



# Voice of Trinity

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

Trinity Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.  
1415 South McDuff Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

April  
2019

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## Holy Week

### Maunday Thursday

**April 18th 7:00pm worship service**  
**Footwashing, Holy Communion, and**  
**Stripping of the Altar**

### Palm Sunday

**April 14th**

**worship services**  
**reSource - 9:00am**  
**Traditional - 11:00am**

### Labyrinth available

**April 20th, Saturday**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

### Good Friday

**April 19th**

**7:00pm worship service**  
**Prayer Labyrinth**  
**Available: 10:00am-**  
**2:00pm**  
**and 4:00pm-7:00pm**



### Easter Sunday

**April 21st**

**reSource worship service at 8:30am**  
**Easter Breakfast 9:45-10:45am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt 10:15am**  
**Traditional worship service at 11:00am**



At the Wednesday evening Lenten bible studies, we have been looking at and discussing the events of the last week of Jesus' life from the time of his entry into Jerusalem, where he was heralded as the "Son of David" to Gethsemane, where Jesus would pray before his betrayal and arrest that would lead to his crucifixion on the cross. This last week of Jesus' life is known as the week of Jesus' Passion due to his suffering.

Several times I have made, or the comment was made that we are people on the "other side" of the cross. That is to say that we are a post-crucifixion people and more importantly a "Resurrection people." In our study, I have reminded folks that the people who were eyewitnesses of the earthly Jesus did not know what was going to happen to Jesus. They had their expectations of who the Messiah would be as God's anointed savior of Israel and they would have to decide if this Jesus of Nazareth would "fit the bill" so to speak.

Prior to the Cross and Resurrection the Jewish people, and all nations for that matter (see Isaiah 56), lived under the covenant of the Law. In the Cross and Resurrection a new covenant has been given to all people through the sacrificial death of Jesus for our sins and redemption, and of a new life that Jesus brings to us in the Resurrection. The Cross and the Resurrection are dependent on one another. Without the Cross there would not be a Resurrection. Without the Resurrection the Cross has no meaning.

Yet, as a "Resurrection people", just as with the people on the front-end of the Cross, we have a choice to make whether we are going to live in the covenant that God has given us through Jesus Christ. The week of Jesus' Passion is a reminder of the sacrifice that God made for all people through the death on the Cross of God's son out of love for the forgiveness of our sins and for our salvation. Easter is the celebration of the new life and New Covenant given to us and all people in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Live in the gift of the New Covenant of redemption that comes from the Cross and in the new life in the Resurrection! God's grace and blessings to you this Easter!

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 Etmyer
Nursery Attendants	

#### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President	Dwane Tyson
Vice President	Casey Steel
Secretary	Mary Bollingberg
Treasurer	Jerry Johnson

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Culverwell	Mary Bollingberg
Don Howard	Ruth Johnson
Judy Hassler	Gene Harvey
Joe Molenda	Casey Steel
Dwane Tyson	

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for  
**April VOT is,**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

### 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](mailto:g.strasser@trinity4jax.org)

or

[tlcjax@trinity4jax.org](mailto:tlcjax@trinity4jax.org)



**Church Office Hours**

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



**"FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR MINISTRY GROWS"  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
AND 2019 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**

*According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. -1 Corinthians 3:10*

Commitment Sunday was November 18, 2018 when Trinity's congregation gathered for 1 service to praise God and to make their Capital Campaign and 2019 Annual Giving commitments. 60 initial pledges were made to the **"FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR MINISTRY GROWS"** capital campaign. Since that time, additional pledges have been received. Trinity's children alone have contributed \$626.00 (through their "piggy banks" + Bean Soup Starter sales). As of February 20th, the current contribution total is \$401,035.00 which puts us over our goal for the **"FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR MINISTRY GROWS"** campaign! SUPER! Isn't that great?! Congratulations!

However, it's never too late to participate. There are pledge cards in the narthex and in the pews in each Friendship Register, as well as through the church office. Working together through commitment and prayer, each person's contribution whether big or small, helped us meet our goal!

Remember the estimate for needed items is \$925,000.00 so let's keep going and see how much beyond our goal we can go!



**PRAYER LABYRINTH AVAILABLE IN HALL OF MEMORIES  
DURING HOLY WEEK**

Thanks to Trinity's Prayer Team the prayer labyrinth will be available on the following days: Good Friday, April 19th from 10:00am-2:00pm and 4:00-7:00pm as well as Saturday, April 20th from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Thank you for your efforts. They are certainly appreciated.

## Holy Week

Trinity's Holy Week schedule beginning with Palm Sunday and concluding with Easter Sunday is as follows:

Sunday, April 14th -

9:00am reSource service

11:00am Traditional service

Thursday, April 18th -

7:00pm Maundy Thursday service

Friday, April 19th -

10:00am-2:00pm Labyrinth available

4:00pm-7:00pm Labyrinth available

7:00pm Good Friday service

Saturday, April 20th -

9:00am - 3:00pm Labyrinth available

Sunday, April 21st -

8:30am Easter reSource service

9:45-10:45am - Easter Pancake Breakfast

10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00am - Traditional service

## Women

### CIRCLE MEETINGS:

#### Martha Circle:

Thursday, April 11th at 10:30  
at the church.

#### Hannah Circle:

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00  
at Berni Tomaszewski's house,  
5922 Ovella Rd., Jacksonville,  
FL 32244-4516

#### Lydia Circle:

Thursday, April 25, 2019 at  
7:00pm Pastor Janis' house,  
4428 Baltic Street, Jacksonville,  
FL 32210. They will continue to  
study the gospel of Mark.

*First Coast Buzzzzzz...*

YOU ARE INVITED to the  
Annual "Spring Gathering" of the  
FIRST COAST WOMEN  
OF THE ELCA

"WELCOME ONE ANOTHER"

Romans 15:7

Saturday, April 6th

LOCATION: St. Andrew's Lutheran  
Church By the Sea  
1801 Beach Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32250

TIME: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Registration: 8:30am - 9am

Registration Fee is \$12.00

Lunch will be served.

Pastor Joyce Gulliford, Hope  
Lutheran Church will do the Bible  
Study and lead us in Communion.

Various speakers will inform  
us of their work in the community.

### FIRST COAST CONFERENCE MEETING

Sunday, April 7th

4:00pm

Cross+Road Lutheran  
Church

1501 Lakeshore Drive, W.  
Fleming Island, FL 32003

- \* Presentation by Florida-Bahama Synod Assistant to the Bishop, Rob Carlson
- \* Election of new dean and conference chair
- \* Fellowship with other members of the First Coast Conference

RSVP to Jennifer Arnold  
[jennifertarnold6@gmail.com](mailto:jennifertarnold6@gmail.com)  
or call 410-499-6949



We extend our sympathy to the family of Karl Stoy, Jr. who passed away on March 2nd. Karl was the twin brother of Kitty Howell.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Noel Paulson who passed away on March 8th. Noel was the brother of Naomi Kline.

Please keep Kitty and Naomi and their families in your prayers at this sad time.





### Square Dancing at Tinity

Square Dancing comes back to Trinity on April 5th at 6:00pm. The Silver Fox Square Dance group is returning under the direction of Ken Perez, who lives in Starke.

If you are interested in trying out square dancing you are invited to come and learn free of charge before joining the group. Square dancing is a great form of exercise and fellowship!



## Young Adults

Trinity's Young Adults group meets at the home of Kyle and Sarah Knight Lind, 1350 Lamboll Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205.

Next meetings are:  
Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30pm  
Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:30pm

We'd love for you to join us!



### News from the Geigers in the Heartland

Greetings to my Trinity family! There is a light at the end of the tunnel! I am finishing up my final semester of seminary at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Classes are going well so far. I am taking my final history class, a final year theology class, a rural ministry class, and seminar class where we are discussing a book by John Cuputo. I commute from Marion up to Dubuque on Fridays, and then video into class on the other days.

I also got my synod assignment. I have been assigned to the Western Iowa Synod, which covers the territory, west of Interstate 35. I have spoken with the Bishop, and he has a congregation in mind and he will be submitting my name to the call committee. Sue and I are willing to move that direction and see where God might be call or leading. All that to say that I might have an interview before graduation. Your continued prayers are welcome!

The girls continue to do well, in spite of a winter that lasted well into March. (I'm typing this on March 15th, and we still have snow on the ground...). Sue is still working at the children's hospital at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and enjoying it. We will see what the future holds!



### Trinity Lunch Bunch

The Trinity Lunch Bunch usually meets 11:30am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month unless otherwise announced. Here is the tentative schedule for the 1st one - April 23, 2019:

Silver Star Chinese Restaurant  
5016 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210  
904-778-8500

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.

## Food Pantry News



During February 2019 we served the following numbers of people in the food pantry:

MONTH	# PERSONS	# HOUSEHOLDS
FEB	3,833	1,074

We distributed 43,376 lbs of food during the month, and we spent \$588.10 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was just over 4 cents. So far in 2019 we have served 2,195 households, consisting of 7,921 persons.

Thank you for the donations of paper and plastic bags. We continue to have to purchase paper & plastic bags, but we have identified a local supplier who is selling us paper and plastic bags at a very good price. 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 **\$25.00 worth of food for every \$1.00 donated.**

We need around \$2,500 each month to pay for the food we receive from Feeding Northeast Florida, and to cover other expenses such as utilities, pest control, and security monitoring. So please pray about supporting the food pantry financially.

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

Tom Culverwell

Director

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### WANTED:-EXPERIENCED GRANT WRITER

Tom Culverwell is in need of an experienced grant writer to assist him with submitting grant applications. If you have experience in grant writing please contact Tom at (904)254-0063 or by email at

[tculvrwl@comcast.net](mailto:tculvrwl@comcast.net).

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need at least four volunteers to work in the food pantry each Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. If you can help with this please let Tom Culverwell know. Email: [FP2006@trinity4jax.org](mailto:FP2006@trinity4jax.org). Cell: (904)254-0063.

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Dawn Hartin
3	George Renbeck Beth Vearil Skyler Scholl
4	Katie Vearil Michael Kalvig
6	Maya Koob
7	Jude Bollingberg
8	Carol Wilson
9	William Keels Jillian Smedberg Walker Hoke
10	Tyler Duncan Olivia Woodson
11	Gretchen White Logan Naugle
12	Ace Hodge
15	Tison Kelly Gavin Mickley
16	Allen Lewis Sarah Knight
18	Karen Rieley Quinn Montuori
19	Kylie Merritt
20	Kurt Oster
22	Wanda Bunn Madelynn Vearil Tuttle Brandon Kuebler Adelynn Hanford
23	David Scherneck
24	Sydney Alpahando
25	Erica Stem
27	Mary Bollingberg Cheryl Virta Steel Christopher Redman
29	Meghan Kalvig
30	Myrtle Nesset Betsy Lyerly Clarence Walker



### Flowers (2 needed)

07	Molenda/Billy
14	Naugle/Hassler
21	Congregation of Trinity
28	Hill/Virta-Steel

### Traditional Worship Service



### Lectors

07	Gini Strasser
14	Carolyn Molenda
21	Michael Philips
28	Don Howard

### Communion Assistants

Margaret Holden/Bitsy Marske

### Assisting Minister

Dwane Tyson



### Communion Elements

07	Stimmel
14	Stimmel
21	Bieltz
28	Bieltz

### Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders

07	C.Steel/C.Virta-Steel
14	Pastor Janis/J.Shutt
21	No Takeaway
28	R.White

### Councilperson of the Month

Dwane Tyson



### Date 11:00 AM Coffee Servers

07	Linda Culverwell
14	Howell/McLaughlin
21	Pancake Breakfast
28	Marske/Holden



### Sunday Visitor

07	Kitty Howell
14	Pastor Janis Kinley
21	Flowers for planting
28	Bloomer/Valentine



## Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – February 2019

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

*Don't Forget!*

*Please remember to have your check request approved by Pastor Robert before you submit it.*

*Thanks for your cooperation!*

*Gini*

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**1/1/18 to 2/28/19 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET**

**Contributions**

\$ 38,653.00	-	Actual General Fund Income
\$ 42,651.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Income
(\$ 3,998.00)	-	Actual Income is <b>Less</b> than Budgeted Income

**Expenses**

\$ 41,151.00	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$ 42,832.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ 1,681.00	-	Actual Expenses are <b>Less</b> than Budgeted Expenses



**Please be aware that on Sunday's mornings there may not be a nursery attendant and that we may rely on volunteers as needed. Please be willing to assist if called upon as Council, Karen Brown and Pastor Robert look into options to best provide for Trinity's nursery needs.**

**Also, Thank You to Vickie Southern who has made herself available to be in the nursery during this time.**



### CEW Yoga and Basketball Banquets

This year due to calendar conflicts and logistics we will be splitting the recognition celebration and banquet for Trinity's after-school programs of Yoga and Basketball to two separate dates.

The Yoga Group had their recognition banquet on *Tuesday evening, March 26th*. Thank you to **Rae Ettmyer** and **Gary Hautau** for preparing the dinner. We had 10 youth who participated in the Yoga program. Thanks go to **Kitty Howell** and **Berni Tomaszewski** for serving snacks for the Yoga Group on Tuesdays! Also, thanks to the Yoga instructors for their work with the students.

The Boy's Basketball teams will be having their celebration banquet on Saturday afternoon, *April 6th at 5:00pm*. Trinity sponsored four boys basketball teams that play in the Riverside Presbyterian League this past winter. All four teams won their divisions play-off championship! Thanks to the coaches for their work with the boys this year. There were approximately 40 boys playing on the different teams. Thank you also to **Jean and Bill Bieltz** for serving snacks for the boys on Thursdays at practice!



### April 2019 Love Offering - Trinity's Relief & Needy Fund

Our April "Love Offering" being received Sunday, April 7th, will benefit **Trinity's Relief and Needy Fund**. Please make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".



### Trinity Annual Yard Sale

**Back by popular demand** the annual Trinity Yard Sale (indoors!) will be held this summer on **Saturday, June 15th**. Start looking though the house, the attic and the garage for items to donate. You may bring them into the church and put them on the stage after Easter. Proceeds from this year's sale will again support the Senior Youth, along with Trinity Women of the ELCA, and the "From this Foundation" capital campaign. Mark your calendar with the date and tell everyone in your neighborhood about the event which is always looked forward to by the community.

### The Return of Gumbo de Mayo

Trinity's custodian, **James White**, will be making his gumbo this year, as a fundraiser for the prison ministries in which he participates. Money raise will be used for travel, motel, and food. Last year we went to Ocala, Orlando, VA/WV, Port St. Lucie, and West Palm Beach. We also traveled to closer-by places for worship services, where James spoke and sang.

Sign-up Sheet will be posted in the Hall of Memories.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:

May 19, 2019

COST: \$20.00 a quart

PICK-UP: May 26th at church

WHERE: Cecil Poole Rm/Kitchen

Designate SPICY or NON-SPICY

If for some reason (allergy or dislike - shrimp, onions, etc), you would like the gumbo without those ingredients, or you would rather make a donation, make a note on the sign-up sheet. Any questions, call James at 904-674-7663. We will be donating 10% of the Trinity proceeds to the Capital Campaign Fund. Please continue to pray for the ministry, safe travel, the other members involved, and the ones who hear the GOOD NEWS. We are so thankful for your prayers, generosity, and support!

BUEN GUMBO!

### Robert E. Lee High School Chorus Spaghetti Dinner and Concert



**On Thursday, April 4th - 6:00pm, the Lee High School Chorus students will entertain us once again with a dinner concert in the Hall of Memories. The menu will again be Rae's special spaghetti.**

**Funds raised will support the chorus on their year-end trip. Cost is \$10.00 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Doors open at 6:00pm.**

**Don't miss this opportunity to hear good music, eat delicious food, and help our neighborhood high school choral students.**



On March 10th Alvin **Christian Lopez, III** was baptized by Pastor Robert at Trinity. Alvin's parents are **Page Plunkett and Alvin Lopez, Jr.**

On March 24th **Charlotte Jean Baum** was baptized by Pastor Robert at Trinity. Charlotte's parents are **Catherine Jean Baum and Cory Kenneth Baum.**

On March 31st **Owen Daniel Kruck** was baptized by Pastor Robert at Trinity. Owen's parents are **Rebecca and Daniel Kruck.**

Congratulations to Alvin, Charlotte and Owen, children of God on becoming a member of Christ's family and ours.



**Pastor Robert and Trinity -**

Thank you so much for getting us connected to and set up with Five Star Pizza on St. Johns Bluff (owned by Trinity's Taylor Strasser) who donated pizzas for our recent "Food For Thought".

It was a wonderful night with vibrant discussion. We so value your partnership!

Peace - Sarah and Jacksonville Campus Ministry



### CEW Playday Thank You

The Children's Enrichment Workshops sponsored Playdays at each of the elementary schools of Central Riverside, Fishweir, and West Riverside were a lot of fun for the students of these schools. This year the time was moved to early spring prior to the school's spring break. Many thanks to **Jim Vearil** and **Pastor Robert** who volunteered for Fishweir's and West Riverside's Playdays. It was great being out with the kids!



### Food Pantry Thank You

Thank you to Avondale United Methodist Church for the very generous donation to Trinity's Food Pantry! Trinity received a check for \$895.00 for our Food Pantry. Thank you so very much for your generosity and continued support of the Food Pantry through volunteers on Tuesday mornings as well as your generous donation.

Also, thank you to the University of North Carolina - Jacksonville Alumni Group for their \$70.00 donation and non-perishable items.

God bless you all.



Special thanks to **Pastor Robert** and my **Trinity Church Family.**

Thank you for your visits, prayers and cards during my recent surgeries, illnesses and hospital stays. I am currently staying with my son and daughter-in-law, but hopefully will be moving to Riverside Presbyterian House or back to my apartment before April 5th.

Many thanks and love to all, Patsy Dreher



Have you ever seen Trinity's Food Pantry volunteers work?! Trust me, they are a hard working, thoughtful, kind, and dedicated bunch of volunteers! Did you know that there are several volunteers who don't attend Trinity? Avondale Methodist has volunteers who work Tuesday mornings as well as Riverside Park Methodist members and several others.

Led tirelessly by Tom Culverwell and his co-leaders they work long hours with smiles on their faces while they serve food to folks who need some extra help. They unload trucks, sort food, pick-up food, break down boxes, take cardboard to be recycle, etc...

Thank you for all you do! You are the true meaning of a servant led ministry through Christ Jesus!

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1415 South McDuff Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

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Worship

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### **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. We look forward to seeing you!

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Adult Sunday School led by Joe Molenda and Joanne Martin meets in the Cecil Poole room from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please join us!

### **Sunday Morning "Takeaway"**

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" is held in the Hall of Memories at 10:10 a.m. We'd love for you to join us!



### **Sunday Morning**

**reSource Worship**  
9:00 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School**  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School  
and Discipleship Training**  
10:05 a.m.

**The Takeaway  
Bible Studies**  
10:10 a.m.

**Traditional Worship**  
11:00 a.m.