

A Newsletter for members of Trinity Lutheran Church to promote communication of information in the congregation.

From the Pastor

February 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

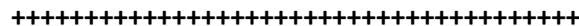
We began a new year of grace on January 1. It is my hope and prayer that this year will find you in good health and joyful knowing how much God cares for us and blesses us.

It appears that this year we will also continue to be inundated with news from Washington, D.C. about politicians and politics. I thought it would be good for you to know of the many ELCA Lutherans who serve in government, both in the Senate and in the House of Representatives. In fact, four new ELCA members were sworn in the first week of January to serve in the House of Representatives. They are Rep. David Trone, D-Md.; Rep. Angie Craig, D-Minn.; Rep. Kelly Armstrong, R-N.D.; and Re. Xochitl Torres Small, D-N.M. They will join seven incumbent ELCA House of Representative members who won re-election. They include: Rep/ Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.; Rep. Scott Peters, D-Calif.; Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine; Rep. Lloyd Smucker, R-Pa.; Rep. John Carter, R-Texas; and Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash.

Both incumbent ELCA Lutherans who ran for re-election to the U. S. Senate won their races in November: Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.; and Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio. They join other ELCA Senators currently serving: Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon; and Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa.

Although these people may not directly represent you, it is still helpful to know that Lutherans serve our country in Congress. We are grateful for their leadership and look forward to their service on behalf of the American people. Let's keep all of our elected officials in our prayers asking that God lead them and guide them in their difficult responsibilities on behalf of us all.

Peace,  
Pastor Prehn



**BAPTISMS** We welcomed two young people into the Christian Church through the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, January 13, which was also the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord. The newest members of the Body of Christ are Carson Daniel, son of Daniel and Heather Pohl and Tyler Joseph, son of Russell and Lauren (Pohl) Hickling. We rejoice with the families of these two children who join us as fellow members of the household of God.

*Thank You*

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank the congregation for the Christmas gifts of money and other signs of your care and concern for me and my wife, Andrea. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It is with joy that I serve you as your interim pastor, knowing how much you appreciate my service to you and with you. Pastor Roger Prehn

## Cantor's Notes

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

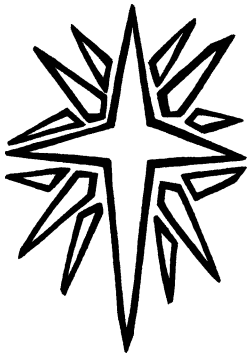
The guiding stance of *The Center for Congregational Song*  
of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.



+ **The Lutheran cantor** is the leader of the people's song, and the above statement has been very affirming and comforting for me in recent months. This month we look at the third item.

### Transforms lives

- The church's song arises from the people and therefore exists wherever faith and life intersect.
- Transformation by God's grace through our song can happen regardless of personal stylistic preference.
- We celebrate that the church's song, like preaching and other art forms, can proclaim the Word.



+ **Our annual Hymn Festival** will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 3:30pm. Mark your calendar! This year's theme is "Epiphanies: Sing of God Made Manifest." Our full choir and handbell choir will participate along with Pastor Weinrich and Pastor Prehn. Jonathan Weinrich will play trumpet, and Kang Seo (exchange student from South Korea) will also participate. Everyone is invited to a soup and bread supper following the hymn festival. The event is free. Donations of money or canned goods for local food banks will be accepted. Please plan to attend! For more information please contact the church office at 386-428-4307 or visit our website at [www.trinitylutheransb.org](http://www.trinitylutheransb.org)

+ **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.

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson

## February Birthdays

2	Joan Norris		20	Jackie Treadwell
3	Fay Faller		21	Nancy Hopkins
5	Jeff Winterstein		24	Al Schroth
10	Anthony Gracia		25	Betty Still
	Trudy Miller		28	Bert Davis
16	Bob Horak			





**Trinity has a prayer team!** We include those who are in our prayer list, our church in this time of transition and anyone who has additional prayer requests for any reason. Please email, text or call Nancy Hopkins at [grywhop@aol.com](mailto:grywhop@aol.com) or 386-316-3740 to be added to our prayer list. If it is an emergency and Nancy is unable to immediately respond you may contact another member of the team. Members include Gladys Bachman, Kathy Barrick, Paula Bernbaum, Lyn Carter, Jackie Kaufmann, Gretchen Marz, Kate Mingle, Linda Muchow, Marie Smith, Marilou Spencer, Betty Still, Colleen Sumner, Gayellen Wagner, Pastor Chuck Weinrich and Carol Zacha. If you would like to be part of our team, please contact Nancy and we will be happy to add you.

## Columbarium Establishment



A committee has been formed to look into the possibility of having a Columbarium at our church, after interest was expressed to have one. A Columbarium is a free-standing unit or vault with niches, in which urns containing ashes of the dead are placed for respectful storage.

The committee members are Jean Haughwout, Rosalie Kalman and Judy Driesbaugh. They have reached a point in their research to know just how much interest really exists in the congregation to pursue the purchase of the Columbarium, before funds are spent for soil testing or purchase of the Columbarium, etc.

We are asking all interested church members to please sign the clipboard located on the table in the Narthex or to contact one of the committee members. This is to determine if enough interest exists to pursue this. If you have any questions, please contact any of the committee members. Thank you for assistance in this matter.

Jean Haughwout - 386-428-4276  
Rosalie Kalman 386-310-4191  
Judy Driesbaugh 570 650-3478

## Trinity Lutheran Church has a reorganized library!



Opening will be around February 1, 2019

Hours:

Saturday 4-6:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM- 4 PM

Closed Monday and Friday

Books and audio tapes are arranged in categories:

Art	Bibles	Non-fiction
Atlases	Children	Reformation (Luther)
Audio/visual	Church leadership	Self-help
Bible commentary	Devotionals	Theologians
Bible history	Fiction	Worship
Bible study	Grief/support	Youth

Simple directions for borrowing a book will be located on the table in the library. Suggested borrowing time is 3 weeks.

Always look forward to adding new books to our collection.



A great big thank you to all of you for everything you contributed to make our Phase I & Phase II meetings a success! I appreciate your sharing of your time and talents and your dedication to our congregation! Sincerely, Gary Hopkins

Dear Trinity,

We thank you for your Christmas gifts of money, cards and presents. We are blessed by your kindness and look forward to serving Christ at Trinity in 2019.

Sincerely, Brian, Laura & Phyllis

**WELCA donates \$300 to Bay County Schools** for Christmas presents for the students impacted by Hurricane Mathew in the Panama City/Mexico Beach area.

...You cannot imagine the difference your donation has made in the lives of our students and teachers. Without your generosity and your "we can help" attitude I am not sure how we would have accomplished the monumental task of returning to school.

It is impossible to put into words what a difference your donation has made. Your have assisted us in picking up the pieces and for that we will be eternally grateful. If there is ever anyway that I can assist you do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely, Bill Husfelt, Superintendent of Schools, Panama City, FL.

*(The letter is posted on our bulletin board where you can read it in its entirety.)*

**A sincere thank you** to everyone who helped make our **Giving Tree such a success**. As a result of the caring, giving and generosity of our Church members, ten children were able to receive all of the items on their Christmas lists, nine families received gift cards for food for the holiday and \$320 worth of gift cards were received that were given to Chisholm Elementary School to help meet additional needs of the students. We received ten lap quilts made by Rebecca Sawyer for the children on our Giving Tree and three quilts made by mission workshop that were gifted for children at Chisholm. Thank you... we received \$1,625 in cash donations for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for food for needy families. It is awesome and amazing to see what we accomplished through our Giving Tree! Thanks again for helping make this project such a huge success!

Judy Driesbaugh and Nancy Case (Giving Tree Coordinators)



## News from Council ...

The following is a brief review of our Phase I and II meetings.

At the Phase I meeting:

- \* We elected three new **Council** members: Bob Horak, Marie Smith and Doris Will.
- \* The **budget** for 2019, of \$324,244.00 was approved as amended, and includes a 3% raise for our three staff members.
- \* It was announced that the Synod had given us permission to form a Call Committee. We planned to present nominees at the Phase II meeting.
- \* Jean Haughwout presented information on the possibility of placing a Columbarium on the church property. A committee was put together to investigate the details of this project.

At the Phase II meeting:

- \* Call Committee was elected. Those members are Sherry Coons, David Fasanello, Nancy Hopkins, Bob Horak, Bob Seaton and Chris Weinrich. Our two alternates elected are Judy Driesbaugh and Raeann Purcell. A meeting with Connie Schmucker is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019.
- \* The Nominating Committee was elected. Those serving are George Cramer, Gary Hopkins, Grace Kellermeier, Rich Lipinski and Ellen Peppas.
- \* The Annual Report for 2018 was approved.
- \* Joe and Grace Kellermeier will be our voting members at this year's Synod Assembly.

I would like to thank everyone for their attendance and participation at the meetings. I would also like to thank the Fellowship Committee for providing meals at both meetings.

Council President, Gary Hopkins

### Council 2019

President, Gary Hopkins	Secretary, Grace Kellermeier
Vice President, Kate Mingle	Treasurer, Rosalie Kalman
George Cramer	Al Schroth
Jean Haughwout	S. Marie Smith
Bob Horak	Colleen Sumner
Raeann Purcell	Doris Will

**The Call Committee** was elected at our Phase II Congregation Meeting on January 20, 2019:

Sherry Coons	Nancy Hopkins	Alternates:	Judy Driesbaugh
Bob Horak	Bob Seaton		Raeann Purcell
Dave Fasanello	Chris Weinrich		

## February 2019

		FEB 2 & 3	FEB 9 & 10	FEB 16 & 17	FEB 23 & 24	CONTACTS
<b>ASSISTING</b>	5 PM	COLLEEN SUMNER	RUSTY NORRIS	PAULA BERNBAUM	SUE ELLEN WHITE	MARY
<b>MINISTER</b>	8 AM	BILL HINKLE	GRACE KELLERMEIER	JOE KELLERMEIER	MARY MATHEWS	MATHEWS
	10:30	GAIL ROE	BOB HORAK	DAVE FALLER	CHRIS WEINRICH	386-690-4987
<b>LECTORS</b>	5 PM	NANCY HOPKINS	KATE MINGLE	RAEANN PURCELL	LINDA ROMER	MARY MATHEWS
	8 AM	JOHN KING	BILL HINKLE	LINDA MUCHOW	CHUCK MCCAIN	J HAUGHWOUT 386-478-9650
	10:30	CHRIS WEINRICH	BOB HORAK	MARIE SMITH	TERRY ROE	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	ROSALIE KALMAN JOHN KING BOB SEATON BOB SPITZ	ROSALIE KALMAN JOHN KING BOB SEATON BOB SPITZ	ROSALIE KALMAN JOHN KING BOB SEATON BOB SPITZ	ROSALIE KALMAN JOHN KING BOB SEATON BOB SPITZ	SANDI WIRTH
	10:30	LINDA AVIS KEVIN BOCHUS TREVOR CORINA BOB EVANS	KATHY BARRICK BARBARA REILLY JONATHAN WEINRICH SANDI WIRTH	KATHY BARRICK KEVIN BOCHUS TREVOR CORINA BARBARA REILLY	LINDA AVIS DON ERICKSON KERRY WIRTH SANDI WIRTH	386-409-9228
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	5 PM					C SUMNER 386-427-6167
	8 AM	GRACE & JOE KELLERMEIER	GRACE & JOE KELLERMEIER	GRACE & JOE KELLERMEIER	GRACE & JOE KELLERMEIER	
	10:30	GLADY BACHMAN MARILYN O'CONNOR	GLADY BACHMAN MARILYN O'CONNOR	GLADY BACHMAN MARILYN O'CONNOR	GLADY BACHMAN MARILYN O'CONNOR	
<b>CANDLE</b>		TO THE GLORY OF GOD	TO THE GLORY OF GOD	TO THE GLORY OF GOD	TO THE GLORY OF GOD	CHURCH OFFICE 386-428-4307
<b>FLOWER DEDICATIONS</b>		TO THE GLORY OF GOD	TO THE GLORY OF GOD	IN HONOR OF TAMMY CURREY'S 35 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY	WELCA-IN HONOR OF THE BOLD WOMEN OF OUR CONGREGATION	FLOWER CHART - LOCATED ON BULLETIN BOARD
<b>FLOWER DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	AFTER 10:30	MARY MAIER CIRCLE	MARY MAIER CIRCLE	MARY MAIER CIRCLE	MARY MAIER CIRCLE	



**You Are Invited to meet Rev. Ana Lugo  
at a special presentation  
Saturday, February 2, 2019 (11:30 am - 1:30 pm)  
Sunday, February 3, 2019 (between services)**

I am a native of Puerto Rico. I graduated in 1981 from the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry (Cum Laude) and received my Masters of Divinity in 1985 from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA. I was ordained by the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) in 1986.

I served as Co-Pastor and Pastor of two congregations in Denver, CO and have served in numerous committees and task forces of Presbyterian Church USA. Outside the church, I served as Translator/Interpreter for the Justice Information Center in Denver, CO, a non-profit agency meeting legal and immigration needs. While a Texas resident, I was the translator for the Juvenile, County and District Courts in Dumas, TX.

For twenty (20) years I served the PCUSA as a Capital Campaign Consultant working for Church Financial Campaign Service, now Church Campaign Services, LLC. On June 2013, I accepted the position of Regional Gift Planner for the FL-BH Synod. I sing in my church choir, sing in a community choir and teach a Sunday School class.

*"When we die and go to heaven, where will our 'stuff' go? How can I make sure my 'stuff' goes to whom and where I want?"*

*"Will the people named in your Will receive the amount of money you think/want them to receive?"*

*"What are the best assets to leave to family or friends?"*

*"You own an IRA worth \$50,000. You want to use your IRA to benefit loved ones and important services/ministries to you. Do you want your gift to be worth \$39,000 or \$50,000?"*

*"Do we REALLY need a Will? What assets will flow thru your Will and what assets will flow thru beneficiary designation?"*

*"I want to leave something to my church but I'm not sure what will be the best way to do it."*

These questions and comments are some of the issues I get asked in my call as a gift planner. Gift Planners help YOU make the most of the distribution of your estate to your heirs, using tools that will save on income and inheritance taxes, and help YOU support ministry that has and is important to YOU.

I will be joining you on Feb.2-3, 13, 2019. I invite you to join me and listen to my presentation about gift planning and gift giving to family, ministry and institutions. After my presentation I hope you'll want to meet with me to work on your legacy gifts plan. This is a service from the ELCA to our members and churches who are concerned about the present and future of ministry and mission.

There are no products or services to sell, and there is no charge for help. I speak about being good stewards of the gifts that God has given each of us, as everything we have comes from God. The size of your estate does not matter; it is what you want to accomplish with what you have to give that matters. You may call or email me anytime you wish to talk or work on your legacy gifts.

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## Council 2019

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ELCA [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Roger Prehn  
**Cantor:** Brian Larson  
**Office Assistant:** Phyllis D'Alessio  
**Custodian:** Laura Jones

### Worship Schedules

Saturdays – 5 pm

Sundays – 8 & 10:30 am

Sunday School/Confirmation 9:15 am

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