



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

**June 2023**

In the last month I have learned some very admirable stories about members of our congregation. At the memorial service for Doris Will, her daughter spoke of the difficult moments in life that she faced. She used those difficult moments, combined with her faith, to find strength. Her daughter remarked that with any situation that arose in life, Doris taught her daughters to adapt and continue moving forward. This was the mantra that she followed throughout her life.

Another inspiring story that illustrates resilience is that of Peak Sherry. Peak was born in Thailand and came to the United States four years ago after she joined the Sherry family. Upon her arrival, Peak was met with the challenge of learning a new language and culture. In addition, her new family introduced her to a new religion. Peak adapted and moved forward in her life and is now a graceful and poised young woman embarking on a new journey into high school. She embraced Christianity and loves church. She participates in multiple ministries at Trinity including greeting, assisting with communion and candle lighting. On Pentecost Sunday Peak participated by reading a portion of the first lesson in her native language. She is also a very talented artist and has shared her gifts with former Sunday school classes. Peak continues to inspire us and remind us just what walking in faith is truly about.

As a congregation, we are about to embark on a new journey with our interim pastor. We will officially be one step closer in the transition process of finding a new permanent pastor. We still have a considerable journey ahead of us before we reach the finish line. As we sit and wait for the next step of the transition to unfold, I would like to suggest that we all take a moment (or two) to pause for reflection. We must prepare ourselves to adapt to our new stage so that we can move forward. May we be strong like Doris and overcome any challenges that weaken us emotionally or spiritually so that we can be open to our new future at Trinity. May we be resilient like Peak and embrace the new changes that are coming to Trinity. May we adapt to whatever new possibilities God creates for us, so that we can move forward as a unified and strengthened congregation.

Blessings,

Mary

**Welcome!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our Interim Pastor, Reverend Mark Winkler, who will begin his interim at Trinity as of June 1st. God has brought Pastor Mark to us to help guide us through our transition process of finding a new pastor. He comes to us with 33 years of pastoral experience and has also worked as a boat captain at Disney.



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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 our Interim Pastor.

**Hurricane Policy**

June is the beginning of Hurricane season, and it is important to be prepared! In the event a Hurricane Warning is issued for Volusia County on the weekend, Sunday worship services will be canceled. The congregation is invited to come for worship the following Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

**Milestone Birthday**

Our beloved member Millie Hager will celebrate her 99th birthday on June 20th. If you would like to send her a birthday card, please send it to: Mildred Hager c/o Woodmark @ Daytona Beach, 900 LPGA Blvd., Apt 102, Daytona Beach, FL 32117.

**Mission of the Month**

Trinity’s Outreach ministry for the months of June and July will be for Chisholm Elementary School. We will be collecting new socks and underwear (all sizes) and school supplies for students and teachers. We don’t have a complete list, but items such as the ones below would be great:

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| Paper                                   | Pencils       |
| Composition Books                       | Post it notes |
| Crayons                                 | Rulers        |
| Pens                                    | Highlighters  |
| Incentive stickers (job well done etc.) |               |

Please place all donations in the basket by the Outreach table.



*If you would like to donate to Chisholm Elementary via Trinity, please notate this on your check or offering envelope.*

**Thank You**

Thank you for all your prayers! - Brian and Mary Mathews.

**Thank you...**

We were absolutely surprised and deeply touched to receive the notes of well-wishes from you all on the back of the watercolor painted by Evy Okerstrom. She did a great job beautifully depicting the setting of our new call, Petersburg, Alaska. As beautiful as her painting is (and it is stunning!), it does not compare to God’s brush strokes on the canvas of creation. The mountains tower above us. The channel between the islands runs cold and clear as it rises and falls with the tides. The air is pure. Eagles are easily spotted and ravens are all around. Still, we hold Evy’s painting and all of your well-wishes near and dear to our hearts. Thank you.

Unfortunately, our installation had to be postponed. We had gone to a clergy conference and then on to the Synod Assembly. We masked for a part of the time, but should have masked all of the time. We both ended up with Covid. (Yes, it is still with us.) Our new installation date is June 4. Please hold us in your prayers.

We had a “first” in our ministry together. A parishioner called us before 7 am to have us come over. A glacier calved miles away and a piece had floated in and was in her back yard (which was on the channel). We had seen it the night before, but then it stopped in her backyard when the tide went out. By that afternoon it was gone; it had melted away.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
Pastor Tim and Pastor Deborah





### Did You Know?

Shy Morris from the PEACE Youth Garden spoke at the Daughter's Luncheon about beneficial house plants. She was gracious enough to share this list with us also. Keep this in mind when looking for new houseplants for you or to give as a gift!

We greatly appreciate Shy and her willingness to share this wonderful information. This was her first speaking engagement in 3 years. She remarked that she was very nervous, but she knew that God sat her down to build her up. She knew that her purpose was larger than herself. It was a true blessing for Shy to share her story and let us see how the Holy Spirit works.

### Can you Help?

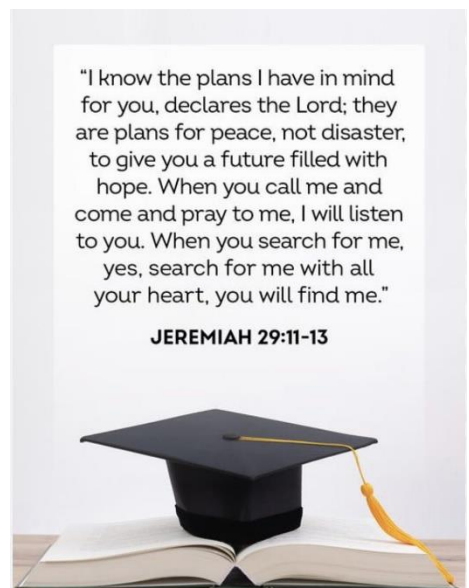
Mission Workshop needs supplies! We need middles, we can use batting but normally use gently used bed sheets any size. We also need fabric to cut and white thread. All are welcome. Please join us.

### Caregiver Support Group

Assisted Living Made Simple will host their caregiver support group beginning this month! They will meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested, please join! The first meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Congratulations!**  
We would like to congratulate Peak Sherry on her 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation! We are so very proud of all your achievements. We wish you well on your journey to high school.



## 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.

***Breathing Together*** is a text about the holy act of singing together by Rusty Edwards (b. 1955), a Lutheran pastor, teacher, and hymnwriter. His hymns have been published in hymn books used by forty denominations in over a dozen countries. His songs have been sung on every continent, including at Chapel of the Snows in Antarctica! Five of his hymns are in our hymnal, including *We All Are One in Mission* (ELW 576) and *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843).

*Breathing together in singing God's songs  
Makes us connected like nothing else can.  
Just for the moment, our differences gone.  
Hymns are a part of God's musical plan.*

*Inhale, to start things, and exhale to sing.  
Soon there is harmony. Song has begun.  
Then in the sharing, our voices will bring  
Words all together, united as one.*

*Peace into breathing, and joy in the sound.  
Love in the offering of each new phrase.  
No other place can the balance be found.  
Breathing together is giving God's praise.*

*Centuries pass, and the hymns still go on!  
Miriam to David, from Luther to now.  
Let us keep sharing the gospel in song  
Breathing together is our sacred vow.*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson





On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated with having members read the first lesson in various languages. Grace Kellermeier read in French, Cheryl Tucker read in Spanish, Joe Kellermeier read in Vietnamese, Peak Sherry read in Thai, Else Abel read in German and Beve Swanson read in Swedish. Thank you to everyone that took part in making this service so memorable!





## June Birthdays

6	Les Haughwout	19	Dale Buzby
10	Nancy Case	19	Cortney Wolford
12	Brian Mathews	20	Millie Hager
15	Kimberly Roe Newell	21	Wendy Rose
16	Skip Barnes	23	Mia Parada
16	John King	28	Kathy Barrick
18	Muriel Krawetzki	28	Barbara Kershaw
19	Else Abel	29	Deborah Adamitz

## 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:

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