



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

December 2024

Dear Trinity Lutheran Family,

As we embark on the season of Advent together, it is important to remember to take every opportunity to be a light in the world. As we await the birth of the light of the world, it is important to remember that we were created in the likeness of our heavenly Father, and so we, too, should live in light.

If you have turned on the news or opened a newspaper, then you have seen the darkness that exists in this world. Bad things happen to good people and there are good people who do bad things. This is not a movement to point fingers or pass judgement on anyone; rather a reminder that it is simple to fall away from the light. As Christians, we can stay faithful in our commitment to God. We can also take the opportunity of sharing the good news with others who may not have a connection to God. Every day is a new opportunity of allowing our light to shine onto other people. It could be opening a door for someone or saying hello to someone you have never seen in church before. God sees our good works- the small and the large.

This Christmas Eve we will conclude the final church service with candlelight as we sing the final hymn. This is the first time in more than 4 years that we have done this. I hope that as the lights turn down and the candle light spreads through the church, you will be reminded of two things: 1. the birth of our Savior and light of the world and 2. you were created to be a light to others because you are a Christian (and a child of God!).

Blessings,

Mary

Remembering our Beloved Members

During the Thanksgiving holiday, we lost two members of our Trinity Family, Jackie Kaufmann and Ron Johnson. This was unexpected, so at this time there is limited information regarding memorial services. Please keep the families of Jackie and Ron in your prayers during this tender time. More information to come.

December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 Worship-9: 30 am
2	3 Mission Workshop- 9 am	4 Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7 pm	5 Worship and Music- 9:15 am	6	7	8 Worship-9: 30 am Wrapping Party- after worship
9	10 Caregiver Support Group- 10 am Mission Workshop- 1 pm	11 Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7 pm	12 Elizabeth Circle Christmas Party- 12 pm	13	14	15 Worship-9: 30 am P1 Congregational Meeting- after worship
16	17 Mission Workshop- 9 am Ex. Council Meeting- 9:30 am Stewardship Meeting- 11:30 am	18 Bell Choir- 6 pm Choir- 7 pm	19	20	21	22 Worship-9: 30 am Council Meeting- after worship
23 HUM Volunteer Event- 8:15 am	24 Christmas Eve Services 4 pm & 7 pm	25 Christmas Day- Church Closed	26	27	28	29 Worship-9: 30 am
30	31 Mission Workshop- 9 am					

**Journey through Bethlehem and
experience the sights, sounds, and smells
of the city on the night
Jesus Christ was born!**



**Crossroads Church
1851 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32119**

You are invited to Walk Through Bethlehem!

Come take a trip back in time to experience the sights and sounds of the night that Jesus was born! During this immersive experience, you will take a stroll through Bethlehem. You will see the guards at the front gate, talk to the people going about their daily lives, and hear the gossip about a strange couple who are staying in a stable.

This year, we have a brand-new layout for the city of Bethlehem that will bring you up close and personal with the characters and story of Christmas. Even if you have been before, this will be a new experience!

Whether it is your first Walk Through Bethlehem, or it is part of your Christmas tradition, we can't wait to see you in Bethlehem!

Due to the tremendous response last year, we have added two weekends in 2024. Walk Through Bethlehem will run December 7-8 and 13-15 from 5:30 PM-8:30 PM at Crossroads Church (1851 S Clyde Morris) and is a free event for the whole family!

A poster for Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas Eve Services. The background is dark with several lit candles in the bottom right corner. The text is white and reads: 'Trinity Lutheran Church', 'Christmas Eve Services', 'Tuesday December 24, 2024', '4 pm & 7 pm', '485 Turnbull Bay Rd.', 'New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168', and 'All are Welcome!'.

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.

No Wind at the Window, ACS 906, Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949; Music: Irish melody

With clarity and simplicity, this hymn offers a new perspective of the annunciation, the conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary about the birth of Jesus. The scene is simple and spare: “just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.” Hymnwriter John Bell uses subsequent stanzas to describe the improbable premise of the incarnation, which comes with no guarantees of safety or security. Mary’s courageous consent has the final word. This hymn is appropriate for Advent but may also be useful to worshiping communities discerning God’s call in any season.

*No wind at the window, no knock on the door;
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear:
just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.*

*“O Mary, O Mary, don't hide from my face.
Be glad that you're favored and filled with God's grace.
The time for redeeming the world has begun,
and you are requested to mother God's Son.”*

*This child must be born that the kingdom might come:
salvation for many, destruction for some;
both end and beginning, both message and sign;
both victor and victim, both yours and divine.*

*No payment was promised, no promises made;
no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed.
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess,
replied with conviction, “Tell God I say yes.”*

Cantate Domino!
Brian Larson

WELCA News

During WELCA's Fall Gathering, Raeann Purcell was elected the new President of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization and that Judy Driesbaugh was elected as a Board member. We congratulate both ladies on their commitment!

Phase 1 Congregational Meeting

The Phase 1 meeting will be on Sunday December 15th after worship. There will be no Fellowship on this day. The meeting will be held inside of the sanctuary after the worship service. This meeting will focus on reviewing and approving the 2025 budget and electing new members of the Council. After this meeting concludes, you are also encouraged to stay to participate in a vote on revisions to the constitution. I apologize for the lack of clarity regarding the dates of this meeting in an email sent last week. The Phase 1 meeting will be on the 15th after worship and once this concludes, a brief meeting will follow to vote on making constitution changes.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia orders will be collected by December 8th. Please make sure to complete an order form or send an email to the office to ensure that your poinsettia order can be fulfilled. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Eternal Candle for December is donated by Laura Jones in honor of Jesus.

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.

Offerings for 2024

Please note that all offerings received on and postmarked by December 31st will be posted for the year 2024. Any offering received after that time will be posted for the year 2025.

Office Closed

The office will be closed from December 26th through January 2nd. Please contact the office via email or leave voicemail for emergencies.

New Year, New Opportunities!

If you are interested in learning more about the ministry teams at Trinity, please sign up at the table in the Narthex or contact the office. We are always looking for new volunteers to help elevate the ministries at Trinity. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



December Birthdays

1	Paige Proeger	16	Keri Mowry
5	Brian Larson	20	Pastor Bob Vogl
8	Cheryl Tucker	21	Kristina Mangiafico
11	Alexander Weinrich	23	Alejandro Parada
12	Charles Kershaw	26	Judith Burt
14	Bill Hinkle	29	Preston Newell
14	Emilie Martin	30	Carol Zacha
16	Mollie Martin		

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)

Pastor: Rev. Robert Vogl

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