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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Re-Connect

To Jesus

To Trinity

To Others

Sunday, November 21

Oh give thanks unto the Lord!

**Congratulations TRINITY -
95th Anniversary!**



November 6-7

**Remember to set your
clocks back!**

From Our Pastor

On my recent trip to North Carolina to visit with family and friends, I had the opportunity to worship with the congregation of The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Gastonia, NC for the first time in over fifteen years. I have been desiring to worship there as the congregation eleven years ago had built a beautiful new sanctuary and had reconfigured the facilities. It was great to see and to “re-connect” with some of the people I had known some thirty plus years ago prior to going to seminary. This included one of the then teenagers who was part of the youth group of which I directed at the time.

In the worship time, I experienced a “Re-Connection” with God in Christ Jesus and with the community of faith in which I had been a part and had served in as a layperson. This is the congregation who supported me in the call to full-time ministry and in my ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. What a great blessing for me to have this experience!

As we go into this time of talking about our connection to God through Trinity Lutheran Church, I am excited to hear the upcoming stories and sharing of people’s faith life as they share about how they have found themselves connected and re-connected to God in Christ Jesus and to the body of Christ in Trinity Lutheran Church. Take time to listen to these stories and open yourself up to how God’s Spirit is calling you to be **“Connected”** or **“Re-Connected”** as a worshiper and/or member of Trinity!

As promised, I share another devotional from *“Prayers to Start Your Day”* by Criswell Freeman

(copyright 2019 Smith Freeman Publishing) titled **“Make the Choice to Be Generous”**:

The theme of generosity is woven into the fabric of God’s Word. Our Creator instructs us to give generously – and cheerfully – to those in need. And He promises that when we do give of our time, our talents, and our resources, we will be blessed.

Jesus was the perfect example of generosity. He gave us everything, even His earthly life. He was always generous, always kind, always willing to help “the least of these.” And if we are to follow in His footsteps, we, too, must be generous.

When you encounter a person in need, think of yourself as Christ’s ambassador. And remember that whatever you do for the least of these, you also do for Him.

A Prayer to Start Your Day

Dear Lord, Your Word tells me that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Make me a faithful steward of the gifts You have given me, and let me share those gifts generously with others, today, and every day that I live. Amen.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Robert

Boundless, God Beyond Measure

Registration for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering is now open. Eligible Senior Youth grades 8th through 12th 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 14th.

The next Senior Youth meeting/gathering will be Sunday November 14th at 12:30 pm (after the 11:00 am service).



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.

Congratulations upon the marriage of Joanna Warner to Liam Hake on Saturday, October 2nd in upstate New York. Joanna is the daughter of Cameron and Karen Warner. From her teen years until moving to New York, Joanna sang with the Praise team at Trinity.

Advent and Christmas at Trinity

Advent:

Sunday, November 28th is the First Sunday of the Advent season. Advent is the beginning of a new church year and a time of waiting and preparation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and of His expected coming again. This Advent season our Sunday morning worship and the Wednesday takeaway bible study will center around the theme of "Wait Upon the Lord". We will look to and wait upon the Lord with:

Faith, Hope, Rejoicing and Gratitude

May God's Spirit bless us in our Waiting Upon the Lord!

Christmas:

There will be two opportunities in celebration of Christ's birth at Trinity for Christmas Eve:

- A Traditional Christmas Lessons and Carols will again be pre-recorded and made available for the world to view featuring the Trinity Choir and Kim Bloomer, Organist and Choir Director along with music provided by the Jorge Pena family and players from the Jacksonville Symphony.
- An in-person Christmas Eve celebration of the Nativity at 5:30 pm led by the Trinity Praise team and Aaron Giddens. The service will include communion and candlelight carols. (COVID-19 protocols to be determined).

Reconnection to Trinity

This fall at Trinity, we are focusing on helping each other reconnect with God and each other in the church, the Body of Christ.

We have dedicated three weeks, October 31-November 14, to scripture, preaching, music, and short videos focused on renewing, reconnecting and rekindling our faith through worship and community in Christ.

These three weeks will culminate with "Reconnection Sunday" on November 21st. On that day, we will have the opportunity to renew our reconnection with God and with each other, by making three spiritual commitments for 2022:

- To be present for worship in the community as often as possible;
- To specifically invite someone else to join us;
- To pledge our financial giving for 2022.

Please join us for the renewal only God can provide through Jesus Christ.

Reconnection Sunday Team

Changes

The world is full of changes and will be forever. Trinity is slowly reopening ministries, being careful for the safety and the care of your children and grandchildren as well as for yourselves with the ravages of the pandemic still in effect. Sunday School for elementary age children began after Labor Day, and our Discipleship training classes are also meeting once again for our young people. Our nursery has been repaired, painted and remodeled. Preparations are still in the planning stages to make it an inviting space for your babies and toddlers. We welcome you, though, to utilize our room IF you need a quiet place to go if or when your little one needs to eat, be changed or to play. It won't be manned except by you...but you can shut out the 'world' until your child grows and grows in the Lord.

Love Offering

The Love Offering for November is designated to benefit the American Lung Association.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of James White (Trinity's custodian) upon the death of James' brother Kenny White who died on Sunday, October 24th.

Congratulations

To Bud and Dianne German on the birth of two great - grandchildren - Jaxon Hill in September and Rachel McMillan in October.

Life South Blood Drive

will be here again on Sunday, November 28. Please consider giving the gift of life!

Treasurer's Report

September 2021

1/1/2021 to 9/30/2021

Receipts

Actual	\$180,938
Budgeted	\$177,399
Actual-Budget	\$3,539

Expenses

Actual	\$193,092
Budgeted	\$193,878
Actual-Budget	(\$786)

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God's Work, Our Hands – Part II

A second God's Work, Our Hands workday has been scheduled at the Luther Springs Camp, (Hawthorne, FL) for Saturday, November 13th. Come help spruce up the camp by cleaning buildings in and around the camp and by cutting back brush on trails. Bring any yard tools and clippers that may be useful. Work begins around 9:00 am with a Blessing of Hands and goes through lunch (and afterwards if desired). Lunch is provided with a discretionary donation.

First Communion Instruction

Pastor Robert will be having First Communion instruction for children 7 years of age and older on Sunday afternoon November 7th at 4:30 pm. First Communion will be on Sunday, November 21st.

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 September, 2021, \$380,409 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 September 30, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$438,050. 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:

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
Secretary:	Mary Bollingberg
Treasurer:	Jerry Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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