



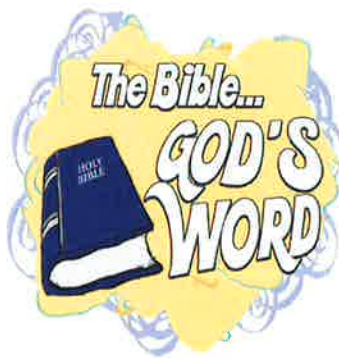
Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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

September
2019

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Adult Sunday School begins on September 8th at 9:30am.

**We'd love for your to join us in the Cecil
Poole Room every Sunday morning!
Coffee, refreshments and interesting dis-
cussion provided. Led by: Joe Molenda
and Joanne Martin**

The Takeaway Bible Study begins on September 8th at 10:05am.

**Come join us every Sunday morning in the
Hall of Memories for participant led dis-
cussions on the Bible lessons of the day.**

Coffee provided





My "higher education" years were wonderful experiences for me. The five years at North Carolina in Chapel Hill were not only filled with the academic studies of business, accounting, history, and other courses, they were tremendous years of growth for me spiritually and in new relationships. I was truly in the southern part of heaven where the sky was always "Carolina Blue." The four years in seminary (including my internship year in Wisconsin) in preparation of the call to ordained ministry were just as tremendous as another new chapter in life. There were new relationships to be made, including the meeting of my life-long partner in Pastor Janis and again the growth spiritually and in training to be a parish pastor.

Yet, for all the enjoyment and wonderful experiences of these years, they came with their challenges, one of which was how to finance college and then later seminary. In both cases it took a lot of faith and piecing together financial resources. I was not quite smart enough or athletic to earn full scholarships. My parents were not wealthy and there was not a tremendous amount of savings. It took a combination of working and saving funds for college during the summer, parents' contributions, partial scholarships through financial aid, and student loans to pay for college. It took about seven years to pay-off the student loans, which was about the time of God's call for me to go to seminary. Again, to pay for seminary, took a combination of liquidating my savings and retirement account, working during the sessions, support from my congregation and the North Carolina Synod, and student loans. Pastor Janis and my first congregation was a small church in Prattville, Alabama where we shared the call, which meant both being full-time invested in the ministry at half of the recommended salary each. Needless to say those were some lean years financially, but like so many stories I hear from people reflecting back on their lives wondering how they made it, we did "make it" and continue going forward by the strength and grace of God.

Trinity as a congregation is now entering into a time to grow spiritually and in the challenge to restore its facilities. We have just taken a tremendous leap of faith to commit to the restoration of the facilities by securing a loan for up to the estimated full amount for the proposed projects of \$925,000. There will be some challenging years ahead, as there have been in the past, but we can and will "make it" through this chapter in the life of Trinity Lutheran Church as a worshiping community in service of Jesus Christ leaning on the strength and grace of God.

In Christ's service,

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen. • (Hebrews 11:1)

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 - - - September VOT

Deadline for
September VOT is,
Friday, September 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)**

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

On Sunday, August 18th a congregational meeting was held following one worship service that day. A motion was presented from the Church Council to enter into a loan agreement with the Mission Investment Fund for a loan up to \$925,000.00 to provide working capital for the projects proposed in the “From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows” campaign. After much discussion, the sharing of concerns, and the presentation of one possible scenario of a pay back of funds borrowed, the motion passed. Thank you to all who attended the meeting on August 18th.

Rusty White and Jerry Johnson along with Jodie Marchman (project consultant) are now working on confirming the choice of a roofing contractor and developing a project construction timeline. Through July 31st, \$149,554 has been received in contributions toward “From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows”.

Submitted by Pastor Robert



**Trinity's Annual
Honduras
Golf Tournament**

The Trinity Annual Golf Tournament to support the Honduras Mission trip (2020) is set for Saturday, November 16th 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 at 12:30. A cook-out will be after golf. Registration forms will be available in the church office, September 8th. Registration fee will be again \$65.00/person.

2020 Honduras

Mission Trip

The 2020 Honduras Mission Trip week has been set for the week of Saturday, February 22nd through Saturday, February 29th, 2020. Planning and registration for the trip will begin in September. The initial deposit of \$200.00 will be due by October 31st. The total cost for the trip is approximately \$1,750.00 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.



**Lee High Chorus
Dinner Concert**

On Wednesday, September 18th, the Robert E. Lee High School Chorus will be having their Fall Dinner Concert to raise funds for this year's activities. The concert is always a delight as the students showcase their individual talents and serve the audience. Rae's famous spaghetti will be served and is always a treat. Cost: \$10.00 for teens + adults; children under 12: free. Doors open at 6:00pm. Come support the church community by supporting the Lee High School chorus for this coming year.



September 1, 2019
Love Offering
Lutheran Disaster
Relief

Our September "Love Offering" being received on Sunday, September 1st, will benefit Lutheran Disaster Relief. Please make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".



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's Outreach
Program for Newborns

Trinity provides Starter Kits for new mothers who are unable to provide for their newborns. These Starter Kits are given by the Hospital to the new mothers. The Starter Kits include all new items of Clothing, Hats, Socks, and Receiving Blankets. If you can provide any of these items or need additional information about this project, please contact Berni Tomaszewski 699-7638 or Judy Hassler 545-1502. Thank you for your help!

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 -

September 24, 2019:
Crystal River Seafood
Restaurant
4453 Blanding Blvd.,
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-771-8922

Please sign up on the list in the Hall of Memories if you wish to join us. All are welcome!

Women

CIRCLE
MEETINGS:

Martha Circle:
Thursday, September 5, 2019
at 10:30 at the church.

Hannah Circle:
September 19, 2019
at 7:00 at Janice Billy's house

Lydia Circle:
September 19, 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:

September 11, 2019 - 6:30pm

September 18, 2019 - 6:30pm

October 2, 2019 - 6:30pm

October 16, 2019 - 6:30pm

We'd love for you to join us!



Senior Youth Group

Trinity's Youth Group will be meeting at the church on -

Dates:

September 3rd

September 17th

Times:

6:00 - 8:00pm

Looking forward to seeing you!

Movie Night

"Breakthrough"

The Christian movie, "Breakthrough" based on a true story, will be shown at the church at 6:00pm on Wednesday, September 4th. Come and enjoy a night of entertainment, popcorn and discussion!

All are welcome!



CEW is Back

Trinity's Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW) after school programs will begin with Yoga on Tuesday, September 17th and Boy's Basketball on Thursday, September 19th. Several folks have volunteered to serve snacks Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and if you would be interested in helping either day, contact either the Church Office or Pastor Robert.

Sunday School Clean-up

Thank you to the Youth and several adults who worked hard on Saturday morning, August 24th cleaning the upstairs of the Sunday School area and helping to se-up for the Children's Sunday School. The "dust was flying" as they scraped the blistered plaster from the walls of several exterior rooms and vacuumed and dusted the area.

The youth who helped were AJ Dues, DJ Rich, Madison Bridges, Chelsea Virta-Steel, John Merritt and Kylie Merritt. Adults helping were Sam Bridges Berni Tomaszewski, Gary Hautau, Karen Brown, and Pastor Robert. Speical thanks to Thrivent Financial for the Action Team funds that paid for cleaning supplies and lunch on Saturday.

A PRAYER FOR YOU



We extend our
Sympathy to:

* The family of Earl Yanecek who passed away on August 7th in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Earl is the grandfather of Marie Bogh.

Please keep his family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

Food Pantry News



During July 2019 we served the following numbers of people in the Food Pantry:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>	<u>HOUSEHOLDS</u>
July	3,794	1,009

We distributed 41,619 lbs. of food in July, and we spent \$434.70 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was about 1 cent per pound. So far in 2019 we have served 10,547 households.

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 serving hours to 5:30pm to 7:30pm. 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 September; if you can work from 5:30pm to 7:30pm 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 10:00am to noon, and one from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. 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 increased in July to more than 1,000 households. This is the first time in several months that we have exceeded 1,000 families. I don't know the exact reason for this increase, but it shows that there are still needy people to be served.

The Lord continues to give us everything we need to keep his Food Pantry operating, but we could use some more volunteer help, especially on Wednesdays.

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)

01	
08	Harvey/
15	Strasser/Culverwell
22	Molenda/
29	Billy/Kelly



Communion Elements

01	Leah & Tison Kelly
08	
15	Kathy & Tom Stimmel
22	Linda & Tom Culverwell
29	Leah & Tison Kelly

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

01	Bitsy Marske
08	Jennifer Darby
15	Joe Molenda
22	Michael Philips
29	Don Howard

Takeaway Bible Study

01	OFF
08	R. Johnson/L. York
15	R. White
22	P. Piersall/S. Knight
29	C. & C. Steel

Communion Assistants

Assisting Minister

Linda Culverwell

Councilperson of the Month

Gene Harvey



Date 11:00 AM Coffee Servers

01	Marie & Alex Bogh
08	Mary Bollingberg
15	P.Piersall/S.Knight
22	K.Hiers/L. York
29	Men of Trinity



Sunday Visitor

01	Joanne Martin
08	Michelle Stephens
15	Kitty Howell
22	Bloomer/C. Valentine
29	Lise York

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – July 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 7/31/19 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$149,923.00	-	Actual General Fund Income
\$149,283.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Income
\$ 640.00	-	Actual Income is More than Budgeted Income

Expenses

\$153,027.00	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$149,961.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
\$ 3,066.00	-	Actual Expenses are More than Budgeted Expenses

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:

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.

The Takeaway Bible Study and Adult Sunday School Begin Again on September 8th

The new year (2019-20) of Adult Sunday School begins on September 8th at 9:30am in the Cecil Poole room. Please note that the Adult Sunday School and Takeaway Sunday School (meeting in the Hall of Memories) complement, not compete with each other. Adult Sunday School focuses first on understanding each Sunday's scriptures and secondly on studying supplemental materials and lectures which enrich and deepen the class's understanding. Every adult is welcome. Please join us. Joanne Martin & Joe Molenda

The Takeaway Sunday School Bible study meets at 10:05am in the Hall of Memories. Participant led Bible Study with compelling discussions on the Bible lessons of the day. Grab some coffee and join us!



**CONGRATULATIONS and
GOD'S BLESSINGS to**
Pastor Janis and Pastor Robert upon the
birth of a granddaughter, Bailey Rose
Dent. Bailey was born on August 19, 2019
in Sarasota, Florida. Bailey's parents are
Kyle and Rhianna Dent.



**CONGRATULATIONS
and Best Wishes!**
to Colleen Rae Welsch and Steven Mark
Muir who were married at Trinity on
August 20, 2019



Have you ever seen Trinity's
Food Pantry volunteers work?
Whether it is the volunteer
group from Avondale Methodist
Church on Tuesdays or Trinity's
dedicated folks and other
helpers on Monday, Wednes-
day, Thursdays and Fridays, our
Food Pantry volunteers are the
hardest working, most pleasant
and caring folks in town!

Thank you and God Bless
each and every one of our
faithful volunteers!

If you'd like to help them,
call the church office or check
with one of them. They'd love
the help!



Dear Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Lutheran World Relief! We're so thankful for your partnership, and for your energy and enthusiasm for this ministry.

I'm excited to be able to share some details about where some of your items traveled in the last year. You may already have spotted in your online Tracker record that your School Kits went to Georgia. Your donations departed our warehouse on June 7, 2019.

LWR's partner in this project is The Union of Assistance to Refugees and Lost Breadwinners, which is dedicated to assisting internally-displaced persons, refugees, orphans, people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, and other socially vulnerable groups in the Republic of Georgia. This shipment of Mission Quilts and Kits will serve 20,000 people living in communities where resources are scarce--so you can be sure that your gifts are much needed and greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much for your partnership in bringing hope to our neighbors in and around the world. We thank God for you!

Continued blessings on your ministry!

Melanie W. Gibbons,

Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

Dear Friends of 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 contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

Melanie W. Gibbons, Quilt and Kit Ministry Manager

Donation Receipt: 114 - Mission Quilts,

48 - Personal Care Kits,

12 - School Kits and

25 - Fabric Kits





CEW Teacher

Appreciation Thank You

Trinity again helped Kick-off the new school year for our local elementary schools; Fishweir, Central Riverside and West Riverside. We helped to host the annual Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, August 9th at Riverside Avenue Christian Church. Food for the luncheon from Trinity was partially provided through a Thrivent Action Team project arranged by *Judy Hassler*. *Pastor Robert* again spoke at the luncheon and offered prayers for the beginning of the new school year.

This year as part of Trinity's collection of school supplies for Fishweir school and Trinity's teachers, special tote bags that say "We love (in the shape of a heart) kids" were purchased and given to all the teachers and staff. Special thanks to *Josef and Carolyn Molenda* for making arrangements to obtain the bags and fill them with supplies. Thanks to *Alex Bogh* and *Pastor Janis* for their design work and to those who generously supported the project financially.

Also thanks to the team of *Josef and Carolyn Molenda*, *Patrick Smith*, *Evan Lewis*, *Alex Lewis*, *AJ Dues*, *Linda Culverwell* and *Pastor Robert* for filling the bags with school supplies and to 5 Star Pizza's *Cliff Strasser* for lunch afterwards. Thank you for all who donated school supplies for this year's project!



Dear Pastor Kinley.

Thank you for your kind and generous support of Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. Your in-kind gifts of twin bed headboards and footboards, leather desk chair, dishes, glassware, lovely framed artwork, baskets and other household items will help some of your most vulnerable neighbors.

The mission of Catholic Charities has always been to serve those in need. Because of your generosity, our clients will have some of the basic necessities they wouldn't be able to afford otherwise. You have provided them not only with material goods, but also with dignity.

More people than ever before are looking to Catholic Charities for essential services during their time of need. Because of you, Catholic Charities is able to provide the necessary support to help them get back on their feet. Thank you again for your generosity.

Warmest Regards, *Lauren W. Hopkins*

Lauren W. Hopkins, CFRE,
Regional Director

Yard Sale



The 2019 Annual Trinity Yard Sale was a tremendous success as over \$2,100.00 was raised from the sale that took place on

Saturday, August 3rd. The funds raised will be split between the Senior Youth, the From This Foundation Our Ministry Grows campaign and the Women of Trinity. Many thanks to Mary Bollingberg for coordinating the sale and to the huge team of all ages who helped in various ways to make the sale a success. Thank you to everyone who donated items and purchased items at the sale.

Those helping included:

Byron and Mary Bollingberg, Gary and Fanny Hautau, Berni and Steve Tomaszewski, Karen and Bill Hiers, TJ and Kacey Merritt, Joyce Walker, Kylie Merritt, John Merritt, Karen Brown, Linda Culverwell, AJ Dues, Cooper Lewis, Vickie Southern, Joan Warner, Geri Buchanan, Judy Shutt, Sam Bridges, Madison Bridges, DJ Rich, Marlene Strube, Kitty Howell, Janice Billy, Hayden Merritt and friend, AJ, Chase Virta-Steel, Chelsea Virta-Steel, Judy Hassler, James White and Pastor Robert. (Apologies to anyone whose name was left out!)

We couldn't have done it without you!

Trinity Lutheran Church
1415 South McDuff Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

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DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY

Worship

September 2019

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***Children's Sunday School and
Discipleship Training***

Children's Sunday School
(downstairs in Sunday School
Building) at 10:10am and Disciple-
ship Training (upstairs in Sunday
School Building) at 10:10am



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

led by Joe Molenda and Joanne Martin
begins September 8th at 9:30am

Sunday Morning "Takeaway"

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Bible Study begins
September 8th at 10:05



**Sunday Morning
Schedule**

reSource Worship

9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

9:30am

**Children's Sunday School and
Discipleship Training**

10:10am

**The Takeaway
Bible Study**

10:05

Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m.