Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sunday Services

8:00am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Christian Education 10:45am Traditional Worship



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Dear beloved friends,

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."" (Matthew 25:40—NIV)

Some time ago I heard about a program called "Project Compassion," which provided helps for those who wanted to do a little something extra to minister to people who were shutins, or residents in nursing facilities. It had five suggestions for successful visits with the elderly:

- Look—Be observant if you see something you can help with, do so!
- Listen—Let the person you are visiting talk. Be a thoughtful, active listener.
- Love—Love for Christ will motivate love for people.

- Linger—Don't rush. Let the person you are visiting feel that you have time for them.
- Leave—Let them know that you'll be back and keep your promise.

Look, listen, love, linger and leave. Some things we all can do. If you cannot make a home visit, call on the phone, or send a card or note or email. You are likely to find that all of your efforts are greatly appreciated and you may even find that they bring a little extra joy into your own life.

In the rare case that you don't know any elderly person who would welcome your care and concern, let me know and I will be happy to introduce you to one.

Set aside some time for our elderly and begin your own

"**Project Compassion**" today. They need it and appreciate it!

Your servant for Christ's sake,

Pastor Bode



A note from Trinity's President . . . Tena Sigmon

Happy end of the "hot" summer and welcome our upcoming start of the fall!



This welcomes a new school year for all children and a new season for Open Arms. We are so excited to have added "Kindergarten" this year also. We were blessed to have many parents of Open Arms want to have their

children continue a Christian Education, so after lots of work by Open Arms and applications and permits, getting curriculums, setting up the classroom and lots more, it is done and ready! We are so blessed to have this wonderful School be a part of us after many, many years of dreaming for it! It is a wonderful asset and if you have never seen how well it works for so many children and families, go by and ask for a tour! We have the BEST Director and staff and teachers ever!!

Starting a new school season brings us to a new Church year also, so think about your Christian Education and come out to our Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM following first service!

We are in the midst of many improvements at the main church and grounds - Painting, flooring and other improvements inside. With the help of others, we had a big Cleaning Day on August 25th! I am sure you will all see what has been done and what still needs to be done.! Anyone of any age can help!

We have ordered a new "digital" sign at the front of the church. Our old one has been wonderful for many years but is mostly worn out. With so few people to change the lettering, we have one statement on it for months. We can have the new one changed as often as needed via the office or by phone. We can post a welcome to our service for any date and if we have something that afternoon going on, it can be changed for that and then right back for the next service! It is time we are moving into the future and making our little piece of heaven here on S. 13th Street be and look good as it should. We are proud of our church and look forward to more growth via welcoming our friends and neighbors. Our hardworking Christie Garst is doing so much with various Children's' programs. We can grow. We just all have to be positive and help each other!!

Come, be a part of that and we will add more programs and functions the way we have in the past -a place where people want to be. We did so many fun group events and had a large youth group when my children were growing up and I know we can do it all again.

If you have ideas, suggestions, concerns, please let me know personally - my cell # is 772-828-1716 or call the church office at 772-461-7272!

God bless you all and hope to see you each Sunday!!

Trinity is getting an upgrade!

Over the past several months efforts have been made to upgrade our various facilities that have long been neglected. A list of some of the tasks that

have been undertaken by the Leadership Council is below. Certainly this is not all inclusive, but highlights some of the projects.

- a) Painting exterior of all buildings and the interior of the church.
- b) New flooring in the narthex.
- c) Interior of the church cleaned.
- d) Air Conditioning issues were addressed and we are continuing to address the need for a regular maintenance schedule.
- e) Carpets in all areas of the fellowship hall were cleaned.
- Sidewalks were pressure cleaned. f)
- g) Palm trees and oak trees were trimmed and various other outside yard work completed.
- h) A new (used) refrigerator was purchased for the sacristy.
- Within the last year, the church roof was evaluated and minor repairs were i) completed along with a thorough cleaning of the roof. We were advised that it was in good condition and should be adequate for another ten years.









From the Prayer Team . . . Prayer – Pleasure or Obligation?

"Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" Luke 6: 9

In reading the following excerpt from Beth Moore in her book, <u>Breaking Free Day by</u> Day, I want you to think for a moment - **do you pray because you feel you have to... or because you want to?** There is a huge difference between the two motivations. Beth writes,

"The Pharisees had a superficial understanding of God and no enjoyment of His presence. They never seemed to get the idea that the Sabbath was something God established for our benefit, not for our imprisonment. In the biblical account from Luke 6 where Jesus healed the man with the shriveled hand, the greatest benefit Christ could bring to him was a relationship with the Savior. He chose to initiate that relationship through healing. But the Pharisees tried to squeeze all the enjoyment out of this event by replacing relationship with regulations. We don't have to wonder who enjoyed Christ more that day!"

If you pray out of obligation – the feeling that prayer is something you have to do to check off a box on God's requirement list, you are robbing yourself of the joy of a relationship with Jesus – the desire to be with Him and talk with Him that stems from desire - the difference is huge! We cannot please God or find freedom in mere rule-keeping. Never have. Never will.

Change your mindset from, "I should pray," to "I can't wait to spend time with my best friend, Jesus," and you will experience the joy of relationship vs the burden of regulation.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at our new time of **11:00 – 11:45 am** for a time of prayer as we build our relationship with Jesus, and surround our church and our people with God's love and protection. It is truly a privilege to pray for one another! **Mary Bode – (b103067.1377@gmail.com)**

Joyful Noise sets new learning goals

Joyful Noise is Trinity's 'mommy and me' style Bible class. Our two year olds are beginning to recite the Lord's prayer. Our 3 year olds can tell you the parts of the Trinity and recognize the Trinity symbol in our stained glass window. And, almost every child can act out Jesus' birth, death and resurrection with blocks and a bit of

imagination. As the new school year begins, we want to set new learning goals for out tots. The next thing the class will tackle is time. We will work on a basic Bible Timeline and plant the idea that things on earth start and stop. We'll also teach the circle of the church year (including Liturgical color changes). Like a circle/cycle, things with God go on forever and ever and never stop.

In order to teach more effectively, we need adults to interact with the children one-on-one during our free play time. If you're interested in building a relationship with tots and teaching them to make a Joyful Noise to the Lord of the Universe, Contact Christie Garst (224-383-4639).

Joyful Noise meets Fridays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.







It's Time ... Our God is calling us to make a difference! Your District—The Florida-Georgia District—has set a goal to start 10 new missions (2 in each of the 5 District Regions) each year for the next 5 years.

Imagine 50 new locations in Florida and Georgia where Jesus and the news of salvation can be proclaimed! Starting in November, as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the FLGA

District, you will learn more about this goal and how you can help to make it happen.

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:18—NIV)

EDITOR NEEDED:

I will be retiring from the position of Tidings Editor on January 1, 2019.

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you to all that have been a great support in assisting with articles. It has been wonderful working with everyone!

Pam Torell

All are welcome to join FUMC of Fort Pierce, FUMC of PSL, Community UMC of Fort Pierce and others to join in our Multi-Church Bowling League!



Meet us every Thursday at Saint Lucie Lanes. For more information, and to let us know if you can join us, please contact

Chris Averill (772-284-4434—Caverill469@gmail.com)

Your Gifts and Offerings to Trinity's Building Fund are needed, encouraged and appreciated.

This fund is used to address needs related to our church facilities. A few of the major projects ahead include replacing the doors on the trash dumpster areas and modifying our primary signage on 13th Street. Your gifts will help us maintain our facilities in good repair and make needed improvements. We hope you will consider contributing to this fund. Use the pew envelopes and note the donation is for the *"Building Fund."*

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!

Week 92 (October 1-7)	Week 95 (October 22-28)		
Monday—Ephesians 4	Monday—1 Timothy 3-4		
Tuesday—Ephesians 5-6	Tuesday—Titus 1		
Wednesday—Philippians 1	Wednesday—Titus 2		
Thursday—Philippians 2	Thursday—Titus 3		
Friday—Philippians 3	Friday—Philemon		
Saturday—Philippians 4	Saturday—Hebrews 1		
Week 93 (October 8-14)	Week 96 (October 29-November 4)		
Monday—Colossians 1	Monday—Hebrews 2		
Tuesday—Colossians 2	Tuesday—Hebrews 3		
Wednesday—Colossians 3-4	Wednesday—Hebrews 4		
Thursday—1 Thessalonians 1	Thursday—Hebrews 5		
Friday—1 Thessalonians 2	Friday—Hebrews 6		
Saturday—1 Thessalonians 3	Saturday—Hebrews 7		
Week 94 (October 15-21)			
Monday—1 Thessalonians 4			
Tuesday—1 Thessalonians 5			
Vednesday—2 Thessalonians 1			
Thursday—2 Thessalonians 2-3			
Friday—1 Timothy 1			
Coturdary 1 Timothy 2			

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

V Т Friday—1 Timothy 1 Saturday—1 Timothy 2



Lutheranism 101 Wednesday 6:30p

- How many years has it been since you were confirmed in the Christian faith?
- You certainly remember all the material you covered, right?
- Want to answer those questions your friends have about God?
- What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique?
- Why is Lutheran worship different from worship at the church next door?
- Does it have to be confusing?

Whether you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers, or just curious about the Lutheran Church, this class is for you! Come and learn or review theology basics in a way that won't make your brain hurt. Your confirmation was not the final exam, rather, it gave you the tools to prepare for it. Here's what you'll learn about: God and His Son, Faith and Belief, Heaven and Hell, Church and Fellowship, Sin and Forgiveness and much more! This class can also serve to prepare you to become a member of Trinity.

The Mary Martha Guild (a unit of the Lutheran Womens Missionary League), from Trinity met on Thursday, September 13th and made plans for the next few months.

One of our functions will be a non-function fundraiser that will take place on Sunday, October 27th. We will have more information in your Sunday bulletin concerning this.

Some of the mission projects that we have donated to with our fundraisers are: Family Meals Open Arms Scholastic Book PJ's Pastor Brian Gauthier – Missionary Panama Open Arms Robinson Family Open Arms Easter Egg hunt LWML Mites toward district and national projects Food co-op Concordia St. Louis Food bank Concordia Ft. Wayne Trinity VBS Trinity's Make A Joyful Noise



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 11th, right after bible study. Please join us as Pastor Gauthier, missionary in Panama will be visiting us.

Debbie meanolgranmad@gmail.com



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Join Us on September 20th at 5:30 p.m. for a Fun and exciting new fundraiser. Pampered Chef will be here to show us some new easy ways to cook. Don't have time to cook a meal in under a half hour have no worries Loreen from Pampered Chef will show us how. Also, catalogs are available for our fundraiser and online catalog as well. Childcare and dinner will be provided.

Call us for the information if you only want to place a catalog order.





October 27th at 11:00 we will have our annual Fall Festival. Let us know if you can help with any of our activities. We would love to see you at our Trunk or Treat.







TRINITY CELEBRATIONS October Birthdays and Anniversaries of our Members

Birthdays

- 1 Roxanne Hornyak 2 Chuck Rhodes
- 3 Maria Anderson
- 5 Donna Cunningham
- 7 Gene Harvey
- 10 Linda Casper
- 11 Robert Powell
- 15 Erin Brooks
- 18 Louise Wile
- 19 Diane Handwerk

20 Savannah Plumstead Glenna Sigmon
25 Marcus C. Sigmon Mark Walters
26 Frances Larsson Paul Tausch

Anniversaries

- 10 Ed and Debbie Reed
- 14 Jim and Lois Gordy
- 22 Jay and Martha Taylor
- 30 Chris and Jennifer Waldron





If you would like to remember a loved one or a special occasion and help with the cost of our silk flower arrangements the cost is \$10. Please contact the church office.

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.



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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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