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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Celebrating Trinity Lutheran Church's

Past, Present and Future

In preparation for Stewardship Sunday

November 20, 2023

ONE SERVICE at 11:00 am

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Change Your Clocks!

Fall Back on Sunday,
November 6th.

From Our Pastor

It's pumpkin season! Now is the time that you can find to eat or drink just about anything you would like flavored with pumpkin or pumpkin spice. Anything from pumpkin pie, to pumpkin spice coffee, cookies, ice cream, popcorn, to even pumpkin spiced SPAM! You name it, it can be flavored with pumpkin!

That's how we can think about God's Love and Grace! They are the essence of God that adds flavor and goodness to the world and in our lives. It is through the grace of God and because of grace that our lives are able to be more and more flavored with what is the essence of God – that is God's Love. It is by God's grace that we come to know and to experience God's love in our life. We are saved by grace! Grace, that is a free gift, undeserved and unconditional! Paul writes in the letter to the Ephesians:

“But God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...”

(Ephesians 2:4-6 NRSV)

In the Lutheran Church we celebrate Reformation Sunday which holds high this awesome nature of God's Love and Grace that Martin Luther came to understand and to be renewed in life. Daily as Luther says, we are to rise and live in the grace of God, that flavors us with God's love and goodness! And, we are to share in God's love and goodness with the world.

So, the next time you have that piece of pumpkin pie or pumpkin spiced latte, or anything flavored, remember that we are flavored with God's love through God's grace so that we may add the flavor of God's love to the world. Enjoy this fall season and pumpkin time!

In Christ's service

Pastor Robert

Remembering, Recognizing and Reveling!

Coming up in November, we will be celebrating Trinity Lutheran's Past, Present and Future with three Temple Talks; one per service on November 6th, 13th and 20th. We have so much to celebrate when we remember those in the past who founded and built our beautiful church home, when we recognize all of the selfless ways our church family serves our community today and when we revel in the birth of all that makes our future such a hopeful time to anticipate! When we focus on these three aspects of time, we realize how quickly it all comes to pass. In the coming weeks, please take some time to pray and reflect in preparation for Consecration Sunday on November 20th. Commitment cards for 2023 will be sent out soon and will also be available during the service on the 20th. Please be sure to **return cards by November 20**. We are operating within a deficit this year. If you can find a little extra to include with what you committed in 2022, it will certainly go a long way!

We will have ONE SERVICE on Sunday November 20, at 11:00 am as our stewardship Consecration Sunday. Children's Sunday School, Discipleship Training, and Takeaway will be at the regular time of 10:00am.

Trinity's "Annual Service of Thanksgiving" and Dinner

Trinity's annual Thanksgiving Service and Pot-Luck Dinner will again be held following a two year hiatus due to COVID-19. The worship service will be at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary followed by a pot-luck dinner in the Hall of Memories (fellowship hall). You are requested to bring a dish to share plus non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Trinity will provide ham as a dinner item plus drinks. The financial offering will also go for the support of the Food Pantry. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to worship and dinner.

From the Finance Team

Offerings:

We are no longer passing the offering plate, but your offerings are still needed. You will find the offering plate in the narthex at the back of the church on Sunday mornings. Contributions can also be made in the following ways:

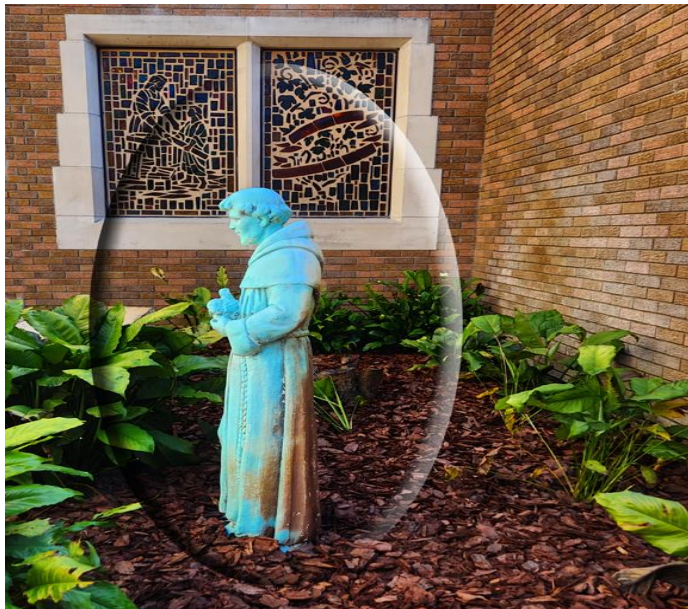
- Mail a paper check to the church or bring to the office
- Use on-line banking
- Go to Trinity4jax.org and click on the donate button

Office of Treasurer:

Trinity is looking for a member to serve in the office of Treasurer. We are looking for someone who understands basic accounting functions and has a spirit to learn and 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 a hands-on job but rather it is a position of oversight and reporting. If you 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 Food Pantry Highlights

Thank you to the Trinity members and our neighbors for the many contributions of food and money for the Food Pantry. **A special thanks to everyone who responded to the urgent need for BREAD!** We now have a good supply, to last till the end of the year.

Here’s a recap through October 14th:

Week Of	Patrons	Family Members	Zip Codes
Oct 13	62	191	10
Oct 14	75	224	13

17 different volunteers have participated during September from the following churches:

- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Avondale United Methodist Church
- Riverside Park United Methodist Church
- Riverside Presbyterian Church

Schedule for November 2022:

- Thursday Nov 10, 4 – 6 pm
- Friday Nov. 11, 10 – 12 noon
- Thursday Nov. 17, 4 – 6 pm
- Friday Nov. 18, 10 – 12 noon

All donations of food are greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering, contact Mark Baker: 847-525-7419 or mark.foodpantry@gmail.com

Sympathies

We extend our Christian sympathy to the following:

- The family of Paul Finley upon his death on October 1, 2022. Paul was a former member who grew up at Trinity.
- Bill Hiers and family upon the death of his mother Elizabeth Nolan who passed on Monday, October 10th.
- Pastor Anna Figueiro Enderle of Mandarin Lutheran Church whose husband, Rob Enderle passed on Sunday, October 9th.

Riverside High School Chorus Dinner Concert

The Riverside High School Chorus Dinner Concert was a wonderful evening of musical talent showcased by students of the Riverside Chorus and delicious spaghetti. Over \$675 was raised for the chorus. Thank you to all who support the dinner concert and special thanks to Rae Ettmyer, Gary Hautau, and Karen Hiers for making the spaghetti and for work in the kitchen. Special thanks to *Thrivent Financial Service for Lutherans* for providing an action team grant of \$250 in support of the event.

We received **thanks** from Ms. Talya M. Taylor, Principal at West Riverside Elementary School, for the opportunities provided to the children through the CEW after-school programs.

Love Offering

The November Love Offering will go to the American Lung Association.

Choir

Don't forget - choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. See you there!

Trinity is seeking to hire a Praise Band Director for our reSource services. A brief list of qualifications includes:

- Be skilled in the leadership of all phases of music.
- Be highly skilled on the keyboard or guitar as a lead instrument.
- Be adept at directing vocals and instruments.
- Be well acquainted with 20th and 21st century Christian contemporary worship music.
- Be willing to collaborate with organist/choir director when Contemporary and Traditional services are combined.
- Have a relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

For more information or for a copy of the complete job description please contact the church office at 904-389-5341.

**Treasurer's Report
September 2022**

1/1/2022 to 9/30/2022

Receipts

Actual	\$175,307
Budgeted	\$178,682
Actual-Budget	(\$3,375)

Expenses

Actual	\$197,040
Budgeted	\$197,598
Actual-Budget	(\$558)

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, 2022, \$428,989 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 Gathering Room and painting are 99% complete.
- Painting and work in the upstairs Sunday School area is progressing. As of September 30, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$381,192.
- Plans to purchase and install audio/visual equipment for recording and live streaming worship services are on hold at this time.

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CHURCH STAFF:

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

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President:	Rusty White
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Judy Hassler
Treasurer:	

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pam Piersall	Casey Steel	Judy Hassler
Joe Molenda	Geri Buchanan	Rusty White
Don Howard	Burney Pfaff	Karen Kuebler