

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRINITARIAN

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## From Our Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

Grace and peace to you...

Our Trinitarian Newsletter will now come out on a quarterly basis instead of semi-monthly. This means we will cover larger periods of the Church Year. This 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (October-December) is one of the busiest times of the year. Happily, much of it is a season of joy. Celebrating the Reformation of the Church at the end of October. All Saints Day and Thanksgiving in November. Advent midweek worship and Christmas in December. Throw in a couple of more observances and traditions like LWML Sunday, Stewardship Sunday and Holiday Happenings and we have ourselves a very full schedule. Just what we need, right? More things to put into our schedules.

I am not opposed to any of these (and actually look forward to most of it) but I have to be careful not to allow myself to be distracted. I do not want any church activity to become another 'job' that takes up my time. That only leads to discouragement and despair. Our LORD encouraged us to gather together on a weekly basis in order to hear His life-giving Word and to receive the gifts that He has provided for us in and through His Sacraments.

I want to hear the choir sing (and you are more than welcome to join the vocal choir). I want to hear the bells play (and you are welcome to join the bell choir, too). I want to eat the delicious food and come together in fellowship and spend time together as friends in Christ and I want you to, also. But if it becomes too much, if it begins to overwhelm, if you are wearing out and it comes down to choosing what to participate in and what you will have to leave out, please put worship at the top of your list. Worship is where God intentionally, purposefully distributes those gifts that last for eternity.

So Blessed Reformation Day to you, the saints of Trinity Lutheran Church. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! I look forward to worshipping together throughout this season.

God's blessings to you all...

Pastor

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am  
*Sunday School and  
Adult Bible Classes*

10:00 am  
*Worship Service*

*Holy Communion  
Every Sunday*

## OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will  
proclaim the Gospel,  
administer the Sacraments,  
and provide Christian  
education to children and  
adults in a supportive and  
nurturing environment.*

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### **Church Secretary**

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### **Music Director**

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### **Custodian**

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### **Chairman of Deacons**

Sharyn Leiding – Zone 3

### **Deacons**

Sharon Plawin – Zone 1

Craig Scott – Zone 4

Ken Leiding – Zone 5

Roger & Mary Ann Medlin – Zone 6

Bud & Lynn Hubert—Zone 7 & AG

## Council 2019

### **President**

John Knickelbein

### **Vice-President**

Bud Hubert

### **Recording Secretary**

Lynn Hubert

### **Treasurer**

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### **Christian Growth Chair**

Judy Sykes

### **LWML President**

Cathy George

### **Special Ministries Chair**

Patty Malone

### **Stewardship Chair**

Craig Scott

### **Worship Chair**

Janice Gwin

### **Church Properties**

Errol Jennings - Chair

Gerry Harger - Trustee

## Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

The slightly cooler weather that we are experiencing as I write this article (September 13th) reminds me that the season of Advent will seem to be here in the wink of an eye. While you are pondering my statement, please go to your calendar and mark one date – **Sunday, December 15th**. Don't miss out on the good fellowship that is guaranteed to occur as Trinitarians visit the homebound members and sing favorite, familiar Christmas carols. It is guaranteed to be rewarding for all.

Can't carry a tune? Don't worry; some choir members will be present to help keep us on key. The plan is to have a light lunch after church service, then car pool to various homes and serenade/visit with these appreciative members of Trinity who are physically unable to worship with us in the pew. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in November.

**DEACONS** – who are they and what do they do? They are volunteers whose purpose it is to assist the Pastor on all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.

In a nutshell, we meet monthly with Pastor, encourage regular church attendance and an atmosphere of friendliness, follow up on inactive members, oversee the reception and integration of new members into the congregation, mentor the group designated as "Active Guests" as well as show concern for the spiritual, emotional and physical welfare of the Pastor and his family and all church employees. You will notice a deacon presence at baptisms as well as funerals.

Got all of that? Deacons are assigned to your Zone, as indicated in the church directory. A new church directory will be published soon. Please make arrangements to have your picture and up to date contact information included. Currently serving as deacons are:

Zone 1 – Sharon Plawin

Zone 3 – Sharyn Leiding

Zone 4 – Craig Scott

Zone 5 – Ken Leiding

Zone 6 – Roger and Mary Ann Medlin

Zone 7 – Bud and Lynn Hubert

Any questions? Call a deacon for an answer or suggestion of ways that your worship experience at Trinity Lutheran Church can be enhanced. Your comments are welcomed.

Pastor's recommended reading ...

## 5 Things You Can Do To Witness Christ

Paul J. Cain

A third book from the 5 Things You Can Do series... Let's start with this little ditty: *Matthew, Mark and Luke and John are Gospels, it is true, but the only Gospel some folks see is the Gospel that is you.* Often when people hear the word *Witness* visions of mission work pop into their heads. When I have spoken with people about being a witness their reply sounds something like this: *I'm not a missionary. I don't have the proper training. I'm not comfortable speaking to strangers.* As the book says *If in reading this book you hoped for a script or a formula for witnessing, this certainly is not it.*

We are reminded that being a witness for Christ is a lifestyle. You might find yourself with an opportunity to speak to a complete stranger but most of us don't. We live our lives talking with friends and family, neighbors and coworkers or the checkout person at the grocery store. Conversations are more comfortable, more natural, because you are talking about things you know. This is also how witnessing is done.

You don't need to be a trained theologian to offer a prayer for a friend. You probably don't need to announce to your neighbor that you're going to church when you leave the driveway on Sunday morning. Witnessing is done through everyday activities. People see Jesus through what you say and what you do.

The Greek word from which we get the word *witness* means **attestation of fact, event, etc., from personal knowledge**. You don't have to invent things or make 'stuff' up. You speak and act from your own life experience just like when you talk about your favorite sports team or chosen hobby. You can be genuine with people and serve their needs. This short book will help to bring awareness of all of these facts and take some of the fear or anxiety away. I encourage you to check it out. You can read the whole thing in less than an hour and then come talk with me about it.

## From our Pastor

### Introduction to the Divine Service

Notes on the Liturgy #21 –  
Post Communion Canticle and Collect

In Luke 2:25ff, we read the account of a godly and presumably old man named Simeon. The Holy Spirit had promised Simeon that he would live to see the Christ. The Spirit fulfilled its promise when Mary and Joseph went to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Jesus before the Lord. Simeon picked up infant Jesus and holding Him in his arms he spoke by the guiding of the Holy Spirit - **Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.**

From this text we derive the Post-Communion Collect called the ***Nunc Dimittis*** (meaning ***now dismiss*** or ***now let [us] depart***). Simeon had seen all he needed to see and he could now die in peace. What wonderful words to apply to the end of Communion. We too have seen the Lord's Salvation! We have received His Peace and can depart from the church building into the world with confidence. We have all we need in Christ.

The Post-Communion liturgy does not linger long. It is brief so as not to detract from the high point that was reached in Communion itself. The Communion liturgy promptly ends with the Post-Communion Collect. With the Collect we start the way we ended the Communion liturgy with a note of thanks for the gifts we beneficially received by faith. Read the Post-Communion Collects in your hymnal. Ask yourself what these Collects teach you about Communion and about its implications for the fellowship of believers.

*These notes were originally written in 2001  
by Pastor David Oberdieck and have been edited.*



## Operation Barnabas

Patty Malone

Operation Barnabas has adopted the USS Mason (DDG 87) while it is deployed in the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf. Please keep the Sailors and their families in your prayers. We will be hosting families from the USS Mason in Belvedere Hall in October for a children's party. We will also be preparing welcome home bags for single Sailors. Stay tuned to Facebook, the website and the bulletin for more details.

The LCMS – Armed Forces Warning Order – Operation Barnabas Newsletter September 2019 report the following fallen heroes:

Sgt. James G. Johnston – assigned to the 79<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Battalion, 71<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Group at Fort Hood, Texas. (ARMY)

Master Sgt. Michael B. Riley – assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group at Fort Carson, Colorado. (ARMY)

Sgt. William Friese – assigned to the 821<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company, 1092<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Battalion, 111<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, in Summersville, West Virginia (NATIONAL GUARD)

Sgt. Maj. James G. Sartor – assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Carson, Colorado. (ARMY)

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Elliott J. Robbins – assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group soldier out of Fort Carson, Colorado. (ARMY)

Please pray for those who mourn the death of the fallen heroes above who gave their all for our nation.

The LCMS encourages congregations to reach out to military families in the following ways:

**Pray** for our troops.

**Recognize** veterans in your congregation at least once a year.

**Celebrate** and remember our nation's military veterans, service personnel, chaplains and families.

**Don't forget Veteran's Day is November 11th!**

Good resources below:

There is Veteran Help - If you are a veteran or you know a veteran who may be in crisis, free confidential support is available 24/7. Call the **Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 and press 1, send a text message to 838255 or chat online: veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat**

A Guide for Military Families [usarec.army.mil/downloads/1stbde/1nbn/ GuideforFamilies.pdf](https://usarec.army.mil/downloads/1stbde/1nbn/GuideforFamilies.pdf)

## LWML

Cathy George

Happy Fall to all the ladies of Trinity!

Summer is behind us and we are planning for a full Fall and Advent season. We had a great meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> to kick off the season. Two new ladies attended our meeting. Just a reminder, all ladies are invited to attend any of our meetings.

- **October 12, 2019:** Tidewater Zone Fall Rally at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hampton, VA.
- **October 13, 2019:** Our first event will be the LWML Sunday Celebration. The theme of 2019 is "Faith as a Mustard Seed". *"Because you have so little faith; I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to the mountain 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20* Ushers, lector and greeters will be ladies from our congregation. There will be a packet of LWML material information given out to all ladies at the end of the service.
- **November 1-3, 2019:** LWML District Retreat will be held in Ocean City, MD. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cathy George for more details.
- **November 24, 2019:** Holiday Happenings after the service. We will be selling Arts and Crafts, and baked goods. The proceeds will benefit our mission projects. If you can help, please let Cathy George know what you will be bringing.
- **December 7, 2019:** Advent Tea will be held at Hope Lutheran Church from 2 to 4 pm. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the LWML bulletin board.
- **December 8, 2019:** After church we will be decorating the Sanctuary and other parts of the church for the upcoming Christmas season. Please plan to stay and help with the decorations.
- In December look for a sign-up sheet for the LWML Epiphany Luncheon to be held January 4<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are invited!

Looking forward to seeing new faces at our upcoming events.



## Board of Stewardship

Craig Scott

### LCMS Stewardship Ministry

*In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words:*

*"We are all beggars. This is true."*

*And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironical, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.*

*But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.*

*And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.*

*And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.*

*On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.*

*This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.*

*This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.*

*We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.*

*So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.*

-taken from LCMS website

We invite you to come together in Worship on Sunday, November 27th to celebrate Stewardship Sunday.

## Yard Care Volunteers needed

A thank you to everyone who has come out to cut, edge, weed wacked and blow off the sidewalks over the summer! The church yard looks wonderful as you drive down Granby Street and pull in the parking lot. We have had individuals, families and couples all volunteer. Do you see yourself as a volunteer?

The church yard needs maintained weekly during the Fall. The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. The grass is cut on Friday or Saturday each week and fall will bring leaf clean-up. If raining you can figure out what day will work better.

The church has everything you need, we just **need people!** It works well if there are at least two individuals each week. The church takes up an entire block so many hands make for light work. It takes each one of us to make our church a welcoming place.

The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center with the "lawnmower man" on it. Please consider this important ministry to your church.



## Special Ministries

Patty Malone

Yes, Trinity members were busy this summer! In between our own vacations we volunteered making a difference in the community in which we live. We volunteered at the Foodbank of Southeastern VA and cooked and served at the Judeo/Christian Outreach Center in Virginia Beach. We sponsored "Christmas in July" to raise funds and collect items for Operation Christmas Child. A fun time was had by all who attended. Everyone had ice cream and toppings and were able to make Christmas crafts if they wanted to...never would of thought glue would be so popular. We hope to see you next year! A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteer's who came out and made each of these events successful!

The bookshelf in the welcome center was full to the brim so we contacted REACH (Reading Enriches All Children) for them to come out and gather the books. They were delighted as summer months tend to be slow for the collection of books.

Today, when I walked into church the bookshelf is full again, Wow! We are truly making a difference in the lives of local children as they learn the life-long skill of reading. Keep the books coming!

A thank you to Lynn and Bud Hubert for delivering the personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief in Baltimore. Having the 32 personal care kits delivered saved us a lot of postage. These care kits are delivered around the world when disaster strikes. Thank you!

On September 21th we again volunteered at the Foodbank of Southeastern VA. This is the last time we will be volunteering there for the 2019 calendar year. This is always a fun Saturday morning with our fellow Trinity members. **The 2020 dates will be published as soon as they are known.**

It was just a few weeks ago that Hurricane Dorian reared its ugly head and destroyed so much of the Bahamas. David and Jo-Nell Chadwick brought an idea forward about helping the Bahamas via the Upwind Flying Club. They applied to use their Thrivent Action Team funds and we are holding a collection to be shipped out during the first week in October. The items we will be supplying are just a few from a large list. We will have collected, by the time of this reading, the following items: flashlights w/batteries, work gloves and work goggles, Ziploc bags, new socks and underwear, duct tape, trash bags and band-aids. Thank each of you for helping to make a difference in the world!

**SAVE THE DATE – October 20, 2019** after the worship service we will be packing the *Samaritan's Purse*

"Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes. A pizza lunch will be served - so come out and help pack the shoeboxes! We hope to pack more than the 36 boxes we packed last year. The summer camp children collected items as their in-gathering so that should really help in making the boxes full.

Collection of items for the shoeboxes will continue up until the date of packing. A collection box is in the welcome center for your donations.

For the months of **November and December** we will be collecting children and adult diapers for the Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank. A lot of people take for granted that all children and adults have clean diapers through out the day. That sadly, is not the case! Diapers are expensive and some people must make the decision to eat or get diapers. There are some months the Diaper Bank cannot distribute diapers as their donations are down. The winter months seem to be when donations are at there lowest, that is why we picked these months for the collection of the diapers.

No public assistance covers the cost of diapers and the cost can be close to \$100 a month. You must have diapers to put your child in daycare. We witnessed first-hand at the JCOC children in diapers that smelled so bad from urine and it was heart breaking! That is really what got us involved in this ministry. The collection box will be in the Welcome Center. Open packages are allowed if they are not used.

**Old batteries will NO LONGER BE COLLECTED.** Other ongoing collections of hotel soap/shampoos, eye glasses and postage stamps for prison bible ministry. Collection bins for these items are in the Welcome Center. Help us to reduce our carbon footprint! The summer camp children used all the hotel soap and shampoos to add to the goodie bags they did for St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. Ministry. They packed 50 1-gallon Ziplock bags to the brim. They added ponchos, toothbrushes, crackers and so much more. The children look forward to the service projects they do during the summer, always asking when the next one is. It is wonderful to include the entire church in their service projects.

Trinity members "you" are making a difference locally, nationally and internationally all from 6001 Granby Street! If you are interested in helping us find organizations and individuals that need our help, consider joining Special Ministries. There is so much to do, and many hands make for light work. None of what we do would be possible without the help of each member of the congregation and we THANK YOU! May God continue to bless Trinity as we make a difference in the world!

## Church Council

Lynn Hubert, Recording Secretary

### FALL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE –

Per our by-laws –

**Eligibility.** All Communicant Members, who have attained the age of 18, shall be eligible to serve on the Church Council as a Director of an Administrative Board. All Communicant Members, who have attained the age of 21, shall be eligible to serve as an Officer of the Congregation.

**Election Procedure.** At the fall Voters' Assembly, the voting membership shall elect by simple majority positions up for election (by paper ballot if requested). If there is more than one candidate for a particular position a paper ballot will be used.

**Terms.** The terms for the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council members are:

**Vice President** - A Vice President shall be elected every year. When elected, the Vice President shall serve for one year and then serve one year as President

**Second Trustee** - A Second Trustee shall be elected every year. When elected, the Second Trustee shall serve for one year and then serve one year as First Trustee.

**LWML President** – The LWML President shall be elected every year as presented by the LWML per their by-laws.

With the exception of those listed above, the terms for all elected positions shall be for two years.

During odd-numbered years, the following shall be elected:

Vice President  
Second Trustee  
Recording Secretary  
Director of Special Ministries  
Director of Stewardship  
Director of Worship  
LWML President (presented for election by vote of the LWML)

**Installation of Officers.** Newly elected Church Council members shall assume their duties on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Those appointed to fill vacancies shall assume their duties as soon as appointed. Church Council members shall be installed at a Sunday service in December.

The Nomination Committee has listed the slate of nominees below. This slate of nominees will be presented for vote at the November Voters' Assembly. Once approved by the voters they will assume their positions on January 1, 2020.

Also, at this meeting the Treasurer will review the financial state of the church as we near the end of 2019. The proposed budget for 2020 will be presented for approval.

A special thank you to those who have served as our church leaders for 2019. We want to especially thank John Knickelbein (outgoing President) and Errol Jennings (outgoing 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee).

Please make plans to attend this very special meeting!! If you have not signed the official record of Trinity's voters, please see Lynn prior to the November meeting. (A list of the current voting membership can be found on the bulletin board across from the office.) The record book will also be available prior to the beginning of the meeting.

## Nominating Committee

Bud Hubert

The Nominating Committee is very proud to announce that we now have a full slate of officers of the Church Council for the year 2020. . Bud Hubert will move up to President next year. Scott Thieman has accepted the position of Vice President. Gerry Harger will move up to First Trustee. Walter Staley has accepted the position as Second Trustee. We are excited to have a full slate of Church Council members for our Centennial Year. Thank you to the existing members of Church Council that are in 2020. We also would like to thank John Knickelbein, and Errol Jennings for their service.

In accordance with the by-laws, the Nominating Committee is proposing the following Slate of Officers for the year 2020 to be elected at the November Voters Assembly.

Vice President – Scott Thieman  
Recording Secretary – Lynn Hubert  
Director of Stewardship – Craig Scott  
Director of Worship – Janice Gwin  
Director of Special Ministries – Patty Malone  
Church Properties – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee – Walter Staley  
LWML President – Cathy George

A special thank you to the Nominating Committee : Linda Blaker, Ralph Knorr and Pastor Meraz.

## Board of Worship

Bud Hubert

The months of October, November, and December are filled with many opportunities to worship the Lord weekly on Sunday and at Special Services. LWML Sunday is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Reformation Sunday is October 27<sup>th</sup> following the service there will be an Octoberfest Luncheon in Belvedere Hall. November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will celebrate All Saints Day. November 24<sup>th</sup> is Stewardship Sunday. This is also the last Sunday of the Church Calendar Year. November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm there will be a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent. On Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> we will have the first of three mid-week Advent Services at 7 pm. The midweek services will start with a Hymn Sing. Bring a list of your favorite Hymns to share. Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Second Sunday of Advent. We will decorate the church following the service. The second mid-week Advent Service will be on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the Third Sunday of Advent. December 18<sup>th</sup> is our third and final mid-week advent service at 7 pm. December 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will have a very special Christmas Eve Service. This service will include all of the Special Music, the Procession of the Baby Jesus and the Candle Light Service. There will not be a 10 pm Service on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate The Nativity of our Lord at a 10 am Worship Service. A Lessons and Carols Service will be held on Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>. Epiphany Sunday is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will also un-decorate the church after the service.

A lot has gone on in the last two months. We have had services recognizing all those in the field of education. This included students, teachers, bus drivers, aides, administrators, cleaning and lunch staff, and anyone else that supports the education process. We also had a service and acknowledged the Acolytes who serve every Sunday. Rally Day/Sunday School was celebrated on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the efforts of Stephen Pruitt, our choir and bell choir are growing. Beautiful pieces are being performed on Sundays regularly. We would like to congratulate Stephen on his year anniversary here at Trinity as Director of Music. The Choir now meets on Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 pm. The Bell Choir meets after services on Sunday. More members are always welcome.

We would like to thank Ralph Knorr for leading the Lay Service while Pastor was on vacation. We would also like to thank Mary Anne Medlin for playing piano during our service while Stephen was on vacation.

The Board of Worship wishes to thank all of our Worship Service Participants. They are greatly appreciated. Thank you to Errol Jennings for filling the Altar Candles and Sharon Plawin for the beautiful flowers on the altar.

The Altar Guild Chair, Sharon Knorr, wishes to thank Julie Meraz, Bud Hubert, Cathy George, and Flo Ball for setting up communion and helping to clean up communion after each church service. Anyone who would like to help us do the above, please speak to any of these volunteers if you are interested. Thanks again to these volunteers for their commitment to Trinity.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Worship, please contact Janice Gwin.

## Christian Growth

Judy Sykes

September 8<sup>th</sup> was the kick off of a new Sunday School year of learning more about our God and His plans for us. It was good to see the children process with their Christian flags! Sunday School for all ages of children will be held in the room next to Adult Bible Class, each week at 9:00 a.m. Various age classes will be held according to turnout. Consider bringing your children anytime after 9:00, for music, lessons, and lots of interactive activities!

Dave Chadwick has been dutifully working on finding an inspiring speaker for a special segment of Adult Bible Class on a Sunday morning. So far topics include the LCMS mission field abroad and at home and the non-denominational mega church phenomenon. The first event could occur during the Advent season; please look for further information to come!

Plans are in the works to include the children of our congregation in the worship service for special occasions, ie: Reformation and Christmas. Again, look for more info to come!

We all grow as Christians as we practice our faith in our daily lives, letting God's light shine through us!

## 100th Anniversary

Bud and Lynn Hubert

### Trinity's 100th Anniversary Celebration begins in 2020

The committee has taken a short break during the summer but will soon begin work again on our centennial celebration.

As of this writing we have received \$20,418.71 in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Payments have been made to John Behnke for our anniversary hymn, and as deposit to Grand Affairs for our June banquet. Some funds will be used as follows: to purchase mementos in recognition of this milestone that will be available for you to purchase; to help subsidize the many receptions planned throughout the year; to help cover costs of the cookbook, calendar and bulletins/publications used through the year. We are looking into other needs of Trinity and where these funds may be used in recognition of this special anniversary. We want to thank everyone who has contributed, and we will continue to collect your contributions as our planning moves forward.

The Trinity Cookbook will be available for purchase at the LWML Holiday Happenings on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who submitted recipes. The cookbook also includes some recipes from past cookbooks over Trinity's history. We hope you will enjoy trying some new recipes and seeing some names from Trinity's past.

A calendar for 2020 will also be available Dec/Jan timeframe. This will include dates and special happenings planned throughout 2020. We are so excited to be a part of this milestone in our church history. Praising the Lord for 100 years of grace!!!!

Our kickoff service will be held on January 12, 2020 followed by a reception. Watch the bulletin for more details to come.

Our Church Anniversary Celebration Service will be held June 7, 2020 at 10:00 am., followed by the entire congregation on the front lawn for a panoramic picture.

A banquet will follow that evening at **Grand Affairs, 2036 Pleasure House Road, Virginia Beach.**

#### Guest arrival 5-6 pm

Sweet and unsweetened iced tea and reg and decaf coffee (5-6 pm)

Hors d'Oeuvre – Fruit and Cheese Display with Chocolate Fondue

#### Buffet Dinner 6- 7:30 pm

Garden salad with assorted dressings

Roasted Vegetable Bowtie Pasta Salad

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes

Vegetable Medley

Boneless Breast of Chicken Marsala

Baked Fish with Cheese Crumb Topping and White Wine Sauce

Braised Beef Brisket with Savory Gravy

Homemade yeast rolls with butter

Ice water on the tables

Unlimited tea, punch & sodas

#### Cutting and Service of Cake 7:30 – 8 pm

Rebecca Davidson has offered to make our cake. Her generous offer was gratefully accepted by the committee.

Tickets will be available for purchase in early 2020. Adult price per ticket will be \$30.00. There will be a child's menu and child's ticket available (price to be determined). If anyone cannot attend the banquet due to the cost, please speak privately with Pastor so that possible assistance may be offered. The committee has elected to help cover some of the costs of the evening to try to keep the cost for you as low as possible.

We will be inviting past members and friends of Trinity, LCMS District representatives and past pastors and chaplains who have served Trinity over the years. A program is being planned during the banquet.

Watch for mementos of our centennial, available for purchase throughout the year.

We are so excited and hope that you will join us in this celebration and thanksgiving to the Lord for all that He has done for Trinity. So many wonderful people have come and gone and touched our lives over the years. We remember the many saints who have called Trinity home.

We do all this in His name and in thanksgiving, Praising God for 100 years of grace!



## Preteens

Patty Malone

A few of us got to thinking over the summer that the youth room was looking a little dated. With approval from Church Council, we told Bill Sontag the plan and when we showed up, he had moved everything and had all the supplies ready for us to work. In August Katie and Patty Hoeft along with Patty Malone went in and scraped, sanded and prepped a wall to get it ready for a fresh coat of paint. In September Mary Lou and Craig Scott painted the wall. It looks fantastic!

A HUGE thank you to Katie, Patty H, Patty M, Mary Lou, Craig and Bill for getting this project done. It still looks like a mess, but we are not done. A few more things to do and the room will be ready for the youth. The reason behind the refresh was if the LCMSU young adults came over to the church from ODU we wanted them to have a place to call their own. The handprints on the wall remain so people can see who came through the room before them.

Our first **Preteen Fun-Night will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.** Come for a fun night of games, bible lesson, crafts and fun! Our special guest in October will be Pastor Meraz. The children love when he comes! We will **meet again on November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.** We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month during the school year with May being the last Fun-Night.

The children from Summer Camp cannot wait for Preteen Fun-Nights to begin. They keep asking when it is going to start! If you have a child who is a preteen bring them out for a fun evening just for them. If you can volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Patty Malone. You can leave a message and your message will be returned. If you can only volunteer one month that would be greatly appreciated.

## LCMSU @ODU

Patty Malone

It was a beautiful sunny day to kick-off our presence at Old Dominion University! You should have seen pictures on Facebook of Pastor manning the LCMSU table. LCMSU is now meeting every week for Bible Study which can be students or staff.

We have also joined with the University Chaplains Association to further work with the campus community and seek opportunities to share God's word. Continue to keep this new ministry in your prayers.

## Acolyte Recognition

Sharon Plawin

Four Trinity Acolytes - Jozlynn Donahue, Jeanette Gilson, Hayden Jennings and Jason Loper were recognized for their first year of service as acolytes on Sunday, September 8th and received their acolyte crosses.

Janet Gould, who has been acolyting at Trinity for many years, continues to serve.

It is so meaningful in liturgical worship to have the candles lighted at the beginning of the service to remind us that God is the Light of the World. The cross carried to represent Christ's presence with us in worship and then carried down to the aisle (and us) for the Gospel reading to show His presence in The Word. We thank our acolytes for suppling that to our worship services.

All five acolytes were part of the processional on that Sunday and they did a great job. Sharon Plawin, who assigns acolytes, said how proud she was of the acolytes that Sunday. "The processional and recessional were GREAT!!! Without any practice they pulled it off!!! These young people show their love for the Lord in how they conduct themselves and serve their Savior." Take a look at the video on the Trinity website.

The congregation is blessed to have its young people serving as acolytes.



### Holiday Choir

Join the choir for the holidays! If you can't make a yearlong commitment but would love to sing for the holidays here is your chance.

Short term commitment – Join us for eight rehearsals - October 29<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Sing on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at our Thanksgiving Eve Service, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at our Christmas Eve Service.

Lift your voice in praise! Please contact our Director of Music, Stephen Pruitt with any questions and to let him know to have your music ready!

## Lutherans Bowling

Doug Sulak

The Tidewater Lutheran Bowling League will be in its sixth week of bowling by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

This season we have eleven teams including a new team from Prince of Peace. The league is once again very competitive along with enjoying great Christian fellowship.

We would love to see some smiling faces from Trinity to cheer us on. We all dearly love to strut our stuff. We bowl on Monday nights at 6:30 pm at AMF Norfolk Lanes on East Little Creek Road.



## Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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**Something for Everyone**

For more information go to [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) or speak with Ralph Knorr, our LCEF representative.

### LCEF's Family Emergency StewardAccount®

LCEF's Family Emergency StewardAccount is designed to prepare you for those moments when you need funds not allocated in your monthly budget. Your investment builds over time with electronic funds transfer (EFT) and interest earned. You can access the funds easily when you need them most.

- Minimum \$25 investment to start investment.
- Minimum \$25 monthly electronic investment required until account reaches and maintains a balance of \$10,000.
- Interest compounded and paid monthly.
- No monthly maintenance or membership fees.

### PartnerPLUS for Current Investors

PartnerPLUS for CURRENT LCEF investors is a great opportunity for members to continue their support of LCEF.

- Fixed rate of 2.375% on 2-yr or 2.875% on 4-yr notes.
- Additions of at least \$25 allowed.
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- One account per investor; no transfers from other LCEF investments
- Balances up to \$25,000 earn premium rate; balances over \$25,000 earn second tier rate.



### Connect PLUS for NEW investors

ConnectPLUS for NEW investors is a great opportunity for members who have never invested with LCEF to join this ministry partnership.

ConnectPLUS features:

- **3% Fixed rate on the first \$5,000**, balances above \$5,000 earn second tier rate. \$500 minimum to open.
- Two-year term note; one new investment per investor.
- Additional investments of at least \$25 allowed.
- Interest compounded and paid quarterly.

Young Investors (Y.I.) Club

for children ages 0-18

offers a fun and easy way

to help kids learn valuable stewardship concepts.

LCEF's Y.I. Club StewardAccount® features:

- Minimum of \$25 to open account.
- Premium interest rate on balances up to \$1,000 - currently pays 3.5%.
- Savings grow with child, but are accessible.
- Extra credit deposits for good grades and service hours.
- Scholarship program available for high school seniors.



**OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Pastor and Julie invite you to their Open House.  
Please come and enjoy some refreshments and visit with us.  
Check your directory for their address or contact the Church Office.


**Birthdays**
**October**

- 2 Joshua Copeland
- 3 Aaron Sykes  
Sarah Von Moll
- 5 Ellie Wilson
- 7 Nikolas Mallie
- 8 Lynn Hubert
- 11 Deborah Adams  
Jonathan Leiding
- 13 Eugene Barker, Sr.
- 14 Peggy Bashara  
Brenda Gould  
Julie Kuenzli
- 18 Pastor Meraz  
Sarah Bugbee  
Rachel Prince
- 20 Stephanie Field  
Elena Kuenzli  
Vera Kuenzli
- 23 Chuck Edsall
- 24 Stephen Pruitt  
Ella Eichelberger

**November**

- 1 Trevor Gwin
- 2 Amanda Sontag
- 4 James Hoeft
- 8 Carole Brooks
- 10 Beyne Yosief
- 14 Paul Gillooly
- 16 Julie Meraz
- 17 Samuel Locklear
- 22 Patricia Malone
- 23 Karyn Gwin
- 24 Roger Medlin
- 25 Ed Sontag

**December**

- 2 Dave Poston
- 3 Hayden Jennings
- 4 Clint Dalton
- 5 Luke Prince
- 10 Sybil Klabuhn  
Rachel Adams Futrell
- 13 Ryan Von Moll
- 14 Pat Gregory
- 16 Terry Ingmire
- 17 Abbott Adesso
- 19 Jordan Bradley
- 20 Tyler Aker
- 22 Bill Sontag  
Celia Sabillon
- 25 Happy Birthday Jesus!
- 28 Mara Kane
- 29 Ray Johnson
- 31 John Knickelbein



**Anniver-**
**October**

- 1 Ralph ♥ Sharon Knorr
- 2 Trevor ♥ Karyn Gwin
- 10 Timothy ♥ Brenda Gould
- 12 Ian ♥ Sarah Bugbee
- 21 Walter ♥ Tresea Staley
- 27 Ryan ♥ Sarah Von Moll

**November**

- 9 Paul ♥ Jean Diehl
- 23 Paul ♥ Doris Lass

**December**

- 16 Roger ♥ Mary Ann Medlin

**saries**

In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at [www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org)  
and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancelations.

Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file  
and by phone to those who do not.

# WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>October 20</b>	<b>October 27</b>
Ushers	Linda Blaker and Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings and Justin Malone	Julie Meraz and Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings and Justin Malone
Lector	James Hoeft	Julie Meraz	Ralph Knorr	Cathy George
Communion Assistant	John Knickelbein	Dave Petri	Ralph Knorr	Ralph George
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Sermon	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	Pastor Meraz	Stephen Pruitt

	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
Ushers	Bud Hubert and Julie Meraz	Justin Malone and Doug Sulak	Linda Blaker and Bud Hubert	Julie Meraz and Doug Sulak
Lector	John Knickelbein	Anna Carter	David Chadwick	Julie Meraz
Communion Assistant	John Knickelbein	Jeff Ingmire	Dave Petri	Bill Sontag
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Sermon	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	TBA	Pastor Meraz

	<b>December 1</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>December 29</b>
U	Bud Hubert and Julie Meraz	Errol Jennings and Justin Malone	Justin Malone and Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings and Julie Meraz	Bud Hubert and Doug Sulak
L	John Knickelbein	Tresea Staley	James Hoeft	Cathy George	Ken Leiding
C A	John Knickelbein	Dave Petri	Bill Sontag	Ralph George	XXX
A	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
C S	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding	Pastor Meraz	Stephen Pruitt	Sharyn Leiding

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Study Group	2 7pm Financial Peace University	3 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 1pm Men's Bible Study	4	5
6 <b>17th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Rehearsal	7 6:30pm Bowling	8 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Study Group	9 7pm Financial Peace University	10 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	11 6:30pm PreTeen Night Activites	12 LWML Tidewater Zone Fall Rally @ Emmanuel
13 <b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>LWML Sunday</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Rehearsal	14 <b>Columbus Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Bowling	15 1pm Deacons Meeting 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Study Group	16 7pm Financial Peace University	17 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 1pm Men's Bible Study	18	19 8am Ladies Monthly Bible Study @ Coaster Coffee 8am Men's Breakfast
20 <b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Rehearsal	21 6:30pm Bowling	22 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Study Group	23 7pm Financial Peace University	24 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	25	26
27 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am <b>Oktoberfest Luncheon after service</b>	28 6:30pm Bowling	29 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Study Group	30 7pm Financial Peace University	31 Halloween 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 1pm Men's Bible Study		

Following our Reformation Service, we will be holding our annual Oktoberfest Luncheon in Belvedere Hall. This is a wonderful fellowship event with lots of great food!

The bratwursts and drinks will be supplied. A food sign-up sheet is posted on the Volunteer Board in the Welcome Center. Please take a minute to sign-up letting us know how many are attending from your family and the dish you will be bringing. We need sauerkraut, German potato salad, regular potato salad, as well as meat dishes (for those who do not like bratwursts), vegetable side dishes, rolls, salads and desserts. You will also find a volunteer sheet next to the food sign-up sheet. Please volunteer before the luncheon to help us get the food on the buffet table. Volunteers are also needed after the luncheon to help clean the kitchen and Belvedere Hall and place the tables and chairs back in the storage room.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! Any questions please contact Lynn Hubert.



# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 LWML District Retreat	2 LWML District Retreat
3 <b>All Saints' Day</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Rehearsal	4 6:30pm Bowling	5 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions Study Group</i>	6 7pm Financial Peace University	7 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 1pm Men's Bible Study	8 6:30pm PreTeen Night Activites	9 10am LWML Meeting
10 <b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Rehearsal 11:30am New Member Reception	11 6:30pm Bowling Veteran's Day Office Closed	12 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice	13 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions Study Group</i>	14 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	15	16 8am Ladies Monthly Bible Study @ Coaster Coffee on Tide- water Drive 8am Men's Break- fast
17 <b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Voters' Assembly After Service Daylight Saving Time ends	18 6:30pm Bowling	19 1pm Deacons Meeting 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice	20 6:30 pm <i>Lutheran Confessions Study Group</i>	21 11:30am Ladies Weekly Bible Study 1pm Men's Bible Study	22	23
24 <b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Rehearsal LWML Holiday Happenings	25 6:30pm Bowling	26 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir Practice	27 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	28 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30



**November 17, 2019  
11:30 a.m.**

## Thanksgiving Worship Service

Our traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we thank God for all He has given us!



# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir	2 6:30pm Bowling	3 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir	4 <b>7pm Advent Worship Service</b>	5 1pm Men's Bible Study	6	7 2pm LWML Advent Tea @ Hope Lutheran Church
8 <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service Church decorating	9 6:30pm Bowling	10 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir	11 <b>7pm Advent Worship Service</b>	12 7pm Men's Bible Study	13 6:30pm PreTeen Night Activities	14
15 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir Christmas Caroling to Homebound Trinitarian Deadline Jan/Feb/Mar	16 6:30pm Bowling	17 4pm LCMSU @ ODU 6:30pm Choir	18 <b>7pm Advent Worship Service</b>	19 1pm Men's Bible Study	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast
22 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir	23 6:30pm Bowling	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 7pm Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 <b>Christmas Day - The Nativity of our Lord</b> 10am Christmas Day Worship Service	26 7pm Men's Bible Study	27	28
29 <b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b> 9am SS/BC 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Bell Choir	30 6:30pm Bowling	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>				

## Greening of the Church

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 8th, (The Second Sunday of Advent)** to join us after the Worship Service to decorate the Church for Christmas. Our tradition is to place handmade Christmas trees that stand on either side of the altar. **ALL** are invited to participate in this fellowship event.



## Christmas Schedule

*Christmas Eve Service* - Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm Communion Worship Service

*Christmas Day Service* - Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am Communion Celebration

*First Sunday after Christmas* - Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
10:00 am A Service of Readings and Carols

