



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

June 2024

Dear Trinity Family,

Recently, Trinity has discontinued printing names on the prayer list in the bulletin and on the website to comply with synod guidelines. This is to ensure the privacy and safety of all friends and members. While it can seem disheartening to not see a prayer list in print every week, please rest assured that each and every person on the prayer list will be held in prayer. God knows our minds and hearts and will hear our prayers. I read an article on the power of group prayer and I would like to share some points that I found to be most uplifting:

- “1. The power of group prayer is magnified by the sense of community it fosters. Coming together as a community to pray enhances the collective intent and energy, making the prayers more potent.
2. The collective energy of group prayers is not limited to physical boundaries. It extends beyond space and time, allowing individuals to channel their intentions and prayers to specific goals or individuals who may be in need.
3. Group prayer plays a crucial role in building emotional resilience. When individuals face challenging or traumatic experiences, group prayer provides a supportive and nurturing space for emotional healing and growth” (Godsverse, 2023).

The world continually evolves, and so we, too, must adapt. This should not mean that our prayers and caring for others should be hindered. Let us be even more fervent in our prayers for Trinity, for one another and for our world. Please pray for our new pastor, who we have not yet met; for our Interim pastor who continues to lead us; the synod and all of those responsible for helping Trinity navigate through the transition process; and for each and every volunteer at Trinity who serves and provides continuity to the church during this transitional period.

A list of current members on our prayer list will be available in the Narthex. For those unable to worship in person, please contact the office. Trinity’s goal is to create a safe and comfortable place in which we can find community in our faith and to worship the Lord. As we navigate another new change together, let us not cling to old habits, but rather embrace a change that puts us closer in our faith to God and our trust that He hears our prayers.

Source: <https://godsverse.org/the-power-of-group-prayer-how-to-harness-the-strength-of-community-prayer/>

Blessings, Mary



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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 has sent the MSP to Synod!***

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship-9:30am WELCA Board meeting- after worship	3	4	5 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	6 Worship and Music Meeting- 9:15 am	7	8
9 Worship-9:30 am	10	11 Caregiver Support Group- 10:30 am	12 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	13	14	15
16 Worship- 9:30 am	17	18 Executive Council Meeting- 10am Stewardship Meeting- 6 pm	19 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	20 Elizabeth Circle- 10 am	21	22
23 Worship- 9:30 am	24 HUM Volunteer Event- 10: 15 am	25 Council Meeting- 6 pm	26 Evy's Art Class- 1 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship- 9:30 am						

Trinity Spotlight

My name is Evy Okerstrom; I am the Council liaison for the Education Team at Trinity. I have been very fortunate to be able to share my artwork with the Members and Friends of Trinity for the last few years. I am a member of the Artists' Workshop of New Smyrna Beach, and they host Community Galleries here in New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater, and Port Orange. Several years ago, I was given permission to have our Fellowship Hall be part of their program. It is an opportunity for local artists to exhibit their artwork. There is a large art community here and I thought it would give Trinity some exposure to what we have to offer the community. The current exhibit in the Fellowship Hall has been mostly my work. Since Covid, it has been hard to find artists to hang their work anywhere. I plan on changing the current paintings with some of my newer artwork. However, everyone is invited to hang a painting in the Fellowship Hall. It does not have to be one you painted. Let me know if this interests you.

For the past year, I have also been teaching art classes each Wednesday from p.m. to p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. I have a small group of 4 or 5 ladies. I have had men attend too. I have been teaching at the Hub on Canal also, but only a few months each year. A number of my students from the Hub are now coming to Trinity classes. This has been good for several of my students who are handicapped, and the parking is much better here.

My course is "Sketching with Watercolor, Pen and Ink". In late May, I will be teaching a series on watercolor techniques. We will use Sarah Simon's Workbook #1. This book provides essential tools and information for beginners as well as those with experience. It even includes real watercolor paper and paint mixing instructions.

I have been very blessed to be able to offer these classes at Trinity, and I enjoy teaching. It is a wonderful feeling to help someone discover that they can draw and paint. I do charge a fee for each class; a portion of what I receive is given back to the church. This giving back is very important to me.

Centennial Birthday

We have a cherished member who will celebrate her Centennial birthday in June! Millie Hager will celebrate 100 years of life on June 20th. Millie was named in a post by Living Lutheran's Facebook page acknowledging her milestone birthday. Please consider sending Millie a card to let her know that you are thinking of her! For additional questions, please contact the office!

Congratulations

The Eternal candle has been donated for the month of June by Bill and Evelyn Hinkle in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. Please keep them in your prayers and make sure to congratulate them on this milestone!

Mission Workshop News

Mission Workshop will take the summer off! We hope that our faithful Tuesday crew will enjoy their June, July and August break so they will be ready for business in September! Moving forward, they are requesting **no** donations of fabric, sheets, etc. We thank Mission Workshop for all of the work they have done for the first half of the year. We look forward to seeing your continued accomplishments in the Fall!

Outreach

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came to support the Miracle League. It was a rewarding experience! Our athletes enjoyed the support they received in playing baseball. If you have suggestions for future volunteer opportunities or Mission of the Month ideas, please contact the office. Please help Trinity spread our name and the name of Christ to our local and global communities!



Lutheran World Relief Kits

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits and baby kits. We have assembled and packed 32 personal care kits and 18 baby kits to be sent along with the quilts when they are sent by truck to Maryland for distribution again. We will also be assembling school kits in August to send also. I would also like to thank Else Abel for her Thrivent Grant which was used for the baby kits also.

I was able to get exceptional buys on items needed for our baby kits at Carter's outlets and Wal-Mart clearance sales. These items were exactly what we were looking for at great prices. As a result of this, we were able to assemble more baby kits than we would have been able to without these prices. We can send double the amount we were able to send this past year. As a result of this, we have decided to start up a fund if anyone is interested in donating to it, where monies will be placed so the funds will be available to purchase at future sales. The manager at Carter's is going to contact me when they run these sales 4 times a year so we can take advantage of these lower prices. The baby kits are very costly to put together with the items requested. This will allow us to shop for the best deals. If anyone is interested in donating to this worthy cause, please write baby kits in the memo area of your check to the church or put baby kits on your envelope if you are giving cash donations so they are deposited to the right account. Thank you for your consideration of this cause.

Also, if you knit or crochet, we can use receiving blankets made with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square. Each kit has 2 receiving blankets in them. Also, we can use sweaters and baby caps. If you are interested in making any of these items for the future baby kits, they would truly be appreciated. If you have any questions regarding them, please contact me.

Blessings, Judy Driesbaugh, Women of the ELCA President

Summer Mission of the Month: Chisholm Elementary

For the months of June and July we will support Chisholm Elementary on back-to-school essential supplies. Over the years, Trinity often referred to this as “Undie Sundays.” As time has passed, we have found that the school’s supply and clothing needs have changed. Please see the following list of clothing and school supplies that the school counselor has requested:

- *Bookbags
- * Colored pencils
- *3-minute timers (sand or digital)
- *Markers
- *Play dough
- *Large binders
- *Extra clothes (boys and girls t-shirts, leggings, drawstring shorts, all sizes)
- *Sneakers (boy sizes 5-7, girl sizes 1-4)
- *Computer paper
- *Pencil cases
- * Headphones (not earbuds)
- * Expo brand dry erase markers
- * 3-prong folders with pockets

If you are unable to shop, but would still like to contribute to Chisholm’s back to school fund, please feel free to make a financial donation with a memo stating that you wish those funds to go to Chisholm. **All donations are due by Sunday August 4th**. Please contact the office with any questions!



Holy Trinity Sunday

Trinity had the honor of having Pastor Julie Frank visit to lead worship on Holy Trinity Sunday. Pastor Julie created a Trinity triangle with the children of the congregation during the sermon.

MISSION SUPPORT

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To the members of

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In grateful appreciation for giving

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Synod Bishop
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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.

This Is My Father's World, ELW 824, was written by Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901). In its original form, it was a poem of sixteen four-line stanzas, each one beginning "This is my Father's world." Babcock was a Presbyterian minister who served prominent churches in Baltimore (where he also worked at Johns Hopkins University) and New York City (where he often made pastoral calls on his bicycle.) Contemporary accounts of Babcock refer to him as an able student, athlete, organist, pianist, violist, composer, woodworker and poet with a sunny disposition and a magnetic personality, highly respected as a dynamic pastor and preacher who cared for all classes of people, including the rich, the poor, and those who were lonely.

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!*

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



June Birthdays

6	Les Haughwout	19	Cortney Wolford
10	Nancy Case	20	Millie Hager
12	Brian Mathews	21	Wendy Rose
15	Kimberly Row Newell	21	Beverly Swanson
16	Skip Barnes	23	Mia Parada
16	John King	25	Donita Obermann
18	Muriel Krawetzki	28	Kathy Barrick
19	Else Abel	29	Deborah Adamitz
19	Dale Buzby	29	Laura Jones

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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