



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### VOICE OF TRINITY

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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ARISE,  
SHINE;  
FOR YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME,  
AND THE GLORY  
OF THE LORD  
HAS RISEN  
UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV



## From Our Pastor

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***“We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.”***

This often quoted, inspirational saying has been on my mind this Christmas and as I look to the New Year. Proverbs 27:1 says ***“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.”*** There are other scripture passages that give us warning and reassurance that we can never totally know or be in charge of what a new day, or week, or year may bring, but we can be assured that we can trust in the God, who is charge to carry us into the future. I have certainly been reminded of this during all the planning and “getting ready” for Christmas that invariably gets rearranged due to something unexpected and unplanned, such as, an illness, a change in circumstance, and even the death of a loved one.

Christmas and the New Year is a time where we often reflect on the past and ponder the year to come. We look back and put into perspective what has happened in our lives, in our family, in our community, and in the world and we ponder what the coming year may bring. Our Christmas letters and greetings are a testimony to this exercise of reflection and pondering.

Through it all we give thanks to God for God’s presence and love in the blessings of life and we look to the future with hope, trusting that by God’s Spirit we will be held – carried into the future of what will happen. And, I remind us, that our actions and decisions are all a part of what the future brings along with what happens that is not in our control.

As we go living into the year 2024, may we go together trusting in the one who “holds” the future, who gives us hope and peace.

*In Christ’s service,  
Pastor Robert*

Note: I personally thank you for all the blessings of this past year and for the love and greetings shared in cards and gifts at Christmas. I thank you again for the generous gifts in honor of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ordination and of the financial gift at Christmas shared by the staff and myself.

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### Welcome New Member

Welcome to Fred Schenk. Fred comes from Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and later Lexington Park, Maryland. Fred went to the Naval Academy and then into the United States Marine Corp., where he was a pilot/test pilot, until his retirement in 2021. He now works with United Airlines in their flight test group. The group does check flights after aircraft finish heavy maintenance. They also pick up new airplanes from the factory. Fred and his wife Joy have been married for 30 years. They enjoy cycling outdoors and spending time with family in Wisconsin and Northern Virginia.

## Births

**Athena Ashley Perez-Dueno**, November 11, 2023  
Parents: Alana Ronan and Alejandro Perez-Dueno

**Evelynn Davie Tuttle**, December 3, 2023  
Parents: Madelynn and Tommy Tuttle

**Ayden James Branch**, December 6, 2023  
Parents: Kylie Merritt and James Branch

**Congratulations and Blessings to these families!**

## Thank You

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,  
The Sankofa Club of Riverside High School thanks you for your contribution to our (and the local community's) annual sock drive. Your donation helped us raise nearly 800 pairs of socks for the unhoused population in our community. We are very grateful, and we wish your congregation a happy and safe holiday season.

-Sankofa Club of Riverside High School

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Pastor Robert and his family on the passing of his aunt, Helen Rhyne in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

## Choir News

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

## Council News

At the recent Congregational meeting Rebekah (Bekah) Alenduff was elected to serve for a three-year term on the Church Council. Also re-elected to serve a second term are Geri Buchanan and Rusty White.

## Quilters' News

Jesus charged the disciples to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth before He ascended into Heaven. You will soon see displays of beautiful quilts which have individual and creative designs of color and pattern and a variety of kits that have been put together. There is a kit that provides a starting point for babies and toddlers' needs, essential foundation supplies for school and health kits of basic hygiene care, all of which are put together with generous and loving hands and hearts. The need is still great for your ongoing gifts of time, talent or money so we can continue to send these essential items to the Lutheran World Relief. From there they will be sent to those in need both here and in the poorest parts of the world. Through them, hundreds of thousands of blessings reached neighbors locally and globally in 2023.

## Trinity Lunch Bunch

### JANUARY'S DESTINATION:

**Cedar River Seafood**  
**4453 Blanding Blvd.**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32210**  
**904-771-8922**

**Thursday January 25, 2023**  
**@ 11:30 am**

**Sign up in the Hall of Memories**





### Treasurer's Report November 2023

1/1/2023 to 11/30/2023

#### Receipts

Actual	\$224,806
Budgeted	\$229,391
Actual-Budget	(\$4,585)

#### Expenses

Actual	\$244,197
Budgeted	\$239,888
Actual-Budget	\$4,309

#### Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$224,806
Total Expense	\$244,197

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## Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Here's a recap of activity for the 3 weeks open to date during December 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	175	554	18
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	174	563	18
Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	176	550	19
Total	525	1,667	20

58 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during December.

#### Current Schedule for January 2024:

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – 4PM-6PM Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM  
Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - 4PM-6PM Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - 10AM-12PM  
Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - 4PM-6PM Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM

Donations of food are still very much appreciated. Again, thank you to Anheuser Busch which donated 50 Turkeys to Food Pantry. 10 Turkeys were shared with Needy students at Riverside High School while Families of 5 or more received Turkeys the two shifts before Christmas. Thanks to all for the donations of food and money to the Food Pantry during 2023.

#### 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>	

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

# January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quilters 9:00am	2 RSd BBall 5:00pm Writers 5:30pm	3 Choir 10:30am	4 F Pantry 4:00pm RSd BBall 5:00pm	5 FPantry 10:00am	6
7 reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	8 Quilters 9:00am RHigh Cheer 1:30	9 CEW 3:00pm RSd BBall 5:00pm Council 6:30pm	10 Choir 10:30am RHigh Cheer 1:30	11 CEW BBall 3:00 F Pantry 4:00pm RSd BBall 5:00pm	12 FPantry 10:00am	13
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