



Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

Trinity Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.
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July
2019

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COURAGE IN THE LORD

2019 Vacation Bible School
Saturday, July 20th,
9:00am - 2:00am

FUN, FUN, FUN

Bible Story

Crafts

Games

Water Slide

See article inside!



"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9.36)

There's a lot of talk about "diversity" these days. There's talk about how divided people in our country are because of political, social, and even religious, differences. There is talk about how hard it is for us to understand and accept each other's differences.

Wherever Jesus went, huge crowds of people followed Him and gathered around Him. Mixed in among the crowds, there were all kinds of people. Some of them needed healing, some were religious seekers or believers, some were critics, some were thieves or even murderers, some were just hangers-on looking for the next new thing. But when Jesus looked out at all those hundreds of people through the eyes of God, they all looked the same to Him: these were people who were lost and helpless.

In His ministry, Jesus' compassion overcame the challenge of "accepting diversity." Jesus looked past outward appearances and saw into the hearts of people. He was willing to offer love to even the least "acceptable" person.

One place where we can see Jesus' ministry of love given without reserve is day after day in our Trinity Food Pantry, where there are no barriers to kindness and compassion. Every person is given assistance, respect, and welcome, regardless of their political, social, or religious differences. Food Pantry ministry calls each person who works there to put aside their judgements and serve others with the compassion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

All of us at Trinity share in this great ministry to people in need. We may not actually work in the Food Pantry, but we support it with our financial gifts and our prayers. The Trinity Food Pantry is our way of letting compassion overcome our prejudices or fears of those who differ from us.

We are the "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" about whom these verses are written:
"Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity."

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread His liberating word."

(ELW 729)

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 - - - JULY VOT

Deadline for
August VOT is,
Saturday, July 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)
JULY UPDATE**

We have completed the first of six, six month periods of FTF-OMG, and as we reported last month, many facility improvements have been accomplished. The Hall of Memories was completely retrofitted with LED lighting as well as the rear walkway by the choir room and interior office corridor. Office lighting was upgraded using more energy efficient fluorescent lamps.

Likely the most visible changes have been to the chancel lighting. We have retrofitted and re-aimed all chancel spot lights with low energy, highly efficient very low heat producing LED lighting. The obvious benefit is aesthetic as many have commented on the newly discovered beauty of the Ascension Mural behind the altar. Less obvious is the substantial reduction in heat introduced to both the Chancel and the Hall of Memories by replacing incandescent lighting with LED lighting, a savings of over 5,000 watts (5KW).

What you don't see and what has NOW BEEN COMPLETED is the replacement of 100-year-old fusible electrical equipment in the Sanctuary and in the basement and the rewiring (where necessary) of certain branch circuits. The church council wisely decided that this project was to come before all others as a precaution against a disastrous fire. The decision was made prior to the great fire at Notre Dame which further validated why upgrading electrical systems is vital.

What's next? While a master plan is being developed, certain elements seem to be coming into place. Congregation approval will be sought soon but the plan looks like this:

As we move into the second six-month period of FTF-OMG, our next project would be to replace the sanctuary roof, gutters and flashing as well as tuck point and repair mortar joints in the brickwork and stone coping around the sanctuary building. This will be followed by cleaning and sealing all the masonry surfaces of the sanctuary building. This should stop all water intrusion into the sanctuary allowing us then to repair and repaint areas that have been damaged by water.

Likely, in the next six months, this same process will also be undertaken in all areas under a flat roof such as the music suite, offices, Cecil Pool Room and kitchen. This work will require extensive repairs to the masonry work in the colonnade as well as the removal of all rooftop A/C units and the stone coping around the colonnade. Depending on funding, interior repairs and improvements are also being considered.

Its also possible that we would address the roof and waterproofing issues in the Hall of Memories. Ideally, all of these projects should all be done together which would require alternate sources of funding such as selling property, borrowing money or both.

The FTF-OMG Capital campaign was a great success in that we raised over \$400,000 to be received over a three-year period but our needed repairs are estimated to be more than \$900,000. The council plans on coming to the congregation with more information and discussion prior to proceeding with any work beyond the electrical work we are presently undertaking.

Sincerely, Jerry Johnson, Treasurer



COURAGE IN THE LORD

2019 Vacation Bible
School

Saturday, July 20th

9:00am - 2:00am

4 Year Olds -
completed 5th grade

This fun day will include:

Bible Story -

"Daniel and the Lion's Den"

Crafts

Games

Water Slide

***Snacks will be provided.

***Lunch will be provided.

***Please either wear a swim-
suit or bring it and bring a
towel for the end of the day
activity.

***Youth helpers for children

If you are interested in helping
in any way, please give
Berni Tomaszewski at
904-771-9196.



NOTE:

August 3rd -
Is NEW Date
For Trinity's
Annual
Yard Sale

Back by popular demand the annual Trinity Yard Sale (in-doors!) will be held this summer on Saturday, 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 on the stage. 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 calendar with the date and tell everyone in your neighborhood about the event which is always looked forward to by the community.

W♥men

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle:

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

Hannah Circle:

Tuesday, July 18, 2019
at 7:00 at the Church

Lydia Circle:

Thursday, July 18, 2019 at
7:00pm Pastor Janis' house



July 7, 2019
Love Offering
Women of the
ELCA
(WELCA)

Our July "Love Offering" being received on Sunday, July 7th, will benefit WELCA. Please make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".



**We extend our sympathy to:
The family of Carol
Wilson who passed away on
May 31st. Carol was a long
time member of Trinity.**

**The family of Wayne
Wood upon his death on
June 2nd. Wayne and
Elaine were previous mem-
bers of Trinity.**

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



Young Adults

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

Upcoming events in July:

July 9, 2019 - 6:30pm

July 23, 2019 - 6:30pm

We'd love for you to join us!



TRINITY NEW MEMBERS

**Joined Trinity on
Sunday, June 16th**

Paul Burch

Paul was born in Atlanta, GA in 1969. He is the son of Bitsy and Kingsley Marske. After living semi-independently in Athens, where he became an avid Bulldog fan, and then Thomaston, GA, he has moved back home. He was previously a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Atlanta acting as crucifer and acolyte on a regular basis. He has already begun working with the Monday crew at the TLC Food Pantry. Paul attended school in Lawrenceville, GA graduating in 1987. During this time he participated and volunteered in the GA Special Olympics for many years winning numerous medals and was chosen to attend the International Special Olympics Games in Baton Rouge, LA. His hobbies include bowling, music and dancing. Paul is a fan of all things sports both College and Professional and follows football, then basketball, then baseball and always wrestling.

Cory and Catherine Baum

Cory and Catherine (CJ) live in Yulee. Cory comes to us from First Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Charlotte, MI. He first worshipped at Trinity in 2015. Catherine (CJ) comes to us from the Presbyterian Church. They have an infant daughter, Charlotte who was baptized at Trinity in March of this year. Cory works with the Hyatt downtown and CJ works with CM Services, Inc. that partners with national trade associations.

Frank Silba

Frank was born in Vernal, Utah in 1983 and as an infant moved with family to Jacksonville where he has lived ever since. He enjoys spending time with loved ones, working out, and fishing. Frank is currently working as a pipefitter and in a warehouse.

Christopher Woodle

Chris was born in Fernandina Beach and grew up in the Roman Catholic Church. He was recently married to Stephanie Tompkins at Trinity in February. Chris is a teacher at Baldwin Middle School. He and Stephanie live in Hilliard.

Naomi Lea

Naomi was born in Walsall, England. She came to Jacksonville several years ago by way of Texas. She has completed a degree at FSCJ and is a licensed esthetician. Naomi was baptized on May 14, 2019 here at Trinity.

Paula McAllister

Paula was born in Detroit, Michigan. Baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Detroit. Florida resident since 1982 and member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She has one son, married and living in Melbourne. Loves to read, sew and enjoy her porch and the view of the nature preserve bordering her yard. Paula is very happy to join the Trinity community.

Kim Bloomer

Kim is Trinity's long time organist and choral director. Kim is a graduate of UNE, studied in Florence, Italy and has played for many churches in her career.

We are so happy to have you at Trinity!

Food Pantry News



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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>
MAY	3,334	929

We distributed 46,540 lbs. of food in March, and we spent \$1,324.50 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was about 4 cents per pound. So far in 2019 we have served 6,731 households, consisting of 17,672 persons. We have distributed 198,048 pounds at a cost of \$8,121.26.

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.

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)

07 J.Havird/F.Silba & V.Havird-Rice
 14 V.Havird-Rice & J.Havird
 21 R. Ettmyer &
 28 L./T.Kelly &



Communion Elements

07 Leah & Tison Kelly
 14
 21
 28

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

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

Takeaway Bible Study

Off for the Summer

Adult Sunday School

07 9:30-10:30am
 14 9:30-10:30am
 21 9:30-10:30am
 28 9:30-10:30am

Communion Assistants

Assisting Minister

Dwane Tyson

Councilperson of the Month

Mary Bollingberg



Date 11.00 AM Coffee Servers

07 Linda Culverwell
 14 Alex & Marie Bogh
 21 M. Onstott/K. Kuebler
 28 B.Marske/M.Holden



Sunday Visitor

07 Pastor Janis
 14 Bloomer/Valentine
 21 Linda Culverwell
 28 Joe & Carolyn Molenda

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – May 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 5/31/19 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$107,076.00	-	Actual General Fund Income
\$106,629.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Income
\$ 447.00	-	Actual Income is More than Budgeted Income

Expenses

\$112,998.00	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$107,097.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ 5,901.00	-	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!

Here's the dates: Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25, 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 - July 23, 2019:

What's Cookin' Restaurant

1921 Lane Ave. S., Jacksonville, FL 32210

904-683-1306

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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

to

Kristina and Randi Murfin-Higel
who celebrated the birth
of their son, Clark Ray
on June 6, 2019

Best Wishes and God's Blessings
to this Family



News From Jeff Geiger

(Trinity's seminarian graduate)
regarding possible
placement

"My name has been turned in to another church in Council Bluffs, IA (which is outside Omaha, NE, but on the Iowa side). And perhaps, another congregation in Creston, IA (which is southwest of Des Moines). So I'm waiting to hear what's next."

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:

July 23rd	What's Cookin' Restaurant
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.



Senior Youth - Beach Trip in July!

Make sure to mark your phone calendars for
a Senior Youth Beach Trip!

Sunday, July 14, 2019
(after church)

Look for; time, place and further details to be shared in the Ministry Weekly. A permission slip will be required. Plan to join!





Love and Strawberries by Pastor Janis

Wednesday
96 degrees
blazing sun
no clouds

Trinity Food Pantry crew
four men three women
on duty working hard
since well before 10 am

it's closing time but at 1 pm
a truck arrives loaded with
grocery store leftovers
donations for the poor

heavy pallets to lift
meat vegetables fruit
sort, freeze, refrigerate
food for families in need

huge flats of strawberries
some good some rotten
got to lift got to sort
save what you can

Wednesday 6:30 pm
seven people
hot and tired
workday over

why do they do this?

for God
for people in need
for love

thank you



Music Notes

by Kim Bloomer

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Joseph Scriven (9/10/19 - 10/10/86)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was written by Joseph Scriven in 1855 apparently for the comfort of his sick mother in Dublin, Ireland. Though it may also be related to his second fiancée's death.

Born in Ireland, Joseph's father was a captain in the Royal Marines. Joseph went to Trinity College for two years and then in 1837 he attended Addiscombe Military College, Surrey. Prevented by his poor health from pursuing a military career, he completed his studies at Trinity College in 1842 with a BA. The day before his wedding, his fiancée drowned.

After moving to Canada in 1844 Joseph taught at Woodstock and Brantford, Ontario. He moved to Bewdley, near Rice Lake to be a tutor for the family of Lieutenant Pengelly. His second fiancée, a relative of the family he was tutoring, got sick and also suddenly died before they were married.

Joseph was a member of the Plymouth Brethren, and wrote a few hymns that were published in 1869 as *"Hymns and Other Versus"*. Seeking to carry out literally what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount he gave away his property and did menial work for those who were handicapped and poor, being known as "the man who sawed wood for widows and sick people who are unable to pay". Unfortunately his poor health, lack of money, and worry that he would become a burden helped to fuel his on going depression.

It is unclear whether his drowning in Rice Lake was accidental or suicidal.



To those who supported the prison ministry (Church Behind Bars) we are involved in, please accept our thanks again. The Bueno Gumbo fundraiser was a success and we were able to contribute \$50.00 to the Capital Campaign Fund. We continue to ask for your prayers as we minister to the incarcerated and forgotten at Marion (Men's) and Lowell (Women's) institutions.

We also thank those who sent cards, visited at the hospital, brought flowers and phoned during Donna's recent hospital visit.

God Bless you,
Donna and James White

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Jacksonville, Florida 32205

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Worship

July 2019

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Children's Sunday School



Children's Sunday School (downstairs in Sunday School Building) will be taking a summer break in the month of July. Look for further information of times for Fall 2019.

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! (Will meet 6/16 - 7/28) (Will be off 8/4 - 9/1)

Sunday Morning "Takeaway"

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

We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!



Sunday Morning
reSource Worship
9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
(Classes 6/16/19 - 7/28/19)
OFF 8/4 - 9/1

Children's Sunday School
on break through July

The Takeaway
Bible Study
concluded for the Summer

Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m.