

December 2017

Sunday Services

8:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Christian Education

10:45am Traditional Worship



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From Pastor Bode - God's Greatest Gift

Dear beloved friends,

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15—NIV)

Our celebration of Thanksgiving, on November 23, along with our special

Thanksgiving worship service on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm, well prepares us for our celebration of Advent and Christmas during this joyous month of December.

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A note from Trinity's President

Tena Sigmon

Getting into the Holiday Spirit - Thanksgiving is just around the corner and then Christmas!!

Many wonderful things will be going on!



We had a wonderful Prayer Service on the 4th of November, and if you missed it, you MUST come to our next one. We had a great Theme, great food and a beautiful service. Jeff led us in our music on the piano! We really appreciate you doing that for us Jeff!

Our Reformation Sunday was so much fun! After the service when we all met in the fellowship hall for a Great Oktoberfest lunch, we had a very informative visit from Martin Luther (Robert Garst) and continued after lunch with the Open Arms Fall Festival. This was a joint effort to have our members be able to visit and see what the staff and children from Open Arms do and how they work and play together. It is such a blessing! They had decorated the rooms at the school totally for a fun Halloween and they had a trunk or treat, fun games, prizes and a dunk tank!

I do wish more of the church members would be able to see how the unity of us all can be so great and loving by visiting the school and volunteering with some of their needs. This can help bring us all together and give us a possibility of getting new members from those in their staff who are un-churched and from the unchurched families that bring their children to school there! But if we don't show them our love and concern with their needs, how can they know that we would love to have them come and see what the Lord does in our church! Some of us are older now and our children are grown, but we did have children back in our day, so think of that and be friendly to them, get to know them and we can be like their "other grand-parents"! They are so precious and would love to have you visit and get to know them. They have the greatest Director in Loretta and the staff is by far better than any school around! That is all I hear when I'm out and about in town. Our waiting list is long for all ages and families are waiting to be called when there is an opening!

If you are new members to the congregation, please get with myself or Leslie in the office if you would like to get involved with the many positions and helpers within the church. Office volunteering, help with the Alter Guild, maintenance of the property, helping with refreshments for the church and anything you may have done at a previous church. We would love to have you be more of a part of us! All ladies in the church are automatically members of the Mary Martha Guild (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) so come check out our meetings once a month at 11:45 AM following Bible Study. Get with the office for dates and time! Come on all, let's get up and get going by showing everyone what a loving and friendly family we are!

God Bless you all!

From the Prayer Team . . . Making a List and Checking It Twice

On behalf of the Prayer Team, I would like to wish all our readers a very blessed Advent and Christmas season. As our thoughts turn to Christmas, we often hear people talking about making out wish lists. Children stand in long lines with wish lists in hand to tell St. Nick just how good they've been, and just exactly what they wish for in return. As adults, we sometimes are no different. Our wishes may be bigger, and even more altruistic, but are they effective? Do we receive what we wish for - especially the "big-ticket items?" Often, we don't, and we're left feeling disappointed and let down. Isn't there a better and more powerful way to approach Christmas than with a wish list in hand? Yes... it is called hope. Listen to the words of Eugene Peterson as he explains the difference between wishing and hoping...

"There is a difference between wishing and hoping: a wish is what we think will give us happiness; a hope is what we believe God will do to fulfill our lives. Wishes are based on human fantasies; hopes are based on God's promises." - Eugene Peterson



We are privileged as God's children to know that God keeps every one of His promises - He has never failed - not once! He, alone, knows what will bring us happiness. He gave us His very own Son at Christmas, to come into this world - into your life and mine - and live a sinless life, die a painful death, and rise again to offer us forgiveness and eternal life in Heaven with God forever - now that's a gift worth celebrating! He did for us, what we could never do for ourselves. He washed away our sins. We don't have to wish for eternal life with Jesus - our hope is sure, because God promised it! So my advice to you this year is, forget the wish list and turn to God's Word, claiming, as your own, every one of the promises He has made. Come to Him in prayer - praying with confidence as you claim the promises He so graciously made to us. Not one good thing will He withhold from you! Then you can be assured of finding true joy and happiness that does not disappoint!

Almighty God, as we listen to Your promises, teach us to live in hope.
Thank You, O Lord of hope. Amen.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless." - Psalm 84:11

Have a wonderful Christmas, spending time with your Lord, your family and friends. Join us in prayer every Wednesday from 10:30 -11:15 am. Give thanks this Christmas and always, for the hope we have in Christ, the new born King, **Mary Bode**

Today's Light 2-year Bible Reading Plan

"The unfolding of Your words gives light."

(Psalm 119:130—NIV)

Our Today's Light Bible Reading Plan guides you through the whole Bible in 2 years, breaking the Bible into segments that take about 10-15 minutes a day to read. God's Holy Spirit will teach, comfort, confront, and sustain you through His Word on a journey that is sure to make a difference in your day ... a difference in your life!

"Be in and encourage each other with God's Word!"

"The unfolding of Your words gives light."

(Psalm 119:130—NIV)

Week 48 (November 27-December 3)

Monday—Psalm 119
Tuesday—Psalm 120-125
Wednesday—Psalm 126-134
Thursday—Psalm 135-137
Friday—Psalm 138-143
Saturday—Psalm 144-150

Week 49 (December 4-10)

Monday—Proverbs 1-3
Tuesday—Proverbs 4
Wednesday—Proverbs 5-6
Thursday—Proverbs 7
Friday—Proverbs 8
Saturday—Proverbs 9

Week 50 (December 11-17)

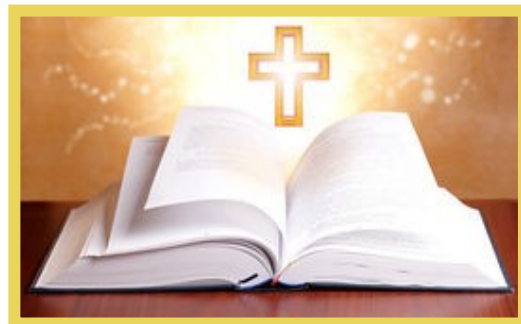
Monday—Proverbs 10-11
Tuesday—Proverbs 12-13
Wednesday—Proverbs 14-15
Thursday—Proverbs 16-17
Friday—Proverbs 18-19
Saturday—Proverbs 20-21

Week 51 (December 18-24)

Monday—Proverbs 22-23
Tuesday—Proverbs 24-25
Wednesday—Proverbs 26-27
Thursday—Proverbs 28-29
Friday—Proverbs 30-31
Saturday—Ecclesiastes 1-2

Week 52 (December 25-31)

Monday—Ecclesiastes 3-4
Tuesday—Ecclesiastes 5-6
Wednesday—Ecclesiastes 7-8
Thursday—Ecclesiastes 9-10
Friday—Ecclesiastes 11-12
Saturday—Song of Songs 1-3





White Horse Inn: Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm for "*conversational theology*", where we will listen and discuss what we believe and why we believe it. 500 years ago Martin Luther worked to recover the Gospel. However, that recovery is ongoing and is needed more than ever in postmodern Christianity. For more information contact Robert Garst (rgarst88@gmail.com—224-383-4639).



As the holidays approach, remember those less fortunate.

Please place any food or hygiene donations in the Narthex Wishing Well.

The Mustard Seed recipients appreciate your generosity.

Pastor's article from Page 1—continued

Thanksgiving reminds us of the many gifts of God and fills our hearts with gratitude ... gratitude that reaches its pinnacle as we anticipate and celebrate God's greatest gift to man in the person and work of His Son, Jesus Christ.

As together we ponder the conception, birth, life, death and resurrection of the Savior this holy season, may the joy of our lives and hearts and voices build to a crescendo of praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate our Lord's birth this Christmas and exclaim with the Apostle Paul:

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
(2 Corinthians 9:15—NIV)

Can we celebrate Christmas too often? Can we thank God "*for His indescribable gift*" too often? ... or too loudly? ... or with too much joy and celebration?

Never!! Never can we ponder enough that indescribable gift! Never can we thank God enough! Never can we celebrate Christmas too often! Never can we exhaust the joy that can be ours through God's indescribable gift of a Savior, Jesus Christ!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
(2 Corinthians 9:15—NIV)

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Pastor Bode

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3 members of Trinity turned 90 in 2017.



Gene Gawry

Joyce Lounser and



Ann Lezniewicz



We are in the process of getting new floors and getting rid of the carpet throughout the classrooms. So far the One year old classroom and Two year old classroom is done. Come on by and see how amazing they look.



Look how beautiful our new bus is. We are so excited to have it.



We had a great time at our Fall Festival.

We raised \$768 for Trinity's Mary Martha Guild.



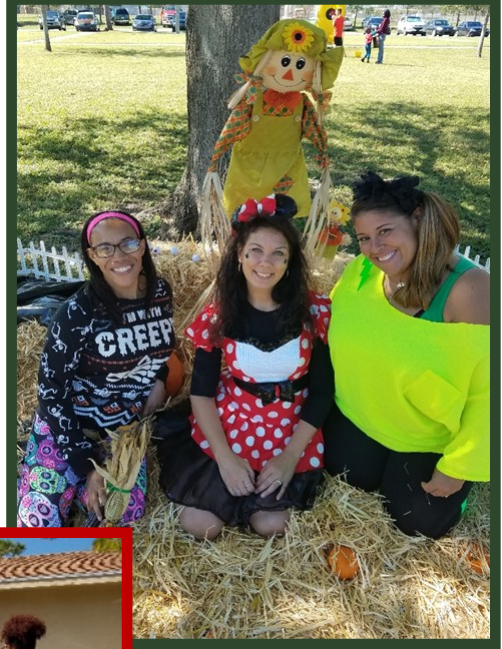


[Check out our website –
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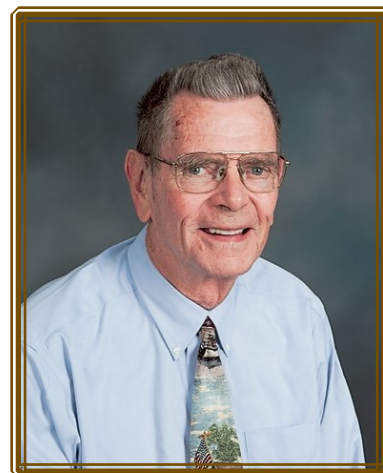
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Charles Lester Nergard (1929-2017)

Charles Lester Nergard was born on February 6, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Lester and Gertrude (Schultz) Nergard and younger brother to Harriet. He was brought to the Lord in baptism on April 7, 1929 at Tabor Lutheran Church in Chicago, and was raised in the Christian faith, confirming his faith at Tabor Lutheran in 1945.



After graduating in 1947 from Roosevelt High School in the Albany Park neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago, Chuck enlisted in the newly formed United States Air Force, beginning the lifetime of public and community service that defined his life. He also continued his education at Schurz Junior College, Wright Junior College and George Williams College in Chicago.

Chuck found love and a devoted wife and companion of 31 years in Catherine Misheck, whom he met through mutual friends at work and married on May 5, 1956 in Chicago. Following marriage Chuck and Kay moved to Fort Pierce, Florida, drawn there by its warm weather, business opportunities and family who lived there. They bought and operated the White Sands Motel, while Chuck also sold insurance and began a lifelong career in real estate. On May 8, 1958 they joined Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Pierce becoming lifelong members and faithfully serving their Lord in almost every capacity, while enjoying the fellowship and friendship of God's people there. They excitedly welcomed into their home a son, Glenn, in 1958 and a daughter Catherine in 1959. Together the Nergards grew in love for each other and their faith in Christ.



Chuck's love for his country and strong interest in the welfare of his community and its citizens led him to seek and be elected to public office as a Republican in the Florida House of Representatives where he served with great dedication and commitment for 11 terms from 1967 to 1976 and from 1978 to 1990, representing the 76th District, encompassing St. Lucie County and portions of Martin County.

Many of his legislative initiatives focused on improving education and programs for the youth of his District. This was always supported by his volunteer efforts with various youth programs as a parent, coach, counselor and mentor to many. Chuck gained a reputation for fairness as a skilled negotiator and mediator of disputes. He was also active as a member of the Sons of Norway and Elks Lodge, always reflecting a passion for public service and carrying out his life mission of giving back to his community and its people and looking out for the "little guy." The Nergards remained treasured and much-enjoyed friends to many throughout their lives.

On June 9, 1987, Chuck lost the "love of his life" and his lifelong partner when his beloved Kay died suddenly as a result of an ongoing heart condition. Their love and devotion to each other remains an impressive testimony to family and friends of the beauty and pricelessness of a Christian marriage.

The difficulties of age and illness in recent years that included surgery to remove prostate cancer in 1995 and suffering a major heart attack in February 2010 led Chuck to move closer to his daughter, Cathy, in the Tallahassee area. Following a stroke in 2014 Chuck moved into Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee, where he always had a cause and continued to serve and care for his "constituents" who greatly appreciated his engaging personality and the life and song he gave to them. As an avid and life-long Chicago Cubs fan he saw the realization of his long-denied dream of a World Series Championship come to Chicago last year.

This past Thursday, November 9, Chuck finally succumbed to pneumonia as his Lord Jesus called him home to be with Him in heaven and enjoy the reward of eternity gained for him by His Savior. His mortal remains will be laid to rest, with those of his wife, Kay and his parents at All Saints Cemetery in Jensen Beach.

Chuck was a singular example to family and friends of an energetic Christian faith, marked by strong character, resilient determination, dedicated service to others and persistent friendliness, always concerned for the interests and good of all and advocating for the people privileged to have him in their lives. His example will move us to get involved and his strong desire to bring people together will encourage us to mend any broken fences and forgive as Christ forgives us all. As a devoted husband, father, grandfather, loved one and public servant he will be greatly missed as a true friend and servant of us all.



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Mary Martha Guild

Thank you to all helped the Trinity/Open Arms Ocktoberfest, Fall festival, and 500th Reformation Celebration. The food was great. The teachers and parents did a fantastic job on the Fall Festival. The children were dressed up and we even had Martin Luther show up. The funds made will go toward a few mission projects here at Trinity.

We had a great Prayer Service and thank you to all who helped with that.

Our next joint venture with Open Arms is the PJ Scholastic Book drive. This is our 3rd year of participation. For every new PJ set purchased, Scholastic Books will donate a book. These are given to agencies in St. Lucie County for foster children and persons in abuse centers. On Thursday, November 30th, Open Arms with Trinity will hold a spaghetti dinner. Cost is a set of PJ's (newborn thru adult), or if you do not like to shop, a \$10.00 donation would be appreciated. We will also have a basket for these in the back of the narthex by the stain glass window.



MMG

Please join us for our Mary Martha Guild Christmas party on Friday, December 15th. We will have turkey as a main course and side dishes from our great cooks. We will also have our money tree to collect funds toward the purchase of items for our baskets for the homebound. If you are able, please let us know if you are able to deliver a basket.

We would like to show our appreciation to the staff of Open Arms for all that they do. Please drop off some of your Christmas cookies for the staff.

They are also having a Polar Express night for the children on Friday, December 8th and could use some of your baked or store bought Christmas cookies.

We have changed our meeting time to the 2nd Thursday of the month, at about 11:45 am, right after bible class. The next meeting will be on January 11, 2018.

Debbie



**Thank you,
Trinity's Altar
Guild**

TRINITY CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays and Anniversaries of our Members

Birthdays

2. Debbie Manis
 3 Barb Keller
 7 Carol Schmidt
 10 George Bickman
 12 Carolyn McPherson
 13 Grace Beranek
 Heydy Galeano
 14 Jennifer Crespo
 18 Patty Cook
 Joan Konow
 Pete Torell
 23 Melissa Powell

27 Frank Hofmann
 Tom Holder
 30 Carol Graham
 31 Ed Britcher
 Cynthia Puentes

Anniversaries

15 Dave & Kay Jenkins
 22 Robert & Christie Garst
 27 Ken & Barb Dunnivant
 31 John & Betty Jean Andrianoff

MEMORIALS

In memory of Mickey Sigmon
 by BeBe Owen

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS Who are homebound or in a nursing care facility

Lord Jesus Christ, in the days of your flesh, the sick were brought to you for healing: hear us as we now bring to you in our prayers those who are ill, in the body or in mind. May your presence be with them to relieve suffering and distress and to restore them to fullness of life, for your great love's sake. Amen.

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Please pray for our members.

THOSE WHO SERVE TRINITY

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	10:45 AM	Shirley Louria
Coffee Hour:	8:00 AM	Carole Thew
	10:45 AM	Shirley Louria
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JOIN US SUNDAY!



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8:00 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:30 AM – CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

10:45 AM – TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

(A fully staffed nursery available all morning)

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