



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## VOICE OF TRINITY

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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# School Supplies Needed

### CEW

(Children's Enrichment Workshop)

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

**PRAY**  
for our  
Students



### Save the Date!

Please join us on August 13 as we celebrate with Pastor Robert and Pastor Janis, their 30<sup>th</sup> year of ordination. Our service on that Sunday will be at 10:00 am and will be followed by a catered luncheon at approximately 11:15. We hope to see everyone there on this very special day!

## From Our Deacon, Joanne Martin

*This month we welcome back our Deacon, Joanne Martin as the guest writer for the "Pastor's Article" of the Voice of Trinity. This is "Part II" of Deacon Martin's explanation and sharing of the Jewish festivals and sacrifices as part of the worship of God by the people. These are the festivals observed by Jesus in His time and continue in Judaism today.*

*Thank you, Deacon Joanne, for again sharing this month.*

*-Pastor Robert*

Earlier this year we took a look at some of the festivals and holy days which the LORD God designed for the Israelites to keep them safe and well and walking close with Him during their exodus from Egypt. We will just quickly refresh what we covered earlier, and then on to finish out what their year looked like.

Passover was observed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month of the year, commemorating the time when the Angel of Death took the lives of each firstborn of Egypt and in terrible grief the Egyptians allowed them to leave. Once they had settled in the Promised Land, God gave them the Feast of Unleavened Bread starting the day after Passover and lasting a full week. Two bulls, one ram and seven lambs were offered to God each day of the feast, along with a male goat for a sin offering. Seven weeks after Passover came the Feast of Weeks, which corresponded to the beginning of their harvest season. They offered their firstfruits to the LORD rather than eating them. By doing that, the people were demonstrating their faith in God and in His ability to provide for them through the remainder of the harvest. Then, the fiftieth day after Passover became known as the day of Pentecost (a word signifying 50). In Acts 2, we learn that the early believers first received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. You could say that was a wonderful fulfillment of the original feast, because when the early disciples honored the harvest feast, they in essence became the "first fruits" of what turned out to be a much larger spiritual harvest.

The final three events all took place in the Fall of the year. The Feast of Trumpets came next. On the first day of the seventh month of their year, work ceased as the festival began, trumpets were blown, and special offerings were made. The Feast of Trumpets served as a fitting lead-in to the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Israel year. Nine days after the Feast of Trumpets, all Israelites were expected to humble themselves before God and come together for a holy assembly. Again, special offerings were made to the LORD while people stopped their usual workday. The big difference in this Day was that it was not a feast day; rather, the people were not to eat, and they were actually to "afflict" themselves. Isaiah 58:5 gives us a clue as to what was meant by affliction. Apparently, it was to include fasting and wearing sackcloth: *"Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?"* God had given Israel many feast days, but only one fasting day, when the priests would lead the people in the ritual which is described in Leviticus 16, applying the offering of atonement on their behalf. Five days after the Day of Atonement, Israel was to celebrate the Feast of Booths. Like the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Booths lasted a full week, with special offerings made every day. All of these offerings were required by God, but the people could also choose to make freewill offerings on their own schedule.

These events, offerings, and rituals were repetitive for a reason. God wanted to be at the forefront of the Israelites' consciousness, and He knew how easily they could forget. A calendar year full of events kept His people mindful of their relationship with Him and His preeminence in their lives, perhaps the same way our church calendars keep us mindful. Thank you, God.

### Coming in August...

we will continue with **one worship service** each Sunday morning through Labor Day, at **10:00 am**. The format of the services will vary week to week. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know one another again at Trinity.

**We received thanks** from the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council for our donation of clothing, bedding and household items after our Garage Sale in June. They were very appreciative, stating that they will be able to help many people with these gifts.

**Choir News**

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

**Join Us For TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH! AUGUST'S DESTINATION:**

**Longhorn Steak House  
4401 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210  
904-388-5520  
Thursday August 24, 2023**




Sign up in the Hall of Memories

**On the Calendar...**

- August 6 ..... Blood Drive
- August 8..... Circle Meeting 12:00 pm
- August 10 & 11 ..... Food Pantry
- August 13...Celebration of Pastors' 30 yr Ordination
- August 23 & 24 .....AARP Driving Class
- August 24 & 25 ..... Food Pantry
- August 25.....NFAN
- August 26.....Pastor's Party (Hannah Circle)

**Congratulations**

to three young men who received their First Communion on July 9, 2023:

-  Finnley Orinski,
-  Kain McLean
-  William Strasser

**Trinity Food Pantry Highlights**

Special Thank You to congregation members that have supported the Trinity Food Pantry in the past years by volunteering and also donating food and money. During the year since the Pantry reopened during July 2022, 2,695 patrons with 8,400 family members received food.

Here's a recap of activity for the first two shifts during July 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	Zip Codes
July 15-16	131	379	18

13 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Pantry.

Current Schedule for August 2023:

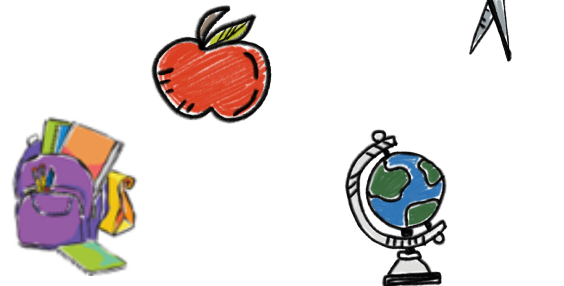
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM
- August 11<sup>th</sup>– 10AM-12 noon
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM
- August 25<sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12 noon

We started the weekly End of Route Delivery via Feeding NE Florida on July 26th. We expect to expand the Food Pantry schedule to every Thursday and Friday starting on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> (not reflected in above current schedule). If interested in volunteering given these new Volunteer opportunities, contact Mark Baker: 847-525-7419 or mark.foodpantry@gmail.com.

**School Supplies for Fishweir Elementary School**

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. Here is a "shopping list" of the needed items:

- 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



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Blood Drive  
**Sunday, August 6**  
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Congratulations!**

Aspen Saige Smedberg was born on July 24, 2023, to William and Danielle Smedberg. Her proud grandparents are Roger and Robin Smedberg.

Actual	\$119,288
Budgeted	\$125,623
Actual-Budget	(\$6,335)
<b>Expenses</b>	
Actual	\$144,322
Budgeted	\$140,040
Actual-Budget	\$4,282
<b>Year-To-Date</b>	
Total Income	\$119,288
Total Expense	\$144,322



**August 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.

**FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS**

Through June 2023, \$459,608 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.

- As of June 30, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$344,385.
- 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.

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

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