



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## VOICE OF TRINITY

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES are needed!

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### CEW

(Children's Enrichment Workshop)

Is collecting School Supplies for teachers and children attending Fishweir Elementary School.

### LSS

(Lutheran Social Services)

Is collecting School Supplies for children in refugee families and in situations of need.

## From Our Pastor

I was called upon in mid-July to officiate the funeral service of a lady who was a member of another area Lutheran congregation that is currently without a pastor. As the scripture passage for which to base the message I gave to the family and those gathered for the service, I chose the passage from the Gospel of John of Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Jesus Christ on that first Easter morning at the empty tomb. This is a scripture passage I have preached on and used numerous times on Easter Sunday and at previous funerals or memorial services. It is a beautiful story of where Mary's grief and distraught in her Lord's death and now of his missing body is suddenly turned into new HOPE. When the risen Jesus encounters Mary, who did not recognize him at first presuming him to be the gardener, speaks her name "Mary", suddenly her grief and devastation is turned to joy and hope!

Through the risen Christ we are given Hope in life, Hope in death, Hope in the new life to come. In a devotional that Pastor Janis and I have been using recently, we have been hearing and praying through God's word a message for Hope. Hope in Jesus Christ that comes...

- For the family as we pray for our family;
- In the forgiveness of sin as we humble ourselves and confess our sins;
- In our sufferings as God's strength is with us in our walk of life;
- For the world all people; and
- As we live daily as followers of Jesus Christ.

When I think about having and living with Hope, I am reminded of St. Paul's words in the letter to the Romans in chapter five:

*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5)*

As we live and grow in the love and in faith of God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who speaks our name, enduring the sufferings of this life, rejoicing in the joys and blessings of life, may we live each day in the HOPE that comes each day to us through Jesus Christ. A HOPE that does not and will not disappoint us.

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Robert*

P.S. – Thank you to everyone for the prayers lifted up for Pastor Janis during her brief time in the hospital.

### Love Offering

The August Love Offering is designated to benefit the Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW) at Trinity. Trinity's CEW programs provide after-school activities of Yoga and Boys' Basketball for the schools of Fishweir, West Riverside and Central Riverside Elementary. We also collect teacher/staff school supplies in the fall and sponsor play days at each school in the spring.

### Happening in August...

August 5 and 6 (Friday and Saturday) – Garage Sale  
 August 10 – CEW – School supplies collection deadline  
 August 12 – CEW – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
 August 17 & 18 – AARP Driving Course  
 August 22 – Election Equipment Setup  
 August 23 – Election – Primary

### Farewell and Godspeed

We say Farewell and Godspeed to Aaron Giddens and Ricky Willoughby who have stepped down from Council and the reSource Praise team. We thank them for the sharing of their gifts and talents of music and leadership over the past several years. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength in their lives as they follow a new path in Christ Jesus.

### Trinity's Food Pantry

is up and running! We are open on a limited basis, Thursdays from 4-6 pm and Fridays from 10 am-12 pm on the second and fourth weeks of the month. Please update your contact info, or notify the church office if you are able to help.

**We are in need of in non-perishable food items** for the Pantry, and also to restock the church office for more urgent assistance to the homeless population.

### School Supplies for Fishweir Elementary and Lutheran Social Services

This summer Trinity will be collecting school supplies for Fishweir Elementary School as a partner school through the Children’s Enrichment Workshops of Riverside-Avondale (CEW) association and for refugees through Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida. The collection for Lutheran Social Services is a joint effort by the Lutheran Churches on the First Coast as a Thrivent Community event coordinated by Jennifer Johnson of Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans.

- Highlighters
- Colored Markers
- No. 2 Pencils
- Post-it Notes
- Glue Sticks
- Hand sanitizer
- Pencil pouches
- Scotch Tape
- 3-pronged Folders with pockets
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Wide-ruled Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Sharpies
- Colored Pencils
- Blue or Black Pens
- Pink erasers (2pack)
- Disinfectant wipes
- Tissues
- Scissors
- White-out



## From the Finance Team

### How to give your offerings and contributions:

Back in the good ole days (before the virus), we used to pass the offering plate during each service. But now **Offerings are down** so we wanted to remind everyone that the offering plate is in the Narthex at the back of the church. Contributions can also be made in the following ways:

- Mail a paper check to the church or bring to the office
- Use on-line banking
- Go to Trinity4jax.org and click on the donate button

### Office of Treasurer:

Trinity is looking for a member to servie in the office of Treasurer. While financial aptitude is an important attribute, and while it would be nice to find a bookkeeper, CPA or CRO sort of person, it is not necessary. If there is someone who understands basic accounting functions and has a spirit to learn and serve, this would be a great opportunity to serve. Trinity is blessed with a Pastor who has been a CPA and an administrator who handles the day to day business of check writing, posting, balanceing and reconciling the various accounts of the church, so its not the hands-on job of years gone by but rather it is a position of oversight and reporting. If you or someone you know might be interested, please pray about it and then contact Rusty White or Pastor Robert.

### From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows (FTF,OMG) – Debt Redution:

Council has passed a motion, to begin in September 2022, to apply donations made to the FTF,OMG Campaign (unless otherwise designated) against the principal balance of Trinity’s mortgage. These donations will go 100% toward Debt Reduction in addition to the monthly mortgage payment.



**Trinity Garage Sale - X2**

Time to clean out those closets, cabinets and garages! Our Trinity Garage Sale will be making a repeat performance - We will be open to the public on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Start bringing those items now!

**Two Piano Journey Benefit Recital**

Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida is hosting a benefit concert on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The recital will be performed by Michelle Chen Kuo and Christopher Kuo, and mother and son piano team. The concert will be held at the Friday Musicale, 645 Oak St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased on-line by going to the Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida website, under events, and clicking on the Two Piano Journey Tab.

**Treasurer's Report****June 2022**

1/1/2022 to 6/30/2022

**Receipts**

Actual	\$120,132
Budgeted	\$119,120
Actual-Budget	\$1,012

**Expenses**

Actual	\$136,131
Budgeted	\$137,778
Actual-Budget	(\$1,647)

**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 June, 2022, \$419,769 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 in the Sunday School area is progressing to make it ready for new children's ministry program this fall.
- As of June 30, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$384,333.
- Plans to purchase and install audio/visual equipment for recording and live streaming worship services are being implemented.

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**We're on the Web!**  
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**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>	
<b>Hostess:</b>	Rae Ettmyer
<b>Custodian:</b>	James White

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:**

<b>President:</b>	Rusty White
<b>Vice President:</b>	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Judy Hassler
<b>Treasurer:</b>	

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Pam Piersall	Casey Steel	Judy Hassler
Joe Molenda	Geri Buchanan	Rusty White
	Don Howard	