

# Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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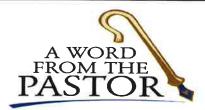
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## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 at 10:05 a.m.



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For the entire month of August our gospel readings on Sunday mornings from the lectionary have been from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel where "bread" has been a central image and Jesus' claim to be the "bread of life" (John 6:35). Going back to the last Sunday in July where Jesus fed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish Jesus in his conversations and teachings throughout the entire sixth chapter of John is making the connection between the physical life and the spiritual life. For the physical life we must have "bread" (food) to sustain our bodies and for our spiritual life we also need food (and drink). Jesus is that "bread of life" that leads us to and gives us life culminating life everlasting – eternal life.

For the people of Jesus' day this was a hard concept to get one's head and heart around, even for Jesus' disciples and those who were following him. Understanding and believing that Jesus could be God's chosen Messiah and that somehow they would "eat his flesh and drink his blood" and have life was tremendous stretch if not offensive. What kind of talk is this!

Today as believers and followers of Jesus as the resurrected Christ this understanding of Jesus as the "bread of life" is still hard to comprehend. Maybe this is why John devoted an entire chapter of his gospel to this message and the "powers to be" who designed the current lectionary that we use in the Lutheran church for the scripture readings during worship devoted so many Sundays to this message of Jesus that he is the "living bread from heaven."

As we eat our fill of "bread" at our meals and at the table (altar) of the Lord, we are reminded and renewed in life physically and spiritually of this reality. Our bodies need food and water for life physically and we need food and drink for our souls and spiritual life. God through creation and in the Son, Christ Jesus gives us both. We live trusting in God and in relationship with God and this world with all that it provides for life physically. We live trusting and in relationship with God of the salvation and promised gift of life eternal that God has given us through Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

In worship and in Holy Communion we are to be renewed in our relationship with God and in the belief of the mystery of faith that:

"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"

In Christ's service.

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Pastor	Robert Kinley		
Office Adminstrator	Gini Strasser		
Organist/Choir Director	Kim Bloomer		
Director of reSource Min	stry Jerry Johnson		
Hostess	Rae Ettmyer		
Nursery Attendants	Karen Brown		
	Colleen Koehler		
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	Jerry Johnson		
COUNCIL MEMBERS Tom Culverwell	Mary Bollingberg		
Don Howard	Ruth Johnson		
Sarah Knight	Joanne Martin		
Joe Molenda	Casey Steel		

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for September VOT Thursday, September 20, 2018

### 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:

g.strasser@trinity4jax.org or tlcjax@trinity4jax.org



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



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

#### September 9th at 10:05 a.m.

Children's Sunday School will kick off for the new year on Sunday, September 9th at 10:05 a.m. with an orientation and special snack. Actual Sunday school classes will begin the following week; September 16th. We will be using Augsburg Spark Classroom and Picture the Bible! this year dividing younger children and older children into 2 groups.

<u>Spark Classroom</u> (younger children) - is a Bible centered approach. 2 year curriculum that explores key Bible stories. Each lesson has 4 parts: Bather, Open the Bible, Activate Faith and Send.

Bible interaction in every lesson.

Age appropriate materials; lessons in 5 age brackets.

<u>Picture the Bible!</u> (older children) - a set of resources designed to engage learners in creative, reflective Bible study. Picture the Bible is designed to increase biblical litgeracy and interpretation. The resources intentionally blur the line between leader and learner so that all participants have equal voice in the learning process. Available resources include:

**Art Reproductions:** a set of 36 images depicting 36 Bible stories.

**Conversation pages:** a set of 36 downloadable, printable resources exploring each Bible story.

**Books:** three storybooks featuring the *Picture the Bible* art. **Deck of cards:** a set of 36 cards designed primarily for family

**Images CD:** electronic files of the 36 art images for use in worship projections and bulletin covers.

use.

#### **LUTHERANISM 101**

Pastor Robert will be offering a Lutheranism 101 class that explores the basic understandings of the Lutheran Church as part of the Body of Christ. The initial class will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 9th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the church. Subsequent classes will be determined based on interest and church schedule. Typically the Lutheranism class is held for three sessions.

## **W∞**men

WELCA Board Meeting: WELCA's September Board Meeting was held on Monday, August 27, 2018.

#### **CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

Martha Circle: Thursday, September 6th - 11:00 a.m., Location to be Announced. Kitty Howell 387-0152

#### Hannah Circle:

**September 20th -** for additional information - Mary Bollingberg 403-1557



## THE TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH

Trinity's "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Tuesday, September 25th at 11:30 a.m. at Trent's Seafood Restaurant, 4553 120th Street, 32244. 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 know by Monday, Sept. 24th, if you need a ride.



Young Adult Bible Study group will meet on September 12th and September 25th.

## Food Pantry News



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

	#	#		
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>PERSONS</b>	HOUSEHOLDS		
JULY	4,185	1,124		

We distributed 38,318 lbs of food during the month, and we spent \$349.02 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was less than one cent. So far in 2018 we have served 15,560 households, consisting of 28,707 people. Also, we have distributed 281,998 pounds of food, at a cost of \$13,221.37, an average of just over one cent per pound.

We are now receiving food deliveries/pickups every 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.

Some folks have stepped up to make the required runs to pick up food each week, but these same people are also working in the food pantry two or three days a week. It would be nice if some others could step up and relieve these very busy people of this requirement. Please pray about this and ask yourself if you can spare a couple of hours each week to support this important ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and Avondale United Methodist Church.

Thank you for the donations of paper and plastic bags. We continue to have to purchase paper & plastic bags. Your donations of paper and plastic bags will help us by lessening the number of bags we will have to purchase. The store from which we have been purchasing the paper bags no longer carries the bags we need, so I have been forced to look at other providers. The bags are available but at a much larger price.

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 **\$100.00** worth of food for every **\$1.00** donated. The donations to the food pantry have fallen off of late, and we are having a difficult time paying for the amount of food we need. We need around \$1,500 each month to pay for the food we receive from Feeding Northeast Florida. If you can help, please do.

In addition to your financial support a total of <u>1,185 man-hours were donated to the food pantry in July</u>. Each volunteer hour has a value of \$18.85 on each volunteer hour performed; so <u>the 6,383 volunteer hours donated so far in 2018 is equal to a donation of \$120,319.55!</u>

God continues to provide everything needed to run his food pantry, but we need more fundilng and manpower help. Because of the layout of the food pantry we cannot just move a pallet of food from the parking lot into the pantry. Each box or case must be hand carried inside and then sorted out and stored. We do use hand trucks, but it is still very labor intensive. Please pray about this and if you can spare only a few hours per week, we can use your help.

Thank you and God bless all who help the food pantry in any way.

Tom Culverwell Director

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#### LOVE OFFERING -September 2018

September's "Love Offering" will be received on September 2nd and will go towards the Prisoners of Christ (POC). "Prisoners of Christ exists to give every man his very best opportunity at a true second chance." Since 1990, Prisoners of Christ has devoted its energy to providing services for ex-offenders to enable them to leave their past behind.

POC provides guidance, direction and spirtual support, while helping men (and women) find employment with help from Jax Journey. They learn financil responsibility and independent living skills. Safe Passage Community Fellowship provides a congregation for exoffenders, their families, and all others who aren't sure where they fit in the Body of Christ. Our offerings will help further the growth and expansion of services to those making their re-entry to our community. To learn more, visit www.pocministry.org.

Please consider supporting and praying for this ministry. Love Offering envelopes will be available on September 2nd. Make any checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".

## **Trinity Lunch Bunch**

The Trinity Lunch Bunch meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month unless announced otherwise. Here is the tentative schedule for the remainder of 2018:

September 25
Trent's Seafood Restaurant
October 23
Willard's BBQ Restaurant
November 27
Olive Garden Restaurant
Thursday, Dec. 13
Kaika Japanese Restaurant

Please sign up on the list in the Hall of Memories if you wish to join us. All are welcome! You can put your name on the permanent list or just sign up month to month.

Remember to call Kim Bloomer the Monday before the lunch if you need a ride.



## Takeaway Bible Study Resumes Sunday, September 9th

"The Takeaway" Bible Study begins its fall season on Sunday September 9th at 10:10 a.m. and continues every Sunday for adults and senior youth. We meet in the Hall of Memories (fellowship hall) and study, in depth, the gospel lesson for that Sunday.

A group of great leaders use lessons prepared by Pastor Janis to lead the group in study and discussion.

Get your coffee and join in the study of God's word!



#### **Communion Elements**

02 Kelly

09

16 Culverwell

23 Strasser

30

#### **Flowers**

02 Strasser/Culverwell

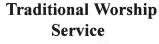
09 Gene & Trudy Harvey

16 Culverwell/Strasser

23 Martin/Kelly

30 K. Billy/Bollingberg

#### Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders **TBD**





#### Lectors

02 Joe Molenda

09 Don Howard

16 Michael Philips

23 Quinn

30 Gini Strasser

#### **Councilperson of the Month**

Sarah Knight

#### **Communion Assistants**

#### **Assisting Minister**

Linda Culverwell



#### 11:00 AM Coffee Servers **Date** 02 Leah Kelly 09

Marie/Alex Bogh P.Piersall/S.Knight 16

23 Karen Hiers/Pr.Janis Kinley

30 Men of Trinity



#### **Sunday Visitor**

02 Gini Strasser

09 Karen Brown

16 Kathy Stimmel

23 Lise York

30 Joanne Martin

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We extend our Christian sympathy to: **The family of John Allen Merrit** (TJ Merritt's father) upon his passing on Sunday, August 12, 2018.

Also to **The family** of **Paul Jameson** (Rikki Jameson's husband and Virginia Warr's son) upon his passing on Monday, July 31, 2018. Please keep them in your prayers.



#### **Youth Group News**

Trinity's Youth Group met on Tuesday, August 21st with 9 youth in attendance. They will continue to meet every other week from 6-8 p.m.

Keep it real with faith that changes everything! Tools for living like a Christian in our thoughts, beliefs, and actions, plus fun stuff to make us laugh and be glad we're here. Sam Bridges will lead.

### **Next meetings:**

September4th, 18th October 2nd, 16th & 30th



## **CEW Service Opportunities Available**

There is help needed for Trinity's coming year. Children Enrichment Workshop (CEW) ministry. Beverly Davis has been the coordinator for the past several years. Beverly will no longer be able to continue in the role as she is moving out of Jacksonville. Thank you Beverly for your service to CEW! <u>Listed below</u> are the volunteer service opportunities involved with the annual CEW after school program.

- \* Coordinate the collection of school supplies in August and Trinity's providing of food for the Teacher/Staff luncheon (August 10th this year).
- \* Coordinate after-school programs and student participants for Tuesday's Yoga and Thursday's Boy's Basketball.
- \*On-site presence on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as preparing and serving snacks for the CEW children.
  - \*Coordinate the Spring CEW Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser
- \*Assist in the Trinity Boys Basketball teams uniform distribution and league participation.
- \*Representative from Trinity on the CEW Board that meets 6-8 times a year (mostly during the school year)
  - \*Coordinate the End of Year CEW cookout/banquet.

These responsibilities and ministry opportunities could be done by one person or several people sharing them. Pastor Robert works with the CEW program and continues to serve as the Board convener/leader for the program's association of churches and schools here in the Riverside-Avondale area. If you are interested in participating in this program, please speak to Pastor Robert.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – July 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 Tuesday and Thursday; 2:30 5:00. Probably best to call the office to double check.

Thanks for your cooperation.

### Gini

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#### 1/1/18 to 7/31/18 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

#### **Contributions**

\$142,200.00 - Actual General Fund Contributions \$150,283.00 - Budgeted General Fund Contributions \$ (8,083.00) - Actual Contributions are Less

Actual Contributions are Less than Budgeted Contributions

#### **Expenses**

\$159,943.00 - Actual General Fund Expenses \$153,679.00 - Budgeted General Fund Expenses

\$ 6,264.00 - Actual Expenses are More than Budgeted Expenses

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pre-campaign planning has begun and a team is being recruited for the upcoming Capital Campaign this fall. The purpose of the Campaign is to raise funds for the roofing renovations/replacements, stone and masonary work around the church facilities, electrical work for the Sanctuary plus other refurbishing work for the church facilities. The Campaign is set to kick-off on Sunday, October 14th with the Commitment Sunday on November 18th.

There are opportunities to serve on the Capital Campaign Team to which you may be called upon. If you are interested in serving, please speak to Sarah Knight (Council President and General Chair for the Capital Campaign). This Campaign will also be used as Trinity's General stewardship emphasis for the coming year and we look for it to be a time for renewed commitment to our spiritual and financial growth and giving at Trinity.



## New Pictorial Directory

The new pictorial directory is at LifeTouch awaiting the proof. For families and individuals who made an appointment and had their photos taken by LifeTouch you will receive a complementary directory. Individuals and families who would like to get a directory, there will be a limited number available for a cost of \$5.00 each. This is to help cover the cost to the church for additional directories.



### Trinity's Annual Honduras Golf Tournament

The Trinity Annual Golf
Trounament to support the Honduras Mission trip (2019) is set for
Saturday, November 3rd at Bent
Creek Golf Course off 103rd
Street on the Westside. Come join
other golfers for a fun day of
fellowship. Golfers of any skill level
are welcome. Tee-off is tentatively
scheduled at 12:00 noon. A cookout will be after golf.Registration
forms will be available in the church
office.



## **Trinity T-Shirts**

The Youth have produced a t-shirt with the *new Trinity logo* on the back that is now available to the congregation for \$20.00 a shirt. The shirt comes in two designs saying (on front): "Your Love Is Enough" and "Thrive not just Survive".

Sizes are available in Adult (in limited numbers) of Small thru XL. Speak to Pastor Robert if you would like to purchase a t-shirt. Funds raised will go to the Youth Fund. Special Thanks to Alex Bogh for the design work on the t-shirts.



## Lee High Chorus Dinner Concert

On Wednesday, September 19, the Robert E. Lee High School Chorus will be having their Fall Dinner Concert to raise funds for this year's activities. The concert is always a delight as the students showcase their individual talents and serve the audience. Rae's famous spaghetti will be served and is always a treat. Cost: \$10.00 for teens and adults; children under 12: free. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Come support the church community by supporting the Lee High School chorus for this coming year.

### 2019 Honduras Mission Trip

The 2019 Honduras Mission Trip week has been set for the week of Saturday, February 23rd through Saturday, March 2, 2019. Planning and registration for the trip will begin in August/ September. The initial deposit of \$200.00 will be due by September 30th. The total cost for the trip is approximately \$1,700.00 per person which is the responsibility of those participating. The church helps through fund raising activities durning the fall/winter. If you are interested in being on this upcoming Mission Team, please speak to Dwane Tyson or Pastor Robert.



### **Synod Council**

#### on the Road

The Florida-Bahamas Synod Council will be meeting at Trinity Lutheran on Friday and Saturday, September 14th and 15th.

On Friday evening YOU are invited to a special "Townhall Meeting" with Synod Council representatives and a time of worship with other folk from the Northeast Florida area.

This Townhall
Meeting and Worship will
be held at St. John
Lutheran Church, 1950
Silver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206 at 6:30.

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Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for standing with us to help homeless people and families. Your \$226.00 gift to the Sulzbacher on 8/1/2018 is tremendously appreciated. We are grateful you are part of our family of wonderful supporters.

Because of your compassionate support, Sulzbacher is able to provide, nutritious meals, safe shelter, quality healthcare and other uplifting assistance to over 350 homeless men, women and children who call Sulzbacher "home" each night and provide medical outreach to hundreds of others living on the streets.

Meeting these great needs poses certain financial challenges, however, thanks to donors like you, we are able to overcome our most urgent ones, pressing ahead to provide dignity to those who need it most and opportunities and housing for folks on their journey to self-sufficiency.

There is always more work to be done and people to help. Thank you again for partnering with us in our work to end homelessness in our community, one person at a time. We could not do it without you.

Sincerely, Cindy Funkhouser, MSW President & CEO

## CITY RESCUE MISSION

#### THANK YOU

Gift Amount......\$ 226.00 Date.....8/02/2018

Thank you for helping us demonstrate the love of God to the hungry and homeless.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT.



## Teacher/Staff Appreciation Thank You!

On behalf of Fishweir Elementary School, **thank you** to everyone who contributed to and/or donated school supplies as part of the Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) Teacher/Staff Appreciation that kicks-off each new school year. Trinity has been a part of CEW now for 20 years and will again be sponsoring after-school programs for Fishweir, West Riverside, and Central Riverside Elementary Schools.

This year's programs will be Yoga/Exercise on Tuesday afternoons for 2-5 graders and Boy's Basketball on Thursdays. Both days the programs are from 3:15 - 5 p.m. in the Hall of Memories. Pastor Robert will be coordinating with "needed" volunteers to participate in providing and/or serving (healthy) snacks. CEW will begin on Tuesday, September 18th.

Also, special thanks to Joe and Carolyn Molenda, Kim Bloomer, Pastor Robert, AJ Dues, Cooper Lewis, Alex Lewis, and Evan Lewis who provided the bags and the effort packing the bags.



On behalf of Life South Community Blood Center, I would like to thank you for your support and assistance with the blood drive held on Sunday, August 12, 2018. The following is a breakdown of the total donations.

Prospective Donors: 7
Deferred Donors: 1
Actual Donations: 6

When you consider that one blood donation can save up to three lives it is easy to see how donating blood can make a significant difference in someone's life. One never knows when the life that is saved may be a member of your own family, a friend or a coworker.

Sincerely, The Jacksonville Mobile Team



New Clinic at Lutheran Social Services of NE FL

A new clinic for HIV-AIDS clients has been opened and dedicated at the property of Luthern Social Services of Northeast Florida (LSS) on Philips Highway. The clinic is run by the Community Aids Network, (CAN) and is a fully comprehensive healthcare for HIV-AIDS patients. This looks to be a wonderful partnership between LSS and CAN that will provide needed services to people with HIV-AIDS.

## Children's Sunday School



Children's Sunday School will not meet during the summer months but will begin again for the fall on Rally Day, September 9th at 10:05 a.m.

Bible Study

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School led by Joe Molenda meets in the Cecil Poole room from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Please join us!

## **Sunday Morning "Takeaway"**

Adults and Senior Youth Sunday Morning "Takeaway" begins September 9th in the Hall of Memories at 10:10 a.m. We'd love for you to join us!



#### Worship Schedule

reSource Worship 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

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

The Takeaway 10:10 a.m.

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.