

## May Newsletter

As we continue to celebrate Easter and embrace the new beginnings of the season, I have also been thinking about the past of Trinity. The doors of our building have been open since 1991. Six pastors have presided here over the last thirty-two years. We have a long history.

I began thinking about our past when a long-time visitor reached out to inquire about the times for our Holy Week services. She shared that she has been visiting Trinity for over sixteen years during vacations from Colorado. I began thinking about the changes that have transpired over the last sixteen years. This friend of Trinity is more than a visitor. She has a history with Trinity which is longer than those of some members (myself included).



Thinking about the loyalty of our friend from Colorado has helped me to keep the transition process that we are currently going through into perspective. She has chosen Trinity to be a church home away from home and has maintained that choice for many years. She has not made that choice based on the pastor because different pastors have presided during her time worshipping with Trinity. What has not changed are the people and the various ministries that Trinity offers. We must remember this as we pass through the transition process. It is important to maintain a strong sense of community within our church even while we are without a pastor. People gravitate to Trinity and it is important to make them feel welcome. Visitors, old friends and new acquaintances are looking to form a bond not only with a pastor, but with fellow congregation members.

I know that it is easy to want to sit and wait and wonder about when we will have a new permanent pastor. We need to remain calm, yet focused on doing our part within the church to maintain the atmosphere that we know and love. When it comes to continuing the crucial ministries that Trinity offers, it is important that we do everything in our power to protect and maintain those things. We owe it to our friend from Colorado and others to continue making Trinity the best that we can. I believe that a new pastor will complement us and lead us into further successes.

Blessings,

Mary



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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 will have our annual **Daughter's Luncheon** on **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** hosted by Elizabeth, Lydia and Mary Maier Circles. All ladies are invited to attend! A light lunch and entertainment will be provided! Mission Workshop will be raffling a quilt at the event. Luncheon Tickets cost \$7.00. Attendees are also asked to bring a box of cereal. These donations will be given to Gifts of Love. The ladies of WELCA hope that you can attend! Not all of us are mothers, but we are all daughters! Please wear your church name tags!

The circles are asking gentleman within the congregation to assist in serving plates of food, so that ALL ladies in attendance can enjoy their meal. **This would be a commitment of approximately 2 hrs. 10:30 - 12:30 on May 13, 2023. Please speak to Karen Schlegel if you are willing to help.**

### Thank You Forum

- Thank you again to our anonymous "Friends of Trinity" for your very generous gifts! God bless you!- The Hopkins Family.
- Thank you to all friends and members of Trinity who have graciously donated to Trinity using their Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Thank you to all of our "snowbirds" who have served during the Winter months. We will miss you and your service! We are looking forward to your return in the Fall!



### Remembering our Beloved Member

There will be a memorial service for Doris Will on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Her family has requested that all attendees wear bright colors in memory of Doris's vibrant life. Please do not wear black clothing. The family has asked that donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in honor of Doris Will.

### Lunch and Learn

Our next Lunch and Learn Event will be held on Wednesday May 17 at 11:30 am. Our guest will speak about hot air ballooning.

Please bring questions and a dish to share!



### **Eternal Candle**

The Eternal Candle for the month of May is donated by Judy Driesbaugh in memory of Doris Will.

### **Healing Service**

There will be a healing service on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the first that Trinity has had since before COVID. We hope that you can partake in this experience! Pastor Julie will preside with the assistance of other members of clergy. We hope that you can join!

### **New Ministry Opportunity**

Trinity will now host a support group for caregivers led by Rose Traub from Assisted Living Made Simple, INC. This wonderful organization was the focus of our first Lunch and Learn. They loved our Fellowship Hall space and asked if it would be possible to use it for their monthly support group. They will meet the second Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm effective in June. If you or someone that you know could benefit from attending, please reach out to the office.

### **In Consideration**

In consideration of those who may be preparing their hearts and minds for worship or reflecting on the service, it is requested that all who enter, or exit do so in silence. When you hear the prelude or postlude music, please be quiet. Thank you so very much for your consideration of those who may still be worshipping in the sanctuary. You can enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

### **Photography Waiver**

Now that we have returned to gathering together, it is nice to take pictures to show life at Trinity! We would love to share life at Trinity with our community via the website. In order to do this safely it is absolutely necessary to have documentation from each member or friend stating that they are or are not comfortable with having pictures/videos shared. We will send photography waivers via mail during the month of May. Please return waivers to the office. It is very important to have these to ensure we are protecting everyone's privacy. Thank you in advance for your participation.

### **Team Meeting**

The Outreach Team will have a meeting on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you have any ideas regarding outreach opportunities, please be sure to attend. Questions or concerns? Please contact Raeann Purcell at [raeannpurcell@hotmail.com](mailto:raeannpurcell@hotmail.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.

***Touch That Soothes and Heals*** by Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953, describes the embodied dimensions of Jesus' ministry: with human hands and feet, Jesus heals, feeds, carries, and serves. The refrain proclaims the ongoing power of Jesus' incarnation as love risen from the dead, and gently turns the singing community from contemplation to action, alluding to Teresa of Avila's assertion that "Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

*Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

*Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,  
give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

*Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

*Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson



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2022



## THANK YOU

To the members of

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New Smyrna Beach**

from the

**Florida-Bahamas Synod**

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
In grateful appreciation for giving

**\$11,160**

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*+ Pedro M. Suarez*

Synod Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Elyzium A. Eaton*

Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**We Are Church Together:**

**Mission of the Month: Harbor House of Central Florida**

Our Outreach Committee has decided to keep our Missions of the Month bimonthly to allow for an extended period of time to offer support. For this reason, we are recognizing Harbor House of Central Florida for May’s Mission of the month also.



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   | *No specific brands are required! |
| Full Size Toothpaste | Full Size Body Lotion |                                   |
| Full Size Shampoo    | Full Size Conditioner |                                   |

*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.*

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 386-428-4307. Thank you!

**Tuesday Workshop** can use material you no longer need. Just drop it off in the Fellowship Hall labeled Workshop.

**April’s Lunch and Learn**



We are most appreciative to our Hospitality Team for hosting another wonderful event! Special thanks to Pastor Mark Winkler for coming to share his memoirs from working as a boat captain at Disney!





### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Trinity members Les and Jean Haughwout for receiving recognition for April 2023 Garden of the Month. The New Smyrna Beach Garden Club has awarded them with this prestigious title for many years consecutively. The Haughwouts have resided on North Riverside Drive in Edgewater since 1969. They are very passionate about gardening, and it shows in all they do! They share their talents with Trinity by keeping our Columbarium beautiful with a variety of plants, most of which come from their own garden! Thank you for all that you do!

### See you in Fall!

A huge thank you to our Handbell choir for another wonderful season. We are so thankful to Cantor Brian and the Handbell choir for the hard work that they put into playing beautiful music for our services. They will enjoy a summer hiatus and return to bring more beautiful music in the Fall! If you see a member of the Handbell choir, please make sure to thank them for their service!

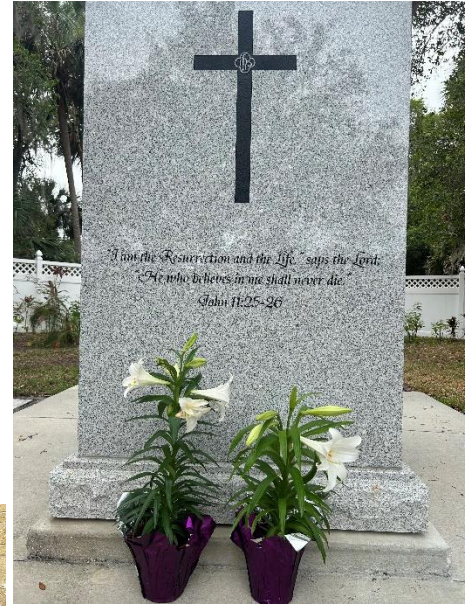
Pictured: (First Row- left to right: Marilyn O'Connor, Cheryl Tucker, Cindy Hanke, Kate Mingle, Second Row- left to right: Karen Weinrich, Toni Currey, Cantor Brian, Tammy Currey, Chris Weinrich)



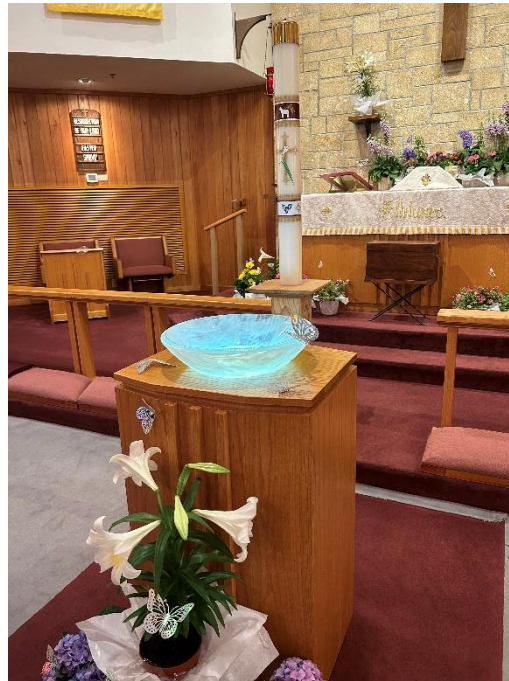
### Summer Seating

We have a long running joke at Trinity that most Lutherans enjoy sitting in the back of the church. While it is wonderful to enjoy comfort from your preferred "spot" on Sunday morning, we are asking that you break out of your comfort zone and move forward for summer! When our winter visitors return home, our church looks very empty on the live stream! We ask that you please move forward so that our friends and members do not feel "alone" on the stream. It is a blessing to see people in pews on the live stream! Thank you in advance for your help with this!





Some great photos of the Church from Easter!



Remember your baptism in worship!





## May Birthdays



2	Paul Summer	16	Chelsea Wolfe
3	Linda Muchow	17	Toni Currey
4	Larry Muchow	17	Betty Srock
5	Marcia Evans	20	Doris Lawrence
7	Jennifer LeCates	21	Annette Sowder
8	Raymond Berthiaume	24	Ron Jacobsen
9	Roy Coons	26	Debra Wolford
14	Rob Roe	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



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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 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  
**Office Administrator:** Mary Parada  
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