



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

September 2024

I was reading a devotion a few days ago and came across a bible verse that seemed to be the perfect way to sum up the call process that our Trinity family has endured for the last year and a half. Proverbs 19:21, “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”. We have all wondered how long would it last and who would our new pastor be? I have heard comments (and, if being honest, I have thought to myself) when is this going to be over? What takes so long? All along the way, we have lived our life in waiting. We have lost loved ones, we have experienced challenges, we have passed from season to season waiting to find out when the wait would be over. As of this week, it seems that our wait of finding these answers will be over soon. There is a meet and greet scheduled for September 14th to meet the new pastor. I wonder, has he been waiting and wondering about us, too? Has he been waiting to take a new plunge and when he read our church profile, it just clicked for him?

We cannot erase the last year and a half of waiting, nor should we forget it. All that has happened, the good and the bad, have prepared us for this very moment. God’s moment for us. We are on the brink of a new beginning and a 70th anniversary celebration. I read something that was prepared for the anniversary celebration, and it resonated with me: *remember our past, celebrate our present, and embrace our future*. I suggest everyone to use this as our mantra for moving forward into our new phase at Trinity Lutheran Church. We should remember our past and the journey that allowed us to be celebrating 70 years as a church family. We should also learn from the mistakes of the past. We should celebrate where we are right now. Our Call Committee and Congregation Council have put a great amount of effort into bringing this transition to a close. We have a lot to learn about our new pastor, so the questions are endless. We should celebrate the future and opportunities that have not come to light. Now is the time to show thanks and praise for God showing us His faithfulness and fulfilling His promise. His purpose and His love always prevail.

Blessings,
Mary

Remembering Our Beloved Member

Our beloved member, Robert Evans, passed away on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. There have not been plans made for a memorial at this time. Please keep his loving wife, Marcia, and their family in your prayers during this tender time.



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service- 9:30 am	2 Labor Day- Office Closed in Observance	3 Mission Workshop - 9am	4 Choir Practice- 7 pm	5 Worship and Music Meeting- 9:15 am	6	7
8 God's Work Our Hands Sunday Worship Service- 9:30 am	9	10 Property Meeting- 9 am Caregiver Support Group- 10 am	11 Choir Practice- 7 pm	12	13	14 Pastor Meet and Greet- 1 pm to 3 pm
15 Worship Service- 9:30 am Congregational Meeting after worship	16	17 Executive Council Meeting- 10 am Stewardship Meeting- 11 am	18 Choir Practice- 7 pm	19 Elizabeth Circle- 10 am	20	21
22 Worship Service- 9:30 am WELCA Board meeting- after worship	23 HUM Volunteer Event-8:15 am	24 Council Meeting- 6 pm	25 Choir Practice- 7 pm	26	27	28 70 th Anniversary Celebration- 11:30 am
29 Worship Service- 9:30 am	30					

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.

Singing is a grace-filled activity.

It is breath based,
it is a gift of the Spirit,
an act of trust,
a work of love.

Inhale the grace of God.

Exhale gratitude.

[Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)]

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Worship is the heart and pulse of the Christian Church.
In worship we celebrate together God's gracious gifts of creation and salvation,
and are strengthened to live in response to God's grace.

Worship always involves action, not merely words.
To consider worship is to consider music, art, and architecture,
as well as liturgy and preaching.”

[Introduction to the Lutheran World Federation's
Nairobi Statement on Worship and Culture]

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Speak to one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making music with your heart to the Lord,
constantly giving thanks for everything,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to our God and Father.

Ephesians 5:19–20

Cantate Domino!
Brian Larson

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL
70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

It will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us to celebrate.

Cost: \$10 includes Chicken Parmigiana and pasta casserole, bread and butter, salad, chocolate cake (catered)

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon followed by a presentation. The Anniversary Dinner committee is compiling a program in which we would like to include any highlights or memories of Trinity. If you wish to participate, please contact Tammy Currey to share your memories and/or photos for the presentation.

Tickets are available in the porch area on Sundays after church service or in the church office until September 17th. All are welcome!



The eternal candle for the month of September is donated by Judy Driesbaugh in memory of Homer Spender and in honor of Marilou Spencer.



Thank You

I would like to thank the Trinity Family for all the prayers, cards and kind words that we have received these last 18 months. Thank you.

Larry and the Muchow family

Mission Workshop

Calling all members and friends who like to sew! TLC Quilters will meet on Tuesday September 3rd at 9 am to plan for the rest of the year. All are welcome! There are tasks available for all skill sets: tracing fabric squares, cutting fabric squares, tying knots, using the sewing machines and much more. Feel free to invite a friend to join!

Let's Keep in Touch!

Elizabeth Circle is sponsoring an event to reach out to our Trinity family. We would like to remind our members that they are thought of and that we hope to see them back at worship. Beginning this Sunday, you can find a packet (located at the nametag table) and participate by filling out the 4 greeting cards and mailing them to the recipient addresses. Let's welcome our members back to church!

WELCA Fall Gathering

The theme of this year's Fall Gathering is **He's Got the Whole World** in His Hands, based on 2 Chronicles 7:14: *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

Registration for this event is now open! This event will be held November 8 through 10, 2024, at the Warren Willis Conference Center in Fruitland Park. For more details and to register, visit <https://www.flwelca.com/2024-fall-gathering>

Thrivent Action Team Projects

In August, Else Abel made a difference in our community by using her Thrivent Grant to purchase \$250 worth of food. She then enlisted Judy Driesbaugh and Mia Parada to join her with delivering the food to Gifts of Love food pantry in Edgewater, FL. The volunteers were so thankful for this generosity that they even gave the ladies a tour of the facility. This wonderful act was completely free for Else. She is a Thrivent member and therefore entitled to two grants each year. Thank you, Else, for demonstrating what it means to love one another! If you are a Thrivent member and would be interested in receiving advice with using your grants for a cause that is near and dear to your heart, please contact Judy Driesbaugh. Judy has graciously offered to help any Thrivent member with completing the process necessary to receive their grants.

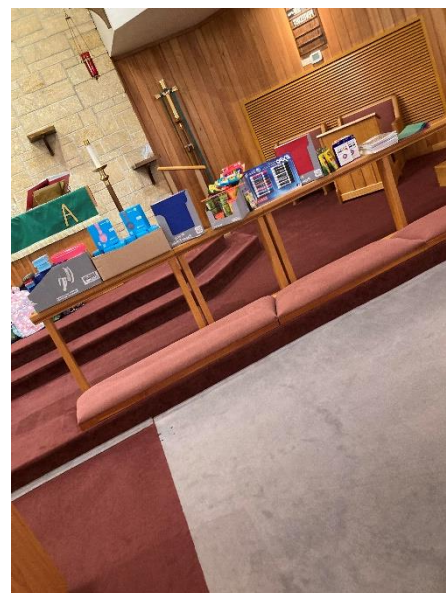
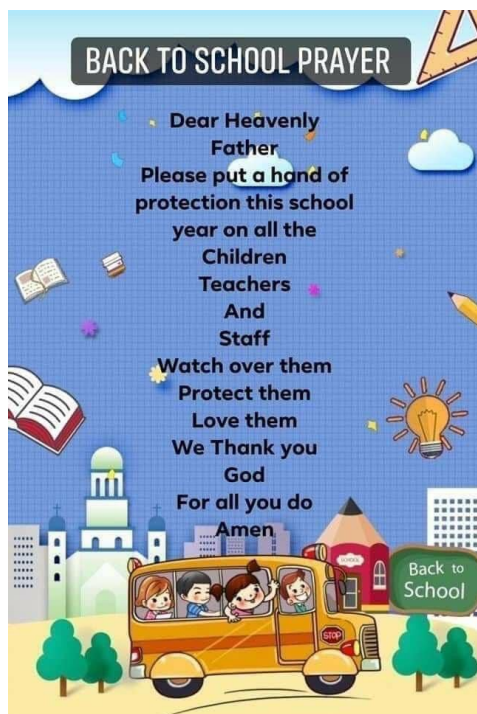
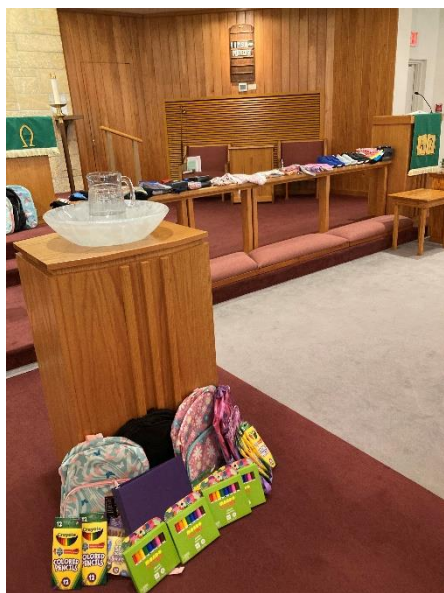
Would you like to join the Music Ministry?

Choir and Handbell rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday evenings! If you would like to sing or ring this year, please speak with Cantor Larson or any choir member to let us know of your interest. We will have music ready for you!

Chisholm Elementary Back to School Success

Throughout the months of June, July and August, members of Trinity donated school supplies, clothing and made financial contributions to help support Chisholm Elementary in kicking off another successful school year. Trinity Lutheran exceeded all expectations with the support that was provided for the 2024-2025 school year! Trinity collected a total of \$1,120.00 PLUS in-kind donations. After purchasing the requested supplies and clothing there were funds left over. These funds will be used to cover the costs for children who cannot afford to take field trips throughout the year. We want to ensure that no child is excluded from joining their peers on a field trip due to lack of funds. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful cause.

The love and support that Trinity provides to Chisholm is reflected in the overall success of the school. They rank #3 in elementary schools across Volusia County. We are so thankful for this opportunity to support a great school and provide a lasting impact on the youth of our community.





"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

The Outreach Team has decided to participate in God's Work. Our Hands Sunday for the entire month of September. We are asking you to donate any unused or gently used shoes that you no longer need. We will donate all shoes to Soles4Souls. **When you donate to Soles4Souls, it's more than just cleaning out your closet.** You are helping the planet AND changing someone's life:



- We process your shoes and clothing donations at one of our 7 global facilities then work to find them a new home where they can be most impactful.



- One of our global 4Opportunity partners purchases and resells your shoes and clothing donations to local entrepreneurs and thrift stores, creating jobs and helping people start and grow businesses to earn a living.



- Together, we turn your investment in our mission into opportunities so that all people — regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity or nationality — can have access to a better life and cleaner planet!

Please bring in unused or gently used shoes NOW through September 29th! You can learn more about what this wonderful organization does at <https://soles4souls.org/give-shoes/>

In Need of Pots

Jean and Les Haughwout are propagating plants which will be planted around the Columbarium. If you have plastic gallon size pots measuring between 6 and 7 inches in diameter that you are not using, please consider sharing! You can bring pots with you to church and leave them on the porch area. Thank you in advance for your consideration and to Les, Jean and the rest of the Columbarium team for their hard work in keeping the area beautiful!

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

We are excited to announce that Trinity Lutheran Church is upgrading our giving platform to better serve our congregation and community. As part of this upgrade, we are transitioning from our current giving platform to the new Servant Keeper Online Giving Platform.

What You Need to Know:

1. Transition Dates: The transition to Servant Keeper Online Giving will take place on September 30, 2024. After this date, our previous giving platform will no longer be available.

2. How to Transition:

- **Step 1:** Visit our church website at <https://www.trinitylutheransb.org>.
- **Step 2:** Look for the "Online Giving" tab.
- **Step 3:** Click on the link to access our new Servant Keeper Online Giving platform.
- **Step 4:** Follow the instructions on the screen to create your account or log in if you already have a Servant Keeper account.

For step-by-step instructions and a video guide:

- **Written instructions:**
https://scribeshow.com/shared/Creating_your_Member_Account_and_Giving_for_the_First_Time_B4TEefaDSGiU03NhMKFPYQ.
- **Video Guide:** <https://connect.servantkeeper.com/rRuDZnEQ>

3. Benefits of Servant Keeper Online Giving:

- Secure and convenient online giving options.
- Accessible from desktop, tablet, or mobile devices.
- Recurring giving options to simplify your donations.

4. Support and Assistance: We understand that transitioning to a new platform may raise questions. Our support team is ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Please reach out to the church office at Trinitylutheran485@gmail.com or 386-428-4307 for support.

5. Your Support Matters: Your continued support through online giving is crucial for sustaining the ministry and outreach efforts of our church. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Please remember that you are most welcome to make offerings via cash or check as well. This option is for those members who feel comfortable making offerings electronically. Thank you for being part of our church family and for your understanding during this transition. We look forward to serving you better through our new Servant Keeper Online Giving Platform.



September Birthdays

1	Rich Lipinski	13	Joan McCain
3	Barbara Fortney	17	Daniel Armstrong
4	Frank Still	20	Murace Bullock
5	Mary Still	20	Alice Rauch
7	Marilyn Curtis	22	Darian Tucker
8	Shirley Niemeyer	26	Louise Jacobsen
9	Sherry Coons	28	Tate Still
10	Marilou Spencer		

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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