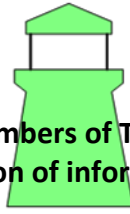


# TRINITY BEACON



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

**September 2023**



As we ease into a new season I must pause to think about where we have come from and where we are going. Trinity first opened its doors in 1954 and was previously located on Riverside Drive. I had the pleasure of visiting the original space that Trinity Lutheran occupied before it moved to Turnbull Road in 1990. The location on Riverside Drive is quaint and quiet. It is now home to Harris House, which is a part of the Atlantic Center for the Arts. Their mission statement is as follows:

“Atlantic Center for the Arts is a nonprofit interdisciplinary artists' community and arts education facility dedicated to promoting artistic excellence by providing talented midcareer artists an opportunity to work and collaborate with some of the world's most distinguished contemporary artists in the fields of music composition, and the visual, literary, and performing arts. Community interaction is coordinated through on-site and outreach presentations, workshops and exhibitions.”

I first learned about Harris House from the summer camp that they offer for children. This program brings children together and allows new experiences and friendships to form. The generous members of the Atlantic Center for the Arts even offer limited scholarships for attendance to the summer camp. Throughout the summer, the Hometown News Newspaper featured attendees and their artistic creations at Harris House. Seeing those smiling children posing with their artwork is very heartwarming. One cannot help but hear the words, “God loves me. I am a child of God” whenever looking at those articles. While worship is no longer held at the location of 210 South Riverside Drive, it is clear to me that God’s presence and his work is still very much there.

Moving onto Trinity in the present day, we, too, are working to build our outreach to the community. We will host a community breakfast on September 10<sup>th</sup> as a means of celebrating God’s Hands. Our Work Sunday. We do this with the hope of not only letting the community know about Trinity, but also as a means of sending the message that all are welcome. We have

been coordinating with new segments of our local community which will hopefully blossom into new outreach opportunities for next year.

What does the future hold at Trinity? Only God knows, but I like to remain optimistic that Trinity will continue working to help our local and global communities as much as we are able. We look forward to the Fall season that will hopefully bring our “snowbird” members and friends back from their Northern homes before wintry weather sets in. We have the hope of being reunited with friends we have not seen in awhile. We have an Interim Pastor who is dedicated to guiding our congregation through the call process. We have a Congregation Council who is also fervently working with the Synod to pass on to the next step of the call process. We have a wonderful Cantor and choir who work hard to bring our worship services to the next level with their musical talents. We may not have it all, but we do have a great deal in our favor. God is working in our favor. I have seen how he “repurposed” the land at 210 Riverside Drive in such a wonderful way when the congregation of Trinity outgrew it. If we focus on what we have for the moment, I know that God will fulfill his promises to the congregation of Trinity and oversee the rest.

Blessings,

Mary

### Transition Questions?



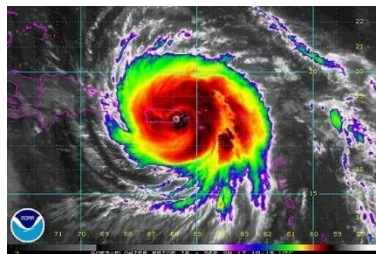
Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

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.



# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day- Office Closed	5 Mission Workshop- 9:00 am	6 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm Choir Practice- 7pm	7 Praise Team Meeting- 9:15 am	8	9
10 Community Breakfast - 8:30 am Worship- 9:30 am	11 Caregiver Support Group- 10:30 am	12	13 Choir Practice- 7 pm	14 Mary Maier Circle- 11:30 am	15	16
17	18 Stewardship Meeting- 6 pm	19 Mission Workshop- 9:00 am Executive Council Meeting- 10 am	20 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	21 Elizabeth Circle- 10 am	22	23
24	25 HUM Volunteering- 10:15 am	26 Mission Workshop- 9 am Council Meeting- 6 pm	27 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	28	29	30

*The Eternal Candle for the month of September is donated by Marilou Spencer in honor of her beloved husband, Homer.*

*A Hand Blessing  
for Labor Day*



**Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One.**

Blessed be these hands that have **touched life.**

Blessed be these hands that have **nurtured creativity.**

Blessed be these hands that have **held pain.**

Blessed be these hands that have **embraced with passion.**

Blessed be these hands that have **tended gardens.**

Blessed be these hands that have **closed in anger.**

Blessed be these hands that have **planted new seeds.**

Blessed be these hands that have **harvested ripe fields.**

Blessed be these hands that have **cleaned, washed, mopped, scrubbed.**

Blessed be these hands that have **become knotty with age.**

Blessed be these hands that are **wrinkled and scarred from doing justice.**

Blessed be these hands that have **reached out and been received.**

Blessed be these hands that **hold the promise of the future.**

**Blessed be the works of your hands, O Holy One.**

Here is a beautiful prayer shared by the ELCA in honor of Labor Day. May we also pray this prayer as we prepare to participate in God's Work. Our hands Sunday on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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. 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. 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](mailto:RaeannPurcell@hotmail.com).



**Quilting Opportunity**

Learn how to make a simple Christmas table runner. You can do by hand or by machine. Come Sunday October 1st to the Fellowship Hall after worship to see some samples. If interested in learning more about this project, call Beverly Swanson 386-428-3777.

Save the date!  
Florida-Bahamas Women  
of the ELCA  
Fall Gathering

HOLY GROUND -  
GOD STILL SPEAKS

November 10-  
12, 2023



Warren Willis  
Retreat Center  
Fruitland Park

## 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.

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land, a call-and response African American spiritual is a classic example of a spiritual that held a double meaning; the African American slaves could readily see a parallel between their situation and that of the Israelites in Egypt. The Rev. Lewis C. Lockwood, working for the New York Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), visited refugee slaves living within Union territory at Fortress Monroe and Hampton, Virginia. He wrote down the words of this spiritual and forwarded them to the YMCA secretary, who submitted them to the National Anti-Slavery Standard. They were published in the December 21, 1861 edition.

The tune name of this hymn is TUBMAN, named for Harriet Tubman, former slave and underground railroad conductor. In 1861, this was the first African American spiritual to be published with its music.

The composer, John Wesley Work, Jr. was educated at Fisk University where he also taught Latin and Greek and later served as chair of the History and Latin department. Throughout his years at Fisk, he was a leader in the movement to preserve and perform Negro spirituals. He and his brother compiled, arranged, and published a number of collections of slave songs and spirituals, the first of which was published in 1901. In 1909 he organized the Fisk Jubilee Quartet, which toured the country and made some commercial recordings. With a change of administration at Fisk in 1916 came opposition to his work with black folk music, and he finally resigned in 1923.

*When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.*

*Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go!*

*The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;  
to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go. Refrain*

*The pillar of cloud shall clear the way, let my people go;  
a fire by night, a shade by day, let my people go. Refrain*

*As Israel stood by the waterside, let my people go;  
at God's command it did divide, let my people go. Refrain*

*When they had reached the other shore, let my people go;  
they sang the song of triumph o'er, let my people go. Refrain*

*Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;  
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. Refrain*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson





## September Birthdays

3	Barbara Fortney	20	Murace Bullock
4	Frank Still	20	Alice Rauch
5	Marilyn Still	22	Arthur Larson
7	Marilyn Curtis	22	Darian Tucker
8	Shirley Niemeyer	23	Jon Gleim
9	Sherry Coons	25	Linda Roemer
10	Marilou Spencer	26	Louise Jacobsen
17	Daniel Armstrong	28	Tate Still

## 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 cover 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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