



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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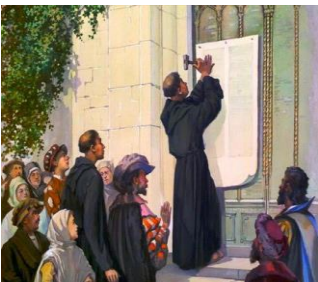
*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the results of works, so that no one may boast.”  
(Ephesians 2:8-9 *NRSV*)**



## From Our Pastor

Pastor Janis and I have been using this past summer as one part of our morning devotions a devotional booklet titled *“Prayers to Start Your Day”* by Criswell Freeman (2019 Smith Freeman Publishing). Back in August, one of the devotions struck me as being very important for us as Christian believers and for the vitality of the church. The devotion was about the importance of fellowship within the body of believers. For the past year and a half COVID-19 has made it difficult for us at Trinity to be together in activities, events, and ways of fellowship. The resurgence of the virus with its delta variant these past two months has again delayed having in-person fellowship after worship, the Sunday morning Takeaway, and the Food Pantry ministry this summer and fall. Events such as the Thanksgiving service and dinner and the Children’s Christmas program and dinner may be cancelled again this year.

Yet, I do not want us to forget about the importance of fellowship in our lives as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. With this said, I share with you this devotion by Criswell Freeman titled, **“Seek Fellowship”**.

*Fellowship with other believers should be an integral part of your everyday life. Your association with fellow Christians will be uplifting, enlightening, encouraging if you find a group of friends who encourage you to pray more and worry less.*

*Are you an active member of your fellowship? Are you a builder of bridges inside the four walls of your church and outside it? Do you contribute to God’s glory by contributing your time and talents to a close-knit band of believers? I hope so. The fellowship of believers is intended to be a powerful tool for spreading God’ Good News and uplifting His children. And God intends for you to be a fully contributing member of that fellowship. Your intentions should be the same.*

### **A Prayer to Start Your Day**

*Heavenly Father, You have given me a community of supporters called the church. Let our fellowship be a reflection of the love we feel for each other and the love we feel for You. Amen.*

I long as do you for the time when we can be together again in ways of fellowship and service in addition to Sunday morning worship. Our spiritual life and the communal life of Trinity are dependent on it. Pray for this and ways that we may be safe as we come together.

*In Christ’s service,*

*Pastor Robert*

### **Boundless, God Beyond Measure**

Registration for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering is now open. Eligible Senior Youth grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> should have received a letter with a registration form. Forms, along with a \$150 deposit, are to be returned to Pastor Robert by Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Youth will be gathering to plan and “get ready” for the Gathering and to reconnect hopefully sometime in October. The dates of the gathering are July 24-28, 2022.



### **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.

### **Trinity Lutheran,**

We would like to thank you for your support of our ministries. Thank you for your love, prayers and support.

St. John’s Leadership Team

## WELCA

### CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 25, 2021 at 9:00 am to meet at the church. We will give our sanctuary a deep cleaning - focusing on oiling the pews, cleaning the narthex glass, wiping clean the pew cushions and cleaning and dusting other needed areas. "Many hands make light work". For those that can attend, we will enjoy lunch out together before returning to our homes. PLEASE JOIN US!

## St John's Repair & Restore Mission

- Volunteer Work Day
- Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 9 AM – 2PM
- Removing plaster walls & ceilings
- Trimming trees and other tasks
- Bring your own protective gear and tools
- RSVP via email at [info@stjohnsjax.com](mailto:info@stjohnsjax.com)
- Or just show up!

1950 Silver Street – Corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & Silver Street in Historic Springfield

## Food Pantry Update

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

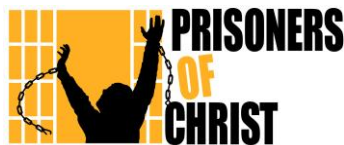
## We Welcome...

**Tim Zapata and Jeannetta Eisiliones** as new members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Tim is from Toledo, Ohio and moved to Jacksonville in 1999. Jeannetta was born in Atlanta, GA, and moved to Jacksonville in 1991. Tim was baptized and grew up in the Lutheran Church. Jeannetta's faith background is through the Salvation Army Church. (Jeannetta was baptized at Trinity on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>). They met each other in 2015 and will be married on November 6, 2021 in Orange Park. They will be joining together two families of four young men Devon (21), Christian (19), Cameron (18) and Alexander (13). Both Jeannetta and Tim work with Sleep Geekz Mattress Store on St. John's Bluff Rd. Tim is a Sales Manager and Jeannetta is the Purchasing Manager.

Congratulations to Jeannetta Eisiliones who was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. May God's Spirit continue to guide her in her life and witness of faith in Jesus Christ.

## Love Offering

The October Love Offering is designated to benefit the Prisoners of Christ Ministry.



## Congratulations

To Emily Shackleton and Robert Small who were married on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in Glen St. Mary, FL. Emily is the daughter of Melissa Shackleton and granddaughter of Karen and Bill Heirs.



**Treasurer's Report**

**August 2021**

1/1/2021 to 8/31/2021

**Receipts**

Actual	\$163,798
Budgeted	\$157,688
Actual-Budget	\$6,110

**Expenses**

Actual	\$175,164
Budgeted	\$172,336
Actual-Budget	\$2,828

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**'God's Work, Our Hands' Workday**

This year Trinity participated in the annual ELCA God's Work, Our Hands Sunday as a group of eleven people went down to Camp Luther Springs to do cleanup work on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The group included Byron and Mary Bollingberg, Judy Hassler, Pam Piersall, Karen Brown, DJ Rich, Steve and Berni Tomaszewski, TJ and Hayden Merritt and Pastor Robert. It was a great day of cleaning windows and around the outside of the buildings, cutting back the bushes around the Welcome Center, and clearing out a trail head of limbs. Thank you to all who participated. There is planned to be a God's Work, Our Hands Part II on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>!

**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 August, 2021, \$377,209 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 95% complete. Special thanks to Karen Kuebler for her design work.
- As of August 31, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$438,918. Council has applied \$200,000 (\$100,000 from each of the Kripps and Wood Estate bequests) to reduce the loan from \$648,069.
- Plans to purchase and install audio/visual equipment for recording and live streaming worship services are being implemented.

**CHURCH STAFF:**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:**

<b>President:</b>	Casey Steel
<b>Vice President:</b>	Rusty White
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mary Bollingberg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jerry Johnson

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Pam Piersall	Mary Bollingberg	Casey Steel
Ruth Johnson	Judy Hassler	Gene Harvey
Joe Molenda	Geri Buchanan	Rusty White
	Aaron Giddens	