



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

May 2024

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

As Pentecost approaches, I have been reflecting on the role that the Holy Spirit has played in my life. I picture the story of the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples with a huge rush of wind, and tongues forming over each of them. Each of them speaking in various languages with no previous instruction. The imagery of this entire scene is depicted so clearly that I feel as though I am feeling the powerful squalls and small flashes of heat that are thrown from the tongues of fire hovering above. I can hear the excitement reverberating from the mouths of the men as they discover their new language abilities. I do not possess a strength in bible studies, and possibly for this reason, this story holds a permanent space in my mind. I find it easy to comprehend and impossible to forget. This entire story seems so whimsical, overwhelming, and yet, remarkable at the same time.



While I can pinpoint moments of my life, where I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, I cannot tell you that my experiences have been as eventful as they were for the disciples. They may not have been eventful with wind or fire, but they were still powerful. The year of 2021 for me is a timeline of different experiences where I felt the Holy Spirit was carrying me through life. We were in the middle of a pandemic. Life was chaotic and very different from the life we knew a year and half before. After what felt like months of waiting, I found out that I was pregnant. Fast forward to mid-year, I remember receiving a simple phone call from someone I did not know informing me that my baby would have Down Syndrome. I would love to tell you that I remained calm and collected, but that was not what happened. I worried. I was confused. I wanted to know why? No sooner did I receive the diagnosis and I was bombarded with questions from medical professionals. Did I still want the baby with the big diagnosis? I know that in these moments of confusion and concern, I felt a strange peace. I know the Holy Spirit was with me. I know that for every doctor's appointment I went to and received confirmation that the baby was healthy and had NO health issues, I was accompanied by the Holy Spirit. I had moments of weakness and worry, but they rolled over me in waves and were quickly replaced by a presence of love and power. Fast forward to the early Fall, and I remember learning that there was a position available in the church office. At this time I was doing physical work that I soon would not be able to continue doing in later stages of pregnancy. This job seemed too perfect and too out of my reach, but I decided to go for it. When I chose to take a chance on myself, I know it was the Holy Spirit nudging me along. I know that the Holy Spirit was with me the day that I interviewed for the position. Sitting in front of people that you actually know for an interview is more daunting than I expected! If we skip ahead to December 23, 2021, I can tell you that I felt the embrace of the Holy Spirit as we headed to the NICU to visit Alejandro. We lived in that NICU for 18 days, but I can tell you that I never felt alone.

The Holy Spirit works within each and every one of us differently, but perfectly. It would be wonderful to have a flashier story, like that of the disciples, to share with you, but I do not. I have learned in life that sometimes the little things make more of an impact than the giant things. God

loves us and uses the Holy Spirit to guide us. It can mean being guided to avoid a devastating accident, or being compelled to buy toilet paper and returning home to find the last roll almost empty. God is with us, and is for us, in all facets of life. As we continue on in this transition at Trinity, please remember that the Holy Spirit is with us and guiding us through the small things and through the big things.

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 has sent the MSP to Synod!*

### **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.

### **TLC Mission Workshop**

The members of Mission Workshop would like to thank everyone who donated material and other items for quilting. At this time, they would like to note that they are no longer accepting sheets for quilting. They are only using batting currently. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

### **Prayer List and Assisted Living Facility List**

For the privacy and safety of our members and friends, the prayer list and assisted living facility list will no longer be printed on announcements. You can find a list located in the narthex. If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request and drop it in the wooden box located in the narthex. Thank you for your understanding!

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bells- 6pm, Choir- 7 pm	2	3	4
5 Worship- 9:30 am WELCA Executive Meeting- after worship	6	7 Mission Workshop- 9 am	8 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm Bells- 6pm, Choir- 7 pm	9 Mary Maier Circle- 11:30 am	10	11 WELCA Daughters Luncheon- 11:30 am
12 Worship- 9:30 am	13	14 <b>NO Mission Workshop</b> Caregiver Support Group- 10:30 am	15 <b>NO CHOIR</b>	16 Elizabeth Circle- 10 am	17	18 Miracle League Volunteer Event- 8:45 am
19 Worship- 9:30 am	20	21 Mission Workshop- 9 am Executive Council- 10 am Stewardship- 6pm	22	23	24	25
26 Worship- 9:30 am	27 <b>Memorial Day- Office Closed</b>	28 Mission Workshop- 9 am Council Meeting- 6 pm	29	30	31	



## 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

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>.

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



Trinity Lutheran is registered to be buddies on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Miracle League. We ask that all buddy's arrive no later than 8:45 am for a brief welcome and your player assignments.

Our games begin at 9:00. We ask all volunteers to arrive by 8:45 am. Parking can be tricky! There are two games that are played; the second game begins at 10:15. We ask that you stay for both games. If you are unable to do so, please let us know. We play on a specially designed field to accommodate wheelchairs and

walkers; therefore, cleats are not permitted on the field and gloves are options. Volunteers do not need to know how to play baseball!

Each buddy will be assigned a player. In some instances, there may be two buddies assigned to one player. The volunteer will stay with their buddy at all times during the game. They will be with them in the dugout, while they bat, run, or walk the bases and play in the field. You may need to help your player bat, push their wheelchair walk or run the bases but most importantly guard them while out in the field and interact with them. The highlight for many of our players is building new friendships and meeting new people. They love interacting with you and want you to know more about them.

If your player is in a wheelchair the buddy should be next to them, not behind them. This allows for more interaction.

### **The Games-**

- We play two games per Saturday
- 9:00 am and 10:15 am.
- Two innings per game
- Everyone gets to bat twice and play the field twice.
- Our Rules....

1. Have Fun!!!

2. There are no rules!

### **What You Need to Know:**

- Some of our players are non- communicative
- Some of our players are wheelchair bound
- Some of our players need coaching and encouragement
- Some of our players are BIG Hitters!!
- You may be asked to cover your buddy!

- Our players are so happy you are here! They love spending time with you!
- Our players love when you talk to them!!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!! We appreciate you so much!

**Tips:**

1. Enjoy the experience...I promise it will be the highlight of your week.
2. Be flexible (our players are all different and unique your flexibility and patience is critical)
3. Bring Water for yourself (did I mention it is hot)
4. Bring a Hat (it is hot)
5. Wear Closed Toe Shoes
6. Arrive by 8:45 am

The New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex

Our field is located at:

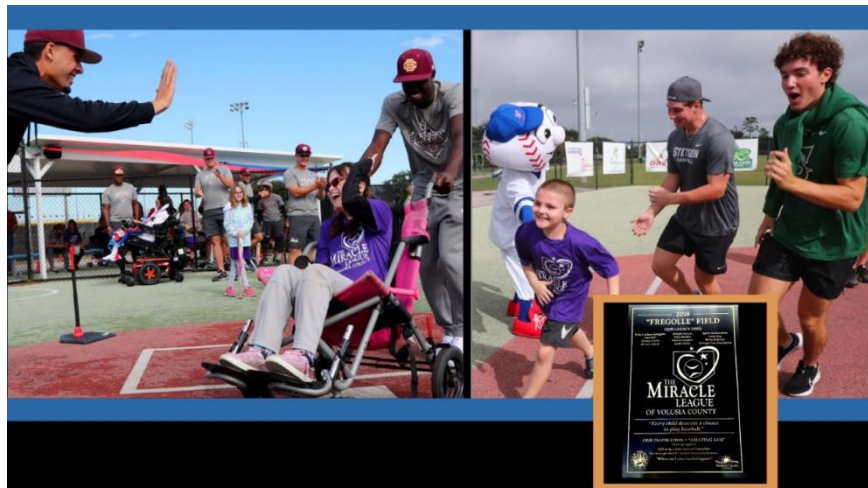
1800 Turnbull Bay Road,

New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

**Please use the entrance closest to the Garden Club. The entrance has baseball and soccer listed on the signage.**



If you have not yet volunteered and would like to do so, there still is time to sign up! Please contact the office! There is always room for cheering for the athletes if you are unable to be a buddy!



## 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.

### **Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, ELW 402.**

Here is a remarkably direct and honest hymn. It begins with the obvious though usually obscured truth that we do not know how to pray but only know our need and must be taught to pray. Cast in the first-person singular, it moves from there to the Spirit's praying with the one who prays, through confession and forgiveness, and finally to vision, service, and life in Christ.

The author, Frank von Christierson (1900-1996) was born in Finland, moved with his family to the United States, and studied Stanford University and San Francisco Theological Seminary. He served as a Presbyterian pastor in Californian and Nevada.

*Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life, and only you can teach me how to pray.*

*Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your purpose and your will,  
where I have failed, what I have done amiss; held in forgiving love, let me be still.*

*Come with the vision and the strength I need to serve my God and all humanity;  
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured: my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. Amen.*

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





## May Birthdays

3	Larry Muchow	17	Toni Currey
5	Marcia Evans	17	Betty Srock
7	Jennifer LeCates	20	Doris Lawrence
9	Roy Coons	24	Ron Jacobsen
14	Rob Roe	26	Debra Opalka
16	Chelsea Wolfe	29	Larry Schaefer

## 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



### Administrative Information

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 ELCA [www.elca.org](http://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

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