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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone



OCTOBER

From Our Pastor

It is with a bitter-sweet feeling to now have announced my retirement from parish ministry and as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. After twenty-three years of serving as your pastor we have become an integral part of one another's lives. Truly family, as we have shared in the joys and blessings of life and have faced the challenges and hardships of life together. We have laughed and cried together. We have mourned the loss of loved ones who are no longer with us. We have suffered and endured the pains and illnesses of life. We have rejoiced and celebrated the joys new life and as we have grown together in faith and in the grace and love of God in Christ Jesus. We have endured and ministered to one another, to the community and to the world through times such as 911 and COVID-19, numerous hurricanes and storms and more. All along the way God's Spirit has journeyed, led, and guided us as the body of Christ through the blessings and the disappointments of all these years together. Pastor Janis and I trust in and pray for the Spirit's continued strength and guidance to lead you in all the years to come for Trinity Lutheran Church.

In the next five months there will be much work to be done together to prepare for my departure and for the leadership of an interim pastor. Following my departure, in consultation with the Church Council an interim pastor will be assigned by the Synod to provide pastoral ministry and leadership as the Council and congregation transitions to the calling of Trinity's next pastor. There will be much to look forward to as the congregation will also be preparing to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Trinity (October 2026) and in looking to the possibilities of mission and ministry for the next one hundred years.

Through this time, remember that Christ will be journeying with you. After all, Trinity is Christ's church! Call on the Spirit to guide you! Be open to new possibilities of ministering and in sharing the love of Christ in the community and the world. Pastor Janis and I, while we no longer will be around the facility of Trinity, we will certainly be keeping Trinity in our thoughts and prayers. God's grace and peace be with us in the months to come and with you as the people of God, Trinity Lutheran Church, for the many years to come.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6 NRSV)

Lutheranism 101 Class

The next Lutheranism 101 class will be on Sunday afternoon October 6th from 5:00-6:30pm. The class is open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Lutheran church denomination possibly joining as members of Trinity. Please speak to Pastor Robert if you are interested in the class.

Interested in joining Trinity?

Pastor Robert is looking to receive new members into the fellowship of Trinity this fall. New members are received either by letter of transfer from their previous congregation of membership or by the affirmation of baptism. If you may be interested in joining Trinity as a member, please speak to Pastor Robert.

October

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Choir 10:30am CEW 3:00-5:00pm	2	3 CEW 3-5pm Food Pantry 4-6pm	4 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	5
6 reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am Lutheranism 101 5:00pm	7 Quilters 9:00am	8 Choir 10:30am Hannah Circle 12:00pm CEW 3:00-5:00pm Writer's Group 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm	9	10 CEW 3-5pm Food Pantry 4-6pm	11 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	12
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Fall Worship and Sunday School Schedule

We have resumed our regular Sunday morning schedule and Trinity's educational programs in between the worship services:

9:00am – reSource Contemporary Worship Service

10:10am – Children's Sunday School
Discipleship Training
Adult Takeaway

11:00am – Traditional Worship Service
(Please be advised that this schedule may be subject to change due to special events and staff personal issues.)

Discipleship Training is instruction in the Christian faith and the Lutheran Church for middle school students grades sixth and up. This instruction is for young people in preparation for the public Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) and becoming a full voting member at Trinity. However, all middle school students are invited to attend. Pam Piersall instructs the Discipleship Training class which meets upstairs in the Children's area. Classes begin on **Sunday, September 15th**.

Thrivent

We are partnering with the Exchange Club of Jacksonville and are co-hosting a shoe drive! Please gather your gently worn used shoes or new shoes and drop them off at the church. This is a great time to clean out our closets of those shoes that either don't fit right, or it has been years since you last wore them. We are accepting donations of men's, women's and children's shoes from September 1st – October 31st 2024. We kindly ask that the shoes are tied together if they have shoelaces. These shoes then will be shipped globally to 24 countries to be given a second chance of life. It's a WIN Win!

Trinity Lunch Bunch

October's Destination:

Olive Garden
6050 Youngerman Circle
Orange Park, FL 32244
904-777-9827

October 24, 2024 – 11:30am

*Remember to sign up in the Hall of Memories.

*Call Kim with any changes: 904-635-9104

Adult Takeaway is an open session that studies and discusses the Sunday's scripture readings. It is lay led and coordinated by Pastor Janis. It meets in the Cecil Poole Room located down the back hallway behind the Kitchen. Anyone is invited to join in the discussion. Sessions will begin on **Sunday, September 15th**.

Lutheran Social Services sends their heartfelt thanks for our June Love Offering of \$195. President Bill Brim writes "Pastor Robert, your continuing support for the LSS Mission is such a blessing to our community. Thank you!"

Ushers/Greeters and Worship

Assistants are needed for the Traditional worship service. Pastor Robert is recruiting and scheduling individuals and families to serve in these positions.

Training in the responsibilities is given by Pastor Robert or other team members. A Coordinator for the Usher/Greeter and Worship Assistants is needed to ensure coverage is available each Sunday. If this is a way you may be interested in serving, please speak to Pastor Robert.

Welcome New Members!

Today we welcome into the membership at Trinity, Lisa Montalchi and Jose Gonzalez by transfer of membership from Trinity Lutheran in Pembroke Pines, FL. Lisa is originally from Hoboken, New Jersey. Jose was born and grew up in Puerto Rico. Lisa and Jose have been married for ten years, though they have known each other from living in New Jersey. They have moved to Jacksonville to be close to one of her daughters.

Both Lisa and Jose were very active at Trinity in Pembroke Pines, where she has served as congregational president. They both have served in many ministry capacities, including as ushers, greeters, communion and worship assistants, maintenance, feeding ministry, justice ministry, Reconciling in Christ team and more. Lisa has served as a synodical parish deacon and currently serves on the synod parish deacon oversight committee. She has also served in WELCA and sang in the choir. They look forward to being involved at Trinity in Jacksonville and to also become part of ICARE here in Jacksonville.

They are animal lovers and have several cats in addition to her service dog Pastina.

Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW)

after-school programs of Yoga and Boys' Basketball has resumed.

Tuesday, September 10th (Yoga for 3rd – 5th grades); and

Thursday, September 12th (Boys' Basketball for 4th & 5th grades)

Students from Fishweir, West Riverside and Central Riverside Elementary schools participate in the CEW program. CEW is open to children of the congregation in the age range.

Help in providing snacks and being present at the church for Berni Tomaszewski, Pastor Robert and Mark Baker is welcomed. Please speak to one of them to learn more about CEW and to volunteer.

The Daily Devotional - Word in Season

for October through December are available in the Narthex.

Choir News

The Choir practices on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. All are welcome!



The Love Offering

for October will go to support **Prisoners of Christ**.

Treasurer's Report August 2024

1/1/2024 to 8/31/2024

Receipts

Actual	\$186,326
Budgeted	\$173,739
Actual-Budget	\$12,587

Expenses

Actual	\$174,850
Budgeted	\$182,893
Actual-Budget	(\$8,043)

Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$186,326
Total Expense	\$174,850
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$11,476

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Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Here's a recap of activity for September 2024 through September 20th

	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Sept. 5th – 6th	225	689	25
Sept. 12th- 13th	224	740	25
Sept. 19th- 20th	239	723	20
Total	698	2,152	22

Given we will be distributing food on September 26th-27th we will provide food to approximately 925 families during this 4-week month.

49 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during September.

Current Schedule for September 2024:

Oct. 3rd - 4PM-6PM Oct. 4th - 10AM-12PM
 Oct. 10th - 4PM-6PM Oct. 11th – 10AM-12PM
 Oct. 17th - 4PM-6PM Oct. 18th – 10AM-12PM
 Sept. 24th - 4PM-6PM Oct 25th – 10AM-12PM

Thank you to all of the Trinity Members that have Volunteered time and voluntarily donated food and money to the food pantry. Special thanks this month to Lise Dabney, Distribution Manager at Community Health Outreach (CHO); CHO team continues to share excess food.

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	Bekah Alenduff
Geri Buchanan	Rusty White	Sandra Bryant
Gene Harvey	Karen Kuebler	Kyle Lind