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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Let your light shine!

Matt. 5:16

From Our Pastor

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)

This is a passage that is spoken at baptisms as a candle is lit and presented to the newly baptized. Jesus' words signify that we are to let the light of His spirit shine in and from our lives using the gifts and talents we have been given by God as a blessing for others in this world for God's glory. The banner, made by Donna White, that is portrayed on the front page of this edition of the Voice of Trinity (VOT) which is currently hanging in the Sanctuary, portrays a sample of ***“Talents to Invest”*** that people have and do use in mission and ministry through Trinity Lutheran and in their lives for the glory of God. Over the twenty-two years that I have been a pastor at Trinity, I have witnessed and been a part of the blessing of many people sharing of their gifts and talents in amazing ways for the glory of God. From music to art, to carpentry and administration, from prayer and care of others, to stocking the shelves and giving-out food at the Food Pantry, people have and are serving in many amazing ways to serve in the ministry and mission “To Proclaim Jesus Christ to the World.” Four big words I must exclaim are: **“Thank you”** and **“Don't Stop”!**

To all who give of themselves with their time, talents, and finances for the work of the Lord at Trinity, I say, “Thank you” and “Don't Stop.” To all who are looking for ways to share in their gifts, talents, and resources, I encourage you seek and find ways to invest in the mission and work at Trinity. To those who have been faithfully involved in the ministry and mission at Trinity, I commission and encourage you to seek partners in mission and ministry, that is recruit people to help! This means talking and getting to know people who you may not know too well and to ask them to share in and to invest in their talents at Trinity. Not just for the sake of Trinity, but for the glory of God. I sense God doing amazing work through the people who have long been at Trinity and through those who are recently new at Trinity.

Everyone has gifts and talents that may be shared. So, I pray and encourage you to “Invest” them in work and mission of Trinity! Let your light shine, the light of Christ shine in you and in the world!

*In Christ's service,
Pastor Robert*

Coming in July...

There will be **one worship service** each Sunday morning in July, at **10:00 am**. The format of the services will vary each week, and will focus on ministries with children, youth and young adults. On Sunday July 2nd there will again be a summer get-together with informal worship, a cook-out lunch in the Hall of Memories, and activities for the children.

After the following Sundays in July, we will have a ‘Super Coffee Hour’ featuring a variety of refreshments - from fruit and cheese trays to finger sandwiches and homemade desserts. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet and get to know one another again at Trinity.



Vacation Bible School Learning and Fun...

“Who built the Ark? Noah, Noah!” was a song we sang along with “All God’s Creatures has a Place in the Choir” at our one-day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 24th. As we came along on board the ark with Noah and the animals, we heard the story of the flood, God saving Noah and his family along with all the animals and creatures on the ark. We made crafts and talked about animal habitats, the importance of bees to our lives, and of the rainbow that God sets in the sky with the promise to never again destroy the earth with a flood (see Genesis chapter 9). We played games and ate pizza. A group of adults studied intensely the story of Noah and the genealogy of the Hebrew people up to Jesus. At the end of the day the rains came but we had learned and was reminded of God’s promise.

Thank you to all who made the VBS a wonderful event with their work and help Rebecca Kruck, Linda Adams, Judy Hassler, Fanny and Gary Hautau, Emily and Juan Guzman, Sadie Timm, Kiley Timm and friend Joel, Gloria Valley, Lydia Payne, Kylie Merritt, Karen Brown, Dean Winter (technical support), Pastor Janis (adult class leader), and Mark Baker (who played Noah). Special thanks to Berni Tomaszewski for coordinating again this year’s VBS and to Steve Tomaszewski who built the ark on display in the Hall of Memories!

Teacher / School Supplies for Fishweir Elementary School

As we go into the summer this is a reminder that we will begin collecting teacher/school supplies in July for Fishweir Elementary school as our partner CEW (Children’s Enrichment Workshops) school. A list of the basic supplies is given below:

Teacher Supply List

Clorox wipes
 Notebook paper
 #2 pencils
 Sharpies
 Pens
 Glue Sticks
 Highlighters
 Computer/Copy paper
 Folders with pockets and prongs
 White out
 Colored pencils
 Tissues
 Scotch tape
 Post-it notes
 Hand Sanitizer
 Crayons

Thank you for anything you can do!

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers for our ministry. It is because of generosity like yours that we are able to continue this important work.

Peace,

Sarah (Pastor Sarah Locke)

Jacksonville Campus Ministry

Dear Rev. Kinley,

As **West Riverside Elementary School** wraps up the 2022-2023 school year, we would be amiss not to let you know how much we have appreciated your kindness and generosity throughout this school year. Your cash donation to our General Operating fund in September and to our Unrestricted Trust in April have been such a blessing. School budgets don't cover the "extras" for our schools. We can only provide the extra things through donations from our wonderful business partners like Trinity Lutheran. Extras such as award ribbons, charms, and small gifts for great student behavior and trophies and flowers for retiring staff are purchased through generous donations. Thank you for thinking of us and allowing us to provide the items that make students and teachers feel honored and appreciated.

We also appreciate all you have done for some of our students through the Children's Enrichment Workshop. Our students have truly enjoyed the basketball and yoga this year and we appreciate the difference you make in their lives. Trinity Lutheran Church has truly been a blessing to so many of our students and their families and our school as a whole. We appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Ms. Talya M. Taylor
Principal

Yard Sale Results...

The **Annual Trinity Yard** Sale was again a huge success! Over \$2,335 was raised at the two-day sale on July 2nd and 3rd. The funds are to be distributed as follows: \$500 Senior Youth, \$500 Trinity's WELCA, and the remaining \$1,335 for new tables for the Hall of Memories.

Special thanks to all who again worked the sale and made it happen: Mary and Byron Bollingberg, Gary and Fanny Hautau, Bill and Karen Hiers, Berni and Steve Tomaszewski, Janice Billy, Karen Brown, Karen Kuebler and daughters Megan and Madeline, Joanne Martin, Judy Hassler, Pastor Robert, Casey Merritt, and Nevaeh and Mia Guzman.

The Trinity Yard Sale is looked forward to by folks throughout the community and west side.

Hubbard House

Dear Rev. Kinley and Trinity Lutheran Church,

You and others like you show their tremendous support for survivors. You do this through donations that fund our life-saving shelter and services. Truly your generosity shines through.

Thank you for your donation of \$345 on 6/12/2023. Your donation will be used to provide shelter nights, counseling, safety planning, dedicated support from caring advocates, and much more.

Last year, Hubbard House provided 33,433 days of shelter to 689 adults and children. The agency answered 3,516 crisis calls and provided 18,809 hours of counseling to victims and their children.

Your donations make our work possible.
Thank You!

Warm regards,

Kristi Brandon
Chief Development Officer

New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined Trinity on May 28, 2023:

- The Alenduff family –
Andrew (AJ), Rebekah and Micah
- Vera Stamper-Owens
- Craig Babiarz

Baptisms

Congratulations to...

Eli Christopher Carr, baptized on June 18, 2023. Eli is the son of Anilka Marie and William Christopher Carr.

Kain Lucas McLean, son of Kristina Joan Rowe and grandson of Joan Ronan was baptized on June 25, 2023.

On the Calendar...

July – EVERY SUNDAY ...One Service 10:00am

- July 4 Office Closed
- July 11.....Circle Meeting 12:00 pm
- July 13 & 14 Food Pantry
- July 15.....Baby Shower – Smedberg
- July 17 – 31.....Pastor Robert on Vacation
- July 19 & 20 AARP Driving Class
- July 27 & 28 Food Pantry

Thank you for all you do to support the students, teachers, and families of **Central Riverside Elementary School**. Your commitment and dedication has made 2022-2023 the best year ever.

Love always,
Mrs. Stewart, Principal

I would like to personally send, on behalf **LifeSouth** and the patients and hospitals we serve, our deepest appreciation for all you do. We could not provide the lifesaving blood to patients who need it without you. Not only on **World Blood Donor Day**, but every day, we say “thank you.”--Christine

Christine Medina
Director of Recruitment & Retention
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Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Special Thank You to our Partner CEW Elementary Schools that Conducted Food Drives and Donated Food to the Trinity Community Food Pantry: 1) West Riverside Elementary School collected 248 Pounds, 2) Fishweir Elementary School collected 172 Pounds and 3) Central Riverside Elementary collected 108 Pounds of Food; Total of 528 Pounds of Food Donated.

Here’s a recap of activity for the first two shifts during June 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	Zip Codes
June 15-16	114	349	19

28 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during May 2023.

Schedule for July 2023:

Thursdays – July 13th, 27th – 4PM-6PM

Fridays – July 14th, 28th– 10AM-12PM

We are running low on funds and are working on options with the Feeding Northeast Florida team. Any donations of food or money are greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering, contact Mark Baker: 847-525-7419 or mark.foodpantry@gmail.com.

**JOIN US for the
TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH!
JULY'S DESTINATION:**

Joseph’s Pizza
7316 N Main St
Jacksonville, FL 32208
904-765-0335

Thursday July 27, 2023

*** Sign up in the Hall of Memories ***

July Love Offering

Trinity’s July Love Offering has been designated to support the *Jacksonville Campus Ministry*.

The **Word-In- Season** for **Quarter 3**

- July – August – September -
is available. Pick yours up in the narthex at the back of the church.

***** Choir News *****

There will be no Choir practice for the month of July. When the choir resumes in August, practice will again be every Wednesday at 10:30 am. See you there!

**Treasurer’s Report
May 2023**

1/1/2023 to 5/31/2023

Receipts

Actual	\$98,655
Budgeted	\$103,765
Actual-Budget	(\$5,110)

Expenses

Actual	\$98,473
Budgeted	\$101,372
Actual-Budget	(\$2,899)

Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$98,655
Total Expense	\$98,473

FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS

Through May 2023, \$457,208 has been given and earned toward the campaign. The campaign formally ended at the end of 2022. However, a number of families and individuals are continuing to contribute to the campaign. Contributions are accepted toward additional principal reduction.

- The interior renovations and painting of the Gathering Room and upstairs Sunday School area are complete.
- As of May 31, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$347,960.
- The purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment for the Sanctuary is proceeding to provide upgrades to the sound system and for the recording and live streaming of the worship services (the new sound system has now been installed).

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped to make this project and campaign a success!

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Office Administrator:	Lise York
Organist/Choir Director:	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry:	Dean Winter
Hostess:	Rae Ettmyer
Custodian:	Scott Piersall

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

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Vice President:	Karen Kuebler
Secretary:	Judy Hassler
Treasurer:	Burney Pfaff

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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