

# October News 2021

## From Pastor Tim

# HOPE.

### On-Going Reformation

Change. Change has always been difficult. Even Martin Luther resisted change. He was not trying to start a “new” Church. He was trying to improve the existing Church. And he was against calling the Churches that followed him “Lutheran.” Luther thought that they should just be called “Church.” (My internship supervisor honored Luther by answering the phone, “Bethany Church” instead of “Bethany Lutheran Church.”)

Changing something points toward reforming it. It is taking something good, making changes, in order to make it better, or more effective for today’s world.

We are in a “reformation” time at Trinity. Some changes are reactions to what we have been dealt. Others changes we are making. Here are some of those changes:

- ✦ The pandemic invited us to use technology differently. We started doing worship and Bible studies and meetings online. Many churches, like Trinity, will continue to do online worship as a way for people to “check us out” and for others to worship with us no matter where they live as long as they have an internet connection. Other churches find that doing business meetings via Zoom is a way to be good stewards of the environment and of member’s time. No one needs to drive to get to the meeting and there is zero commute time. When the meeting is done, everybody is already home to spend more time with their family. Technology is a part of our everyday lives and so Trinity also needs to use technology if we are going to be relevant.
- ✦ We are considering a new tagline. This is meant to sharpen our focus as we talk to others about Trinity. Hospitality, Outreach, Praise, and Education would be the four “talking points” to begin a conversation with others about Trinity. While most people like HOPE, others weren’t as excited on the “There’s plenty to go around” part. So, we are asking people (YOU!) to give us more lines to consider. (See other article in this newsletter.)
- ✦ We are considering restructuring our teams to match our talking points. We would have four primary teams: Hospitality (combining Fellowship, Property, Columbarium care), Outreach (combining Witness, Outreach, and Care Team), Praise (renamed from Worship, Music and the Arts), and Education (Christian Education, Finance, Stewardship, and Columbarium administration).
- ✦ We are saying **Farewell and Godspeed to Phyllis D’Alessio**. Phyllis started as the office administrator in 1998 and has worked with a number of pastors during those years, both called and interim. Phyllis has served the Lord and has provided constant, steady leadership during times of uncertainty and transition. She has been the stabilizing force for our ministry for over two decades. We will have a special recognition for Phyllis in the sanctuary immediately following worship on **Sunday, October 24**. We invite you to send a card and, if you wish, a gift.

Please send them to the church and mark them with “Phyllis Celebration” so that we can present all of the cards to her on that day.

✦ We are saying **Welcome to Mary Parada!** Mary is a faithful member of Trinity, but she is also taking over the office administrator position. As the person who is on the “front line” for people who call Trinity, the office administrator must be someone who has a pleasing personality, who is organized, efficient, and can direct people so that they get the help they need. Mary possesses all of these gifts and traits. Please welcome her, help her, be patient with her, and pray for her. Welcome, Mary!



These are just a few of the changes taking place that will “reform” the ministry at Trinity. It is not as big as the Luther’s Reformation, but change does not have to be big to re-form us.

### **Pastor Tim on Vacation**

Pastor Tim will be on vacation from October 1-14. Pastor Janet Grill will be available for emergency pastoral care situations and will be doing pulpit supply on October 3 and 10. There will be no Bible Study on October 4 and 11. **Also, there will not be video worship options for those Sundays. We are transitioning to a Live-stream format instead of a recorded and uploaded format. Please be patient with us as we get the new equipment installed and people trained. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.**

### **Florida–Bahamas Synod Assembly**

While June is the “usual” time for our synod assembly, the synod council voted to move the synod assembly to September to give voting members plenty of time to get vaccinated so that we could have an “in person” assembly. Then, delta hit. The delta variant of the corona virus sent numbers soaring in Florida. The synod council then moved the assembly to an on-line assembly and moved it to October 15-16. We thank Joe and Grace Kellermeier for volunteering to serve as Trinity’s voting members.

### **HOPE.**

#### **Contest to possibly change “There’s plenty to go around”**

As we are developing our tagline, many people like the word HOPE, but aren’t as excited with the “There’s plenty to go around” part. Send in your thoughts and ideas to Pastor Tim. The line must be short, inclusive, action-oriented, and not too “churchy-sounding”. The deadline has been extended to October 26. These are the other suggestions that have been turned in.

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| HOPE. Share it!                   | HOPE. There’s plenty to go around.                  |
| HOPE. It works!                   | HOPE. Need some? We have plenty to share!           |
| HOPE. Live it!                    | HOPE. <i>(Just the word HOPE and nothing else.)</i> |
| Our HOPE is in God.               | We HOPE to make Christ known                        |
| HOPE - God’s promises.            | HOPE. Because God is with us.                       |
| HOPE - Share the Good News.       | HOPE - There is no doubt about it.                  |
| HOPE. Grab it! Hold it! Share it! | HOPE! Live It - Share It!                           |

## Cantor's Notes

**“We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,  
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.”**

The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song* of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

**+ Hymn Stories: *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*, ELW 548** This hymn was commissioned by the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville, MN, as part of the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary. (Pastor Tim served this congregation before coming to Trinity!) Author Susan Palo Cherwien focuses on our identity as God's people, our choice in following the wounded Christ, and the cost of such a choice. (Cantor Larson and Susan attended Wittenberg University at the same time!)

The theme of identity in the first stanza centers on “whose we are, and whose, our praise.” The implied question is “What has this ‘meal of love and grace’ taught you about identity and purpose?” The final line begins the series of Trinitarian references tying the first three stanzas together.

In the second stanza, the primary concern is the paradox that wholeness comes from following a resurrected but still wounded Christ, who offers us a fullness of life devoid of false claims of perfection. As in the “meal of love and grace,” brokenness becomes the means of participation and sharing, and a reminder of our call to reach out to others. The Trinitarian pattern continues with reference to Christ, the center of our life.

Stanza three completes the Trinitarian perspective with attention to the Spirit, the energy that leads us into God's future. With gentle wordplay serving as a reminder that joy can also be a means of discernment, we are offered the affirmation “spirited then let us live.” This language is nearly echoed in the final Trinitarian line.

The closing stanza weaves together three themes expressing what it means to live out a resurrection faith: “service,” “courage,” and “mercy.” These relate to the beginning of the text by a final line employing the same first three words, “Rise, O church.”

Notice the frequent use of “slant” (near rhyme): arisen/envision, grace/praise, follow/hallowed, future/nurture. Exact rhymes come in the final stanza: vocation/destination, breath/death. Each stanza ends with double alleluias!

As we stand to sing this hymn at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper, we are quite literally embodying our faith. This text helps us understand the church's actions as expressions of the church's faith.

When this hymn was commissioned, Timothy Strand was Resurrection's cantor. He composed the tune and named it SURGE, ECCLESIA, the first two words of the text in Latin.

*Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.*

*Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.  
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.*

*Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;  
present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.*

*Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;  
mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.*

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Information compiled from various hymnal companions.





## Bible Study – Mondays 11:00 am

There will be no Bible Study on October 4 and 11

The readings that are listed will be studied on the date posted. These are also the readings that will be used the following Sunday. For example, the readings listed for October 4 will be the readings used in worship on October 10.

### **October 4 Pentecost 20 – NO Bible Study**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 *Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live*

Psalms 90:12-17 *So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.*

Hebrews 4:12-16 *Approach the throne of grace with boldness*

Mark 10:17-31 *Teaching on wealth and reward*

### **October 11 Pentecost 21 – NO Bible Study**

Isaiah 53:4-12 *The suffering servant*

Psalms 91:9-16 *You have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation.*

Hebrews 5:1-10 *Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

Mark 10:35-45 *Warnings to ambitious disciples*

### **October 18 Pentecost 22 – Bible Study**

Jeremiah 31:7-9 *The Lord gathers the remnant of Israel*

Psalms 126 *Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.*

Hebrews 7:23-28 *Christ the merciful high priest*

Mark 10:46-52 *Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus*

### **October 25 Reformation Sunday – Bible Study**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord*

Psalms 46 *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Romans 3:19-28 *Justified by God's grace as a gift*

John 8:31-36 *Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*

### **November 1 All Saints Sunday – Bible Study**

Isaiah 25:6-9 *The banquet of the Lord*

Psalms 24 *They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.*

Revelation 21:1-6a *A new heaven and a new earth*

John 11:32-44 *The raising of Lazarus*

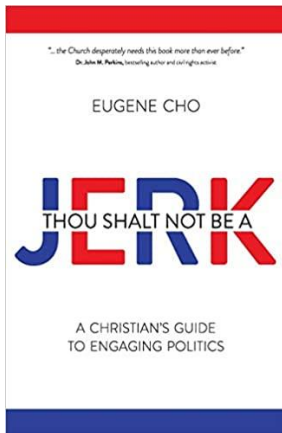
### **Zoom information for the Monday Bible Study**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504774403?pwd=VUpUUGJPRkNlVlYyHhVSXBHUkh3UT09>

Or dial, 1 646 558 8656, the meeting ID is 875 0477 4403

## The Sunday Study

The next book we will be reading is *Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk* by Eugene Cho. Cho is the President/CEO of Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice that works in a bi-partisan way to end hunger at home and abroad. Pastor Tim has worked with Bread for the World in the past. Here is what it says about the book:



According to Eugene Cho, Christians should never profess blind loyalty to a party. Any party. But they should engage with politics, because politics inform policies which impact people.

In *Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk: A Christian's Guide to Engaging Politics*, Cho encourages readers to remember that hope arrived—not in a politician, system, or great nation—but in the person of Jesus Christ.

With determination and heart, Cho urges readers to stop vilifying those they disagree with—especially the vulnerable—and asks Christians to follow Jesus and reflect Christ's teachings. In this book that integrates the pastoral, prophetic, practical, and personal, readers will be inspired to stay engaged, have integrity, listen to the hurting, and vote their convictions.

*"When we stay in the Scriptures, pray for wisdom, and advocate for the vulnerable, our love for politics, ideology, philosophy, or even theology, stop superseding our love for God and neighbor."*

**We will begin on October 17 at 11 am (EST) on Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting via computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81052245622>

Join Zoom Meeting via telephone

1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 810 5224 5622

The schedule for each week is:

October 17 Introduction and chapter 1

October 24 Chapters 2 & 3

October 31 Chapters 4 & 5

November 7 Chapters 6 & 7

November 14 Chapters 8 & 9

November 21 Chapter 10 and afterword

If you have never joined us in The Sunday Study, now is the time! Join us! All are welcome!

## Memorial Service for Rev. Don Fuller

The Memorial service will be on **Saturday, October 30 at 11 am at Trinity**. If you want to send a card to the family, however, please send them to Don's sister in Iowa.

Marian and Jim Elson

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**TLC Crafters** meet every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall preparing for our Craft Bazaar. We have jobs for all levels of crafters, from the novice to the expert. Please join us for fellowship and fun crafting. We are following procedures in place for the safety of all.

**Craft Bazaar**

**Saturday October 23, 2021 9 am to 2 pm**

All items will be handmade PLUS live plants & vegetables. Proceeds will go to the P.E.A.C.E. Youth Garden and Ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church.



**A NEW BIRTHDAY SONG**

*Using the tune KREMSER, We Praise You, O God*

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.  
 We thank him for letting us share in your joy.  
 God bless you and keep you and shine his light upon you.  
 With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

**October**

	1	Kate Mingle	7	Danny Shaw	
		Ellen Peppas	11	Louise Armstrong	
		Karen Schlegel	12	Izzy Hopkins (1 yr old)	
	2	Pat Seaton		Sam Shoup	
		Jan Syverson	16	Ann Horak	
	3	Joan Materna	24	Terry Roe	
	4	Colleen Sumner	30	Barb Perry	

**Worship Schedules**

**OCTOBER ASSISTING MINISTERS**

3 Mary Mathews  
 10 Raeann Purcell  
 17 Grace Kellermeier  
 24 Joe Kellermeier  
 31 Grace Kellermeier

**OCTOBER LECTORS**

3 Jean Haughwout  
 10 Kate Mingle  
 17 John King  
 24 Larry Schaefer  
 31 Cheryl Tucker

**OCTOBER USHERS**

3 John King / Sandi Wirth  
 10 Dave & Fay Faller  
 17 John King / Sandi Wirth  
 24 Kathy Barrick / Trevor Corina  
 31 Trevor Corina / John King

**NOVEMBER USHERS**

7 Dave & Fay Faller  
 14 Trevor Corina / John King  
 21 Kathy Barrick / Sandi Wirth  
 28 Trevor Corina / John King

## TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	General Offering	Expenses	Difference Offering/Expense	General Fund Balance
August	\$29,122.62*	\$29,474.07	(\$351.45)	
Year-To-Date	\$207,095.65	\$215,840.70	(\$8,745.05)	(\$35,692.23)

### AUGUST 2021

- \*In August, two of our Mission Investment Funds reached their maturity dates. In order to have the cash to pay our bills, we withdrew these two funds. The total was \$3651 which appears as a part of the General Offering Income.
- Also in August, our General Offering Income was nominally higher due to the letter to the congregation regarding our financial situation. Thank you to everyone who generously responded to the continuing financial need to maintain our mission.

### GENERAL FUND BALANCE

- The General Fund Balance is negative \$35,692.93. Note that we started the year with a General Fund Balance of negative \$26,947.88.
- We are preparing the 2022 Spending Plan which will be discussed at the Congregation Phase I Meeting on December 5, 2021. We started 2021 in the negative and have not been able to improve the General Fund Balance which is affecting our monthly cash flow. Please prayerfully consider a 2021 financial gift to Trinity to help us meet our goals.

### ON-LINE GIVING

- On-line giving is now available thru the church website: [trinitylutherannsb.org](http://trinitylutherannsb.org)
- Please note that Trinity is assessed a fee when donations are made with a credit card. The fee varies depending on up the credit card used and the amount of the donation. You may wish to add 3% - 5% to your donation to cover this cost when using a credit card.
- When on-line donations are made with a check or debit card, Trinity is not assessed a fee.

### AMAZON SMILE

- Please remember that anything ordered on Amazon Smile with Trinity as the designated charity earns .05% for us. Simply start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2332805](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2332805) to confirm "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.
- For more information, please email Paula Bernbaum at [nsbide@aol.com](mailto:nsbide@aol.com)

**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions or concerns about our budget and finances, please call or email Paula Bernbaum. 386-405-6668 or [nsbide@aol.com](mailto:nsbide@aol.com)

### **Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

## TRINITY COLUMBARIUM



### COLUMBARIUM NICHE SUBSCRIPTION FEE

MEMBER: \$2000.00

NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to covers the niche) that is engraved with name of deceased, plus year of birth and death.

### APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Contact one of the following:

- Marilyn O'Connor (386-402-4304)
- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

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