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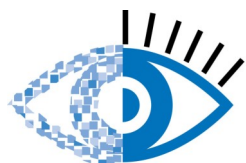
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Our Mission

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**“To share the good
news of Jesus Christ”**



Our Vision STATEMENT

**“To serve as God
guides us to bring
people closer to Jesus
Christ through
worship, Bible
studies, prayer and
fellowship”**

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Thursday, November 22 @ 4pm

Advent Service
Wednesday, December 6 @ 4pm
Fellowship Dinner @ 5pm

Christmas Cantata
Wednesday, December 13 @ 5pm
Dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Communion Service
Sunday, December 24 @ 10am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24 @ 4pm

Christmas Day Communion Service
Monday, December 25 @ 10am

New Years Eve Worship Service
Sunday, December 31 @ 8 & 10am



“
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this – those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.” (Psalm 107:1-2)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I anticipated turning the page on our calendar this week, I was amazed to think that the month of November and Thanksgiving is already upon us and how quickly the year is coming to a close with the celebrations of Advent and Christmas in December following right behind. To say that the holiday season is quickly upon us might be an understatement.

And yet, it is right at this moment, before the hustle and bustle of the season with all the planning, family gatherings, and travel, that God's provided us with a valuable moment of time before the storm to stop and take stock of just how blessed we truly are by His loving and gracious hand. Not only that He provides us with as Luther states in the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "all that I need to support this body and life," but that He also "redeemed me, a lost and condemned person...with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death" as noted in the Second Article. Lest we forget that it is "in this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true," as noted in the Third Article. It's little wonder then that the Psalmist could say in 107:1-2, "*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this!*"

Yes, we all have much to be thankful for as individuals and as a congregation because our God is good, and His love is enduring among us. As a result, I would like to share with you a number of what I like to call, "Praise Reports" happening within the congregation that include the following:

- ◆ Our Call Committee is faithfully at work with our District President and Circuit Visitor in securing matching pastoral candidates as they become available in the Call process.
- ◆ Current lay leaders completed the Congregational Structure Workshop
- ◆ 124 members completed the Congregational Structure Workshop
- ◆ 17 members completed the Leadership Training Workshop (next training November 5 at Noon)
- ◆ Welcoming of 5 new members
- ◆ Christmas Shoebox gathering currently underway with all boxes due November 5
- ◆ \$25,000.00 Matching Gift for 2 new HVAC units with \$8,270 donated in 2 weeks
- ◆ Single Reformation Service and Table-Talk Luncheon

Please keep the following in your prayers as we close-out the year:

- God would provide Pastoral Candidates for our Senior Pastor
- Development and Presentation of the Congregational Operational Budget for 2024
- God would raise up lay leaders for nomination to our new Board of Directors
- The election of our new Board of Directors effective for 2024
- Congregational Voters' Assembly Meeting on December 10
- A clear transition and operation of our new Ministry Structure in 2024
- Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Worship Services to share Jesus with our community.

Let me encourage and invite you, if you haven't already done so, to join together with your faith-family here in worship at Trinity Lutheran during this special and sacred time of the year to reflect upon God's goodness and love, to offer Him praise and thanksgiving, and to prepare for and celebrate the Savior's birth during the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors by coming alongside them in leading them to Jesus Christ and the peace He offers in a chaotic world that's filled with fear, war, persecution, hatred, evil, and death itself. Lead them to the one who says in John 16:33, "*Take heart. I have overcome the world!*"

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Blair Clark



*"Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach/share the Good News to all creation."
Mark 16:15*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ at Trinity,

Why does it seem so hard to talk about the most important aspect of our life; our belief in Jesus Christ to others? **FEAR!** Jesus specifically tells us to do this very thing. In reality it is easy because we simply tell others about our journey/story of how we came to Jesus. Like speaking about our children and family, we talk about what we love, appreciate, and our blessings. Satan tells us we need to know the whole bible to share, but in reality, the Holy Spirit will put the words of God into you to share. **DO NO FEAR, SHARE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS!** We are all called to do works of service so that the Body of Christ may be built up. This means serve **ALL** people, not just those within Trinity.

Ponder this....If you were on trial to be judged as a follower of Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Thank you to all who are participating in the Training and Leadership sessions. As we reorganize our church structure, people are learning how and why the new policies help us to better live out our mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

As a church, our watch words are to have **FAITH**, be **PATIENT**, and **DON'T WORRY**, as we move forward serving **GOD** in His time.

I ask you to pray for Peace for everyone! It is a privilege to serve the Lord by serving you!

In his Holy Presence,

Paul Stieber

2023 Church Officers
Paul Stieber, President
Marilyn DiTizio—Vice President
Joan Egeland—Secretary
Vic Stevens—Treasurer
Rusty Ryan—Financial Secretary



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Call Wanda David if you have questions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

ATTENTION!! – all who knit & or crochet!

We meet in Classroom One from 9:30am —11:00am. You are not required to stay for the entire meeting—you can leave whenever you need to. If you knit or crochet, please consider stopping by to pick up some yarn to start a prayer shawl to contribute. I will be happy to help you get started. (we have instructions) We would love you to join us. Our last few meetings have only had 2 people from Trinity, along with people from other churches.

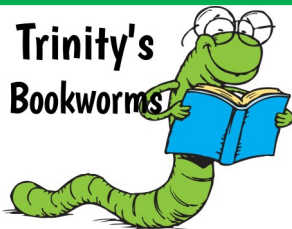
We would love to increase Trinity's participants!!!

Our last meeting for this year is November 27.

Meetings will resume in 2024 on the following dates:

January 22, February 26, March 25, and April 22.

We do not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August.



CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS

Looking for a good book to "dig into"?

Below is a list of books our **Church Bookworm** group will be reading. Books can be found at the library, e-book, and sometimes the used book store in The Villages called "All Booked Up." Our club meets the first Wednesday of each month in Classroom One at 1:30pm.

November: *The Finder of Forgotten Things* by Sarah Loudin Thomas

December 6: *Mrs. Nash's Ashes* by Sara Adler

January 3: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano



The Finder of Forgotten Things is a historical fiction novel, taking place in 1932 near Gauley Bridge in West Virginia. Union Carbide causes the death of over 750 men who are exposed to "tunnelitus" today called silicosis.

Mrs. Nash's Ashes takes the reader on a strange and often hilarious journey with Millicent from DC to Key West with 3 lbs. of ashes of her dear deceased friend.

Dear Edward is a story of "survivor guilt". Twelve-year-old Edward Adler is the sole survivor of an airplane disaster that kills 182 other passengers, including his parents and older brother.

Questions?? Call Carol Keenan

Friendship



LUNCHEON

Our Friendship Luncheon Schedule for the remainder of 2023 is as follows:

Saturday, November 25 at 10:30

No December luncheon schedule

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Please stop by the Oakwood Restaurant at 10:30am and share a wonderful morning of fellowship! Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Reformation Celebration!

Trinity's first Table Talk was a complete success!

Thank you to all who participated in the Worship Service and then took part in the delicious luncheon Prepared by our fabulous Fellowship Team!!!

Thank you to all !





HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching!!!!
For many of us that means tradition, food and family gatherings.

Sadly, we have many in our community that are not be able to enjoy this tradition.

To help these local families create memories and traditions, our Human Care Ministry is collecting \$10 Walmart Gift Cards until Sunday, November 12.

They are requesting individual cards for \$10 each. If you would like to donate more than \$10, ex. \$40 donation = (4) \$10 Walmart gift cards. Community of Gratitude will then distribute the gift cards and give the families the amount needed resulting in your donation providing for more families!!

They would like us to know that they acknowledge how much we have already donated and they are so incredibly grateful – this will be an additional blessing to the families!

AGAIN ...Thank you so much!!!!

The 2024 sign-up sheet is now located in the Narthex, with a copy in the church's administrative office for those who wish to assist in the delivery of our food donations to the Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Center, located at 13335 E. Highway 25, Oklawaha,

Individual(s) may sign-up for one month at a time beginning January, 2024.
Any questions may be directed to Jim Steinmark





DID YOU KNOW?

Trinity has a prayer team that consists of four faithful pray-ers who pray fervently for congregation members, their family, and friends. We get our requests from the bulletin Prayer List and the call-in Prayer Chain. **However, if anyone needs an urgent or private prayer, please call Carol Keenan.**

In addition to prayers, we make monthly phone calls and send cards of encouragement. (This is in addition to the lovely handmade, all-occasion cards that Anna Gay's team sends through Care Ministry). By calling monthly, we have found that many who have been on the list for several months have updates in their conditions, good or worsening, new medications, or procedures, and they don't always report this to the church office. **We ask that that you please either call the office or Carol Keenan to give any medical updates.**

Our team meets the second Wednesday of the month to coordinate and update each other on our findings. We then pray as a team for each individual, always including our church and ministry.

Do you feel the love yet? It's a frightening, scary world out there sometimes but don't ever feel you are unloved or alone. Our Prayer Team wants to assure you that **WE CARE AND LOVE YOU.**

And yes, we can always use more hands to help with this essential ministry. **If you have the gift to talk on the phone or send a card or pray privately for someone, you should know who to call by now, right?**

Finally, do you remember the Valentines we made available to the entire congregation to send to our shut-in members?

We hope to do this again next year.
So be on the lookout for our table in January.

Abundant blessings and love to you all,
Carol Keenan



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.

Greetings to all!

As we enter the holiday season, LWML is busy making plans for a festive Thanksgiving and Christmas. Tuesday, Nov. 14th, we will host our second **"Taste of Thanksgiving"** meal at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. LWML will roast the turkey. We are asking everyone to bring one of their favorite holiday dishes to share (to serve 10 – 12). Any type of salad, main side dish, or even dessert will be included in our buffet. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, October 29th.

Saturday, Dec. 16th, is the date of our annual Red Boot Tea luncheon. We will begin at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up will begin on Sunday, Nov. 19th and will continue until Sunday, Dec. 10th. Tickets will be available in the Narthex for \$5.00. Our theme, **Angels on Earth**, will be celebrated by all who attend, with special musical entertainment. We ask everyone to bring one of their favorite angel Christmas decorations to help decorate our tables.

Looking forward to 2024, we will hold our January meeting in the evening with a light dinner. This change in meeting time was a success in September with attendance of nearly 70 women. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. More details will follow in future bulletin announcements.

More details for all of these events will be published in the weekly bulletin announcements as we get closer to the scheduled dates.



LWML Mite Box Collection Dates

Sunday, November 5
Sunday, December 3 and
Sunday, January 7

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.



The Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCC B) project is a ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) striving to make living with cancer more comfortable through God's love and blessings.

This ministry has been remarkably successful because of the generous donations and volunteer work of our congregation. Together, we have distributed over 100 bags and many of you have been able to take a cancer care bag to someone you know going through a cancer related treatment.

To keep this ministry going, we need your help. We will be packing more bags to have available for you when supplies are low. The following list of items is needed to complete these bags: Non-skid socks, individual packages of Chap Stick or Lip Balm, small dollar-store puzzle books, Mechanical Pencils, small boxed Teas, and sugar-free cough drops or throat lozenges. Donations can be placed in the CCCB labeled bin in Room Four.



There are several items that will need to be purchased and bags that need postage for mailing. If you are interested in helping this ministry with a monetary donation, please make the check payable to LWML with CCCB on the memo line. Thank you. For more information, call Jan Garner.



CCC B CARD AND CRAFT PARTY

Volunteers needed on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. You can choose from several craft and card projects that will be available. When completed, these items will be included in the cancer care bags and add a personal touch that means so much to the recipient. We will need a few volunteers to count inventory. Light refreshments will be provided. Join us in this rewarding ministry.

We will have a Packing Party on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Women's Retreat for our service project. You won't want to miss the fun. See you there.



Romans 8:28 (NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good



The Board of Evangelism is excited to offer our annual **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, February 24, 2024. **"Divine Destinations"** will be presented by our guest speaker Wendysue Fluegge, a Christian artist from Menomonee Falls, WI. She is an engaging retreat speaker, worship leader, and musician.



Trinity's Women's Retreat will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9am-3pm with study materials, food and much more. So, plan on scheduling this trip in February and board Trinity Airlines for a great spiritual adventure!!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist with this retreat. If you are interested in volunteering or attending and have questions, please contact Jan Garner.



Lutheran Hour Sunday is February 4, 2024

Around the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ using a variety of culturally appropriate venues and media. We have ministry centers in over 30 countries, each with local staff working hand-in-hand with dedicated volunteers and church partners.

Through innovative workshops, LHM is equipping individuals to share Christ's message of hope in their communities and is engaging volunteers and congregations to help connect those who respond to local Lutheran congregations where they will continue to be cared for and nurtured in their faith.

Join us to learn more about some of the current programs that are truly exciting.

These include Gospel Adventures, LHM Learn, Para el Camino, Vivenciar, CPTLN app and many, many more. Look for coming details of our Feb 4th effort to inform and provide opportunity to bring Christ to the nations and the nations to Christ through your support of LHM.

Thank you. For more information, contact Jerry Eisler.



HELP DECK THE HALLS OF TRINITY

Black Friday — November 24, 2023

8:30 AM—Sanctuary

***Join us for this wonderful “Get into the Spirit” event!
The more, the merrier and the quicker it will be done.***

Donuts and coffee will be provided!

We need your help to:

1. Fluff bows and hang wreaths on the doors and walls in the church and Fellowship hall.
2. Hang and drape garlands near Communion rails, and at the Welcome center and snack area; add holly berry sprigs
3. Decorate the tree in the Narthex, decorate tables in the narthex.
4. Assemble and fluff the 2 trees behind the altar.
5. Assemble and decorate the tree in the Fellowship hall.
6. Set up the manger scene inside in the chancel area
- 7 Put up stars and apply decals on windows between the narthex and church areas.
8. Set up the outdoor nativity scene near the front doors.
9. Clean up and put unused items and tools away.
10. Know that your help is well appreciated and enjoy the rest of your day!

Many thanks, Kris Loffler

See the SIGN UP SHEET by the drinking fountains in the Narthex.

MUSIC Ministry

Trinity Lutheran has a very active and busy schedule providing worship music for our church services and special events. We rehearse on Wednesdays beginning at noon and ending at 7:15 pm. with a revolving door of servants for Christ. Our volunteers give of their time to share God's Gift of music with you. We hope that you as a listener are on this life journey with us.

Our Prelude music begins before each service and is provided by our pianists and organists, Kim Clark, Joan Egeland and Judy Hall. We invite you to enter the Sanctuary early each Sunday morning, before the service begins, to experience this Gift of music in God's house that will prepare you for receiving His message and the hearing of His Word.

The Prelude music also includes our vocalists, handbell ringers, drummers and instrumentalists. These large groups, small groups, quartets and duets have worked hard preparing music that we hope will enrich your worship each week and your spiritual life throughout the week. If you do not already come early to listen to this music, please add 15 minutes to your schedule, come in, sit down remain quiet and listen. You'll be glad you did.

Please mark your calendar. For more information, contact Jan Garner.



Trinity's Christmas Cantata "Night of Our Father's Love"

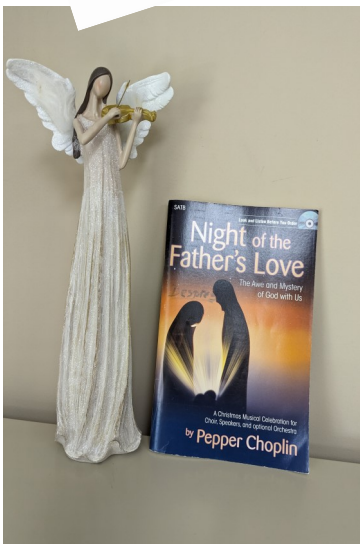
Wednesday, December 13 @ 5:00 P.M.

We are very pleased to announce and excited to present
"Night of Our Father's Love", a Christmas Cantata.

It will be presented on Wednesday, December 13th at
5:00 pm with a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm.

The dinner is provided by the Board of Fellowship.

Our Music Ministry vocalists and instrumentalists have been in rehearsals for several weeks, loving the music and looking forward to sharing it with you. We hope you will plan on attending. Please check today and mark your calendars.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Among Trinity's many music ministry small vocal groups are two duets and a quartet. Meet "***GOD'S GRACE***", ***MARY GLASS AND ELAINE LOESEL***. They have enjoyed singing together for many years sitting next to each other in the choir, but recently stepped outside the choir loft box and with God's grace began singing as a duet. They have sung several times these past few months and are in rehearsal for their next scheduled Sunday. Come early and enjoy.

Meet "***ALL THINGS POSSIBLE***", ***JAN GARNER AND DEBBIE ZWOLAK***. They have sung together several times and always enjoy the beautiful music and harmonies of a duet. Like "God's Grace" duet, they have sung several times over the summer and are looking forward to singing for you again.



Meet "***SISTERS IN CHRIST***", ***ARLENE STACKHOUSE, DEBBIE ZWOLAK, MARY MINOTTO, JAN GARNER and JUDY HALL, ACCOMPANIST***. You may remember this quartet from several years ago. We are excited to be on the schedule again and singing for you. We hope that our music touches your life and is as rewarding to you as it is to us.

TRINITY'S PERCUSSION

Have you wondered what the drummers are beating their rhythms on before the service begins? The variety of percussion and rhythm instruments have intrigued many listeners. We certainly enjoy playing them and contributing to the worship service with our Prelude music and with accompanying hymns. We would like to introduce you to the Tubano Drum, the Gankogui, and the Talking Drum.

The TUBANO DRUM is a unique percussion instrument from West Africa. Its beautiful design features a cylindrical body with a drumhead on top. It creates deep resonating tones, and we have three sizes, large (low sound), medium (middle sound) and small (high sound). Inside the Tubano is a special sound chamber which amplifies the low tones and at the bottom of the drum, there are cut-outs that allow more sound to be heard while it is to be played on the floor and that make it more stable. Each drum is played by hitting it in the center of the drumhead with the palm cupped, creating the low pitch and striking the outer section of the drumhead with a hand of closed fingers, creating a higher pitch. The next Sunday that we have them out, you are welcome to come have a closer look at their beauty. Play a little on them and listen to the different tones that they make.



Devotional Drummer Diana Pollard on the Tubano



The GANKOGUI is sometimes called the double bell or high-low bell because of its unique design. Traditionally, it comes from Ghana, Togo and Benin in Africa. It is made with two metal bells – one large and one small – fused or connected together at the neck where a long thin handle is attached. It is played by striking the two bells with a mallet or a beater. The small bell pitches a high sound, and the larger bell pitches a low sound. The Gankogui player holds the handle of the bell in one hand with the bells facing downward. The wood beater is used to strike the bells near the rim of each. When you see it, listen for the two distinct pitches and how the rhythm cuts through the ensemble.

Pictured is Devotional Drummer Wanda David holding the Gankogui

The TALKING DRUM is an hourglass-shaped drum originally from Yoruba, Nigeria that has tones that use a rise and a fall pitch. It has two drumheads connected by leather tension chords which allow the player to change the pitch. The drum is played by placing it under your arm or against your hip and striking the drumhead with a wooden hook-shape mallet. While squeezing the drum in and letting it out, you can make the pitches slide up and slide down changing them. Various pitches were used in early forms of inter-village communication or storytelling. With origins in the Ghana Empire between the 7th and 13th centuries, the talking drum is one of the oldest instruments in West Africa and one of the oldest instruments still used in drum ensembles today.



Pictured is Devotional Drummer John Faiella playing the Talking Drum



Name Change: The *Always Faithful* small group Bible Study formally known as Jan's Life Group Bible Study have completed their study of Ezra and Nehemiah and will be on a break in November and December.

Always Faithful will begin their next Bible study on *January 2, 2024, at 10:00 am in Room 5*. We meet the first and third Tuesday morning each month. If you miss being a part of a small group and are interested in joining our family of brothers and sisters, we have two openings. We invite you to join us!

Check your calendar and let us know. Blessings.

For more information, contact Jan Garner.

Our Winter Schedule is:

JANUARY 2 & 16

FEBRUARY 6 & 20

MARCH 5 & 19

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." (2nd Timothy 16-17 NLT)

SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 27, 2024

All Trinity Lutheran members South of 466 are invited for a gathering on Saturday, January 27, 2024. The evening will give you the chance for eating, socializing, visiting with Trinity members and maybe some surprises! Location of event to be determined.

Watch for more information in the weekly announcements!

Anyone interested in joining with ideas and/or help in the planning for our fun time, please call the church office.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Marianne Merrow and all her helpers for their faithful devotion to the Flowers For Shut-Ins Ministry at Trinity during the past years. Receiving a beautiful arrangement from a caring person meant a lot to our well being. Your ministry blessed by God will not be forgotten by **EVERYONE** whose life **YOU** touched. Thank you.

2024 Secret Prayer Pals
(a ministry of Trinity's Lutheran Women's
Missionary League LWML)



All women of Trinity are invited to participate in this very rewarding ministry. Forms for 2024 enrollment are available at the Welcome Desk and will be available at the LWML Taste of Thanksgiving as well.

Forms need to be returned to Marilyn DeTizio prior to December 15, 2023.

Not familiar with the Secret Prayer Pal program? Once your form is received, you will be assigned to another woman of Trinity to pray for throughout the year. Our committee will make the assignment for you. During the year, you may pray for your Secret Prayer Pal regularly incorporating any special needs recorded on her form. You may also like to send cards: for her birthday, wedding anniversary, holiday greetings or just for "thinking of you".

Small, inexpensive gifts may also be given for a special occasion. But most of all, remember to never reveal your identity until the special reveal event.

"Sometimes all it takes is just one prayer to change everything"
anonymous

Save the date: January 9, 2024 will be the 2023 reveal/2024 kick-off brunch.

Watch the announcements for further details.



Trinity Singles meet the third Friday of each month at 5:00pm at various local restaurants. Look for details in weekly announcements. Sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.



Trinity's Sewing Angels

Wow! it has been 7 months since I have reported what Sewing Angels have been doing. Changes have been made as to how often the Tidings go out, and I have just caught up with it now and hope to be more regular going forward. During those months we continued to meet on Fridays, a day when the church office is closed. We realized we needed to meet on a day the church office is open to stay more in the know and get assistance with printing labels, etc. We are now meeting on **Thursday mornings from 9- noon** in meeting room 1. Participants in Sewing Angels has declined and we could use more help. We are hoping to find a few new members that can meet on Thursday mornings. Despite our low numbers, we are amazed by how many people we have been able to bless in our ministry.

Below is the scope of our outreach for the last 7 months:

- Memorial quilts 2
- 1 Quilt given to a battered woman
- **G.G.'s house received:**
 - 83 floor pillows
 - 95 drawstring bags for hygiene products
 - 246 soapy washcloths
 - 15 pr. of socks
 - 12 pillowcases
- Honor Flight- 23 quilts
- Sozo Summer Camp: 61 camp blankets
- Marion County Sheriff's Department- 29 quilts/blankets



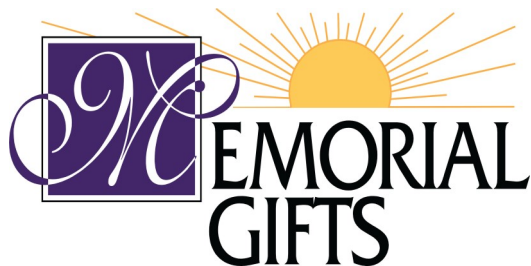
Our goals for the next 3 months are to make and distribute items to several children's charities, sew more soapy washcloths, sew Santa bags for G.G.'s House, and get more quilts assembled to distribute to Nursing Homes at Christmas.

We would love to share the joys of this ministry with you and hope you will prayerfully consider joining us on Thursday mornings in meeting room 1 from 9a.m.- noon. If you sew, we have an extra sewing machine and serger you can work on at meetings. Non- sewers there are many things you can do that require no sewing skill at all, ironing, stuffing floor pillows, organizing, clipping threads and removing pins, tagging completed projects, putting drawstrings in bags, delivering items to charities, etc.

If you have questions, please leave your name and phone number with the Church Office and I will contact you.

Sue Lehola

Gifts were given to Building Debt Reduction in memory of:



Christine Baker
Adam Bondi
Nancy Dupee
Loren Thompson
Freddie Venturoni
Alice Houdek (Harbor Chase)



CONGREGATIONAL STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

This past summer, Trinity Lutheran received the final approval from the Florida-Georgia District LCMS of all the required corrections necessary for implementing our newly revised and congregationally approved Constitution and By-Laws.

In an effort to gain a greater understanding and congregational application of our newly approved structure and operational format, Pastor Blair has led a series of Congregational Structural Workshops the past 3 months introducing our current lay leaders, Elders, membership, and potential leaders to our Accountable Leader Model of Policy Based Management. I am pleased to announce that we had some 30 attend the current Leaders Workshop, 124 members attended the Congregational Workshops, and to date we have had 17 attend the official Leadership Training Workshop that prepares participants to serve as members on the Board of Directors. Only

candidates who have attended the Leadership Training Workshop and signed the official Board of Director's Covenant which was included in all the workshop folders will be eligible candidates for election and/or placement on the Board of Directors.

I want to personally thank the members of our Staff Team who worked diligently together in preparing for the workshops, our lay leadership team including the Church Council and the Board of Elders for attending, along with the generous work of our Fellowship Board in preparing the

awesome meals, and for you, the members of Trinity Lutheran who took time out of your busy

schedules to attend our instructional workshops. Your dedication and willingness to engage in this process truly made it a success. It is my prayer that the members of Trinity Lutheran Church have a greater understanding and appreciation for how God has led us to this new juncture in our congregational life cycle!

Thanks, Pastor Blair





*Dear brothers and sisters at Trinity,
Very early fall greetings to you in the
name of Jesus. We pray this note finds you
well and remembering the mercies of our
Lord every day, even in the midst of the
trials and challenges that we all face.*

*If you happened to read our latest newsletter update, you may recall that we
mentioned our 20th year of overseas service as missionaries sent by you - the
Church - to serve in our vocations in this place. That sentence contains three
concepts that are so important. 'Sent' - We recognize that we could not have
come here all those years ago, and certainly could never remained but for the
partnership that you and other churches and individuals across the U.S. have
formed with us. 'Overseas' - We also truly acknowledge that all Christians have
not only been called by name in Jesus, but are called to be His witnesses in word
and deed no matter the location nor the vocation. Our family just happens to
live in Asia. Finally, we all are brothers and sisters in Christ with the same mis-
sion: be 'the Church.' This Church remains solid on the Word of God, which offers
forgiveness and makes us right with our Heavenly Father through Jesus.*

*Please accept this letter of gratitude for the support you have shown us in these
days, seasons, and years, including your most recent, very generous gift of
\$8,313 this summer. As you know, we are 100% responsible for our fund-raising
goals and therefore your donation is a huge encouragement in this effort. We
are so grateful for you and those in the midst of your congregation who advo-
cate for our fund-raising needs and help us to maintain this connection that
we share.*

*We sincerely thank you, and continue to treasure your prayers lifted up on our
behalf, as well as for the people with whom we interact at school, at church, and
in our community. May they hear clearly the Good News that is for all people.*

May God grant us His grace and mercy in these days of the Pentecost season.

Peace in Jesus,

*The Wasmunds
(Matt, Dee Dee, Lily and Olivia)
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