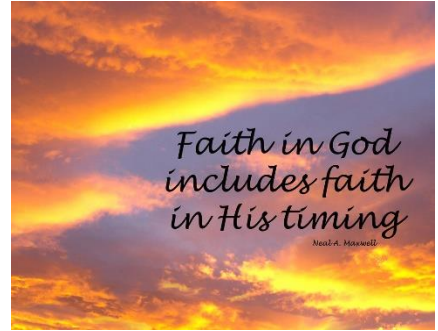


March Newsletter

As Trinity embarks on the call process, it is important to remember all that we have learned over the last three years. We endured a global pandemic that impacted life as we knew it. We learned new ways to worship from a distance and imparted safe precautions so that we could worship together in the parking lot and later in the sanctuary.



As I look back at each new step we took together during this time, I remember feeling a bit of liberation as it became safe enough to come together and worship as we once had pre-COVID. We worked hard to worship together. We also imparted new ways of worship, by incorporating live streaming into our worship services. We found ways to connect with those, who for one reason or another, could not come back to worship with us as they once had. We created a new normal in the life and culture at Trinity to move forward in our ministry.

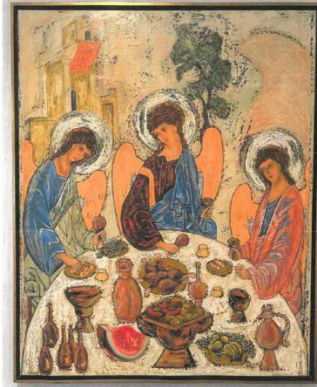
We did these things and found the answers without questioning it because we cared about Trinity Lutheran church. We wanted to regain our beloved church and continue spreading the Word of God despite the chaos of the pandemic and its aftermath. Now, as we work again to establish a “new normal” without having a regular pastor, I ask you to continue with the same fervor and tenacity as when we reopened after the pandemic. There are questions and concerns but rest assured that we will overcome them all. We will get answers. We will find a pastor. God is with us, and he is guiding us through the unknowns. Trinity survived a pandemic and returned more unified than before. We are church together.

We have a beautiful painting adorning the narthex which was a gift from Pastors Tim and Deborah. The painting is titled “Trinity” and depicts three beings seated at a feast. Pastor Tim wrote a summary for us about the painter and his intentions behind the painting. In his summary, Pastor Tim uses a biblical reference to help explain the significance of the painting: Hebrews 13:2: *“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”*

As we move forward, let us remember this passage from Hebrews. We are church, we are together, and we are going to find a new pastor. Let us pass through this transition faithfully with love and hospitality. Let us continue to do God’s work by helping others in and outside of our community. When we serve others, we never know who we could be entertaining without knowing it!

Blessings,

Mary



Niurys Rivera Machado is a Cuban painter who has done an interesting take on Rublev's (circa 1360s-1430s) famous painting "Trinity." It is based off of the story of Abraham and Sarah whose hospitality welcomed three unknown guests (Genesis 18:1-8). Christians first claimed the unknown guests are 'angels unawares' (Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.") In medieval times, Rublev invited Christians to see the three guests as the blessed Trinity. The message is this: When we are hospitable and welcoming of the stranger in our midst, we welcome the Triune God." Niurys Rivera Machado shows the co-equal sharing of the Trinity (look at what each person is holding). Also notice where they are sitting. They are seated at the end of the banquet table so that there is plenty of room for us to join them in the feast of the universe.

Transition Update:

- Pastor Julie Frank will lead us in worship from March 12th through May 7th as a stated supply pastor.
- Pastor Mark Winkler will be our Vice Pastor. He will provide pastoral care.



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Transition Questions?

Do you have questions about the Call process? The Florida Bahama Synod has a very 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/>.

Rest assured that the Council, and once appointed, the Call Committee, will be in regular contact to keep the congregation up to date with the call process. Please use this time of transition to hold the congregation of Trinity in your prayers, along with the Synod and other members of clergy who will assist us.



Daylight Saving!

Turn clock one hour ahead on
Saturday March 11th before bed
to be on time for church on Sunday!



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.

What Wondrous Love Is This, ELW 666, is an anonymous nineteenth-century American hymn that basks in God's grace and sings on and on about it. Like the text, the origin of the hauntingly beautiful shape-note tune is also unknown. With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. The only adequate response to “wondrous love” is to “sing on.” Each Sunday during Lent, the organ prelude will include an arrangement of this tune by various composers.

It is possible to think of this text as a 19th-century Christianized version of the opening of Psalm 103, “Bless the Lord, O my soul.” Here the thanksgiving is primarily directed to Christ, who is perceived in terms of the *kenosis* theology (“self-emptying” of Jesus) of Philippians 2:5-11. The third stanza moves to an eschatology drawn from Revelation 7:9-10 (the Lamb), with a touch of Exodus 3:14 (“I AM WHO I AM”). The fourth stanza is a wonderful affirmation that the heightened existence of the life to come will require enhanced communication: no more speech, only song!

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.*

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



**We Are Church Together:
Communion Visitation Help Needed**

Do you have a few hours a month that you could give to help the family out? We have several homebound members who desire holy communion monthly. Michael Lawrence has stepped up to coordinate this ministry, but he needs your help. We have 13 homebound members and only 4 communion visitors. We could easily use 4-5 more. If you are interested, please contact Michael at (410) 917-4452; lawoptic@verizon.net. Thank you!

**We Are Church Together:
Mission of the Month: Palms Deaf Church**

The mission of Palms Deaf Church is experiencing and sharing the Love of God through American Sign Language. Rev. Lori Fuller has established this ministry with the ELCA, Florida Bahamas Synod and St. Mark by the Sea Lutheran Church in Palm Coast. There are almost a million deaf people in Florida alone and 95% of deaf people are unchurched. It is difficult for the signing population to feel in community in our congregations. The website palmsdeaf.org shares information regarding the establishment of this church community. Building community and sharing the love of Christ in the deaf population is an outreach that we can support. Pastor Lori will be visiting Trinity on March 19 to share more information regarding the Palms Deaf Church. If you wish to donate to Palms Deaf Church via Trinity, please make sure to note that in your check memo or on your offering envelope.



Thank You

Thank you to all who donated and participated in last month's Mission of the Month. We assembled 98 care kits, with additional donations that were given to Gifts of Love. These care kits are being distributed to children from Chisholm, Burns, and Edgewater Elementary so they have something to eat over the weekend.



Lunch and Learn

We will have our first Lunch and Learn on Wednesday March 15th at 11:30 am. Our speaker for this month will be Char Barron from Assisted Living Made Simple. Please sign up to attend at the Servants Sign Up table in the Narthex. Please note whether you will bring a drink, salad, or sandwiches. The Deadline to sign up is March 6th.



Calling all Artists!

We are calling all artists at Trinity to create a masterpiece to share! We would like you to create something that represents the theme “staying together”. This could include drawings, paintings, pottery, photography, or another art form. We would like to put all submissions on display in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning. Please refer to the office for all questions. All submissions must be turned in by April 2nd. Please help us celebrate Easter with your beautiful artwork decorating the Fellowship Hall !

Easter Flower Orders- We are taking orders for flowers that will adorn our sanctuary for our two Easter services. You can purchase a non-fragrant Easter flower to dedicate in honor or in memory of someone. Please make sure to include your dedications on your order form. Please also indicate if you will or will not take your flower with you after the service. Each flower costs \$12.00. You can find order forms in the narthex. Please return orders on or before Sunday April 2nd.



Our Mission Workshop packed up 21 quilts, 4 school kits, 4 personal care kits and 4 baby care kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. These items will be distributed to those in need all over the world. We are so very thankful for this group and all the hard work that they do to help others. You are most definitely doing God’s work with your hands!

We Are Church Together: Holy Week

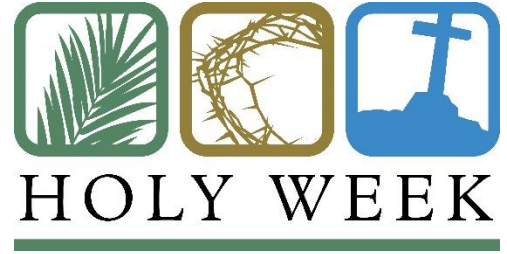
Please find a complete listing of the dates and times of services for Holy Week:

Thursday April 6th- Maundy Thursday- 11 am and 7 pm

Friday April 7th- Good Friday- 11 am and 7 pm

Sunday April 9th- Easter Sunday- 9:30 am and 11 am

*We will have live streaming available for morning services ONLY during Holy Week!



We Are Church Together: Shrove Sunday Celebration



Thank you to our Hospitality Team for executing a wonderful breakfast for Shrove "Sunday"!



The festive decorations and delicious pancakes, sausage and drinks were a fitting beginning to the season of Lent.



March Birthdays



3	Lauren Hickling	15	Evy Okerstrom
4	Kathryn Losnes	18	Penny McKeever
5	Michael Lawrence		Joady Schroth
7	Gerry Ceglia	19	David Williams
8	Joe Kellermeier	20	Henry Currey
10	Scott Newell	24	Marilyn Langenbach
12	Bobbe Owen	27	Mitchell Nass
14	Jean Wronowski	31	Harry Armstrong

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.

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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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- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

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Office Administrator: Mary Parada
Custodian: Laura Jones