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## *Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World!*

### **From Our Pastor**

### **God, Please Send Cereal**

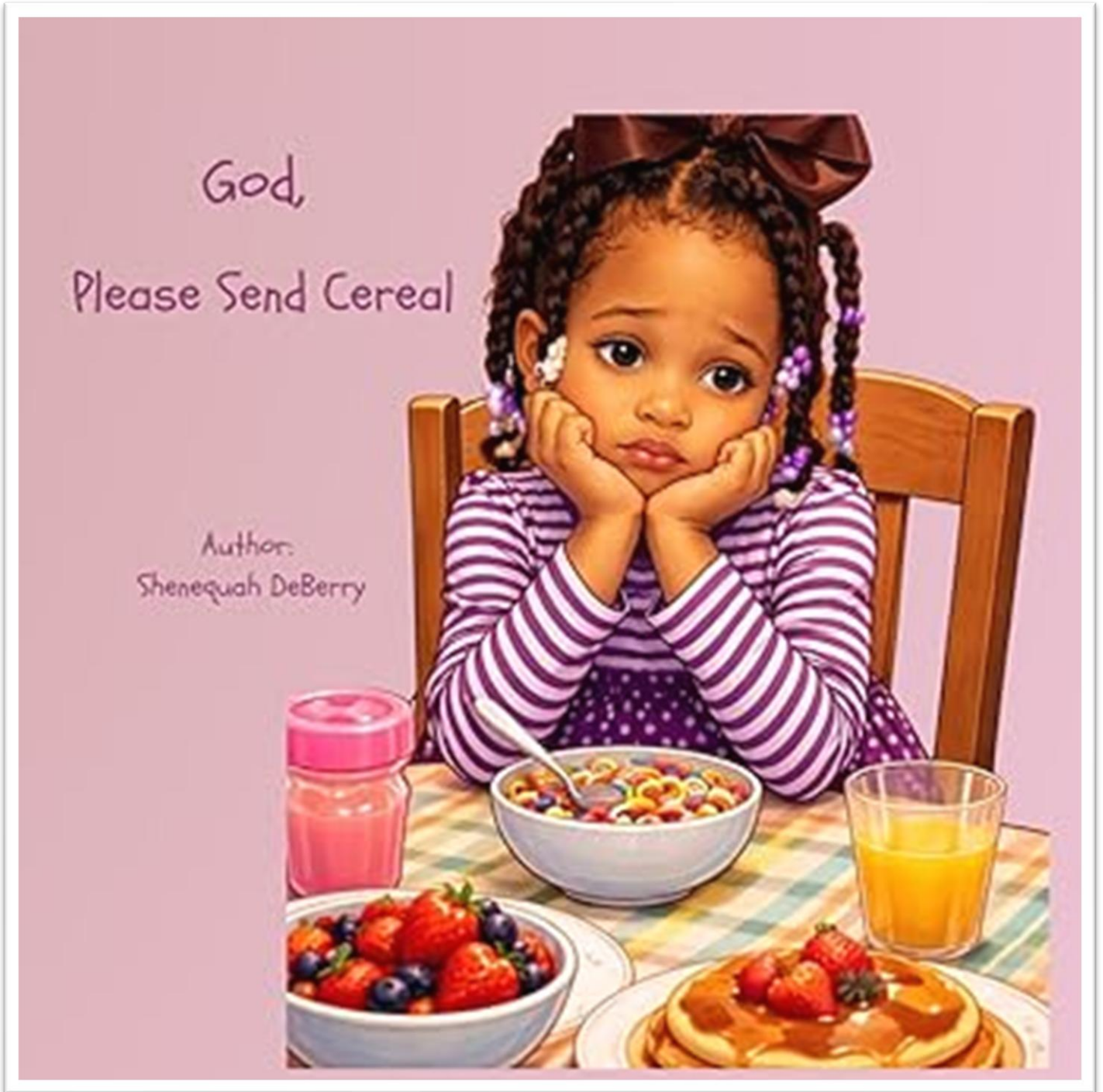
Throughout the month of May at Trinity, we participated in a cereal drive. Each week, the scripture readings and sermon explored a different chapter in the history of cereal. At first glance, it may seem strange to connect breakfast cereal with faith. Yet the story of cereal is, in many ways, a story of faith. From Kellogg's Corn Flakes to Lucky Charms, and even the renewed popularity of wholesome granola, its 100-plus-year history includes humble beginnings, challenges, periods of growth, and hope for the future. As Trinity prepares to celebrate its own 100th anniversary, these stories remind us that both products and congregations endure by adapting to changing times, remaining rooted in their purpose, and trusting that God continues to lead them forward. As we give thanks for the past century of ministry, we also look ahead with confidence, knowing that the God who has guided Trinity through its first hundred years will continue to shape its future.

The evidence of God's guidance—the hand of God at work—is all around us. We see it in unexpected opportunities, faithful relationships, answered prayers, and moments of grace. Yet God's guidance is rarely experienced in exactly the same way by any two people. Collectively and individually, we encounter God's presence through different circumstances, different callings, and different seasons of life. What unites us is the trust that God continues to lead, even when the path ahead is not always clear.

Throughout this series, I found inspiration in a delightful children's book titled *God, Please Send Cereal* authored by Shenequah DeBerry. In the story, a little girl named Naomi desperately wants cereal for breakfast instead of eggs and bacon. One night she prays: "Dear God, it's still me, Naomi. Please help Mommy understand that real kids eat cereal in the morning. Eggs are for grown-ups with boring taste buds. Amen." As she drifted off to sleep, she tucked her stuffed bear under the covers and whispered, "Don't worry. God heard us. Tomorrow is Cereal Day. I feel it in my spirit."

I love that line: "God heard us. Tomorrow is Cereal Day. I feel it in my spirit." Isn't that what faith looks like?

## From Our Pastor (continued)



Faith is trusting that God hears us even when we cannot yet see the answer. Faith is believing that God is at work even when the future is uncertain. Faith is moving forward with hope when the path ahead is not entirely clear.

## From Our Pastor (continued)

The boxes of cereal that stood in front of the altar throughout May became a powerful visual reminder of that faith. Week after week, they told a story without speaking a word. They reminded us that hunger is real in our community. They reminded us that our neighbors' matter. They reminded us that faith is not simply something we believe; it is something we live. Visual images tell stories in ways words alone cannot. What a story those boxes told.

By the end of the month, Trinity had collected 758 boxes of cereal. Seven hundred fifty-eight reminders that God's people still care. Seven hundred fifty-eight reminders that generosity is alive and well. Seven hundred fifty-eight reminders that when God's people see a need, they respond. What began as a display became a testimony. What began as a few boxes became a

visible witness to the compassion, generosity, and servant-hearted spirit that have characterized Trinity for generations.

As I reflect on Trinity's one hundred years of ministry, I hear echoes of Naomi's confidence. Generation after generation, faithful members of this congregation have stepped forward believing that God had not finished with Trinity yet. They trusted when resources were scarce. They served when the work was hard. They gave when sacrifice was required. They prayed when the future seemed uncertain. They believed God was still at work. They were right.

The story of Trinity is not ultimately a story about buildings, programs, budgets, pastors, or even cereal. It is a story about a faithful God who has guided this congregation through a century of ministry. It is a story of people who continued to trust, continued to serve, and continued to believe that God was leading them toward new life and there is more evidence that God is at work among us.

One of the questions many have been asking is, "What comes next?" I am delighted to share some good news. The Call Committee has been selected, will be Installed on Sunday June 7th during the 10:00 am worship service, and is preparing to begin its important work of discerning God's direction for Trinity's future.

The work of the Call Committee will require prayer, patience, listening, and trust. Most importantly, it will require confidence that God is already at work. We are not searching for a future that God has not yet imagined. We are seeking to discover the future God is already preparing for us.



## Celebrating Our Graduates!

Sydney Rae Alphando graduated on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Sydney was a dance major and served as vice president of the National Dance Honor Society. She was also a mentor in the IGNITE mentoring program and a member of the National History Honors Society. Sydney is planning to attend Jacksonville University in the fall. She will be majoring in health sciences in hopes of becoming a nurse, while also minoring in dance.

Madeline Kuebler graduated from Assumption Catholic School on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Maddie will be attending Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for High School this fall. She will study vocal arts in addition to standard academics.



We are proud of you!  
Congratulations!





TRINITY KIDS PRESENTS  
**Trailblazers**  
**Following Your Path with Jesus**

This year's VBS will discuss following Jesus everyday with art, STEM and outdoor activities.

Scan below to register:  


**July 11, 2026**  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



**Annual YARD SALE**

This year's Yard Sale will fall on  
**June 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Donations are now being accepted.

Due to limited space, boxed items are preferred. (Please do not bring items in bags.)

Furniture can be brought in on the week of the Yard Sale.



**100**  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1926 - 2026

## SAVE THE DATE

Bring Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors  
as We Honor the Past and  
Embrace the Future.

**OCT | 11 | 10 AM**

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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Choir 10:30am		Food Pantry 4-6pm	Food Pantry 10am-12pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10am Take Away 11 am	Quilters 9am  MOT 8:30 am	Choir 10:30am <b>WELCA Mtg. 10:30am</b>  Circle Mtg. 12pm <b>Council Mtg. 6:30pm</b>		Food Pantry 4-6pm	<b>Yard Sale</b> Food Pantry 10am-12pm	<b>Yard Sale</b>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10am  Take Away 11am	Quilters 9am	Choir 10:30am		Food Pantry 4-6pm <b>Lunch Bunch 11:30am</b>	Food Pantry 10am-12pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day! Worship 10am  Take Away 11am	Quilters 9am	Choir 10:30am		Food Pantry 4-6pm <b>Colors Jax 3pm</b>	Food Pantry 10am-12pm <b>NFAN 12pm</b>	5:30 Contra
28	29	30				
Worship 10am  Take Away 11am	Quilters 9am	Choir 10:30am				

## Groups, Gatherings, & Announcements



**THE  
TAKEAWAY**

Want a space to talk about life and faith in a real way? The Takeaway is a relaxed, community-led Bible study where we can share honest thoughts, ask questions, and explore how the week's Gospel connects to our everyday lives. There's no pressure—just real conversation, open hearts, and a chance to grow in faith together. Come as you are, bring your curiosity, and join the discussion. **Join us each Sunday at 11:10 in the Cecil Poole room!**

If you're interested in leading the lesson, **click the link [Sign-Up Sheet](#) to sign up or Scan the QR Code!** (all you must do is show up)



We meet on the second Monday of each month to handle general maintenance, minor repairs, and light clean-up around the church. We start at 8:30 with a light breakfast and good fellowship. All are welcome—no skills needed. Even if you're not handy, come help, hold tools, or just supervise!

**Volunteers Needed!!! Clicker Group:** We are looking for volunteers to join our new



**Clicker Group!** You'd help advance slides during worship. Volunteers will be fully trained on how to set up and click through the service slides—no prior experience needed.

To Sign-up for upcoming Sundays, **click the link [Clicker Sign-Up Sheet](#) or scan the QR Code!**



## Trinity Lunch Bunch | June Destination

5016 Blanding Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32210 | (904) 788 - 8500

**June 18, 2026 – 11:30am**

*\*Sign up in the Hall of Memories. \*Call Kim with any changes: (904)635-9104*



The Choir practices on Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

**All are welcome!**



**Check Trinity out at: [trinity4jax.org](http://trinity4jax.org)**

You can find calendar events, announcements, and more!

**Scan the QR Code to donate!**



The June Love Offering will go to Lutheran Social Services of NE Florida.

# Trinity Food Pantry



## May Recap

50 Volunteers Served at the Trinity Community Food Panty during May 2026

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup> & May 1 <sup>st</sup>	216	607	24
May. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	233	684	23
May. 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	234	711	22
May. 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	244	753	26
May. 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	275	800	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>32</b>

Thank you so much to the USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Conducted on May 9th the Post Office on Blanding Boulevard, assigned to Trinity Community Food Pantry, donated a record 2,975 pounds of food. We shared 950 pounds with startup pantry Lakeshore Food Pantry. Additionally, combining the boxes of cereal via the USPS with the donations from the Trinity Congregation we were able to provide cereal to patrons the past two consecutive weeks at the Food Pantry. This was a welcome bonus included in the grocery bags received by the 200 regular patrons.