



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Norfolk, Virginia
Praising the Lord for 100 years of Grace
1920-2020



100th Anniversary—January 2020 Issue

The History of Trinity is its People...

...the pastors, organists, choir members, ushers, lectors, communion assistants, acolytes, Sunday School and Day School teachers, church officers, Lutheran Women's Missionary League ladies, grounds keepers, volunteers, contributors, and EVERYONE sitting here in the pews. God uses all of us to carry on His ministry on earth.

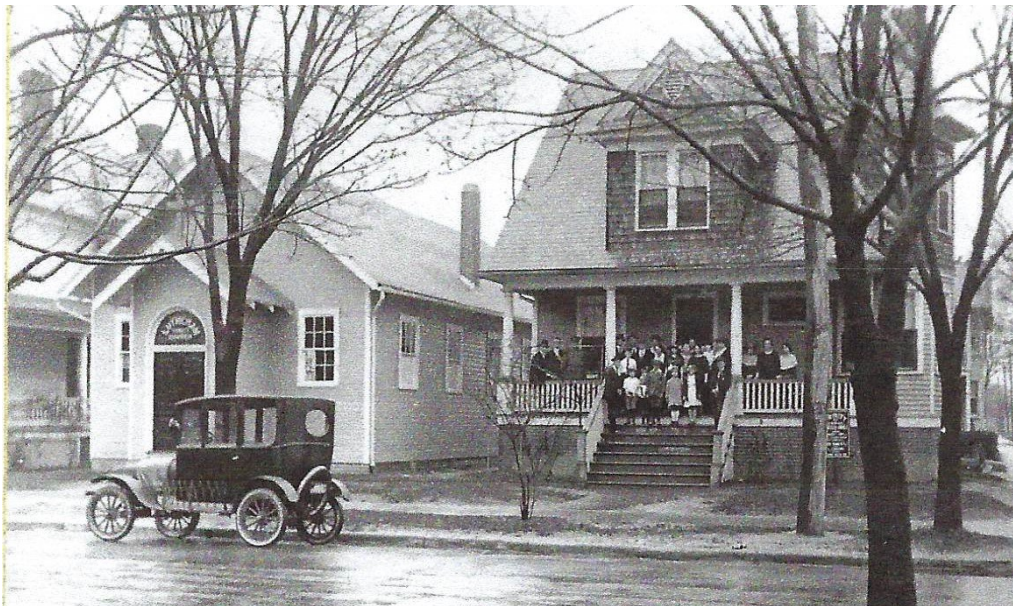
Each month during Trinity's 100th Anniversary year, we'll share how God's people carried on His work in this congregation. We hope you'll share your personal church history as well.

Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church was founded in 1920 shortly after World War I to minister to a group of German Lutherans living in the Norfolk area, as well as to reach out and share the Gospel with others. Pastor Frederick Meuschke was its first pastor in 1920.

Throughout its 100 years, Trinity has always been about mission outreach - to the military, to school families, to young people and to the community.



Notice the attention to worship details in Trinity's 1st church above - ornate altar, flowers, candles, pulpit, lectern, pipe organ, carpeting - much like Trinity 2020. The pulpit and altar were contributed by St. James Church in Overland, MD.



The parsonage was used for services before the church was built. Sunday School classes continued to be held there.

On May 30, 1920, ten men representing several families who were meeting for worship in a local funeral home, signed the original constitution of Trinity. (No voting rights for the congregation's women in those days.)

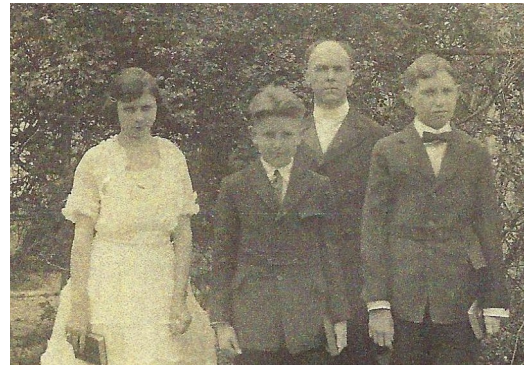
Since that day was Trinity Sunday, Trinity became the name of the congregation.

The church purchased a house and lot on 34th and Omohundro Ave. in Norfolk in 1921 at a cost of \$17,000. This home served as a parsonage and place of worship. Pastor Meuschke accepted a call to Long Island and Pastor Louis Roehm was installed as Trinity's second pastor in 1921.

Trinity's People carry on God's mission on earth

Pastor Roehm (right) served Trinity until 1931.

On Feb. 14, 1923, construction began on a small chapel on the vacant lot. The church was dedicated April 7, 1923. Cost of the chapel was \$1,800 (\$1,200 contributed by members and \$600 from fellow Lutherans, mainly from Bethlehem Church in Richmond.) Services were held there through 1945 when the new church on Granby Street was built.



Pastor Plawin (left), who served as Trinity's pastor from 1931 to 1966, with the Sunday School outside the old church. Thelma Voight Scroxtion (front row center holding book) still attends Trinity.... she sits on the front row lectern side. And Helen Keehn Everett, shown in the church doorway (last row) is still a member of Trinity and attends when she's able. Thelma's sister and brother are also on the front row (left).

Over the next year as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Trinity, we'll reflect on the people who served God's Kingdom at Trinity.

That will include:

Trinity's German Lutheran Roots

WW II and the influx of military and industry into this area

Evangelism to children & their families - Trinity Lutheran School

Growth & Expansion of Trinity

Highlights of Youth Ministry & Sunday School

Highlights of Young Adult Ministry

Planting mission churches in the area

Pastors & Chaplains who served Trinity

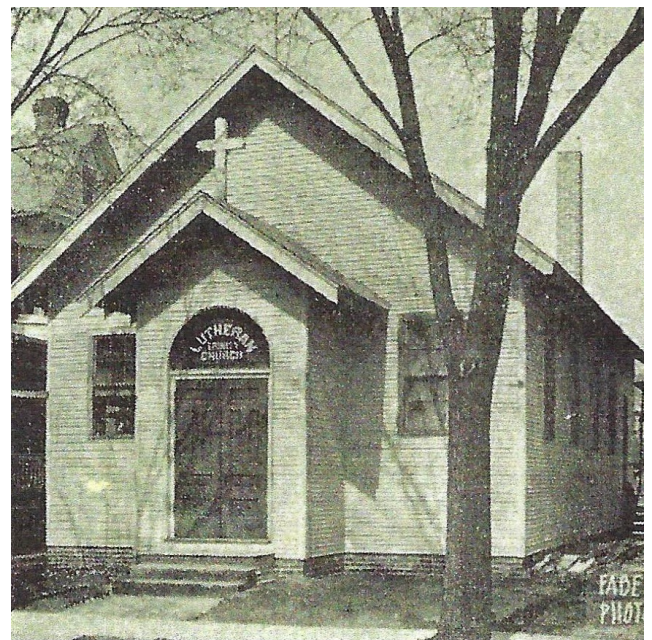
Leadership & servant roles at Trinity

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Organists and music of Trinity

Sponsorship of Refugee Families

Sons of Trinity going into the Ministry



Trinity's original church is still standing on 34th St. & Omohundro Ave., one block off Granby St. near the city zoo.