



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

March 2024

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

As we walk together throughout these 40 days of Lent, it is important to ponder what can we do to be closer to God? I have always considered Lent as a time of sacrifice; giving up something that we love to show compassion and reverence towards Jesus's ultimate sacrifice for us. Lately, I also see Lent as much more. It is a season to strengthen one's relationship with the Lord. What can one do to improve that relationship? Does prayer and reading the bible create a close relationship? It does, but it seems that living more like Jesus taught us to live is a balanced way of creating a closer relationship. The challenges that we face as we work to live more like He did act as a reminder of His sacrifice. Living like Jesus is not easy. It takes work, prayer and patience.

The bigger question is how do we live more like Jesus did? When I think of all that I have ever learned about Jesus, the word love comes to mind. Can we change how we love? Perhaps improve how we love others? We are all God's children, but are we **good** at loving God's other children? Perhaps showing up for one another? Life at Trinity has been different over the last year because we have been without a permanent pastor. Can we be better to one another as we patiently wait for a new leader to come to Trinity? I often hear that we must wait for a new pastor to do this or implement that. While it is true that we do need to wait for a new pastor to make some changes, it is not necessary to hold off on everything. We can be more thoughtful in reaching out to the community to make connections, which in turn can make a difference. A new pastor can join us in this effort to help strengthen it if he or she feels called to. This outreach can begin with us here and now; we do not have to wait for a new pastor to do those things. We can take more action by volunteering to do something that we have never done before. Helping with Fellowship after church or offering to learn more about ushering. Going to a committee meeting to see what that committee does at Trinity. These are all small things that can be done which show love and contribute to making our congregation better. Sometimes going out of one's comfort zone to do something different is challenging or even overwhelming. That ,too, is sometimes living like Jesus when you consider his short, yet accomplished life. I imagine there were times that Jesus struggled with "humanly" emotions just as we do. Loving others, taking action, sometimes just doing something out of the ordinary can truly be overwhelming or even scary.

During this season of reconnecting to Jesus, I urge you to reconnect to the congregation of Trinity also. Prepare a Fellowship snack or volunteer for HUM. Love your fellow member as Jesus would. In doing so, you are walking in Jesus's footsteps and hopefully **closer** to Him.

Blessings, Mary



Transition Questions? 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!***

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship- 9:30 am Directory Pictures after Worship WELCA Meeting	4 Mission Workshop- 9:00 am	5 Mission Workshop- 9:00 am	6 Evy's Art Class- 1:00 pm Bell Choir- 6:00 pm Choir- 7:00 pm	7 Worship & Music Meeting- 9:15 am	8	9
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31 Easter Sunday Services- 9:30 am & 11:00 am						

Lent Services

Please make sure to pass along the following information to loved ones or friends within the community who wish to come!

Maundy Thursday- Thursday March 28th: 11 am & 7pm

Good Friday- Friday March 29: 11 am & 7 pm

Easter- Sunday March 31: 9:30 am & 11 am

Mission of the Month

For the month of March, we would like to encourage you to purchase non-perishable “Buy One, Get One” offers from local stores. Please consider keeping one for yourself and donating one to Gifts of Love. You can place donations in the shopping cart located in the Fellowship Hall!

Gifts of Love
Food Bank



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. **Please be aware that we do not have specific envelopes for Holy Week this year. Please feel free to use a new envelope if you wish to make an offering. Thank you for your understanding!**

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!

New Directory

A pictorial directory is in the works! We are trying to be as inclusive as possible, so please take note to the options that are available to best fit your needs. For those individuals who are able to make it to church in person, we will have time available during Fellowship after church for March 10, 17 and 24th. Peak Sherry has graciously agreed to take pictures! Please go to the Fellowship Hall after church on one of these dates if you wish to have a picture included in the directory. Membership is not required to be in the directory.

For individuals who are not able to make it to church, they are invited to submit a picture of their choice to the office by March 31st. If this is not possible, please contact the office to work out an alternative option!

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.

A new hymn text was written last year for Lent and Holy Week by Allen J. Hommerding (b. 1956). He holds graduate degrees in theology, liturgy, and music from St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, and the University of Notre Dame. He offers this information:

The lengthy medieval Latin poem *Salve mundi salutare* (attributed to Bernard of Clairveaux, from which the hymn, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" comes) concludes with seven stanzas that address the parts of the Body of Christ as it hangs on the cross. Though the final stanza begins *Salve caput cruentatum* (literally, "hail, bloodied head"), that stanza is labeled *Ad faciem* ("to the face"). To honor this naming, I began the first stanza by singing to the face of Christ. Since there are many fine and well-known English translations of *Salve caput cruentatum* that begin with the words "O Sacred head," I also wanted to be sure it would be understood this was not another translation of that text.

In addition to the face of Christ, I selected strophes for three other parts of Christ's body on the cross (hands, side, feet) that played an important part both in his public ministry as well as in the founding of the church during the days of his Passion. I kept translations of some words from the original Latin poem in each, but I wanted the larger focus of the stanzas to be a movement from the agony of Christ to his coming glory.

*O face of Christ most holy, beneath your thorny crown
behold us in compassion, with tender eyes, look down.
Your light divine seems conquered by suffering and pain;
yet hope stirs deep within us that life will rise again.*

*O hands of Christ most holy, that bore the heavy cross,
by splinters torn, and bleeding with tragedy and loss,
your hands reached out in healing, they blessed, and broke, and gave,
to feed us with abundance: we plead for them to save.*

*O side of Christ most holy, now pierced for all to see:
the stream of blood and water flows forth with mercy free.
The sweetness of the piercing done in that darkest hour
shows forth your grace eternal, reveals redeeming power.*

*O feet of Christ most holy, which walk the way to death
then, nailed with brutal iron, stand through your final breath,
help us to stay here praying to never turn away;
made strong by your own passion, we live your love each day.*

Cantate Domino! (Sing to the Lord!)

Brian Larson



We are excited to announce that we welcomed 7 new members to Trinity in February! Tony Becker, Michele Clancy, Doris DeRosa, Ed and Elaine Coursey (pictured above L-R), Todd Reineccius (pictured below Left) and Mary Lou Stavros (pictured below Right).



Women of the ELCA

SPRING GATHERING

ALL ARE WELCOME! We are all women of the ELCA. You do not have to be a member of a Women of the ELCA unit to attend.

DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2024

PLACE: Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, Florida

TIME: 8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration and light breakfast. The registration fee is \$5.00 and this money goes to the Florida Synodical Women's Organization, 9 a.m. Spring Gathering begins with a worship service and communion with Pastor Janet Grill.

We will hold our general meeting and elect the President, Vice President and Secretary for the upcoming term and hold an installation of officers. Please give some thought to becoming one of these officers. We are happy to be able to gather together again for Spring Gathering after not being able to do so for a few years now. We are looking forward to this fresh start with our new officers. We will have a Bible study led by Michele Hilton, make a craft, and enjoy lunch together. Each church is asked to bring a salad and a dessert to share for lunch. There will be breaks throughout the activities. We will adjourn at approximately 1:30 p.m.

IN-KIND GIFTS: We are asking that you bring any of the following items to be used in personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Lightweight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27") dark colors recommended

Bath size bars of gentle soap in original packaging

Adult-size toothbrush in original packaging

REGISTRATION

Please contact Judy Driesbaugh, Flagler-Volusia Conference President of the Women of the ELCA at RJJJ21155@aol.com or call me at (570)650-3478 to make your reservation. If responding by email, please include your name, the name of the church you attend, your phone number and if this is the first Spring Gathering you will be attending. We will be acknowledging all new first-time attendees. **Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 1st.** Thank you. If you call and get my voicemail, you may leave the same information or just your name and phone number if you would prefer a call back to register.

For any further information you may need, please contact me at the above email address or phone number. I hope you can attend this event and enjoy this day together with all of the women from the various churches in our conference. I am looking forward to spending time with all of you.

Blessings, Judy



March Birthdays

3	Lauren Hickling	18	Penny McKeever
4	Kathryn Losnes	18	Joady Schroth
5	Michael Lawrence	19	David Williams
8	Joe Kellermeier	20	Henry Currey
10	Scott Newell	24	Marilyn Langenbach
12	Bobbe Owen	27	Mitchell Nass
14	Jean Wronowski	29	Marty Knost
15	Evy Okerstrom	31	Harry Armstrong

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

Cantor: Brian Larson

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