



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## VOICE OF TRINITY

*Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World*

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## From Our Pastor

### “Out with the Old, in with the New!”

This is a familiar saying for the beginning of a New Year. I feel like I have been living this saying quite literally for the last half of 2024 and the start of 2025. With refurbished and new body parts, I am ready to move forward into the new year. The healing process has been slow and steady and through this time of waiting, I have certainly had to call on God’s grace to give me strength and patience. I am reminded often of the opening line of the contemporary praise song titled “Everlasting God”, that exclaims; “*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord...*” (Chris Tomlin 2006, composers Brenton Brown and Ken Riley).

The new year 2025 will bring new transitions and new beginnings for Trinity and life changes for me as I retire from ministry at Trinity. Though it is bitter sweet to be stepping down as pastor at Trinity, I am very hopeful for the future for the ministry at Trinity. This will be a wonderful time to seek new visions and to try new ways of ministering in the community to “Proclaim Jesus Christ to the World.”

There will be plenty of work in these next two months of transition and in the interim time before the congregation calls a new pastor. I pray for God’s strength to rise in us as we “wait” upon the Lord through all the transitions that are to come. May we boldly and faithfully forge into the new year 2025 with God’s strength and guidance going with us.

***“I (we) can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13 KJV)***



### *Changes to Council and Permanent Endowment*

We welcome new Church Council members Rebecca Kruck and Dan Retter beginning in 2025. Dan will also be stepping in as a new member on the Permanent Endowment Team. We thank Judy Hassler for her years of service on the Council and as the Council Secretary.

### *Choir News*

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

### *The Love Offering*

The January Love Offering will go to support the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response for continued support for hurricane relief.

### The Daily Devotional - Word in Season

for January through March are available in the Narthex.

# January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
				FP 4-6pm	FP 10am-12pm	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
reSource 9:00am Sunday School 10:05 Traditional Service 11:00am	Quilters 9am RPC BBall 5pm	Choir 10:30am CEW Yoga 3pm RPC BBall 5pm Writers Group 5:30pm		CEW BBall 3pm FP 4-6pm RPC BBall 5pm	FP 10am-12pm	
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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## *Advent and Christmas Season Thank Yous*

**Many Thanks to the following who again made the Advent and Christmas seasons a blessing of fellowship and worship...**

Pam and Scott Piersall, Pam's mother Virginia, and to Rusty White for gathering the materials, preparing and putting out the Luminarias at the church for the annual Riverside-Avondale Luminaria night on Sunday evening December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Bates family descendants for again putting up the Chrismon Tree and decoration the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Helping were Taylor and Jenny, Annabelle and William Strasser; Ryan and Sejla Strasser; Clifton Strasser; Stacey and Allen Lewis and Evan. Nancy Riley and Nora. What a blessing!

Rebecca Kruck, Berni Tomaszewski and Karen Kuebler and to all the parents, youth and children for organizing, helping and participating in this year's Children's Christmas Program on Wednesday evening December 18<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Judy Hassler for decorating the Hall of Memories and to Rae Ettmyer and the Women of Trinity who helped organize and clean-up for the pot-luck dinner.

Kim Bloomer and the Choir for the beautiful music on Christmas Eve for the 9:00pm service. We thank Jorge Pena and friends from the Jacksonville Symphony, and Neal Harrelson, Tenor, for providing special music.

All those who provided funding for the Christmas Eve special music.

Dean Winter and the Praise Band for the wonderful music for the Christmas Eve 5:30pm family service.

Linda Culverwell for videoing the worship services throughout this past year and for all her work in organizing and preparing the altar for the worship services. Many thanks to all who have helped with the altar set-up and clean-up for Christmas and throughout the year.

The Ushers who are participating in the worship service on Sunday mornings and for Christmas Eve.

Ray Ettmyer for setting up the beautiful display of Poinsettias for Christmas Eve.

## Trinity Lunch Bunch

**JANUARY'S DESTINATION:**  
Kaika Asian Fusion Restaurant  
1012-1 Margaret Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32204  
904-355-5168

**Thursday January 23, 2025  
11:30 am**

\*Sign up in the Hall of Memories.

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



**Pastor Robert's Retirement**

As we move closer to Pastor Robert's retirement, we would like to create a memory book for him.

We are looking for anything we can include in the book – photos, articles, memories. If you have anything, please submit it via email to [MarieLouiseRetter@gmail.com](mailto:MarieLouiseRetter@gmail.com), or schedule a phone interview with Maria at (703) 760-5050. The submission deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>.



**I want to thank everyone** for the generous gift you give to the staff each Christmas. They are so appreciated and enjoyed. We realize these gifts come from Love and thank you for each and every one of you. A big shout out to my choir for the hard work they put into making Christmas Eve so very special. Peace, Kim

**Thank you from Pastor Robert**

"Thank you so much for all the cards and gifts at Christmas that Pastor Janis and I received. Also, thank you for the monetary gift given through the Staff Gift donations."

**COMING IN FEBRUARY**

**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:**

February 9, **One worship service 10:00am** – Guest Pastor and Celebrant: Bishop Pedro Suarez, Florida- Bahamas Synod

February 23, **One worship service 10:00am** – Pastor Robert's last service at Trinity

*Thank you* to everyone for this year's Staff Gift. It is, as always, very much appreciated. A big thank you also for the love and concern shown to me this year as I've been dealing with these unexpected health issues.  
-Lise





**Treasurer’s Report  
November 2024**

1/1/2024 to 11/30/2024

**Receipts**

Actual	\$236,675
Budgeted	\$238,326
Actual-Budget	(\$1,651)

**Expenses**

Actual	\$231,757
Budgeted	\$241,728
Actual-Budget	(\$9,971)

**Year-To-Date**

Total Income	\$236,675
Total Expense	\$231,757
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,919

**Trinity Food Pantry Highlights**

Here’s a recap of activity for December 2024:

	<b>Patrons</b>	<b>Family Members</b>	<b># of Zip Codes</b>
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	190	596	19
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	232	721	21
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	217	711	23
Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	136	398	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>25</b>

57 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during December.

**Current Schedule for January 2025:**

Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4PM-6PM	Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10AM-12PM
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> - 4PM-6PM	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> - 10AM-12PM
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> - 4PM-6PM	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 4PM-6PM	Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> – 10AM-12PM
Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> - 4PM-6PM	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> - 10AM -12PM

Thank you to all the Trinity Members that have volunteered their time and voluntarily donated food and money to the food pantry. During 2024 10,744 Families received food compared to 4,805 families during 2023 an annual increase of 124%. 36% of the increase was due to being open every week during 2024 and 64% of the increase was due to the increased number of families in need of food.

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**Our Mission:**

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**CHURCH STAFF:**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:**

<b>President:</b>	Rusty White
<b>Vice President:</b>	Karen Kuebler
<b>Secretary:</b>	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Pam Piersall	Bekah Alenduff	Geri Buchanan
Rusty White	Sandra Bryant	Gene Harvey
Karen Kuebler	Kyle Lind	Rebecca Kruck
	Dan Retter	