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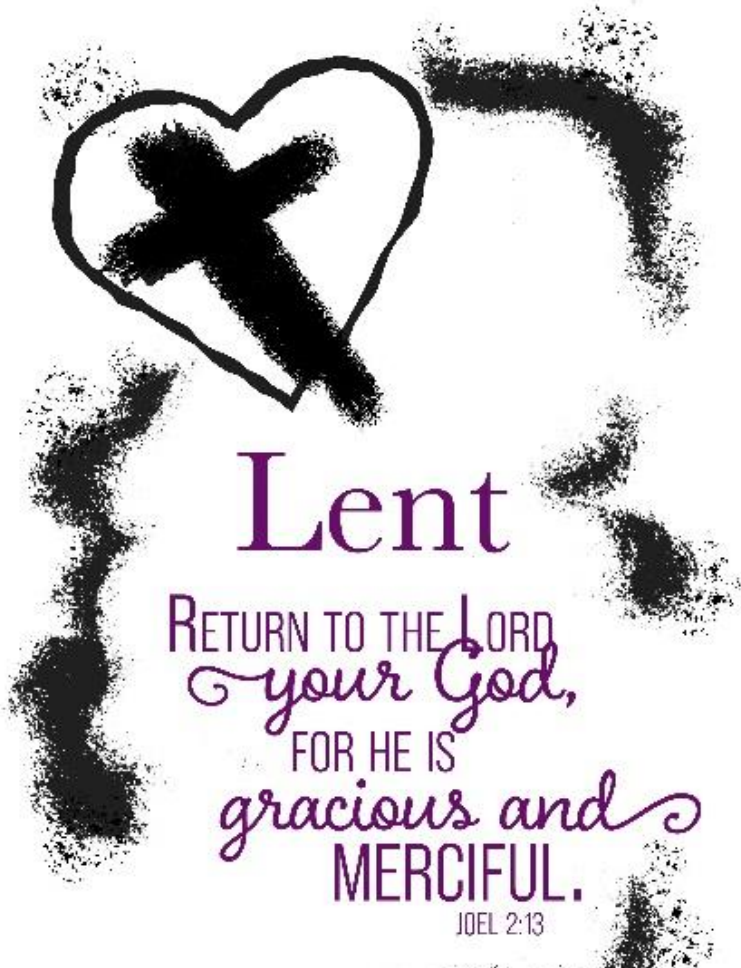
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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World



From Our Pastor

Guest writer for February's "Pastor's Article" is our former Pastor, Janis Kinley. May her thoughts on the Love of God in Christ inspire you as we begin this Lenten Season.

It's interesting that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are both on February 14th this year. Makes you think.



When I was a little girl in the 1940's (yes, do the math!), my grandmother taught me the old-fashioned way to deliver a Valentine's card. First, you make a pretty card out of red construction paper decorated with a white paper lace heart. Inside the card, write "I Love You," but do not sign your name. Next, go to the front door of the one you love, put the card on the doorstep, ring the doorbell, then run and hide. From your hiding place, watch the one you love find the card, open it, then look all around, their face shining with the question, "Who is this who loves me so much?"



"Who is this who loves me so much?" is the deep spiritual question of Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday, we kneel at the altar and receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads with these words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Why ashes? Why a cross? Ashes because sin, our enemy, separates us from God and makes us so weak and fallible that our life must end in death. A cross, because God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to save us from our sin and bring us to eternal life. So that love of God in Jesus Christ looks like this.



The cross inside a heart reminds us that although love is precious and beautiful, love always comes with a price. The price of love is suffering for the one you love. Their pain is your pain. The power of love is sacrifice for the sake of love. Easter is coming, when the cross of the Risen Christ announces the final Victory: God's Love is stronger than death.

On February 14, come to the altar, your face shining with your soul's question: "Who is This Who loves me so much?"

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 CEW BBall 3:00 F Pantry 4:00pm RSd BBall 5:00pm	2 Food Pantry 10:00am	3
4 One Service 10:00am Congregation Mtg 11:10am	5 Quilters 9:00am RHigh Cheer 1:30	6 CEW 3:00pm Writers 5:30pm	7 Choir 10:30am RHigh Cheer 1:30	8 CEW BBall 3:00 F Pantry 4:00pm	9 Food Pantry 10:00am	10
11 reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	12 Quilters 9:00am RHigh Cheer 1:30	13 Choir 10:30am LMF 11:00am Circle 11:00am CEW 3:00pm Council 6:30 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Dinner 5:30pm Service 6:45pm	15 CEW BBall 3:00 F Pantry 4:00pm	16 Food Pantry 10:00am	17
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Trinity Lutheran Church
Blood Drive
Sunday, February 18
 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m



Welcome New Members
 On December 31, 2023 we welcomed Dan and Maria Retter to membership with us at Trinity. The Rettters come to us from Arlington Virginia. They have seven children between them, 10 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Thank You
 I would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the Staff Christmas Gift. It was very much appreciated.
 Lise York



**One Service
and Congregational Meeting**

There will be one service at 10:00 am on Sunday, February 4th. We will be blessing Quilts, Health Care Kits, Baby Kits and School Kits that have been prepared by the women in the church and the Quilters for Lutheran World Relief. Following the service there will be a Congregational Meeting where we will receive the Annual Reports for 2023.

Council News

New Council member Rebekah (Bekah) Alenduff and returning members Geri Buchanan and Rusty White were installed into their positions during our reSource service on January 7, 2024

Choir News

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

Mark your calendar

February 14 will be Ash Wednesday. Soup and Salad Dinner will be from 5:30 - 6:30 pm followed by the Worship Service at 6:45 pm. Please sign up in the Hall of Memories if you will attend the dinner. Donations for the dinner will be accepted.

Trinity Lunch Bunch Schedule

February 22 –
Joseph’s Pizza
7316 Main St. N
Jacksonville, FL 32208
904-765-0335

May 23 –
Harp’s American Pub &
Grill
4070Herschel St
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-389-5631

March 21 -
Kaika’s Restaurant
1012-1 Margaret St.
(Corner of Post & Margaret)
Jacksonville, FL 32204
904-355-5168

June 27 –
Ale Pie House
3951 St. Johns Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-503-8000

April 25 –
Whitey’s Fish Camp
2032 County Rd. 220
Fleming Island, LF 32203
904-269-4198

July 25 –
Tupin Thai & Sushi
5907 Roosevelt Blvd #700
Jacksonville, FL 32244
904-503-0168

Remember to sign up in the
Hall of Memories

Call Kim with any changes:
904-635-9104

To Everyone at Trinity,

Thank you for your kindness, compliments, and generosity. You have all made me feel welcome and appreciated.
Sincerely,
Scott Piersall

Our Sympathy to:

Tom Culverwell and his family on the death of Tom’s brother Rick Culverwell. Rick lived in California.

Letha and Tim Sweat and Tim’s family on the death of his father, Terry Sweat. Terry passed away on January 10th.

The family of **Jeannie Ard**, who passed away on January 24, 2024. Jeannie was the sister of Kathy Koob and Larry Rebman.

I Love to Live the Story - Lenten Study

Do you know -

- what 20+C+M+B+24 means?
- why we call the Thursday before Easter “Maundy Thursday”?
- what the “seasons” of the church year are, anyway?

“I Love to Live the Story” will be the theme and basis of an informal Lenten Study and Lunch of five Wednesdays during Lent: February 21st and 28th, March 6th, 13th and 20th. The study/lunch will be held in the Cecil Poole Room starting at 12:30 pm and lasting for approximately an hour.

A light lunch will be provided – such as soup and salad or a casserole, etc. Folks will be asked to sign up to provide one of the lunches for a Wednesday. Come and join in the discussion and fellowship, to explore and celebrate living as a follower of Christ throughout the Christian Church Year.



New WELCA Officers –

On January 28, new officers were installed to fill the following positions:

Co:Leaders: Linda Culverwell
and Kathy Koob

Treasurer: Rae Ettmyer

Secretary: Karen Brown

Committees:

Christian Education: Mary Bollingberg
and Kathy Koob

Christian Service Outreach: Karen Brown
and Geri Buchanan

Church Reception Team: Kathy Koob
and Karen Hiers

Project/Task

Group Coordinator: Karen Hiers

Circles:

Hannah Circle Chairperson: Judy Hassler

Lydia Circle Chairperson: Pastor Janis

Just a reminder -

A budgetary decision was made awhile back that we will no longer be providing individual offering envelopes – but your offerings are still needed! Contributions can be made in the following ways:

- Place your cash or checks into the offering plate
- Use a pew envelope located in the back of the pew
- Mail a paper check to the church or bring to the office
- Use on-line banking
- Go to Trinity4jax.org and click on the donate button



Treasurer's Report December 2023

1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

Receipts

Actual	\$246,813
Budgeted	\$250,155
Actual-Budget	(\$3,342)

Expenses

Actual	\$265,200
Budgeted	\$259,897
Actual-Budget	\$5,303

Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$246,813
Total Expense	\$265,200

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Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

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

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Jan. 4 th - 5 th	135	376	22
Jan. 11 th - 12 th	188	589	22
Jan. 18 th - 19 th	198	622	22
Jan. 25 th – 26 th	230	731	27
Total	751	2,318	27

The 751 Families provided food during the month compares to 256 Families last year, almost triple the total! 49 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during December.

Current Schedule for February 2024:

Feb.1 st – 4PM-6PM	Feb. 2 nd – 10AM-12PM
Jan.8 th – 4PM-6PM	Feb 9 th – 10AM-12PM
Feb.15 th - 4PM-6PM	Feb.16 th - 10AM-12PM
Feb.22 nd - 4PM-6PM	Feb.23 rd – 10AM-12PM
Feb.29 th - 4PM-6PM	Mar. 1 st – 10AM-12PM

Thanks again to all those who volunteered time and donated food and money to the Food Pantry during 2023, continuing in 2024. Books and magazine donations are also requested as patrons quickly select those available for their use and enjoyment.

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
	Bekah Alenduff	