



**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**  
LCMS



**March 2**

Bookworms at 1:00 p.m.

**March 4**

World Day of Prayer

**March 6**

New Member Breakfast &  
Reception

**March 7**

Men's Club at 8:00 a.m.

**March 9,16,23,30**

Midweek Lenten Services  
4:00 p.m.

**March 9,16,23,30**

Lenten Suppers at 5:00 p.m.

**March 13**

Time Change– Spring forward

**March 22**

LWML Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**March 26**

Friendship Luncheon  
at 10:50 a.m.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1)

With the changing of the calendar into March, the Christian church will enter into what many have termed the most penitential, reverent, holy, and sacred period of the entire Church Year with the six-week celebration of Lent beginning on March 2, 2022, with the sign of the Cross on the forehead on Ash Wednesday and culminating with the celebration of Christ’s resurrection and the “Alleluias” on Easter Sunday.

Given the very nature of this season, it is a time in my personal ministry where I have experienced the concept of spiritual warfare the most when the work of Satan seems to rise to new levels in an effort to distract God’s people away from their greatest mission and ministry in witnessing to the truth and power of the Easter Gospel. As a result, this season is a reminder to us of the importance of maintaining a strong life of Christian Discipleship to repel temptations by being fully engaged in worshipping on a regular basis, frequently partaking of the Lord’s Supper, studying God’s Word privately and with others, and surrounding it all with a life dedicated to prayer.

That’s why I am so excited about this year’s theme for strengthening our faith and journeying with Christ throughout our Midweek Lenten and Holy Week season based upon the theme taken from Romans 12:1 and entitled, “In View of God’s Mercy!” This series considers our lives in view of God’s mercy toward us in the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during times of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for Him, displaying our devotion in word and deed. Here, Jesus helps us to see the richness of God’s mercy in His life, death, and resurrection. Here, we will focus our eyes on the meaning behind God’s mercy made visible in Christ. Please mark your calendars and take note of our schedule for this year’s Lenten celebration. Invite a friend to join with you throughout this year’s special worship series!

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Blair Clark*



# MARCH PRAYERS



## SUNDAY

O Lord God Almighty I praise and magnify You, for you are a gracious and merciful God. I praise You, Lord, for you are my mighty rock and I stand firm on the foundation you have laid for me. There is no other as great as you are Father. Praise and glory be to our Lord and Savior. **Isaiah 45:5** "I am the Lord, and there is no other, apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me."

## MONDAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, I am so grateful You are the Ruler of heaven and earth. The rulers of today have no power except what you have given them. It gives me peace knowing all things are in Your hands. I pray in the name of Jesus, you would raise up a voice in our nation who would stand firm for Christian values and restore us to a higher morality.

**James 1:21** "Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

## TUESDAY

Thank You, Lord, for this day. May I accomplish the task You have prepared for me to do. Grant me the energy, the joy and peace as I work, knowing all I accomplish is to Your glory. I thank you Lord, that even if I am unable to do much physically, I can always pray for others and in this way share the joy and peace which I enjoy. **Colossians 3:23** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

## WEDNESDAY

Lord, help me to handle your answers to my prayers. Open my eyes to see your answers, as I know they often come in a way I least expect them. I want to recognize them and give You all the glory. Let me not get discouraged when Your answers do not come as fast as I expect them. Grant me a spirit of patience, knowing without a doubt all my prayers are answered according to Your will, Your way and in Your time. **Mark 11:24** "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

## THURSDAY

Gracious God, our families are in Your care. Continue to bless them, as You have blessed me in Your Son. I pray for the parents of the world to treat their children in a loving way. To encourage, and not discourage with bitter words bringing pain. To comfort in a loving way, and not bring upon them more discomfort. To always encourage them to walk in the ways of the Lord, which is Your desire for all mankind. **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory.

## FRIDAY

Heavenly Father, help me to grow stronger each day in my faith. I know I need daily growth in faith and it is not where it should be. When hard times and heart ache come my faith begins to sway. Help me to persevere in all circumstances. I only need to remember to trust in the One who loves me. Keep me strong so I will never give up or give in to whatever I am dealing with in my life. Thank you Father, for forgiving my failures and for granting me strength to persevere.

**James 1:12** "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."

## SATURDAY

O Lord, please bless those individuals who are unhappy this weekend due to circumstances beyond their control. Bless those who are struggling with heart ache, loneliness, and other situations which are draining them. Fill them with love and grant them a new supply of hope. Bring into their lives loved ones and grant them new friends. Supply for all their needs according to Your gracious will. May they also use this time in getting to know You better, Father.

**Psalms 145:14** "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."



### **Intentional Interim Minister**

On February 13, 2022, Trinity Congregation voted to extend a call to Pastor Roger Schoolcraft, Fayetteville, AR., to serve as the Intentional Interim Minister during our Transition and Call process for our Senior Pastor position.

The Call Documents were presented to Pastor Schoolcraft after the completion of the voters meeting and as of this writing, we have not received the formal response in regard to this IIM call. As we await the decision and response from Pastor Schoolcraft we ask for you to keep him in your prayers and ask for God's guidance as he considers our call.

### **Florida/Georgia District Convention**

The FL/Ga District Convention will be held June 16 thru 18, 2022. Each Congregation will have a Pastoral vote and a Lay Delegate vote during the convention for business matters that are presented. Pastor Blair Clark will be Trinity's Pastoral representative and during the voters meeting, Dennis Esch, Stewardship Chair, was approved to be the voting Lay Delegate for Trinity. Gilbert Dahnke, President, was approved as the alternate, should Dennis be unable to attend the convention. One important item during this year's Convention will be to elect a District President as Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton is term limited and cannot continue in his current capacity.

### **Mask Policy**

Wearing mask remains to be a personal decision during Church service at Trinity. Also, social distancing seating continues to be available in the overflow area for anyone wishing utilize this area during services.

The Pastor and Communion assistants will stop wearing masks while serving communion during church services beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday. They will continue to wear rubber gloves and use sanitizer. Anyone who is uncomfortable with this can notify either an Usher or Elder and special accommodations will be made for you to receive communion.

### **2022 Church Officers**

**Gilbert Dahnke – President   Carolyn Fortin – Vice President   Joan Egeland – Secretary  
Gary Eckoff – Treasurer   Rusty Ryan – Financial Secretary**



## **ATTENTION MEN OF TRINITY!!!**

**MEN'S GOLF TO RESUME**-Trinity's Men's Golf Club will resume at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Spruce Creek Golf and Country Club on **Monday, March 7th** at noon. Golfers are encouraged to join non-golfers at the Fellowship Hall for **breakfast at 8:00**, followed by a Bible Study.



Please register on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the drinking fountain in church. For further information please contact Skip Sattler at 901-550-8080.





## NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST-

**Sunday March 6th** is a special day at Trinity. We will be welcoming New Members into our Trinity family. The Board of Fellowship and the Men's Club invites you to join us for breakfast at **9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** that morning to welcome our new members.

Please come and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast while welcoming our new members into our Church Family.

## TRINITY TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The entire transition team met for their second time on February 8, 2022. The purpose was to review the progress of the two working groups for Trinity's self-study, future needs, and call documents for the senior pastor position.

Al Etzler was introduced as an advisor. His years of experience in previous plans and calls will provide the team a great resource. Input from the boards has been received and is in review. Extensive efforts in gathering demographic data for the self study documentation was discussed. The team requested further demographic distance consideration and had suggestions for collaboration tools. It is rewarding to see this talented group work together for Trinity's future.

We are looking forward to working with the Intentional Interim Pastor once he is on board. He has been trained in transition studies and was highly recommended for this purpose. Once the team is ready to share the Mission, Vision, and goals they have recommended, we will move forward with cottage sessions to welcome discussion and input for the future of our congregation.

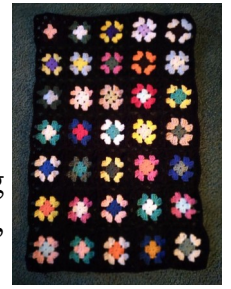
We again request that you join our team prayer warrior Carol Keenan and all of team members in praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in all that we do in the name of Jesus our Savior.

Blessings,  
Carolyn Fortin, Transition Team Lead





## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- What Is It All About?



Shawls are symbolic of an inclusive and unconditional loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, hugs, shelter and beautify.

The idea of a prayer shawl ministry was established in 1998 in Hartford, Connecticut. Compassion for those in need and a love of knitting combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace as well as celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch knitted.

The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient of the shawl they are making. These prayers are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon final completion of the shawl, a final blessing is offered by the pastor before the shawl is sent on its way.

The original shawl pattern is a three (3) stitch pattern symbolic of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. It also symbolizes the three (3) attributes of God, omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. It is said that the number 3 is used 523 times in Scripture. The 3 stitch seed pattern was also selected as a symbolic planting of peace and healing, love, comfort and hope into the shawl by the shawl maker.

When a fringe is added, knots in the fringe identify individual prayers offered up for that person receiving the shawl. Some knitters save a scrap of yarn from the shawl so they can continue to pray for that particular recipient. More information on the shawl ministry can be found at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry here at Trinity Lutheran, even if you can't knit now and would like to learn, contact either Wanda David at (219) 508-5847 or Darlene Baney at (419) 367-0373 for times and place of meetings.

We are exploring other options to expand our ministry to include hats with hugs and Pic line covers for cancer survivors and infant layettes to local organizations that provide care for newborns and their mothers. **So please come join us and help this prayer based outreach ministry to our church members and our neighbor communities letting them know of God's love for them and that we at Trinity are praying for them.** Our March meeting will be on **March 28, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1**. We look forward to you joining us.



## MASK POLICY CHANGING

The Board of Elders will stop its policy of wearing masks when serving communion at church services beginning March 2, Ash Wednesday. They will continue to wear rubber gloves and use sanitizer. Anyone who is uncomfortable with this can notify an Usher or Elder and a special accommodation will be made for them to be communed after the service.

in the faith, as those children attended Lutheran school.


Imagine that Herb and Edith are core members of their congregation. They have raised three children

Herb is a retired plumber. Together with Edith they ran their own plumbing business. The Lord blessed them with success. Five years ago they sold the business to someone else. The business maintains its original name and all the clientele passed to the new owner. When they sold it, it netted them \$800,000, in addition to the \$2 million they have saved in their retirement account.

Ten years earlier they had created an estate plan with their attorney. That was before they sold their business. At the time, they had created a \$20,000 gift to ministry as a “tithe” of what would pass through their will. They had not even considered making a gift from the leftovers of their IRA when the Lord calls them home. They put the \$800,000 into an investment account and now it is worth \$1.4 million. At the end of their earthly life they expect there will be over \$2 million of assets remaining, and the investment account and IRA have their children receiving 100% of these assets through beneficiary designation.

In recent months, motivated by their thankfulness for the ministry of their congregation and a desire to see its ministry continue long into the future, they have reconsidered their plan for gifting. They are wondering how to calculate the size of the ministry gift coming from their will. They are also wanting to add to it with disbursements from their investments and IRA. They are wondering which fund from which they should chose and how to fill out the beneficiary designation forms correctly. They want to make a \$500,000 gift to their church for mortgage reduction, property upgrades and mission work. Much to their surprise, each of their children will receive \$500,000 as well.

In a situation like this, your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help to cut through the clutter and to illustrate options, looking to optimize tax savings as well. They can coordinate work with your professionals, attorney, tax advisor and financial advisor. **Contact our Florida Region Gift Planning Counselor, Tony Hunt, CFRE cell 260-222-1291 email: [tony.hunt@lfnd.org](mailto:tony.hunt@lfnd.org)**



## Color Book Group

We now meet on the **1st and 3rd Fridays of the month** and we now gather in **Room 2**. Please park on the west side of church. For March we meet on Friday, March 4 and 18.

Don't forget to bring your books, pencils, gel pens, and crayons. We all have a great time socializing and coloring. Everyone is invited. Bring your completed work for show and tell. Any questions please call me at (352) 750-4021– Janice Collins



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). All women of Trinity Lutheran Church are members and are encouraged to serve others through mission, education, inspiration and service. We invite you to attend our meetings and learn what we are all about as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2 our motto.*



### MARCH MEETING

As spring approaches, and we begin to celebrate Lent and the Easter season, we become more aware of ways that we can be of service to others. This month, at our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd, we will have that opportunity.

Our fellow LWML member, Jan Garner, will make a presentation on a new program she is developing for cancer and chemo patients. LWML will be sponsoring this new committee called **Christian Cancer Care Blessings**. The mission will be to collect and package Cancer and Chemotherapy packages to be freely given to friends and family members diagnosed with Cancer. We hope this will be a thoughtful, calming and caring inspirational group of Christians sharing God's Love for those in need. Jan will share own personal experience that has inspired her to form this new mission project.

We look forward to having you join us at **1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for a short business meeting, our program, and refreshments with a time of fellowship. All women of the congregation are automatically members of LWML so we encourage you to get involved. We know that as we continue to move forward, there will be many opportunities to serve others in our community, and we need **YOU**.

Mark this on your calendar today: **Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.** We look forward to having you with us.





## LWML Mite Box Collection

The next monthly Mite collection will be on **Saturday and Sunday, March 5 & 6, 2022**. Your contributions are very important in supporting many various mission projects/grants.

One of these projects is “**Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life**” – \$92,000. The sanctity of life has been under attack by pro-choice organizations. They are expanding their move-ment to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity, and promote promiscuity which cause devaluation of life, marriage, and the family. The continued development of “Life” curricula is one of the most frequent requests by LCMS schools.

With this mission grant, LCMS Life Ministry will build a set of developmentally appropriate resources and curriculum for early childhood, young children and elementary-aged children and their families.



## CHRISTIAN CANCER CARE BLESSINGS (CCCB)

The Christian Cancer Care Blessings ministry needs your help. We have some very specific items that we need to pack in our cancer care packages. If you are able to locate, purchase and donate any of these items, we would be very grateful. **There will be a collection bin in room 4 marked CCCB.** If you are unable to donate items and would like to make a

donation toward the purchase of items for the packages, please make the check out to LWML and put CCCB on the memo line. Thank you.



For more information, call Jan Garner, (352) 598-2048 or Marilyn DeTizio, (352) 446-3800.

**Item List:** *Non-skid socks, small tube lip balm, travel size mouth rinse Colgate Peroxide, sugar free throat lozenges, individually wrapped hard candy or mints, small puzzle books, and mechanical pencils.*

## MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to Building Debt Reduction in memory of the following:

*Tim Starr (Son of John and Sandy Starr)*

*Freddie Williams (Brother-in-law of Rev. Blair & Kimberley Clark)*

Gifts were given to the Music Fund in memory of *Tim Starr*





## LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

**All Midweek Services will be at 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 2– Ash Wednesday “*Mercy in Ashes*” • Joel 2:13-**

As we are marked with ashes on this day, a reminder to us of our sins, we are reminded, too, of the mercy of our God who lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ.

**Wednesday, March 9– Week 2 “*Mercy in Temptation*” • 1 Corinthians 10:13-**

In the midst of temptation, our merciful God provides us with a way out through his Son, who was tempted just as we are, yet without sin.

**Wednesday, March 16– Week 3 “*Mercy in Suffering*” • 1 Peter 2:23-**

No life is without suffering, but our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory to be revealed to us in Jesus by God’s great mercy.

**Wednesday, March 23– Week 4 “*Mercy in Betrayal*” • 1 Peter 3:11-**

Though we may turn away from our God again and again, our Lord continues to call us back into his merciful arms for Jesus’ sake.

**Wednesday, March 30 – Week 5 “*Mercy in Relationships*” • Eph. 4:32-**

Within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy.

**Wednesday, April 6– Week 6 “*Mercy in Service*” • Hebrews 6:10-**

In response to God’s kindness to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ’s example.



## LENTEN SUPPERS

The Lenten Season is upon us. Our Lenten Mid- Week Service begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2. There will not be a meal after this service. Starting on Wednesday March 9th the Board of Fellowship will be serving supper after the service. **The menu for Wednesday March 9th is Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and dessert.**

We will publish the menu for each week in the bulletin the Sunday before. We will continue with our tradition of collecting a free will offering.

On Wednesday March 23rd we will have the pleasure of working with the LWML ladies in serving this meal. We hope that you will join us during this special time of the year. These suppers give us a wonderful opportunity to share not only a meal but great fellowship with members of our Church family. Looking forward to seeing you.



## HOLY WEEK:

### April 9 & 10- Palm Sunday

**"Mercy in Palms" • John 12:13**-As people wave palm branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, we witness Jesus beginning his mission of mercy for all people for the salvation of our souls.

### April 14- Maundy Thursday 4:00 PM

**"Mercy in Bread and Wine" • 1 Corinthians 11:26**

As the bread is broken and the cup is poured, Christ's body and blood serve as agents of mercy to us who are broken by sin and thirsting for righteousness.

### April 15- Good Friday 4:00 PM

**"Mercy in the Cross" • Colossians 2:4**-Jesus mercifully removed the sentence of sin against us by going to the cross to declare us not guilty.

### Sunday, April 17 -Easter Sunday-

**"Mercy in the Open Tomb" • Hebrews 13:20-21**-Because Christ rose from the dead, we have a new beginning that mirrors the mercy of our Lord and Savior.

**\*No Service, Saturday April 16**



## BOOKWORMS

### Have You Seen Luis Velez?

That is the title of the Bookworms next book review. The author is Catherine Ryan Hyde who is the founder of the Pay It Forward Foundation. Have you ever been surprised by a complete stranger paying for your drive-through order, grocery order or even a meal? Have you ever paid for someone else's dinner or purchase? If so, that is what the Pay It Forward Foundation is all about. Hyde's book, "Pay It Forward" was made into a movie and started the Pay It Forward Movement all over America.

The book we will be discussing for March is "Have You Seen Luis Velez?" the author and founder, Catherine Ryan Hyde. Similar to the above mentioned book, the author shows how little acts of kindness can melt away injustice, racism, and hatred. The reader will enjoy seeing how a misfit high schooler helps a 92 year old blind woman find her missing caregiver, Luis Velez.

**Please join us even if you haven't read the book. We will be in Room 1 at 1:00 p.m. on Wed., March 2.**

**Head's up:** April's book is "Elephants of Belfast" by S. Kirk Wash. This is historical fiction taking place at the beginning of WWII.





## COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL MISSIONS BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Trinity Lutheran Church committee on Global Missions works to inspire our fellow Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world by any and all God pleasing methods.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This month, Trinity Lutheran Church will join churches around the world recognizing **World Day of Prayer**. It is celebrated on the **first Friday in March, March 4, 2022**. We hope you will put this date on your calendar and set aside some time to pray with Christians around the world.

*"And in all things, whatsoever you shall ask for in prayer, believing you shall receive."*  
*Matthew 21:22*

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### From Voice of the Martyrs, President Cole Richards

#### Overwhelmed by the World's Problems?

When I tell people about persecuted Christians, I often receive a problematic but understandable response: "The world is a big place! I care about poverty, war, natural disaster, human trafficking, lack of education, persecution and many other troubling issues. But I can engage with only a few of these many problems and needs!"

I heartily agree that we are not meant to be continually immersed in the world's problems. However, there is a critical distinction to be made. Persecuted Christians are not a problem to be solved or a need to be met. They are our family, and together with us they are the body and bride of Christ.

The truth we encounter in God's Word is the highest, most important truth. For example, the reality of a believer's death in this world is eclipsed by the greater truth of that believer's eternal life in the presence of the Lord. Similarly, while it is true, as I write this, that I am far from my Christian brothers and sisters in the jungles of Columbia in many ways - distance, language, culture, etc. - there is a greater truth about our relationship: We are eternally united in Christ.

One way Scripture describes this unity is in terms of a family. Each of us is God's child (1 John 3:1), which makes us brothers and sisters. Within God's great family, we are meant to "weep with those who weep" and "rejoice with those who rejoice" (Rom. 12:15). When a Christian anywhere in the world suffers, we share in his or her sorrow because that familial relationship is greater and more enduring than relationships we may have with earthly family members who are not believers. We not only sorrow with our Christian family members but also rejoice with them as they experience victories advancing God's eternal kingdom.

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Scripture also describes us as one body. Our Lord gave His body for us - "This is my body, which is for you" (1 Cor. 11:24). We receive His broken body and become for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. All members are meant to "have the same care for one another," and "if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, we rejoice together" (1 Cor. 12:25-26).

A third way Scripture describes our unity is through the church: All of us who trust in Christ are collectively referred to as His bride (Rev. 19:7-8). None of us alone is His bride; it is all of us together.

If we commit ourselves this year to understanding and praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters, it will result in a wellspring of God's love in our hearts towards them. We will be continually encouraged by these eternally significant relationships and inspired by the stories of our persecuted Christian family members as we serve alongside them.

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### MARCH MEETING



Our next meeting will be on **March 21, 2022 in Room 1 at 10:00 am.** All are encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, call or text Jan Garner, (352) 598-2048 or email, [janandchloe@embarqmail.com](mailto:janandchloe@embarqmail.com).

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."-Matthew 28:19*



### Food Donations

## NEED TO DONATE FOOD? Consider the Community of Gratitude

For anyone who is going up north who might be needing to donate food please consider the Community of Gratitude drop off. You can leave it in our Narthex before or after Services or come to the Church Office during the week 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m. They would really appreciate it!



## THE SEWING ANGELS

In the month of February, the Sewing Angels distributed the following items to G.G.'s house, which serves the poorest of the poor in the Ocala National Forest: 21 Blankets, 180 soapy washcloths, 19 floor pillows.

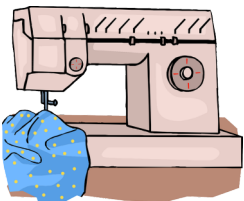
We are now done with our efforts in preparing quilts for the upcoming April Honor Flight. Our efforts now have switched to sewing items for children's charities. I recently trained my sister Sandy Alice Hass who is visiting from Ohio on how to sew baby washcloths on the surging sewing machine. So far, she has done 84! She has also been a big help in filling the floor pillows. Swing these smaller quilts with such themes as Winnie the Pooh, Raggedy Ann and Andy, fire trucks, etc. is a welcome break from the red white and blue quilts we have been working on since September. We average assembling around 10-12 quilts each week.

A big thank you to all those who read last month's newsletter and responded with donations of some of the items we need on an ongoing basis.

### Here is a list of items we need on an ongoing basis:

- ⇒ Sheets (flat or fitted, does not matter if there is a stain, we can use for middles on camp blankets)
- ⇒ Pillowcases
- ⇒ bars of soap (full sized or hotel sized)
- ⇒ washcloths (used or new, inexpensive lighter weight ones are best)
- ⇒ filling for our floor pillows (scrap fabric, batting scraps, pillow stuffing)
- ⇒ Macramé cord for drawstrings

Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Your donation can be placed in the Sewing Angels collection box located in the Room 4 in the back of the church. If you have any time you can donate on Fridays between the hours of Noon and 3 we would love to have you join us! We have some very simple tasks you can help with that does not require great skills in sewing. We will be happy to train you!



## CONTACT information



**Questions or comments?  
Know someone that could  
use the comfort of a quilt or  
needs a walker bag?**

**email -  
[suelehota@gmail.com](mailto:suelehota@gmail.com)  
call or text me at  
(330) 414-8406**



## No Easy Answers: Part 15

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, (Philippians 1:27)

The sign at the front of the church read, “Read the Bible daily. It is user friendly, and we offer tech support every Sunday morning at 11.”

On January 16th of this year, Pastor Blair conducted an educational class on the gifts of the Spirit. After that, he also preached a sermon on the gifts of the Spirit. Both were exceptional. I hope you were there to absorb his teachings. If not, you missed a valuable lesson. **I invite you to come and grow in the Word in Bible Class every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.!**

The lesson taken from the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, questioned the who, what, and why God, through His Spirit has imparted spiritual gifts to each of His children? The simple answer to that question is found in the Book of Ephesians. It is, “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” That would mean, that if you were given a gift from God, and you are not using it for the benefit of others, the church, or the body of Christ, will never reach its full maturity. And that would be a shame.

What is your gift? I do not know. But I do know that if it is not being used, that somewhere and somehow the body is being deprived. It is not living up to the fullness of its potential. At this point in the history of Trinity, we need everyone to, as it were, to present themselves to use their gift. There is an old truth that goes something like this. Twenty percent of the people do eighty percent of the work. And that twenty percent give eighty percent of the funds to run the church. What do you think Trinity would and could do and be if everyone participated and gave their fair share? That concept is known as equal sacrifice but unequal gifts. God has not given us all the same spiritual gifts, and we have not all been blessed with the same financial blessings. But we have all been given the same command.

In the Greek language, a verb can be either one of two tenses. If it is an aorist tense, it carries the notion that means once and for all. If the verb is an imperfect tense, it implies that the action is ongoing, repeated, and continuous. Let me give you an example. In Luke the sixth chapter we read, “give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” When Jesus gave the command to give, do you think it meant only one time, or was it supposed to be on going? I believe you know the answer.

We, as members of the body of Christ, must remember that when we read a command given by Jesus, it is always to be taken as ongoing and endless. Let me give you another example. Jesus said, “love one another as I have loved you.” Is that a onetime love, or is it an ongoing love? I will assume you know that answer. But you may say, “you do not know what that person did or said about me.” And you would be correct. But consider this. Do you want God to look at you and say, “Look what you did to my Son.” I would think not. God and His Son tell us repeatedly that they love us. God forgives our sins, and we forgive the sin of others toward us, not because we are commanded to do so, we do it out of love as Christ loved us.

Paul writes in Philippians, “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.” If I do not do what Paul commands, I will never be at peace and in doing so, I will never be the person that God has called me to be.

One last thought, if God does not build my house, the labor I have spent is in vain, and all my time and effort will be wasted. I do not want that, and deep down inside I believe you want the peace of our Father to be with you also.

-Doug Mussey, Chair, Board of Christian Education.

# TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

January, 2022

## GENERAL FUND

	CURRENT MONTH				YEAR-TO-DATE			
<b>INCOME</b>								
Envelope Giving	\$70,465.	Under Budget	(\$15,488.)	(18.0%)			Under Budget	
Electronic Giving (Give Plus)	\$20,861.	Under Budget	(\$4,077.)	(16.3%)			Over Budget	
Special Services	\$275.	Over Budget	\$228.	485.1%			Over Budget	
Plate Offering	\$4,334.	Over Budget	\$782.	22.0%			Under Budget	
Interest	(\$10.)	Under Budget	(\$52.)	(110.5%)			Under Budget	
Memorial gifts							Over Budget	
Misc Income	\$45.	Under Budget	(\$455.)	(91.1%)			Over Budget	
TOTAL INCOME	\$95,970.	Under Budget	(\$19,062.)	(16.6%)			Under Budget	
		Under Last Year	(\$13,798.)	(12.3%)			Under Last Year	
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Board expenses	\$52,515.	Over Budget	(\$1,833.)	(3.6%)			Under Budget	
Mortgage interest	\$5,224.	Under Budget	\$337.	6.1%			Under Budget	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$57,739.	Over Budget	(\$1,496.)	(2.7%)			Under Budget	
		Under Last Year	\$4,556.	7.3%			Under Last Year	
<b>CASH FLOW ITEMS</b>								
Mortgage Principal	\$10,824.	Over Budget	(\$337.)	(3.2%)			Over Budget	
Capital Expenditures	\$0.		\$0.					
TOTAL CASH FLOW ITEMS	\$10,824.	Over Budget	(\$337.)	(3.2%)			Over Budget	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$68,563.	Over Budget	(\$1,833.)	(2.7%)			Under Budget	
Net Income vs. Expense	\$27,407.							
<b>DEDICATED ACCOUNTS</b>								
Receipts	\$27,650.							
Disbursements	(\$3,313.)							
CASH ON HAND	\$260,200.	Up this month	\$55,300.				CD's	
		Down since Jan 1	\$55,300.				Money Market Acct	
CD's w/LCEF								
MORTGAGE DEBT								
Loan #1 (Fellowship Hall) w/Truvert	\$0.	Down this year						
Loan #2 (Sanctuary) w/Truvert	\$1,265,739.	Down this year	\$8,015.				\$48,519.	ENDOWMENT
Loan #3 (Bushnell Campus) w/LCEF	\$270,736.	Down this year	\$2,184.					
Loan #4 (Bushnell Campus) w/FL-CA DIST	\$141,145.	Down this year	\$625.					



Treasurer's Report

(\$'s in Red) denotes unfavorable

## Lost & Found



## LOST & FOUND BOX

Did you know that Trinity Lutheran has a LOST & FOUND box on the back wall at the Welcome Center? I recently lost a little silver vile that holds your Nitroglycerin tablets. I called the office and checked the LOST & FOUND box but unfortunately it was not there.

The box has a lot of lost items including glasses, hear aides, and much more. You might want to check it out when you come to church to see if any of your items are in the box. A real treasure chest of items.

Also, if anyone has found the little silver vile, [1-1/2" long] it would be greatly appreciated if you could return it to Judy Reeves, 352-750-3677. Thank you and God bless all of God's Christian Believers.- Judy Reeves



Remember to  
"Spring Ahead" on  
the eve of **March 12**  
by turning your  
clocks ahead one  
hour.



If you have any submissions for the  
Trinity Tidings or if you just have  
comments or suggestions, please email us  
at [staff@trinitysummerfield.org](mailto:staff@trinitysummerfield.org)

The deadline for the  
April 2022 Newsletter is  
**\*\* Tuesday, March 15th \*\***





Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2022

Present were: Gil Dahnke, Carolyn Fortin, Joan Egeland, Chuck Wilt, Jerry Iseler, Patti Paxton, Martha Mitchell, Dennis Esch, Jeff Bixler, Jill Esposito and Pastor Blair Clark. Gil Dahnke opened the meeting and Pastor Blair provided the opening prayer. Minutes of January 13, 2022 meeting were approved via e-mail on January 25, 2022.

**PASTOR REPORTS:** Pastor Blair reported that we are changing the new member class to one session on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be called Partners in Mission. He explained that “partners” seems to be a more well received term than “membership” after a survey of other pastors. He will review what was typical of the board’s presentations in the past. However, he strongly encouraged participation during the Sunday brunch session on March 6<sup>th</sup> between services to meet and greet.

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:** (copy attached) Jill Esposito presented our current membership along with a recap of last year’s membership detailed by month.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S & TREASURER’S REPORTS:** (Copies attached.) Jill Esposito presented both reports on behalf of Rusty Ryan and Gary Eckoff. Dennis Esch made the following **MOTION:** Council shall accept the Financial Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports as presented. Jerry Iseler seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Music Minister Search:** Joan Egeland presented an update to the search for a Music Minister. Our new job postings have not provided any new applicants. The prayers and search continues.

**Transition Team:** Carolyn Fortin present that the team is working very well. All members of the council should have been contacted for information on what we are doing well and areas of improvements. This information will be used to assist in the Mission and Vision Statements. We are waiting for the new IIM to provide additional direction in our process. The team is also working on the demographics, expanding the information gathering to where all our members are coming from currently.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Pastor Roger Schoolcraft Visit Recap:** President Dahnke provided an update on the recent visit and current actions going forward. Pastor Schoolcraft’s visit went very well, had the opportunity to meet all leadership, and he indicated that we appear to be more organized than most. The IIM Team approved 5-0, the Council Approved 10-1, and the Voter’s Assembly unanimously approved his calling. We have sent his official packet last Sunday via email. He will be in town this Friday, February 18, to pick up the hard copy of the packet and review housing options.

**Pastor Blair 2022 Housing Allowance:** Chuck Wilt moved **MOTION:** The housing allowance for Pastor Blair shall be set at \$40,000 for 2022. Carolyn Fortin seconded. Motion carried.

## **BOARD REPORTS:**



**Stewardship:** (Copy attached) Dennis Esch has had to cancel the Transfer the Blessing seminar due to lack of interest. He will try again in the future modifying the communication strategy. He also requested Boards to take fresh pictures for the website Small Groups (Time/Talents) section. Jill explained that we will need specific types of photos for the site to load. Stewardship will investigate and provide more information.

**Trustees:** Jeff Bixler reviewed several large expenditures coming up which includes a \$5,000 dishwasher and \$3,400 to replace certain windows in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fellowship:** (Copy attached.) Patti Paxton reported that the Lenten suppers are being planned, however prices are going through the roof and bids are only good for 1 week. We may need to look at attendance signups for future suppers so that we can manage the food preparation costs. The Free Will collections go to "Other Misc. Income" under the "Operating Fund", but they have not covered the costs.

**Elders:** (Copy attached.) Chuck Wilt reported that they have created a plan to assist Pastor Blair with monthly visitation of those shut-in, which is currently around 25 individuals. Chuck also reported that they are reviewing more areas to return to normal services practices, including reviewing the costs associated with printing the bulletins, making masks optional for the servers, and review the offering collections process. Pastor Blair provide an option of secured collection boxes in place of the collection plates. Chuck Wilt also reported that we need additional seating for the handicap areas and will be working with the trustees for recommendations. Chuck Wilt requested that Kim Diemand be added to the board replacing Lou Rebeck. **Gil Dahnke appointed Kim Diemand to the Board of Elders. Council approved.**

**Christian Education:** No report from board, however Pastor Blair reported that the Bible Studies on Sunday will continue as Pastor-led.

**Evangelism:** (Copy attached.) Jerry Iseler reported that the board, with the help and guidance from Pastor Blair, will be looking to develop a 6 week session to train a core group of highly committed enthusiastic members to become better "fishers of men". He also expressed that our narthex has not been the friendliest area as of late. We need more smiles to welcome all especially new visitors.

**Human Care:** Martha Mitchell reported that this group will be having a reorganization meeting.

The next Council meeting will be March 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM in Room 3. Martha moved to adjourn. Dennis seconded. Meeting was adjourned. The group closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Egeland  
Recording Secretary



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**Come & Worship With Us**

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Lenten services  
begin March 2 at 4:00 p.m.

**Come & Learn With Us**

Sundays

Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

