



February 2020

Dear Trinity Family,

*Thine the **amen**, thine the praise, alleluias angels raise...
Thine the truly, thine the **yes!** thine the table we the guest...*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #826, beginning of verses 1 and 3.

These words from the late hymn writer Herbert Brokering help me express the overwhelming joy I now feel. When congregation president Larry Muchow texted me the outcome of the vote, the first thing that came to my mind was, "Amen!" which is what I texted Larry in reply.

Martin Luther's explanation of 'amen' in the Small Catechism begins, "'Amen, amen' means, 'Yes, yes, it is going to come about just like this.'"¹ For me, this amen was the answer to a long prayer that began about a year and a half ago when I felt God was calling me to new ventures. Your congregational vote - a sign of the Holy Spirit moving and working through the Church - affirmed both the Call Committee's work and my inner urgings. It is with humility and joy that I accept Christ's call to serve with you at Trinity.

My first weekend of leading worship with you will be on March 14-15. As I arrive and settle in, I will be grieving a community of faith that loved me deeply and well for nearly 10 years. I will also be adjusting to life in a new state, a new city, with new stores and businesses, and a new congregation. While I will be grieving and adjusting, do not think for a minute that I am not overjoyed to be with you! The grief and adjustments are normal and necessary for me to go through so that I remain emotionally and spiritually healthy and can wholeheartedly, and unreservedly, learn to love you just as I learned to love the people of Resurrection. Please be patient with me.

While I know that you are excited and ready to welcome me, I also know that you will be going through adjustments, too. My very presence among you is going to be a change. I may do things differently, not because I am trying to be different, but because I am a different person and I don't know how other pastors have done things in the past. I will work hard to make the transition of my ministry in your midst as smooth as possible as we move forward together.

My first goal among you is to get to know you, personally and communally. I want to know your story as a beloved child of God and your history of being at Trinity. I look forward to these visits!

Finally, I want to thank you for the vote of confidence to be your next servant of the gospel in this holy space. I look forward to getting to know and love you throughout the coming weeks, months, and years ahead.

May God's blessings be with you all!

The Rev. Tim Bernard

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
New Smyrna Beach
Welcomes New Pastor



Pastor Tim Bernard

At times it is hard to believe that this southern Minnesota 'farm boy' is now living and working in Florida, but that just proves the old adage: "If you ever wonder if God has a sense of humor - just start making plans for your life!"

After high school, I was a foreign exchange student in the Philippines. I attended Augsburg University in Minneapolis, graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and then graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. I served two congregations in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and one in Roseville, Minnesota (a suburb of St. Paul) before I came to Trinity. I love to travel. I love to meet other people and see other places God has created in this wonderful and diverse world. God's creation really is marvelous!

What is it that I love so much about Trinity? The people. We are a people the Holy Spirit has called – and continues to call - to worship and serve in the greater New Smyrna Beach area. While our central activity is to worship our Lord and hear God's proclamation of grace, immediately following worship the Spirit sends us out to serve others, both as individuals and as community members working side-by-side. Together we can do great things!

Another thing I like about how we view ministry at Trinity is this: there is always a place for you. So, won't you join us? We would love to have you with us!

Peace be with you...

Pastor Tim



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.

+ **"It's never just a hymn!"** This is how I (and hopefully all church musicians) think about hymns. Congregational hymn singing is our weekly "rehearsal" for heaven! Leading that weekly rehearsal is an awesome and exciting responsibility. The compilers of our hymnal have provided us a well-rounded collection of songs that reflect the entire church - music *of all times and all places*. I hope you look forward to joining the song each week!

+ **The Story of Handbells.** An ancient set of handbells was found when the ruins of Nineveh were excavated by archeologists. This area had supposedly been destroyed about 612 B.C. Not only were the bells made of bronze, as they are today, but the metallic composition of that alloy was exactly the same as that used in present-day handbells: 80% copper, 20% tin.

The largest bell ever made has never been rung. This bronze giant, aptly named "The King of Bells," weighs approximately 193 tons. After the bell was first made, scaffolding was built to hold it, but a fire broke out and as the scaffolding collapsed, the huge bell came down with it. As it struck the ground, a small chip broke off the bell. While small in relationship to the massive bell, the chip still weighed 11 tons. The bell was never moved, and to this day rests in the Kremlin in Moscow. *(to be continued next month)*

+ **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.

+ **"There's no need** to tell everyone how Christian you are. Just act like one: love, forgive, be merciful, help the poor. They'll get it." - James Martin, SJ

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson



Thank You to everyone who went caroling to some of our homebound members during the week of Christmas. This was greatly appreciated by everyone who was visited!

Brian Larson, Cantor



THANK YOU to all who donated to the mashed potato drive for the local Christmas Dinner.

Sandi Wirth,
Service Outreach Chair

Dear Friends at Trinity,

Out of gratitude for the blessings we received during our time in Florida, particularly with the people at Trinity. We hope to be with you this summer for another Olympics Hymn Festival and we look forward to visiting with you then.

Our love, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Chuck & Carol Weinrich

Dear members and friends of Trinity,

We would like to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas offering, beautiful cards, gifts, and the opportunities to share in the joy of the season in various ways with you. We are blessed to be able to serve in a community of such loving and giving people and look forward to welcoming the new pastor with you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Cantor Brian Larson, Phyllis D'Alessio, and Laura Jones

On behalf of Halifax Urban Ministries, thank you for your monetary gift and your ongoing effort towards making a difference. Your commitment and passion are greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your generosity & dedication and hope that you will continue to remember us in your prayers. Thank you for your support!

Halifax Urban Ministries.



Annual Giving Tree - Thank you to everyone who made it such a success again this year. **20 children** received the items on their wish list. (twice the number from previous years) **10 families** received: food gift cards, a quilt from Mission Workshop and a lap quilt made by Rebecca Sawyer. \$1015 donations will be used to provide gift cards for food to needy families at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2020.

Blessings, Judy Driesbaugh and Nancy Case (Giving Tree Coordinators)

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank ALL who helped with the funeral luncheon for Lillian Peterson. The response from committees and circle women was overwhelming.

Thank you soo much!

First Annual Food Tree

We began building our Christmas trees of non-perishable food for Gifts of Love with a \$250 Thrivent Grant obtained by Doris Will. Ralph Snyder purchased the wood, and he and his son-in-law Tim Sherry built and painted the forms for the trees. We completed two trees of food plus additional items for Gifts of Love!

Thank you to everyone who brought in food to help make this project such a success! A van full of non-perishable food items was delivered to Gifts of Love soon after Christmas! Thanks, Larry Muchow for the use of your van and assisting in helping Judy



TRADITION — For the past 40 years Jean Haughwout has hosted the annual Christmas party in her home for all women of Trinity. On December 10, 2019 we had a brief semi-annual meeting to elect new officers and approve the 2020 budget. 16 attendees participated in an Advent program. Jean was presented with an ornament for her tree from 1979 as a thank you. Jean states she plans to continue this tradition.

Thank you, Jean!

Gather Magazine -- The magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Gather inspires Christian women to act boldly on their faith. It offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Two issues of the magazine provided by WELCA are located in a basket in the Fellowship Hall, and then will be relocated to the library when the next issues become available. Great magazine, great articles! Take a look!

Auction -- Mark your Calendar! **Saturday February 15, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Gift certificates to restaurants, or entertainment, and much more. Some other items will be available for silent auction. Refreshments will be served. If you have a gift card or gift certificate or item you think would be good for a silent auction please donate. If you have questions contact Judy Driesbaugh, **(570)650-3478** or email her at **RJJ21155@aol.com**. The proceeds from the event will be split between the victims of Hurricane Michael, who are still recovering from the devastation, and to provide scholarships for children to attend Camp at Luther Spring.

Welcome -- 2020 WELCA BOARD OFFICERS and Circle Leaders

Judy Driesbaugh - President
Doris Will - Vice President
Carol Cramer - Treasurer
Evy Okerstrom - Secretary

Elizabeth Circle -- Marie Solveig Smith
Lydia Circle -- Raeann Purcell
Mary Maier Circle -- Judy Driesbaugh

Flagler Volusia Conference
Vitality Gathering

February 15, 2020, 9 – Noon

All Saints Lutheran Church -- 751 Dunlawton Ave. Port Orange

Would you like to learn how to inject Vitality into Trinity?

Reservation deadline February 10th.

Call_Mary Mathews (386) 690-4987

Presented by Florida Bahama Synod

February’s Adult Forum will be Sunday, February 9th from 9:15 to 10:15: Love and Art. Evy Okerstrom will talk about the legend of Valentine’s Day and ask members to share their Valentine’s Day Memories. Also, will have some Valentine’s Day cards for everyone to make.

Holy Land Bible Study & Fellowship: Our next meeting opportunity will be February 9th, then Pastor Prehn will be with us on the 16th. Thank you for your flexibility, Pastor! Andrea and one of our fellow travelers from St. Johns will also be visiting. We will be having a Holy Land meet and greet!

Camp Sunday – Weekend of February 8th & 9th! Did you know that people who attend a faith-based camp as a child or teenager have stronger connections to the church as an adult? **CAMP IS FOR EVERYONE:** children, youth, families and grands. Visit their new website www.novusway.org to see what is available.

Donations are being accepted to help with the cost of **shipping our quilts** to Lutheran World Relief on February 10 & 18. Thank you for your support.

February 25, 2020
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

We will be serving pancakes, sausage and juice.
 Bring your friends & neighbors.

Anyone interested in joining our exciting committee, we meet the second Tuesday of most months in fellowship hall a 1:30 pm.

Thank you, Carol Cramer, Communicator



	February		Birthdays
2	Joan Norris	16	Bob Horak
3	Fay Faller	17	Loretta Wolf
5	Carol Topham	20	Jacqueline Treadwell
	Jeff Winterstein	21	Nancy Hopkins
10	Anthony Gracia	24	Louise Armstrong
	Trudy Miller		Alfred Schroth
11	Judy Driesbaugh	25	Betty Still
14	Jocelyn Rose	28	Bertrand Davis

TRINITY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2019 YEAR END TREASURER'S REPORT

- HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL and many thanks for your faithful and generous support of Trinity Lutheran. We have ended the year with a positive balance which means that we start 2020 with money in our General Fund and no debt. Thanks be to God!!
- As of today, January 19, 2020, we are looking forward to the Congregational Vote on calling a new pastor. Historically, the call of a new pastor brings excitement and participation with growth in both church attendance and general offerings. We feel confident that with the Lord's blessing, our contributions will provide support for a full-time pastor and our on-going ministry.

Month	General Offering	Expenses	Difference Offering/Expense	General Fund Balance
2019 Year End	\$281,624	\$279,138	\$2,486	\$2,486

DECEMBER GENERAL OFFERINGS

- December 2019 General Offerings exceeded all expectations and surpassed December giving for the last 5 years. This was primarily due a few extremely generous donations.

QUESTIONS? If you have questions or concerns about our budget and finances, please call or email Paula Bernbaum to set up a meeting at church. We can sit down together and go over the budget line by line so that it is clear and understandable! 386-405-6668 or nsbide@aol.com

JOIN US! If you're interested in Trinity's finances, please consider joining the Finance Committee. Contact Paula Bernbaum

**“FOR I
know the plans
I HAVE FOR YOU,”**
DECLARES THE LORD,
**“PLANS TO
prosper you
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
hope AND a future.”**
Jeremiah 29:11

		FEBRUARY 1 & 2	FEBRUARY 8 & 9	FEBRUARY 15 & 16	FEBRUARY 22 & 23	FEBRUARY 29
ASSISTING	5 PM	RAEANN PURCELL	PAULA BERNBAUM	RAEANN PURCELL	RUSTY NORRIS	COLLEEN SUMNER
MINISTER	8 AM	MARY MATHEWS	BILL HINKLE	GRACE KELLERMEIER	JOE KELLERMEIER	
	10:30	DAVE FALLER	BOB HORAK	GAIL ROE	CHRIS WEINRICH	
LECTORS	5 PM	DOUG LUEDEKE	NANCY HOPKINS	JOHN WAGNER	DAVE FASANELLO	LINDA ROMER
	8 AM	JOHN KING	BILL HINKLE	ROSALIE KALMAN	JIM DONNELL	
	10:30	GAIL ROE	BOB HORAK	MARILYN LANGENBACH	JULIE BOCKUS	
USHERS	5 PM	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN
	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	
	10:30	Kathy Barrick, Kevin Bockus, Trevor Corina, Ann Horak	Kathy Barrick, Trevor Corina, Ann Horak, Barbara Reilly	Kevin Bockus, Barbara Reilly, Jonathon Weinrich, Sandi Wirth	Don Erickson, Vivian Heck, Kerry & Sandi Wirth	
ALTAR GUILD	5 PM	HENRIETTA ECKERT	COLLEEN SUMNER LINDA ROEMER	NANCY & GARY HOPKINS MARY PARADA	HOPE BAUMAN JACKIE KAUFMANN	PAULA BERNBAUM, KATE MINGLE, DON SMITH
	8 AM	JOE & GRACE KELLERMEIER	JOE & GRACE KELLERMEIER	JOE & GRACE KELLERMEIER	JOE & GRACE KELLERMEIER	
	10:30	ELLEN PEPPAS MARILYN DEMILIO	ELLEN PEPPAS MARILYN DEMILIO	ELLEN PEPPAS MARILYN DEMILIO	ELLEN PEPPAS MARILYN DEMILIO	
CHRISTIAN ED	9:15	MARIE SMITH	MARIE SMITH	MARIE SMITH	MARIE SMITH	
CANDLE		TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY BILL WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF JOHN & NINA WILLIAMS	TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY BILL WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF JOHN & NINA WILLIAMS	TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY BILL WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF JOHN & NINA WILLIAMS	TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY BILL WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF JOHN & NINA WILLIAMS	TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY BILL WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF JOHN & NINA WILLIAMS
FLOWER DEDICATION		TO THE GLORY OF GOD	TO THE GLORY OF GOD	IN MEMORY OF RALPH E. SNYDER III BY RALPH SNYDER	IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBER OF TLC FROM WELCA	
FLOWER DISTRIBUTION		ELSE ABEL	JUDY DRIESBAUGH	CONNIE NEWCOMB	MURACE BULLOCK	

Quilts for Sale: \$30



Proceeds go to Mission Workshop

Council 2020

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Worship Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 8 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School – 9:15 am

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