

December 2023



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1415 McDuff Avenue, South
904-389-5341 phone

Jacksonville, Florida 32205
trinity4jax.org

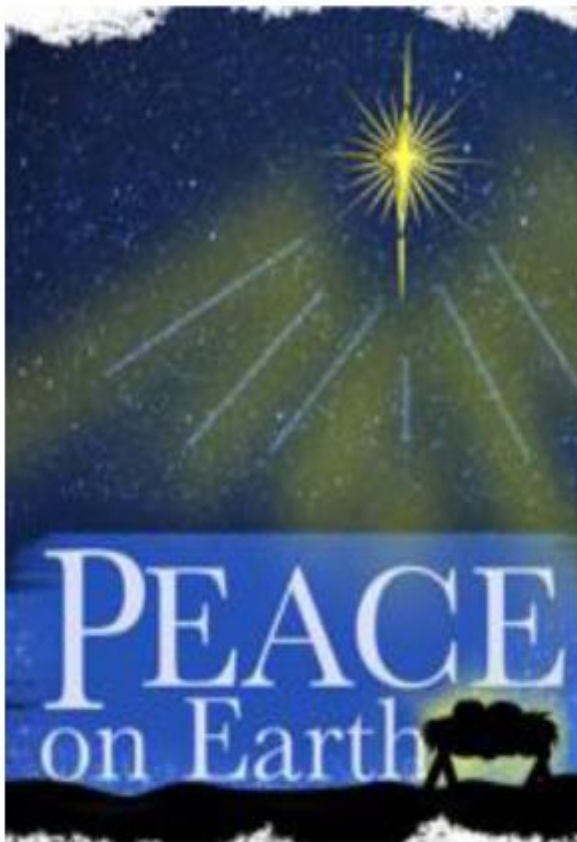
INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Peace on Earth	1
From Our Pastor	2
Sympathy	2
Kudos	2
December Schedule	3
Poinsettias	3
Luminaria	3
Children's Program	3
One Service Dec. 10	3
Lunch Bunch (January)	3
December Birthdays	3
Choir News	3
December Love Offering	3
December Worship	3
December Calendar	4
Church Preparations	5
Food Pantry Highlights	5
Thank You	5
Pop-Tops	5
Blood Drive	5
Choir News	5
December Love Offering	6
Women's Page	6
Treasurer's Report	6
Back Page	6



VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World



*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth
peace, goodwill among people.*

- Luke 2:14

From Our Pastor

From this Thanksgiving I share a few pictures of blessings.

The first (from the left) is of Pastor Janis and myself in front our "Blessing Tree" from Trinity's Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 19th. At that service we all shared the blessings in our lives at this time and from the past year. For me the blessings shared on a leaf are for the risen, living Jesus in my life, my wife (Pastor Janis), the church family at Trinity, and my family. The list could go on filling many more leaves.

The next two pictures show the blessings of you, Trinity's church family. One was taken again at the Service of Thanksgiving of the children's message. (Note: we also collected food for the Food Pantry that day and had a wonderful celebration luncheon. Thank you, Mark Baker for taking the picture!)

The other picture is from the 99th birthday party of our Trinity member, Martha Guillebeau on Saturday, November 25th. What a blessing of years of life! In these two pictures you see the range of the blessings of the "years of life" at Trinity. From younger people to parents and grandparents, all the way to oldest of our members. For you and God's Spirit in your lives and at Trinity, I am Thankful!

This Christmas may the blessings of Jesus Christ whose birth we again celebrate and who brings life and salvation to us and the world be with you and your families!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

"Merry Christmas"



Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Dr. Roy Schnauss, who passed into the Church Triumphant on Sunday, November 26th. A funeral service for Dr. Schnauss will be held on Saturday December 2nd at 11:00am with the entombment at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Kudos to our Trinity family – When the word was put out that the SANKOFA Club at Riverside High School was collecting socks for the 'unhoused', we stepped up, on very short notice, and collected socks! We contributed 14 packages of socks, totaling 192 pair, to their sock drive. That's a lot of warm happy feet this winter!

December Worship Schedule At Trinity

Sunday, December 10th – One service at 10:00 am followed by a congregational meeting.
9:00 am Children's Christmas Program Practice

Wednesday, December 20th – Children's Christmas Program at 6:00 pm in the Hall of Memories, followed by a Pot-Luck dinner (Bring a dish and/or dessert to share)

Sunday morning, December 24th – One service at 10:00 am; Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday evening, December 24th - Christmas Eve Family Service @ 5:30 pm; Music led by the Trinity Praise Band

Sunday evening, December 24th Christmas Eve Traditional Service @ 10:00 pm; Music led by the Trinity Choir
Pre-service music provided by players from the Jacksonville Symphony @ 9:30 pm

(Both Christmas Eve Services will have communion and candlelight carol singing)

Sunday, December 31st – One service at 10:00 am; First Sunday after Christmas; New Year's Eve

Poinsettias will be available again this year. You may order as many as you like in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be a beautiful addition to our altar area for our Christmas Eve services. They will be available for pickup after the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve service, and the cost remains the same at just \$9.00!

December 10 will be **Luminaria** Night in Riverside. We will need a few helping hands to prepare and put out the Luminarias on that evening. Please meet at the church at 5:00 pm if you can help.

Christmas Program

On Wednesday, December 20th the children will have their Children's Christmas Program. The program will begin at 6:00 pm in the Hall of Memories, and will be followed by a Pot-Luck dinner (Bring a dish and/or dessert to share)

There will be **ONE SERVICE** again on December 10, at 10:00 am, followed by a Congregation meeting to discuss the budget and any open positions on the Church Council and Permanent Endowment Fund Team. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

The Trinity Lunch Bunch returns!

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 *

December

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Food Pantry...10:00a m	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
reSource...9:00a m SSchool...10:05a m Traditional 11:00a	Quilters...9:00am RHgh Cheer1:30- 5:00pm	CEW Yoga.....3:00pm RSide Bball.....5:00pm WriterGroup.5:30	Choir.....10:30a m RHgh Cheer1:30- 5:00pm	CEW Bball.....3:00pm Food Pantry....4:00pm RSide BBall.....5:00pm	Food Pantry...10:00a m	Hanna Cir. Party... 12:00pm Square Dancers... 1:00p m
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Combined.10:00a Cong.Mtg.11:05a Blood Drive.9:00a	Quilters....9:00am RHgh Cheer1:30- 5:00pm	CEW Yoga.....3:00pm RSide Bball.....5:00p m	Choir.....10:30am RHgh Cheer1:30- 5:00pm	CEW Bball.....3:00pm Food Pantry....4:00pm RSide BBall.....5:00pm	Food Pantry...10:00a m NFAN.....11:30p m	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
reSource...9:00am SSchool...10:05a Traditional11:00a	Quilters....9:00am RHgh Cheer1:30- 5:00pm	Writer's Group.....5:30pm	Choir.....10:30am Children's Program...5:00p m	Food Pantry....4:00pm	Food Pantry...10:00a m	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Combined..10:00 a Family Service....5:30pm Traditional.10:00	Merry Christmas! Office Closed	Pastor Robert on vacation	Choir.....10:30a m Pastor Robert on	Food Pantry....4:00pm Pastor Robert on vacation	Food Pantry...10:00a m Pastor Robert on	Square Dancers... 1:00p m
31						
Combined Service...10:00a m						

Church Preparation for Advent and Christmas

Thank You to the Strasser/Lewis/Riley families for continuing a family tradition of putting up the Chrismon Tree and preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Participating in the preparations were: Clifton Strasser; Ryan & Sejla Strasser; Taylor & Jenny, Annabelle and William Strasser; Stacey Lewis, Cooper Lewis; Kelly Riley; Nancy Riley and daughter Nora; Mary Kate (Riley) & David and Dean Yazdiya. Also thank you to Linda Culverwell for her work in coordinating the altar guild for Advent and Christmas.

Thank you

Dear Church,
 You are a blessing to many people. Thank you for your support. Your help is reducing crime, keeping Jacksonville safer, restoring families and helping to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. God bless you.

Jeff Witt
 Prisoners of Christ

Blood Drive –

The Blood Mobile will be back on December 10, 9:00am – 2:30pm. Please consider giving this life-saving gift this season!

Trinity Community Food Pantry Highlights

Here's a recap of activity for the 3 weeks open during November 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Nov. 2 nd -3 rd	158	507	18
Nov. 9 th -10 th	183	565	18
Nov 16 th -17 th	174	528	19
Total	515	1,600	21

32 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Pantry during November. Students from Riverside High have become regular volunteers on Friday.

Current Schedule for December 2023:

Dec.7th – 4PM-6PM Dec. 8th – 10AM-12PM
 Dec.14th – 4PM-6PM Dec. 15th – 10AM-12PM
 Dec. 21st - 4PM-6PM Dec. 22nd - 10AM-12PM
 Dec.28th - 4PM-6PM Dec. 29th – 10AM-12PM

Donations of food are still very much appreciated. We picked up 910 lbs. of food from West Riverside Elementary, 2.5 times it's Food Drive in May. Thank you to Principal Taylor, the staff and students for this generous donation. Also, thank you to Anheuser Busch which donated 45 Turkeys to Food Pantry.

Please save your **soda can pop-tops** for James Bujold, son of Karen (Martin) Bujold. They serve a purpose in his therapy. Please drop them off at the church kitchen.

Choir News

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



Love Offering

The Love Offering for December is designated to benefit Trinity's Food Pantry.

October 2023

1/1/2023 to 10/31/2023

Receipts

Actual	\$196,897
Budgeted	\$208,637
Actual-Budget	(\$11,740)

Expenses

Actual	\$223,866
Budgeted	\$219,917
Actual-Budget	\$3,949

Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$196,897
Total Expense	\$223,866

A BIG Thank You to Rae Ettmyer and all the great helpers who made the Thanksgiving luncheon a wonderful event!



Women's Page...

In the past 25 years, the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA) through Lutheran World Relief have continued to spread God's love across the world in incredible ways! No matter how far away our "neighbor" lives, quilts and kits are reaching people in need and wrapping them in comfort, reassurance, hope and love. This is just one way we have been entrusted to be Christ's witnesses in the world through the tools and the means to do this work. By your compassion and caring, your donations to WELCA during the months of December and January can purchase supplies and provisions for health care, baby needs, schooling and sewing kits. Those and the quilts made by the quilters help us continue to be a blessing and ensure that the next generations know who God is, what He has done, what He can and will do and what He has said by these works of 'love in action'.

*We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.*

-Psalm 78:4

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.
1415 McDuff Ave., South
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Phone 904-389-5341
Email tlcjax@trinity4jax.org

Our Mission:

To Proclaim Jesus Christ to the World!

We're on the Web!
trinity4jax.org

CHURCH STAFF:

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

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President:	Rusty White
Vice President:	Karen Kuebler
Secretary:	Judy Hassler
Treasurer:	

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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