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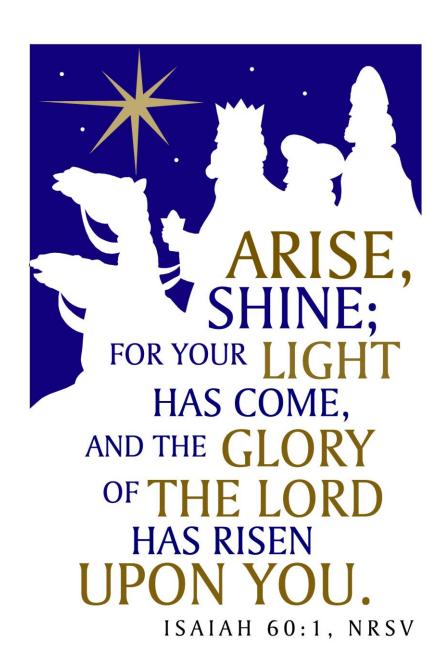
VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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From Our Pastor

"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 30th anniversary of our ordination and of the financial gift at Christmas shared by the staff and myself.

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.

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Births

<u>Athena Ashley Perez-Dueno</u>, November 11, 2023 Parents: Alana Ronan and Alejandro Perez-Dueno

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

<u>Ayden James Branch</u>, 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:

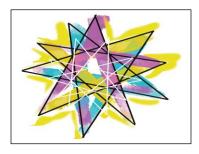
Cedar River Seafood 4453 Blanding Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32210 904-771-8922

Thursday January 25, 2023 @ 11:30 am

Sign up in the Hall of Memories



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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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Our mission:

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Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

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

Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
175	554	18
	563	18
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525	1,667	20
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58 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during December.

Current Schedule for January 2024:

Jan.4th – 4PM-6PM Jan. 5th – 10AM-12PM Jan.11th – 4PM-6PM Jan. 12th – 10AM-12PM Jan. 18th - 4PM-6PM Jan. 19th - 10AM-12PM Jan.25th - 4PM-6PM Jan. 26th – 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:

Pastor: Reverend Robert Kinley

Office Administrator:
Use York
Organist/Choir Director:
Core Ministry:
Custodian:
Lise York
Kim Bloomer
Dean Winter
Rae Ettmyer
Scott Piersall

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President:Rusty WhiteVice President:Karen KueblerSecretary:Judy Hassler

Treasurer:

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
	Quilters 9:00am	2 RSd BBall 5:00pm Writers 5:30pm	3 Choir 10:30am	F Pantry 4:00pm RSd BBall 5:00pm	5 FPantry 10:00am	6
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