

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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VOICE OF TRINITY



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Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World!

From Our Pastor

A Senior Moment and a Wish for the U.S.

I remember when my parents used to laugh about having "senior moments." As a younger adult, I never quite understood what they meant.

Now I do. I walk into a room and forget why I'm there. I can't remember a word that's been in my vocabulary for sixty years. I know someone's face, their children's names—even their dog's name—but *their* name? It's hiding somewhere, waiting to surprise me three hours later.

Most of the time, I laugh. Sometimes, though, it's a little unsettling. In fact, while writing this very newsletter article, I completely lost my train of thought. I was convinced I had a brilliant idea. Then the phone rang. I answered it. When I came back to the article...Nothing. Gone. I stared at the computer screen, hoping inspiration would return. It didn't. Then it struck me. Maybe forgetting where I was going wasn't the end of the story. Maybe it was the beginning of a better one.

Last Sunday (July 5th), in worship, I shared about visiting President Woodrow Wilson's Presidential Library in Staunton, Virginia while on vacation last week. There I learned about the "What's Your Wish for the U.S.?" project connected with America's 250th anniversary. At the National Museum in Washington, D.C., thousands of people have been invited to write their wish for the future of our nation. The people of Staunton did the same. So, I invited the people of Trinity to write their wishes as well.

Your wishes were beautiful: *All people worship their own God in their own way. Pray for democracy. Revival. Food for your people. Reawaken your people. Too many churches closing. Relearn to compromise with one another, between parties, between government. Harmony. Peace in our country. A country that remembers every person matters.*

As I read those wishes, I realized they sounded remarkably like another question: What's your wish for Trinity? Not Trinity's past. We've been blessed with an extraordinary one hundred years. Not simply Trinity today. But Trinity's next one hundred years.

That's exactly what our Call Committee has been doing. They're remembering our story, celebrating who we are today, and imagining who God is calling us to become. They're asking not only, "Who are we?" but even more importantly, "Who will we become?" Because churches can have "senior moments," too. We can become so busy remembering why we walked into the room a hundred years ago that we forget why God has gathered us here today.

From Our Pastor (continued)

Our centennial invites us to celebrate the past, share the present, shape the future. On Sunday, October 11, 2026, we'll gather for worship at 10:00 a.m., and immediately afterward we'll gather around Oktoberfest tables to celebrate Trinity's 100th anniversary.

Not simply to remember our founding and give thanks for a century of faithful ministry, but to rejoice together. Oktoberfest grew out of a culture where church, community, and the harvest season naturally belonged together. At its heart, it's about sharing food, laughter, stories, and making room for one more person at the table—whether it's the Lord's Table or a table filled with bratwurst, pretzels, and apple strudel.

So, here's my wish. My wish for the United States is much like my wish for Trinity: that we become people known for peace, hope, generosity, faith, and love. My wish for Trinity? That one hundred years from now another congregation gathers to celebrate 200 years of ministry. They'll tell stories about us—how we remembered faithfully, loved generously, welcomed joyfully, and trusted God enough to shape a future we would never see.

I'd love for you to be part of that story. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11, 2026. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m., stay for our Oktoberfest celebration, invite your family and friends, and help us celebrate the past, share the present, and shape the future.

After all, the future doesn't begin one hundred years from now. It begins with us.



Introducing Trinity's Call Committee

One of the most important ministries in the life of any congregation has begun here at Trinity.

We are excited to introduce Trinity's Call Committee—a wonderful group of members representing a wide variety of ages, backgrounds, experiences, and walks of life. Each person brings unique gifts, perspectives, and a deep love for Trinity, and together they reflect the rich diversity of our congregation: Sarah Knight, Jackie Havird, Kyle Billy, Grace Jesudoss, Don Howard, Gary Hautau, Jim Vearil, and Carol Pink

This is a huge responsibility which they have accepted with deep faith and love for not only God, but God's people, and Trinity's future ministries.

Their focus is not simply on finding a pastor. Their calling is to prayerfully discern whom God is calling to lead Trinity into its next chapter of ministry. They will spend time listening, praying, learning about our congregation, working with the Synod, reviewing pastoral candidates, and seeking God's guidance every step of the way.

As they begin this journey, we invite every member of Trinity to join them in prayer. Pray for wisdom, patience, discernment, and open hearts. Pray for the pastor whom God is already preparing. Pray that throughout this process we remain united in faith, hope, and trust that God is leading us into a bright future.

Please join us in thanking these faithful servants for accepting this important responsibility and keeping them in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead.



Historic Photos Needed

The 100th Anniversary Committee is looking for historic photos and artifacts to display at the celebration on Oct. 11. If you have any confirmation group photos from the following years, please email them to janicebilly@hotmail.com. We need 1929, 1933, 1989, 1990, 1994 and 1996 - 1999.

If you have any other historic photos or physical artifacts you would like included, please email Rebecca Kruck at kruckrd@gmail.com.



TRINITY KIDS PRESENTS
Trailblazers
Following Your Path with Jesus

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

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

Scan below to register:



In Loving Memory

March 2nd, 1935 – June 27th, 2026

Herrick Gene Harvey

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Herrick Gene Harvey
on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Funeral Service

Sunday, July 12th at 12:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

(1415 McDuff Ave. S)

*“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for You are with me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

— Psalm 23



SCHOOL SUPPLY Fundraiser

HOT DOG SALE

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

THE MORE YOU DONATE, THE MORE YOU ENJOY!

HOT DOG – BRING ONE – OF THE FOLLOWING:	CHIPS – BRING ONE – OF THE FOLLOWING:	DRINK – BRING ONE – OF THE FOLLOWING:	COMBO MEAL – BRING ONE – OF THE FOLLOWING:
 • 3 folders with pockets & prongs • 2 boxes of #2 pencils • 3 boxes of 24-count crayons • 2 composition notebooks	 • 2 folders with pockets & prongs (plastic or paper) • Sticky notes • Elmer's Glue Sticks • Pink Pearl Erasers (3-pack) • 2 Standard/Metric Rulers	 • 2 boxes of colored pencils • 2 pencil boxes, bags, or pouches • 2 packs of blue or black pens	 • 3 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper • 1 pack of copy paper (8½" x 11") • Three 2-packs of highlighters • 3 packs of markers



CAN'T DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES?
MONETARY DONATIONS
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!



Please visit our website
<https://trinity4jax.org>
to make a donation via
PayPal or **Zelle**.

Please include **"For School Supplies"** in the payment note.



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TEACHER SUPPLY LIST

Our CEW school, Fishweir Elementary, is asking for donations of these items for the upcoming school year.

TEACHER SUPPLY LIST:

- ✓ Clorox Wipes & Hand Sanitizers
- ✓ Tissues
- ✓ #2 pencils
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ 3 prong folders (with pockets)
- ✓ Notebook paper
- ✓ Sticky Notes

Thank you for supporting our teachers and students! ♥



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1926 - 2026

SAVE THE DATE

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

OCT | 11 | 10 AM

1415 McDuff St. S, Jacksonville, FL

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!**



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Trinity Lunch Bunch | July Destination

2665 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204 | (904) 660 - 2824

July 16, 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

You can find calendar events, announcements, and more!

Scan the QR Code to donate!



The July Love Offering will go to Jacksonville Campus Ministries.

Trinity Food Pantry



May Recap

58 Volunteers Served at the Trinity
Community Food Panty during June 2026

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
June 4 th & 5 th	213	691	24
June 11 th & 12 th	220	688	23
June 18 th & 19 th	262	773	21
June 25 th & 26 th	258	794	24
Total	933	2,946	28

Thank you so much to the wondrous volunteers and donors that make the Food Pantry ministry such a huge success to our neighbors in the community that need food.

For the first half of 2026,
6,062 Families/18,608 Members received 106,014 pounds of food, a 40.0% increase in quantity of food distributed compared to last year, at a 25% reduction in cost per pound of food. God Bless you all.