



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## VOICE OF TRINITY *Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*

--Ephesians 2:8

*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone

## From Our Pastor

### “Bad news, Good News”

October is typically the time of year for our stewardship emphasis. This is where everyone as members and friends of Trinity are invited and asked to make a financial commitment to God’s work in the community and world through Trinity Lutheran Church. (See the article below). The message of my “pastor’s article” for the months of October and November is one of “Bad News, Good News” as we take stock where we are at financially as a congregation. First the “Bad News”.

For the past two and a half years, we have been operating with a deficit. That is, funds received for the general operating fund, offerings, interest, facility usage, etc. have been less than operational expenses. The cumulative deficit is \$31,000 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes a \$5,600 increase in the church’s property insurance over the previous year. Because of bequests from the Kripps’ and Woods’ estates we have been able

to maintain a sufficient cash balance. However, should contributions continue to run \$5,000 a month behind budget, steps will need to be taken to reduce the deficit going into 2024.

Here is where your heart and financial commitment are needed in order to reduce the deficit and to allow for the ministries of the church in proclaiming the kingdom of God to continue.

I appeal to everyone to consider an additional contribution, or to begin making contributions for the work and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. This is the “Bad News”. Take to heart the stewardship emphasis this month and how you are a participant in the positive life-giving mission at Trinity. Next month I will share the “Good News” in that it is all worth it!

In Christ’s service,

*Pastor Robert*



### Your Church, Your Money, Your Lord!

In the month of October, the Stewardship Committee will be presenting three Temple Talks recognizing all of the gifts our gracious Lord has bestowed upon us and the many ways that each and every one of us can give back to the Lord with ourselves, our time and yes, our money. These talks will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. In the coming weeks, please take some time to pray and reflect in preparation for Consecration Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Commitment cards for 2024 will be sent out soon and will also be available during the service on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Just like last year, we are operating in a deficit. Anything additional that you might add to your pledge from this year would certainly be of great help!

**Join Us For  
TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH!  
OCTOBER'S DESTINATION:  
Ale Pie House  
3951 St. John's Ave.  
Jacksonville, FL 32205  
904-503-8000**

**Thursday October 26, 2023  
11:30am**

Sign up in the Hall of Memories

### Fall Sunday Morning Schedule –

- ❖ **Worship Services:**
  - reSource Contemporary worship – 9:00am
  - Traditional worship – 11:00am
- ❖ **Sunday School Educational time – 10:05am:**
  - Children’s Sunday School – Children’s worship center
  - Adult Takeaway – Cecil Poole Room
  - Discipleship Training – Upstairs Sunday School area



Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
**Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, October 8**  
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers

**Trinity Food Pantry Highlights**

With the weekly End of Route Truckload deliveries each Wednesday afternoon the Trinity Food Pantry is now open every Thursday and Friday. We received ~5,000 #s of food during September, 50% of the quantity received during August.

Here's a recap of activity for the 3 weeks open during August:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Sept. 7-8	169	474	17
Sept. 14	100	307	18
Sept. 21-22	167	489	19
Total	436	1,270	20

45 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during September including 20 from Dedicated Medical Senior Center, 6841 Blanding Blvd on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Current Schedule for October 2023:**

Oct.5 <sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM
Oct.12 <sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM
Oct.19 <sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> - 10AM-12PM
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> - 4PM-6PM	Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM

Donations of food are still needed as the quantity of food via the End of Route deliveries has declined. Also, the expected additional Saturday shifts has been abandoned due to little if any excess food and lack of volunteer interest.

**Love Offering**

The October Love Offering will go to Prisoners of Christ, who offer

**REENTRY AND TRANSITION SERVICES:**

Giving Every Person Their Very Best Opportunity at a True Second Chance

**Riverside Chorus Dinner Concert**

A Spaghetti Dinner Concert featuring the Riverside High School Chorus students returns on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a fund raiser in support of the chorus that gives individual chorus students the opportunity to showcase their talents along with singing by the choral ensembles. The Riverside Chorus is directed by Mr. Andrew Neaheer. Doors open for dinner at 5:30 pm., cost is \$10.00.

*Special Thanks*

Pastor Janis and I were overwhelmed by all the love, kind and uplifting words, gifts and cards, and the generous monetary gift shared with us by the people and friends of Trinity at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our ordination.

It was with great joy and appreciation to have the congregation come together to make the day truly a special celebration. We especially thank Rusty White for coordinating the anniversary celebration, Judy Hassler for decorating the Hall of Memories and everyone who was involved in this special day in our honor. We were and are truly blessed by your love and care for us as pastors. It is a joy and honor to serve at and with the people of Trinity.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Robert

**On the Calendar for October...**

- 10/2.....WELCA Board Meeting 11:00am
- 10/2-10/9.....Pastor Robert on Vacation
- 10/2 & 10/4.....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 10/4.....Choir Practice
- 10/4, 10/5, 10/7.....Music Together Class
- 10/5 & 10/6..... Food Pantry
- 10/8.....Blood Drive
- 10/9 .....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 10/11.....Choir Practice
- 10/11....Riverside High Chorus Concert/Spaghetti Dinner
- 10/11, 10/12, 10/14.....Music Together Class
- 10/12 & 10/13.....Food Pantry
- 10/16 & 10/18..... Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 10/18.....Choir Practice
- 10/18, 10/19, 10/21.....Music Together Class
- 10/19 & 10/20..... Food Pantry
- 10/20.....NFAN Special Event
- 10/23 & 10/25.....Riverside High Cheer Squad
- 10/25.....Choir Practice
- 10/25 & 10/26.....AARP Driving Class
- 10/25, 10/26, 10/28.....Music Together Class
- 10/26 & 10/27..... Food Pantry
- 10/27.....NFAN Luncheon
- 10/30.....Riverside High Cheer Squad



## Treasurer's Report August 2023

1/1/2023 to 8/31/2023

### Receipts

Actual	\$157,861
Budgeted	\$167,129
Actual-Budget	(\$9,268)

### Expenses

Actual	\$186,012
Budgeted	\$179,976
Actual-Budget	\$6,036

### Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$157,861
Total Expense	\$186,012

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### Riverside High Cheer Squad

The Riverside High Cheer Squad will begin using the Hall of Memories on most Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 5:00pm for practice. We are thankful to help support the High School in its activities.

### Choir News

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 10:30 am. The Choir needs YOU! See you there!

## FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS

Through August 2023, \$464,048 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. As of August 24, 2023, the loan to the Mission Investment Fund was paid in full. This was accomplished by using available debt service funds and with a loan from the Permanent Endowment Fund of \$290,000. The loan from the PE Fund is an interest only loan at 3.25%. Contributions to the Capital Campaign will be applied first to interest and then to the principal of the loan. Questions concerning the restructure of the Capital Campaign loan may be addressed to members of the Finance Team, Permanent Endowment Team, or of Council. Thank you to the everyone who has contributed to help make this project and campaign a success!

### 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>	Dean Winter
<b>Hostess:</b>	Rae Ettmyer
<b>Custodian:</b>	Scott Piersall

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

<b>President:</b>	Rusty White
<b>Vice President:</b>	Karen Kuebler
<b>Secretary:</b>	Judy Hassler
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Burney Pfaff

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pam Piersall	Judy Hassler	Don Howard
Geri Buchanan	Rusty White	Burney Pfaff
Gene Harvey	Karen Kuebler	Kyle Lind
	Sandra Bryant	