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Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Bloom

where you are

planted



From Our Pastor

“Well now what?” “Where do we go from here?”

These are a couple of questions we will be asking of ourselves at Trinity as we emerge from a whirlwind season of events with Holy Week and Easter. Where do we go from here?

Well for me and Pastor Janis we are immediately heading to the beach to spend a week with family coming in from the west coast that we have not seen in person in several years. I feel kind of like Peter and several of the disciples who after the risen Jesus' initial appearances to them that first Easter now are “catching their breath” and waiting for “what’s next” deciding to go fishing. For the disciples in John’s gospel account, this fishing trip turned into an experience with Jesus that directed Peter (and the disciples) to “Follow me.” (*John 21:19, 22*).

Well to where were they to follow? The disciples did not know where following the risen Lord would take them. But they know to trust in Jesus and the Holy Spirit would give them strength and be their guide.

Going into this summer, we do not know where following the risen Christ will take us in mission and

witness of Jesus. There are plans coming together for the re-opening of Trinity’s Food Pantry and for the revitalization of the Children’s Sunday School program. Both the Food Pantry and the Children’s Sunday School areas have been refurbished. There will also be other opportunities and ways to share and witness of the risen Christ in this post-Covid world and in our community. Ways in which we have yet to see or know that lay beyond the horizon.

Our part is to look at and see the world through the eyes of Jesus’ compassion and love, to welcome the guests and strangers, and to keep trusting in Jesus as our Savior. And, believe me, the Holy Spirit can and will be our strength and guide! (More about this next month as we come to Pentecost Sunday.)

But for right now, as for me (and Pastor Janis), I am heading to spend a week at the beach, and who knows, I may do a little bit of fishing! Go in peace, share the good news, serve the Lord, and thanks be to God!

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Robert

Trinity Shines for the RAP Home Tour

The Riverside-Avondale Preservation (RAP) Home Tour was a wonderful weekend for Trinity to shine in the community. Over the two days (Saturday April 9th and Sunday afternoon April 10th) some 400 plus guests came through Trinity to look at the architectural features of the building, the stained glass windows and recent renovations, and to learn about the history of the congregation. It was a great time to showcase Trinity, and we heard wonderful comments about the building and the church. Many thanks to our docents, who put in the time to talk with guests and to show them around. Trinity’s docents were Mary and Byron Bollingberg, Jim Vearil, Rusty White, Geri Buchanan, Pam Piersall, Naomi Kline, Ron Gross, Janice Billy, Judy Hassler and Pastor Robert. Also special thanks to all who worked to get the facilities ready for the weekend, especially Mary and Byron Bollingberg, Karen and Bill Hiers, Judy Hassler, Fanny and Gary Hautau, Linda Culverwell, Karen Brown and Berni Tomaszewski. An article about Trinity is featured in the Tome Tour program of the Jacksonville Magazine and for those who are interested there is a photo board in the Cecil Poole Room that shows the different building stages of the church.

World Labyrinth Day

May 7th is World Labyrinth Day. On Saturday May 7th you are invited to come and walk an outside prayer labyrinth that will be marked off at the Peace Memorial Rose Garden (Corner of Mallory St. and Park St). The time is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This will be the future site of a permanent stone labyrinth. This event is in conjunction with the Riverside Avondale Preservation Grden Tour. “A labyrinth is not a maze or a puzzle to be solved but a path of meaning to be experienced”.

Holy Week and Easter Thank You

Thanks go to:

- Linda Culverwell and Karen brown for setting up the Alter and Sanctuary for each of the worship services for Holy Week and Easter
- Rae Ettmyer and Karen Hiers for arranging the beautiful potted flowers people provided for Easter and for providing for and preparing the Easter Breakfast
- The Youth and their families for helping to serve and clean-up for the Easter Breakfast and to Judy Hassler for decorating the tables
- Kim Bloomer and the Choir for providing beautiful music for the Hoy Week services and the Easter Sunday Traditional Service
- Aaron Giddens and the Praise Team for it's wonderful music on Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday for the reSource services
- Aaron Giddens for all the technical work in providing the projection for the services
- Linda Culverwell for time in recording and uploading the services on YouTube
- Berni Tomaszewski and family and some of the Youth for arranging and helping with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- Karen Hiers for planting all the flowers from Easter around the church. Check out the Memorial Garden!

Eagle Scout Projects at Trinity

Thank you to Alex Lewis and Cooper Lewis and family, and fellow Boy Scouts and friends who completed two projects at Trinity for their Eagle Scout awards.

Alex's project was the refurbishing of the Food Pantry ramp which included pressure washing, replacing boards, providing a concrete landing and sealing it.

Cooper's project was to design and build storage "cubby" units for the Children's Sunday School area where the new children's Montessori class will be held.

Dear Geri and Women's Circle of Trinity,

Thank you for all your advice, discussion and accomplishments in planning and making our reception (for Carolyn's memorial) very special for Carolyn's and my families and friends.

Joe Molenda

Dear Trinity Family,

Mom Zuzul & I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, & texts that you have supported us with during Marcia's illness and now. God has definitely carried us through all these times. Marcia certainly loved God and her church.

Bless you all,
Lela & Kelley



Dear Pastor Kinley,
 Thank you for standing with us to help homeless people and families. Your \$346.00 gift to the Sulzbacher on 4/11/22 is tremendously appreciated. We are grateful you are part of our family of wonderful supporters. Sincerely,
 Cindy Funkhouser, MSW
 President and CEO

Trinity Garage Sale

Save the Date! Our long-awaited Annual Garage Sale (Cancelled during the pandemic) is back! We will be open to the public on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. You may bring items for the sale and leave in the Hall of Memories after Sunday, May 1st. We will start setting up at the church on Friday at 9:00 am. We would love your help in this ministry action. Proceeds will benefit our youth and Trinity’s Women of the ELCA .

Love Offering

The Love Offering for May is designated to support the Rachel’s Day offering of Women of the ELCA at Trinity. This offering in past years has been to support women’s programs at Hubbard House.

Treasurer’s Report

March 2022

1/1/2022 to 3/31/2022

Receipts

Actual	\$65,634
Budgeted	\$59,559
Actual-Budget	\$6,075

Expenses

Actual	\$59,740
Budgeted	\$59,793
Actual-Budget	(\$53)

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 March, 2022, \$409,582 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 and Gathering Room are 95% complete.
- Painting and work on the multiple room Sunday School area is progressing to make it ready for new children’s ministry program this fall.
- As of March 31, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$387,487.
- Plans to purchase and install audio/visual equipment for recording and live streaming worship services are being implemented.

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