



## From the Pastor...

February 2018

Perhaps you have had the experience of eating food that brought back pleasant memories of people or events from your past. For example, there is a special chocolate cake with chocolate peanut butter icing made for every birthday observed in my household. The recipe was one my grandmother began using in the late 1930's. She and her husband didn't have much money to spend on birthday gifts for family so she always made that cake. She gave me the recipe when I got married. Now, whenever we have a birthday and make that cake it reminds me of my grandmother and her love for her family. At the same time, every birthday celebration also creates a new experience that becomes associated with that old cake recipe.

Food can help bring back those kind of memories but, other kinds of reminders are also necessary. It is not always possible to recall every piece of essential information in our minds at every minute; so we need reminders of where to find the information appropriate to a particular situation. Our congregation is blessed to have a Policy and Procedure manual containing a lot of that kind of information. Copies of that manual are available in Fellowship Hall and the Ushers' Room. Consulting that manual can remind us of how we want to operate as congregation in particular situations.

Similarly, in several of his letters Paul reminds us of things we know but may not always have in the forefront of our consciousness. In his letter to the Ephesians we read, "...we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ." The spiritual growth Paul envisioned did not depend upon age because all Christians have room for improvement. Our congregation Council will take to heart this reminder during the coming year as we read a book entitled, *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to be an Assertive Christian*. If you also are interested in reading this book, please contact the church office.

Another part of growing spiritually is knowing when we need help and asking for it. It doesn't hurt to be reminded that the First Commandment means we are not God. We have limits placed on our ability; we have needs. As a pastor I cannot always anticipate those needs. I need you to let me know when you need me. Please call me when there is a death in your family and, you desire the comfort of the Gospel. Please call me when you need pastoral or spiritual conversation – such as when you face a serious illness or are hospitalized. I am very willing to speak with you, read Scripture and pray with you; but, I cannot do that unless you let me know you need me. My cell number is readily available in many of the printed materials of the congregation (bulletins, web site, etc.).

During the month of February we will together engage in another kind of remembering as well. The season of Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Many of you may recall when Lent focused only on the death of Jesus. In recent years the focus has shifted more towards recalling our Baptism into Christ Jesus' death and resurrection. In other words, we hope that this season of Lent will help us grow as spiritually mature people; we hope this season will remind us of who we are in Christ. This will be the emphasis of our mid-week Lenten services. You can find a full schedule of services elsewhere in this newsletter.

May the Lord bless us with a holy Lent and joyful Easter.

*Pastor David Rike*

## Cantor's Notes



+ **Welcome visitors! *You are invited*** to join the Trinity choir while you are living in the area, even if only for a short time. Please let me know of your interest and I'll have music ready for you at our next rehearsal.



+ **The hymn festival** honoring the spirit of the Winter Olympics, held at Trinity on Sunday, January 28, was a wonderful event! We sang hymns from several countries participating in the winter Olympic Games, including two hymns from South Korea. We also sang a new English translation by Pastor Jim Swanson of the Swedish hymn most of us know as "How Great Thou Art." His translation is titled "O Mighty God." The Trinity Choir and Handbell Choir participated. Pastor Chuck Weinrich was the narrator. Tom Macklin from Stetson University and the Orlando Philharmonic was guest trumpeter. A delicious soup and bread supper followed the hymn festival. Thank you, Fellowship Committee, for being part of this celebration. The shopping cart was filled with food donations, and the very generous free-will offering will be shared with Gifts of Love and Halifax Urban Ministries. This was also a Thrivent Action Team event. Over one hundred people attended, nearly half of whom were guests from the community. It was especially meaningful that several members of the Korean Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach, including their pastor, attended the hymn festival having seen it advertised in the newspaper.

We also received this note: *We are visitors (snow birds) and often take in such programs. This one was a real treat – so well planned, professional, and inspiring in so many ways. Please share with all who were involved! We are Americans that happen to live in Germany part of the year. We were teachers there for the military.*

Thanks to all who attended, and thanks to our Trinity singers and ringers for their beautiful music! Well done!

**In Memoriam:** Dr. Carlos Messerli, 1927-2017, church musician, college professor, and founding director of the Lutheran Summer Music Academy.

Cantate Domino!

Brian Larson

*On December 21<sup>st</sup>, fourteen Trinity members went Christmas caroling to some of our homebound members.*

**Thank you** so much for once again helping to make my Christmas special by coming over to sing. It means more than you will ever know. The little church [gift] was beautiful and our great grandchildren loved it also. Thank you all so much again. In Christ, Joan Materna

**Thanks** to those who came caroling to our home! Thanks, too, for the gifts they brought. Love in action.

Jim & Beve Swanson



## Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays

February 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21  
(11 am & 7 pm)

## Palm Sunday

March 24 & 25, 2018  
(5 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday)



**March 29**

**Maunder Thursday:** Holy Communion  
(11 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

**March 30**

**Good Friday:** Solemn proclamation of the Passion according to John  
(7 p.m.)

**March 31**

No Saturday Service

**April 1**

**Easter Day:** Festival service of Holy Communion  
(8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)

# Women of the ELC

## Mission Statement

*Mobilizing women to act boldly on th*

Trinity's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA) chapter sponsors the three circles at Trinity (Elizabeth (Combined Martha & Faith) Lydia, and Mary Maier), Mission Workshop, Daughters Luncheon, Thank Offering Sunday and the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree provides gifts for needy children from Chisholm Elementary School and funds for benevolence (gift certificates given by the pastor for holiday foods at Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving) to needy families.

**Elizabeth Circle** – Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 – 1:00. Circle members bring a sandwich, hostess serves a dessert, coffee and we have Bible Study (Using Bible Study in the Gather Magazine.)

**Lydia Circle** – Meets on the third Tuesday at a local Port Orange/New Smyrna Beach restaurant. The circles purpose is fun and fellowship for the women of Trinity. Circle leader is Raeann Purcell. Families are often included.

**Mary Maier** – Meets on the second Thursday at 11:30 am. Participants bring their lunch, hostess provides beverage and dessert. The circle has devotions with an emphasis on fellowship. Judy Driesbaugh is the circle leader.

**Mission Workshop** – Meets on Tuesdays from 9 am to 11:30. We primarily Quilt – assemble, sew and tie quilts that are shipped to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for distribution. We also assemble Personal Care Kits, School Kits and Baby Care Kits for shipment to and distribution by Lutheran World Relief. The congregation contributes to our effort by donating items for each of the kits, the quilts and moneys for shipment of the quilts and kits.



We thank you for all your donations, past, present and future. Between 8-16 people regularly participate in the Tuesday Morning Workshop, some attending every week, others as they have time and inclination. We have two men who regularly attend, one cuts our fabric into squares, the other cuts, boxes our quilts, etc. All are welcome. We always have coffee and a snack. Church membership is not a requirement. Work is not a requirement –visiting is encouraged.

## Mission Workshop says THANK YOU!

Here are the stats:

160 quilts in boxes, the ones displayed (9) in addition to the ones sold (aprox.3) and given at Christmas (approx.6) means we made more than **178 quilts this year that were shipped to LWR, in addition to 50 Personal Care Kits, 40 School Kits and 25 Baby Care Kits!**

**Thank you to the volunteers, the donations, money for shipping.**



## DELIVERY TEAM DRIVERS UPDATE FOR HALIFAX URBAN MINISTRIES/GIFTS OF LOVE

Trinity would like to thank all of you that volunteered to help deliver our weekly food donations. A copy of the current Delivery Schedule is located on the porch bulletin board. Food carts are stored in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office if you plan to pick up the food after regular office hours, as the fellowship hall may be locked. Regular office hours are Tuesday – Thursday (9 am – 1 pm) and the fellowship hall is open for meetings and mission workshop. If you have any other questions please contact Sandi Wirth (386) 409-9228.

## Notes from your Finance Committee...

Treasurer's Report 2017	General Offerings	Estimated Budget Expenses	Actual Budget Expenses	+/-DIFF from Actual Expense
December	\$42,637	\$28,224	\$26,076	\$16,561
2017 Y-T-D	\$321,619	338,687	316,673	\$4,946

- Hallelujah! We ended the year with a General Fund Balance of PLUS \$4,946 !!
  - Strong December with 5 Sundays.
  - We did not use any money from the Reserve Fund in 2017. The 2017 year-end balance is \$14,339
- Improving Assets
  - Our original Endowment Fund has grown from \$25,000 to \$29,249
  - We have a NEW Endowment Fund of \$25,000, established by an anonymous donor
  - In 2017, \$6,000 was invested in the Mission Investment Fund, earning interest above bank rates
- Capital Campaign Fund
  - Capital Campaign Fund Commitments: \$132,707
  - Capital Campaign Fund Receipts 2016/2017: \$115,608
  - Capital Campaign Fund Expenses: \$72,890
  - Capital Campaign Fund Unused Balance: \$42,718
  - Note: We have an UNUSED Loan for the Capital Campaign. The total loan may be paid back from the loan itself.
- Offerings to designated areas
  - \$53,035

## Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!



Thanks for your Blessings and prayers. Loved receiving "Birthday Wishes" from Mary Maier Circle!! Trudy Miller

To all of you who have sent cards, notes and given hugs since my recent health scare, Trinity family is AWESOME! Thanks. Mary Mathews

Dear Friends,

Once again I should like to thank you for the extremely generous Christmas gift. I was astounded when I received it. I pray the Lord bless us all with the same kindness you have shown me. Pastor Rike

Dear Trinity Members, Pastor Rike, Staff, Choir, WELCA, and Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I express thanks and gratitude to my Trinity family for your kind notes of appreciation and love, and also for the gifts cards and flowers that I received in recognition of my 20 years of service at Trinity Lutheran Church. I am blessed by God's goodness and graciousness in allowing me to serve here for this time. My prayers are with you as we continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of Christ.

Sincerely, Phyllis D'Alessio, Office Administrator

## Celebrating Birthdays

### February

### March

2	Joan Norris		1	Kirstin Rasmussen
3	Fay Faller		3	Lauren Hickling
5	Betty Carter			Nancy Snyder
	Alison Mangiafico		4	Kathryn Losnes
	Jeff Winterstein		5	Michael Lawrence
10	Trudy Miller		6	Deb Fasanella
16	Bob Horak		7	Gerald Ceglia
17	Loretta Wolff		8	Joe Kellermeier
20	Jackie Treadwell		11	Pearl Jewell
21	Nancy Hopkins		12	Bobbe Owen
24	Al Schroth		14	Tom Beiersdorf
25	Betty Still			Larry Sigler
28	Bert Davis			Jean Wronowski
			15	Linda Sigler
			17	Kay Smith
			18	Joady Schroth
			20	Henry Currey
			24	Marilyn Langenbach
			25	Gene Hammer
				Blanche Johnson
				Jim Zacha



### How do I have someone placed on our prayer list?

Prayer request cards and a drop box are located in the church narthex above the guest registration book. Please fill the required information and put your request in the drop box. Person (s) will be taken off the prayer list automatically after four weeks. If there continues to be a need for prayer after that time, please submit a new prayer request. Prayer requests can also be submitted via the church office email at [trinitylutheran@cfl.rr.com](mailto:trinitylutheran@cfl.rr.com). Please note 'prayer request' in the subject line.

## Let us now praise church custodians

If I were to put up a plaque at church, I'd want it to honor our crew of sextons.

by [Peter W. Marty](#)

January 11, 2018



*Plaque at Trinity Church in Boston*

The word *sexton* doesn't exactly communicate sexiness any more than *janitor* and *custodian* connote glamour. Yet ask me in a given week who makes the quietest difference in the well-being of our congregation and I will tell you it's the custodians. Title them what you will, these servants are living proof that God hides the blessings of the kingdom in ordinary but remarkable places and people.

Neither fame nor fortune guides the best church custodians. They give attention to little things—like toilets that don't flush, Cheerios lodged between pew cushions, and dead birds that mistakenly thought a shimmery window offered a chance to mate with a really good-looking bird. I've watched one of our custodians make a barehanded catch of a mouse running down the trunk of a freshly cut Christmas tree. I've witnessed a custodian coax two neighborhood ducks back through the propped-open doors that they entered as uninvited guests, after he spotted them angling for the donut counter.

A few months ago, my wife and I dropped in to the Sunday night compline service at Trinity Church on Copley Square in Boston. The sexton was the lone greeter. Silence, candles, and incense met us inside the cavernous sanctuary. There were people present, too, though it was too dark to see how many were spread among the pews. A cassock-clad octet sang a Bach chorale, which I mistook for heaven.

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Peter W. Marty

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*Jan 17, 2018 issue*

When the 30-minute service concluded, we weren't ready to leave, so we lingered in the entryway, studying historic photos of this landmark church. My wife put a \$5 donation into the slot atop a tall blue barrel, which caused me later to fetch the sexton, who helped retrieve our money from the bottom of that blue recycling bin.

I took a photo of a bronze plaque on the wall. Something about this memorial to a man who gave 42 years of his life to mundane tasks struck me as beautiful.

My congregation has a policy that prohibits memorial plaques of any kind. There's not one in the entire facility. A wise predecessor of mine determined long ago that no gift or person deserves more elevation than any other. Every gesture of Christian love, he reasoned, is first and foremost about honoring God. We're in no danger of altering that policy in my years.

But if I were to put up one plaque, I think I'd want it to honor Matt, Jim, Harris, and Todd—our crew of sextons. Their spirit fits perfectly with the two words I found, digging through the history of Trinity Church, that were often used to describe Harold Emerson Miller: faithful and indefatigable.

*A version of this article appears in the January 17 print edition under the title "Custodians of love."*

Thank you to the members and friends who made the suggestion to publish this article in honor of our custodian Laura Jones. Thank you Laura. We are blessed.



**SAVE YOUR BOXTOPS AND LABELS**  
**\$\$\$ CASH \$\$\$ for labels marked**  
**EDUCATION BOXTOPS/LABELS**  
provide money to Chisholm Elementary for computers.

### **Other items that help with outreach**

**Prescription Bottles** with lids (Labels Removed) are collected and sent to Haiti

**Canceled US Postage Stamps** are sent to military hospitals

**Used Greeting Cards** are sent to ARC Adult Retarded Citizens

**Soda Pop Tabs** benefit Ronald McDonald House

**Hotel soap, shampoo, and conditioners** are sent to Gifts of Love, Edgewater

Collection jars can be found in the fellowship hall for the repurposed items.

1 Peter 2:9

“You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Everyone is encouraged to take home their bulletins, so they can be used for:

1. Personal prayers during the week.
2. An outreach tool – when you hand it to someone say, “There is a prayer in here for you”
3. A shut-in you plan to visit, either in person or by phone, to pray with them.

This is a tool to use all week long,  
Not just as a guide for the worship service.

*It is fervently hoped that you find it uplifting  
to share the GOOD NEWS!*

## **Bishop's Lenten Visits (all are invited and welcome):**

### WHEN AND WHERE?

February 24 – Peace, Ft. Myers

March 10 – Salem, Orlando

March 17 – St. Michael's, Wellington

March 24 – Messiah, Panama City

**For more information or to register, go to <http://fbsynod.com/lenten-visits/>** More information on this year's Lenten Visits, along with an opportunity to RSVP, is now available. These events are free and open to all. Your RSVP helps with planning.



**Please take note as our office hours have changed. The Church Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. The office will be closed on Mondays & Fridays.**

**Office Administrator Phyllis D'Alessio has reduced her schedule to 3 days a week, which means she will be available for the congregation during regular office hours (9 am to 1 pm) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We ask for your patience during this time of transition.** Please contact Phyllis if you have a desire to volunteer in the office, or at home, to do light office tasks. You can email her at [trinitylutheran485@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheran485@gmail.com), or leave a message on the office phone (386-438-4307) and she will get back to you. With a roster of volunteers we will increase the church office hours in time. Thank you.

Due to publishing difficulties the **Calendar of Events for February** is posted on the church website under weekly announcements. Thank you. Please visit the church website at [trinitylutherannsb.org](http://trinitylutherannsb.org).

		<b>FEB 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>FEB 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>FEB 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEB 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>FEB 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>CONTACTS</b>
<b>ASSISTING</b>	5 PM	SUELLEN WHITE	RAEANN PURCELL		PAULA BERNBAUM	CYRUS TUCKER	
<b>MINISTER</b>	8 AM	GRACE KELLERMEIER	BILL HINKLE	11 AM – BILL HINKLE	JOE KELLERMEIER	MARY MATHEWS	MARY MATHEWS
	10:30	DAVE FALLER	BOB HORAK	7 PM – MARY MATHEWS	GAIL ROE	TERRY ROE	386-690-4987
<b>LECTORS</b>	5 PM	LINDA ROEMER	RUSTY NORRIS		KATE MINGLE	CYRUS TUCKER	
	8 AM	CHUCK MCCAIN	JOHN KING	11 AM – BILL HINKLE	CAROL CRAMER	BILL HINKLE	J HAUGHWOUT 386-428-1810
	10:30	PAT DROZ	BETTY SROCK	7 PM – KAREN TEEHAN	DAVE FALLER	BETTY SROCK	ELSE ABEL 386-304-0391
<b>USHERS</b>	5 PM	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN		HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN 386-233-5339
	8 AM	JOHN KING, BOB SEATON ROSALIE KALMAN BOB SPITZ	JOHN KING, BOB SEATON ROSALIE KALMAN BOB SPITZ		JOHN KING, BOB SEATON ROSALIE KALMAN BOB SPITZ	JOHN KING, BOB SEATON ROSALIE KALMAN BOB SPITZ	SANDI WIRTH
	10:30	JONATHAN WIENRICH BARB REILLY, SUSAN PLACEK, KATHY BARRICK	ANNETTE SOWDER, SUSAN PLACEK, KATHY BARRICK, GLADYS BACHMAN		BARB REILLY, LINDA AVIS WALT MATERNA JONATHAN WEINRICH	DON ERICKSON, LINDA AVIS, KERRY & SANDY WIRTH	386-409-9228
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	5 PM	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	OPEN		DON SMITH, KATE MINGLE PAULA BERNBAUM	COLLEEN SUMNER LINDA ROEMER	C SUMNER 386-427-6167
	8 AM	LARRY & LINDA MUCHOW	LARRY & LINDA MUCHOW		LARRY & LINDA MUCHOW	LARRY & LINDA MUCHOW	
	10:30	DAVE & FAY FALLER	DAVE & FAY FALLER		DAVE & FAY FALLER	DAVE & FAY FALLER	
<b>NURSERY</b>	5 PM	SUSAN PLACEK SOPHIA RIKE	NANCY CASE JUDY DRIESBAUGH				N HOPKINS 386-212-0999
<b>ETERNAL CANDLE</b>		IN HONOR OF TRINITY'S MEMBERS & FRIENDS	IN HONOR OF TRINITY'S MEMBERS & FRIENDS	IN HONOR OF TRINITY'S MEMBERS & FRIENDS	IN HONOR OF TRINITY'S MEMBERS & FRIENDS	IN HONOR OF TRINITY'S MEMBERS & FRIENDS	CHURCH OFFICE 386-428-4307
<b>FLOWER DEDICATIN</b>		IN MEMORY OF RALPH F. SNYDER III BY RALPH & NANCY SNYDER	WELCA IN MEMORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH WHO PASSED IN 2017	LENT – NO FLOWERS	LENT – NO FLOWERS	LENT – NO FLOWERS	FLOWER CHART - LOCATED ON BULLETIN BOARD

Midweek Lenten Services

Lectors:

Feb 21

11 am - Carol Cramer

7 pm - Mary Mathews

Feb 28

11 am - Karen Beiersdorf

7 pm - Kate Mingle

## Council 2018

Gary Hopkins – President  
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<b>Office Administrator</b>	Phyllis D'Alessio
<b>Custodian</b>	Laura Jones

**Worship Schedules**  
**Sundays – 8 & 10:30 am**  
**Saturdays – 5 pm**  
**Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 am**  
**Midweek Lenten Services**  
**Wednesdays – 11 am & 7 pm**

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**February 2018**

**The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to make Christ known  
to our neighbors and the world through word and deed.**