



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## VOICE OF TRINITY

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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**“We are marching  
to the Light of God...”**



## From Our Pastor

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***“Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwnknos...”***  
***“We are Marching in the Light of God...”***

These are the words of the first line from a “more recent” song written and arranged in 1984 that is found in our hymnal (ELW #866). The song comes from a South African traditional folk song and has very peppy beat and tempo. The words “Siyahamba...” are from the Zulu language and gives an imagery of “walking or marching in the divine light.”

We are in the midst of the Epiphany season which is all about revealing Jesus Christ as being the light of God in this world. We live, walk, and march in God’s light – in the Light of Christ! God’s light in Christ shines in the darkness of this world and in our lives. The light of Christ shines where there is sickness and diseases of life, where

there is uncertainty and doubt, where there is depression and sadness, where there is loss and death. Christ Jesus is our light!

We also live and march in the light of Christ to be a light for others in this world. We are to be a bright spot and a beacon of light and hope for others in their dark moments and places. The light of Jesus shining in us can be very much uplifting for another person who is hurting. May we live, walk, and march faithfully forward in the light of God shining the light of Christ Jesus in this world and in the lives of others.

*In Christ’s service,*

*Pastor Robert*

**Congratulations** to Kyle Lind who was received into membership at Trinity on Sunday, January 29. Kyle was born in Jacksonville, FL on July 24, 1987. He attended Resurrection Catholic School from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and graduated from Bishop Kenny High School in 2005. He received a bachelor’s degree in business management from UNF. Says Kyle: “I’m an animal lover and love home improvement projects. I also enjoy troubleshooting technical/I.T. issues and micro-brewing. I’m the father of two wonderful children, Phoebe and Hank, and husband to the lovely Sarah Knight.”

**On February 5, 2023 we will have ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am.**

The service will be followed by a congregational meeting where we will receive and review Annual Reports from Finance and Ministry activities. Sunday School classes will be held at 9:00 am on

### Ash Wednesday

The Lenten season of the Church begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on Wednesday, February 22. Trinity will have its traditional Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45 pm on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. The service will be preceded by a light soup and salad dinner from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will soon be available for the soup and salad dinner. (Donations for the dinner may be given).

**Thank you** to the people of Trinity for the many cards and “treats” Pastor Janis and I received at Christmas time. We thank you for the financial gift received as part of the Staff Gift. May God’s blessings and peace be with all in this year 2023. –Pastor Robert

### From the Finance Team

#### Offerings:

The offering plate is 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
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#### From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows (FTF,OMG) – Debt Reduction:

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.

#### Congratulations

to Gisselle Sanchez Rodriguez who was baptised on January 15, 2023. Gisselle was born on November 2, 2021 to Jonathan and Ginna Rodriguez.

#### Our Sympathy

to Berni Tomaszewski and family upon the death of Berni’s sister Sandy Karm on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Sandy lived in Cleveland, Texas.

#### Dear Rev. Kinley and Church,

Thank you for supporting Prisoners of Christ. Your help meets tangible needs like housing and employment services but it also advances the Kingdom of God by helping people experience the John 10:10 Abundant Life Jesus has planned for them God bless you.

Jeff Witt

Note: \$280 was sent to Prisoners of Christ from our October Love Offering.

#### THE TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK! FEBRUARY'S DESTINATION:

### Olive Garden Restaurant

6050 Youngerman Circle  
Orange Park, FL 32244  
904-777-9827

Thursday, February 23, 2023 11:30 am

Meet at 11:30 a.m. or call Kim Bloomer (635-9104)  
by noon Wednesday, February 22nd if you need a ride



**Many thanks** to my friends at Trinity for the generous Staff Gift at Christmas time. It was, as always, greatly appreciated! -Lise York

### Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Thank you to the Trinity members and our neighbors for the many contributions of food and money for the Community Food Pantry.

Here’s a recap of activity for first half of January 2023:

Week Of	Patrons	Family Members	Zip Codes
Jan 12	59	238	18
Jan 13	39	145	11

20 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Pantry during the first half of January 2023. Special thanks again to 5yr old Micah who volunteered on January 12th.

We continue to have discussions with partners regarding retail pickups or are pursuing grant opportunities in an effort to obtain either additional food or financial donations, as well as a source for new volunteers. We’re looking for any suggestions or assistance on obtaining funds via grants.

Schedule for February 2023:

- February 9th – 4PM-6PM
- February 10th– 10AM-12 noon
- February 23rd – 4PM-6PM
- February 24th – 10AM-12 noon

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



**Love Offering**  
 The February Love Offering will go to **Trinity's Food Pantry**.

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

**Treasurer's Report  
 December 2022  
 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022**

**Receipts**

Actual	\$238,411
Budgeted	\$238,250
Actual-Budget	\$161

**Expenses**

Actual	\$256,000
Budgeted	\$257,458
Actual-Budget	(\$1,458)

**Year-To-Date**

Total Income	\$238,411
Total Expense	\$256,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$17, 589)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 December, 2022, \$441,028 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 and painting of the Gathering Room and upstairs Sunday School area are 99% complete.
- As of December 31, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$363,363.
- 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:**

<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>	Karen Kuebler
<b>Secretary:</b>	Judy Hassler
<b>Treasurer:</b>	

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Pam Piersall	Judy Hassler	Don Howard
Geri Buchanan	Rusty White	Burney Pfaff
	Karen Kuebler	