



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

April 2024

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

I have been diligently working on the new Trinity directory. I am pleasantly surprised by the number of people who have participated by either having their picture taken, or by submitting a picture. It brings me a sense of gratitude to have so many people that chose to participate. People want to be connected and represented by and within the congregation of Trinity, and that is wonderful.

I cannot speak much about life at Trinity prior to the pandemic, but in a post-pandemic world, life at Trinity, and in many other churches has been severely impacted. It is not a secret that attendance in churches has not been what it once was pre-pandemic. Trinity, like many other churches, has seen attendance ebb and flow. There was a time when three separate church services were offered at Trinity to accommodate the expansion of friends, members and visitors. Upon reopening after the pandemic, it was determined that one service was adequate to fit the current needs. The pandemic may have shattered the need for three services; however it did not shatter Trinity's resilience. Our one service creates a unity among friends, members and visitors that did not exist before. Our one service is now also shared with online viewers, who can stream services in real time, or view on their own schedule. We have people from all over the world who attend our one service broadcast from Turnbull Bay Road in New Smyrna Beach. We are one church, one service, but we are mighty!

The directory is similar to putting together a puzzle. Each of us is a puzzle piece that offers a specific gift or talent. Every piece is vital to building the "big picture," which is Trinity. Having the opportunity to put our puzzle together is a privilege. It is a blessing to find the need for additional pages for pictures and contact information. Our "big picture" at Trinity is growing and new puzzle pieces are being added. Perhaps God's vision for Trinity is changing and it is being reflected in the most wonderful way: new members and friends. Each new puzzle piece is a new treasure that changes Trinity's future. Each person makes an impact in their own unique way.

We are still working on finding the missing piece of the puzzle that our new pastor holds. In the meantime, while we wait, let us not forget to embrace and appreciate the other puzzle pieces around us. God's timing is perfect and while we wait we can trust that the picture He has in store will be worth waiting for.

Blessings,
Mary



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Transition Questions? Do you have questions about the Call process? The Florida Bahama Synod has an incredibly detailed guide that provides information about every step of the process to finding a new pastor.

You can read more at the Florida-Bahamas Synod's website:

<https://fbsynod.com/resources/transitions/>. ***The Call Committee is working on the MSP!***

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Mission Workshop- 9 am	Evy's Art Class- 1 pm Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7pm	Worship and Music- 9:15 am			WELCA Spring Gathering- 8 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship- 9:30 am WELCA Executive Meeting- after Worship	NO MISSION WORKSHOP Caregiver Support Group- 10:30 am	Evy's Art Class- 1 pm Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7pm				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship- 9:30 am	Mission Workshop- 9 am	Evy's Art Class- 1 pm Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7pm	Elizabeth Circle- 10 am			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship- 9:30 am	Mission Workshop- 9 am Exec. Council Meeting- 10 am Stewardship Meeting- 6pm	Evy's Art Class- 1 pm Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7 pm				
28	29	30				
Worship- 9:30 am	HUM Volunteering- 10:00 am	Mission Workshop- 9 am Council Meeting- 6 pm				

Thank You

To our "Friends from Trinity", your generosity is "over the top"! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing your love and kindness with us, over and over and over! We love you!-
The Hopkins Family

Mission of the Month

For the months of April and May, we will be supporting the Synod Assembly's project of helping the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. They offer life transformation. As one of Central Florida's oldest and largest homeless services providers, the Orlando Union Rescue Mission remains committed to helping the hungry, hurting, and homeless by providing programs and services designed to transform lives. Through short-term provision of basic needs, Christ-centered care, discipleship, and education, they aim to lead the homeless to permanent independence built upon a personal relationship with Christ.



We are collecting high demand items: **Twin sheet sets (white), bath towels (white), Disinfectant Wipes (Chlorox or Lysol), and Deoderant (men's and women's)**. If you prefer to donate financially, please write Orlando Union Rescue Mission on your check memo or envelope. We will collect items and financial donations through May 19th.

Workshops on how women find hope in their unique cultural contexts.
Beginning and ending with worship and devotionals.



APRIL 17TH & 24TH
5PM CST | 6PM EST, ELCG | 7PM ELKS
-7PM CST | -8PM EST, ELCG | -9PM ELKS

Held **VIRTUALLY** on Zoom

Reflecting and Responding with and among **women** of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of **Suriname, Guyana,** & the **Florida-Bahama Synod**

FINDING HOPE
IN A COMPLEX WORLD



Breakout groups for intimate conversations
Learning skills on how to be leaders of hope. [Click HERE to Register](#)

A Global Mission Event for Women: Virtual Workshops

Women of the Florida-Bahamas Synod are joining together with the women of our companion Lutheran churches in Guyana and Suriname for a virtual event entitled "Finding Hope in a Complex World." There will be presentations led by women from each country, breakout group discussions, and joint worship/devotionals featuring each country's unique way of praise! This will be a wonderful opportunity to accompany each other and explore how the hope we share in Christ is revealed in different contexts. The event is being held from 6pm-8pm EST on Wednesday,

April 17 and Wednesday, April 24. **Please contact office for help with free registration!**

Cantor's Notes

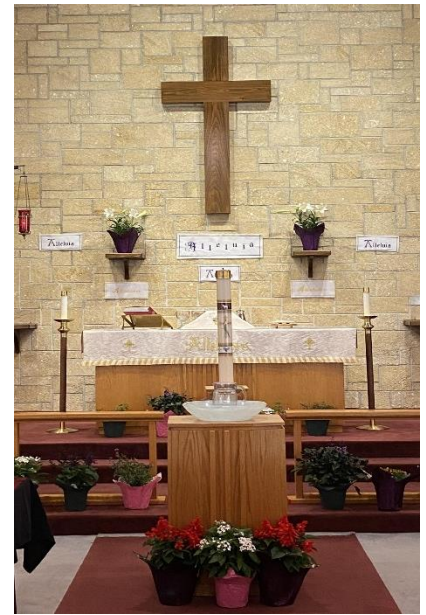
**“We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.”**

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

Martin Luther called the Psalms a “little Bible.” He wrote that all the rest of the Holy Scriptures could be found in them. Luther went so far as to suggest that in the Psalms the church can glimpse the death and resurrection of Christ. In these ancient songs and prayers of the Hebrew people, every human emotion is laid bare: joy and contentment, anger and sorrow, hope and despair. The Psalms give voice to the wide spectrum of experiences that mark our human lives. This is their power—they speak the heart’s language, turbulent as our hearts may sometimes be.

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)
Brian Larson





DAUGHTER'S LUNCHEON

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, 485 TURNBULL BAY ROAD, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

MEAL TO BE CATERED INCLUDES BREAD, BUTTER, SALAD, POT ROAST, MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, AND STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE

COST: \$10 per person

TICKETS AVAILABLE BEGINNING SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH IN THE PORCH AREA AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE OR BY CONTACTING JUDY DRIESBAUGH AT RJJJ21155@aol.com OR AT (570)650-3478. PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY MAY 5TH.

WE HOPE YOU ARE AVAILABLE AND CAN JOIN US FOR THIS FUN DAY OF FELLOWSHIP.

IN-KIND GIFTS: PLEASE BRING AN ITEM FROM THE LIST BELOW TO BE USED IN A LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY KIT. THANK YOU.

- LIGHTWEIGHT COTTON T-SHIRT {NO ONESIES} IN SIZE BETWEEN 6 AND 24 MONTHS
- LONG OR SHORT-SLEEVED GOWN OR SLEEPER {WITHOUT FEET} IN SIZE BETWEEN 6 AND 24 MONTHS
- RECEIVING BLANKET, MEDIUM-WEIGHT COTTON OR FLANNEL, OR CROCHETED OR KNITTED WITH LIGHTWEIGHT YARN, BETWEEN 36" AND 52" SQUARE
- CLOTH DIAPERS, FLAT FOLD PREFERRED
- HAND TOWEL, DARK COLOR RECOMMENDED



In February 2015 The Miracle League of Volusia County was formed as a non profit 501c3 corporation giving those with special needs an opportunity to play America's favorite pastime. For the over 13,000 school-aged children with varying exceptionalities in Volusia and Flagler counties, we have built a rubberized, non latex, flat surfaced, baseball field. This field accommodates wheelchairs as well as other assistive devices. The property was provided by the City of New Smyrna Beach and is located in the New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex on Turnbull Bay Road. <http://www.miracleleaguevolusia.org>.

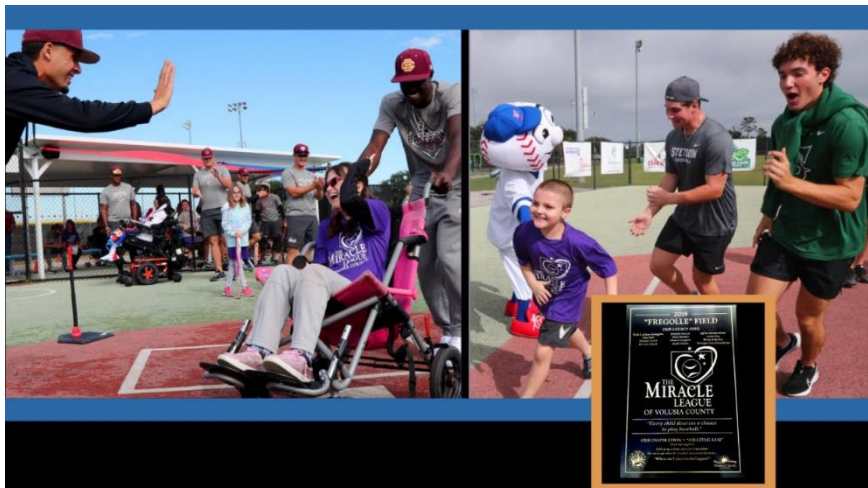
The Miracle League Mission Statement: To provide a safe and friendly environment for children and young adults with varying exceptionalities, in and around Volusia County, to play baseball.

RULES OF THE GAME:

- Every player gets to bat
- Every player gets on base
- Every player gets to cross home plate
- Every team and each player wins every game

Volunteer Opportunity: Players are paired with a "Buddy" who helps them play the game. Buddies are volunteers which can be from corporations, churches, universities, schools, organizations or groups.

This wonderful organization is located right around the corner from Trinity Lutheran Church! We have asked to help participate in two games scheduled for **Saturday May 18th**. Additional information will be provided as the date approaches. Games are held in the morning before the temperatures rise! **Everyone** has a gift that they can provide on game day. If you cannot physically participate, please consider attending as a Trinity cheerleader. If you have interest in volunteering (to be a buddy or a cheerleader) please contact the office to sign up!





Please join us

Mark your calendar for 8th Annual Shred It & Share Event. We'd love to have you.

Kick off your spring cleaning, by attending our FREE onsite shredding event. Our Thrivent Team is excited to present our **8th Annual Shred It & Share Event**. A shredding truck will be at our office and we would love to see you, your family & friends. This free event is a great way to safely declutter & dispose of your documents.

LIMIT 10 BOXES PER PERSON

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for *Halifax Urban Ministries*. Please plan to bring a contribution, if you are able. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Please RSVP by April 22, 2024. Call Diane Skelley at 368-361-7769 or email diane.skelley@thrivent.com.



No products will be sold at this event.

Event details

Saturday, April 27, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thrivent Amaral Ormond Plaza
1366 North US Hwy 1, Suite 601
Ormond Beach , FL

Hosted by

Golden Coast Financial Consultants



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April Birthdays

2	Artie Slack	15	Judy Berthiaume
5	David Faller	23	Liz Slack
9	Ann Marie Schmoeker	28	Jonathan Weinrich
10	Mary Mathews	30	Grace Kellermeier
12	Karen Beiersdorf	30	Timothy Sherry

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 God for letting us share in your joy.
 God bless you and keep you and shine Christ's light upon you.
 With love we sing together happy birthday to you.

TRINITY COLUMBARIUM



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 ELCA www.elca.org

COLUMBARIUM NICHE SUBSCRIPTION FEE

MEMBER: \$2000.00
 NON-MEMBER \$3000.00

Includes one niche which will hold two urns, a faceplate (to cover 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)

Interim Pastor: Rev. Mark Winkler
Cantor: Brian Larson
Office Administrator: Mary Parada
Custodian: Laura Jones