#### Trinity Lutheran Church

#### **March 2018**

#### **Sunday Services**

8:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Christian Education

10:45am Traditional Worship



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Those Who

Serve

#### From Pastor Bode - Is It Nothing to You?

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look around and see.

Is any suffering like My suffering that was inflicted on Me, that the LORD brought on Me in the day of His fierce anger?"
(Lamentations 1:12—NIV)

How is it possible to look at Christ's sufferings and see nothing?

Yet the Roman soldiers attending the crucifixion of Jesus gazed for hours on the scene of Christ's suffering and saw nothing but a dying Jew. Their thoughts were of the worth of His

clothes and about how much longer they would have to stay there before returning to other interests and enjoyments. In the presence of the most astounding event in the world's history, they were all unmoved.

We too may gaze on the cross and see nothing. We too may look at it without emotion or meaningful response or any consciousness of all that it means for us.

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look around and see."

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Worship Service Sunday, April 29, 2018

10:00a



Dawn

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our new

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#### A note from Trinity's President . . . .

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#### Welcome March!!

God has blessed us with more time to worship and be "in" him!

I have been enjoying seeing some of our "Snowbirds" and that is exciting to me. Catching up with them and being around them is very rewarding! Please everyone, take a few minutes after your service to let them know how excited we are to have them back!!

There have been times over the last few months, that I have a few friends that have been going through some rough times and trying to get through their situations! We were talking in Sunday school and Pastor read some great verses from Isaiah that were quite special! God will rescue us from our cares and worries, just NEVER give up trying or caring! We mostly create our own problems, but if we listen to him, we can manage it all! Listen to your friends and family, they just may need to vent and you be the shoulder they can count on! Don't let anyone make you Callus, sit back and give it all to God!

We have such a great family here at Trinity and I only hope that you think to contact Pastor or myself if you need to share your cares and concerns! People think no one cares, but we DO!

We are going through Lent and into Easter - so please join in our Wednesday worship services at 6:30 each week!

Your Leadership Council is trying to get some good things happening for the church itself and things for our members to be involved in.

Have a Blessed month!!!, and I love you all!



Cindy Mahieu

# Welcome New Trinity Members!



Melania Robles

#### From the Prayer Team .... Therefore Pray

"And He said to them,
"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray..." - Luke 10:2

"Prayer is simple, prayer is supernatural, and to anyone not related to our Lord Jesus Christ, prayer is apt to look stupid.

It sounds unreasonable to say that God will do things in answer to prayer, yet our Lord said that He would. (

"Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." -John 14:13).

Our Lord bases everything on prayer. Then the key to all our work as Christians is, 'Therefore pray.'" (Oswald Chambers)

Over the years, I have written many articles for this newsletter about the purpose of prayer, the reason we pray, the mechanics of prayer, and encouragement to pray more, to pray together, and to pray before making decisions. But this month I want to share with you what I, personally, am praying for...

- I pray that God would raise up intercessors to stand in the gap and pray for His will to be done in all things here on earth.
- I pray that God will build and grow our prayer team here at Trinity to share in the work of prayer.
- I pray that God will move in the hearts of those He has called to be intercessors, that they may be drawn to the ministry of prayer.

I pray that if you are one of these people, you will feel the undeniable, irresistible calling of God upon your life, and you will step out in faith. Because God needs you... Trinity needs you... the prayer team needs you.

Prayer really is that important.

"Our Lord told us that prayer on the ground of His redemption is the most mighty factor He

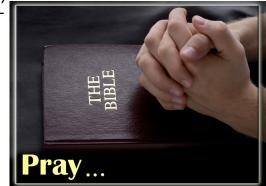
has put into our hands. 'Therefore pray.' Prayer is labor, not agony. But labor on the ground of our Lord's redemption in simple confidence in Him.

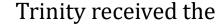
Prayer is simple to us because it cost Him so much to make it possible.

God grant that we may work His victories for Him by taking His way about it."

(Oswald Chambers)

Our Prayer Team meets every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:15 am. Come pray with us! Mary Bode - <u>b103067.1377@gmail.com</u>





"Food Pantry
Volunteer Group"

award.

Thanks to all of you for your time and donations.



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# THANK YOU, Robert Garst..... For our newly refurbished altar candles!

## Mary Martha Guild

Please save your prescription containers, without the label for us. Gayle Whitlock, formally with Thrivent, can use them to put smaller amounts of over the counter drugs...for example aspirin, to send them with care packages to other countries. There is a basket on the back table in the narthex.

Please save the date of Saturday, April 14th. The Mary Martha Guild will be hosting the Treasure Coast Zone spring rally. We would like to have you join us for a continental breakfast, a communion service with Bible study, guest speaker from Mustard Seed, a luncheon, and a short business meeting. We will be collecting canned goods for Mustard Seed, as our "Gifts from the Heart". Our theme is "He is Risen, Why worry?" based on Mathew 6: 26-28 & 33.

Our annual Tea Party / Fashion Show will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for any regifts or donations of door prizes. There will be models from Trinity and Open Arms to show the Bon Worth fashions. This will be from 11-2 and will also include a hat show contest. Tickets will be \$10.00 and the funds will be raised for our mission projects. Tickets will go on sale April 15<sup>th</sup>. Come join in the fun! *Continued on next page.* 

#### **Mary Martha Guild** - Continued from previous page.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Open Arms will have their Easter Eggtravaganza, we will be working the kitchen, however, they need volunteers for other activities. This includes the Book Fair, putting eggs out, a craft room, and games. They could also use help with FILLED Easter eggs (no chocolate please).

Another project on our list will be working on the Christmas tree decorations. We will let you know times and dates later. So if you like to do crafts, please join in.

I have mentioned mission projects that we have donated to with our fundraisers. These include: Family Meals

Open Arms Scholastic Book PJ's

Pastor Brian Gauthier - Missionary Panama

**Open Arms Robinson Family** 

Open Arms Easter Egg hunt

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Food co-op Concordia St. Louis

Food bank Concordia Ft. Wayne

**Trinity VBS** 

We will be adding this year Trinity's Make A Joyful Noise

We have changed our meeting time to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at about 11:45 am, right after bible class. The next meeting will be on March 8th, 2018. Please join us in any of our meetings or projects that you would like.

Debbie

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# SERVING THE LORD - AS WE SERVE OPEN ARMS GRANDMAS NEEDED! ADOPT-A-GRANDCHILD MINISTRY

Help us better connect with the children and families at Open Arms. Where can YOU serve? We have a request from one of the Open Arms parents to "ADOPT" one of the four-year-olds through our Adopt-a-Grandchild Ministry. Do you have a few hours a week, or a month, to spend time with a precious preschooler? Maybe you can volunteer to spend time with this child in the classroom, or during chapel times. Maybe you can attend one of the Open Arms activities or events, such as the Easter Eggstraganza. This way you can connect with the family as well. What an opportunity to share the Love of Christ.

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There are also other ways to serve at Open Arms. Please pray about this ministry.

Contact Holly Tetzloff (772-332-1020 or <a href="mailto:grammatetz@att.net">grammatetz@att.net</a>) for more information.

#### Today is a gift

Today is a gift
And every day thereafter
May it be filled with joy
And happiness and laughter

So if you are struggling
And sometimes you will
Reach out to Jesus
He will help you to be still

With Jesus in your life
He'll bring you so much joy
He's waiting for your voice
He's there each girl and boy

So as you go thru your day
Remember what it is
Each day is a gift
And everyday it is His

Cindy Mahieu

#### **Our Thursday Bible Study**

is beginning a study of Paul's epistle to the Galatians. Though written 20 centuries ago Paul's letter contains a message of liberty relevant to the people of God today: We are free in Jesus Christ! Free from sin ... free from the law ... free to serve God. You are encouraged to join us for this exciting study

that will draw you closer to your Savior and His strength and purpose for your life. Learn what Christian freedom means. We meet in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 am. Coffee and cookies provided.



Valentine's Day Dance











#### 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!"

#### Week 61 (February 26-March 4)

Monday—Jeremiah 41-43

Tuesday—Jeremiah 44-45

Wednesday—Jeremiah 46-49

Thursday—Jeremiah 50-51

Friday—Jeremiah 52

Saturday—Lamentations 1

#### Week 62 (March 5-11)

Monday—Lamentations 2-3

Tuesday—Lamentations 4-5

Wednesday—Ezekiel 1-2

Thursday—Ezekiel 3-5

Friday—Ezekiel 6-7

Saturday—Ezekiel 8-9

#### Week 63 (March 12-18)

Monday—Ezekiel 10-11

Tuesday—Ezekiel 12-13

Wednesday—Ezekiel 14-15

Thursday—Ezekiel 16-17

Friday—Ezekiel 18-19

Saturday—Ezekiel 20-21

#### **Week 64** (March 19-25)

Monday—Ezekiel 22-23

Tuesday—Ezekiel 24

Wednesday—Ezekiel 25-27

Thursday—Ezekiel 28

Friday—Ezekiel 29-32

Saturday—Ezekiel 33-34

#### Week 65 (March 26-April 1)

Monday—Ezekiel 35-36

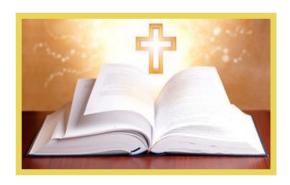
Tuesday—Ezekiel 37-39

Wednesday—Ezekiel 40-42

Thursday—Ezekiel 43

Friday—Ezekiel 44

Saturday—Ezekiel 45-46



# + James F. Patterson + October 16, 1925-January 11, 2018

James Francis Patterson was born in Detroit, Michigan on October 16, 1925 to Sylvester and Elva (Reeder) Patterson, taking his place in their modest, hardworking family along with younger brother, William, as their parents faithfully raised them in the Christian faith and the fellowship of the Baptist Church.

After completing his schooling and his time in the military, Jim moved with his family to Bonne Terre, Missouri. He began his family when he married his first wife, Mary Jane, and welcomed daughters Judy and Patricia into their lives and home. He again found love and saw his family grow to include step-children Kathleen and Darryl when he married Norma June Foster in 1950. Together they welcomed a daughter, Jonilee and over the years Jim's life continued to be enriched by his family with the blessing of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim had always wanted to live in Alaska and after living for a time in Miami, Florida, he moved there in 1964, calling the 49th state home for much of his life. Jim found the numerous skills and abilities that God had given him put to good use in a work career that spanned many years, with him working for electrical distribution companies, where he specialized in preparing large bids for electrical work and supplies for military bases. He bought 36 acres on the Chena River where he built houses, providing many families with quality homes they might otherwise been unable to afford. Jim was always proud of the homes he built, especially for family, never charging what he could have, but always insisting his houses be built to the highest Alaska standards. In addition Jim was also able to serve his Lord and church in a variety of capacities over the years, wherever needed, especially dedicating his time and energy to the care and improvement of the church buildings and property. His genuine faith in Christ and desire to serve others was also expressed by his offering help and his ability to "fix anything" to anyone with something in need of repair. It was Jim's faith in Christ, that had steadily grown over the years, that saw him through the grief over the death of Norma, his wife of 29 years, in 1979.

It was while attending Lord of Life Lutheran Church in North Pole, Alaska, where Jim was an active member that he was introduced to Judy Gibson, when he chivalrously turned off the headlights on her car in the church parking lot. The next Sunday he sat next to her during worship church and love and friendship steadily grew between them, leading them to the altar of Lord of Life, where they were married on March 2, 1984. Their mutual love of the outdoors, as well as other common interests, combined with their shared faith in Christ to give them the strong confidence that God had brought them together by His design. Their love for each other provided them with a long, happy and harmonious life together and a deep gratitude to God for the blessing of faith, marriage and family.

In 1996 the Pattersons moved to Sopchoppy, Florida, where they bought property and built a house on the Buckhorn Creek. Together they enjoyed traveling in their motor home and eventually relocated to Lake Placid in 2004 right before the hurricanes. Their active life, shared and enjoyed with family and friends, was challenged when in 2009 Jim suffered a stroke while undergoing heart surgery. Despite his loss of speech Jim continued to endear himself and enrich others as always with his calm and easy-going personality and keen wit. They moved to Fort Pierce in 2011 to be closer to family and brought their faith and fellowship to Trinity Lutheran Church, where they became faithful members.

Gradually over the past few years Jim's health continued to decline as a result of age and other health concerns, difficulties that were always accepted and dealt with in faith and with the strength of character that his God had given him. As Jim's faithful wife and partner, Judy continued as his loving caregiver until Jim's earthly journey came to a close when His Lord Jesus peacefully called him home to heaven on January 11 at Port St. Lucie Nursing and Restorative Care Center. *Continued on next page.* 

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Jim is survived by his wife Judy, his brother William, his daughters Judy Lyons, Patricia Schmidfranz, Jonilee Thomas, his stepchildren Coby Gibson and Kim Gibson and 11 grandchildren, 22 greatgrandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and many other friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his stepchildren Kathleen Puente and Darryl Hamrick.

Jim's loving and refreshing influence will be long felt in the lives of those he now leaves behind. As one who in true humility didn't look for honor or glory for himself in anything he did, our memories of him are a treasured gift we take with us into the days ahead. A gentle and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, an adventurous outdoorsman, a solid and unruffled source of stability and a notable example of Christian character, Jim will be greatly missed even as he now places us in the loving care of his Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Pastor's article continued from the cover page -

The coming weeks of Lent, Holy Week and Easter offer us yet another opportunity to pause ... and not pass by ... but to interrupt our many other occupations and pursuits and gaze upon the scene of Christ's suffering ... the scene of our salvation. Only those who stop and fix their eyes in faith on the cross of Jesus Christ will see what is really there ... the sacrifice for their sins.

Others ... those who pass by, unaware, are as blind as, and more without an excuse than, those Roman soldiers who watched all day by the cross and saw nothing, until they trudged back to their barracks and their empty lives, utterly ignorant of what they had been doing and what they had missed ... there upon that cross.

Jesus can be heard today: "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?"

There is nothing in all this world which has so much to do with each of us, as the death of Jesus Christ. Surely, His life and death mean everything ... the greatest offering ... the ultimate sacrifice ... the incomparable gift!

Won't you join us for our special Lenten and Holy Week worship services ... each an opportunity to discover and experience the wonderful salvation that can be found only in front of the cross of Jesus Christ.

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

Your servant for Jesus' sake, Pastor Bode

P. S. Please plan on joining us for worship here at Trinity on both Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent, for our midweek Lenten services held each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 pm and also during Holy Week on Thursday, March 29, at 6:30 pm for our Maundy Thursday Communion Service and for our Good Friday Tenebrae Service on March 30 at 6:30 pm climaxed with our Easter celebration on April 1. Don't miss these opportunities to deepen your relationship with our amazing Savior and experience the power of His grace and resurrection!

Game night was a HUGE success! We had a great night of games, pizza, family and new friends.





Come on by to see our new floors. They look absolutely



<u>Check out our website – openarms4kids.com</u>

March 31st 11:00-1:00



For our Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

Help is needed at the Book Fair, hiding eggs, games, crafts, pictures and food area







## **Easter Food Drive**

Please donate the following requested items:

Canned vegetables
Chicken Gravy Packets
Dessert mixes
Re-usable grocery bags
Egg Dye Kits

\*\*\*We also accept gift cards\*\*\*

Food drive ends on March 16



Visit us on Facebook or <a href="http://www.familymealsinc.org/">http://www.familymealsinc.org/</a>

Email - familymealsfl@gmail.com

Call us - 772 210-0900

Mission Statement: Provide the ingredients for a holiday home cooked family meal for the working poor, and for families who may not qualify for food stamps or free school lunch programs. Our goal is to create an outreach program to encourage family mealtimes by providing families the tools to get back to the basics, meal time together.



Larry & Holly
Tetzloff
"House
Blessing"

#### TRINITY CELEBRATIONS

#### March Birthdays and Anniversaries of our Members

#### **Birthdays**

Ed Reed

21 Stephen Barr

Wade Sigmon

23 Kaitlyn Pearson

#### **Anniversaries**

1 Mary Mathis 2 Zaneta Cooper 3 Sandy Mauck 4 Tom Jay 5 Torin Smothers	26 Pat Maina Karen Powell 27 Janet Landry 28 Andrew Hood	8 Tom and Doris Jay 23 Dillon and Brittney Roberts 26 Matt and Sammi Fischer
5 Torin Smothers	29 Ronnie Krueger	

8 Rich Frautschi Martha Taylor 9 Stuart Shipe 31 Barb Kummerlen

12 Fay Lowe

#### MEMORIALS

In memory of Jim Patterson \$500.00

#### 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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The deadline for Sunday Bulletin information is Tuesday of the prior week. Pls. email OfficeManager@Trinitychurch4U.com . Thank you.