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**REFORMATION
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2019**



“Cast your burdens upon the Lord and he will sustain you.” (Psalm 55:22)

Back at the end of August, I had become very anxious about a number of things going on in life and in the life of the congregation. (The impending impact of Hurricane Dorian did not happen to be one of them.) This was a time when I was doing a lot of planning for the fall programs at Trinity, such as, the after-school CEW programs and the Discipleship Training program, among several other programs and upcoming events for the fall. But what really stopped me cold one day was an on-going project at home that had hit a major snag. That project involved something called a “backflow preventer” that was (and is) not cooperating with our irrigation system.

I had received a letter from JEA at the beginning of July, about having a backflow preventer attached to the irrigation system tested and certified. Well of course one has to have a backflow preventer in the first place to be tested. To make a long story over these past couple of months short, the backflow preventer installed is not working correctly with our home irrigation system. After having the installers, another company to take a look at it, and talking with an irrigation person, the problem still could not be solved.

Deflated and paralyzed, I did not know which way to turn. Finally one morning after not being able to sleep, I got up early and sat down in the dark letting my mind wrestle with my anxiety. Finally, I came to repeating the verse that we used to sing as part of the worship liturgy that I remembered from childhood, *“Cast your burdens upon the Lord and he will sustain you.”* Then another song that I had been hearing on a contemporary Christian radio station came to my mind whose chorus goes:

“I will cast my cares on you. You’re the anchor of my hope, the only one in control. I will cast my cares on you. I’ll trade the troubles of this world for your peace inside my soul.” (Finding Favour, 2015)

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CHURCH STAFF	
Pastor	Robert Kinley
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Joe Molenda	Casey Steel
Dwane Tyson	

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR November VOT ARTICLES

is,

Sunday, October 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

The backflow preventer/irrigation saga continues today, but with the help of God's word, strength, and guidance (along with the help of other's counsel in how and who to turn to work through this problem) I am at greater peace with the problem. This is true for most all of the problems and issues that come up in life whether at home or at the church. There is a passage from Proverbs 12:25 that says: *"Anxiety weighs down the human heart, but a good word cheers it up."*

God's word brings goodness for us because God cares for us. A trusted friend or family member's good word can cheer one up when we are down.

No matter what your cares are, your anxieties, your fears, your burdens, your hardships, your pains, God calls us to cast them "upon the Lord." The Lord's shoulders are strong enough to carry them. St. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7 says: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

God loves and cares for each one of us. May we love and care for one another bearing one another's burdens.

In Christ's service, 



"FROM THIS FOUNDATION OUR MINISTRY GROWS" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (FTF-OMG)

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 August 31st, \$155,440.33 has been received in contributions toward "From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows". Submitted by: Pastor Robert

October

Lunch Bunch

Trinity's Lunch Bunch

The Trinity Lunch Bunch usually meets 11:30am on the 4th Tuesday of every month unless otherwise announced.

Here is the date and location -

October 22, 2019:

Mediterrania Restaurant

3877 Baymeadows Rd.,
Jacksonville, FL 32217

904-731-2898

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



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!



Movie Night

"Luther"

The 2003 movie, "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes, is based on the life of Martin Luther and will be shown at the church at 6:00pm on Wednesday, October 16th. Come and enjoy a night of entertainment, popcorn and discussion! All are welcome!



October's Love Offering Prisoners of Christ

Our October "Love Offering" being received on Sunday, October 6th, will benefit Prisoners of Christ.

Please make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".

Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle:

Thursday, October 10, 2019
at 10:30 at the church unless otherwise mentioned.

Hannah Circle:

October 17, 2019
at 7:00 at Michelle Stephen's house

Lydia Circle:

October 23, 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:

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: October 1st

October 15th

October 29th

Times: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Looking forward to seeing you!



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour - November 3rd



MUSIC NOTES by Kim Bloomer

This month we will be singing a well-known hymn most congregants are familiar with, ELW #632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past". St. Anne is the hymntune, which this hymn is based on, by William Croft in 1720 or thereabout. Croft was born near Stratford-on-Avon in England around 1678. Later he became the organist at St. Anne's in Soho--the church that in 1685 was dedicated to the Virgin Mary with Princess Anne in mind, which gives its name to the tune.

Grand arrangements of this tune have been written by many composers the most famous of them being J. S. Bach. Bach's solo interpretation for organ solo is not for the faint of heart to facilitate. Please take the time to upload, google, etc... to listen to his particular arrangement which is inspiring and electrifying.

Peace, Kim

A PRAYER FOR YOU



We extend our sympathy to Karen Hiers and family on the death of her brother, Timothy Hoover who lived in Melbourne, Florida. Timothy passed away on Tuesday, August 27th at the age of 67 years.

We extend our sympathy to Sue Geiger and family on the death of her brother Ray Beriswill on September 20th. Ray was 52 years old and lived in Ohio.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

The Takeaway Bible Study and Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School

class is held at 9:30am every Sunday morning in the Cecil Poole room. Please note that the Adult Sunday School class and Takeaway Sunday School class (meeting in the Hall of Memories) compliment, 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. Led by: Joanne Martin & Joe Molenda.

The Takeaway Sunday

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

Food Pantry News



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

MONTH	PERSONS	HOUSEHOLDS
AUG	4,051	1,051

We distributed 35,404 lbs. of food in March, and we spent \$361.08 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was about 1 cent per pound. So far in 2019 we have served 12,649 households, consisting of 28,891 persons. We have distributed 314,794 pounds at a cost of \$11,871.69.

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 evening please let Tom Culverwell know. I anticipate starting the Wednesday evening hours in September; if you can 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 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)

- 06 Brown/Strasser
- 13 Bryant/Bryant
- 20 Bloomer /
- 27 Stephens



Communion Elements

- 06 Leah & Tison Kelly
- 13 Kathy & Tom Stimmel
- 20
- 27

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors

- 06 Carolyn Molenda
- 13 Bitsy Marske
- 20 Michael Philips
- 27 Bitsy Marske

Takeaway Bible Study Leaders

- 06 Pastor Janis
- 13 D.Tyson
- 20 K.Koob/J.Hassler
- 27 R.White

Adult Sunday School Leaders

- Joe Molenda
- Joanne Martin

Communion Assistants

Bitsy Marske and Margaret Holden

Assisting Minister

Mary Bollingberg



Date 11.00 AM Coffee Servers

- 06 Linda Culverwell
- 13 K.Howell/S.McLaughlin
- 20 B.Marske/M.Holden
- 27 J.Hassler/G.Buchanan



Sunday Visitor

- 06 Joe/Carolyn Molenda
- 13 Linda Culverwell
- 20 Gini Strasser
- 27 Karen Brown

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – August 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 8/31/19 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$168,727.00 - Actual General Fund Income
 \$170,611.00 - Budgeted General Fund Income
 (\$ 1,884.00) - Actual Income is **Less**
 than Budgeted Income

Expenses

\$173,594.00 - Actual General Fund Expenses
 \$171,395.00 - Budgeted General Fund Expenses
 \$ 2,199.00 - Actual Expenses are **More** than Budgeted Expenses

TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH calendar

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

- October 22nd Mediterrania Restaurant
- November 26th Willard's BBQ Junction
- 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.



July's Love Offering 2019
Benefitting WELCA raised \$429.00
August's Love Offering 2019
Benefitting CEW raised \$450.00

CEW is Back

Trinity's Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) programs have begun for the school year 2019-2020 for our partner schools of Fishweir, West Riverside and Central Riverside. On Tuesdays, Yoga is offered for students in 2nd grade - 5th grade. The instructors are Tamara Davidson and Melissa Ospina. On Thursdays Boy's Basketball is offered for 4th and 5th graders.

We will also be sponsoring a middle and a high school aged basketball team. All four teams will be participating in the basketball league provided by Riverside Presbyterian Church. Milton Latimer, Nick Moore and Lewis Studemire will be the coaches. Trinity's youth are welcome to participate in these programs.

Thank you to Berni Tomaszewski and Kitty Howell for providing snacks on Tuesdays and to Jean and Bill Bieltz and Judy Shutt for providing snacks on Thursdays.



Congratulations

Clark Ray Murfin-Higel was baptized on September 1, 2019 at Trinity. Clark is the son of Randi and Kristina Murfin-Higel.

Brooke Domzal, Danielle and Kate Colley are Clark's Godparents. God's many blessings to Clark and his family.



After an afternoon of instruction and banner making three of Trinity's young people made their first communion on September 8, 2019.

The children are:

Madeline Emelia Kuebler
Bryce Aiden Martin and
Annabelle Jayne Strasser

God's blessings to each of these children and their families.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children of Trinity Lutheran Church will be performing "The Christmas Story" on Wednesday, December 18th during a potluck dinner. We will be meeting in the Hall of Memories on Sundays, November 17th and 24th, December 1st, 8th and 15th from 9:00 - 10:00am to rehearse music, lines and blocking for the program. We encourage all children from the ages of 4 to 16 to participate. If your child/children would like to be a part of this tradition, please see Berni Tomaszewski, Maureen Onstott or Gini Strasser to sign up.



LSS Turned 40 This Year. On September 19, 2019 was the LSS Annual Meeting at the Cnt for Nonprofits in downtown Jacksonville. A video was shown Providing New Beginnings which outlined LSS programs; Providing Families with Fresh Food, Assiting Individuals with HIV, Supporting Refugees in our Community, Coaching Individuals to Financial Success and Helping the Vulnerable Manage Finances, and their history over the past 40 years.

Trinity's Rusty White was honored for his dedication in serving on the LSS Board for the past 9 years. Also, Trinity's Cheryl Virta and Casey Steel were elected to seats on the LSS board beginning in October 2019. Their service and dedication ensures the longevity and success of LSS to continue to servc Jacksonville's needy.



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 Steet 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.



Honduras Mission 2020 Team

It is never too early! Our 2020 Honduras Mission Team will be going to Honduras in February of next year. The following items are needed to be taken with them when they travel to Honduras.

If everyone remembers to buy one or more of these items when they do their shopping, there will be plenty to help our mission team distribute to the less fortunate folks of Honduras. Thanks!

Items Needed for Honduras

- *Acetaminophen (Tylenol); Extra Strength (500 mg) and PM
- *Aspirin (81 mg)
- *Naproxen (Aleve 220 mg)
- *Hydrocortisone, Benadryl cream
- *Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) (200 mg)
- *Bengay cream
- *Adult Vitamins; Vitamin A and E
- *Prenatal Vitamins
- *Lice Killing Shampoo (8 oz bottles)
- *Small and Travel size toothpaste
- *Girls' hair "pretties" (barettes, flowers, scrunchies, etc.)
- *Toothbrushes (children and adult)
- *Children's Chewable Vitamins (NOT Gummy!)
- *Medical exam gloves (especially small)
- *Omeprazole or Lansoprazole small)



Life South Community Blood Centers

Dear Joanne,

On behalf of LifeSouth Community Blood Center, I would like to thank you for your support and assistance with the blood drive held on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

The following is a breakdown of the total donations.

Prospective Donors: 11
Deferred Donors: 1
Actual Donations: 10

When you consider that one blood donation can save up to three lives it is easy to see how donating blood can make a significant difference in someone's life. One never knows when the life that is saved may be a member of your own family, a friend, or a co-worker.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Here is a list of your upcoming drives:

December 08, 2019
9:00am - 2:00pm

Sincerely,
Alicia R. Green,
Jacksonville Mobile Team

**NOTE: Next Drive -
December 8th**



**Thank
You!**

Dear Church:

The 115-year Clara White Mission is facing a 45% reduction in funding which has impacted our ability to provide services to Jacksonville's most vulnerable population. Due to funding cuts and increasing number of persons seeking services through Clara White's daily feeding program and adult vocational training, the Mission has been forced to reduce services from seven days per week to five days.

After the Mission initiated a "Call to Action" Campaign, asking the community to help save the meals and operations of our programs, you stepped up to answer the call with your generous donation of \$750 in August 2019.

Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the programs for homeless veterans and low-income. We are going to use your gift to provide training and feeding to the less fortunate. We are proud to be able to provide "food for today...skills for life".

We deeply appreciate your genuine interest and generous support. Please visit our website at www.theclarawhitemission.org. If you need additional information, please call me at (904)354-4162 or email Merle Wright at mwright@clarawhitemission.org.

Thank you.

JuCoby Pittman, CEO/President

PLEASE NOTE: Trinity Council voted to send the Clara White Mission \$750.00 from the Relief & Needy Fund in August.

Lee High School Chorus Spaghetti Dinner Thank You

The Robert E. Lee High School Chorus provided marvelous entertainment at their Fall Dinner Concert hosted by and held at Trinity on Wednesday evening, September 25th. Approximately 90 people attended and were treated to wonderful singing, dancing and poetic talent of the students. Rae's famous spaghetti as traditionally featured was served. \$548.00 was raised for the Chorus to be used for this year's activities. Funds provided through a Trivent Action Team helped defray the cost of the dinner. Thank you to Mr. Andrew Neaheer and the students of the Lee High School Chorus for their performance. Thank you to Rae Eitmyer and Gary Hautau for cooking the dinner. Also, helping in the kitchen, serving and clean-up included Pastor Robert, Sydney Alpahando, Angie Wallace, Kelley Ranch, Cindy Grubbs, Jasmine Aldershoff and Lacie Hubler.

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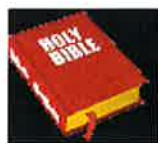


**Children's Sunday School and
Discipleship Training**

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
9:30am in the Cecil Poole Room



Sunday Morning "Takeaway"

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Bible Study
10:05am in the Hall of Memories



**Sunday Morning
Schedule**

reSource Worship
9:00am

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.