

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

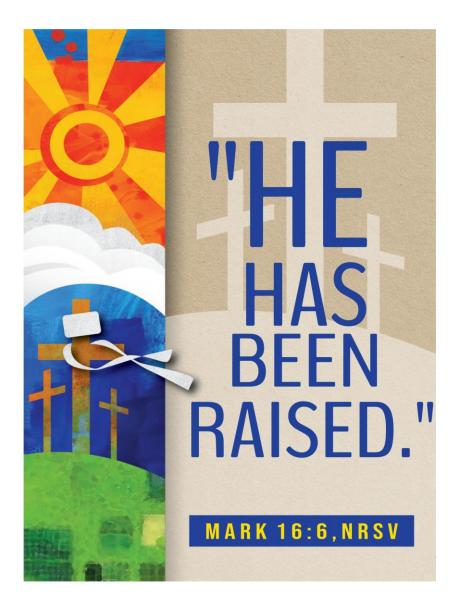
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From Our Pastor

Pastor Janis has a friend who now lives near Kalispell, Montana. She posted a picture on Facebook of the scene looking out a window at her home of the open range with the mountains in background. The landscape and mountains were dusted with snow. One could tell it was a blustery day with the snow blowing around. In her post she said, "The weather today has been nasty. It was a perfect day to organize seeds and place orders for the rest of the veggies I want to plant this year." The post also included a picture with colorful packs of seeds of vegetables and herbs from peas, tomatoes, beets, pumpkins, Swiss chard to dill and thyme.

In simply looking out the window of Pastor Janis' friend's home, it can be hard to imagine that in just a few months' time there will be new life in a garden with a variety plants and vegetables growing and yielding produce. But in faith this friend has hope for the garden, even though the freezing, snowy, barren landscape would appear otherwise. Out of the dead and desolation of winter, spring and new life comes.

When Jesus was nearing the time of his death on the cross and the grave, he would say,

"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

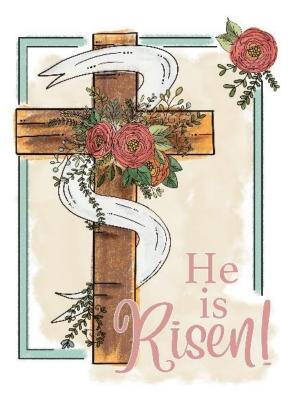
(John 12:24-26 NRSV)

Just as there are seasons of the year that bring death and life, we have seasons in our lives. There are times of "nasty" struggles, desolation and even death. But out of the dead of winter comes new life!

Through these days of March as we journey through this Lenten season with Jesus to the cross and to his death may we see in the new growth of the blooming spring all around us the hope of life in faith that comes in following Jesus Christ. Christ who died for our sake on the cross and who was raised from the grave gives us life now and everlasting in the Resurrection!

I remind us that Easter is Sunday, March 31st!

In Christ's service, Pastor Robert



March

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	4 Quilters 9:00am	5 CEW 3:oopm	6 Choir 10:30am Lenten Study 12:30pm	7 F Pantry 4:00pm	8 CEW Play Day8:30-2:30 Food Pantry 10:00am	9
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24 Palm Sunday reSource 9:00am SScool 10:05am Traditional 11:00am	25 Quilters 9:00am	26 Writers 5:30pm	27 Choir 10:30am	28 F Pantry 4:00pm Maundy Thurs 7:00pm	29 Food Pantry 10:00am Good Friday 7:0pm	30 Easter Prayer Vigil 8:00am – 5:00pm
31 Easter Sunday reSource 8:30am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Egg Hunt 10:15am Trad Svc 11:00am						



Trinity Lunch Bunch Schedule

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

<u>April 25</u> – Whitey's Fish Camp 2032 County Rd. 220 Fleming Island, LF 32203 904-269-4198

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

Remember to sign up in the Hall of Memories.

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

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

Call Kim with any changes: 904-635-9104



Our Sympathy:

To **Rusty White** and his family upon the passing of his father, James T. White. Jim, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville, passed away on February 23, 2024, at 91 years old.

And to **Naomi Kline** and her family upon the death of her brother Neal Paulson. Neal died in Friday, February 23 at his home in Macclenny Florida. He was 80 years of age.

Belated Thanks!

Much love and thanks for the overwhelming monetary gift that was so surprising and generously given to the staff from the congregation at Christmas. Very, very grateful and thankful for everyone's generosity. It means so much to us that we are recognized for our efforts throughout the year and always. Forgive the lateness in this observance of your love.

Peace,

Kim

To the unknown sender of a

card to Karen Brown letting me know the person was praying for me during this Lenten Season, your gesture of unexpected kindness touched my heart and will be with me...as my prayers for you. Thank you!

Choir News

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

<u>Holy Week</u>

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM March 29 - Good Friday Worship 7:00 PM March 30 - Saturday Prayer Vigil 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

<u> March 31 - Easter Morning Schedule</u>

reSource Worship Service	8:30 AM
Easter Breakfast	9:30 AM
Children's Egg Hunt	10:15 AM
Traditional Worship Service	11:00 AM

The **Easter Prayer Vigil** is an opportunity to come to the sanctuary for a time of meditation and prayer on the Saturday of Holy Week, March 30, 2024. You may sign up for one hour time slots.

CEW Play Days

Do you like to be with kids and to help them play? The CEW Play Days (Field Days) are coming up in March. Volunteers are needed to help run activity stations for the Play Days at each of the elementary schools from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm (or for a half day). The dates are:

Friday – March 8th – West Riverside Tuesday – March 12th – Fishweir Thursday – March 14th – Central Riverside

I Love to Live the Story – It's not too late to join in the Lenten Lunch/Study on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. Remaining dates are March 6, 13 and 20. Find answers to many of your Church-Year questions. A light lunch will be served as part of this informal study. No need to sign up for the study, just show up! If you wish to provide a lunch to serve 12-15 people for one of the weeks, you may sign up through the church office. Lunches may be a soup, salad, casserole, or something easily shared.

Bloomin' Flowers for Easter

It has been Trinity's tradition to have potted plants with blooming flowers brought and donated to the church to adorn the altar area for Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate a potted plant please bring them to the church during Holy Week and leave them in the Cecil Poole Room.

From the Quilters:

The quilters are in need of fabric to use in making the quilts. If anyone has any fabric to donate to our cause, please let us know or bring it to the church. Preferred: Cotton or Cotton/Poly blend. Can not use microfiber.



Community Egg Hunt and Activity Day

Tentative plans are being made for a community-wide day of fun at Trinity!

On Saturday, March 23, from 10:00am – 2:00 pm, there will be Fun Games and Food for children and families. Watch for updates!

Note: Trinity will also have its children's Egg Hunt on Easter morning.



Set them FORWARD on Sunday, March 10, 2024! Yes, we lose an hour.

Treasurer's Report January 2024

1/1/2024 to 1/31/2024

Receipts		
Actual	\$33,350	
Budgeted	\$21,536	
Actual-Budget	\$11,014	
Expenses		
Actual	\$18,201	
Budgeted	\$19,637	
Actual-Budget	(\$1,436)	
Year-To-Date		
Total Income	\$33,350	
Total Expense	\$18,201	

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Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Here's a recap of activity for the 4 weeks open to date during February 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Feb. 1 st – 2 nd	210	678	22
Feb. 8 th - 9 th	210	650	22
Feb.15 th - 16 th	239	809	25
Feb.22 nd - 23 rd	^d 231	667	25
Total	890	2,764	25

The 890 Families provided food during the month compares to 270 Families last year, almost triple the total! 49 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during December.

Current Schedule for January 2024:

Feb.29 th – 4PM-6PM	Mar. 1 st – 10AM-12PM
Mar. 7 th – 4PM-6PM	Mar. 8 th – 10AM-12PM
Mar.14 th - 4PM-6PM	Mar.15 th - 10AM-12PM
Mar.21 st - 4PM-6PM	Mar.22 nd – 10AM-12PM
Mar.28 th - 4PM-6PM	Mar. 29 th – 10AM-12PM

Thanks again to all those who volunteered their precious time and donated food and money to the Food Pantry. Special thanks to the Avondale United Methodist Church Adult Sunday School class for their donation of \$1,000.00 and the donation from the Riverside Park United Methodist Church First Friday Luncheon on February 2nd that I was the guest speaker at. Books and magazine donations are also requested as patrons quickly select those available for their use and enjoyment.

<u>CHURCH STAFF</u>:

Pastor: Office Administrator: Organist/Choir Director: Director of reSource Ministry: Hostess: Custodian:

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President: Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer:

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