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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Trinity's Young Adults and Teens Invite You



**Come and See the Light of Christ
shining in and through us as we bring
the good news of Jesus**

**The Light of Christ + The Hope of the World
Each Sunday in Epiphany
January 12th through February 23rd
At both reSource and Traditional worship**



From Our Pastor

Epiphany – it is the season of "Light". Throughout the Epiphany season in the year 2020, which is from January 12th through February 23rd, the theme of "the light of Christ" shinning in and through us as we bring the good news of Jesus Christ in the world will be manifested. You are invited to "Come and See" and better yet, to invite others to "Come and See", just like Philip who in having met Jesus went and found his brother Nathanael and invited him to

"Come and See." (*John 1:46*).

During this year's Epiphany season as we hear from the scriptures readings of Jesus being the light coming into world to and shining light in the darkness of the world, and not just back then, but NOW, in today's world, we will be blessed and inspired with the messages from Trinity's young adults and teens. They will be sharing and telling about what has brought them to a real relationship with Christ

and into the Church. Some of the teens will be speaking about their faith and sharing the message in various ways.

So, I invite you "Come and See" and to hear from the young adults and teens of Jesus Christ as the "Light" in this world and the hope of the world for today and the days to come. God's blessings and peace to you in the New Year 2020!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Robert

Trinity's Food Pantry will be closed from December 23rd through possibly Mid-February due to the holiday season and Trinity's roofing construction projects.

Further details to follow...

Food Pantry – November 2019 Report

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

MONTH - NOVEMBER
 # PERSONS - 3,839
 # HOUSEHOLDS 992

We distributed 31,267 lbs. of food in November, and we spent \$444.60 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was about 4 cents per pound. So far in 2019 we have served 18,607 households, consisting of 40,215 persons. We have distributed 397,540 pounds at a cost of \$6,873.38.

We are asking once again that you save your egg cartons and bring them into the church when you can. We have begun receiving eggs again and need all the cartons we can get.

We continue to struggle with a small amount of

financial donations each month. We have a balance at Feeding Northeast Florida to pay for the route end deliveries, but when that money is expended we have no more funds to send to FNEF, which means the route end deliveries will end.

Please consider giving something to the food pantry each month. We are working very hard to keep the cost of procuring food low, but we have other expenses that must be paid monthly.

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

We also need to pray for the Lord to give us a solution to our financial shortages.

With blessings,
 Tom Culverwell
 Director

Treasurer's Report November 2019

1/1/19 to 11/30/19

Contributions

Actual	\$227,848.00
Budgeted	\$234,593.00
Actual-Budget	(\$ 6,745.00)

Expenses

Actual	\$224,026.00
Budgeted	\$235,738.00
Actual-Budget	\$ 11,712.00

Trinity 2020 Lunch Bunch Schedule

January 28th: Carrabba's, (River City) 791 Skymarks Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218, 751-9976

February 25th: River City Brewing Company, 835 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32207, 398-2299

March 24th: Tom and Betty's Restaurant, 2134 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, 375-1965

April 28th: Palermo Puerto Rican Kitchen, 556 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, 269-6935

May 26th: Orange Park Fish House, 636 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, 579-3931

June 23rd: Joseph's Pizza Restaurant, 7316 Main St., N., Jacksonville, FL 32208, 765-0335

July 28th: LongHorn Steak House, 4401 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210, 388-5520

August 25th: GiGi's Restaurant (Ramada Inn), 3130 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, 694-4300

September 22nd: bb's Restaurant, 1019 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207, 306-0100

October 27th: Grumpy's Restaurant, 834 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073, 215-1956

November 24th: Primi Piatti Restaurant, 2722 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205, 389-5545

December 15th: (Tuesday): Kaika Restaurant, 1012-I Margaret St., Jacksonville, FL 32204, 355-5168

Praying Together: A Spiritual Journey for Lent

During Lent, we will have the opportunity to learn two treasured ways of praying.

Centering Prayer is a silent prayer method that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer and experience God's presence within us. This experience becomes closer to us than breathing, thinking or even human consciousness itself. Centering Prayer does

not replace other forms of prayer; rather, centering prayer deepens other forms of prayer and helps them move from active forms to more receptive forms of prayer, resting in God. Thus, Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God, not just mere conversation but rather communion with God.

Lectio Divina, literally "divine reading" or "praying the scriptures,"

involves allowing God's scriptures to penetrate your heart and change you. This action is similar to Paul's urging: "Let the mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5, KJV). Lectio Divina is a spiritual journey filled with challenges, discoveries and, yes, love. Lectio Divina leads believers to a deeper awareness of God's presence in scriptures and what the scriptures can mean in their lives today.

***Look what's
Coming Up
in 2020!***

Mid-Week Movie – January 15, 2020

Movie Anyone?

January's Mid-Week Movie: "Overcomer"

High school basketball Coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down

unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to Coach Cross-Country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the

limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.

*Look what's
upcoming for -
Discipleship
Training kids!*

Confirmation Retreat – January 17th-19th

The Discipleship Training class will be going to Luther Springs on Friday, January 17th through Sunday, January 19th for a confirmation retreat. They will join about 50 other middle school students from

across the state for a great weekend at Luther Springs Camp. Students are to meet at the church on Friday, January 17th at 5:30pm to travel to Luther Springs and will return around noon on Sunday, January 19th.

Permission slip and additional information will be forth coming. Medical forms are to be returned to Pastor Robert ASAP, Pam Piersall and Sarah Knight will be the chaperones for the trip.

Temporary Suspension of Adult Sunday School

Trinity's Adult Sunday School will NOT meet during January and February 2020. The regular class members and teachers together decided to attend the Seniors in Transition program at 9:00am each Sunday beginning January 5, 2020. Anyone who would rather attend Adult Sunday School during January & February is invited to attend the Sunday Morning Takeaway beginning each Sunday at 10:05am. Please look forward to another announcement in February's VOT. Thank you.

FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY

After one year into the "From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows" capital campaign, here is a summary of the campaign and the work progress:

- Through November 30, 2019 - \$172,638 has been given toward the \$400,745 pledged for the three year campaign;
- To date, \$41,558 has been expended for project costs; \$15,192 for Sanctuary re-wiring, \$13,242 for the campaign expense, \$449 for Sanctuary gutter removal, and \$12,675.00 for MIF loan closing costs.
- Roofing project of all buildings will begin on January 6, 2020.

*Construction
to begin on
January 6th!*

WOMEN Senior Youth Group

MARTHA CIRCLE

January 9th
10:30am at the Church.

HANNAH CIRCLE

January 14th
12:00 noon at the Church.

LYDIA CIRCLE

January 9th
7:00pm at Pastor Janis' house.

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

Dates - January 14, 2020
January 28, 2020

Time - 6:00 - 7:30pm

Looking forward to seeing you!

SPECIAL YOUTH

EVENT:

Rock the Universe

On January 25th -leave early Saturday morning to go to Universal's Islands of Adventure, attend the Christian concert event that evening. Stay overnight and return on Sunday, January 26th. Cost per youth is expected to be \$75.00/person plus money for meals.

Look what's Coming Up in 2020!

Honduras Mission Trip 2020

Our 2020 Honduras Medical Mission Team has been set and includes from North Florida: Dwane Tyson, Barbara Wittwer, Lou and Bonnie Kerekgyarto

We will again be joining the group from United Lutheran Church, Redwing, MN and from Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, Seneca, SC. who are again ready for your support. Here are upcoming ways you can help support the Team:

- Prayer - Please keep team members in prayer as they make preparations and raise funds for the trip which is Saturday,
- Helping Hands Gloves - Pick up a Helping Hands Glove from the table in the Narthex and stuff it with change and bills. Plan on returning your glove before Sunday, February _____. The January Love Offering will again be designated for the Honduras

- Mission.
- Annual Chili Cook-off/Silent Auction/Quilt Raffle - Mark Saturday evening, February 1st for the annual Trinity Lutheran Chili Cook-off, Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle.

In addition, the following items are needed to be taken with them when they travel to Honduras. If everyone remembers to buy one or more of the following 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:

- Aspirin (81mg)
- Naproxen (Aleve 220mg)
- Hydrocortisone, Benadryl cream
- Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), 200mg
- BenGay Cream
- Adult Vitamins; A and E
- Prenatal Vitamins
- Lice Killing Shampoo (8 oz bottles)

- Small and Travel size toothpaste
- Girl's hair "pretties" (barrettes, flowers, scrunchies, etc...)
- Toothbrushes (children and adult)
- Children's Chewable Vitamins (NOT gummies)
- Medical exam gloves (especially small)
- Omeprazole or Lansoprazole small

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE HALL OF MEMORIES

With the beginning of 2020, it is time once again to sign up the Altar Flowers, Communion Elements, Lectors, etc... Sheets are on the bulletin board in the Hall of Memories above the Coffee Table for your review.

Please take a moment and find the sheets on the bulletin board, taking the sheet out of the plastic holder and sign up. It takes participation from everyone to make our church work! Thanks in advance!!!

January 2020

Love Offering

Honduras Medical Mission Trip

January's Love Offering will benefit the Honduras Medical Mission Trip. Please make your checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering".

Children's Christmas Program - Thank You

Thank you to all who made the Annual Children's Christmas Program another huge success! Especially thank you to Maureen Onstott, Karen Kuebler and Berni Tomaszewski who worked diligently with the children to make the program run smoothly. Their dedication to Sunday morning practices, costume planning and the evening's program execution is

most appreciated!

Thank you to Rae Ettmyer for coordination of the annual pot-luck dinner. Always delicious! Thank you to Geri Buchanan and numerous ladies from Hannah Circle who operated as Rae's helpers as well as decorators on dinner tables.

Thanks to Everyone!

Thank you to everyone at Trinity who has wished Pastor Janis and me a Merry Christmas through the many cards, treats, and in the financial gift from the church. Your blessings and well wishes are uplifting and a blessing to us!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Robert

THANKS!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - "A LITTLE HISTORY"

Each year the Strasser family: Taylor, Jenny, Annabelle, William, Ryan, Sejla, Clifton and Gini gather to put the Chrismon tree, garlands, wreaths and decorations up in Trinity's sanctuary and around the church.

generations of the Bates family which became the Strasser family. The tradition started back when they were kids and their grandmother; Nancy Bates and her close friend, Martha Kohler were part of a team of ladies who made the Chrismons on the tree and drafted their kids;

David, Chris Kohler, Mike and Gini Bates into putting up the tree and decorations.

Over the years this tradition continues and they look forward to decorating each year. Thank you for all efforts throughout the years!

You may not know that this is four

Jeff Geiger Receives a Call

Congratulations to Jeff Geiger who has received a call to be the Associate Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer, Iowa.

Jeff will be ordained in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday afternoon, February 1, 2020 at 2:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Marion, Iowa with Bishop Lorna Halaas of Western Iowa presiding.

Our prayers go with Jeff and Sue and their girls Hannah and Bethany upon this call into ordained ministry and in the transition of moving to Spencer.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Katie Vearil, daughter of Jim and Beth Vearil, graduated from the University of North Florida on December 13, 2019. Katie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in environmental studies. She hopes to attend graduate school for urban planning in 2020.

FIRST COMMUNION

Three young men; Finnegan Billy, Milo Billy, and Braylon Christian received instruction in the Sacrament of Holy Communion this fall. On December 22nd these young men received their First Communion. Congratulations and God's grace and strength be with them in the development of their faith.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to Elijah Kaine Parody Redman who received the Sacrament of Baptism at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve worship service (December 24, 2019). Elijah is the son of Rick Redman and the grandson of Jon and Kathy Koob. May God's grace and strength be with Elijah as he grows in faith and life.

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January 2020

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

reSource Worship	9:00am
Adult Sunday School	9:30am
The Takeaway Bible Study	10:05am
Children's Sunday School	10:10am
Discipleship Training	10:10am
Traditional Worship	11:00am

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Reverend Robert Kinley
Office Administrator:	Gini Strasser
Organist/Choir Director:	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry:	Jerry Johnson
Hostess:	Rae Ettmyer
Custodian:	James White

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
	Pam Piersall	