



Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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He is
RISEN





“Be still and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10

Are you able or have even tried to be still and to allow your mind to be open to God for say twenty minutes? How about for every day of the week? How about for twice a day? Sounds like an impossible task. I am learning as a task it just may be impossible, but not as a devotion and being with God.

At a recent workshop for leaders of the ELCA congregations of the First Coast Conference that addressed “vitality” of the church, we (Dwane Tyson and Ruth Johnson also attended from Trinity) were introduced to the practice of “Centering Prayer”. During the exercise we closed our eyes and remained still for twenty minutes allowing our minds to be emptied and to be in God’s presence. The practice of centering prayer is simply to be with God, to come closer to God, and to come to know God. Centering prayer is not intercessory prayer or our speaking to God, but instead the allowing for God to speak to us. Through the practice of centering prayer we may be led to even deeper contemplative prayer and the listening to God speaking of God’s will.

The taking of additional time and allowing one’s mind to be free of all the thoughts and cares of our busy lives is not an easy habit to develop and can take months to develop. I am still working on setting aside twenty minutes in the morning, and also the evening (or another time in the day). And then there is the matter of keeping one’s mind open to being in the presence of God and listening for God’s speaking to our hearts and minds. I find my mind racing and running in so many directions! What I am learning is the value of a more disciplined and dedicated prayer life. I am definitely still a work in progress when it comes to this practice of centering prayer.

The Council is looking to introduce the practice of centering prayer to the people of Trinity this summer. One is to offer the opportunity for people to learn and experience a greater depth in prayer centered on God’s speaking and our listening. Second is to allow God to begin to direct and redirect us in our vision and mission as a congregation of the body of Christ. Look for more to come about centering prayer and how you may learn its practice. Blessings and peace to you as we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ our Lord and Savior!

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 Ettmyer
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 - - - JUNE VOT


Deadline for May 20th VOT is, Monday, May 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
or
tlcjax@trinity4jax.org



Church Office Hours

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

Thrivent Night at the Jumbo Shrimp



**Saturday,
May 11th
5:30pm**

**Jacksonville Jumbo
Shrimp Baseball Club
301 A. Philip
Randolph Blvd.
Jacksonville, Florida**

Thrivent is hosting a night at the Jumbo Shrimp baseball game on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 5:30pm on the Skydeck. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 4 years and up. Tickets include a dinner buffet of ballpark favorites.

To order tickets go to

<http://JumboShrimp.Eventbrite.com>

Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle:

Thursday, May 9th at 10:30 at
the church.

Hannah Circle:

Tuesday, May 16, 2019
at 7:00 at the Church

Lydia Circle:

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at
7:00pm Pastor Janis' house,
4428 Baltic Street, Jacksonville,
FL 32210. They will continue to
study the gospel of Mark.

Lutheranism 101 Class

Pastor Robert will be leading a class on the basic beliefs of the Lutheran Church and Christian faith. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to know more about the Lutheran church and Trinity as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and for those who would like to join as members of Trinity. The classes are tentatively set for the Sunday afternoons of **May 5th, 19th, and June 2nd**. Please speak to Pastor Robert if you are interested in attending or would like to know more about the classes.



Do you have someone in your family graduating this year? Please let the church office know g.strasser@trinity4jax.org so we can recognize that person(s) in the June Voice of Trinity (VOT). If you might know the graduate's future plans, please include this information also.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Dennis Woods who passed away on April 10th. Dennis was the son of Merald (Woody) and Olive Woods and the brother of Nancy Woods.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Patsy Dreher who passed away on April 10th.

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



Square Dancing at Tinity

Square Dancing is back at Trinity on Friday evenings at 6:30pm. The Silver Fox Square Dance group has returned 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.

For upcoming event days and times, please contact Sarah Knight at 654-5931.

We'd love for you to join us!

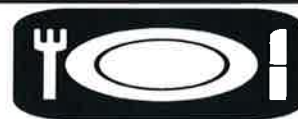


CEW Baksetball Celebration

The Children's Enrichment Workshope (CEW) Boy's Basketball Teams sponsored by Trinity had a wonderful afternoon on Saturday, April 6th celebrating their most successful season ever as the four teams won their division playoff championships. This year each player received a basketball in recognition of their achievement and not they can continue to practice their skills at home.

Thank you to Coaches Michael Jones, Nick Moore, and Milton Latimore for their work with the teams. Again thank you to Jean and Bill Bieltz for helping to serve snack during the year (Berni Tomaszewski and Kitty Howell served for the Yoga students). Much thanks to Rae Ettmyer, Jon Koob, and Rick Redman for preparing the banquet and grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs enjoyed that afternoon.

In recent years funds supporting the CEW Yoga and Basketball programs at Trinity have been provided through the Harms and Kripps estate bequests, through love offerings and from the annual Permanent Endowment income distribution. This program has touched the lives of many students in the 20+ years of Trinity's participation in the Children's Enrichment Workshops.



Trinity Lunch Bunch

The Trinity Lunch Bunch usually meets 11:30am on the 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise announced. Here is the tentative location for - **May 28, 2019:**

LongHorn Steak House Restaurant
4401 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-388-5520

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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>
MARCH	3,040	870

We distributed 29,158 lbs. of food in March, and we spent \$927.22 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was about 3 cents per pound. So far in 2019 we have served 3,065 households, consisting of 10,961 persons. We have distributed 114,754 pounds at a cost of \$2,479.97.

We have recently had to close the food pantry on Wednesday evenings due to a lack of volunteers. Right now we have one person who has volunteered to work Wednesday evenings, but we need at least four people in the pantry before we can open up. And we would have to have four committed persons who are willing to work each week before we can reopen. Please pray about this and if you can spare even one evening per month, please contact Tom Culverwell.

We continue to receive a route end delivery each Wednesday afternoon and we need volunteers with no physical limitations to help with this. The truck usually doesn't arrive until after noon, and it takes several hours to bring all the food into the pantry and sort each box and store everything. The folks doing this on a regular basis have been doing this hard work for a long time and it would be nice if some more folks could volunteer to help ease their burden.

The Lord continues to give us everything we need to keep his food pantry operating, but we could use some more volunteer help.

With blessings,

Tom Culverwell
Director

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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. Cell: (904)254-0063.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Stephanie Shimer
- Rikki Jameson
- 4 Ray Martin
- Donny Ard
- Lyla Havird
- 8 Dulcie Clark
- 9 John Bollingberg
- Mark Ronan
- Kari Larson
- Frederick Schnauss
- 12 Emily Liddicoat
- Joan Warner
- 13 Michael Philips
- 15 Kim Bloomer
- 17 Kathryn Hill
- Nevaeh Guzman
- 18 Emily Guzman
- 19 Benjamin Larson
- 20 Ryan Larson
- 22 Karen Brown
- Fanny Hautau
- Kristina Murfin-Higel
- 24 Kip Stem
- 31 Ryan Strasser
- Tyler Grogg



Flowers (2 needed)

- 05 Kline/Bieltz
- 12 Zuzul/
- 19 Guzman/Strasser
- 26 Caldwell/Powers



Communion Elements

- 05 Glory to God
- 12 Ettmyer
- 19 Kelly
- 26 Culverwell

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

- 05 Jennifer Darby
- 12 Michael Philips
- 19 Joe Molenda
- 26 Don Howard

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders

- 05 K.Koob/J.Hassler
- 12 L.York/R.Johnson
- 19 P.Piersall/S.Knight
- 26 Pastor Janis/J.Shutt

Councilperson of the Month
Don Howard

Communion Assistants

Assisting Minister

Berni Tomaszewski



Date 11:00 AM Coffee Servers

- 05 Hassler/Buchanan
- 12 Valentine/Martin
- 19 Marie & Alex Bogh
- 26 Berni Tomaszewski



Sunday Visitor

- 05 Linda Culverwell
- 12 Joe & Carolyn Molenda
- 19 Gini Strasser
- 26 Karen Brown

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – March 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.

Also, please double check your Financial Statement for the 1st Quarter to make sure that it is correct, especially the contributions for "From this Foundation our Ministry Grows" capital campaign. Please contact Lise York on Monday mornings between 10:00am and noon at Trinity 389-5341 if you have questions or need changes made. Thank you for your cooperation! Gini

1/1/18 to 3/31/19 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$ 63,086.00	-	Actual General Fund Income
\$ 63,976.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Income
(\$ 890.00)	-	Actual Income is Less than Budgeted Income

Expenses

\$ 60,173.00	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$ 64,249.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ 4,076.00	-	Actual Expenses are Less 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.

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, VAWV, 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!

TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH 2019

The Trinity Lunch Bunch meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month unless announced otherwise. Here is the tentative schedule for the remainder of 2019:

May 28th	LongHorn Steak House Restaurant
June 25th	Cross Creek Steak House Restaurant
July 23rd	What's Cookin' Restaurant
August 27th	Okinawa Restaurant
September 24th	Cyrstal River Seafood Restaurant
October 22nd	Mediterrania Restaurant
November 26th	Willard's BBQ Junction Restaurant
December 17th	Kaika (Teppanyaki/Asian Fusion)

Please sign up on the list in the Hall of Memories if you wish to join us. All are welcome! Remember to call Kim Bloomer the Monday before the lunch if you need a ride.



Interested in Quilting or Learning How?

Trinity Quilters meet each Monday in the Cecil Poole room at 9:30am and work until noon. No experience is needed. Both men and women are welcome. Last year, Trinity's Quilters made 108 quilts which were donated to Lutheran World Relief. This is a worth while and fun volunteer activity. Come and join the fun!



May 5, 2019 Love Offering "Rachel's Day" to benefit Hubbard House

Our May "Love Offering" being received Sunday, May 5th, "Rachel's Day" - will benefit **Hubbard House**. Please make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".

The Women of the ELCA will be conducting the Traditional worship service. We will be blessed with Pastor Janis Kinley preaching. Berni Tomaszewski will be Pastor Janis' worship assistant. Linda Culverwell, Geri Buchanan and Mary Bollingberg will be the Communion Assistants. *Ladies, if you are interested in being an usher on May 5th, please let Mary Bollingberg know.* Thanks!

**Thank
You!**

The Spring dinner concert put on by Robert E. Lee High School chorus under the direction of Mr. Andrew Nearer was again a wonderful evening of students showing a wide variety of musical and singing talents. Patrons enjoyed the wonderful entertainment and again the delicious spaghetti prepared by Rae Ettmyer and Gary Hautau.

Thank you also to Fanny Hautau and teachers and staff from Lee High School who helped with service and kitchen duties. \$855.00 was raised for the Chorus that evening.

(Note: Thanks go to Joe and Carolyn Molenda who obtained a Thrivent Action Team grant which provided the cost of the food. They also provided an Action Team grant for the LEW recognitions and celebrations).

Holy Week and Easter

Thank You

Thank you to all who had parts in the Holy Week and Easter services and activities. Special thanks to *Linda Culverwell* for coordinating the altar guild duties; *Dwane Tyson* as worship assistant; to *Mary and Byron Bollingberg* and the *Prayer Team* for setting up and coordinating the Prayer Labyrinth; to *Rae Ettmyer and Karen Hiers* for preparing the Easter Breakfast and arranging the flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter and additionally to *Karen Hiers* for planting all the Easter blooming plants around the church; to *Judy Hassler, Kara Martin*, and the *Youth* for setting-up and serving the Easter Breakfast; and to *Berni Tomaszewski* for coordinating again the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Also, thank you to *Kim Bloomer and choir* for the special music at the Traditional service and to *Jerry Johnson and the reSource Praise Team* for the music at the reSource service.



March 25, 2019

RE: 108 Mission Quilts
5 School Kits

Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

Because of your support, LWR is able to share the tangible love of Christ with thousands of people through your quilts and kits. Last year, LWR and partners Children's Gift Ministry (CGM) and OLAM were busy distributing School Kits in Honduras, to children whose families are vulnerable due to lack of access to the most basic necessities. Parents often have to choose between feeding their children and sending them to school. School Kits were distributed to more than 28,000 Honduran children to help them get back to or stay in school, increasing their chances of breaking the chains of chronic poverty and avoiding the very real risk of gang involvement. In addition to being practical, these kits provide a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them.

Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contributions; and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

In Christ,
Melanie M. Gibbons,
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager
Lutheran World Relief



Trinity Lutheran Church,

It's an extra special year for us at LSS as we celebrate our 40th year of service to the community, and we couldn't be more grateful for your support!

Just as it has since 1979, your contributions of \$316.00 to LSS will stay right here in our community, helping your own neighbors.

Your investment in our work helps people find and maintain self-sufficiency with dignity. For example, our onsite food pantry recently transitioned to the client-choice model. The Nourishment Network Market is now organized like a grocery store where clients can shop for the items they want, free of charge, discouraging food waste and putting families back in charge of their own nutritional decision-making.

We couldn't do it without one of our most valued partners: YOU! Thank you, and stay tuned in the coming months for information about our end-of-year anniversary event. We hope you'll join us to celebrate 40 years of new beginnings for our neighbors in need!

Sincerely,
Mary Strickland
President/CEO
Lutheran Social Services

**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!



TRINITY

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.**