



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

I believe that there are many life lessons that can be taught from children. The expectation is that children come in to the world to be taught so they can be prepared for the rest of their life. In my six humble years of being a parent, I have come to realize that this is a partial truth. I learn a great deal from my children every day.

I love the way in which children show love. They seem to be filled with it and have no qualms about sharing their love with others. When going to summer camp for pick up or drop off, I always enjoy seeing how the kids tend to congregate together to hug to either begin or end their day. When attending birthday parties, I have noticed the birthday cards are now signed with love and the child's name in scribbled hand writing. Children do not feel a weird tabu when it comes to sharing love with their friends. It is natural for them to express their feelings for friends and family. They don't discriminate with their love. They love who they love because that is how they feel.

My question is at what point do we go from being comfortable with sharing our feelings to feeling that we have to stifle them? As adults, we seem to make everything more complicated. Do we really love everyone? What are our reasons for not loving everyone and are they valid? While we may be more capable of expressing ourselves because we have more life experience, it seems that children are far superior in their reasoning.

God has created us all with purpose. For the short window of childhood, God uses children to reflect his love for all of us within them. He uses them as a reminder of how he created us all to be. He wants us to be more loving and more forgiving. He did not create us to be cold and overcome with anxiety or resentment. We choose those things for ourselves.

As the new school year begins, I challenge you to keep children in your prayers. They balance us and keep us closer to God. He remind us of this in Matthew 18:3, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." We rely upon them just as much as they rely upon us. Whenever you are having a rough day and feel bogged down by the hardness of the world, try to take a step back and change your perspective to that of a child. Sometimes if we use simpler reasoning, God will provide us with answers to overcome the challenges within our lives. This also rings true with the Call Process as well. We, like children, do not like to wait. However, if we remain focused on channeling our energy into doing good works while we wait, our waiting will not be done in vain.

Blessings,
Mary

Transition Questions?



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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

Hurricane season is here, 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.

Mission of the Month- God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

SAVE the DATE: Sunday, September 10, we will celebrate God's Work, Our Hands Day with a Community Breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. We will be looking for lots of help from you all. With your assistance, we will distribute flyers throughout the community to invite our neighbors to join us for a free breakfast. Please think about where you might be able to hang a flyer or who you can invite. We will be seeking set up help, clean up help, people to bring breakfast casseroles, hosts for each of the tables that will be set up in the fellowship hall to assure our guests feel welcome and more. Information will be coming over the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars now and consider how you can help us make this celebration of the 10th anniversary of God's Work, Our Hands day a success. You can direct questions to Raeann Purcell at 386.212.7933 or RaeannPurcell@hotmail.com.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September 10, 2023

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mission Workshop- 9 am	2 Evy's Art Class- 1pm	3	4	5
6 Worship- 9:30 am Outreach Meeting- after Worship	7	8 Caregiver Support Group- 10:30 am	9 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	10	11	12
13 Worship- 9:30 am	14 Stewardship Meeting- 6 pm	15 Mission Workshop- 9 am Executive Council Meeting- 10 am	16 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	17 Elizabeth Circle- 10 am	18	19
20 Worship- 9:30 am	21	22 Mission Workshop- 9 am Council Meeting- 6 pm	23 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	24	25	26
27 Worship- 9:30 am	28 Halifax Urban Ministry Volunteering- 8:15 am	29	30 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	31		



Best Wishes!

We wish Bob and Ann Horak the best as they embark on their new journey as they prepare to move to Melbourne, Florida on August 15th. Bob and Ann have been active members at Trinity since joining in 2017. The Horaks have been involved in many ministries at Trinity: Council, Property, Stewardship, Hospitality, Greeting and Ushering and Quilting. We will miss them! Godbless you Bob and Ann!

Back to School Blessings

As the School Year Begins Lord Jesus Christ, as a child, you increased in wisdom and stature, you listened to your teachers and asked them questions. Bless those who learn that they may grow in the knowledge of their Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver, and of your glorious world we live in. Bless those who teach, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above and that they may do their work with patience and love that reflect your mercy that endures forever.

You yourself are the Great Teacher. Instruct all of us in your commandments: to show love by glorifying you and serving our neighbors. Disciple all of us with your holy Gospel: to be forgiven, renewed and empowered through your life, death, and resurrection. Fill our hearts with wonder and excitement as we see your divine design in math and science, as we see your hand in history, as we learn to glorify you through art and music, as we learn to know our neighbors, their hopes, their hurts, their needs, that your love may flow through us to them.

Your holy Word also tells us, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” By your power, help us increase in wisdom, never ceasing to learn all the days of our lives until we sit at your feet in your Kingdom; wherewith the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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 is hymn 666 in our hymnal. *What Wondrous Love* was the theme of the recent conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians held in Philadelphia. The description of the event included these thoughts:

Each time the church gathers to pray and sing, we hear the wondrous story of God’s divine love revealed in Christ—a love that is deep, broad, high, amazing, and steadfast, that builds up and binds everything together in perfect harmony. Love is our greatest commandment and the source of our song. Or, as the hymnist exclaims: “what wondrous love is this!”

An iconic sculpture of the word “love” stands in the central plaza of a city designed so that its colonial residents and the area’s indigenous peoples could live together in harmony. Like the vision of its founder, William Penn, the city’s name was the product of peaceful coexistence between two Greek words: *Philos* (loving) alongside *adelphoi* (siblings). Philadelphia.

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

Back to School Outreach Success!

Thank you to all that provided donations to Chisholm Elementary to prepare for back to school! These items were blessed during our July 30th worship service and will be sent to Chisholm Elementary for distribution in early August. Please pray for the teachers and students of Chisholm so that they may have a safe and successful new school year!



Did You Know?

We have a prayer list AND a prayer chain! If you wish to submit a name for the prayer chain at Trinity, please submit your request to Nancy Hopkins at grywhop@aol.com. The persons in need of prayers are shared via email with members of the Trinity prayer chain who will include those people in their prayers. If you wish to add someone to the prayer list that is printed on the weekly refrigerator list, please contact the office. Please note that requesting for someone to be included to the prayer chain's prayer list does not automatically include them on the prayer list for the Refrigerator list.

Thank You

Joady Schroth is sending a heartfelt thank you to everyone who prayed or sent cards to her while she was in New York having surgery. She is so very thankful for everyone's kindness! Prayers go a long way!

A special thank you to **Gary Hopkins, Joe Kellermeier** and **Laura Jones** for all the work they continuously do outdoors to keep the property looking beautiful. They have put in a great deal of work outside in the summer heat in order to keep things in order. Please make sure to thank them for their efforts when you see them. Their hard work does not go unnoticed!





August Birthdays

2	Marilyn Dontigney	18	Vivian Heck
4	Lana Scrivano	20	Jane Peirson
10	Trevor Corina	27	Rebekah Sawyer
11	Stephanie Sherry	29	Thelma Reus
13	Jean Haughwout	30	Gail Roe
17	Dan Pohl		

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 cover 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)
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