

October 2022 Newsletter

We Are Church Together:

Keeping the faith through all of the “thoughts”

Since the newsletter was delayed going out due to the hurricane, I scrapped what I wrote and I am replacing it with this piece instead. Deborah Gelerter, Mary Parada, and I have been reaching out and calling members of the congregation to see how everyone fared. The responses have been all over the map. Some people lost power for a few minutes, others a few days, some still don't have power. Some people stayed dry, others had to remove some wet carpets, still others had homes that were totally flooded. Some had some water that came up to the rims on their tires, others had vehicles that were totaled from the flooding. Everyone had tree limbs and debris in their yards which is now being piled up along the streets. Driving around, we see that there are some roads that are still flooded. One can see which houses were flooded by the piles of stuff waiting to be picked up and taken to the landfill. It will take weeks and weeks before it all gets cleaned up. It will take months and months before homes get rebuilt, refurbished and restored. It will take years and years before we remember Hurricane Ian no more.

There is much we take for granted. Getting up in the morning after having slept in a comfortable bed, stepping onto a dry floor as we saunter into the kitchen to make a pot of coffee. Opening a cool refrigerator stocked with fresh food that we chop and dice so that we can prepare a wonderful meal on the stove. Being able to call someone on the other side of town or in another country or state, and watching some TV to either find out how others are doing or to escape and watch something totally unrelated to our present reality. There is much to be grateful for and that is what tragedies often do to us. Tragedies often cause us to stop, take stock, and reassess our lives.

Laughter and tears are close together. One member reported that all she could do was laugh at the absurdity of all of the water coming through her door. I am sure the tears will come later when she realizes all of what they have lost.

In times like these, we hold on to our mustard seed-sized faith, don't we? We hold on, believing that our mission is not yet done and that God has more work for us to do. We hold on, believing that better days are ahead. We hold on, without fear, though destruction is all around us.

King David wrote in Psalm 46,

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

It would be easy to give in to the little word ‘though’ and everything that follows it. It would be easy to see the destruction all around us and believe that all is lost, that all is hopeless; that there is no future whatsoever. Some days it would be easy to just walk away...

But faith challenges us to keep going, to persevere. If God is our refuge, there is nothing else to fear. If God is our strength, then we can go on. If God is very present to us in times of need, then where do we see God? We see God in the first responders who continue to answer our calls. We see God in the electric linemen who venture out, working day and night, to get us all hooked up to the power grid. We see God in the countless relatives, friends, and neighbors who have opened their doors, loaned us some fuel for the generator, or lent us a helping hand. We see God in the insurance agent who reassures us that we are covered. God shows up again and again in the faces of those who serve.

We may not be the ones who cut down the limbs or restore our internet connections, but we can be the ones who lend a compassionate ear to those who are hurting. If we have phone service, we can be those who call others to extend some care. We can be a ministry that lends a little TLC (tender loving care), because, after all, we are Trinity Lutheran Church.

May God be with us as we venture forth to listen, to share, to care and to serve...
Pastor Tim

We Are Church Together: Getting Involved in Ministry (Updated Schedule)

While we had plans last Sunday to begin our weekly invitation for each of us to get more involved in Christ’s ministry through the Church, Hurricane Ian had plans all of its own! We are moving back our schedule by one week.

- Oct. 9 - Stewardship Team
- Oct. 16 - Praise Team
- Oct. 23 - Hospitality Team
- Oct. 30 - Outreach Team
- Nov. 6 - Property Team
- Nov. 13 - Columbarium and Memorial Teams
- Nov. 20 - Technology and Christian Education Teams

Every Sunday there will be a “Mission Moment” where each one of our ministry teams will share who is on their team, what their team does, and invite you to be a part of that ministry.

What is your job? To listen to each presentation, pray, and hear where the Holy Spirit is calling you to get involved in the ministry. Remember: There is always a place for you (Yes, you!) in Christ's ministry.

We Are Church Together:

Mission of the Month – Lutheran World Relief

An Opportunity to Participate in this Strong, Solid,
Faithful Ministry



Lutheran World Relief started right after World War II. There were many Lutherans in the United States who had family and friends living in a bombed-out Europe and wanted to help them. We donated clothes and made quilts to send overseas to help them at a very critical time. It really was **relief**.

In the 1970s LWR ventured into **development**. LWR partners on the ground in various countries were saying, "Many of our crises could be averted if we had access to better education, health services, and agricultural practices." So LWR responded by asking congregations to donate hygiene kits, school kits, and baby care kits that they could deliver. Along with that they taught people how to make better stoves (that helped reduced breathing problems), how to make better latrines (to stop the spread of disease), how to contour farm (to protect from soil erosion), how to make wells (so people did not have to carry water so far), how to help educate the children of their village (to reduce illiteracy), and more.

In the 1990s LWR ventured into **advocacy**. LWR found that many people in our congregations were hurting with their consumer dollars the very people we were trying to help with our offering dollars. They began by partnering with Equal Exchange, a Fair-Trade coffee company, to raise awareness of global trade, which often exploits people in developing countries so that we, in the U.S. and other more developed countries, can continue to get our consumer goods very cheaply. Now, LWR sells their own brand of coffee.

Another way of stating the transformation of LWR is through the old adage, "If you give a person a fish, you feed them for a day. But if you teach a person to fish, you feed them for a lifetime." Giving a person a fish is relief. Teaching a person to fish is development. But what if the person does not have access to the lake? Or what if the person doing all of the fishing does not even get to keep the fish they caught? Working to make a more fair and just system is advocacy.

This month the people of Trinity are invited to participate in the ministry of LWR. Please support this important ministry by making school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits, or give to the LWR fund that pays to ship the quilts and kits overseas. Check them out at www.lwr.org.

Baby Care Kit instructions at <https://lwr.org/kits/baby-care-kits/instructions>

Personal Care Kit instructions at <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions>

School Kit instructions at <https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits/instructions>

We Are Church Together: Cantor's Notes

[Oct 2022]

**“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.

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! ELW hymn 835, is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). His commemoration date as a renewer of the church is October 4. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being “wedded to Lady Poverty.” Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus’ words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to “use words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God’s Creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters.

*All creatures, worship God most high! Sound every voice in earth and sky: Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia!*

*Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia!*

*Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong, drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia!*

*And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia!*

You may also be familiar with this prayer attributed to St. Francis:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

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

We Are Church Together: A Gift of Outreach

Many of us give God thanks for the life of Gladys Bachman. Gladys was a tireless servant, constantly challenging us to do more for those who were hurting in any way. Gladys died this past January, but her legacy is going to continue to challenge us to think of ways to care for our neighbors. Even better, her family has given us over \$3,000 to be seed money to help us!

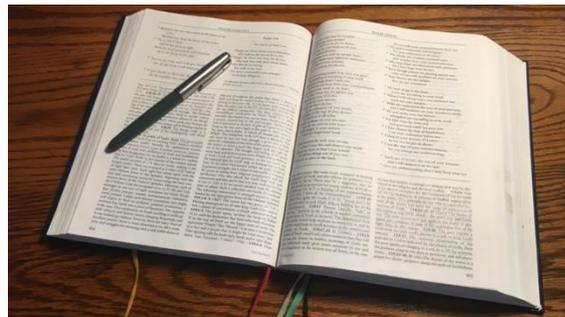
The Outreach Team will be the administrators of the gift. Maureen Beckett, Gladys's daughter, would like it to be used, if possible, as matching funds. This is a strong stewardship practice. Instead of just "throwing money" at an issue, if we truly believe the cause is worthwhile, then we better "put our money where our mouth is" and contribute toward that ministry. Then, through the gift of Gladys's generosity, the fund will match up to \$500, potentially making a \$1,000 impact.

This is a great gift. But even more than size of the gift is the spirit that goes along with it. Gladys was a dreamer. She saw people in need and figured out ways – even small ways – to help. Sometimes it was hearing about another ministry and joining in. Instead of throwing away our pill bottles, she had us gathering old pill bottles so that another organization could use them to distribute medicines in developing countries. It is a "win-win." Our pill bottles don't end up in a landfill and people in other countries get to use them.

Gladys's gift then becomes an invitation for us to dream. See a need in our community? Then bring it to light by bringing it to our Outreach Team. See a great ministry that we could help support? Gather the details and bring it to our Outreach Team. This is a time for us to dream, because, after all, We Are Church Together. Bless you Gladys and Maureen!

We Are Church Together: Monday 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. The link is:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504774403?pwd=VUpUUGJPRkNlVlYhHhVSXBHUKh3UT09>
or you can go to our website (www.trinitylutherannsb.org) and use the link provided.

Date of Bible Study – Readings we will be studying

Monday, October 3 – 18 Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c *Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed*

Psalm 111 *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*

2 Timothy 2:8-15 *If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ*
Luke 17:11-19 *One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God*

Monday, October 10 – 19 Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 *Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me*
Psalms 121 *My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5 *In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*
Luke 18:1-8 *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

Monday, October 17 – 20 Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 *Jerusalem will be defeated*
Psalms 84:1-7 *Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)*
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 *The good fight of faith*
Luke 18:9-14 *A Pharisee and tax collector pray together*

Monday, October 24 – Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD*
Psalms 46 *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)*
Romans 3:19-28 *Justified by God's grace as a gift*
John 8:31-36 *Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*

Monday, October 31 – All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 *The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom*
Psalms 149 *Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)*
Ephesians 1:11-23 *God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all the church*
Luke 6:20-31 *Jesus speaks blessings and woes*

We Are Church Together:

Church Grounds Clean-up

We are looking for all those who are able-bodied to come to the church on Saturday, October 8 from 8 to 11 am to help clean up the debris caused by Hurricane Ian. There are some limbs that need to be moved and many, many branches. Please come if you can!

We are Church Together:

Stories of Faith, Hope and Life

This comes from a conversation I had with Doris Will last night, that ministry can come in the most unexpected places and times.

"Marilou Spencer and I were in my room at Alba Court, when our Med Tech came in with our nightly medications. She was very harried and very busy, because they were short staffed. We asked her to sit down with us, take a deep breath and regroup, before she went on with her rounds. She sat with us and took a deep breath. She was then able to go on with her rounds in a more relaxed manner. The Lord put us in this place and time for a reason, to continue his ministry, no matter where we are. We are called to Minister to others in the most unexpected places."

This was written by Rosalie Kalman and shared by Doris Will. Thank you so very much for sharing your ministry experience!



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September 20, 2022

Greetings God's Bathhouse Supporters,

We are pleased to invite you and your family to join us for our **Annual Fundraising Dinner**. Before dinner, you will have an opportunity to tour the second God's Bathhouse Truck. And the night will feature a special guest speaker for your enjoyment. We are also providing entertainment and God's Bathhouse highlights and updates. Dinner will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Wayne G. Sanborn Activity Center
815 S. Alabama Avenue
DeLand, FL 32724
Donation: \$50.00 per person

To reserve your spot, please make checks payable to **God's Bathhouse of Volusia** and mail to 444 South Adelle Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720 by Monday, October 24, 2022. Tickets will be delivered to you by return mail. For your convenience, you may also contact us at (386) 717-5896 or (386) 490-3378 for other delivery options.

Your tax deductible donations will be used to help God's Bathhouse keep supplying showers for the homeless and continue to expand its operations. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Elgia Glass, CEO



FUNDRAISING DINNER MENU

Prepared By River City Catering

MAIN COURSE

Baked Parmesan Crusted Salmon

Carved Top Round of Beef

VEGAN DISH

SIDES

Sauteed Fresh Green Beans

(with fresh garlic & parmesan cheese)

Lemon Garlic Orzo

Scalloped Potatoes

GARDEN SALAD

(assorted toppings & dressings)

BAKED ROLLS & BUTTER

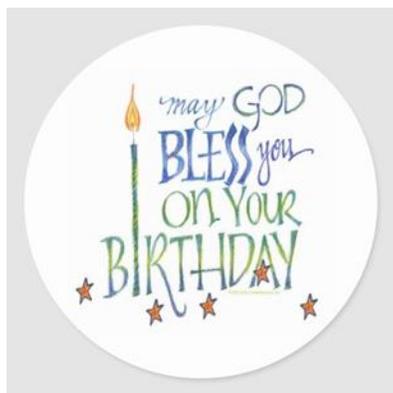
DESSERTS

Chocolate Cake

Red Velvet Cake

DRINKS

Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade



October Birthdays

1	Kate Mingle	12	Isabelle Mae Hopkins
	Ellen Peppas		Sam Shoup
	Karen Schlegel	16	Ann Horak
2	Pat Seaton		Faith Scrivano
	Jan Syverson	21	Christine Wolfe
3	Joan Materna	24	Terry Roe
7	Danny Shaw	25	Jason Slack
11	Louise Armstrong	30	Barbara Perry

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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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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