



Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Palm Sunday

March 25th

One Worship Service
11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

March 29th

Worship 7:00 PM

Good Friday

March 30th

Prayer Labyrinth 4 - 7 PM
Worship 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

March 31st

Prayer Vigil 8 AM - 5 PM
Prayer Labyrinth 10 AM - 2 PM



Easter Sunday

April 1st

reSource Worship
8:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for Children
10:15 AM

Pancake Breakfast
9:45 - 10:45 AM

Traditional Worship
11 AM



I was out in the yard for really the first time since the cold weather of January and now that spring is here in full swing here in northeast Florida. I was cutting back the dead growth from the previous year that had been frozen with us actually having real winter weather this year. Dandelions have been popping up all over the yard so I tried to pull up as many as possible knowing that there will be plenty of them and other weeds to attend to when I get back from a week in Honduras.

Pastor Janis and I have been realizing that we are need to put some attention into the condition of our yard as it has become now more green from weeds then from grass. Our sprinkler system is not functioning quite up to par and needs some maintenance. And there are some other maintenance issues around the house to which need attending if we do not want to have other problems down the road. Many of you may be in the same boat.

The same is definitely true for Trinity as a church, whether we are talking about the facilities as we heard at the recent congregational meeting or whether we talking about some of the visions that I and others had from the DreamLeaders Initiative weekend. There is work to be done! How we listen and hear one another's thoughts and ideas will be important in getting started to make united and meaningful progress.

This Lenten season offers us the opportunity to re-new our hearts to be "good soil", as is spoken of in the parable of the sower found in Mark 4:1-20. The "weeds" of complacency, of fear, and of the cares of the world need to be pulled and the soil of our hearts turned over and tilled to be ready for God's seed of the Word to be sown, fertilized, and watered so that it may grow.

As we start to discern actions to take to restore the facilities and how to care for them, as we discern how the Spirit is leading us in mission and ministry in the community and the world, may we devote this Lent to making and allowing the Spirit to renew our hearts as good soil.

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	Mary Bollingberg
Treasurer	Jerry Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Deadline for
April VOT
Friday,
March 23rd**

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
tlejax@trinity4jax.org



Church Office Hours

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

MID-WEEK LENTEN STUDY AND SERVICE

The "Names" for God will be the focus of our continuing mid-week Lenten study and service series. For the first three Wednesdays during March we will learn about and reflect together on many of the various names used for God in the Old Testament.

The study and worship will be in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings March 7th, 14th, and 21st, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY

March 25th
ONE WORSHIP
SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

CEW Awards Banquet

On Wednesday, March 28th, at 5:30 p.m., Trinity will host the Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) Awards banquet during which we will honor student participants, coaches and volunteers. Recognition and awarding of trophies will follow a dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers, sides, and ice cream sundaes. The congregation is invited to join the dinner and celebration. Freewill donations to help defray the cost of the dinner will be accepted.



Youth Gathering Meeting

It is time for the youth, adult leaders, and parents of youth who have registered for the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this summer, to get together to lay out plans and preparations for the trip. Let's plan to meet on Sunday afternoon, March 11th at 1:00 p.m. after the worship services. We will order some pizzas and start making plans.



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



CEW Spaghetti Dinner

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with preparation, set-up, and clean-up for the CEW Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, March 8th. Two shifts are needed: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. for set-up and serving, and from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for serving and clean-up. Let Pastor Robert know if you can help.

Women

WELCA Board Meeting

WELCA Board will meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 5, 2018 in the Cecil Poole room.

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

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

Hannah Circle: Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. - home of Laura Karabinis, 3919 Oak St. 387-6055
Mary Bollingberg 403-1557

Young Women's Lydia Circle

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

Save the Date

Ladies, save the date of **Saturday, May 19th** for our Spring Gathering at Trinity. The theme for the day is "Let Your Gentleness Be Known" taken from Philippians 4:4-8. More details regarding this gathering will follow.



Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on **Sunday, March 11th** at **2:00 a.m.** as we begin Daylight Saving Time.

Food Pantry News



During January 2018 we served the following numbers of people in the food pantry:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>
JAN	4,462	1,193

We distributed 51,002 lbs. of food during the month and we spent \$2,850.66 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was eight cents. **We are now receiving food deliveries/pickups each day of the week. All of this food has to be carried into the food pantry, weighed, and stored properly. In addition, many of the boxes are full of mixed product that must be sorted before we can put it on the shelf.** 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 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 \$12.00 worth of food for every \$1.00 donated.

In addition to your financial support, a total of **931 man-hours were donated to the food pantry in January.** Each volunteer hour has a value of \$18.85 on each volunteer hour performed, so **the 931 volunteer hours donated in 2018 is equal to a donation of \$17,549.35.**

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 and every other Friday 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. In addition, we began doing a retail pickup from the new Walmart at Collins Rd. & I-295 each Monday and Friday. **WE REALLY NEED MORE HELP WITH SORTING AND STORING ALL THE FOOD RECEIVED.** This work can be done sitting down. Please consider helping out with this if you can spare only a couple of hours per week.

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. This would not be possible without your support and our Lord taking care of His food pantry. Except for a few hiccups, we were able to provide each household that came to the Trinity Food Pantry a nourishing bag(s) of food to help them through their tough times.

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

Tom Culverwell
Director

Gary Hautau
Operations Manager



Blooming Plants for Easter

Help beautify Trinity's sanctuary on Easter morning by bringing potted **blooming** plants to decorate the chancel. **Plants may be brought during Holy Week** and placed in the Hall of Memories. After Easter, plants will be planted in the beds around the church to beautify the landscaping.



Come Walk With Us

Trinity's Prayer Labyrinth will be available on Good Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Holy Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Hall of Memories. It takes about 30 - 45 minutes to walk the labyrinth, but the physical and spiritual benefits last much longer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Our Maundy Thursday worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, March 29th. Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service. Also at this service the altar is stripped of all vestments. This is a time of sadness; the night when Jesus was betrayed, arrested, and charged with blasphemy. But it is also a night of love, when at the Last Supper after washing the disciples' feet, Jesus gives of himself - "This is my body, given for you."

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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March 31st

Prayer Vigil -

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Labyrinth open -

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY

April 1st

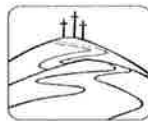
Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

10:15 a.m.



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Good Friday worship begins in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. This day is set aside to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is the Friday before Easter; a day of mourning and penitence. Solemn prayers and adoration of the cross are made. The altar is completely bare and the few vestments used are black.



**Pancake
Breakfast**

The Trinity Lutheran Youth and Rae Ettmyer will again be serving our Easter Breakfast from 9:45 - 10:45 p.m. between the two Easter morning worship services. Freewill donations will be accepted for the youth at the breakfast.



Attention Kids!

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt again this year beginning at 10:15 a.m. during the Pancake Breakfast on Easter morning. Bring your baskets or something for collecting your eggs. There will be separate "Toddler" and "Big kids" hunts.

During this time we will have an opportunity for children to have a photo taken. You won't want to miss the fun!

Sign Up for Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil

In His dark hour of need in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his disciples to wait and pray, but found them sleeping and said, "Could you not wait with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). Our tradition at Trinity is to "wait with Him one hour" during the day between the crucifixion and the resurrection - Holy Saturday.

Please sign up to be in silent prayer for one hour in the sanctuary that day (March 31st). A sign-up sheet is in the Hall of Memories.



4
 11 Strasser/
 18 Stimmel/Bollingberg
 25 Knisely/Virta-Steel



Communion Elements

4 Bloomer & Valentine
 11 Strasser
 18 Stimmel
 25 Knisely

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

4 Don Howard
 11 Joe Molenda
 18 Michael Phillips
 25

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders

4 Pastor Janis Kinley
 11 Dwane Tyson
 18 Rusty White
 25 Cheryl Virta & Casey Steel

Councilperson of the Month

Tom Culverwell

Communion Assistants

Assisting Minister

Mary Bollingberg



Date **10:00 AM Coffee Servers**
 4 Linda Culverwell
 11 Kitty Howell & Sandy McLaughlin
 18 Maureen Onstott & Karen Kuebler
 25 Bitsy Marske & Margaret Holden



Sunday Visitor
 4 Gini Strasser
 11 Karen Brown
 18 Kathy Stimmel
 25 Lise York

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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.

**YOUNG ADULTS
BIBLE STUDY**

The Young Adult Bible Study group will meet at Trinity on Tuesday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.



***Love Offering
for March***

Our March "Love Offering" to be received Sunday, March 4th, will be for our partner in ministry, Lutheran Social Services of NE Florida. LSS helps the Jacksonville community through their programs of AIDS Care and Education, Nourishment Network, Refugee Services, Representative Payee and more.

Love Offering envelopes will be available on March 4th. Make any checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering."



**Prayer Ministry
Lenten Prayer Cards
Reminder**

Have you been using your Lenten Devotional and been blessed by praying for members/friends of Trinity during Lent? If so, remember to sign each of your prayer announcement cards (included with envelopes, in your Lenten packet), address them (using the names and addresses on the index cards in your packet), and mail them during Holy Week (between Monday, March 26th and Thursday, March 29th) for a surprise blessing for your prayer people.



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Trinity member, **Fran Stiefel**, who passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.



**THE TRINITY
LUNCH BUNCH**

Trinity's "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Tuesday, March 27th at 11:30 a.m. at Kaika, 1012-1 Margaret St. (corner of Margaret & Post Sts.). 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, March 26th, if you need a ride.

***LSS Invites You to
"Eat & Drink
Generously"***

Join us for dinner or a drink, and South Kitchen & Spirits will generously donate 20% of your bill to Lutheran Social Services! Event is Monday, March 19th, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at South Kitchen & Spirits, 3638 Park St., Jacksonville. Enjoy delicious food and drinks, learn more about the work LSS does, and maybe even win a prize donated by our sponsor, Thrivent Financial!



Congratulations to **John and Kayleigh Speth** on the birth of a son, **Torin Louis Speth**, on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in Rota, Spain. May God bless this family now and always.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – January 2018

Here's a summary of our contributions and expenses against the budget. Let me know if you have any questions.

Housekeeping

1. Please remember to have your check request **approved** by Pastor Robert before you submit it.
2. My office hours are every Monday evening.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Gini

1/1/18 to 1/31/18 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

		<u>Contributions</u>
\$19,581.78	-	Actual General Fund Contributions
\$21,489.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Contributions
(\$ 1,907.22)	-	Actual Contributions are <u>Less</u> than Budgeted Contributions

		<u>Expenses</u>
\$18,193.15	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$21,948.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ (3,754.85)	-	Actual Expenses are <u>Less</u> than Budgeted Expenses



The **Children's Enrichment Workshops of Riverside (CEW)** will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on Thursday, March 8th at Trinity. This is a fund raiser for the joint CEW program in Riverside/Avondale and is a great fellowship time with folks from other CEW participant churches and schools. Plus, we all enjoy the Best Spaghetti in Jacksonville!

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 4-12 years. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. Take-outs will be available for pick-up after 5 p.m. and dine-in meals will be served from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

We are again looking forward to having entertainment provided by elementary students.

If you would like to help with the dinner, set-up, serving, and clean-up, please speak to Pastor Robert. Support is being provided through a Thrivent Financial Services Action Team Grant.



Congratulations!

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits just like yours through Thrivent Choice. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Trinity Lutheran Church received \$1,024 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. We hope this gift helped to further support your incredible work.
Thrivent Financial

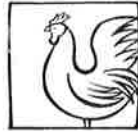
Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the American Lung Association in Florida - Northeast Area, we would like to thank you for your support of \$340.00 for the 10th Annual Fight for Air Climb event held on February 3, 2018 at the Bank of America Tower in downtown Jacksonville. Thanks to your help and enthusiasm, we raised more than \$223,000 for the American Lung Association in Florida - Northeast Area.

Sincerely,

Karen Hughes

Executive Director



Via de Cristo

Calling all people who would love to experience a spiritual renewal. There are several members of Trinity who have been blessed to attend a Via-de-Christo weekend. Via-de-Christo means: "the way of Christ."

It's like a pilgrimage, but it only takes three days and lasts a lifetime.

Via-de-Christo is a Lutheran lay movement, but you don't have to be Lutheran to attend; you don't even have to be a member of Trinity. So you could share this with a friend or relative who attends another church.

Weekends are held at Luther Springs. The accommodations are very nice and the food is great. What could be better? Well... It's FREE!!! The members of Trinity who have experienced this weekend want to share it with you. They have committed to take care of all needs. This includes picking you up at your door Thursday evening, and returning you home on Sunday.

We truly believe this is an amazing opportunity for renewal.

The next weekend is a Co-ed weekend, open to men, women, married, or single. The upcoming weekend is April 19-22. With God's help, Beverly Davis is leading this weekend. We know it will be great!

If you have questions please ask: Ken or Beverly Davis, Byron or Mary Bollingberg, Kitty Howell, Tom or Linda Culverwell, Judy Hassler, Joanne Martin, Dwane Tyson, Sarah Knight, Geri Buchanan, Joe or Carolyn Molenda, Robert or Janis Kinley, Jerry or Ruth Johnson, Karen Brown, Kathy Stimmel, or Marlene Powers.

Remembering Billy Graham

I wish I could remember the year. I want to say it was 1960, but that would only be a guess on my part. Mother drove us all the way to Soldiers Field from our home in northwest Chicago to attend the Billy Graham Crusade. I remember not really wanting to go, but a word of warning from my grandma about how sorry I would be for missing such a fine man just seemed to settle it in my mind. No, I wouldn't dare miss my one chance to see and hear Billy Graham! Grandma was right. His part of the evening didn't come until very near the end. That was all right with Grandma. She loved hearing George Beverly Shea sing. I don't recall a lot of Rev. Graham's message, but the parts that I will never forget were the plain simple truths of the Gospel which he had such a wonderful way to make clear and understandable. "Who knows," he would say, "but that this may end up having been your last chance to come and accept the Lord's invitation?" I know those were not his exact words, but the implication was that we would be foolish to risk our eternal life by not making a public show of faith that Jesus was our Lord. And before anyone could come up with any excuses, Rev. Graham would add, "If you came with a group or in a bus or van, they'll wait for you." And they did! The parking lots were full of vehicles long after the crusade had ended. One of them was my very own mother's car!

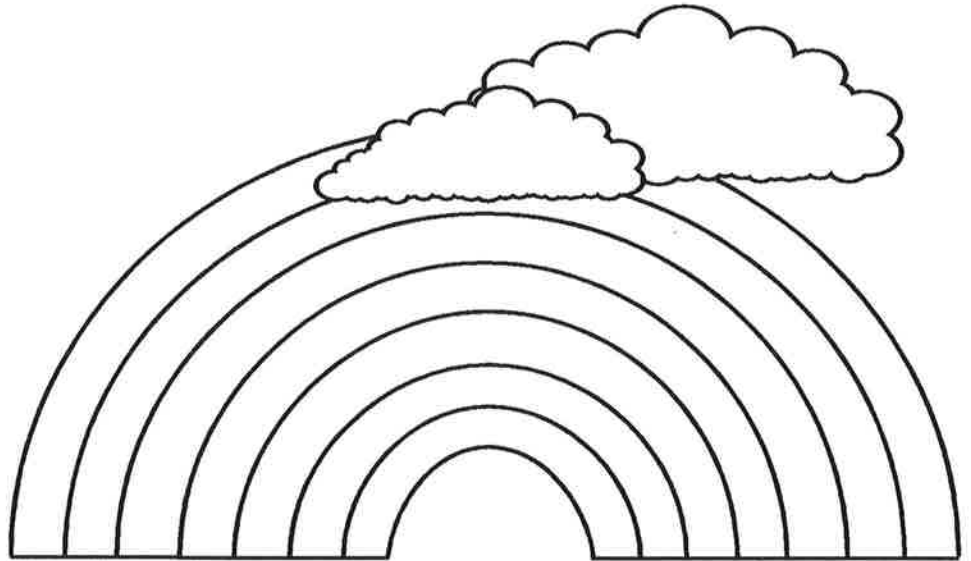
Rev. Graham has largely been retired for quite some time now, yet, I am a little surprised at how I personally feel his loss. I will be praying for his family, and thanking God for his ministry.

shared by Joanne Martin

God's Promise

The list below has the colors of the rainbow in order, from the top to the bottom. Copy the circled letters into the circles provided below and then unscramble the word to reveal God's promise. Then color the rainbow.

- R E D
- O R (A) N G E
- Y E L L O (W)
- G R E E (N)
- (B) L U E
- (I) N D I G O
- V I (O) L E T



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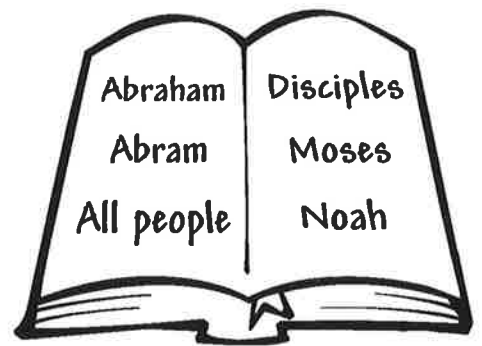
ANSWER: Rainbow

Promises in Scripture

Read these scriptures and draw a line to the promise that is being made. Then, using the list on the Bible, fill in to whom the promise is being made.

- 1 John 2:25 _____
- Acts 2:38, 39 _____
- Genesis 12:1-2 _____
- Exodus 3:15, 17 _____
- Luke 24:49 _____
- Genesis 8:20-21 _____
- Hebrews 6:13-14 _____

- You will be a blessing
- Power from on high
- Eternal life
- Never to destroy every living creature
- Bless you and multiply you
- Gift of the Holy Spirit
- A land flowing with milk and honey



Answers:	1 John 2:25	Eternal life
Acts 2:38, 39	Gift of the Holy Spirit	All people
Genesis 12:2	you will be a blessing	Abram
Exodus 3:17	A land flowing with milk and honey	Moses
Luke 24:49	Power from on high	Disciples
Genesis 8:21	Never to destroy every living creature	Noah
Hebrews 6:13	Bless you and multiply you	Abraham

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.

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.



Worship Schedule

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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.