



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

January 2025

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

Happy New Year! I wish you health and happiness for this new year! As we embark on 2025 together, I look forward to making many new memories together! Coming out of the holiday period and overall chaos of life can leave one tangled with emotions. The holiday season can bring complicated feelings related to the stresses of life, family circumstances, missing loved ones we lost or something more. These emotions do not always go away as soon as the ball drops at midnight. I would like to ask you to have some grace with yourself and those closest to you who may need time to work through these complicated feelings. While many people are busy with making resolutions, perhaps a spiritual and emotional inventory is also something important to consider when starting off the new year. Where **are** you in your journey with God? Where do you **want** to be? What are you **missing** in life? Only you have the answers to these questions, but remember that you have a support system to help you with your journey! As you give your concerns to God, stay calm and know that He is guiding you. Your church family is also here to offer support in good times and bad. Whatever 2025 holds, please know that Trinity is here for you, and I am too!

Blessings,

Mary

Thank You

Pastor Bob, Brian, Laura and Mary would like to extend gratitude for their Christmas gift. We truly appreciate the generosity of Trinity! God bless you!

Pastor Bob's Installation

You are invited to join us for Pastor Bob's installation on **Sunday January 26th at 3 p.m.** Pastor Dereck Hoven will preside. We hope that you will join us to welcome and celebrate Pastor Bob and his wife Linda as they complete their transition to Florida! A light reception to follow the service.



Bible Study

Pastor Bob is leading a bible study on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. The study will discuss women of the Old Testament. All are welcome to join via zoom or in person in the Fellowship Hall.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87305717775> Meeting ID: 873 0571 7775

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Technology Meeting- 9:00 a.m.	7 Quilting- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study- 2:00 p.m. Handbells- 6 p.m.	8 Choir- 7 p.m.	9 Mary Maier Circle 11:30 a.m.	10	11
12 Worship- 9:30 a.m. Phase 2 Meeting- after worship	13 Evy Art Class- 12:30-4 p.m.	14 Caregiver Support Group- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study- 2:00 p.m.	15	16 Elizabeth Circle- 10:00 a.m.	17	18
19 Worship- 9:30 a.m.	20 Evy Art Class- 12:30-4 p.m.	21 Quilting- 9:00 a.m. Exec. Council Meeting- 9:30 a.m. Stewardship Meeting- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study- 2:00 p.m.	22 Choir- 7 p.m.	23 Handbells- 6 p.m.	24	25
26 Worship- 9:30 a.m. Pastor Bob's Installation- 3:00 p.m.	27 Evy Art Class- 12:30- 4 p.m. HUM Volunteer Event- 8:15 a.m.	28 Quilting- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study- 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting- 6:00 p.m.	29 Handbells- 6 p.m. Choir- 7p.m.	30	31	

WELCA News

Thank you to the congregation for financial contributions to the Women of the ELCA Christmas project. Trinity was able to provide gifts to 26 children and assistance with food to 8 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas and will continue providing assistance to families for food for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas during 2025. Thank you to Rebekah Sawyer for again making Christmas quilts for all of the children which they received along with their gifts. Also, thanks to Karen Beiersdorf, Ed and Elaine Coursey, and Jan Syverson for Thrivent grants they obtained for us to use towards the gifts for children this year. Thank you to all who helped wrap these gifts and you for all of your assistance with these projects and the delivering of these gifts. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Judy Driesbaugh

The Spring Fall Gathering is scheduled for March 1, 2025 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Palm Coast. Additional information to come

Thank You

Sam Shoup would like to thank everyone who showered him with birthday cards to celebrate his 101st birthday!



The 2025 Congregation Council was installed on January 5. (Pictured left to right) Tammy Currey, Ellen Peppas, Larry Muchow, Evy Okerstrom, Rosalie Kalman, John King and Cheryl Tucker. Judy Driesbaugh was not pictured. Please keep our Council in your prayers as they embark on a new year!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phase 2 Agenda

January 12, 2025, following worship

In person and via Zoom: join Zoom Meeting via computer:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87186962913>. Join Zoom Meeting via
Telephone: +1 646 558 8656/ Meeting ID:871 8696 2913

1. Call to order
2. Certification of Quorum
3. Opening Prayer-Pastor Bob
4. Approve minutes from Phase 2 2024 (January 28, 2024)
5. Approve minutes from Phase 1 2024 (December 15, 2024)
6. Annual Reports
7. Motion to Accept Annual Reports
8. Treasurer's Report of the 2024 Spending Plan
9. Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report.
10. Election of Nominating Committee
11. Election of Voting Members to the Synod Assembly
June 12-14, 2025, Embassy Suites Kissimmee
12. Election of Audit Committee
13. Q&A with Pastor Bob
14. Close with Lord's Prayer

*The Eternal Candle for December is donated by Margie and Skip in honor of their
26th wedding anniversary on January 9th.*

Eternal Candle for 2025

If you wish to donate an eternal candle for the 2025 calendar year, you may sign up in the Narthex or contact the office. The cost is \$30.00 for one month.

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.

Lift Every Voice and Sing, ELW 841. James Weldon Johnson wrote this text to honor Abraham Lincoln and his Emancipation Proclamation. On Feb. 12, 1900 (Lincoln's birthday), a chorus of schoolchildren from the all-Black Stanton School in Jacksonville, FL, sang it at an assembly honoring Lincoln. Schoolchildren elsewhere picked it up and it spread beyond Florida. It is poetry – closer to high-art than to hymnic poetry – that celebrates liberty and hope without neglecting the reality of the “stony road” and the “blood of the slaughtered.”

James Weldon Johnson had a remarkably varied career: he was the first African American admitted to the Florida Bar Exam; a U.S. consul to Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, and Corinto, Nicaragua; an accomplished singer touring with the Atlanta University Quartet; a professor of creative literature at Fisk University; a secretary of the NAACP; and more.

As scholar Horace Clarence Boyer said, “The tune (written by J. Rosamond Johnson) ‘lift every voice,’ with its celebratory air, is associated with the African American jubilee spiritual, though it contains none of the characteristic melodic or rhythmic elements associated with that genre.” It is sometimes called “Anthem” – which is exactly it. It is a choral anthem, written for a chorus of schoolchildren, which differentiates it from other deeply communal African tunes.

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.*

Cantate Domino!
Brian Larson



January Birthdays

3	Peak Sherry	16	Karen Weinrich
7	Kevin Rose	17	Hope Bauman
8	Ronnie Still	21	Candyce Wolf
11	Jacob Still	22	Benjamin Weinrich
11	Lewis Zimmermann	31	Chris Weinrich

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:

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