow in our relationship with God who loves each one of us so dearly.

In Christ’s service,

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Robert Kinley
Office Administrator	Kathy Stimmel
Organist/Choir Director	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry	Jerry Johnson
Hostess	Rae Ettmyer
Nursery Attendants	Karen Brown Colleen Koehler

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President	Sarah Knight
Vice President	Dwane Tyson
Secretary	
Treasurer	

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Culverwell	Mary Bollingberg
Don Howard	Ruth Johnson
Sarah Knight	Joanne Martin
Joe Molenda	Casey Steel
Dwane Tyson	

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Deadline for
March VOT
Wednesday,
February 21st
Editor’s Note:**

Please provide the church office with your articles by the 20th of the month unless another date is specified. Please meet the deadline so that the VOT can be distributed on time. Bring your items to the office or email to:

kathy@trinity4jax.org
or
tlcjax@trinity4jax.org



Church Office Hours

**M-Th 8:30AM - 2:30PM
F 8:30AM - Noon**



Did You Know.....

that on **Sunday, Feb. 18th, at 10:05 in the sanctuary** we are scheduling a **Congregational Meeting**? There is a dual purpose for this one. Not only will we be receiving reports from different groups and committees, but also, and very importantly, we will be hearing updates on the Roof and the Stonework proposals. We may also be discussing possible methods of financing the proposals. Sound important? If you have any questions, now would be the time to ask them. If you have any suggestions, God bless you! We would love to hear them. The meeting will be scheduled between services. That means Resource worshippers, please plan to stay a while longer; and Traditional worshippers come a little earlier.. Our House of Worship needs our care. Please plan to attend.



Ash Wednesday worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:45 p.m. after a simple soup and salad meal which begins at 5:30 p.m. and is served continuously until 6:30 p.m. Sign up for the meal on the list in the Hall of Memories to help our church hostess, Rae Ettmyer, plan. A freewill donation will be accepted for the meal.



Prayer Walkers!

The prayer labyrinth will be available Saturday, February 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 11th, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Hall of Memories.

The labyrinth walk will assist you in Christian meditation and prayer. It was used in the Middle Ages as a way for people to participate in a pilgrimage without the expense or time required in actually going to another place. The labyrinth represents a journey to our center and back again out into the world.

Walking takes 30 - 45 minutes. We also have scheduled the labyrinth for Sunday, February 11th to be used after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Come walk and pray with us!

Trinity Prayer Ministry Team

MID-WEEK LENTEN STUDY AND SERVICE

The "Names" for God will be the focus of a mid-week Lenten study and service series. For five Wednesdays during Lent we will learn about and reflect together on many of the various names used for God in the Old Testament. (See Pastor Robert's article on page 2 for more explanation.)

The study and worship will be in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings starting February 21st beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Women

WELCA Board Meeting

WELCA Board will meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 2, 2018 in the Cecil Poole room. There will be no board meeting in February.

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle: Thursday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. - Cecil Poole room
Kitty Howell 387-0152

Hannah Circle: Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. - home of Janice Billy, 1757 Glendale St, 388-7925
Mary Bollingberg 403-1557

Young Women's Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Call or text Pastor Janis for more information.



THE TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH

Trinity's "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Tuesday, February 27th at 11:30 a.m. at St. Johns Harbor, 1161 Lane Ave. S. Please sign up on the list in the Hall of Memories or cross your name off the permanent list if you do not plan to attend. Let Kim Bloomer (766-9858) know by Monday, February 26th, if you need a ride.

Food Pantry News



During December 2017 we served the following numbers of people in the food pantry:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>
DEC	2,818	776

We distributed 22,303 lbs. of food during the month and we spent \$350.64 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was five cents. **In 2017 we have served 12,384 households, consisting of 45,477 persons. We distributed 441,889 lbs. of food in 2017.** We're always looking for volunteers to sort out boxes of food and put it on the shelves. If you can help, please contact Tom Culverwell.

Thank you for the donations of paper and plastic bags. We continue to have to purchase paper and plastic bags. Your donations of paper and plastic bags will help us by lessening the number of bags we will have to purchase.

We had a couple of days in December that we had to stay closed due to a lack of food. This happens periodically and usually only lasts for a day or two.

We appreciate any food donations, but we can stretch a dollar a lot farther than you can by buying food from a supermarket. By partnering with Feeding Northeast Florida Food Bank and Waste Not Want Not, we are able to get approximately **over \$20.00 worth of food for every \$1.00 donated.**

In addition to your financial support, a total of **10,959 man-hours were donated to the food pantry in 2017.** Each volunteer hour has a value of \$18.85 on each volunteer hour performed, so **the 10,959 volunteer hours donated in 2017 is equal to a donation of \$205,481.**

Since every pound of food received has to be carried into the food pantry, the receipt of food is a very labor intensive activity. If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Even if it is only sorting out boxes of food, your participation would be greatly appreciated. Monday: retail pickup and bread pickup. Also the first and third Monday of each month we receive our USDA food, once again a very labor intensive event. Wednesdays we receive a "route end" delivery from Feeding Northeast Florida. The truck seldom arrives before 11 a.m. and much help is needed on these days as well. Lastly, on Thursdays we receive another retail pickup. If you can help on any of these days, it would be greatly appreciated.

This is God's ministry and He wants it to be successful. You are all God's angels for making this happen. God bless you all. To show how much He loves His food pantry -- we were able to distribute almost 441,889 pounds of food in 2017. This would not be possible without your support and our Lord taking care of His food pantry. Except for a few hiccups, each household that came to the Trinity Food Pantry was able to get a nourishing bag(s) of food to help them through their tough times.

Thank you and God bless all who helped the food pantry during 2017.

Tom Culverwell
Director

Gary Hautau
Operations Manager



Honduras Mission 2018

The 2018 Honduras Medical Mission Team has been set and is again ready for your support. Here are upcoming ways you can help support the team:

First - Prayer:

Please keep team members in prayer as they make preparations and raise funds for the trip which is Saturday, February 24 - Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Second - Helping Hands Gloves:

Pick up a Helping Hands Glove from the table in the Narthex and stuff it with change and bills. Plan on returning your glove before Sunday, February 18th.

Third - Medicines, Shampoo and Toothpaste:

Trunks are set up in the Narthex and Hall of Memories to collect items for the trip. See a list of items below.

The 2018 Honduras Team members from North Florida are: **Dwane Tyson, Barbara Wittwer, Pastor Robert Kinley, Jerry and Ruth Johnson, Joseph and Marlene Powers, Dr. Patrick Rearden and Sue Geiger.** We will again be joining the group from Christ the Rock Lutheran Church, Rockford, IL and from Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, Seneca, SC.

Items Needed for Honduras

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Extra Strength (500 mg) and PM
Naproxen (Aleve 220 mg)
Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) (200 mg)
Adult Vitamins, Vitamin C and E
Lice **Killing** Shampoo (8 oz bottles)
Girls' hair "pretties" (barettes, flowers, scrunchies, etc.)

Aspirin (81 mg)
Hydrocortisone, Benadryl cream
BenGay cream
Prenatal Vitamins
Small and Travel size toothpaste
Toothbrushes (children and adult)



Communion Elements

4 Stimmel/Woods	7 Woods
11 Strasser (2)	14
18 Hassler/Bloomer	21
25 Warner/	28

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

- 4 Don Howard
- 11 Joe Molenda
- 18 Michael Phillips
- 25

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders

- 4 No Takeaway
- 11 Dwane Tyson
- 18 Kathy Koob & Judy Hassler
- 25 Ken & Beverly Davis

Councilperson of the Month

Communion Assistants

Earl Delbaugh

Assisting Minister

Linda Culvervll



Date 10:00 AM Coffee Servers

- 4 Beverly Davis
- 11 Mary Bollingberg
- 18 Pam Piersall & Sarah Knight
- 25 Karen Hiers & Pastor Janis Kinley

Sunday Visitor

- 4 Berni Tomaszewski
- 11 Mary Bollingberg
- 18 Linda Culverwell
- 25 Joe & Carolyn Molenda

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**DISCIPLESHIP
TRAINING
STUDENTS**

Discipleship Training students meet every Sunday morning in the upstairs Sunday School/Youth area beginning at 10:05 a.m. Discipleship Training students will not meet on Sunday, February 18th.

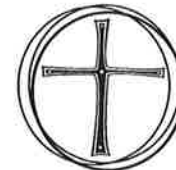
**YOUNG ADULTS
BIBLE STUDY**

The Young Adult Bible Study group will meet at Trinity on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.



***Love Offering
for February***

Our February "Love Offering", in conjunction with the Souper Bowl of Caring, to be received Sunday, February 4th, will be for our Trinity Food Pantry. Love Offering envelopes will be available on February 4th. Make any checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering."



Congregational Meeting

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Kids Klips

Mystery Message

Paul's letters give lots of good advice. Unscramble each word to understand his message. (Read 2 Corinthians 13:11 if you need a hint.)

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l e v i n i e c e a p ; n a d

h e t o g d f o v l e o

d n a a p c e e i l l w

e b i h t w o u y ."



Answer:
"Agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."



DreamLeaders Initiative

DreamLeaders Initiative Weekend

Mark the weekend of February 2nd – 4th as you are invited to participate in the upcoming DreamLeaders Initiative Weekend at Trinity. Here is an outline for the weekend:

- Friday evening Feb. 2nd – Catered dinner, Get acquainted and initial workshop.
Starting time 6:00 p.m. Ending time 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday morning Feb. 3rd – DreamLeaders workshops (lunch included)
Starting time 9:00 a.m.. Ending time 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday worship services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Jeff Linman preaching. Sunday Adult forum 10:05a.m. – 10:50a.m.

A sign-up is posted in the Hall of Memories so that Council may know for how many to prepare for the events. You are encouraged to attend both Friday evening and Saturday events.

By the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...or dream!
Ephesians 3:20



Worship and Sunday School Schedule for February

Trinity's February Sunday worship and Sunday School schedule is as follows:

- **February 4th:** Worship 9 AM and 11 AM
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM - Children's Sunday School, Discipleship Training,
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM - Adult DreamLeaders Forum (no Adult Sunday School or Takeaway)
- **February 11th:** Worship 9 AM and 11 AM
Prayer Labyrinth: 9 AM - 1 PM in Hall of Memories
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM - Sunday School for all ages (Takeaway will meet in alternate location to be determined)
- **February 18th:** Worship 9 AM and 11 AM
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM - Children's Sunday School
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM - **Congregational Meeting** (no Adult Sunday School, Takeaway, or Discipleship Training)
- **February 25th:** Worship 9 AM and 11 AM
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM - Sunday School for all ages



Dear Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you for standing with us to help homeless people and families. Your \$190.00 gift to the Sulzbacher Center on 12/15/17 is tremendously appreciated. We are grateful you are part of our family of wonderful supporters. We could not accomplish as much as we do without you.

Sincerely,

Cindy Funkhouser
President and CEO

I would like to thank the members of Trinity for the all the Christmas cards and goodies, and the also the monetary gift to the staff. It has been such a joy to serve you in the church office! May God bless you in 2018. Peace, Kathy

Trinity members,

Thank you very much for the monetary staff gift for Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. Rae Ettmyer

Food Pantry Volunteers,

A huge thank you to whomever put my ring on the mantel for me to find!

God Bless,
Ron Gross



The Quilters meet each Monday in the Cecil Poole room at 9:30 a.m. and work until noon. No experience is needed. Both men and women are welcome. We would love to have you join us! Sincerely, Trinity Quilters



Souper Bowl of Caring at Avondale UMC

You are invited after worship on Sunday, February 4th, to Avondale United Methodist Church (1651 Talbot Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205) for soup as part of their Souper Bowl of Caring. They will have pots of soups for the tasting (people may “vote” for their favorite soup with a contribution) and soups for purchase. This is Avondale’s way of raising funds to fight hunger with the funds raised supporting Trinity’s Food Pantry. This is also a great way to meet and fellowship with the folks of Avondale UMC. Stop by on your way home that Sunday.



We extend our Christian sympathy to .

- **Fanny and Gary Hautau** and family upon the passing of Fanny’s father, **John Kelly**, on Sunday, January 21, 2018

- **The Karen and Cameron Warner** upon the passing of Karen’s brother-in-law, **George Sweet**, on Thursday, January 25, 2018.



Lenten Prayer Packets for Lent

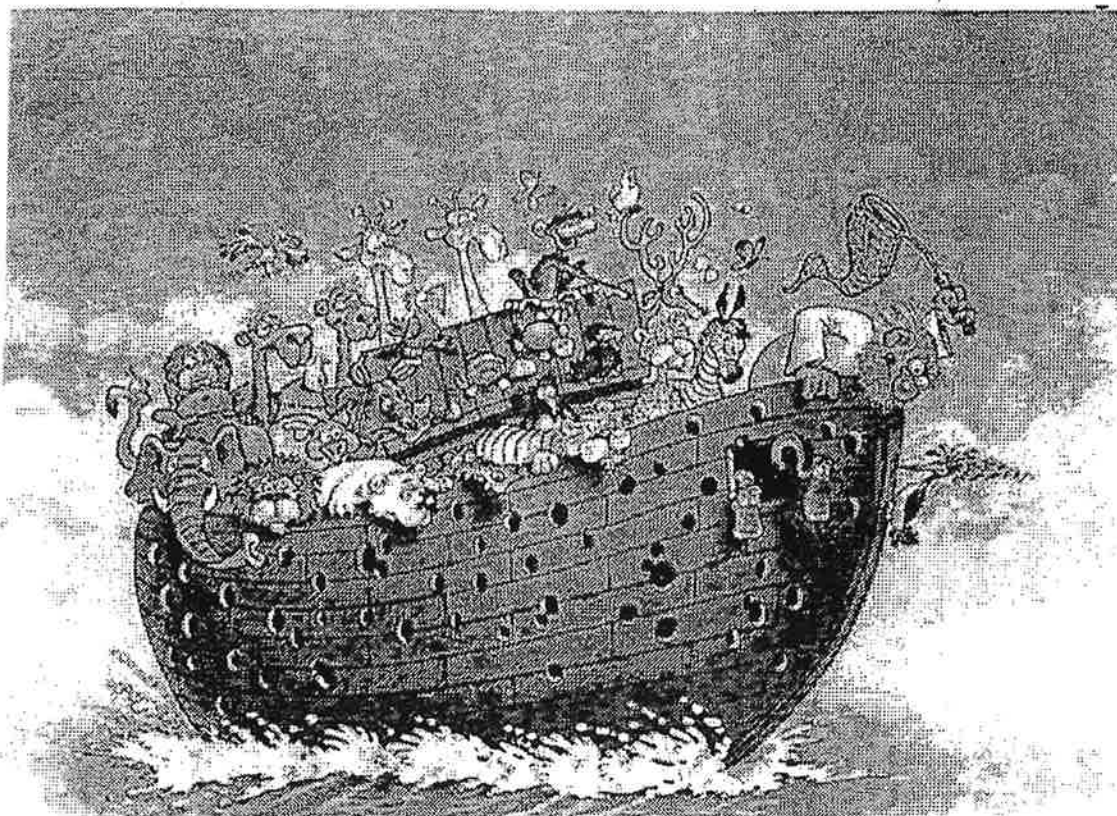
Lent is fast approaching. The purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sin, almsgiving and self denial.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. At that time Lenten Prayer books will be available for you. Using the book during Lent will enhance your prayer and meditation. Also available is a prayer packet with names of members and friends of the congregation for you to pray for during this Lenten season. Please know that your name is included in one of those packets. You have choices. You may choose the prayer book, or the prayer packet, or both! The choice is yours!

The Prayer Ministry Team



Congratulations to **Alana Ronan and Alejandro Perez** on the birth of a son, **Apollo Alexander Perez**, on Saturday, December 16, 2017. May God bless this family now and always.



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Now, wasn't that nice? Pass it along and make someone else smile, too.

anonymous - shared by Joanne Martin

SING WHILE YOU DRIVE

At 45 miles per hour, sing - "Highways Are Happy Ways"

At 55 miles, sing - "I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven is My Home"

At 65 miles, sing - "Nearer, My God to Thee!"

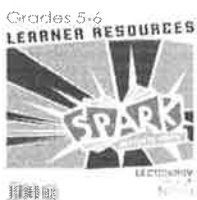
At 75 miles, sing - "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There"

At 85 miles, sing - "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

Please Drive Safely

anonymous - shared by Pauline Scott

Children's Sunday School



Children meet from 10:05 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are studying from the Spark curriculum.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School led by Joe Molenda meets in the Cecil Poole room from 10:05 - 10:55 a.m. Please join us. Adult Sunday School will not meet on February 4th or 18th.

Sunday Morning "Takeaway"

Adults and Senior Youth meet in the Hall of Memories from 10:05 to 10:55 a.m. to study the day's Gospel text. Takeaway will not meet on February 4th or 18th. Location for February 11th Takeaway to be determined.



Worship Schedule

reSource Worship
9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
10:05 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
10:05 a.m.

Adult/Senior Youth
"Takeaway"
10:05 a.m.

Discipleship Training
10:05 a.m.

Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m.