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May 2

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

May 4

Bookworms at 1:00 p.m.

May 5

National Day of Prayer

May 8

Mother's Day

May 21

Armed Forces Day

May 24

LWML Spring Fling

May 26

Ascension Day

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Friendship Luncheon

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**Memorial Day-
Office Closed**

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Remember You Have a FUTURE

As I sit in my living room in Arkansas surrounded by boxes, I can recall many exciting times as our children were growing up. I can recall the struggles they faced at school & college, the exciting moments as they accomplished a band competition or completed a science project. While packing, I noticed our son Aaron's spud gun he used at a class picnic in his junior year at college. It's amazing how far a little hair spray and a spark will launch a potato. Yes, those were memorable times.

Likewise, congregations spend a great deal of time creating memorable moments and recalling significant events not only in the life of the church, but also in remembering those special events God provided for our Salvation. Yes, even daily, we are admonished to remember our Lord Jesus, what price he paid for our daily forgiveness, what promises he made for our future in heaven. And yes, we have the visual remnants, a simple cross and an empty tomb that reminds us that sin, death and the Devil are conquered. There is a brighter future because we serve a Risen Savior who is King of kings and Lord of lords. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As our Lord prepared His disciples for His ascension to heaven, He gave them and us a Great Commission, a Future purpose: *"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 28:19. Not only do we have a fantastic future, but God wants us to announce that through Jesus Christ, there is indeed an unimaginably great future for all who believe on Him. We do have a future to proclaim as we go about it *with JESUS!*

Speaking of memorable and inspiring moments, the reception you provided at my Installation was truly memorable. I do deeply appreciate all the effort that you gave to make such a welcome so meaningful. The day's activities revealed that we do have a future here at Trinity.

God also wants us to remember we have a future, just as He reminded Israel through the prophet Jeremiah, **"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the Lord."** Jeremiah 29:11-14a.

May God richly bless Trinity and the Transition process as we press forward to the future God has planned for His mission among us.



Yours for a Blessed Future with Jesus,
Pastor Roger Schoolcraft

May Prayers



SUNDAY

Praise the Lord, this is the day the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it. Father may I rejoice and give You praise every day. For there is none as worthy as You are. Help me to complain less about the little things and more to rejoice and give You thanks for all things great and small. **Psalm 97:12** "Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name."

MONDAY

Father, when fear comes into my life, may the Holy Spirit strengthen me as I remember You are more powerful than the fear bringing me down. May I place my complete trust in You, for You Father, are the ruler of the earth. Let fear have no hold over me, for Jesus my Savior has conquered all fear through His death and resurrection. **Isaiah 41:13** "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."

TUESDAY

Lord, each day is a new day, a new beginning. As I confess my sins to You daily, help me to remember those sins are gone and forgotten. Let me not live in the past sins, but remember You Lord, have washed me clean in the blood of the Lamb, promising to not bring up my sins of the past. Father, help me to be as forgiving to my family and friends as You have been to me. **Matthew 6:14** "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

WEDNESDAY

Dear Lord, we are people of want. Wanting this and that. Often it seems we are never satisfied with what we have. You provide all we need, yet we want more, more money, more health, more pleasures. Gracious God, You provide all I need. Lead me to be grateful with what I have and especially grateful for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, my Lord. **Psalm 145:16** "You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing."

THURSDAY

Father, there are times when I find myself judging others, by the way they look or act. I know this is wrong, because You are the only one who has a right to judge. Often appearances will mask the true nature of an individual and not what is in ones heart. I cannot look into the heart of others. You alone know the hearts of others. Forgive me Father when I judge others and remind me I am in no position to judge. Help me to accept all and to love unconditionally as you love me. **Matthew 7:1** "Do not judge or you too will be judged."

FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, this month we celebrate and honor our mothers. We lift up all Christian mothers to Your care, asking You continue to bless them and provide for their needs as You have done in the past. Grant them strength, wisdom and faith for each day. May they be a witness of Your power and love. We pray also for those mothers who do not know You as their Savior. May other Christians be a witness to them and bring them to know and love our Lord. **Ephesians 6:2** "Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise."

SATURDAY

Lord God, we pray for missionaries and Bible translators all over the world. May they be filled with the Words only the Holy Spirit can provide. Grant them a love for the truth and wisdom. Send Your guarding angels to be with them at all times. Surround them with a hedge of protection from all evil, harm and sickness. May they meet the needs of those who are lost and bring them into the saving grace of our Lord. **John 15:16** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the father will give you whatever you ask in my name."



Installation of Intentional Interim Senior Pastor

Pastor Roger Schoolcraft was installed on April 2, 2022 as the Senior Pastor of Trinity by Florida-Georgia District President Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton.

As previously explained the IIM assumes the current open position, which for Trinity is the Senior Pastor position. We were very privileged to have several neighboring and retired Pastors join President Walton during the installation service.

A special thank you to President Walton, Pastor Blair Clark, Pastor & Fl-Ga V.P. James Rockey, Pastor & Circuit Visitor John Glover, Pastor Paul Sutterer, Pastor Doug Bock and Pastor Bryan O'Conner for participating in the installation of Pastor Schoolcraft.

Also, a special thank you to the Fellowship Committee, Chaired by Patti Paxton, for all the hours put in by all those involved for the planning and preparation of the reception and delicious meal provided on Saturday night after the installation service and the Sunday morning 'meet and greet' with Pastor Schoolcraft.

With the Scripture readings and Sermon theme focus for these services, both President Walton on Saturday night and Pastor Schoolcraft on Sunday morning prepared their messages around 'Forget About The Past And Focus On The Future'. Very appropriate for where we are as we are going through the Transition Period and Call Process to fill the full time Senior Pastor Position.

As we continue to work through the Transition Process, Pastor Schoolcraft recommended the Transition Team and Leaders of our congregation read a book titled 'Structure Your Church for Mission', which he has used in previous IIM positions and found to be very helpful in guiding a congregation through the transition. We have provided this book for the Transition Team, Church Council and Elders. Any member of Trinity may request a copy, with a cost of \$10.00 per book, and we will order for anyone who would like a copy.

Since Pastor Schoolcraft is moving to Parrish Florida permanently, he has been back in Arkansas busily packing and preparing for that move and will return to the Trinity area on April 29th. He will then be involved with directing the Transition Process and Preforming Pastoral Duties, along with Pastor Blair, on a full-time basis.

As we continue to 'Forget About The Past And Focus On The Future', we ask for everyone to provide their support and prayers for the transition team in the work they are doing and for Pastor Schoolcraft and Pastor Clark in leading us Spiritually during this time. Our goal is to do the things that God would have us do and ask that He lead our church forward in all that we do.

2022 Church Officers

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

After taking her car in to have it repaired, Susan looked at the cost of the parts for that repair and thought that the auto parts business would be a good investment. She did some research and purchased stock about 10 years ago in a mid-sized company that had auto parts stores throughout the nation.

Susan thought that people will always need replacement parts for their autos and other vehicles. She proved to be a good investor, and the stock increased from the \$20,000 she paid to its present value of \$50,000.

Because Susan is now in her late 70s and not getting as much income from her CDs and other investments as she desires, she is exploring ways to increase her income. The stock has increased in value to \$50,000 but pays a dividend between 1% and 2%.

Susan read about a charitable gift annuity. It appeared to her that based on her age she could receive fixed payments of 6.2%. She was quite excited and called her CPA to discuss setting up a gift annuity.

CPA: "Yes, a charitable gift annuity is a contract between you and the charity. I ran your \$50,000 number on the website calculator, and you will receive a 6.2% payout for life. That's \$3,100 each year."

Susan: "That's great! Do I also get any tax savings? I sure could use a deduction this year."

CPA: "There is good news about tax savings. You get a charitable tax deduction of about \$22,000. In addition, around 30% of your annual payment will be tax free."

Susan: "So this is going to increase my income and at the same time reduce my taxes. It sounds like just the right plan. I will contact my church LCMS Foundation Gift Planner Tony Hunt to set things in motion. Ph: 260-222-1291

YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Attention knitters and crocheters: **May 23rd will be our last Prayer Shawl Group meeting until September. We meet in Room 1 in the Fellowship hall between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.** Anyone is welcome any part of the time. Please feel free to stop in and get a pattern and some yarn to keep you busy during the summer. Completed projects can be put on the shelves in the hall closet until we meet again this fall, or brought to the September meeting. Have a blessed summer.



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.



MAY MEETING— LADIES SPRING FLING

Spring is in the air. This month, we are planning a **Ladies Spring Fling with a High Tea** at Cheers Restaurant in Stonecrest at Noon on **Tuesday, May 24**. Tickets will be available in the Narthex beginning the weekend of April 30- May 1, and continue through the weekend of May 14-15. The cost, including tax & gratuity, is \$32.00. Checks can be made payable to "Trinity Ladies L.W.M.L. The Menu will include five types of

sandwiches and an assortment of scones and pastries, plus Tea. Please see the poster in the Narthex for the full menu, or contact Donna Faiella at 845-519-7359 with any questions. We look forward to having you join us. Guests are most welcome to attend also. Plans are also underway for two events during the summer months. Details will be in the announcements in the bulletin.



Can you help provide food for Memorials?

We would like to update our list of Trinity members who would be willing to help or provide food for future Memorial Receptions/Luncheons. **To be added to the list, please contact Patti Paxton (352-205-7959) or Donna Faiella (845-519-7359).** They will contact you when they need assistance with a Memorial.



LWML Mite Box Collection



Your Mite Box contributions are very important in supporting many various mission projects/grants. For example, on March 23, 2022, after the chapel service at the LCMS office in St. Louis, LWML President Debbie Larson, Vice President of Christian Life Susan Brunkow, and Senior Counselor Brian Noack, presented a full grant payment check in the amount of \$100,000 to LHM representatives. This 2021-2023 Mission Grant #13, Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia, will bring Jesus' message of hope to the Kazakh people. A fully funded Grant! Praise God. And that was accomplished with the funds that you contribute to the Trinity Ladies LWML Mite Box. Your mites absolutely DO make a difference! Thank you to all who donate!

If a contribution cannot be made at the beginning of the month, it can be made at any time. The Mite Box is always available in the Narthex.



In Honor of Robbie Myers with heartfelt Thanks.....



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (L.W.M.L.) would like to thank Robbie Myers for her dedication, organization, and leadership as President for the past 8 years. Robbie has been a guiding light to our group here at Trinity, as well as a faithful representative in the Zone. Her compassion and understanding have been both personal and steadfast to all of those who have been in her presence. She has represented LWML with love, kindness and hope for the future. Our sincere heartfelt thanks Robbie for all you have done. It is truly appreciated by all of the ladies of Trinity.

As Robbie steps down from her position as President, L.W.M.L. welcomes Donna Faiella, as she steps up from her current position of Vice President. Donna brings with her many of the outstanding qualities that are needed to lead this group of Christian ladies. Please join us in helping Donna as plans are made for the future. Thank you to both of these special ladies, we well as our other officers, Arlene Stackhouse, Secretary, and Pam Bixler, Treasurer.



Thank you for attending the Zone Rally!

We thank everyone who joined us at the North Central Florida Zone Rally on Saturday, April 23rd. We had 27 ladies in attendance from Trinity and 25 from other Zone congregations. Pastor Blair gave an entertaining sermon about fishing and the Zone officers provided information, Zone news, and two skits and a Bible study. Jan Garner spoke about our CCCB (Christian Cancer Care Blessings) Ministry, and over 100 notes of encouragement were written to cancer patients. Our sincere thanks to Thrivent for their \$250 grant to cover the cost of some of our food expenses, and also to Kevin K. Braunschweiger and Thrivent for the folders, notepads and pencils that were used for each of our guests. The fall Rally will be held at First





COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE EMERGENCY FOOD CENTER

The Community of Gratitude is an Emergency Food Center serving residents of Marion county in the areas of East Lake Weir, Weirsdale, Ocklawaha and Umatilla. The center is located at 13335 E. Hwy 25, Ocklawaha, directly behind the Ocklawaha Methodist Church on highway 25. The food center may be reached at 352-288-3499 and is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. for food distribution to their clients.

As we are all aware, the recent rise in inflation has made a major impact in our quality of life, even more so directly impacting the disadvantaged families in our community. The food needs of the Community of Gratitude has increased by an additional 4-9 families on a weekly average. In addition, at a time of increased needs, the delivery of food stuff from the US government has been reduced by more than 70%. Our congregation has stepped up and increased the donations, as evidenced by the picture of the truck load of food, during the weekend of April 7-10. The Director of the Food Bank, Ms. Marla Teixeira, states that without the support of Trinity, the needs of the recipients would be greatly reduced and many would not receive the help that they need.

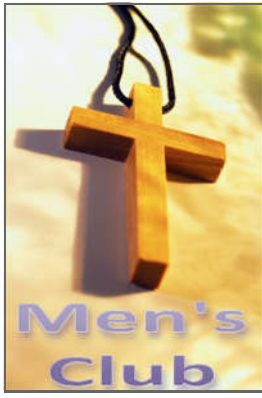
Please review the list of weekly needed food and continue your outstanding efforts in assisting the needy at this difficult time. In addition, there is always a need for volunteers to assist the facility during their open hours and you may volunteer by calling the director to discuss a time and day to help.

Ms. Teixeira sends her sincere thank you and blessings to the Trinity Lutheran congregation for their generosity and assistance in providing food and the cash donations. If you have any questions or concerns please call Jim or Nancy Steinmark at (352) 299-0606 and/or send an email to steinmarkjames@gmail.com.



**Canned goods given by
Trinity Members in the
month of April. Thank you
to everyone!**

**YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

The Trinity Men's Club will continue to meet throughout the summer. We meet the first Monday of the month at 8:00 am for a delicious breakfast, fellowship, business meeting, and Bible Study.

Golf at Del Webb Spruce Creek follows at noon. Sign up on the clipboard in the church Narthex for breakfast, golf, or both is appreciated. Questions? Please contact Jim Keenan by email at Cubsgolf@gmail.com or (352) 216-8106



Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

The deadline for the June 2022 Newsletter is
****Sunday, May 15th****

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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.

HAPPY 175TH BIRTHDAY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Only Jesus April 1, 2022 / Letter From the President, LCMS Magazine by *Matthew C. Harrison*

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Celebrating 175 years is important. But it’s a rather brief period compared to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It’s less significant still compared to the 2,000-year history of the Lord’s Church, and it pales in comparison to the 4,000 years since the call of Abraham and the promise of the Savior given by the Lord to him.

In the past decade of serving the congregations of the Synod, I’ve learned that I am not that significant, either, especially in the history of the Synod. Nevertheless, God works what He wills despite our insignificance. If a new Lutheran church body began today with 12 congregations, it would be the butt of unending jokes, as was the Missouri Synod in 1847. If it were to claim that its constitution was the restoration of the authority of the inerrant Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions and authentic New Testament Christianity, it would be ignored, laughed at, and scorned. If it claimed the Bible and Luther’s catechism are absolutely true and that there is no other God than the Holy Trinity and no salvation outside of faith in Christ and His blessed cross and resurrection, its founders would be accosted as kooks by contemporaries.

How insignificant were 14 congregations and a handful of pastors 175 years ago? They knew they were numerically insignificant. They knew they were the object of ridicule in a world awash in agnosticism, especially in the church. They lamented the state of their mother churches back in Europe where the Gospel had largely been supplanted by mere morality. Even pastors no longer believed the Word of God.

Like ours, their world was in chaos. Revolutions shook all of Europe in 1848. Atheism was rife among German immigrants to America. A cholera epidemic raged in the U.S. in 1849 and killed thousands. The liberal Germans in St. Louis attacked the Saxons from the moment they stepped off the boat. The LCMS was poor, small, weak, and they knew it. And because they were far flung from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Buffalo, and St. Louis, they were lonely. But they were certain of one thing: Luther’s Reformation had rediscovered and re-asserted the truth of the free forgiveness of sins in the blessed Gospel of Christ, delivered by the Word and distributed in Baptism and Christ’s body and blood in the Sacrament. They came from various backgrounds. Some had been theological liberals (Wilhelm Sihler), many had been pietists (overemphasizing religious feelings as the ground of faith and certainty over the objective teachings of the Bible and catechism). Personal crises had driven a number of them to believe the Bible, read the Lutheran Confessions and confess the old teachings of the Lutheran Church as the teachings of Scripture.

Through Dr. C.F.W. Walther’s “The Lutheran” newspaper (*Der Lutheraner*), they discovered each other. They corresponded. They hatched a plan for a Lutheran Synod (*synod* means “together on the same road” in Greek), crafted a constitution (which still survives, mostly word for word in the present LCMS constitution), and officially brought the church body into existence in Chicago on April 26, 1847. The Missouri Saxons brought their log cabin seminary, after Wilhelm Loehe gave the Synod a seminary in Fort Wayne. They embarked on a mission to share the Gospel far and wide and were keenly aware of their divine mandate to “seek and save the lost.” They educated pastors and sent them to shepherd the thousands upon thousands of German-speaking immigrants spreading across the wide reaches of America. They planted churches for Germans who had left their homeland for economic promise and had come from weak churches in the old country. In New York and Boston, they met the immigrants as they came off the boats and sent them to German communities served by pastors across the fruited plain. Walther and others spoke English, but they concentrated on German-speaking communities because of the enormous opportunity and volume of work. Eventually, they were only too happy to help found an “English Synod,” which became the “English District” of the LCMS (1911).

Just like 175 years ago, war has returned to Europe. We've suffered a global pandemic. The church is in grave decline in the West. Just google "Decline of the Church in the West" for the shocking statistics, particularly in the U.S. The "woke" culture ubiquitous on university campuses all around the world has created a culture of sexual ambiguity. In some ways, the LCMS is doing slightly better than many churches, but we, too, are heavily affected. Easy fixes are mythical. Our children are bombarded from the earliest age with the lies of a morally adrift culture. For 60 years, the sexual revolution has taught that sex is subjective, a personal choice, and one may be one's own creator. Our governments support "sex change" operations even for minors. The abortion of a child as an inconvenient byproduct at odds with one's own self-determination is one of the greatest indicators of the denial of our Creator and His will for His creatures, created male and female. (Read Carl Trueman, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*.) Apocalyptic times indeed. Come, Lord Jesus!

What's the answer? What's our task? What's our message? Only Jesus. "There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Today, we are just under 6,000 congregations. Is our constitution antiquated? Not unless the Word of God is antiquated. "The word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:25). Today, we have 5,700 active pastors sharing Christ, day in and day out. Today, we have the largest Protestant parochial school system in the U.S. We have thousands of teachers sharing the message with "the least." "Your Creator is the Triune God." "He has made you. You are His." "Only Jesus is your Savior." And "He has redeemed you as His very own creature." We equip our people with Jesus; fortify our mothers and fathers; strengthen homes to love, teach and prepare children for life in this world with its challenges and blessings; shore up our men to be men in God and our women to be holy women of Christ.

Today, we face the hatred and ridicule of the world, a world in chaos. Our fathers and mothers in the faith faced the same. Today, we face the same threat of loneliness and isolation they did. Whether the loneliest pastor and tiniest congregation in the farthest reaches of the earth or the president of the Synod, we are terribly insignificant. Imagine those 14 lonely, insignificant congregations in 1847. What a difference it made for them to be joined in faith and love in the Lutheran confession.

Today, we face very similar challenges. The decline of Christianity in the West presents us with the greatest challenge in the modern history of the church. With Jesus, and only Jesus, we shall go forth nevertheless: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19–20). "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

Who we are — a 175-year-old church body — is important, but it pales in comparison to the history of the church. But what we do — preaching and pointing to Jesus for 175 years — is quite significant indeed. It has eternal consequences. If 175 years is an accomplishment, it's Christ's accomplishment. Come what may, the next 175 years are in the hands of Jesus, only Jesus, and so are we. —Pastor Harrison

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MAY GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING

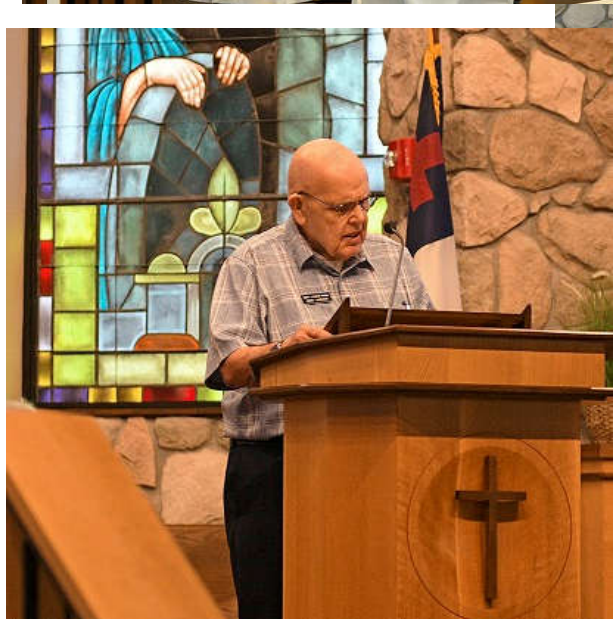


Our next Global Missions meeting will be on May 16, 2022, in Room 1 at 10:00 am. All are encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, call or text Jan Garner, (352) 598-2048 or email, janandchloe@embarqmail.com.

"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



Pictures from the Installation of Pastor Roger Schoolcraft April 2, 2022



**Thank you to Bill Miller
and to John Swirsding for
the wonderful pictures
they took.**

We appreciate you!



Pictures from the Installation of Pastor Roger Schoolcraft April 2, 2022



WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!



THE SEWING ANGELS

In month the April the sewing angels distributed the following items:

- ⇒ 44 Cloth bags to G.G.'s House by Julia Mack for Easter treats to the Children of the Ocala Forest
- ⇒ 53 Port pillows were delivered by Cindy Checke to the Cancer Center at Brownwood
- ⇒ 6 Children's quilts were delivered by Julia Mack to the monthly meeting of Friends of SOZO
- ⇒ 23 floor pillows were delivered by Pam Bixler to G.G.'s house
- ⇒ 8 quilts were delivered by Julia Mack to the Marion County Sherriff's Department
- ⇒ 65 Patriotic quilts were distributed at the American Legion to the Veterans on the April 13th Honor flight

We would like to thank those who responded to our needs list with their generous donations of fabric and sheets. Your donations go a long way towards helping us with our outreach.

It was a great honor presenting the Veterans with quilts at the April 13th Honor flight. Closer to the date of the honor flight we got a count of how many men were in each branch of the service. While we had more than enough patriotic quilts to go around we were short quilts for some of the branches of the service. This month prior to April 13th we focused our efforts on filling those gaps. Miraculously in this month's donations of fabric was fabric specific to the Army! We have depleted our supply of fabrics specific to each branch of the service and are in need of more to prepare for next year's honor flight quilts.

While Julia Mack attended the monthly meeting of Friends of SOZO she had the opportunity to speak with Pastor Dave who ministers to the SOZO kids. She asked him about the need of Camp blankets. He told her how those simple home sewn blankets are treasured by the camp attendees. She was told there are about 300 kids who attend this camp. Our next efforts will be to put together as many camp blankets as we can. Julia Mack has coordinated some volunteers in her Del Webb Community to help with this project and is opening up her house to have sewing sessions on Wednesday mornings. If you are a Del Webber and would like to help please contact her. We will be working on this project at our regular Friday meetings as well. At our April 15th meeting we had a great time matching up fronts and backs for the Camp Blanket project.

The last meeting of the Sewing Angels will be May 6th. After that co leader Pam Bixler will be sending out emails about meetings during the summer at her discretion.

Here is a list of things we need for our ministry: military fabric specific to each branch of the service; sew on Velcro for port pillows (any color); macramé cord or crocheted drawstrings (20"-24") for personal care and laundry bags; sheets, flat or fitted, for quilt backs; and embroidery floss (any color, but especially black, white, red, or navy) for tying quilts and blankets.

Have a safe, restful, fun summer! -Sue Lehota



Pictures from the Honor Flight Patriotic Quilt Distribution to the Veterans at the American Legion by Pam Bixler On April 13



CONTACT
information



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

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call or text me at
(330) 414-8406

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Cornerstone SALUTES!

Cornerstone Hospice celebrates the service of our veteran patients through our 'Cornerstone Salutes' Program. A tailor-made Pinning Ceremony is conducted for our veteran patients, and their family: each veteran is presented with a special pin and a Certificate of Appreciation. The Cornerstone SALUTES! Volunteer has the responsibility to provide volunteer services to Cornerstone Hospice Veteran patients. Non-Veterans may be involved through the Veteran's History Project, recording stories of our Veteran's experiences to submit to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. *Additional training is required.*

Life Enrichment

Life Enrichment Volunteers encompass a wide variety of services to our patients which enhance patient and family quality of life. Life Enrichment activities range from pet therapy, patient haircuts, yard work and lawn care. Volunteers may also help by assisting as barbers, beauticians or by doing yard work or lawn care.

Long Term Care

Long Term Care Volunteers not only visit patients in nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and hospitals, but they also visit these facilities as ambassadors for Cornerstone Hospice. LTC Volunteers bring cheer, information, and comfort to the staff and patients. They can ensure the environment is tidy and welcoming, offer refreshments, run errands, and bring smiles and hugs to everyone in the facility!

Patient/Family Support

Patient/Family Support Volunteers have the responsibility to provide volunteer services to patients, caregivers, and families through a variety of activities. These services may take place in the patient home, long-term care facility, or Cornerstone Hospice House.

Pet Peace of Mind

Pet Peace of Mind Volunteers assist Cornerstone Hospice patients with their pets and provide needed care and attention, and also provide simple comfort measures after receiving permission from the owner. Pet Peace of Mind is designed to help keep our patients and their pets together for as long as possible, and trained volunteers can assist by walking dogs, providing waste management, transporting pets to veterinary appointments or to visit their owner in a facility. Some volunteers also staff our Pet Peace of Mind display at community-based pet events or visit pet-related businesses to let others in the pet community know about this program. *Additional training is required.*

Sewing/Crafting

Sewing/Crafting Volunteers will create comfort items for patients and/or family members through creative abilities including sewing, knitting, or crocheting. Bear in Mind Volunteers create personalized keepsake bears out of 'memory material'. Each bear is unique and custom made with the individual patient in mind, and constructed completely out of memory material (garments, ties, accessories) provided by the family for the specific bear. Additionally, Volunteers and community members can also sew, knit or crochet non-personalized items such as fidget blankets, blankets, and afghans for our patients. *Volunteers are encouraged to secure donated materials for these projects.*

Spiritual Care

The Spiritual Care Volunteer, under guidance of the hospice Chaplain, has responsibility to provide spiritual support for patients and families at Cornerstone Hospice. *Additional training is required.*

Transportation

Transportation Volunteers provide transportation support to patients, caregivers, and families on an as needed basis. Volunteers may transport a patient to a doctor's appointment or other medical treatment; pickup and deliver prescriptions; or act as couriers for crucial medical records. This is a personal service which can be beneficial to the volunteer as well as the patient. There is direct patient contact and contact with the professional care community. Liability insurance of \$300,000 or more is required.

TST Nurse

The TST Nurse Volunteer has responsibility to assist with the administration, reading and recording of results of the Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) for new volunteers in conjunction with Volunteer Training. *Current Florida RN license and additional training required.*

Vigil

The Vigil Care Volunteer has the responsibility to sit quietly with the dying patient and to provide simple comfort measures. These services may take place in the patient home, long term care facility, or Cornerstone Hospice House. *Additional training is required.*



TRINITY TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The next meeting of the Trinity Transition team will be April 26 at 1:00 PM. The guidebook Structure Your Church for Mission, ordered by Pastor Schoolcraft has arrived. It has been distributed to the Transition team, Council members and Elders of the church. If anyone wants a copy of this book, it can be ordered at a cost of \$10 each. Please contact Carolyn at cbfortin@aol.com if you want a copy.

We will schedule the cottage sessions once we determine our schedule with Pastor Schoolcraft. Our prayer warrior Carol Keenan continues her devotional support of our team. In addition, she is expanding prayers for the requests of Trinity members. If you would like to join her team, please contact her. We thank God for her prayerful dedication and leadership. We also thank all who continue to include our transition in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide us in every step of the way.

Blessings in the name of Christ Jesus,
Carolyn Fortin, Transition Team Lead



FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

Have you been to the Friendship Luncheon lately? If not, you have a special invitation to join us.

We invite you to come and join your Trinity family and friends at the **"FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON"** on **Saturday, May 28th**. We meet at the Oakwood Smokehouse & Grill, 860 S. HWY 27-441,

Lady Lake at **10:50 am**. Our luncheons are held on the 4th Saturday of each month, January - November.

For planning purposes, **please look for the yellow sign-up sheet in the narthex clip board area by the water fountains**. If unable to attend after signing up, or if you forgot to sign up, please call or text Joan or Ken Herro (414) 630-0572. As always, we look forward to seeing new and familiar faces. The luncheon is a great way to gather for good food, great fellowship and to make a new Trinity friend.



Trinity Couples Simple Suppers

YES it has been a long time since you heard about Simple Suppers, as matter of fact it was January of 2020. We are ready to get couples here at Trinity together again. We are hoping that you might want to be a part of this fun!

So whether you are new to Trinity or have been a member for a long time, and want to get to know the members sitting on the other side of the church or at a different service from the one you now attend, then this is the group for you.

The objective of this group is to promote friendship and fellowship within small groups of couples on a social basis and meet other Trinity members. If you have questions or want to know more about this group, you can call Kay 352-638-2528 or Paula 309-235-4666.

Please consider joining us at the next organizational meeting of the whole Trinity Lutheran Couples Simple Supper Group on:

Monday, May 16, 2022 at 4PM in the Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall

At this meeting we will choose new groups of 3 couples. Each group will make their own plans to meet over the next 4 months for simple dining and fellowship. It is the choice of the group whether the meal will be breakfast, lunch or dinner and what restaurant, or in a home. We look forward to having some of our new member couples participating and enjoying fellowship with us.

Bring your calendars and 2- 3"X5" index cards with your **name, phone number, cell phone number and email address**. After all groups are formed each new group can then divide up and start planning when they will meet and what they will do . PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR AT LEAST ONE OF YOU TO ATTEND. THANKS!

If you are unable to attend this organizational meeting and want to be included in a group, please send an email to Kay Jacobson or Paula Zumaris (email addresses listed below) and your names will be put into a group.

Phil & Paula Zumaris (309) 235-4666, zlady228@gmail.com

Jim & Kay Jacobson (352) 430-1577, kayalene43@comcast.net

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

March, 2022

GENERAL FUND

	CURRENT MONTH				YEAR-TO-DATE			
INCOME								
Envelope Giving	\$37,616.	Under Budget	(\$61,112.)	(61.9%)	\$163,889.	Under Budget	(\$60,408.)	
Electronic Giving (Give Plus)	\$20,513.	Under Budget	(\$5,851.)	(22.2%)	\$60,872.	Under Budget	(\$16,297.)	
Special Services	\$4,635.	Under Budget	(\$616.)	(11.7%)	\$5,060.	Under Budget	(\$2,484.)	
Plate Offering	\$4,220.	Under Budget	(\$352.)	(7.7%)	\$11,987.	Under Budget	(\$646.)	
Interest	(\$95.)	Under Budget	(\$136.)	(131.6%)	(\$88.)	Under Budget	(\$213.)	
Memorial gifts	\$200.		\$200.		\$200.		\$200.	
Misc Income	\$2,476.	Over Budget	\$1,851.	396.1%	\$2,531.	Over Budget	\$1,381.	
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,565.	Under Budget	(\$66,016.)	(48.7%)	\$244,451.	Under Budget	(\$78,467.)	
		Under Last Year	(\$60,473.)	(46.5%)		Under Last Year	(\$64,832.)	
EXPENSES								
Board expenses	\$96,395.	Under Budget	\$4,212.	4.2%	\$191,070.	Under Budget	\$12,726.	
Mortgage interest	\$4,661.	Under Budget	\$182.	3.8%	\$14,704.	Under Budget	\$576.	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$101,056.	Under Budget	\$4,394.	4.2%	\$205,774.	Under Budget	\$13,302.	
		Over Last Year	(\$2,064.)	(2.0%)		Under Last Year	\$33,207.	
CASH FLOW ITEMS								
Mortgage Principal	\$11,333.	Over Budget	(\$128.)	(1.1%)	\$33,442.	Over Budget	(\$578.)	
Capital Expenditures	\$0.		\$0.		\$0.		\$0.	
TOTAL CASH FLOW ITEMS	\$11,333.	Over Budget	(\$128.)	(1.1%)	\$33,442.	Over Budget	(\$578.)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$112,389.	Under Budget	\$4,266.	3.7%	\$239,216.	Under Budget	\$12,724.	
Net Income vs. Expense	(\$42,824.)				\$5,235.			
DEDICATED ACCOUNTS								
Receipts	\$6,914.				\$42,943.			
Disbursements	(\$819.)				(\$14,672.)			
CASH ON HAND	\$237,539.	Down this month	(\$36,487.)		\$60,000.	CD's		
		Up since Jan 1	\$32,639.		\$26,681.	Money Market Acct		
CD's w/LCEF					\$33,275.			
MORTGAGE DEBT								
Loan #1 (Sanctuary) w/THWENT	\$1,248,761.	Down this year	\$24,993.		\$47,762.	ENDOWMENT		
Loan #2 (Bushnell Campus) w/LCEF	\$266,347.	Down this year	\$6,574.					
Loan #3 (Bushnell Campus) w/FL-GA DIST	\$139,895.	Down this year	\$1,875.					

(\$'s in Red) denotes unfavorable



Treasurer's Report



BOOKWORMS "DIG" INTO SUMMER READING

The Trinity Bookworms would like to invite any reading enthusiasts to join us this summer. We meet the first Wed. of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1 (off the kitchen). Currently, we have 14 members, but would love to have others join. Some of our ladies are snowbirds but still enjoy reading along with us and sending email commentaries! Books can be found in the public library, ebook, or kindle. Questions? Call Carol Keenan 352-216-8106.

Following is our list for the summer:



May: "The Girl Left Behind" by Hazel Gaynor

June: "Lager Queen of MN" by J Ryan Sradal

July: "Moonlight Child" by Karen McQuestion

August: "House of Salt & Sorrow" by Erin Craig

Recipe for Gary's Chicken

Ingredients:

- 2 lb chicken tenders
- 2 tubes of Ritz crackers
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- ½ cup whole milk
- 3 cups cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tsp dried parsley

Sauce:

- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2 TBSP sour cream
- 2 TBSP butter



Directions:

1. Crush crackers. Pour the milk, cheese, and cracker crumbs into separate small pans. Toss the salt and pepper into the cracker crumbs and stir the mixture around to combine. Dip each piece of chicken into the milk and then the cheese. Press the cheese into the chicken with your fingers. Then press the cheesy-coated chicken into the cracker crumbs and press it in.
2. Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray and lay the chicken inside the pan. Sprinkle the dried parsley over the chicken. Cover the pan with foil and bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes. (for a convection oven use 350 degrees) Remove the foil, bake for an additional 10-15 minutes, or until the edges of the chicken are golden brown and crispy.
3. In a medium sized sauce pan combine the cream of chicken soup, sour cream and butter with a whisk. Stir it over medium high heat until the sauce is nice and hot. Serve over the chicken.





Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022

Present were: Gil Dahnke, Carolyn Fortin, Joan Egeland, Gary Eckoff, Doug Mussey, Chuck Wilt, Jerry Iseler, Martha Mitchell, Dennis Esch, Jeff Bixler, Jill Esposito, Pastor Blair Clark, and Pastor Roger Schoolcraft. Guests in attendance were: Jan Garner, Donna Faiella and Lou Brady.

Gil Dahnke opened the meeting and Pastor Blair provided the opening prayer. Minutes of March 15, 2022 meeting were approved via e-mail on March 18, 2022.

PASTOR REPORT: Pastor Blair reported the attendance for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services. There were 187 (42 online), 243 (62 online), and 519 (169 online) respectively. He also indicated that the Lenten theme presented was well received.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT: Jill Esposito presented our current membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (revised copy attached) Gary Eckoff presented the March Monthly Report. He reported envelope giving was down from budget, this was possibly attributed to the last collection last year which were then included in this year's budget. Gary also reported that the estate moneys that we expect are still pending with the probate court. Doug Mussey requested that the report showing the cash accounts include free, dedicated, and temporary dedicated funds separately. Gary said that he would look into adding that additional information. Doug Mussey made the following **MOTION:** Council shall accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Dennis Esch seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: *Music Minister position:* Joan Egeland presented that we now have a viable candidate and relayed specific information regarding her qualifications and first interview responses. She is schedule for the next steps which include the team's panel interview, organ/piano audition, and conducting skills with the choir. The Council expressed their appreciation for work that the selection team has accomplished as well as the effort that the interim music leaders have supplied since this position has been opened.

Transition Team: Carolyn Fortin reminded all to obtain the book recommended by Pastor Schoolcraft and brought several copies to the meeting. Pastor Schoolcraft relayed to the team how the book provided guidance in prior transitional churches and how it helped their team restructure their constitution resulting in a better decision-making process. Next meeting is April 26th and then the May 10th meeting will have Pastor Schoolcraft in attendance to work with the team.

Pastor Roger Schoolcraft Schedule: Pastor provided how his packing is progressing and indicated that he expects to provide the liturgy support for May 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

New appointments: President Dahnke appointed Sharon Peters to the Fellowship committee and David Hemond to the Trustee committee. Council approved.

Education Committee Question: During last meeting, Doug Mussey requested the Council to discuss the need for this committee going forward. Carolyn express that this kind of decision will be reviewed through the Transition Team. Dennis Esch made the following **MOTION: Council will table this discussion, Gary Eckoff seconded. Motion carried.**



BOARD REPORTS:

Elders: Chuck Wilt reported a limited number of bulletins have been approved for services going forward as we continue the work to improve the electronic video screen process. This will be an on-going evaluation. The Elders will also continue to review the handicap seating with the trustees. The Elders will also continue to evaluate the collections process and associated security concerns. Gary indicated that from his Usher group standpoint, the process is working pretty well.

Christian Education: Doug Mussey reported that his board meets weekly but has no report to offer. Doug also expressed concern regarding Tiding's submittals. Gil explained that all submittals go through an approval process to ensure content is consistent with the information that the Tidings is designed to provide to the members. Doug continued with his concern regarding the low attendance of basic Bible study classes.

After much discussion, a motion was made to adjourn. Dennis Esch moved to adjourn with Gary Eckoff seconded. Meeting was adjourned. The next Council meeting will be May 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM in Room 3. The group closed with prayers from Pastor Blair.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Egeland- Recording Secretary

MEMORIALS

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

Harold Collins

Ken Fanta

Vernon McCarty (Friend of Woody & Dorothy Scheler)

Barbara Soares



SINGLES GROUP
Friday, May 20 5:00 p.m.

Please help us spread some Cheer at **Cheers Restaurant in Stonecrest** on **Friday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.** Sign up sheet is in the Narthex and new members are welcome. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for an evening of delicious food and fellowship. –Thank you, Madelyn and Pat



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Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

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

Come & Learn With Us

Sundays

Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

HAPPY
Mother's Day

