

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# **VOICE OF TRINITY** *Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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FOR HE IS GOOD. PSALM 107:1, NIV

# **From Our Pastor**



# November's Pastor's Article is an invitation to Thanksgiving Worship written by Pastor Janis

Come to Thanksgiving Worship, and waiting for you is a basket full of colorful fall leaves, each cut out by hand from construction paper. Pick up one or two leaves—and from the basket next to it, pick up a pen to write with.

Now come and join your brothers and sisters in Christ in worship with songs and prayers of gratitude to God. Even in the worst of times, when we're together in the Lord, memories of His grace and blessings fill our hearts.

In front of the altar, standing tall, is a rugged wooden cross; the sign of our Savior's love for us. Stark, barren branches extend from the cross at all angles. Waiting.

Now it is time. Quiet music plays as we each fill our paper leaves, writing our thanks to God. Then, in Holy Silence, we walk down the aisle towards to the Lord's cross, each of us bearing witness to the gifts we have received from His Hand.

Leaf by leaf, the empty cross and its barren branches come alive with the power of Holy Love, freely given and gratefully received.

The colors are so bright, the tree, as if in full bloom, shines. It is a beautiful thing.

Thanksgiving Worship at Trinity Sunday, November 24, 2024 10:00 am Thanksgiving Luncheon to follow, bring a dish to share.

#### **Thanksgiving Lunch at Trinity**

On **Sunday**, **November 24**<sup>th</sup> there will not be Children's Sunday School, Discipleship Training or the Adult Takeaway. The church will provide ham, rolls, and drinks. Bring a dish and/or dessert to share! **Also, bring canned food items for the Food Pantry.** Come and enjoy the fellowship with one another. Invite a friend!

**<u>Pastor Robert</u>** will be out-of-commission for a couple of weeks as he will be having knee replacement on Wednesday, November 13.

# November

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Food Pantry 10am-12pm Sq Dancers 5-11pm	2 Sq Dancers 10am-0pm
3 reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	4 Quilters 9:00am RPC BB 5:00pm	5 Choir 10:30am CEW 3:00-5:00pm	6	7 CEW 3-5pm Food Pantry 4-6pm	8 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	9 Private Party 12-8pm
10 COMMITMENT SUNDAY reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	11 Quilters 9:00am RPC BB 5:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm	12 Choir 10:30am Hannah Circle 12:00pm CEW 3:00-5:00pm RPC BB 5:00pm	13	14 CEW 3-5pm Food Pantry 4-6pm RPC BB 5:00pm	15 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	16 Via de Cristo Ultreya 12:00pm
17 BLOOD DRIVE reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	18 Quilters 9:00am RPC BB 5:00pm	19 Choir 10:30am CEW 3:00-5:00pm Writer's Group 5:30pm RPC BB 5:00pm	20 AARP Driving Class 9:00am	21 AARP Driving Class 9:00am Lunch Bunch 11:30am CEW 3-5pm Food Pantry 4-6pm RPC BB 5:00pm	22 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	23 Contra Dance 6:00-11:00pm
24 Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon 10:00am	25 Quilters 9:00am	26 Choir 10:30am	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY Colors Comm Luncheon 2:00pm	29 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	30

# Choir News

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

#### The Daily Devotional - Word in Season

for October through December are available in the Narthex.



# Feeding the Body of Christ

Stewardship season is once again upon us as we look ahead to our 99<sup>th</sup> year as the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church. Later this month, the Stewardship Committee will be presenting three Temple Talks discussing the many ways that we can "Feed the Body of Christ" with ourselves, our time, and our possessions. These talks will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. In the coming weeks, please take some time to pray and reflect in preparation for Consecration Sunday on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Commitment cards for 2025 will be sent out soon and will also be available during the service on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Trinity Lunch Bunch**

#### November's Destination:

Lillian's Sports Grill 5393 Roosevelt Blvd # 6 Jacksonville, FL 32210 904-388-4220 November 21, 2024 – 11:30am \*Remember to sign up in the Hall of Memories. \*Call Kim with any changes: 904-635-9104

#### Looking Ahead to December and Christmas at Trinity:

Sunday, December 15 – One Worship Service at 10:00am Followed by Congregational Meeting
Christmas Eve:

5:30pm - Family Christmas Eve service. Music by the Praise Band
9:00pm – Traditional Christmas Eve service. Featuring pre-service music by players from the Jacksonville Symphony starting at 8:30pm.

Both services will have communion and candlelight carols.
Sunday, December 29 – One Worship Service at 10:00am Service of Lessons and Carols of Jesus' Childhood.

#### Facility Usage:

The Riverside Presbyterian Basketball League will again be using the Hall of Memories on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening beginning on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Practices for the youth teams will continue through January 2025.

## November Thrivent Events

#### "Wicked" Movie Private Screening

Saturday, November 30 – 3:00pm, Regal Avenues 20 Movie Theater

9525 Philips Hwy.

Must RSVP ahead to Jennifer Johnson to save seat. Limited number of seats.

Donation of a new toy for LSS Refugee children is ask of each attendee.

Donations are to be dropped off and tickets picked up ahead of time at the First Coast Thrivent Group Office. See details on flyer posted in Hall of Memories

#### The 5 Love Languages

Event with Dr. Gary Chapman, hosted by the Southeast Thrivent Member Network. Friday, November 22nd – 7:00pm Grace Lutheran Church, 12200McCormick Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32225 Food donation to the Arlington Food Bank is requested for ticket. See QR code on flyer posted in Hall of Memories to register.

#### We Extend Our Christian Sympathy to:

Earl Delbaugh and family upon the death of Earl's spouse, Kimball Perry who died on Wednesday, September 25th.

The family of Gavin Mickley who died on October 15, 2024. Gavin was a baptized member of Trinity. He was twenty-six years old.

Berni Tomaszewski and family upon the death of her mother, Joan Baxter, who died on Tuesday, October 22nd.

#### Congratulations:

To JonCarl Smedberg and Veronica Ortic Montero who were married on October 4, 2024 at a backyard ceremony at the Smedberg home.

#### Let's Go to the Movies!

**What -** Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin \*this movie is based on the life of Lutheran Pastor Derrick Bonhoeffer, who famously worked with the Nazi resistance during WWII

When - Saturday, Nov. 23 at 4:15 PM

**Where -** AMC Orange Park You can visit the link below to purchase tickets. This is a smaller theater so make sure to get yours before it's sold out.

https://www.amctheatres.com/movietheatres/jacksonville/amc-orange-park-24

#### Rainbow Thanksgiving

LGBTQIA+ friends and allies are invited to gather for a Thanksgiving meal. 2:00pm – Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Must reserve seat by November 22. Limited to the first 100 people. Event sponsored by COLORS Community Center of Jacksonville. See details on flyer posted in the Hall of Memories.

# The Love Offering

for November will go to support the American Lung Association.

#### Treasurer's Report September 2024

1/1/2024 to 9/30/2024

#### **Receipts**

Actual	\$205,164					
Budgeted	\$195,268					
Actual-Budget	\$9,896					
Expenses						
Actual	\$193,496					
Budgeted	\$202,500					
Actual-Budget	(\$9,004)					
Year-To-Date						
Total Income	\$205,164					
Total Expense	\$193,496					

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#### Our Mission:

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# **Trinity Food Pantry Highlights**

Here's a recap of activity for October 2024 through October 25th

Patrons Family Members # of Zip Codes							
Oct. 3rd – 4th	218	676	27				
Oct. 10th- 11th Closed – No Food Delivery from Feeding NEFL							
Oct. 17th – 18th	236	766	21				
Oct. 24th - 25th	256	802	21				
Total	710	2,244	27				

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

Current Schedule for November 2024: Oct. 31st - 4PM-6PM Nov. 1st - 10AM-12PM Nov. 7th - 4PM-6PM Nov. 8th - 10AM-12PM Nov. 14th - 4PM-6PM Nov.15th - 10AM-12PM Nov. 21st - 4PM-6PM Nov.22nd - 10AM-12PM Nov. 28th Closed Nov. 29th - 10AM-12PM

Thank you to all of the Trinity Members that have Volunteered time and voluntarily donated food and money to the food pantry. Please keep volunteers Roxanne Daniels and Kathi Newton in your thoughts and prayers as they are going to experience upcoming medical procedures.

#### **CHURCH STAFF**:

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

#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:**

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

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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