



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

February 2024

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

As we near the one year anniversary of being in the Call Process, I reflect on the experiences that we have gone through together. We have experienced loss and sadness from losing a pastor and many loved ones. We have experienced grief as we navigated through life after loss. We experienced panic when we saw the increasing rates of property insurance when renewal time arrived. We were plagued with anxiety when waiting for a Synod response to the financial information that we sent for the Call Process. Slowly, hope came along when our Call Committee was formed. Needless to say, we have ridden an emotional rollercoaster together.

The last year has transformed Trinity. We no longer worship exactly the same. We no longer congregate exactly the same. While we maintain our Lutheran traditions, we have most definitely changed as a congregation. I see every challenge that we have encountered force us from our comfort zone. Like a pebble at the beach, we have had waves of challenges wash over us. It is a year later and we are a bit weathered, but definitely smoother than before.

Change is not easy, but we are doing the work and God sees that. We have made it through every challenge by God's loving grace. I know that with every low point we have faced, a new door has somewhere been opened.

What can we do now? Most importantly, we must "keep on, keeping on". Continue doing what makes us Trinity Lutheran Church: worship, partaking in ministries that help those outside of Trinity's doors and spreading the good news of our Lord and Savior. Remember to take care of our beloved members who are not able to make it to church. Completing and returning the survey created by the Call Committee is crucial to having a church profile that accurately reflects the thoughts and feelings of Trinity. These are what we can do to continue moving forward in the Call Process. Let us pray that when we review 2024, we will be doing it with our new pastor.

Blessings,

Mary

Transition Questions?



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in America

Do you have questions about the Call process? The Florida Bahama Synod has an incredibly 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/>. *The Call Committee is working on the MSP!*

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Praise Meeting 9:15 am Call Committee Meeting - 2 pm	2	3 Mission Workshop 9 am
4 Worship - 9:30 am	5	6 Mission Workshop - 9 am New Member Dinner - 6 pm	7 Evy's Class - 1 pm	8 Call Committee Meeting - 2 pm	9	10
11 Worship - 9:30 am Shrove Sunday Breakfast	12	13 Caregiver Support Group - 10:30 am NO WORKSHOP	14 Ash Wednesday Services - 11 am & 7 pm Evy's Art Class - 1 pm	15 Elizabeth Circle - 10 am Call Committee Meeting - 2 pm	16	17
18 Worship - 9:30 am	19 Presidents Day - Office Closed	20 Mission Workshop - 9 am Executive Council Meeting - 10 am Stewardship Meeting - 6 pm	21 Evy's Art Class - 1 pm Handbells - 6 pm Choir - 7 pm	22 Call Committee Meeting - 2 pm	23	24
25 Worship - 9:30 am	26 Halifax Urban Ministries - 10:15 am	27 Council Meeting - 6 pm	28 Evy's Art Class - 1 pm	29 Call Committee Meeting - 2 pm		

Thank You

I would like to express my thanks and that of my family for your expressions of sympathy and prayers during this time. Linda's passing was unexpected, and I want to say thank you for your support and how much it has meant to us. Thank you all.

Larry Muchow and Family

Mission of the Month

For the month of February, we as a congregation will assemble kits to be distributed to homeless individuals within our community. We will assemble the kits after worship on Sunday February 25th. If you would like to donate items for the kits here is a list of what is needed: toothpaste, new adult socks, snack size crackers, individual packages of tissues and hand sanitizer. Thank you in advance!

New Member Dinner

Pastor Mark and the Council will host a dinner in honor of new members on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome! There is a sign up in the narthex, please sign up by Sunday February 4th to ensure that we have the proper quantity of food! Menu includes pasta with Pastor Mark's homemade sauce, salad and beverages. Please contact the Office with questions.

Offering Envelopes

You can find boxes of offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall for 2024. Each box contains envelopes for the entire year. Please contact the Office with any questions.

2023 Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements are now available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Office!

Thrivent Grants

Are you a member of Thrivent looking to put your annual grants to good use? Please contact the Office if you would like to share your grant with Trinity to use in our ministry projects.

IF YOU ARE a snowbird or visitor to our area and are **A SINGER**, you are invited to join the Trinity **CHOIR** while you are in the area, even if it is only for a short time. Please speak with Cantor Larson or any choir member to let us know of your interest. We will have music ready for you at our next rehearsal!

Special Birthday

We are excited to announce that we have a member turning 101 this month! Jackie Treadwell will be 101 on February 20th. If you would like to send her a card, please send it to Jackie Treadwell c/o New Smyrna Beach Assisted Living, 5 Fairgreen Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168.

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.

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain, ACS 917, was written for a Transfiguration hymn festival at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, in 2014. The text gives us an expanded understanding of Christ's mountaintop experience for believers in our own day. Becoming dwellings for justice, mercy, and compassion in the world can bring transfiguration to the earth and all living creatures.

The text was written by Pastor Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956, who is called by the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA to serve as a writer and teacher. Having served as a parish pastor for over thirty years, he has been active in worship renewal and evangelization, a combination that finds its intersection in bringing new Christians to baptism, the subject of Faith Forming Faith. Paul has lectured and taught about adult faith formation in such diverse places as St. Petersburg, Russia; Gettysburg Seminary; the Calvin College Institute for Worship; in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia; at the Catholic Institute in Paris; and at countless congregations and synodical gatherings across the United States

*Dazzling presence on the mountain: human eye had never seen
such a wonder, such resplendence, heaven and earth in cloud convene.
"This is my Son, the beloved," thunderous voice from cloud exclaimed.
Word made flesh to heal creation, to disciples God proclaimed.*

*From this mount of mystic splendor to the cross Christ presses on;
here no Moses nor Elijah, only thieves Christ's wings adorn.
"Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy," was one's penitential sigh.
With transfiguring assurance, Christ rejoins his fervent cry.*

*From the heights of new creation, Christ beholds his world, redeemed;
as with Peter and companions, brings us now to sights unseen.
Justice, mercy, and compassion: these the booths he bids us build,
that the earth he loves may flourish as each life with grace is filled.*

*Let our praise ring from each mountain, into deepest valleys pour,
where, with lives of grateful service, we adore Christ evermore.
To the Son, God's own beloved, and the Spirit endlessly,
may the church's praise be lifted to the blessed Trinity.*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson

The following is a survey made by the Call Committee to help with creating a Ministry Site Profile for Trinity's quest to find a new pastor. Please do your part to complete the survey! You can contact the Office to have one mailed to you. All surveys are due by February 11th. Please contact Jeannine Ohlson with any questions at 630-217-3095.

GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

Every pastor can offer a variety of gifts, skills and personality characteristics that would be helpful in a ministry setting. Identify a maximum of five gifts for ministry that the pastor must bring to our ministry setting in the left-hand column. In the right-hand column, identify five other gifts that would be helpful in our ministry. The survey of gifts ASSUMES that the pastor is able to offer worship leadership and preaching.

Top Priority	Our new pastor needs to be able to...	Very Helpful
<input type="radio"/>	Help people develop their spiritual life.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Provide care and nurture.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be active in visitation of members and non-members.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be effective in working with children.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be an effective administrator.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be an effective communicator.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be an effective teacher.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Encourage support of the Church's wider mission.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Work regularly in the development of stewardship growth.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be active in ecumenical relationships.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be effective in working with youth.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Organize people for community action.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be skilled in planning and leading programs.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran Church.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Understand and interpret the mission of the Church from a global perspective.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Deal effectively with conflict.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Bring joy and good humor to relationships.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be able to share leadership and work in a team.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Be able to use technology and media.	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs.	<input type="radio"/>
	Have talents in the areas of music, arts and writing.	

MINISTRY SITE CHARACTERISTICS

As you think about Trinity Lutheran Church and the way it tends to live out its life and pursue its mission, what tends to characterize our life together?

On both sides of this page, please mark only one box per row, indicating whether you feel the descriptor on the left is more accurate than the one on the right, and to what degree (A Lot or A Little).

AS A COMMUNITY

(mark only 1 box per row)

	A Lot Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Lot Like Us	
We tend to be formal and programmatic.					We tend to be informal and spontaneous.
We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future.					We have no stated goals or plans.
We are racially and economically diverse.					We are demographically homogeneous.

OUR LEADERSHIP STYLE

(mark only 1 box per row)

	A Lot Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Lot Like Us	
We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging.					We prefer ideas that are tried and true.
We rely on our leaders for direction.					We rely on group decision-making.
We have learned how to use conflict constructively.					We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.

OUR PROGRAMMING
(mark only 1 box per row)

	A Lot Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Lot Like Us	
Our facilities are often used by community groups.					Our facilities are only used for our activities.
We train people to minister outside our walls.					We train people to minister inside our walls.
We focus on ideas and beliefs					We focus on skills and action.

OUR THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE
(mark only 1 box per row)

	A Lot Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Little Like Us	A Lot Like Us	
We are obviously Lutheran in identity and practice					We are less obvious about our Lutheran heritage.
We participate in synod and ELCA activities.					We are not very active in the Synod and ELCA.
We focus on biblical studies and doctrine.					We focus on contemporary issues and topics.

FIVE MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY TASKS

Check what you believe are the five most important tasks for the pastor of our congregation. Although all of these traits are positive, please limit yourself to only five tasks.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Building a Sense of Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus / Young Adult Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplaincy | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications / Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling / Social Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism / Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation / Creativity | <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpret Theology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-personal Climate | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry in Crisis | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry in Daily Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry with Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Music / Worship / Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor/Camping Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Nurse / Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Participant in the Larger Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care and Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching / Worship Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy / Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit and Equip Leaders | <input type="checkbox"/> Self Care / Family Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Formation / Direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Mission Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and Family Ministry | | |



February Birthdays

3	Fay Faller	17	Loretta Wolff
5	Carol Topham	20	Jacqueline Treadwell
16	Bob Horak	24	Al Schroth
17	Tammy Currey	25	Betty 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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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)
- Jean Haughwout (386-478-9650)
- Church Office (386-428-4307)

Interim Pastor: Rev. Mark Winkler

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