

April Newsletter

When do you feel that you are most authentically you? You are you every day; however, do you ever find certain moments where you feel “truer” to your inner self? For me, I often find those moments when I am in the comfort of my home singing and playing with my kids. Between the wide-eyed excitement and the huge belly laughs all stemming from my goofy behavior I find that I feel most genuine. In that moment, I feel that I am being myself and the person God created me to be.

We are church together. We are Trinity together. Trinity is a melting pot of ages, races, ethnic backgrounds and languages. We have charter members who have attended services since Trinity was first established on Riverside Drive in New Smyrna Beach. We have children who have taken their first steps inside of Trinity on Turnbull Bay Road. Each of us is different, yet a very important piece of Trinity’s history. When we come together as one church, we can achieve excellence. This is evident in the support that we offer to community partners through our Mission of the Month initiative. When we work together, we can do anything that we put our minds and hearts to.



What is authentic to Trinity? I do not have the complete answer to this question because my opinion is only one of many that comprise Trinity. I can say that I believe Trinity is very active in helping others. When our sister in Christ, Grace Devoe, passed away and left her estate to Trinity, one of the first courses of action that our Council members took was to determine what charities would receive a tithe as a result of that inheritance. Trinity takes care of its own and others within the community.

Our transition to finding a new pastor will continue with the formation of a Call Committee. Once those members are appointed, they will create a profile of Trinity. They will essentially be describing who Trinity is, what we are about and what are we looking for in a pastor. These are all very important questions. It is important that we as a church truly define our wants and needs in a pastor. You can make a difference in this by participating when the Call Committee asks the congregation to complete a survey or provide feedback. I do not have all the answers, but WE do. If we as a church come together to define who Trinity genuinely is, then we will be sure to complete a profile that accurately reflects what we are looking for in a pastor. Defining our most authentic self as a congregation will put us one step closer to being connected with our next pastor!

Blessings,
Mary

Transition Update:

- Pastor Julie Frank will lead us in worship until June 1st as a stated supply pastor.



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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.

We Are Church Together: Dates to Remember

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

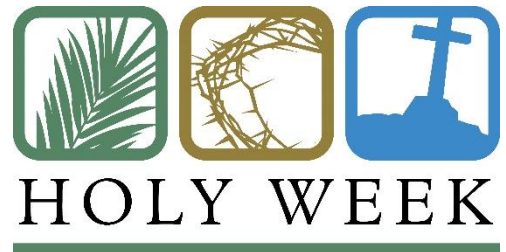
Thursday April 6th- Maundy Thursday- 11 am and 7 pm

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!

**Please note there will be no Fellowship on Easter Sunday!



Evy Okerstrom will host an art class on Wednesday April 12th from 1-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact her for more information.

WELCA is hosting a Daughters Luncheon on Saturday May 13th at 11 am.

Our next Lunch and Learn Event will be held on Wednesday May 17.

The **All Saints Lutheran Church men** have been working with the men of Hope and Faith to gather monthly for a meal. ASLC is hosting in April and would love to invite the men of Trinity to join. Please have them direct any RSVP's to John Meehl, jmeehl@cfl.rr.com



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.

Day of Arising, ELW 374, by Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021) is based on Luke 24:13-35, the meeting with the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. Structured in brief lines of five and four syllables, it almost has the character of an evocative meditative haiku, with ample space for the light to dawn on the disciples and on us.

*Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.*

*When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.*

*Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.*

*Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.*

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

We Are Church Together:

Mission of the Month: Harbor House of Central Florida

For the month of April, we are recognizing Harbor House of Central Florida. Harbor House is a nonprofit organization that provides safe shelter, counseling, and support services to individuals and families affected by domestic abuse. As part of our service project, we will assemble welcome baskets that will help the survivors feel more comfortable and supported during their stay at Harbor House. These baskets will contain essential items such as toiletries and sheets to help survivors feel more at ease in their new environment. To assemble the baskets, we need your help to collect items on the list:



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| Full Size Sheets | Hairbrush/Comb |
| Towel/Washcloth Sets | Deodorant |
| Toothbrush | Full Size Body Wash |
| Full Size Toothpaste | Full Size Body Lotion |
| Full Size Shampoo | Full Size Conditioner |

*No specific brands are required!

If you wish to donate to Harbor House of Central Florida via Trinity, please notate this on your check memo or on your offering envelope.



Our first **Lunch and Learn** was a success! A huge thanks to Char Barron and Rose Traub from Assisted Living Made Simple for their time and information!

Our next Lunch and Learn event will be held on May 17th. Our speaker will talk about Hot Air Ballooning. We hope that you will join us!

Did you know?

The Hospitality Team collects used greeting card fronts, empty pill bottles and tabs from soda/beer cans. Receptacles are located on the counter by the TV in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Hospitality Team** needs help in hosting Fellowship following worship service on a Sunday. Please consider supplying a pastry or other type of snack- it would be most appreciated! Sign up using the clipboard in the Narthex or call the office at 428-4307. Thank you!

Centennial Acknowledgement

We are pleased to share that our long-time member Jackie Treadwell was acknowledged in Living Lutheran magazine for her 100th birthday. Jackie turned 100 in February, but her name was printed in the March/April edition of Living Lutheran. Jackie, may God bless you and keep you and shine his light upon you.

100+
Birthdays

Submit 100+ birthdays to livinglutheran@elca.org



108: Dorthy Anderson, Spirit, Eau Claire, Wis. **103: Florence Johnston**, St. Stephen, Canton, Ohio; **Violet Macklin**, Salem, Stillwater, Okla.; **Anna Louise Rannels**, St. Paul, Millersville, Pa.; **Agnes Smith**, Spirit, Eau Claire, Wis. **102: Anita Stroech**, Our Saviour, College Station, Texas. **101: Helene Baugher**, Christ, Allentown, Pa.; **Ogie Howard**, St. Mark, Aurora, Ill.; **Frances Lefler**, Trinity, Vermillion, S.D.; **Ruth Sear**, St. Paul, Villa Park, Ill.; **Leah Spade**, St. Mark, Smithsburg, Md. **100: Betty Baker**, First, Carlisle, Pa.; **Witold Brick**, St. Philip, Wilmington, Del.; **Verna Fredrickson**, Christ, Santa Fe, N.M.; **Phyllis Hedstrom**, St. Luke United, Michigan City, Ind.; **Doris Jones**, St. John, Russell, Kan.; **Belle Kastoll**, Mount Olive, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; **Joy Martin**, Grace, Corvallis, Ore.; **Emil Pribula**, Prince of Peace, Schaumburg, Ill.; **John Thompson**, Grace, Elroy, Wis.; **Jacqueline Treadwell**, Trinity, North Smyrna Beach, Fla.; **Elaine Walsler**, St. Mark, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Tuesday Workshop can use material you no longer need. Just drop it off in the Fellowship Hall labeled Workshop. The totals for the Mission Workshop contributions were incorreccted listed in the March edition of the Beacon. Sorry for this confusion and misrepresentation. Please find the correct totals below. Thank you to our Mission Workshop members for their dedication to this ministry!

	Number of Boxes	Number of Items	Total Weight
Quilts	21	119	367
School Kits	4	32	104
Personal Care Kits	4	26	43
Baby Care Kits	4	19	54
Totals	33	96	571



Remembering our Beloved Member

Our beloved member, Doris Will died in the early hours of Thursday, March 16 after battling health issues for many years. She was 86 years old. Doris was an active member at Trinity since 2015. She was on the Council and a member of the Praise Team. She was an experienced florist and often shared her time and talents with Trinity. Please hold her daughters, Ann and Heather, and other family and friends in your prayers at this tender time. There will be a memorial service for Doris on Saturday May 13th at 2 pm. Her family has requested that donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in honor of Doris Will.

Candid moments from Pastor Lori Fuller's visit. Thank you for sharing your ministry through Palms Deaf Church with us!





Hosanna in the Highest !



April Birthdays



2	Artie Slack	22	Evelyn Stowe
5	David Faller	23	Liz Slack
9	Ann Marie Schmoeker	28	Jonathan Wenrich
10	Mary Mathews	30	Tyler Hickling
12	Karen Beiersdorf		Grace Kellermeier
15	Judy Berthiaume		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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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:

- Marilyn O'Connor (386-402-4304)
- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

Cantor: Brian Larson
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