



From the Pastor...

July 2021

At the June meeting, the Council approved that we present to the congregation the suggested tagline: "HOPE. There's plenty to go around." This comes along with a suggested team re-organization that attempts to reduce the number of team meetings we have by two-thirds. If approved, we would have four main teams: Hospitality. Outreach. Praise. Education.

First, let's talk about what a tagline is. Companies often adopt taglines to cast a vision for their product. This is not their mission statement, but a marketing tool. Some common taglines are: "It's the real thing." (Coca Cola), "Just do it." (Nike), "I'm lovin' it." (McDonald's). If we adopt this as our tagline, we would put it on our website, our business cards, our bulletins, perhaps a banner, bumper stickers, and we would use a form of this in our worship so that we all know what our mission is after we leave worship.

Even though there are a number of passages in the Bible that use the word HOPE, we would connect it to 1 Timothy 4:10 *"For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."* The work we do together as God's people flows out of the HOPE we have in the living God. We are to share this HOPE because this God is not only our Savior, but the Savior of all people.

We are proposing to have four Teams, (the current teams listed after the hyphen would combine to form the new team):

Hospitality – Fellowship. Property, including Columbarium care.

Outreach – Witness. Outreach. Care Team.

Praise – Worship, Music, and the Arts.

Education – Christian Education. Finance. Stewardship. Columbarium administration.

What is the process? We will be trying this tagline for the few months. This will give us time to make any adjustments that need to be made. Then, the Council will be setting a date for a congregational meeting where we will discuss it, vote on it, and make changes to our constitution to allow for the reorganization.

What do we HOPE will come out of this?

- + **A sharper focus to our ministry through "talking points."** We want all of our members and friends to learn what HOPE stands for, so that when we are talking with others (friends and strangers alike) about what we like about Trinity, we can all say that we are Hospitable, Outreach focused, Praise centered, and growing through Education. This way we begin to have a consistent message going out to the community.

- + **More energy dedicated to doing ministry.** We spend a lot of time in meetings. Some people are on multiple committees. By gathering the people from existing teams into new teams we are hoping that there is new energy from the collaboration that can take place.
- + **More intentionality in what we do.** We want the people serving on our teams to ask questions and start discussions. Why are we doing this? Has this ministry item on our agenda outlived its usefulness? What new ministries would be more consistent with who we are today? How do we share HOPE with others in the community? Who are the people who would most benefit from our ministries? How do we reach them and begin to build relationships with them?

These are just some of the outcomes we HOPE to have. We invite you to join in the discussion and learn how, together, we can dream new dreams and HOPE on making a bigger impact in our community.

Installation of Trinity's Eleventh Called Pastor Rev. Tim Bernard



You are cordially invited to a special worship service to install the Rev. Tim Bernard as Trinity's eleventh called pastor in its 68-year history. This will take place on **Sunday, July 18th at 2:00 pm**. The Rev. Rob Carlson, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northern Region, will be with us to preside over the installation. A reception will follow.

This is a day of celebration, not just for Pastor Tim, but for the mission of the Christ's church. The service is in the afternoon so that pastors and people from other congregations can attend as well. Please share this information with others.

From Trinity's website, we recount and remember these pastors who were called to serve with God's people in the greater New Smyrna Beach area: Rev. Lynn Wilfrid (1953-1955?); Rev. Joseph Huntley (1955-1963); Rev. Glen Barger (1964-1967); Rev. Ronald Smith (1968-1969); Rev. William Renn (1969-1976); Rev. Perry Griffith (1976-1994); Rev. Louis Trebus (1994-2001); Rev. Christine Hunziker (2003-2005); Rev. Don Reiter (2006-2014); Rev. David Rike (2015 - 2018); Rev. Tim Bernard (2020 -).

Needing People to Serve

The Worship, Music and the Arts Team is in need of volunteers who are willing to serve as:

Lectors – those who read the lessons during worship

Assisting Ministers – those who assist the pastor by leading the assembly in prayer and by assisting with communion

Ushers – those who hand out bulletins, direct the assembly, and may also assist with communion.

Altar Guild – those who prepare the table for communion and clean up afterwards, as well as other preparations needed for worship that day.

If you would like to be a lector or assisting minister, contact Mary Mathews at m.e.mathews33@gmail.com. If you would like to be an usher, contact Sandi Wirth at swirth007@gmail.com. If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild, contact Ellen Peppas at ecorina46@gmail.com or Mary Parada at marparins@gmail.com. Thank you!

The Sunday Study -- 11 am

The book is "**Nickle and Dimed, on (not) getting by in America**". We will be investigating food insecurity in the New Smyrna Beach area while we read the book by Barbara Ehrenreich. **Sunday, July 11**, all are invited to join the book study group to hear our **guest speaker, Shyriaka Morris**. Shy will share the story of the P.E.A.C.E. Arts Youth Garden, a nonprofit that helps children learn gardening and much more. Shy's story was recently featured in the News Journal and community magazines. Please join us to learn about the needs of our community. Suggestions for guests from other ministries related to food insecurity are welcome. Please contact Raeann Purcell if you need a book (386)212-7933. Karen Weinrich and Raeann Purcell will be facilitating this study.

We hope to meet in person, after worship while including those that want to participate via Zoom.

Meeting via computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415640321>

Join Zoom Meeting via telephone

1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 814 1564 0321

Monday Morning Bible Study

We continue to meet during the summer! Please join us via Zoom, every Monday morning at 11:00 am. These are the texts we will studying in July.

July 5 – No Study due to the Fourth of July holiday – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15 *The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel*

Psalms 85:8-13 *I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 *Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory*

Mark 6:14-29 *The death of John the Baptist*

July 12 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel*

Psalms 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

Ephesians 2:11-22 *Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace*

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 *Christ healing the multitudes*

July 19 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44 *Elisha feeding a hundred people*

Psalms 145:10-18 *You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

Ephesians 3:14-21 *Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling*

John 6:1-21 *Christ feeding the five thousand*

July 26 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 *The Lord gives manna in the wilderness*

Psalms 78:23-29 *God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)*

Ephesians 4:1-16 *Maintain the unity of the faith*

John 6:24-35 *Christ the bread of life*

August 2 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 *Elijah given bread for his journey*

Psalms 34:1-8 *Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)*

Ephesians 4:25--5:2 *Put away evil, live in love*

John 6:35, 41-51 *Christ, the bread of life*

Pastoral Update

On Seeking to Keep Trinity Safe

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a guideline stating that if you are vaccinated you no longer need to wear a mask in public but if you are not vaccinated you still needed to wear a mask. We, however, are a congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ and so we have another set of guidelines to conform to: the gospel.

Over and over again in the Gospels, we hear how Jesus ministered to people who were labeled as being “less than,” people who were treated as outcasts, people who were treated with contempt as “those people.” Whenever we are not including people, or treating people as we treat ourselves, we are “othering” people.

Just read the Gospels.

- ✦ Jesus searched for the one lost sheep that had been separated from the other ninety-nine to bring it back to the fold.
- ✦ Jesus was often criticized for eating with prostitutes, tax collectors, and sinners because they were not of the “holy” crowd, like the Pharisees and scribes were.
- ✦ Jesus healed lepers who had been separated from their families and communities so that they could live in community again.

Jesus’ position was not popular with all of the people, however. It angered some so much that they worked and worked until they got the man crucified. But Jesus willingly went to the cross because his mission was greater than to the few individuals right before him whom he fed, healed, and raised from the dead. Jesus’ death on the cross was eternal; his death was for all of us – even those of us who live two thousand years later! Jesus died for all of us who are estranged *from* God to redeem us and reconcile us *to* God.

The Gospels make us think about how we treat others. We have handicapped parking spaces closer to buildings out of the care and concern for those who have a difficult time walking great distances. We have removed ends of pews to make room for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers. We provide grape juice instead of wine for those who do not consume alcohol or whose medications are affected by alcohol. We are getting new hearing assistance devices for those who have a difficult time hearing our worship services. All of these measures, we do out of care and concern for our neighbors. We do not want to “other” them and say, “Too bad for you. Only healthy people are welcome here.” How is that proclaiming the gospel?

But now when it comes to the wearing of masks, many want to follow the CDC and not the gospel! We are all too eager to make people whose immune systems are compromised and cannot be vaccinated wear a mask while those of us who are vaccinated sit in comfort. We are all too eager to disregard the health and safety of all of our children making them wear a mask while those of us who are vaccinated sit in comfort. We are all too eager to “other” some people in our midst making them wear masks because we just can’t be bothered to wear a mask for their sakes.

I know of a congregation that went from a “we will all wear masks out of love for our neighbor” policy to a “those vaccinated do not have to wear masks” policy. Two families left because the congregation was no longer a sanctuary, no longer a safe place for them to be. Upon leaving, one family said that with this decision, the congregation had become a “social club where the members were more concerned about their own personal comfort than about following the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

I write this, not as a member of the Seeking to Keep Trinity Safe Task Force, but as your pastor, who has been called into your midst to help us proclaim the good news through both word and deed. It is out of my role and authority as pastor that I ask that we all wear masks until the pandemic is done and it is safe for *all of us* to no longer wear masks.

**“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: *God, We Love This Congregation!*** This hymn was written for churches going back to in-person worship while continuing to offer worship online. The author is a Presbyterian pastor serving in Philadelphia. You may sing it using the tune HYMN TO JOY ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee").

*God, we love this congregation!
On this day, we're glad to see
friends and neighbors, gathered, praying,
as a church community.*

*Young and old, we join in worship —
some in-person, some online.*

*We are drawn by faith and friendship
to this blessed place and time.*

*In this year with all its trials,
there are things that we have missed.
Still, in Christ, you've walked beside us;
by your Spirit, we've been blessed.
Love's our history, love's our vision,
Love's the work we're called to do.*

*Bless us as our congregation
moves together, serving you.*

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Cantate Domino!
Brian Larson



Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers and kindness through this difficult time. I'm grateful to you, my Trinity family, staff, and leadership for the support and comfort extended to my family and I as we cared for our mother, Philomena. Your cards, flowers, and kind words have encouraged us through this journey and will continue to do so in the days ahead. May God's light shine upon us, as we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Sincerely in Christ, Phyllis D'Alessio*

Dear Rosalie, committee members and Trinity congregation,
I wish to thank the members of Trinity Lutheran Church for making your Columbarium available to my family. My husband, John H. Obermann, was laid to rest there on April 10, 2021, and his memorial service was held in Kirkwood, Missouri on May 22, 2021. *Yours in Christ, Donita Obermann*

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.



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4	Linda Soden	20	Cyrus Tucker
7	Karen Snyder	23	Nikki Hopkins
8	Kerry Wirth		Rosalie Kalman
9	Sally Moore		Barbara Kaufmann
10	Marilyn O'Connor	27	Ed Haas
11	Dave Fasanello	27	Larry Snyder
12	Carolee Gleim		

Chancel Flowers — The Flower Chart on the porch bulletin board provides opportunities for families to donate flowers to celebrate special occasions, remember loved ones, give thanks to God, to honor another person. **Please, note this change:** Until health care facilities are open and accepting flowers, up to 2 names can be put on the same Sunday. Each family can take home one bouquet of flowers. The cost for each bouquet is \$26.



The Eternal Candle in the sanctuary provides an opportunity for families to remember loved ones. Please call Phyllis in the church office to dedicate the candle for a specific month in 2021. The recommended donation for the monthly candle is \$30.

Congratulations to Jonathan Weinrich who graduated from Seabreeze High School on June 4th. This summer he is working as a counselor at Bear Creek Camp, an ELCA camp near Wilkes-Barre, PA. If you would like to write to Jonathan, his address until August 7 will be:

Bear Creek Camp
Attn: Jonathan Weinrich
PO Box 278
Bear Creek, PA 18702



Congratulations to Deborah Gelerter-Bernard who graduated from Luther Seminary on June 6th. This past year she has been doing an internship with Salem Lutheran Church in Orlando.



Non-perishable food items are being collected for our local food bank, Gifts of Love Ministry. Your donations can be placed in the grocery cart located in the screened porch area when you attend worship. Thank you for your support of Trinity and this outreach.

Are you able to help for a few hours on Tuesday mornings? Join the **Workshop** group each Tuesday beginning at **9 am** and help with quilting for the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project.



Here's a service opportunity: **Halifax Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen**, Daytona — Monday, July 26 at 10:30 am. Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. Contact: Gary Hopkins (386) 212-0999

Stewardship Message for July

This message from the Stewardship Team for July will discuss vocational well-being.

We all have a calling – a vocation – to follow Christ's example by living a life of meaning, purpose and service to our neighbors. Our vocations make up our life's work and passion – they are the everyday roles through which God calls us to help make the world a better place.

Vocational well-being encourages us to appreciate God's gifts and to be faithful stewards in our lives, of meaning, purpose and service.



On Friday nights at the end of the CBS Evening News program there is a segment called “On the Road” with Steve Hartman. Each week Steve brings stories from across the country. Many highlight people who serve their neighbors in various ways through their vocations. One of my favorite stories, “Good Neighbor”, is about a neighborhood which came together to help a disabled woman get into bed each night. For the past 10 years, seven days per week, a group of 60 men in groups in of 2, go to her home and lift her into bed. The leader of this group says the only problem they have encountered is having enough hours available for the number of people who want to help. These men demonstrate vocational well-being, giving their lives meaning, purpose and through serving others. I would encourage everyone to go to YouTube and view the “On the Road” series.

Members of Trinity are encouraged to live lives which demonstrate vocational well-being. Find a place to serve in our congregation or community to help make a difference in other people's lives. Among others, some places and programs in which you may consider serving include; feeding the homeless at Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) or another food pantry, donating to food pantries and other service oriented organizations, volunteering at a public school, sending cards and calling members of the congregation just to simply reach out and say hello, serving on one of our teams, joining other members in being part of our local FAITH organization or any number of other groups who work to change the lives of others for the better.

Those who are well vocationally are faithful stewards of their talents and abilities and find opportunities to build on and use them by reaching out and serving others. Submitted by, Gary Hopkins, Stewardship Team Member

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)

"Undies Sundays"

&

"School Supplies"



From July 10 -- August 15 Service Outreach is sponsoring "Undies Sundays" & "School Supplies". The congregation is asked to donate new underwear and socks, and/or school supplies for local students at Chisolm Elementary School.



Donations can be placed in the basket located in the nave.

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