

From the Pastor

May 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We celebrated the resurrection of our Lord with great joy on Easter Sunday. The new life is ours that Christ brought to our world on the first Easter. We know and believe that the past is over, and we look forward to what God has in store for each one of us individually and for our congregation as the Body of Christ. It was great to see so many of our members and visitors at worship during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We pray that the splendor of the Easter liturgy will be ours not only during the fifty days of Easter until Pentecost, but that it is ours all during the year and all during the lifetime of each one of us.

The “Alleluia” returned to the church as we sang out our praises of the Risen Christ (I was told after worship on Easter that we had sung or said “Alleluia” eighty times!). The good news of Christ is ours to share with the world as we live our days as “Easter people” who attend to the needs of a hurting and suffering world.

Our thanks to everyone who was involved in leading, preparing or participating in our worship during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, especially Cantor Brian Larson, choir members, assisting ministers, ushers, altar guild, lectors, Worship Committee members, and Phyllis D’Alessio (Office Administrator) and Laura Jones (Facility Care).

Before we reached our Easter celebration, it was during Lent that we held a Town Hall Meeting. I was very pleased with the turnout of 70 people at this meeting. It was a time for honesty in sharing both our mutual shortcomings and frustrations and our hopes and dreams for Trinity as we look to the future and the calling a pastor. I believe that our congregation was strengthened during this time of transition as we anticipate a renewed future. Let me also say that we are thankful for the work and ministry of the Call Committee as it continues to meet and exercise discernment during this time as it prepares to interview pastoral candidates for a call to Trinity. Please keep our congregation and the Call Committee in your prayers as we continue through the transition process together.

The glory of the Risen Christ belongs to the world. We leave the church building every week after worship to tell others that Christ is alive and “The World is Under New Management.” We proclaim through our words and deeds that God came to be with us in and through our Lord Jesus.

Peace,
Pastor Roger Prehn

Pastor Prehn’s Absence: Pastor Prehn will be away from the church from May 13-May 28.

If pastoral services are needed during his absence, please contact Pastor Jack Ottosen at cell phone 386-679-0771. Pastor Marcia Cox will preach and preside the weekends of May 18/19 and May 25/26.

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.



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+ **Lutheran church musicians lead the church's song.** In the Lutheran tradition we are often known as cantors. This includes the roles of choir directors, organists, instrumental leaders, praise band leaders, song leaders, composers, arrangers, and worship planners. This month we continue to look at the "Called to be a Living Voice" statement of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) which describes how Lutheran church musicians *proclaim, lead, celebrate, challenge, and grow and change.*

Lutheran church musicians lead. We lead the church's songs and hymns, we plan and perform choral and instrumental music, and use our talents to lead and grow the congregation's voice. We are all called to excellence in the music that we lead.

+ **Thank you** to the members of our choir and handbell choir for your beautiful music during Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter season. Your musical leadership is greatly appreciated!

+ **Several members of our choir** are "seasonal members." Some are Trinity members, some are not, and all are dedicated choir members when they are in Florida. We miss them greatly when they go "up north" for the summer and look forward to their safe return in the fall.

+ **Summer Choir** will again sing for our summer worship services – Saturday night *and* Sunday morning – and YOU are invited to participate. Here is how it works:

- you may sing at the service time/day of your choice
- no previous choir experience is necessary; being able to "carry a tune" is desirable
- practice in the fellowship hall 40 minutes before the service (Saturdays at 4:20pm or Sundays at 8:50am); no mid-week rehearsals during the summer
- music will be easy and quick to learn
- we will not wear choir robes
- during the service you may sit in the choir area or sit in the congregation and just come over to the choir area when we sing (usually at the time of the offering)
- you may sing every week, occasionally, just once, or whatever is best for you
- your musical leadership is greatly appreciated!

There will be one Wednesday rehearsal on May 29 at 7pm for anyone who would like to sing through all the songs for the summer to see what's coming. This is an optional event. You are welcome to sing for services without attending this rehearsal. Please talk with me or any choir member if you have questions.

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Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson

Daughters' Luncheon

Saturday, May 11th, at 11:20 am

Annual Daughter's Luncheon!

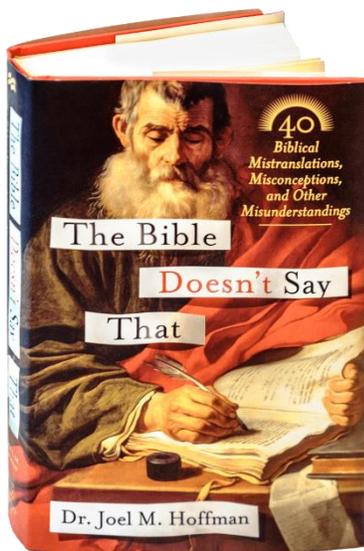
All women of Trinity Church are invited. It would be helpful for those planning if you would sign-up ahead of time. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased ahead of time or at the door.

More WELCA News ...

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 11AM in the Church Fellowship Hall. Join us for Bible Study and Fellowship! Bring your own lunch or a snack - dessert & beverage will be provided.

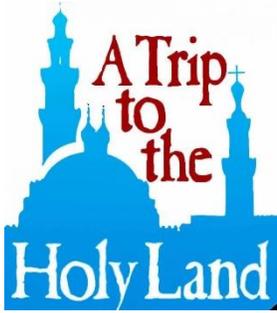
Christian Education

Children's Sunday School will meet 9:15 to 10:15 AM between services in the Church Fellowship Hall on the following dates: May 5th, May 12th, May 19th. A Sunday School family Pool Party is being planned for June.



“THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY THAT.” Join Pastor Prehn starting June 2 and continuing through the summer for an engaging look at some of the misconceptions, misunderstandings and mistranslations that appear in the Bible. For the basis of our discussions we'll use the book by the same title written by Joel M. Hoffman, who holds a PhD in theoretical linguistics and has taught at Brandeis University and at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. We'll take a look at such questions as “Does the Bible start with ‘In the beginning?’” “Does the Bible contain Ten Commandments?” “Did people really live to be almost a thousand years old?” “What does the Bible say about homosexuality?” “Was God's name in Hebrew Yahweh?” “Is the Rapture in the Bible?” “Do the Ten Commandments forbid killing?” Over the course of 13 weeks we'll cover these and many other interesting, and perhaps even controversial, subjects. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 AM worship service during June, July and August for a new and surprising look at the Bible. Don't forget your Bible!

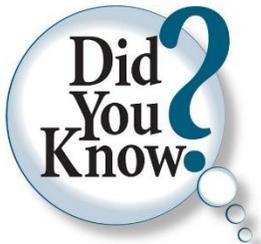
New Members' Class - There will be a class for anyone who would like to **join our congregation**. It will be held on the four Saturday afternoons in June from 3:30-4:30 in the Pastor's Office. Please contact Pastor Prehn if you are interested in attending. This is also an excellent opportunity for anyone to review the basics of our faith even if you are already a member of Trinity.



HOLY LAND TRIP. Pastor Roger and Andrea Prehn are inviting you to join them on a trip to the Holy Land March 16-25, 2020. You will have an opportunity to sail across the Sea of Galilee, visit the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, stop at the Jordan River, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, the Mount of Olives, the Dead Sea, and Jerusalem and the Old City. **An informational meeting is set for Thursday, May 9, in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM.** Come and learn all about this exciting adventure in faith and once in a lifetime journey.



During the season of Lent you were encouraged to participate in "40 Days of Giving." All offerings to this project will be used to alleviate hunger and poverty in our world. To date, **\$2,575.** has been given by members and friends of Trinity. What a wonderful commitment by our congregation to show compassion and care for those who are not able to satisfy basic needs.



- **Donations** have been received to purchase 2 new wireless microphones plus an extra camera in the back-parking lot to increase security.
- **Doris Will** and helpers decorated the church for Palm Sunday & Easter – THANKS!
- **John Jacobsen**, son of Louise & Ron, was honored as a veteran at a recent NY Mets baseball game.

An **active shooter workshop** was held on April 1, 2019 with Officer Kirkland from the NSB Police Department. 15 members of our congregation participated. He presented a brief program entitled; "Run, Hide, Fight". In the event of an active shooter situation the first thing we should do is run to get as far away as possible. If you can't run or get out, hide, preferably in an enclosed room, locking and barricading the door. The final recommendation if you are unable to do either of the above would be to fight; trying to disarm the shooter by any means possible.

Other important information which was provided includes always knowing where the exits are located, calling 911 in the event of any suspicious activity and providing any necessary first aid.

If you have access to YouTube Officer Kirkland recommended viewing the following two videos: "Run, Hide, Fight" and "Stop the Bleed".

-- **Beginning on May 26, 2019**, at the recommendation of the Church Council, the exterior doors will be locked during worship services. Committees are encouraged by council to lock the doors during their meetings, especially at night meetings.

-- The ceremony for **Memorial Day at Canaveral Seashore National Cemetery**, Mims, FL (US-1) will be at 11:30 a.m. on May 27th. Each year since it opened (3 years ago), people have taken a dozen red roses to place on grave markers, and the ceremony has always been beautiful and very interesting. This year Mr. & Mrs. Don Weaver, gold star parents, will be guest speakers. Get there **early and take an umbrella** for the sun or the rain. Thank you, Colleen Sumner

May Birthdays



3	Linda Muchow	20	Doris Lawrence
4	Larry Muchow	21	Annette Sowder
5	Marcia Evans	24	Ron Jacobsen
9	Roy Coons	25	Jack Bright
16	Chelsa Wolfe	29	Larry Schaefer
17	Betty Srock		

To all the Members of the Trinity Choir. Your participation in the service for my wife Nancy added so much toward making it a day our family will remember for a long time. God Bless You All!

Ralph Snyder, Stephanie and Tom Sherry (daughter and son-in-law)

Because He is risen, may you be blessed with a hope-filled Easter and a joy filled year. Thank You to ALL for the cards & prayers. I miss you all.

Love, Linda Avis.



Library News...

We have a Fiction section in the library.

Also, several novels by **Chaim Potok** (1929-2002) an American Jewish rabbi and gifted author. His first book "The Chosen" was a New York Times best seller and it was made into a movie. Chaim Potok introduced to American fiction the spiritual and cultural life of Orthodox Jews. He also wrote "Wanderings: History of the Jews" which is in our library in the Bible History section. Check out one of his books. Submitted by Beve Swanson



A BIG THANK YOU to the members and friends of Trinity who contributed to our church library. Hundreds of DVD's and books provide a rich resource for all, from toddlers to senior citizens. Please stop by the library corner on the porch and make use of our new, delightful library.

Library hours: Saturday 4pm - 6:30 pm, Sunday 7am - Noon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am-4pm.

A message from the Stewardship Committee...

Making plans for the Summer? Do they include plans to fill the offering Envelopes for the Time You Are Away? We will miss you, but God's work will continue. Please remember God's church before you go. Thank You.

Call Committee Update: By now congregational surveys should have been completed and returned to the church. When the Call Committee meets at their regular meeting on April 30 the results will be tabulated. Highlights of the results will be shared with the congregation via announcements at all services, the bulletin and on the bulletin board on the patio. The Call Committee is also working on the Ministry Site Profile. When completed the survey results along with the MSP will be submitted to the FL/Bahamas Synod for their approval. We will inform the congregation when this has been done. Please feel free to contact a member of the committee at any time if you have questions.



The Capital Campaign is completed! Here is what has been done.

1. 2nd unit of AC was installed to replace old one
2. Roof shingles were repaired
3. Pressure washing of entire church
4. Exterior of church painted with two (2) coats
5. Decaying wood facia replaced where needed
6. Locks changed on outside doors
7. Steel doors replaced where needed
8. Interior area of porch painted
9. Floor & shelves installed in sacristy
10. Outside lights replaced where needed
11. Porch screens replaced
12. 70 trees removed from front of church
13. Playground cleaned and equipment stained

Thank you to Bob Spitz, Bob Horak, Chuck McCain, Laura Jones, Phyllis D'Alessio, Gary Hopkins and Al Schroth for the great job they are doing. These people are a great team for Trinity. God Bless...George Cramer

The Synod Assembly (June 6-7-8) at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Kissimmee, is the annual gathering of the Florida-Bahamas Synod—pastors, deacons, voting members, visitors and guest. Synod Assembly is a chance to gather for worship, receive reports and updates on mission and ministry throughout the church, strengthen relationships and networks through fellowship and conversation, expand awareness and understanding, and participate in decision-making. This year's assembly theme is "Alive in Christ," and will focus on celebrating and identifying the various ways the Holy Spirit brings life to the Body of Christ.



A valuable part of synod assembly—that includes those who are not able to make it to the assembly itself—is the synod service project. This service project is a chance for congregations throughout the synod to come together around a unified purpose and offer resources for the sake of an important ministry. This year's service project will support a ministry that offers services to the working poor of the theme parks through Community Hope Center of Osceola County.

We are collecting the following items:

1. Individual juice boxes
2. Individual packets – animal crackers
3. Toilet paper
4. Reams of white paper

Please bring your items to the church and place them in the bin in the narthex; deadline is Sunday, May 28. These items will then be taken to the synod assembly by our voting members, Grace and Joe Kellermeier. Pastor Prehn will also be attending the assembly.

		MAY 4 & 5	MAY 11 & 12	MAY 18 & 19	MAY 25 & 26
Assisting	5 pm	SueEllen White	Paula Bernbaum	Colleen Sumner	Raeann Purcell
Minister	8 am	Bill Hinkle	Mary Mathews	Grace Kellermeier	9:30
	10:30	Chris Weinrich	Bob Horak	Gail Roe	Joe Kellermeier
Lectors	5 pm	Kate Mingle	Dave Fasanello	Linda Roemer	Nancy Hopkins
	8 am	John King	Bill Hinkle	Rosalie Kallman	9:30
	10:30	Irene Sanders	Betty Srock	Chris Weinrich	Cheryl Tucker
Ushers	5 pm				
	8 am	Rosalie Kallman John King	Rosalie Kallman John King	Rosalie Kallman John King	9:30
	10:30	Kevin Bochus Trevor Corina Barbara Reilly Jonathan Weinrich	Kathy Barrick Trevor Corina Kerry Wirth Sandi Wirth	Kathy Barrick Bob Evans Bob Horak Barbara Reilly	John King Barbara Reilly Kerry Wirth Sandi Wirth
Altar Guild	5 pm	Gary Hopkins Nancy Hopkins	Hope Bauman Mary Parada	Henrietta Eckert SueEllen White	Paula Bernbaum, Kate Mingle & Don Smith
	8 am	Grace Kellermeier Joe Kellermeier	Grace Kellermeier Joe Kellermeier	Grace Kellermeier Joe Kellermeier	Grace Kellermeier Joe Kellermeier
	10:30	Dave Faller Fay Faller	Dave Faller Fay Faller	Dave Faller Fay Faller	Dave Faller Fay Faller
Flower Memorial/Honor		In Honor of Carl Kaufmann by Barbara Kaufmann	In loving memory of my Mom, Elsie Marousek and all Mom's by Kate Mingle	In Memory of Ann Magnussen	In Memory of Herman Rauch by Carolee Gleim & Shirley Niemeyer
Flower Distribution		Gladys Bachman	Chris Williams	Gladys Bachman	Mary Mathews
Eternal Candle		In Honor of the 65 th Anniversary of Fay & Dave Faller	In Honor of the 65 th Anniversary of Fay & Dave Faller	In Honor of the 65 th Anniversary of Fay & Dave Faller	In Honor of the 65 th Anniversary of Fay & Dave Faller

Council 2019

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Worship Schedules
Saturdays – 5 pm
Sundays – 8 & 10:30 am
Sunday School – 9:15 am

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