



**Trinity**  
**Lutheran Church**  
LCMS

## Our Mission

“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”

WORSHIP  
*with us*

**Sundays @  
8:00 am & 10:30 am**



**Sundays @  
9:15 am**



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*Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service*  
*Thursday, November 27 @ 4pm*

*Mid-week Advent Services*  
*Wednesdays, December 4 & 11*  
*@ 4pm*

*Fellowship Dinner @ 5pm*

*Vision and Ministry Sunday*  
*Worship Service & Communion*  
*December 15 @ 10am*  
*Trinity Voters' Assembly Meeting*  
*Followed by a Trinity Christmas*  
*Reception @ 11:15am*

*Christmas Cantata*  
*Wednesday, December 18 @ 5pm*  
*Dinner to follow in Fellowship*  
*Hall @ 6:00pm*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*  
*Sunday, December 24 @ 4pm*

*Christmas Day Communion Service*  
*Monday, December 25 @ 10am*



*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness through all generations." (Psalm 100:4-5)*

*Dear Fellow Redeemed,*

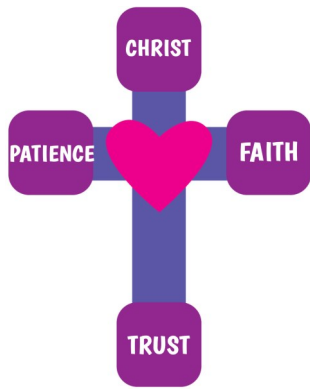
*As I sit here writing this next quarter's edition of the Tidings, I am still caught up, if you will, in the wonderful aftermath of this past week's celebration of our Heritage Sunday and the Festival of the Reformation. What a special and glorious day it was being blessed by God with our heritage worship service incorporating elements of the Lutheran liturgy, the accompaniment of the choir and drums, a message of reconciliation and forgiveness with a call for a Reformation among our membership, the welcoming of new members, the personal testimony and Rite of a Junior Confirmation, and of course the singing of, "A Mighty Fortress," followed by our heritage luncheon that overflowed with celebrants in the Fellowship Hall where we had to set up more tables. As one person remarked, "It was truly an electric atmosphere with the presence of God's Word and the Holy Spirit blessing His Church with love as experienced by all in attendance." If you couldn't attend, please access the online archive and join in the celebration with us! As the Psalmist said above, "Give thanks to Him and praise His name – His love endures forever."*

*Speaking of thankfulness, can you believe we have come to this point in the year? This is a busy time for Trinity as we welcome many of our returning snowbirds and celebrate the season of Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and the New Year with this edition of the Tidings. Please pay careful attention to the weekly announcements, calendar, and website for any and all updates as we enter this joyful season.*

*What an opportunity we have as the family of God to close out the old year recalling with thankfulness and praise our Lord's goodness and enduring love and faithfulness through all generations, and therefore entering this New Year with thanks and praise to Him who in death gives us life and forgiveness, and who works within us to share His love and grace with all people. On a side note, thank you for all the very kindhearted cards, well wishes and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month! From our family to yours, may you be blessed by God with a "Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!"*

*Your Servant in Christ,*

*Pastor Blair Clark*



PRAY MORE  
worry less

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ”*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Where has the year gone? Like our lives, time seems to flow on by unless we are dealing with PAIN. Pain slows us down and we have to take the time to talk to our all knowing and powerful Lord. God tells us to enjoy these times because we should know that he finds us worthy of refining us and bring us closer to him.

In reality **WE** as Americans, have one of the highest standard of living in the world. In the Bible when they talk about the rich, that is **US**, so I ask “How are we using our riches?” In Ecclesiastes, the writer says “life is useless”. I find this to be true if God is not at the center of everyday of our lives. If you are at this cross-road, I encourage you to read Rick Warren’s book **The Purpose Driven Life**. It is mind and soul opening. You may also want to see a Christian sister or brother to talk to.

I challenged you in January to bring/invite at least one person to Trinity. How is that progressing? The feeling of having this happen is such a blessing for all.

Our unsuccessful search for a new Pastor reminds us that **GOD** is in control and **EVERYTHING** is accomplished in **HIS** timing for **HIS** reasons. I believe that our **PATIENCE** builds **FAITH** in God.

It is time for Trinity/you to elect two people that you believe would serve well on the Board of Directors. Pastor Blair is offering a Leadership Workshop from 12-3pm on November 3. All those wishing to be eligible, must attend. Those who took the Leadership Workshop last year do not need to retake it. The Nominating Committee will present you with a list of names of candidates at our December Congregational meeting. At this meeting we will also review the 2024 budget, present the 2025 budget, share the financial areas of savings this year and present our goals for 2025.

Please feel free to speak to me and ask any questions or call as I am here to serve the Lord by serving you!

Please continue to pray for your elders, staff, pastor, board of directors, all who volunteer and our church as a whole that we serve Jesus with our whole hearts for his glory.

*Paul Stieber*  
*Chairman of the Board of Directors*

**Board of Directors:**

Paul Stieber—Chairman  
Wayne Greenwell—Co-Chairman  
James Wuensche—Treasurer  
Joan Egeland—Secretary  
Marilyn DeTizio—Member at Large  
Rusty Ryan—Member at Large  
Michael Vencion—Member at Large





## ALWAYS FAITHFUL BIBLE STUDY

The Always Faithful Bible Study group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 am in Room 3. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. We have completed studies of Ezra, Nehemiah, Amos, and Obadiah and are currently reading Jonah. We look forward to our next prophet, Micah. Hopefully you will be available to join us. Materials will be provided and there is no cost for this Bible study. Just bring your Bible. For more information, call or text Jan Garner, 352-598-2048. Thank you.

### MICAH: PREACHER OF PROMISE Schedule 2025

January 7	Lesson 6	Micah 1
January 21	Lesson 7	Micah 2
February 4	Lesson 8	Micah 3
February 18	Lesson 9	Micah 4
March 4	Lesson 10	Micah 5
March 18	Lesson 11	Micah 6
April 1	Lesson 12	Micah 7

### MICAH 4:1-2 (NIV)

In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple  
will be established as the highest of the mountains;  
It will be exalted above the hills,  
And peoples will stream to it.  
Many nations will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the temple of the God of Jacob.  
He will teach us His ways,  
So that we may walk in His paths."  
The law will go out from Zion,  
The Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.



### **Black Friday — November 29** **8:30 am — Sanctuary**

Volunteers needed to:

1. Fluff bows & 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, fluff and decorate 2 trees behind the altar & 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.



Join us for this wonderful "Get into the Spirit" event! The more, the merrier!

Many thanks, Kris Loffler

See the SIGN UP SHEET by the  
drinking fountains in the

Narthex





**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Many thanks to all of you who are unable to attend on Monday mornings, but continue to make shawls on your own. If you get the chance to stop by for a few minutes, please do so, to meet Judy, Myrt, and Carol, who have been coming faithfully. Last month we welcomed Patricia,

who is learning. A couple of people have had to drop out, so there is room at the table for anyone who would also like to join us. *Thank you. Wanda Davis*

#### Friendship



**LUNCHEON**

Join this group of friends for Fun and Fellowship at the Oakwood Restaurant at 10:50am on the last Saturday of each month! Their next gathering is Saturday, November 30th. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Reach out to Joan Herro if you have questions.

#### Men's Club



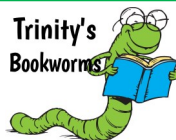
**Monthly Meetings**

#### **MEN'S CLUB ADDS BIBLE STUDY**

The Trinity Men's Club meets the first Monday of each month at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

We begin with coffee and donuts along with a Bible Study and finish with our monthly business meeting. Topic for the Bible Study will be disclosed in the Sunday announcements. Please register on the clipboard in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

**NOTE:** The Men's Club gave a donation of \$500 to Samaritan's Purse for Hurricane Victims. They also filled 12 boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. The Money came from your donations of newspapers and aluminum cans at the rear of the church.



#### **BOOKWORMS DIG INTO DIFFERENT "SOIL"**

Our Trinity Bookworms enjoy a variety of genre and will continue to do so in the next three months. Check out our list below and put these books on hold now at your local library, kindle, or eBook. New "worms" are always welcome. We meet in classroom one by the kitchen the first Wed. of each month at 1:30pm.

#### **NOTE TO CURRENT WORMS: Change of Books in December & January**

#### **BOOKWORM DATE SWITCHABOO!**

The Bookworms **will NOT be meeting in Nov.** but will instead meet on Wed. Dec. 4 at 1:30 in classroom one. We will do a two-for-one discussion of *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger and *Catching Christmas* by Terri Blackstone, who is a Christian novelist. The latter book is a short, easy read and perfect for the holidays.

Jan. 4:

*"Where the Forest Meets the Stars"*  
by Glendy Yanderah

Do you believe in aliens? You might think twice when your read this novel about a young girl who mysteriously shows up outside a geologist cabin in the forest.

How's that for a variety of genre?  
Questions? Call Carol Keenan

**Trinity  
Singles**

**Trinity Singles** meet on the 3rd Friday of every month @ 5:00pm at various local restaurants.  
Look for details in weekly Announcements!  
*Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.*



The Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Bank continues to serve families in need of food items and Trinity continues to be one of the largest contributors!

A great big thank you from Ms. Brewer!!!!

As you know, the holidays are once again upon us! Last year we supported Community of Gratitude through the purchase of \$10.00 Walmart gift cards. YOU donated over \$1,000 in Walmart cards!!! These gift cards are an effective way to distribute assistance to families according to their needs. If you would like to support this effort this year, please put your Walmart gift cards in the smiling “Turkey Basket” on the front table in the Narthex. They can also be brought to the church office if that is more convenient.

**The deadline for the collection of gift cards is Sunday, November 10.**

If you would like to volunteer for the varying ways to assist at the pantry or should you have any questions, you may contact , Jim or Nancy Steinmark. You can also call the church office for additional information.

The pantry is open on Tuesday 10:00-12:00, Thursday 1:00-3:00,  
and Saturday 10:00-12:00.

**The 2025 signup list for Trinity volunteers to deliver food donations to the food bank is now available in the Narthex.**

*Jim or Nancy Steinmark*



LoveInc was conceived in 1977 as a way to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. From its earliest beginnings, LoveInc has served as a Clearinghouse to bring church members into direct contact with the needy folks living in their communities. It is, at its most fundamental level, Christians coming together to serve individuals and families who are less fortunate. It is an answer to prayer. LoveInc in Summerfield, is one of 150 affiliates in 30 states. The congregations and community partners which make up each affiliate, meet serious and various essential needs in their locale. Trinity is one of those 40 congregations in our area. The LoveInc motto is "meeting needs and changing lives ". Once a screened individual or family's particular need is identified, our volunteers work one on one with them to accomplish a goal which has been set. The client must show a true desire to change the situation they find themselves in. The needs vary. Some are homeless. Some are unemployed. Many are working, but don't earn enough to cover rent, utilities and food bills. Others are lonely and discouraged. These are people who need a helping hand and LoveInc is there to assist. They need a hand up, not a hand out. This is an ongoing process. At the heart of LoveInc are volunteers motivated by the desire to share God's love and inspired by Jesus's example of selfless giving. It enables these Christians to pool their time, talents and treasure to create a network of resources and services to respond to concerns in the community. Together, they provide tangible assistance, encouragement and programs to meet immediate needs and, in many cases, teach people life skills so that they become more self reliant. LoveInc about helping churches help people. It is Christians working together , across denominational lines, to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. Every time I imagine this picture, I think of the old hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers." Why not join the army of volunteers marching with "the cross of Jesus going on before." Surely there is a way you can help! For more information you can contact the office in the Centsible Furnishings building on Highway 27/441. The number is (352) 245-8774. A fellow volunteer will be waiting for your call. You can also contact Barbara Csont, your Trinity representative.





## Trinity's Sewing Angels

It appears I have not written for the Tidings since last March! Oh, my goodness! Much has transpired since then! Below is a list of who were blessed by what!

G.G's house	206 soapy washcloths		
	53 necktie pencil bags		
Sozo Kids	66 drawstring bags for care kits		
	20 pillowcases		
	70 camp blankets		
Memorial Quilts	5	Honor Flight	38 quilts
Amber's Ark animal rescue	10 pet beds	Baby Martzowka	10 baby washcloths.

The last 2 distributions listed were from my stay in Ohio this summer. My husband and I helped with VBS for Christ Lutheran church in Mantua, Ohio. We were in charge of outdoor games. It had a pet theme. Everyday there was a different speaker related to pets. Amber's Ark of nearby Ravenna Ohio spoke one day. She was very happy to accept the 10 Pet beds to help with her animal rescue.

Christ Lutheran Church was blessed with a new young pastor straight out of the seminary. When Pastor Blake Martzowka arrived in Mantua to begin his ministry he was newly married. Shortly thereafter they were expecting a baby. She was born in August. I spoke with Ruth Martzowka about the sewing projects done by the Sewing Angels and she was happy to pick out 10 baby washcloths for their little one.

I would like to tell you a bit more about the care kit drawstring bags. The drawstring bags are filled with all the basics a child would need when having an emergency removal from the home. We are shocked at how quickly we need to replenish the supply. Sewing Angels member Julia Mack who is on the board for the Sozo Kids inquired why they are going through them so quickly. She was told there is a big problem with Fentanyl laced drugs taking the lives of the parents or rendering them unfit to continue in their parenting role. Please keep these kids in your prayers!

Another project that was done by the sewing Angels recently was recovering the Office pew cushion and making 2 new pillows. It was made with fabric that was donated to us. Next time you're in the office check it out!

Right now we are working on putting together quilts for the baby and children's ministries. We will be making these distributions very soon.

If you are interested in helping this awesome ministry out, we need the following: washcloths or towels we can make into washcloths and bars of soap. They need not be new! If you have a bath towel or beach towel with stains or holes we can cut around them to make washcloths. The soap can be bath size or hotel sized. Please either drop them off at the Church office or put them in the Sewing Angels donation bin in meeting room 4 at the back of the church.

If you or someone you know have use for a wheelchair or walker bag please stop by the welcome center and pick one out!

If you would like to join us in this outreach there are many sewing and non sewing tasks we can use help with. We meet on Thursday mornings from 9-noon. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Sewing Angels please contact the Church Office to get contact information.

Blessings! Sue Lehota



Dear Sewing Angels:  
I would like to take this opportunity and thank all of you Angels for my beautiful quilt. I have it on my bed and will look at it everyday and think of you. I appreciate it very much. You did a beautiful job! Sincerely, CPL Dan Pirozzi

Create together  
IN LOVE.



Thank you to all the Sewing Angels who put together your skills to create a beautiful quilt for my dearly loved husband, Dick Schluckbier. It will be a daily reminder of the kindness and generosity you have given and share to us. Thank you for sharing your talent in making such a meaningful piece.

God's Love and Blessings,

Nancy Schluckbier

Dear Sewing Angels:  
The lap quilt you made me in remembrance of my nephew, David Zeller is beautiful!  
Thank you, Donna





## 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.*

**We are excited to begin our Fall events! We've been working hard on the fall schedule and events and thought we would share them with you! *Be sure to mark you calendars—see below:***

***Tuesday, November 19 at 12:00pm (noon)***

***Taste of Thanksgiving***

*We supply the turkey and you bring a side dish.*

*Watch for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.*

***Saturday, December 7 at 10:00am***

***Annual Red Boot Tea***

*Brunch will be served and the cost will be \$10 per person.*

*Tickets will go on sale in the Narthex on Sunday, November 10.*

*The recipient of our donations will be **Hands of Mercy Everywhere**.*

*Cash and Publix gift cards will be appreciated*

***This year we are asking everyone to bring either a Christmas mug or a pair of Christmas socks to exchange at your table. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and celebration of the Christmas season.***

The LWML board is having a 2025 planning session in early November.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of events for our ladies. If you have any suggestion, please see one of the board members. Watch for our new LWML flyer that will be out early in December.



### **LWML Mite Box Collection**

***1st Sunday of each month!***

*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.*



***“But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him, if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him, unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”***

***Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)***

## District Members Participate in Kenya Mission Trip

by Scarlet Holcombe  
LWML FLGA Mission Trip Coordinator

During this past August, 2024, several Florida-Georgia District members and two additional individuals participated in a mission trip to Point of Grace Academy (POGA) outside Kisumu, Kenya.

For 13 years, POGA has given a top-notch education to the students from all areas of Kenya. From its start in 2011 — with just 11 students — it had grown to more than 600 elementary students and more than 200 high school students. POGA provides for their spiritual growth with chapel services, as well as religious instruction during the week. This past year, POGA added a clinic to their campus, which services the student body as well as the surrounding community. This clinic currently sees approximately 50 people weekly, providing standard medical care.

During the week-long trip, team members worked with the students and taught religious stories. They also helped in the medical clinic assisting the technicians and workers. Each morning began with a delicious breakfast before beginning the various activities of the day. The group received a Bible verse each day to contemplate as they went about their activities. The group met regularly for a delicious lunch and then began afternoon activities which included discussion with groups of students or playing some games.

Supper followed the afternoon activities with a devotion lead by Pastor Dennis Meeker, one of the founders of POGA. On Saturday the group hosted a supper for the students — helping serve the meal. The meal consisted of rice, chicken, chapati (flatbread), cabbage, and watermelon, along with a soda to drink. This meal helped the students and team to get to know one another.

On Sunday the group worshiped at the POGA chapel, with the FLGA District pastors helping in the service. Pastor Jeff Moore preached on John 6 and Pastor Tim Brown lead the liturgy. The children sang beautifully during this service.

On Monday, the group handed out dresses and shorts sewn by the FLGA and Michigan District LWML to the girls and boys of POGA. They also sorted through the donated supplies for the classrooms and the pharmacy — including supplies, clothing items, Bibles and catechisms that had been in checked luggage — 32 bags in total. ●



Mission Team:  
Kneeling —  
Elise Roberts,  
Vicky Manietta;  
Standing  
from left —  
Ann Barber,  
Deaconess  
Lorna Meeker,  
Kaye Wolff, Jan  
Garner, Rev.  
Dennis Meeker,  
Anna Moore, Rev.  
Jeff Moore, Lisa  
Moore, Shelley  
Brown, Ada  
Jarmosevich,  
Rev. Tim  
Brown, Scarlet  
Holcombe.



At left — some  
of the dresses  
sewn by LWML  
members  
from FLGA  
and Michigan  
Districts.



At left —  
The pastors  
dedicated  
the donated  
paraments. From  
left, The Revs.  
Edwin Nyago,  
Jeff Moore,  
Paul Okeyo, Tim  
Brown.



Another team  
shot — Kneeling:  
Vicky Manietta,  
second row:  
Elise Roberts,  
Ann Barber, Jan  
Garner, Kaye  
Wolff. Back  
row: Scarlet  
Holcombe,  
Shelley Brown,  
Rev. Tim Brown,  
Rev. Jeff Moore,  
Lisa Moore, Anna  
Moore, Ada  
Jarmosevich,  
Deaconess Lorna  
Meeker



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTIAN CANCER CARE BLESSINGS MINISTRY

The Christian Cancer Care Blessings (CCCB) 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.

We have been very busy packing and distributing care bags. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, with the help of the LWML, we packed 50 bags. Each bag contained a Pocket Prayer Book or N.T. Bible, a Cancer Pamphlet, a colorful bookmark and scripture message along with hand lotion and lip balm, and a special personal note of encouragement. Also included were donated items such as boxed teas, sugar free cough drops, hard candy, puzzle books, mechanical pencils, and non-skid socks. There were beautiful handmade lap blankets, crosses and hearts, and small bags containing a port pillow and a tissue holder. All items donated and made with love.

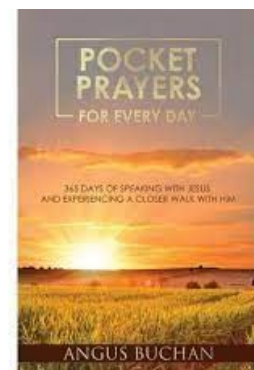
Remember that **YOU** are a part of this ministry. Cancer Care bags can be picked up at the Welcome Desk, at no charge, and can be delivered in person to someone needing God's comfort. If you would like us to send a bag out of state, please leave the name and address information at the Welcome Desk and someone will send it for you, also at no cost. Recently, we have mailed care bags to New Jersey, New York and Michigan.

This is an ongoing ministry and we will need to replenish our supplies. Supplies donated and/or handmade by you can be dropped off in Room 4. Our bin is located in the back and marked CCCB. Thank you for your generosity. We would not be able to provide this ministry without donations. If you would like to donate for materials that we need to purchase or funds for mailing, please put CCCB on the memo line of your check.

**Volunteers needed:** If you have been through a cancer related illness or know someone who has, you will find this ministry very rewarding. It feels good to give back and be a part of sharing God's love with others in need. We welcome you to join us. For more information, call or text Jan Garner, 352-598-2048. Thank you.

1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

*"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love."*





## GLOBAL MISSIONS

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

*Matthew 28:19 (NLT)*

### SEWING FOR CUBA: A CUBA MINISTRY

*By Jan Garner*

**"Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us? I said, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."**

**Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)**

I have been fortunate and am very grateful to have been on eight Mission trips abroad in my life and most recently; my fourth trip to Cuba. I have met many amazing people and witnessed their love for God and each other. I have participated in their joyful praise of worship, singing and dancing. The services are rich with heritage and customs and their prayers have established a deep, sincere relationship with God.

I have been working with Alejandrina (Nina) Lopez-Sotolongo, and her husband retired Pastor Jose Sotolongo. After retiring from the pulpit, they have established several Bible Study groups for men and women of different ages in their home. They continue to bring more members from their village to church and through the Word, many come to know Christ for the first time in their life.

Thanks to your generous contributions of sewing materials, Nina will continue to teach the Word as she teaches people how to sew. They make new clothes for themselves and their families. New clothes are very special to them and this encourages them to come to church. She was happy to tears when she saw what you had sent. Thanks again.

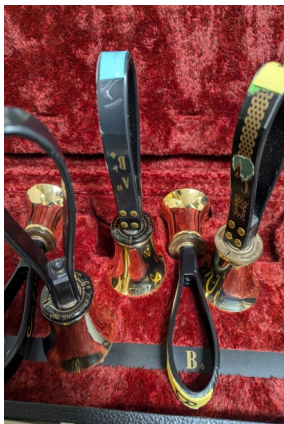




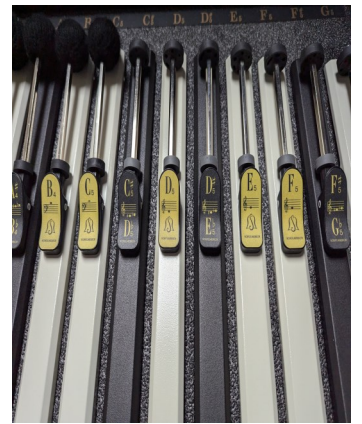


## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

The Trinity Choir is busy with our fall schedule of music and hope to inspire your worship service with some new songs as well as traditional songs. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and would love for you to join us. We usually sing twice a month at both services with some exceptions. You do not need to know how to read music to sing in a choir. We know that this wonderful commitment to serve our Lord is using the gifts He gave us. Whether you used to sing in a choir or never have, we invite you to experience this rewarding ministry and fellowship as we share our love for God and each other.



The Bells of Trinity make beautiful music with hand bells and chimes. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm and would love to have you visit sometime just to see what it is all about. We will show you how and when to ring a bell so that your bell in combination with other bells produces the sounds that you hear on Sunday mornings. You do not need to be able to sing to ring a bell. If you can count to 4, you're in. We play one Sunday a month at both services and send the presence of God ringing through the sanctuary on a musical tone.



The Devotional Drum Ensemble consists of several members playing multiple rhythm instruments accompanying your favorite hymns. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm and look forward to working with you. Have you ever beat on a Tubano? Buffalo? Bongo? Split-log? Or Talking? ... All drums. Have you played a Gonkogui? Shekere? Guiro? Cow Bell? Or the Maracas? Or Claves? ... All rhythm instruments. You will be shown how to hold and play any drum or rhythm instrument of your choice.



**Don't just sit there and enjoy the beautiful music. Come and be a part of making it! You'll be glad you did.**

For more information or if you are interested in joining one or more of these groups, please contact me at 352-598-2048, Jan. Thanks.

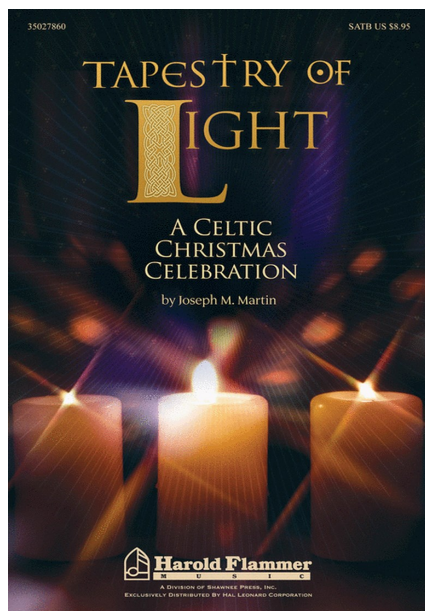
The Trinity Lutheran Church Music Ministry presents “*TAPESTRY OF LIGHT*”, a Celtic Christmas Celebration written and arranged by Joseph M. Martin. This celebration will be on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by a Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. “*Tapestry of Light*” is a joining of traditional carols from the British Isles, with scripture reading and candle lighting. Inspired by trips to Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, this work celebrates the rich heritage of seasonal songs part of a great tradition.

**Joe Martin writes:**

*“The music of Christmas is a treasure for both the ear and the heart. Each winter it covers our lives with a hopeful blanket of sound and reminds us that even in the silence of winter, there is a song. Each tradition offers its own rich vocabulary of holiday carols joining together faith and art into a glorious fabric of melody and truth. From angelic acclamations to delicate lullabies, the message of God’s love leaps from the pages of our songbooks and finds a home in the tender places of our hearts.*

*Through singing and sharing of this work, may the grace that inspired these time-honored tunes surround and inspire you. As you light the candles and raise your voices, May the joy and peace of Christ fill you and shine through you. May the Father of all lights gather us all to His heart and weave us into a wonderful “Tapestry of Light.”*

*Joseph M. Martin*



**EVENT**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

**DECEMBER 18, 2024—5:00 PM  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY**

**EVENT**

**CANTATA/ADVENT FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

**DECEMBER 18, 2024—6:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Trinity's prayer groups are busy praying for our church families and friends. This page is dedicated to those who wish to send a thank you to everyone who takes the time to pray for them.

Please continue to send your appreciation message and they will be printed in the next Tidings!!

So appreciative of my Trinity Family  
for their prayers and cards sent to me  
following my back surgery. As always,  
I love you all!

Love, Kitty Will

Robert Palmer is so  
thankful for all the calls  
and cards that he re-  
ceived while he was in  
hospital! It was greatly  
appreciated!!!

THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART

*Many thanks to everyone who kept both Al and I in your prayers and sent cards during my multiple trips to the hospital in June. After multiple testing and finally the wearing of a heart monitor, the doctors all concurred that a pace-maker needed to be installed. I am feeling better each day and your "prayer power" definitely worked.*

*Blessings to you all,  
Lois Etzler*

Thank you to all of our  
wonderful volunteers!  
Your love and support of  
Trinity shows through your  
generously donated time  
and talents.  
Thank you for all you do!!!!



**Congratulation to  
Liam Robert Johnson, our most  
recent Jr. Confirmand!!!! Liam gave  
his testimony and was confirmed  
Sunday, October 27 at the 10:00am  
Heritage Sunday Worship Service.  
Congratulations Liam!!!!**



### *New Members Recognized*

On October 27, 2024 we recognized 8 new members to the  
Trinity family!

*Sydney R. Crawford*

*John, Maggie, Madeline and Liam Johnson*

*William Meier*

*Laurie Jansen*

*Daune and Janet Smith*

*Welcome and Congratulations to All!!!*

## ***"For Such a Time as This"***

### Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Retreat

When: February 1, 2025 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

*Guest Speaker: Donna Snow, Author of The Book*

### "Chosen" - Study of Esther

Imagine you have entered the beautiful palace banquet hall of King Ahasuerus (King Xerxes) of the Persian Empire, where he will soon choose his next queen. You do not want to miss this historical event. You will be present to hear about a young girl who makes a brave decision to save her nation. And you will feel the presence of God in this study and recognize how He works in our daily lives.

Donna Snow is a popular speaker and author. She has written more than 30 Bible Studies and books. She is a retreat leader, a Bible Study teacher, and a supporter of mission work. She is the Founder and CEO of Artesian Ministries, a Christ-centered, 501c3 non-profit organization supported through grants and contributions.

The cost of this retreat is \$20.00 per person. Please complete the attached Registration Form, one per person, and return it by January 27, 2025, to secure a seat at this retreat. We look forward to serving you.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Ministries



## **RETREAT INFO:**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
17330 US Hwy 441,  
Summerfield, Fl 34491**

Follow the driveway around to the back of the first building.

Handicap entrance and parking available.

Signs will be posted.

The doors open for Registration Check-In at 8:00 am  
with a light breakfast beginning at 8:15am.

The program begins promptly at 9:00 am.

Please bring your Bible.

For more information on Donna Snow or Artesian Ministries go to  
[ArtesianMinistries.org](http://ArtesianMinistries.org) or [dsnow@ArtesianMinistries.org](mailto:dsnow@ArtesianMinistries.org)

For additional information regarding the retreat,  
please call or text Jan Garner, 352-598-2048.



**TRINITY LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 1, 2025**  
**"For Such A Time As This" Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please use form for one name only. Copies are allowed. Thank you.)*

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Optional-Email needed for receipt of Registration Form and Fee)*

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Selection: \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey & Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ Ham & Cheese

Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make check payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church

Please write on the Memo Line: Retreat 2025

Drop off at the Trinity Lutheran Church Welcome Center Desk or

Mail to: TLC, 17330 US Highway 441, Summerfield, FL 34491

**Please have your registration form, cash or check received at  
Trinity no later than Monday, January 27, 2025. Thank You.**

This event will be recorded and may be used by the speaker for event  
advertising and publicity purposes.