

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

From the Pastor

April 2019

Dear Members of Trinity,

What follows is the announcement that I made at worship services the weekend of March 16-17. I include in this newsletter so that all of you will have the same information about what I said. Please take the time to carefully read this over and then plan to attend our "Town Hall Meeting" on Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 AM.

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I came here last June to begin a time as your interim pastor. The F-B Synod Manual for congregations such as this in transition states the role of the interim pastor this way:

*" While the interim pastor provides continuity for pastoral leadership and care, the role of an interim pastor is also different from that of a regularly called pastor. During the transition time, the interim pastor assists the congregation in addressing special tasks that will help strengthen the congregation's ministry as it prepares for the new pastor."*

After being with you for the past 9 months, I see that we have some very serious work to do in addressing special tasks before I acknowledge to Bishop Suarez that it is appropriate for him to submit names of potential pastors to the Call Committee to be interviewed. First, let me say, that in my opinion, this congregation has come far in its unsettledness and anxieties I experienced when I came.

With that in mind, I see that there are two special tasks that I need to assist the congregation with in the coming months. Number one: our financial situation is not as strong as it needs to be. Let me be certain to say that all our bills are being paid...that's not the issue. Be that as it may, the weekly giving falls short of where it needs to be as you look to the future.

Secondly, there are still residual negative feelings in the congregation that I believe need to be addressed. I am concerned that in order to move into a positive future as Trinity Lutheran Church, frustrations and dissatisfactions must be worked through in our changing situation of transition.

Therefore, I have consulted with the president of the congregation, Gary Hopkins, and I am asking that we hold what I'm calling, a "Town Hall Meeting," for Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 AM for members and associate members. At this time, we can openly discuss the challenges facing the congregation—past, present and future. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to strengthen our resolve as the people of God as we anticipate the joyful time of a new pastoral ministry.

In Christ,  
Pastor Roger Prehn

ELCA World Hunger's  
**40 DAYS** of Giving

## 2019 Lenten Mission

Trinity will journey with the ELCA World Hunger this Lent as we join together to study, reflect and give during the 40 Days of Giving. You are invited to join us in reflective weekly study. Practicing Lenten disciplines of repentance, prayer and fasting, giving and works of Love.

As you journey through Lent, practice sacrificial giving by supporting the work of the ELCA World Hunger beyond your typical offerings. 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That is 10.7 % of the world's population.

With a gift of \$2.00 a day for the 40 days of Lent you can make a significant impact on hunger and poverty to our neighbors in our world. May God bless your journey through the Lenten season.



### Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays

April 3 & 10

11 am

Palm Sunday

April 13 & 14, 2019

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am

### Maundy Thursday Communion Services with Foot Washing

April 18, 2019

11 am & 7 pm

Good Friday

April 19, 2019

7 pm

April 20, 2019

No Saturday Service



### Easter Celebration

April 21, 2019

8 am & 10:30 am

# TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

The update for Trinity's Financial Health has a different format this month in order to provide insight into the activity and action of the Finance Committee. We encourage anyone who has an interest in joining our committee to contact Paula Bernbaum.

## JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Review of the responsibilities of the committee based on our Constitution
2. Review of the 2019 Action Plan
3. Review of Trinity's Core Values
4. Designation of Chairman and Secretary: Paula Bernbaum will retain these roles. Linda Muchow volunteered to conduct meetings in Paula's absence.
5. Treasurer's Reports from November 2018 and December 2018
6. Lightning Strike Insurance Status: Total Cost to date is \$10,088. Claim submitted in December
7. Pledge Commitment as of January 10, 2019 was 73 giving units for a total of \$163,568. This is down from an estimate of 88 giving units for a total of \$206,608. We have lost cherished members of our congregation which accounts for the reduction of pledges.

## FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

1. January Treasurer's Report: see summary below
2. Lightning Strike Insurance Status: camera replacement expense is pending
3. The Mini Stewardship Campaign in January and February resulted in 3 pledges
4. Review of potential new pastor compensation for recommendation to council
5. Endowment and Gift Planning Oversight: Pastor Ana Lugo joined us to review the process to create a Continuing Resolution which governs the Endowment Accounts and Gift Acceptance Procedure. A small group was formed to write the drafts prior to the March meeting.

Month	General Offering	Expenses	Difference Offering/Expense	General Fund Balance
				<b>\$16,321</b> Year Start
January	\$19,676	\$22,660	(\$2,984)	\$13,337
February	\$22,235	\$24,450	(\$2,215)	\$11,122
<b>Year-To Date</b>	<b>\$41,911</b>	<b>\$47,110</b>	<b>(\$5,199)</b>	<b>\$11,122</b>

- General Offering First Three Weeks of March: \$19,742

## MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

1. February Treasurer's Report Review
2. Endowment and Gift Planning Resolution Review
3. Continuing review of new pastor compensation for recommendation to council
4. Finance Committee Strategic Plan
5. Town Hall Meeting financial information need/preparation

2 Corinthians 8:21 (NIV) "For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man."

## 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.



+ **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 begin looking 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 proclaim.*** We proclaim God's Word, Jesus Christ, in worship, through music. We are shaped by the Lutheran tradition as a confessing movement in the church catholic, and are rooted and guided by the western catholic musical and liturgical tradition. We are also responsive to our local contexts and cultures. We simultaneously care for our congregations' local musical heritage and tradition while being bridge builders to the ever-emerging songs of the church. We delight in the riches from our past, as well as the gems in our new songs. We incorporate global music, the music of many nations and cultures, into worship. In short, we have a love of the past, a passion for the present, and excitement for the future.

+ **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

## Call Committee Update

Please put April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! At each of the worship services you will have an opportunity to fill out a survey to share your thoughts on what gifts and skills you would prefer in a pastor. The services will be shortened by about 15 minutes to provide an opportunity for you to fill out the survey. If you need more time you can go to Fellowship Hall after the service to complete the survey, or take it home and return it by April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a basket in the Narthex for those forms or you can return it to the church by mail. Please continue to pray for our church family to be able to discern God's will through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important process. Please remember that prayer is talking WITH God, meaning we listen as much if not more so than we speak. Be sure to check the bulletin board on the patio for more frequent updates and feel free to contact a member of the Call Committee if you have questions or concerns. Names and contact information are on the bulletin board!

## April Birthdays



2	Arthur Slack	24	Denise Valenzisi
5	Dave Faller	28	Jonathan Weinrich
9	Rita Lipinski	30	Tyler Hickling
10	Mary Mathews		Grace Kellermeier
23	Elizabeth Slack		



## Library News...

### Book Review

“Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy”

By Eric Metaxas

In this book Metaxas examines the life of a man caught in a heart-rending dilemma: stand up to the Nazis and Hitler himself, necessitating deceit and complicity in an assassination; or remain silent, allowing the murder of thousands. This is the true story of a pastor whose life influenced great leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Desmond Tutu, and others, and whose teachings have been embraced by conservative and liberal theologians alike.

Metaxas masterfully weaves a tantalizing story even as he explores the biblical justification behind Bonhoeffer’s philosophy and the events that shaped it. Christians interested in Bonhoeffer’s theology will find it illuminated in the fuller context of his life. Believers seeking inspiration for living a bold life of faith will receive it in abundance. Readers fascinated with this era in history will discover revealing glimpse behind the scenes of the anti-Hitler movement. Historians will find this a solid academic work.

The above two paragraphs were written by Diane Gardner of FORWARD magazine. This book is a MUST READ for everyone who claims to be Christian. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born February 4, 1906 and was executed by Hitler’s order on April 9, 1945, (just 74 years ago) and 2 weeks before the war ended with Hitler taking his own life. This is truly an amazing story of faith.

Submitted by: Kate Mingle

### Library hours are:

Saturday 4PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday 7AM to Noon

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM



Thank you for your response to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Celebration. Fellowship Committee determined that the \$235 received from the Free Will Offering at the celebration would be donated to the Lenten World Hunger Appeal.

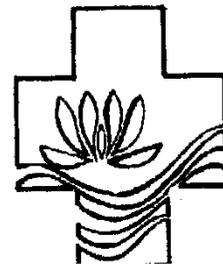
On behalf of **Halifax Urban Ministries**, we wish to thank Trinity for your monetary gift and your on-going effort towards making a difference. Your commitment and passion are greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your generosity, dedication, and hope you will continue to remember us in your prayers.

Thank you for your SUPPORT!

### **Gifts of Love Delivery Drivers**

We would like to thank all of our GOL delivery drivers for your service this past year. Thank you for taking Trinity's weekly non-perishable food to our local Food Pantry in Edgewater. You are helping needy families to receive the gifts donated by our members. The new Spring/Fall schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the porch area. If you are interested in becoming a driver please contact Sandi Wirth 386-409-4228.

## **WELCA News**



### **Raeann Purcell has just been appointed to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA Executive Board!**

Raeann will be completing a term of a resigning Board Member. Raeann has served our Synodical Women (SWO), Organization as President., Treasurer, Board Member, and Human Trafficking Chair and is currently serving on the Churchwide WELCA Exploratory Committee.

Her first Board Meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> - please keep her in your prayers!! She will be a huge asset to our National Organization just as she has always been to our Florida Bahamas SWO.

To fulfill her duties as a Churchwide Board Member, Raeann will be stepping down as our Human Trafficking Chair. I thank her for her awesome service in this area and welcome Phyllis Wade to that role. Phyllis has a passion for this ministry, and she has already been working with Raeann on this team so our SWO will continue to be served well. Submitted by Tracy Moffatt, FBSWO President

### **In other WELCA News**

The **Annual ARC Luncheon** was hosted by Elizabeth Circle on Thursday, March 28th at 11 AM. Pastor Prehn & Brian Larson led musical activities prior to lunch being served. A gift bag was presented to the 9 students and gift cards to the 2 adults.

**Mission Workshop** will be assembling **Personal Care Kits on April 2<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to help assemble these kits. We are collecting hair combs (NO pics) and nail clippers to complete the kits.

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for Bible Study and Fellowship! Bring your own lunch or snack - dessert & beverage will be provided.

APRIL		6 / 7	13 / 14	20/21 EASTER WEEKEND	27/28
Assisting	5 pm	Raeanne Purcell	Colleen Sumner	No Service	SueEllen White
Minister	8 am	Grace Kellermeier	Joe Kellermeier	Bill Hinkle E. Hinkle, M. Mathews, C. Sumner	Mary Mathews
	10:30	Dave Faller	Bob Horak	Chris Weinrich K. Barrick, N. Hopkins, Roy Coons	Gail Roe
Lectors	5 pm	Dave Fasanello	Nancy Hopkins	No Service	Kate Mingle
	8 am	John King	Bill Hinkle	Rosalie Kalman	Mary Mathews
	10:30	Judy Driesbaugh	Bob Horak	Karen Teehan	Marilyn Langenbach
Ushers	5 pm	Hope Bauman	Hope Bauman	No Service	Hope Bauman
	8 am	Rosalie Kalman, John King, Bob Seaton, Bob Spitz			
	10:30	Linda Avis, Kevin Bockus, Bob Evans, Barb Reilly	Kathy Barrick, Ann Horak, Jonathan Weinrich, Sandi Wirth	Linda Avis, Don Erickson, Kerry Wirth, Sandi Wirth	Kathy Barrick, Trevor Corina, Ann Horik, Barb Reilly
Altar Guild	5 pm	Gary Hopkins, Nancy Hopkins, Mary Parada	Paula Bernbaum, Don Smith, Kate Mingle	No Service	Henrietta Eckerd SueEllen White
	8 am	Larry & Linda Muchow			
	10:30	Gladys Bachman Marilyn O'Connor	Gladys Bachman Marilyn O'Connor	Gladys Bachman Marilyn O'Connor	Gladys Bachman Marilyn O'Connor
Eternal Candle		Gladys Bachman in memory of Arlin, Bob, Robbie & Sue Bachman	Gladys Bachman in memory of Arlin, Bob, Robbie & Sue Bachman	Gladys Bachman in memory of Arlin, Bob, Robbie & Sue Bachman	Gladys Bachman in memory of Arlin, Bob, Robbie & Sue Bachman

<b>Midweek Lenten Service – 11 am: Lectors</b>	<b>April 3rd</b> – Rosalie Kalman	<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b> – Jean Haughwout
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers: (11 am)</b> Bill Hinkle	<b>(7pm)</b> Mary Mathews
	<b>Lectors: (11 am)</b> Bill Hinkle	<b>(7 pm)</b> Kate Mingle
	<b>Altar Guild: (11 am)</b> Rosalie Kalman & John King	<b>(7pm)</b> Gladys Bachman
<b>Good Friday:</b>	<b>Assisting Minister: (7pm)</b> Chris Weinrich	
	<b>Lector: (7pm)</b> Jim Zacha	

## Council 2019

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

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Florida-Bahamas Synod [www.fbsynod.org](http://www.fbsynod.org)  
ELCA [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

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

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

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