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"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

Sept. 12
2021



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

#GodsWorkOurHands

From Our Pastor

"...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15b)

My thoughts this month have been swirling about over two areas of the life of Trinity that are closely related and that have been dramatically affected by the COVID-19 virus. One is the area of "Service" and the other is area of "Fellowship". I have been thinking, pondering, and even stressing over these areas as I (we) have been looking to the fall and have been trying to plan and to prepare for the ministries and programs in which we have provided and participated in the past. How will they take shape given how scattered we have become without the service ministries and fellowship events? Will they happen at all?

Trinity is a servant church at heart. Service to those in need and in being a part of the community is part of our DNA here at Trinity. Pastor Janis and I have promoted the need to serve from the early years when we were called to serve at Trinity. Over these twenty years, we have seen the various outreach and services grow, particularly the Trinity Food Pantry ministry and the Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW) ministry, along with the Quilters, and other service ministries thanks to passionate and committed people. Trinity has participated in the **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** in past years (I call your attention to the front cover) and for over ten years we have sent groups of people to Honduras for a week-long medical/evangelistic mission.

Along with these service ministries have come fellowship opportunities and events, whether it is in service together or in the dinners and events that have supported these

ministries. And this is not to speak about the fellowship that is a natural part of being together for worship and spiritual education groups such as Sunday morning Takeaway or the mid-week WHAT dinner and study.

Needless to say, the coronavirus pandemic has severely affected how we gather in worship, in service, and in fellowship as a church body and family. I am very thankful for the people and leaders in the congregation who have worked diligently in the past and particularly in this past year, behind the scenes to provide for all the ministries and program at Trinity.

Where we go from where we are at now, regrouping and coming back together as a church body starts with prayer, calling upon everyone who is reading this newsletter article to be in prayer seeking God's guidance and counsel for the direction, ability, and willingness to participate in, support, and to provide for the worship, service, and fellowship life of Trinity. I look to call upon the Church Council to also be in prayer in these same regards in the coming month of September. Let us begin now! "The Lord be with you...Let us pray!"

*In Christ's service,
Pastor Robert*

p.s. – Next month, I look to share a devotional that Pastor Janis and I had one day about "Seeking Fellowship."

Memorial Service

for Gini Strasser will be held on Saturday, September 4, at 11:00 am.

All women are invited to the 2021 Fall Gathering

FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

Hosted by the Florida-Bahamas Women of the ELCA

November 12 – 14, 2021 Leesburg, FL

Please contact Linda Culverwell or Kathy Koob for more information.

Boundless

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering – "Boundless" will be held July 24-28, 2022 for Sr. Youth who are in the 8th through 12th grades. The Gathering will be held in Minneapolis. Registration opens in late September. Eligible youth will be receiving a letter shortly giving known details at this time.

The September Love Offering

The September Love Offering is designated to help support of St. John's Lutheran Church in its clean-up from years of water damage to its educational facilities. The congregation is currently unable to occupy the church facilities and the congregation is temporarily worshipping at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Trinity is the sister church of St. John's that was founded in 1878 and originally located at Laura and Ashley before relocating to Springfield in 1925.

Baptisms

Congratulations to: Harrison Miles Sweat who was baptized on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Harrison is the son of Letha and Timothy Sweat, grandson of Charlene Crider and great-grandson of Miles and Penny Donahue.

And to: Kaiden Wyatt Johnson who was baptized at Trinity on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Kaiden is son of Jeanette Hassler (father Samuel Johnson) and grandson of Judy Hassler.

God's Work, Our Hands

This year a group from Trinity will be participating in the annual ELCA God's Work, Our Hands Sunday by going to do cleanup work at Luther Springs camp (Hawthorne, FL) on Saturday, September 11. The day begins at 9:00 am at the camp with a "Blessing of Hands". Cleanup will include landscaping, cleaning trails repair & building benches, deep & light cleaning, and organizing. Lunch is provided for a donation. Finish time will be early afternoon. We will be joining with other folks from around the FL-Bahamas Synod for this service project. If you are interested in participating speak to Judy Hassler so that we may give a head count to the camp.

Sympathy

- We lift up Debbie and Bill Orr and family upon the passing of Debbie's sister Patricia Talley on Sunday, August 22nd. Patricia lived in Ocala.
- Our sympathy to Russell Groenendyk and wife Debi upon the passing of Russell's mother, Louise Holbrook on Wednesday, August 25th. Louise lived in St. Petersburg, FL.

Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW)

Thank you to all who brought school supplies to the church for the teachers and staff at Fishweir Elementary School. Pastor Robert and Rae Ettmyer delivered them along with gift cards and boxed lunches to Fishweir on Friday, August 6th. The August LOVE offering went to support the CEW program at Trinity.

Representatives from Riverside Presbyterian, Riverside Avenue Christian, and Good Shepherd Episcopal Churches along with Pastor Robert, Rae Ettmyer, and Karen Brown boxed and delivered the lunches in appreciation of the teachers and staff of Fishweir, West Riverside, and Central Riverside Elementary Schools. Thank you also to Thrivent Financial Services in support of the "boxed" luncheon and in support of the teacher/staff supply collection. The teachers and staffs of all the schools were greatly appreciative. Please keep the schools in prayer as they continue to function in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry re-opening is still pending. We hope to have more news in October.

Trinity's CEW After-School Programs

Trinity's CEW After-School programs of Yoga (Tuesdays) and Boys Basketball (Thursdays) are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Sept. 14th and Thursday, Sept. 16th. Help is needed on both days each week to serve a snack and be a presence from the church for the programs. If you may be interested in helping on those days, please speak to Pastor Robert.



Treasurer’s Report

July 2021

1/1/2021 to 7/31/2021

Receipts

Actual	\$144,090
Budgeted	\$137,977
Actual-Budget	\$6,113

Expenses

Actual	\$156,320
Budgeted	\$150,794
Actual-Budget	\$5,526

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Jacksonville Music Together

“Music Together is an internationally recognized music and movement class for ages 0-5 years and the adults who love them.” Trinity Lutheran Church will be a location for two 12-week Music Together classes beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 10:00 am, and Thursday, Sept. 9th at 11:00 am. Marcia Winnard, one of our neighbors, leads these classes as a certified Music Together instructor. Participants may be registered at www.jaxmusictogether.com or by contacting Marcia Winnard at 904-465-4328. Cost varies based on age of the participant and the number of siblings participating. We welcome Music Together to Trinity. Please be aware of the classes taking place in the Children’s Sunday School area on these mornings.

FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS

Going into the home stretch of year three of the “From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows” capital campaign, here is where we are at:

- Through July, 2021, \$362,663 has been given and earned toward the \$401,387 pledged for the three year campaign. Due to the pandemic, the contribution period will be extended for an additional year through 2022. Members and friends who have not participated in the campaign are encouraged to join in support of the project financially as the work is nearly completed.
- The interior renovations of the Sunday School area, Gathering Room, and Main Hallway is 93% complete. New lights and ceiling tiles have been installed in the choir room. Special thanks to Karen Kuebler for her design work.
- As of July 31, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$439,738. Council has applied \$200,000 (\$100,000 from each of the Kripps and Wood Estate bequests) to reduce the loan from \$648,069.
- The garage ceiling has been replaced and new lights added.

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Reverend Robert Kinley
Office Administrator:	Lise York
Organist/Choir Director:	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry:	Aaron Giddens
Hostess:	Rae Ettmyer
Custodian:	James White

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President:	Casey Steel
Vice President:	Rusty White
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Treasurer:	Jerry Johnson

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Pam Piersall	Mary Bollingberg	Casey Steel
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	Aaron Giddens	