



Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

Trinity Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.
1415 South McDuff Avenue
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August
2019

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

8:00am - 1:00pm



Teacher Appreciation Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW)

(NOTE: List of School Supplies Needed on Page 5)

Supplies needed for presentation at the Teacher's Appreciation
Luncheon at Riverside Avenue Christian Church
on August 9th





*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”*

I have been enthralled with the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Apollo 11 moon landing. During the week of July 20th (the anniversary date of the first moon walk) I remember waking up early and looking out a window at the moon and thought about what great courage those astronauts had to be launched into space atop a huge rocket ship and to be in outer space. It made me think of being a 10 year old child and putting together a model of the Saturn V rocket and the Eagle Lunar Landing module. It took the dream, the hard work, and the trusting of a lot people to make the space program take off!

“*Courage in the Lord*” was the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year. I spoke with the children about what it means to have courage and that God in the Holy Spirit gives us strength to have courage and faith in God in life as they grow. In the perfect love of God that comes through Jesus Christ, fear is cast out (*1 John 4:18*) and we are able to face the challenges, the hardships, and the difficult situations that come in living life.

We as a congregation are about to step forward to begin the work on the renovation projects for the church building as part of the campaign *From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows*. While we are about to make some big commitments to the work on the building, we also need to make big commitments to one another and to the mission of Trinity, *To Proclaim Jesus Christ to the World*. Just like with the entire Space program from Mercury to Apollo and beyond, the work of *From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows* may seem daunting but it is possible as we have courage and trust in the Lord to lead us in our mission and in the tasks before us as people of God. Let us go forward with courage and trust!

In Christ's service,
Barbara Strasser

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - - - August VOT


**Deadline for
September VOT is,
Tuesday, August 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



**“FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR MINISTRY GROWS”
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
(FTF-OMG)
AUGUST UPDATE**

On Sunday, July 21st an “Informational Forum” was held that presented the status of the renovation projects, an update on the funds received through June 30, 2019, and that announced a plan by the Church Council to hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18th to discuss and vote on a funding option to acquire a loan to fund the entire costs of the renovations and restorations. The Forum was well attended and questions concerning the projects and possible funding options were addressed.

An updated “Schedule of Values” for the project renovations was made available with the total project cost remaining at \$925,000. Bids for the roofing systems have or are being updated from the original bids and estimates of early 2018. The “Rewiring of the Sanctuary” continues to progress and is in its final stage. This project is projected to be significantly under the original estimate of \$60,000. For a copy of the updated “Schedule of Values” for the renovations you may contact the church office. Specific questions may be directed to Jerry Johnson and Rusty White.

As of June 30, 2019, \$144,345 in funds has been received from the capital campaign. Over a three year period, \$400,745 has been pledged from the campaign. Pledges are being received at a consistent rate. So far, there has not been a negative impact to Trinity’s regular and dedicated giving as a result of the campaign giving. (Keep up the good stewardship!)

After much discussion and discernment, the Church Council at its July’s meeting voted to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18th (there will be one service that day at 10:00am) to present to the congregation for discussion and vote a funding proposal for the total estimated cost of the renovations by securing a loan through the Mission Investment Fund. Council President Dwane Tyson and Treasurer Jerry Johnson may be contacted as to specific details of how the loan would be structured and then possibly serviced in the future.

Trinity has been and now is ready to take some big and bold steps to maintain the legacy of the church building and to continue to provide a beautiful place for worship, ministry, and mission in Riverside-Avondale community and in the world. We hope that many of you will be present for worship and the congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18th.

Submitted by Pastor Robert

Communion Instruction

Pastor Robert will be giving an instructional class for Holy Communion (First Communion) for children seven years of age and older on Sunday afternoon August 25 from 4:00pm – 6:30pm. The instruction will be on the meaning of Holy Communion in the Lutheran Church, walking through how to receive Communion, and the making of banners illustrating the meanings of Holy Communion. A parent is requested to be at the church with their child, particularly for the banner making part of the instruction time.



Trinity's Annual Yard Sale August 3rd 8:00am - 1:00pm

Back by popular demand the annual Trinity Yard Sale (indoors) will be held August 3rd. Start looking through the house, the attic and the garage for items to donate. You may bring them into the church and put them behind the curtains on the floor (the stage is completely full of items!). Proceeds from this year's sale will again support the Senior Youth, along with Trinity Women of the ELCA and the "From this Foundation Our Ministry Grows" capital campaign. Mark your calendars with the date and tell everyone in your neighborhood about the event which is always looked forward to by the community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - August 18, 2019 Following ONE Church Service at 10:00am

Following extensive research over the past two years, numerous discussions, and informative meetings Trinity will meet on August 18th to vote on a loan option to fund upcoming renovations to the church. Your voice and input is important!



August 4, 2019 Love Offering Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW)

Our August "Love Offering" being received on Sunday, August 4th, will benefit the Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW). Please make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".

Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle:

Thursday, August 8, 2019
at 10:30 at the church.

Hannah Circle:

Tuesday, August 15, 2019
at 7:00 at Mary Bollingberg's
house "Back to School"
celebration

Lydia Circle:

Thursday, August 29, 2019 at
7:00pm Pastor Janis' house.



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY to register for this year's Synod Women's Fall Gathering (Nov. 8-10): "Come to the Table"

Online registration & downloadable forms are available at www.flwelca.com. The registration deadline is October 15 (October 1 for voting members).

Our invitation is extended to ALL women throughout the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Scholarships are available to help defray costs and are administered discreetly. Learn more about Share the Spirit at www.flwelca.com.



Young Adults

Trinity's Young Adults group meets at the home of Kyle and Sarah Knight Lind, (654-5931)

Upcoming events in August:

August 6, 2019 - 6:30pm

August 20, 2019 - 6:30pm

We'd love for you to join us!



Did you Know that August is National Immunization Awareness Month?

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), is an annual observance held each August to highlight how importance vaccinations are for people of all ages. Communities across the country designate August to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, even deadly, diseases across the lifespan. Immunizations are available at Florida Health-Duval County, 5322 N. Pearl Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208, 904-253-1420.



CEW Teacher Supplies

The congregations of the four churches that support the Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW) provide school supplies to the teachers at West Riverside, Central Riverside and Fishweir Elementary Schools. Many of these supplies used in the classroom have to be purchased by the teachers with their own funds. Trinity provides school supplies to the teachers at Fishweir Elementary.

Our August Love Offering will also go towards Fishweir teach school supplies. Please bring your supplies by Tuesday, August 6th and place them in the boxes provided in the Hall of Memories or in the narthex. Monetary donations should be either brought to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Needed Supplies Are:

Post-It Notes	Highlighters	Notebook paper
Computer/copy paper	Clorox wipes	Hand Sanitizer
Kleenex tissues	Paper towels	Baby wipes
Sharpie markers	White-out	Colored pencils
#2 Pencils	Pens	Crayons
Folders w/pockets/prongs	Glue Sticks	Pencil top erasers

The supplies are presented to the teachers and staff following the CEW sponsored 2019/2020 year Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon which will be held on August 9th at Riverside Avenue Christian Church.

We extend our Sympathy to:

A PRAYER FOR YOU



*The family of Jane Smith who passed away on June 25th. Jane is the mother of Cindy Franklin.

*The family of Jack Kermitz who passed away on July 9th. Jacks is the father of Beth Vearil and father-in-law of Jim Vearil.

*The family of Peter Beasley who passed away on July 19th. Peter is the husband of Priscilla, sister of Gretchen White, Jenny Lomax and Becky Webster and brother-in-law of Rusty White.

*The family of Michelle Kelly who passed away suddenly on July 28th. Michelle is the niece of Fanny Hautau.

* The family of Roberta Wite who passed away on June 21st. Roberta was the sister of Trinity member, Martha Guillebeau. She lived in Leesville, South Carolina.

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



Food Pantry News

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

<u>MONTH</u>	# <u>PERSONS</u>	# <u>HOUSEHOLDS</u>
JUNE	3,374	899

We distributed 37,913 lbs. of food in March, and we spent \$753.12 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was about 2 cents per pound. So far in 2019 we have served 8,529 households, consisting of 21,046 persons. We have distributed 237,771 pounds at a cost of \$9,455.70.

In an attempt to keep the Wednesday crew from being at the food pantry in excess of 8 hours we are considering changing the Wednesday hours 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This would mean that the pantry will not be open on Wednesday mornings. If you have a desire to help out in the food pantry on Wednesday evenings please let Tom Culverwell know. I anticipate starting the Wednesday evening hours in August; if you are able to work from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings please contact Tom Culverwell

(FP2006@trinity4jax.org). Cell (904)254-0063. Ideally, I would like to recruit two teams to work the food pantry on Wednesdays; one from 10 a.m to noon, and one from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The route end crew would come in around noon and work until everything has been sorted out and stored.

The number of families we are serving monthly has decreased to below 1,000 households. I don't know the exact reason for this drop, but it may be tied to the fact that food stamps are now being distributed twice a month. This has leveled out our weeks in terms of numbers of households, and may also have had an effect on the number of households.

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.

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Flowers (2 needed)

- 04 Hiers/Hassler
- 11 Brown/Kelly
- 18 Kinley/Culverwell
- 25 Naugle/Kinley



Communion Elements

- 04 Carolyn & Joe Molenda
- 11 Tom & Kathy Stimmel
- 18 Culverwell
- 25 Tison & Leah Kelly

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

- 04 Gini Strasser
- 11 Sarah Knight
- 18 Carolyn Molenda
- 25 Michael Philips

Takeaway Bible Study

Off for the Summer

Adult Sunday School

- 04 August Break
- 11 August Break
- 18 August Break
- 25 August Break

Communion Assistants

Assisting Minister

Joanne Martin

Councilperson of the Month

Ruth Johnson



Date 11:00 AM Coffee Servers

- 04 J. Hassler/G. Buchanan
- 11 D. Valentine/J. Martin
- 18 Leah Kelly
- 25 Berni Tomaszewski



Sunday Visitor

- 04 Gini Strasser
- 11 Karen Brown
- 18 Kathy Stimmel
- 25 Lise York

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – June 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. Remember: Lise York who inputs contributions is at the church Monday mornings if you should have any questions about your Financial Statement.

Thank you for your cooperation! Gini

1/1/18 to 6/30/19 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$131,455.00 - Actual General Fund Income
 \$127,956.00 - Budgeted General Fund Income
\$ 3,499.00 - Actual Income is More than Budgeted Income

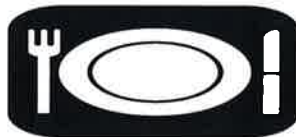
Expenses

\$133,123.00 - Actual General Fund Expenses
 \$128,527.00 - Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ 4,596.00 - Actual Expenses are More than Budgeted Expenses

What Are You Looking Forward to Doing This Summer?

Taking a trip to experience new surroundings? Resting and relaxing with a good book or two? Finding some companionship with old friends? Experienceing new and stimulating conversation with new acquaintances? How about trying to go a step deeper in your understanding of God? What if I told you that all these and more were possible with a seven week study being offered this summer? Would you be interested? It's called: God's Amazing Book. And it's free of charge!

August Dates: Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, and 22. Here's the time and location: 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the church. Are you planning something more rewarding?
 By: Joanne Martin



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 - **August 27, 2019:**

Okinawa Restaurant
4403 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-388-8708

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.



Senior Youth Group

Trinity's Senior Youth Group enjoyed their Beach outing to Hanna Park and want to thank all who made their trip possible. Thanks for your continued support!



The Youth will be **Re-Gathering** at Cross Roads Lutheran Church on **August 18th 2:00-7:00.** Additional details to follow...



God's Work Our Hands Work Day at Luther Springs

September 14, 2019 *FREE*

Youth groups, men's groups, women's groups, congregations, families, individuals! Projects may include clearing trails, chopping wood, painting, cleaning, sorting and organizing or a special building project. Our main day of service will be Saturday with lunch provided. Overnight accommodations are based on availability. Space is limited! Contact Sue Mendenhall (727) 415-9887 to register. There is a small fee for overnight accommodations.

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:

August 27th	Okinawa Restaurant
September 24th	Crystal River Seafood Restaurant
October 22nd	Mediterranea 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.



CEW Service Opportunities Available

Help is needed for Trinity's coming year of Children Enrichment Workshop (CEW) ministry. Listed below 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 9th 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.

*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.

New Council Person

Congratulations to Virginia Rice who was appointed by the Church Council to fill a vacancy on the Council.



Inspire to Rise
(old Faith Lutheran property)
5927 Old Timuquana Road
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Dear Pastor Kinley:

We would like to thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$100. Our mission is to inspire and empower children, families, and individuals to rise, overcome, and shine through their most challenging moments in life to become their best self.

With supporters like you we will continue the vision of building a comprehensive, wraparound, and full-service community center that helps to inspire children, families, and individuals address their individual trauma and family needs, and become their best self for themselves and for their families.

Truthfully, we could not do this without you. We, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aida Seeraj, MBA
Inspire to Rise, Inc.
Chief Executive Officer



Dear Pastor Kinley,

It's an extra special year for us at Lutheran Social Services as we celebrate our 40th year of service to Northeast Florida, and we couldn't be more grateful for your support!

Your contribution of \$481.00 to LSS will stay right here in our community, helping your very own neighbors—just as it has since 1979.

Your investment in our work helps people find 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 shop for the items they want, free of charge, discouraging food waste and putting families back in charge of their own nutrition.

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



What a GREAT day we had on Saturday, July 20th at our one-day Vacation Bible School! Twenty children attended and learned about "Having Courage in the Lord" through the story of "Daniel in the Lion's Den". They then took Daniel's Safari Tour playing games and doing crafts of making rainsticks, prayer boxes, and decorating bird houses. After hamburgers for lunch, the kids enjoyed a refreshing afternoon sliding on a water slide and eating popsicles.

Many thanks to Berni Tomaszewski who again did a wonderful job in putting together and leading this year's VBS! Thanks to all the folks who volunteered, parents and grandparents who attended: Steve Tomaszewski, Ruth Johnson, Pam Piersall, DJ Rich, Judy Hassler, Kylie Merritt, John Merritt, Pastor Robert, TJ and Kacey Merritt, Rob Billy, Rae Ettmyer, Kitty Howell, Karen Brown, Rebecca Kruck, Kristina Murfin-Higel and Mary Bollingberg. The day wouldn't have been as successful without everyone's efforts!

Children's Sunday School



Children's Sunday School (downstairs in Sunday School Building) will be **OFF** until Sunday, 8/25/19.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Adult Sunday School led by Joe Molenda and Joanne Martin will be taking a "little" summer break from 8/4/19 - 9/1/19

Sunday Morning "Takeaway"

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Bible Study has **concluded for the summer.**

We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!



Sunday Morning Schedule

reSource Worship
9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
OFF 8/4 - 9/1

Children's Sunday School
OFF until 8/25/19

The Takeaway Bible Study
concluded for the Summer

Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m.