

HOPE.

There's plenty to go around

Over the past few months while we have been “trying out” a new tag-line, many have liked the word HOPE, and there are a couple of reasons why this word works for us.

The first reason HOPE is a good word for us is because it is found in numerous places in the Bible. In Christian theology, HOPE is more than just wishful thinking; it is done deal. To HOPE in the resurrection, for example, does not mean that we think it might happen, but that it absolutely, positively will happen.

The second reason HOPE is a good word for us is because it points toward the possible re-organization of our ministry team structure. We would be condensing the number of meetings we have each month down to four. We would have these four teams: Hospitality, Outreach, Praise, and Education.

Yet another reason HOPE is a good word for us is that HOPE is future-oriented. The Apostle Paul wrote in his first letter to the believers in the city of Corinth, he said, “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face.” While HOPE is not expressly stated, in fact, the word HOPE is not even used. But HOPE is certainly expressed. Right now, we forget who we really are as God’s people. God’s love for us is like when we look at ourselves in a mirror without any light on; we can see vague outlines and shadows only. When we die and are with God in a new way, the radiant love of Christ will be so bright and brilliant that we will not even need a mirror, but we will be able to experience the love of God so clearly that it will be like seeing God face to face. That is HOPE. It hasn’t happened yet fully, but it will happen in the future and it is a done deal.

Contest!

What has also become clear is that the rest of the tag-line - There’s plenty to go around – is not sitting as well with us. So, let’s have a little contest to think of a short line to follow the word HOPE. Please submit your suggestions to me (you can call me, text me, email me, or hand it to me) with your suggestions. There are some parameters to it.

- 1) It has to be short. This will aid people – both us and others - in remembering it.
- 2) It cannot be overly “churchy.” As I mentioned at the All-Congregation Feedback Meeting, if it is too churchy-sounding, it will turn people off. That is why newer churches use names like Thrive or Alliance.
- 3) It has to be inclusive. We cannot use “us” and “them” language as though we are the only ones who have it.
- 4) We want it to be something that is action oriented, if possible, so that HOPE is shared, expressed, and lived, and that others feel invited into it.

Go ahead and send in your suggestions by September 20 so I can bring your suggestions to our next Council meeting.

In partnership with you in the gospel...
Pastor Tim

Seeking New Office Administrator

Yes, our beloved Phyllis is retiring. After decades of faithful service to our community, Phyllis submitted her resignation after Pastor Tim's installation. She stayed on longer than she originally wanted, but due to the pandemic she stayed on an extra year to help us out during the first year of a most difficult time. Phyllis will help train the new Office Administrator and we will work with her to set a date to give God thanks for her years of faithful service and bless her as she begins retirement.

We are seeking someone to work 20-25 hours per week, who has a pleasant personality with strong listening and communication skills, who is able to keep information confidential and work with others, who is competent with the computer and Microsoft Office 365 suite, who has the capacity to learn QuickBooks (financial records) and Servant Keeper (database), and who is comfortable with social media. We are offering \$18/hour or a rate commensurate with experience. Resumes can be sent to revtimtlc@gmail.com by September 13. A full job description is available on our website or can be obtained by contacting Pastor Tim via email: revtimtlc@gmail.com

Bible Study



We meet via Zoom at 11 am (Eastern Time) on Mondays to study the lessons that will be used in worship the following Sunday. It is a good way to dwell in the word and reflect more deeply on the lessons. Here are the readings for September:

September 6 (No study due to Labor Day) – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a *Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*
Psalm 146 *I will praise the Lord as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)*
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 *Faith without works is dead*
Mark 7:24-37 *Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*

September 13 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a *The servant is vindicated by God*
Psalm 116:1-9 *I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 116:9)*
James 3:1-12 *Dangers of the unbridled tongue*
Mark 8:27-38 *Peter's confession of faith*

September 20 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 *The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter*
Psalm 54 *God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)*
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a *The wisdom from above*
Mark 9:30-37 *Prediction of the passion*

September 27 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 *The Lord's spirit comes upon seventy elders*
Psalm 19:7-14 *The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*
James 5:13-20 *Prayer and anointing in the community*
Mark 9:38-50 *Warnings to those who obstruct faith*

Zoom information for the Monday Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504774403?pwd=VUpUUGJPRkNlVVlyYHhVSXBHUKh3UT09>

Or dial, 1 646 558 8656, the meeting ID is 875 0477 4403



More Info

All-Congregation Feedback Meeting Video

We held an All-Congregation Feedback Meeting via Zoom and in-person on August 29th. There is a video of the meeting on YouTube. The link is: <https://youtu.be/fRSdjzgEA-4>

Office Closed for Labor Day

The church office will be closed on Labor Day, September 6, in recognition of the national holiday.

The Start of Saturday Worship Postponed

At the August meeting, the congregation council decided to postpone restarting Saturday evening worship due to the delta variant. We will review where we our community's Covid numbers are at and revisit the discussion at our September meeting. Our attendance on Sunday morning is down due to the delta variant as more people are opting to remain home (and safe!) and utilize the video of the service. The fourth wave of the Covid pandemic has hit Florida especially hard, which is why we have changed how we worship on Sundays. We mask throughout worship, we mediate on the lyrics of the hymns and not sing, and we distribute only the bread for communion in the porch area as people are leaving. These are extraordinary times.

The Sunday Study

We have not yet decided on a book yet for fall. If you have any suggestions, please send your suggestions to Pastor Tim at revtimtlc@gmail.com. Thank you!



Visits with Pastor Tim will continue through September

Pastor Tim would like to get to know you! He is blocking out 1-hour segments for you to schedule a time to talk. He wants to hear about you, your family, your life and to pray with you. If you would like to schedule a time, call him and leave a message and he will get back with you to confirm a time. His number is 763-439-9971. There are some members of council who may be calling you to schedule a time as well. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet our pastor!

TLC Crafters meet every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall preparing for our Craft Bazaar. We have jobs for all levels of crafters, from the novice to the expert. Please join us for fellowship and fun crafting. We are following procedures in place for the safety of all.

Craft Bazaar

Saturday October 23, 2021 9 am to 2 pm

All items will be handmade PLUS live plants & vegetables. Proceeds will go to the P.E.A.C.E. Youth Garden and Ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church.



Congratulations, Raeann!

We give God thanks for Raeann and her willingness to serve! She was recently elected to serve as Treasurer for the Women of the ELCA! Here is the official news release from their website:



JOY MICHALICEK, PRESIDENT



FREDDIE JORDAN, VICE-PRESIDENT



ANGELA BELL, SECRETARY



RAEANN PURCELL, TREASURER

ABOUT 260 WOMEN OF THE ELCA voting members approved constitutional changes that reduced the size of its churchwide board from 21 to 15 members while making it more inclusive. They also elected new churchwide officers and an executive board, adopted a 2022 budget, and approved several memorials during an online meeting, Aug. 3-5.

Women of the ELCA's newly revised constitution now reads that the make-up of the executive board *shall beat*

least 20 percent women of color or whose primary language is other than English, *and* at least 20 percent will be under 45 and/or members of the LGBTQIA+ community, according to churchwide Executive Director Linda Post Bushkofsky.

The churchwide executive board for the 2017-2020 triennium had a vision of making the organization more welcoming, inclusive, and nimble, said Bushkofsky. "They sought to lead by example." Following the election, "one-third of the new board are women of color or primary language other than English, exceeding the constitutional mandate of 20 percent," she said. "Three women are under 45 and/or members of the LGBTQIA+ community."

NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD

Joy Michalicek of Duluth, Minn. (Northeastern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization), is the churchwide president through August 2023, when the following convention is held in Phoenix, Ariz. Freddie Jordan of Columbus, Ohio (Southern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization), is vice president; Angela Bell of Palos Heights, Ill. (Metro Chicago Synodical Women's Organization), is secretary; and **Raeann Purcell of Deland, Fla. (Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization), is treasurer.**

"I have had the privilege to serve you over the last four years on the churchwide executive board and executive committee," said Michalicek, who has served on the executive board since 2017. "We will keep working as an organization, and I thank you for your faith in me.

"This organization is important to us as women," she said. "Jesus is calling and is leading us. We as Women of the ELCA are needed more now than ever."



Cantor Notes September 2021

**“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’s Work. Our Hands.*** (from the new ELCA hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*)

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

This hymn expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. It can be sung to the tune “Earth and All Stars!” The author, Wayne L. Wold, is a friend of the Larson family, and you have seen his name many times in our bulletins as the composer of organ or choir music used at worship at Trinity. He is Director of Music Ministry at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, MD, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Music (organ) at Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. He is professor emeritus of Music at Hood College in Frederick, MD.

*God’s work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt’ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.*

*God’s work, our feet: trav’ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God’s future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.*

*God’s work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God’s love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.*

*God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread’s on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God’s love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.*

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Cantate Domino!
Brian Larson





Our Sympathy...

To our church administrator, Phyllis D'Alessio, and her husband, Vin, on the death of their daughter, Ann Marie. Let us surround Phyllis and Vin with our love and support at this tender time. Here is a copy of the obituary:

Ann Marie R. D'Alessio

Devoted To Family, 3 Foster Children, and Community

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved Ann Marie Renee (Botelle) D'Alessio due to complications from the Covid 19 virus. Ann Marie entered the Gates of Heaven, at the age of 49 with her mother by her side on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the day we commemorate Mary, Mother of Our Lord. She was born on August 8, 1972, in Waterbury CT; the daughter of Phyllis (Scalo) D'Alessio and the late David J. Botelle. She was the granddaughter of the late John and Philomena Scalo, and the late George and Ruth Botelle.

As a young girl, she grew up in Naugatuck CT attending Prospect Elementary School. In 1994 Ann Marie was later led by faith to relocate to Beaufort, SC where her ministry and community service culminated. In 2009 she moved to Edgewater FL to be with family, especially her grandmother, Philomena Scalo whom she resided with for several years. During that time, she set goals and her dreams became a reality!

Ann Marie earned a 4-year degree in Business, became a first-time homeowner, and with much determination and sacrifice was blessed with 3 beautiful foster children. She was employed as an office manager with the SE Volusia Habitat For Humanity, an organization that allowed her to support others and give back to the community.

Ann Marie had an infectious laugh and found fun in just everyday life. She embodied an innocent spirit even throughout her most challenging circumstances. She was an exceptional example of God's love, and she had the heart of a true servant. She was loved by all and would welcome the opportunity to lend a loving hand of support to anyone, at any time.

Her journey may have been shortened, but it speaks volumes of the True Testament of God's Love that she carried in her heart. She will be greatly missed, but forever remembered with love and respect by her family and friends.

Ann Marie is survived by her loving mother Phyllis D'Alessio, and devoted stepfather Vincent D'Alessio (FL); Uncle Frank Scalo (FL), Uncle John & Aunt Debbie Scalo (FL), Aunt Mary Sciarretta (CT), Uncle James Botelle (FL); Stepsisters, Danielle D'Alessio and Emily Elander (CT); Stepbrother, Nikko D'Alessio (CT); her cousins and great aunts and uncles.

Ann Marie is also survived by pastors who were mentors throughout her life, and by dear Christian friends who she often referred to as 'sisters and brothers'. She was blessed by your friendship as was her family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date when it is safer for family and friends to gather in large groups. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Ann Marie to SE Volusia Habitat for Humanity, 722 S. Dixie Fwy, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168.

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.



September

October

1	Rich Lipinski		1	Kate Mingle
3	Barbara Fortney			Ellen Peppas
7	Marilyn Curtis			Karen Schlegel
8	Shirley Niemeyer		2	Pat Seaton
9	Sherry Coons			Jan Syverson
10	Marilou Spencer		3	Joan Materna
12	Pastor Tim Bernard		4	Colleen Sumner
20	Murace Bullock		7	Danny Shaw
	Alice Rauch		12	Izzy Hopkins (1 yr old)
22	Arthur Larson (3 yrs old)			Sam Shoup
	Irene Sanders		16	Ann Horak
	Darian Tucker		24	Terry Roe
23	Jon Gleim		30	Barb Perry
25	Gladys Bachman			
	Linda Roemer			
26	Louise Jacobsen			
28	Phyllis D'Alessio			
29	Don Smith			



Here's a service opportunity: **Halifax Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen**, Daytona Beach
 The 4th Monday of each month. Signup sheet is located in the narthex.
 Contact: Gary Hopkins (386) 212-0999

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church congregation,
 Thank you for your generous support of Chisholm Elementary
 School's "Undies & Sundays" school supplies drive.
 Thrivent Action Team Leader, Larry Muchow.



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:

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- Church Office (386-428-4307)

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