



Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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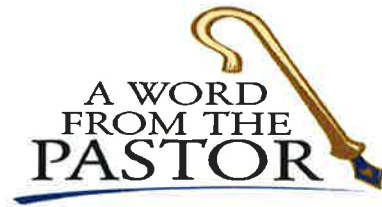
**“FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR
MINISTRY GROWS”**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND 2019
STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**KICK-OFF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**



“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid, that foundation is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

“From this Foundation, Our Ministry Grows”

This phrase taken from 1 Corinthians chapter 3 is our theme for Trinity’s upcoming capital campaign and stewardship emphasis for 2019. St. Paul’s words to the church at Corinth in the first century are still applicable to the building up of Trinity today and guide us as we look to our future.

In reading Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, one can see that Paul is calling for unity in the church, pointing out that the foundation of the church, any church, is in Jesus Christ. While many different builders have been a part of the up-building of Trinity, Jesus Christ is always the foundation that forms and upholds our church. While differences of opinion and divisions inevitably occur, the church is to continue to work together with Christ as its foundation and cornerstone.

For over ninety-two years Trinity Lutheran Church has been built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ. Trinity was planted as a place of worship and of ministry for the community of Riverside-Avondale in 1926. Many different pastors and generations of lay people have worked to build up our church and brought us to where we are today: a church with welcoming facilities that are used for worship, ministry, servant outreach, and community activities.

For Trinity to continue to be a faithful place of worship and service will depend upon our being rooted and united in the foundation of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We will need to commit ourselves to God’s future for us by working together in ministry and by providing the necessary financial support to continue Trinity’s mission and the servant status of its facilities.

At this point in time, our historic building is in need of major renovations and repairs. The project(s) and estimated costs for these renovations and repairs to our facilities (in particular the roof systems, the electrical system in the Sanctuary, and the stonework around the facilities as presented to the congregation back in February 2018) may seem daunting. However, I see them as being essential upgrades and maintenance to the building’s structure. I also see a need to upgrade various parts of the interior of the facility to modernize and make them more functional for ourselves and for the community guests who come to Trinity and enjoy the use of Trinity’s facilities.

Pastor Janis and I are committed to the upcoming capital campaign and to the on-going mission and ministries of Trinity. We pray together along with the entire congregation of Trinity that we may be firm in the foundation of Jesus Christ in the life and mission of Trinity Lutheran Church.

In Christ’s service,

CHURCH STAFF	
Pastor	Robert Kinley
Office Administrator	Gini Strasser
Organist/Choir Director	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry	Jerry Johnson
Hostess	Rae Eitmyer
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
October VOT
Saturday,
October 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



Church Office Hours

M-Th 8:00AM - 2:30PM
F 8:00AM - Noon



**"FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR
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STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**

**KICK-OFF SUNDAY - October 14, 2018
COMMITMENT SUNDAY - November 18, 2018**

Plans are being made and the team is being assembled for the upcoming Capital Campaign and this fall's stewardship emphasis. Two dates to mark on your calendars are:

***Sunday, October 14th** for the Capital Campaign's Kickoff. Paula Kitt of the Mission Investment Fund will be with us that day to bring the "message" and talk about the Campaign. A "Question and Answer" Forum will take place in the Hall of Memories between the worship services.

***Sunday, November 18th** has been set for our Commitment Sunday. There will be one service at 10:00a.m. on this Sunday. We will be making our commitment for the Annual Stewardship Appeal and for the Capital Campaign on this Sunday. That evening we will gather for our traditional Thanksgiving service and dinner in celebration of God's blessings.

Please pray for our Campaign Leaders; Sarah Knight, Chair, Ruth Johnson, Joanne Martin, Pam Piersall, Rusty White, Jerry Johnson, Gini Strasser, Pastor Robert Kinley and Paula Kitt, coach. We want everyone to take part in this campaign - sharing worship, stories, and fellowship; learning ways to give generously, deepening stewardship through prayer and devotion; and finding your place in Trinity's ministry vision to change lives for the sake of Jesus Christ.



**THE TRINITY
LUNCH BUNCH**

Trinity's "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd at 11:30 a.m. at **Willard's BBQ Junction**, 4610 San Juan Avenue, Jacksonville 32210. 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, October 22nd, if you need a ride.

Women CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle:

October 4th - 11:00 a.m., Cool Moose Cafe - Call Kitty Howell for details, 387-0152.

Hannah Circle:

October 26th - Pastor's Party at Berni Tomaszewski's house. for additional information - Mary Bollingberg 403-1557.

Lydia Circle:

October 11th - Study on the gospel of Mark. 7:00 p.m. at Trinity.

WELCA Board Meeting:

WELCA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018.



**What are you doing
November 9-11, 2018?**

You are invited to join your sisters in Christ for worship, praise and fellowship at the 2018 Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering at Lake Yale Registration deadline is October 15, 2018. Contact Kitty Howell or Karen Brown for more information.

Food Pantry News



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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>
AUGUST	4,513	1,215

We distributed 39,868 lbs of food during the month, and we spent \$1,074.96 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was 5 cents. So far in 2018 we have served 17,990 households, consisting of 33,220 people. Also, so far in 2018 we have distributed 321,866 pounds of food, at a cost of \$15,308.21, an average of 5 cents 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 \$20.00 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 1,036 man-hours were donated to the food pantry in August. Each volunteer hour has a value of \$18.85 on each volunteer hour performed; so the 7,491 volunteer hours donated so far in 2018 is equal to a donation of \$139,848!

God continues to provide everything needed to run his food pantry, but we need more funding 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, and most of the people doing the carrying in are senior citizens! 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



LOVE OFFERING -
October 2018

October's "Love Offering" will be received on October 7th. This month's LOVE is designated for the ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief for the impact of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas and Virginia.

Please consider supporting and praying for this ministry. Love Offering envelopes will be available on October 7th. Make any checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".



COMMUNITY FEAST

October 17, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 PM

**St. Mark's Lutheran
Church**

Sample creative dishes made with items right off the shelves of your community food pantry, and vote for your favorite!

Tickets available through

*Tom Culverwell -
\$15.00 individual or
\$50.00 for four*

Trinity Lunch Bunch

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

October 23

Willard's BBQ Restaurant

November 27

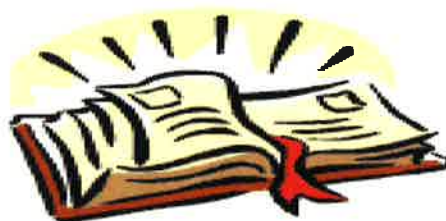
Olive Garden Restaurant

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 Has Resumed

"The Takeaway" Bible Study began 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.

10/7 - K.Koob/J.Hassler 10/14 - Capital Campaign

10/21 - D.Tyson 10/28 - P.Piersall/S.Knight

11/4 - C.&C. Virta-Steel 11/11 - R.White

11/18 - K.Koob/J.Hassler 11/25 - G.Buchanan/L.York

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



Flowers

- 07 Brown/Strasser
- 14 Strasser
- 21 Stephens
- 28



Communion Elements

- 07 Stimmel
- 14 Bollingberg
- 21 Glory of God
- 28 Kelly

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

- 07 Don Howard
- 14 Joe Molenda
- 21 Dwane Tyson
- 28 Michael Philips

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders

- 07 Kathy Koob/Judy Hassler
- 14 Capital Campaign Kickoff
- 21 Dwane Tyson
- 28 Pam Piersall/Sarah Knight

Councilperson of the Month
Dwane Tyson

Communion Assistants

Assisting Minister
Joanne Martin



Date 11:00 AM Coffee Servers

- 07 Linda Culverwell
- 14 Bitsy Marske/M. Holden
- 21 Judy Hassler/G. Buchanan
- 28 D. Valentine/Joanne Martin



Sunday Visitor

- 07 Michelle Stephens
- 14 Kitty Howell
- 21 Pastor Janis Kinley
- 28 Bloomer/Valentine

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Discipleship Training Class

The Discipleship Training meets in the upstairs center classroom of the Children's Sunday School area and is led by a team of adult instructors each week:

October 7th - "Law" - led by Marie Bogh/Sarah Knight,

October 14th - "Judges" - led by Pam Piersall,

October 21st - "Ruth" - led by Geri Buchanan and

October 28th - "Kings" - led by Nancy Ballard.



We extend our Christian sympathy to:

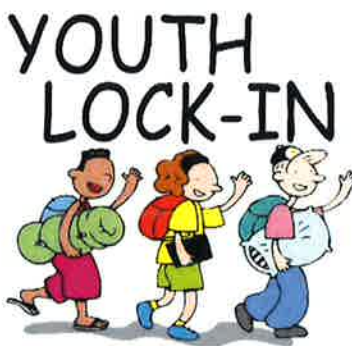
The friends and family of Jenny Turano upon her passing on 9/4/18.

Colleen Taylor and family upon the passing of her husband, **Tommy** on 9/19/18.

Gary and Fanny Hautau upon the passing of **Mike Kelly**, Fanny's brother on 8/27/18.

Pastor Robert and family upon the passing of his uncle, **Marshall Kinley**.

Please keep them in your prayers at this difficult time.



Where: St.
Andrews by the
Sea Lutheran
Church
When: October
20th

All Youth are invited to a First Coast Conference-wide Lock-in on Saturday, October 20th at St. Andrews By the Sea Lutheran Church (Beach Blvd). It will start at 7:00 p.m. that Saturday evening and conclude following worship that starts at 8:00 a.m. the following day.

There will be pizza, snacks and breakfast the next morning. The Youth will need a couple of adult chaperones to stay overnight and help carpool. (Permission and medical releases will be sent in the mail to be returned back at the October 2nd meeting).



Senior Youth Group **Meetings and** **Events**

Senior Youth group, led by Sam Bridges, will be meeting on Tuesdays, October 2nd, 16th, and 30th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For the Tuesday, October 16th meeting, we will conclude our study of "Prayer" with a Community Service event. Viewing the City from a tall downtown building, we will lift prayers to all parts of our city, North, South, East and West for healing of all divisions and ending gun violence.

Meet at the church at **6:00 p.m. sharp** to car pool to the lawfirm of Smith, Hulsey and Busey (where Sarah Knight is a paralegal) at One Enterprise Center.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – August 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

1/1/18 to 8/31/18 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$160,650.00	-	Actual General Fund Contributions
\$171,752.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Contributions
\$ (11,102.00)	-	Actual Contributions are Less than Budgeted Contributions

Expenses

\$181,595.00	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$175,642.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ 5,953.00	-	Actual Expenses are More than Budgeted Expenses



Children's Christmas Program

The Children of Trinity Lutheran Church will be performing "The Christmas Story" on Wednesday, December 19th during the potluck dinner. We will be meeting in the Hall of Memories on Sundays, November 25th, December 2nd, December 9th and December 16th from 9:00 - 10:00AM to rehearse music, lines and blocking for the program. We encourage all children from the ages of 4 to 16 to participate. If your child/children would like to be a part of this tradition, please see Berni Tomaszewski, Gini Strassen, or Maureen Onstott to sign up.



Saturday, November 3rd at
7:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Arena

Join the Jacksonville Icemens and Thrivent Financial for a fun, family night out during Marvel Night!

*Marvel themed jerseys

*Group gift of the Game for all attendees

*For tickets, Visit:

jaxicemen.com/thrivent

Questions? Contact Luke Nicholas at (904) 661-7242



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.

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. The initial deposit of \$200.00 will be due by October 14th. 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 during the fall/winter. If you are interested in being on this upcoming Mission Team, please speak to Dwane Tyson or Pastor Robert.



Trinity's Annual Honduras

Golf Tournament

The Trinity Annual Golf Tournament 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 scheduled for 12:30 p.m. A cook-out will be after golf. Registration forms will be available in the church office. Cost is \$65.00/player which includes range balls, fees, and cook-out.



Prayer Workshop

Presented by

Rev. Brenda Smith

ELCA Program Director, Faith Practices & Book of Faith

Date: Saturday - October 20th

Time: 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Place: Mandarin Lutheran Church, 11900 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223.

Registration: Sue Brown 904-803-4057 or sbrown81@hotmail.com

Prayer ministry in congregations can be transformative and renewing as the body of Christ seeks God's guidance in all decisions and comes together to support and pray for each other. A praying church is a growing church. Come hear more about strengthening prayer practices in your congregations.

Topics: What is prayer? Types of prayer? How do we respond when our prayers are not answered? How to enhance prayer ministry in your congregation and more.



Bill and Jean Bieltz

Bill and Jean Bieltz joined Trinity August 19th. Bill and Jean are both from the Youngstown, Ohio area. They were married 38 years ago in Zion Lutheran Church where they were both members. During their marriage, due to job relocations they have lived in Ohio, Maryland (twice), Connecticut, Pennsylvania and now Florida. Bill and Jean have two children Heather and Brandon. Heather lives in Boston with her husband Matt and Emilie (6) and Lila (3). Brandon lives in North Carolina with Renne and they have Zambie, the grandpuppy. During their working careers Jean was a pre-school teacher and director. She now volunteers teaching English as a second language. Bill was a Marketing Director and now is a part time consultant. Bill and Jean are life-time Lutherans, and look forward to active participation at Trinity.

Make sure to greet them and welcome them to our Trinity family.



Trinity Lutheran Church,

No child should worry where their next meal is coming from. Because of Trinity Lutheran Church, hundreds of First Coast children won't have to.

Your gift of \$1,500.00 to Lutheran Social Services makes initiatives like the Backpack Program possible. With your support, LSS is providing food to 500 at-risk students every week, ensuring they have plenty to eat when free school meals are not available.

Between the Backpack Program and our other programs, LSS will serve over 10,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors this year, but we won't do it alone. None of it would happen without you and other compassionate people in our community.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Mary Strickland

President/CEO

Lutheran Social Services



Thank you Trinity Lutheran - Thank you for your recent donation of \$200.00 on August 8, 2018 to Jacksonville Campus Ministries. We are looking forward to a new year of serving college students through God's Love.

Rachel Mumford

Jacksonville Campus Ministries

Board of Directors

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate your partnership with us! Your support is more important than it ever has been before.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$450.00 in support of Luther Springs. Please pass on our appreciation to the rest of Trinity Lutheran Church for your financial support. The faith of thousands of children, youth, adults and families is built and fortified through the power of sharing in the Christ-centered camp communities. Every child who requests help will receive financial assistance, thanks to the gifts of many congregations.

Summer camp offers an experience of life changing ministry evident in the smiling faces and young voices praising God. Your support makes this happen. It also helps us to hire and train an outstanding summer staff that are providing a quality Christ-centered experience for youth, adults and families. Once summer is over we turn our attention to a busy retreat season. The popular God's Spa and Confirmation retreats as well as hosted ministry groups fill Luther Springs most weekends.

I know your congregation is asked to support countless worthwhile organizations. Thank you for making our mutual ministry a priority. Please know that the lives of campers and guests are being directly impacted for Christ through your support. Thank you and God bless all the members of Trinity.

Thank you again for your partnership with us in the ministry of Luther Springs and NovusWay Ministries. I do hope many from the Trinity Lutheran Church family will seek an opportunity to share in the Christ-centered programs at Luther Springs, Lutheridge, Lutherock or Lutheranch.

Sincerely in Christ, The Rev. Dr. John (Jan) Setzler, Development Director

Lee High Chorus Dinner Concert Thank You

The Robert E. Lee High School provided marvelous entertainment at their Fall Dinner Concert hosted by and held at Trinity on Wednesday evening, September 19th. Approximately 70 people attended and were treated to wonderful singing, dancing and poetic talent of the students. Rae's famous spaghetti as traditionally featured was served. Over \$680.00 was raised for the Chorus to be used for this year's activities. Funds provided through Trivent Action Team help defray the cost of the dinner. Thank you to Mr. Andrew Neather and the students of the Lee High School Chorus for their performance. Thank you to Rae Ettmyer, Darlane Valentine and her son, Jason as well as Pastor Robert for cooking the dinner and clean-up of the kitchen and Hall of Memories.



Landscape Thank You

SPECIAL THANKS to **Karen Hiers** for her hard work in these HOT summer days in keeping the courtyard and flower beds around the church weeded.

Children's Sunday School and Discipleship Training



Children's Sunday School (downstairs in Sunday School Building) and Discipleship Training (upstairs in the Sunday School Building) are held at 10:05 a.m. every Sunday. Come join in!



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!



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning
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.