

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRINITARIAN

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## From Our Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

God bless you with peace and joy... When I looked at the calendar I realized that this would be my final article for the Trinitarian in my called vocation as pastor of Trinity. I have to say that while I'm definitely looking forward to retirement and all of its possibilities (grandbaby #8 is coming in the spring, remember?), I'm not looking forward to leaving. Of course, being here was never going to be permanent. There are a lot of ways a call can come to an end - failure to do the job, being called to another congregation, chronic sickness, even death. Given those choices, retirement seems pretty good.

Julie has a strong desire to live by a lake somewhere in the Midwest, closer to grandchildren. I also like that idea so that's the plan. We're hoping to be farther south than north. We escaped a lot of snow when we moved here and we like it. We're trying to take into account the many aspects of retirement - in which state will our money go the farthest, how close can we get to great health care, etc. We're on a steep learning curve with Medicare, supplements, pensions, Social Security... phew! It seems like there's a great opportunity for a good job leading 'oldsters' through the retirement process.

As we go through this it occurred to me that everything I was focused on is earthly. Now, there's certainly Godly wisdom in being prepared. Luke 14:28 - **For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?** The planning we're doing is part of being a good steward of God's gifts.

But a second verse came to mind, this one from Psalm 127:1 - **Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.** This helped me to adjust my focus and priorities. The LORD has His plans for us. We hope it includes a lot of time to spend with family but we're going to be thankful for any amount of time we get.

The LORD also has plans for Trinity. He already knows whom He's set aside to fill the pastor position here. I encourage you all to begin praying for him, whoever and wherever he is. The congregation isn't perfect (yes, I said that out loud) and neither is any pastor but I can tell him this - he will be greatly blessed to be here.

I ask that you also include in your prayers our transition from this stage of life to the new one we'll soon be in. I will always have you in my prayers. You're family to me. My love and the love of God be with you all.

Pastor

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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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## TRINITY'S MINISTRY TEAM

### Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

### Church Secretary

Anne Combes

### Substitute Organist

Carroll Smith

### Bookkeeper

Lynn Hubert

### Sexton

Bill Sontag

### Custodian

Antonio Tutt

### 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 2021

### President

Bud Hubert

### Vice-President

Scott Thieman

### Recording Secretary

Lynn Hubert

### Treasurer

David Petri

### Christian Growth Chair

Judy Sykes

### LWML President

Cathy George

### Special Ministries Chair

Patty Malone

### Stewardship Chair

Craig Scott

### Worship Chair

Janice Gwin

### Church Properties

Gerry Harger - Chair

Walter Staley - Trustee

## Introduction of Call Committee

Following the announcement by Pastor Meraz that he plans on retiring and that his last day with us will be December 31, 2021, a Call Committee has been created by Bud Hubert, President of Trinity's Church Council.

The members include:

Elizabeth Barody - Chair, Ted Barody, Zack Kuenzli, Julie Kuenzli, Mary Ann Medlin, Dave Petri, Scott Thieman, and Lynn Hubert.

The committee met with our Circuit Counselor, Pastor Larry McReynolds, on August 20, 2021. Pastor McReynolds went over the Call Process with the group. He will work with us in finding a Vacancy Pastor and hope to have someone lined up by December 1<sup>st</sup>. He will work with the District President in trying to get us the Self Study document and LCEF for the demographic study as soon as possible. Both the Self Study and demographic study are required before our search for a new pastor can begin. We hope to have an update for you at our Voters' Assembly Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded that this is a time to celebrate Pastor Meraz and his time here, celebrate his ministry. Please keep this committee in your prayers as well as Pastor Meraz as he and Julie begin the next phase of their lives together.

## Board of Stewardship

Craig Scott

Contributions continue to exceed expenses. The Lord continues to work in the hearts of our members to encourage giving of Time, Talent and Treasure through various means. Give thanks to the Lord.

Thank you to all members who continued their support through the pandemic

Stewardship Sunday will be observed November 21<sup>st</sup>. Information will be sent out the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>. The process and documents will be like what was done last year.

The Stewardship Program materials purchased for a four year period will continue to be used through 2022.



## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of Scott Thieman and Roger Medlin. According to our by-laws, during odd-numbered years, the following shall be elected:

**Vice President** – Term - one year and then moving to President for one year.

Currently serving – Scott Thieman

**Purpose.** In the absence of the President, the Vice President serves in his/her stead.

**Second Trustee** – Currently serving – Walter Staley

**Purpose.** Shall serve on the Board of Church Properties for one year moving to First Trustee (Chair of Board of Church Properties for one year).

**Recording Secretary** – Term – Two years.

Currently serving – Lynn Hubert

**Purpose.** To record and be the custodian of the congregation, Voters' Assembly, Church Council and Salary, Wage and Benefit Review Committee records and any other committees as requested by the President.

**Director of Special Ministries** – Term – Two years.

Currently serving – Patty Malone

**Purpose.** Spreading the Gospel through various opportunities of service to people in need throughout the community.

**Director of Stewardship** – Term – Two years.

Currently serving – Craig Scott

**Purpose.** To help members of the congregation grow as faithful stewards of Jesus Christ; carry out His mission and ministry in their personal lives and corporately through the congregation, Circuit, District and Synod. To promote Christian stewardship as the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes

**Director of Worship** – Term – Two years.

Currently serving – Janice Gwin

**Purpose.** To plan and supervise all activities pertaining to congregational worship in conjunction with the Pastor.

**LWML President** (presented for election by vote of the LWML)

For more information about each position please review the Bylaws of the Congregation. If you do not have a copy, please ask Lynn Hubert for one.

We are blessed to have people in these positions who are very willing to remain in those positions for another year. **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ONE OF THESE POSITIONS??** In an effort to encourage new members of our Church Council, those currently serving would like to work beside you during 2022. This is a way to get you involved and help you to understand what your position is responsible for. Please speak with Scott Thieman or Roger Medlin to let them know you are interested. Every position on Church Council is important! We would love to see some new members and new ideas. Please prayerfully consider serving Trinity as a member of the Church Council.

Council has approved Bud Hubert remaining in the position of President for 2022 with Scott Thieman serving as Vice President, with approval from the Voters. Elections will be held at the Voters' Assembly on Nov. 14, 2021.

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## Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

Your deacons continue to meet monthly with Pastor Meraz.

Two deacons were present for the adult baptism of Bryan Blaker on July 15th.

Church secretary, Anne Combes, provides attendance records of Trinitarians to deacons. It is heartening to note that many of you are faithful in attendance at worship services. Attempts to maintain contact with members and guests are made via telephone calls, cards, and/or email.

Mindful of COVID-19 protocol, only a few visits to Trinity's homebound members have resumed.

Christmas caroling to our homebound members is scheduled for **Sunday, December 19th**. This is an uplifting experience for all and you are encouraged to mark your calendar and plan to participate. The event will, of necessity, be determined by the COVID-19 status in our community. Stay tuned via weekly bulletin announcements regarding details.

Concerns or questions? Contact your deacon – 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

**LWML**

Cathy George

**HAPPY FALL LADIES!**

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we held our first LWML Meeting at Trinity since February 8, 2020. It was wonderful to meet with the ladies again and discuss our missions and happenings at Trinity. We had 9 ladies in attendance.

Special Ministries will be holding a Food Drive in November. The LWML will be matching can for can all donations brought in. This is your opportunity to double your donations!

In support of our missions the following organizations have received funds from the LWML. These donations are made possible through your donations to our missions and our fund raisers that you so generously support.

Mercy Chefs

Hope Lutheran Church Pantry

Union Mission

Virginia Beach Justice Initiative

CHKD

Lutheran World Relief

LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)

LAMP

All of these organizations can be found on the internet if you are looking for an outreach of your own to support.

LWML Sunday will be held on Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our officers for 2022 will be installed at this service. Flo Ball and Lynn Hubert will serve as Greeters. Candy Sontag and Janice Gwin will serve as Ushers and Sharyn Leiding will serve as Lector. LWML officers for 2022 will be: President – Cathy George, Vice President – Patty Malone, Treasurer – Lynn Hubert, Recording Secretary – Candy Sontag, Christian Growth – Sharyn Leiding, Networker – Janice Gwin. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions and would like to shadow an officer for a year before assuming that position, please contact one of these ladies. They will be happy to accommodate.

Oktoberfest – The LWML will be offering “Meals to Go” again this year for Oktoberfest/Reformation on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a Thrivent sponsored event, and all profits will go to our mission work. An order form can be found in this issue of the Trinitarian and in Sunday bulletins. Orders should be paid for in advance. Deadline to order October 24<sup>th</sup>. As always, we appreciate your support!

Holiday Happenings will be held this year in the Welcome Center on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>. All food will be packaged to go. We will be taking orders in advance for quiche for you to take home. Watch future bulletins for more details. We hope you will stop in and make a purchase before heading home on that Sunday.

The Chesapeake District Christian Life Retreat will be held October 15-17 in Hearndon, Va.

The Tidewater Zone Fall Workshop will be held on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach from 9 am until 2 pm. Registration is \$5.00. The theme is “Be Refreshed” Romans 15:32. The guest speaker is from *Connect with a Wish*, an organization that works to enhance the lives of Virginia Beach foster kids. There will be an in-gathering for the foster kids. Please contact Cathy George if you are interested in attending.

The Tidewater Zone Christian Life Retreat will be held Feb. 11-13 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Please contact Cathy George if you are interested in attending.

We were able to bless 6 new prayer shawls. Since this ministry was added the ladies have been able to supply 101 prayer shawls. Thank you to those who have made these shawls and donated them to Trinity. The power of prayer is felt by those who wrap these shawls around them.

Update on our mission grants for the Chesapeake District, consisting of the 10 grants that were approved. Five have been fully paid. They are:

1. Prison Ministries Charlotte, VA.
2. Student aid to seminary students.
3. Pastors and church workers Alexandria, VA.
4. *Orphan Grain Train* in Baltimore, MD.
5. *Grace Place*, a computer lab in the career planning and mentoring center in Laurel, MD.

Update on National LWML mission grants. There were 28 grants approved in Kentucky in June 2021. So far \$45,403.22 has been paid toward the goal of \$2,150,000.

Ladies, the above shows where your MITEs are going and what is being supported. Thank you! MITE boxes can be found in the Welcome Center and when full can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. From there they will go with other MITE Boxes to our Chesapeake District Office.

## Christian Growth

Judy Sykes

Amazing how much this fall is turning out to be like last fall! Still in the throes of COVID.... But our Christian life together goes on. Sunday School packets are still being distributed to children who attend Sunday worship (mostly the Kuenzli's!).

Pastor Meraz has chosen an Advent Devotion booklet, which will be mailed to all members - one for adults and one for children. Children will also receive an Advent Calendar.

On a hopefully cool Sunday this fall, members will be asked to help distribute a special anniversary packet to our neighbors in the two accompanying neighborhoods to our church - Belvedere and Ridgeley Rds. - after church. It will be hung on doorknobs. Please look for a date in the bulletin if you would like to participate in this outreach.

Blessings on a healthy, peaceful season to you all!

## Board of Worship

Janice Gwin

As I write this article, it's hard to believe that it's 100 days until Christmas. This Trinitarian covers the rest of the year. We will still recognize all special services. Unfortunately we are still in the pandemic, so modifications will occur.

Stephen Pruitt's last Sunday as Director of Music was September 5, 2021. A plaque and cards/gifts from the congregation were presented to Stephen at the end of the service with a Farewell and Godspeed to both Stephen and Diane.

The opening for Director of Music has been posted on the following websites: Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Tidewater Chapter of American Guild of Organists, and nationwide with the American Guild of Organists. A vacancy organist has been hired for Sunday worship services. Her name is Carroll Smith. A special thank you to Lee Hendricks (a previous Director of Music) for his help in bringing Carroll to Trinity.

We also thank Chaplain Prince for serving as guest pastor on August 15th and again on October 24th.

A Call Committee has been formed and is proceeding as Synod procedures allow. The Worship Board and Church Council are planning for coverage after Pastor retires at the end of the year.

*Dear Wonderful People of Trinity!*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful sending-off you gave to Diane and me. Your cards and gifts are very much appreciated. It is amazing how three years have sped quickly by, even with Covid lurking around the corner. It has been my pleasure to serve you, worship with you, work with the choirs, and build relationships and friendships during my brief stay at Trinity.*

*Although our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans did not go as we desired, we still celebrated with less fanfare. But God has been good and blessed you during 101 years as you shared Jesus and brought the Word to His people in Norfolk, Virginia. It has been a blessing serving you with Pastor Meraz. When I was commuting more than once a week to Norfolk, Pastor and I would meet to discuss worship and spend some time in conversation and prayer. Thank you, Pastor Meraz, for partnering with me in ministry. So many of you folks have been integral to worship and music at Trinity. I would need to list everyone's name in the congregation to fairly include all involved.*

*God has great things in store for Trinity. He will lead you forward as you pursue a new music director. He will also lead you by sending you a new minister when your present shepherd retires. You are in my prayers and I will continue to pray for you and rejoice with you as God continues to bless you.*

*Thank you again for your love, cards, and gifts.*

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

*Stephen and Diane Pruitt*

## Bowling League

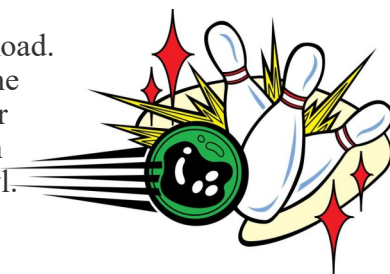
Doug Sulak

The Tidewater Lutheran Bowling League is rolling once again! We are down to our diehard Trinity bowlers - Brenda Gould, Janet Gould and Doug Sulak who continue to roll for fun and glory.

Come and join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at AMF Norfolk Lanes, 2441 E. Little Creek Road.

We could also use some substitutes to cover our regular members when they are unable to bowl.

Come out and join the fun!!!





## Board of Special Ministries

Patty Malone

We are all still weathering this global pandemic and things are not quite back to normal. We have been trying to come up with ways to keep everyone involved.

First, **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our Summer Food Drive. Trinity collected 440 pounds of food for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. When you break that down it equates to 367 meals, and \$100 in monetary donations. Did you know that for every \$10 donated, the Foodbank can distribute up to \$60 worth of grocery products into our community. The monetary funds provide for fresh fruits, vegetables and other perishable items. A special thank you to David and Jo-Nell Chadwick for applying for Thrivent "seed money" for the food drive. With the "seed money" protein rich items such as stews, canned meats, beans, sardines and much more were purchased.

**SHOEBOXES** for *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* are available in the Welcome Center. This year we will have **30 boxes** that will need to be filled. A special thank you to Cathy George for getting the shoeboxes and applying for Thrivent "seed money" to pay for the mailing of the boxes. You will have the entire month of October to fill your box and return to church. The final day for returning the boxes will be October 31<sup>st</sup>, which just happens to be Reformation Sunday!

We have done *Operation Christmas Child* for several years now and it continues to be a ministry in which all seem to participate. Cathy George started this mission when she was chair of the Outreach Committee and Special Ministries carries it on. We were unable to have our *Christmas in July* ice cream social to help with this mission outreach but, we are hoping by doing it like we did last year, we will again be successful! The boxes we packed have travelled all over the world:

2014 Ukraine - 2015 Uganda - 2016 Ghana  
2017 Uruguay - 2018 Malawi - 2019 Peru  
2020 Tanzania

We are truly making a difference internationally right here from 6001 Granby Street through mission work abroad! Yes, participating in all these different projects makes you a missionary. You might not be able to visit Africa or South America but **YOU** are making a difference! **THANK YOU!!!!**

We will be holding another food drive during the month of November. You can bring your canned and dry goods to church on Sunday or during the week when the office is open. You may leave the canned goods on the pew inside the side entrance. The LWML will be matching can for can all donations brought in. The food will be taken to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore the first week in December weather permitting. If you would like to volunteer to take the food to the Foodbank, please contact Patty Malone.



We are still collecting hotel sample sized soap, shampoo, conditioners, etc.... The collection bin is in the Welcome Center. We hope to have a packing party, of all the collected items, to be able to give those less fortunate in our own community. St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries in Norfolk, VA will be the recipient of these items and we also hope to be making sandwiches to take to them. Hopefully, we can get this done with masks and gloves and keep everyone safe.

**DID YOU KNOW** - We also collect used printer ink/toner cartridges. We were just taking them to be recycled, reducing our carbon footprint, but Bill Sontag discovered that Office Max/Depot Recycling Rewards give you credit for them for future purchases. Bill has been taking the cartridges, as allowed, to the store and getting that credit. The credits received are used to buy cases of paper, approximately \$60 p/case, that our bulletins are printed on and also helped the church save \$40 on a new fax machine. So, next time your ink/toner cartridge is running low and you are getting ready to pitch it, please don't and bring it to church and put in the bin in the Welcome Center. A special thank you to Bill Sontag for discovering this great money saving opportunity for our church!

We also collect used prescription glasses that are donated to the Lion's Club locally. The first point after fixing, adjusting and identifying the prescription for these glasses is Park Place in downtown Norfolk. So, if you have an old prescription pair of glasses laying around, bring them to church, you might just be helping that person behind you in the store see the world a little clearer!

We are also collecting **pop tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House in Norfolk, VA. Note you are not limited to pop tabs as beer cans, soup, pet food and hard seltzer have aluminum tabs too! The tabs add up and become a valuable donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Once the aluminum tabs are turned into the Ronald McDonald House, they turn those tabs into money to provide for the families they house while their child is undergoing treatment at CHKD.

A special thank you to Errol Jennings for bringing in two very large containers of tabs. That started the collection off better than we could have expected. There are collection bins in the Narthex and the side door entrance of the church. Keep the tabs coming! If your workplace allows you set-up a collection bin for the tabs please do. Then just bring them with you to church and add to one of our bins. It is a great way to witness to people letting them know what we are doing for the community!

Throughout the year people have been calling me and asked if we will accept new and/or opened packages of adult diapers. **Of course, we do!** So, on August 8, 2021 the Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank came out and got all the diapers that were donated. This is what they said on their Facebook page:

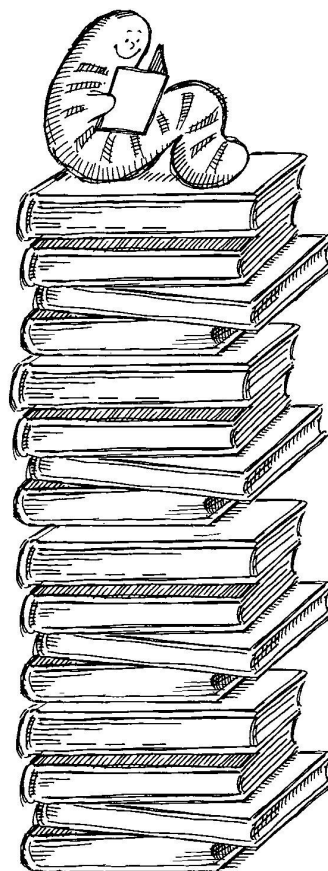
**Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank  
August 8**

*Recently, the good people at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on Granby Street in Norfolk held a diaper drive on our behalf. They collected 900 adult diapers and other supplies. We wish to thank Pastor Jonathan Meraz and his generous congregation for their encouragement and support of our mission.*

If you, a neighbor or friend have diapers that are no longer needed please bring them to church in a bag a place on the pew inside the side doors. They will get moved to a classroom until they are ready to be picked up. Diapers of any size, infant to adults, are really expensive and many do not have the means to afford them. So instead of tossing them out bring them in and we will get them to the Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank. For those of you who think you missed out on a diaper drive we didn't have an official drive. People just donated and soon they amounted into many. Thank each and everyone one of you who donated. Making a difference in our community!

We are still collecting new and gently loved books for children of all ages for **R.E.A.C.H.** (Reading Enriches All Children). There is a bookshelf in the Welcome center for the collection of these books. As your child grows those baby books are no longer used bring them in. Dr. Suess no longer the "cool" book in the house?, bring them in. You might even have a few chapter books that no longer are needed for that special school project. We collect them all!

R.E.A.C.H. has branched out doubling its size with the **"The Big Free Bookstore"** at Military Circle Mall. You may have seen them featured on the news. An awesome women led organization that has a big impact on our youth!



If anyone in the congregation knows of any worthwhile cause they think we could support please let us know. The Special Ministry Team is always in search of new places to help locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. If you would like to be part of this team, please let us know. Our team consists of Patty Malone as Team Lead, Jo-Nell and David Chadwick, Cathy George and Linda Loper. We have others help as they are able and we greatly appreciate their time and talents!



**For those of you who are new to Trinity there are two rolling bins with drawers for our different recycling projects and a white bookshelf for the books in the Welcome Center.**



## Birthdays

**October**

- 3 Aaron Sykes  
Sarah Von Moll
- 5 Ellie Thieman
- 8 Lynn Hubert
- 11 Deborah Adams  
Jonathan Leiding
- 14 Peggy Bashara  
Brenda Gould  
Julie Kuenzli
- 18 Pastor Meraz  
Sarah Bugbee  
Rachel Prince
- 20 Stephanie Field  
Elena Kuenzli  
Vera Kuenzli
- 23 Chuck Edsall

**November**

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

**December**

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

**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

**December**

- 16 Roger ♥ Mary Ann Medlin



## Anniversaries




## Operation Barnabas

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order -

<http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>



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





Sunday	Monday				Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/LWML SUNDAY</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	4 6:30pm Bowling League	5	6	7 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	8	9
10 <b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	11 Columbus Day - Office Closed 6:30pm Bowling League	12	13	14 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	15 LWML Chesapeake District Retreat	16 LWML Chesapeake District Retreat
17 <b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	18 6:30pm Bowling League	19	20	21 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	22 SE District Convention	23 9am LWML Tidewater Zone Fall Workshop
24 <b>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	25 6:30pm Bowling League	26	27	28 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	29	30
31 <b>Reformation Day</b> 10am Communion Worship Service 12pm Oktoberfest Take- Out Lunch Halloween						

## OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lector	Sharyn Leiding	Julie Meraz	Anna Carter	Scott Thieman	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Bill Sontag



Sunday	Monday			Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>All Saints' Day</b> 6:30pm Bowling League	2 Election Day	3	4 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	5
7 <b>All Saints' Sunday</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	8 6:30pm Bowling League	9	10	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> Office Closed	12
14 <b>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Communion Worship Service 12pm Voter's Assembly Mtg	15 6:30pm Bowling League	16	17	18 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	19
21 <b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> 10am Communion Worship Service <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 11am LWML Holiday Happenings	22 6:30pm Bowling League	23	24 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	25 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed	26 Office Closed
28 <b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	29 6:30pm Bowling League	30			

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Lector	Cathy George	Tresea Staley	Julie Meraz	Anna Carter
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag



Sunday	Monday				Friday	Saturday
			1 7pm Mid-Week Advent Wor- ship	2 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible	3	4 11am LWML Advent Tea @ Hope Lutheran
5 <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Green- ing of the Church	6 6:30pm Bowling League	7	8 7pm Mid-Week Advent Wor- ship	9 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	10	11
12 <b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> 10am Communion Worship Service 10am Lighting of the Christmas Trees	13 6:30pm Bowling League	14	15 7pm Mid-Week Advent Wor- ship	16 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	17	18
19 <b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> 10am Communion Worship Service 12pm Caroling to Homebound	20 6:30pm Bowling League	21	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> Office Closes at Noon 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	25 <b>Christmas - The Nativity of our Lord</b>
26 <b>First Sunday after Christmas</b> 10am Communion Worship Service	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b> Office Closed	

## DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 26
Lector	Scott Thieman	Judy Sykes	Cathy George	Tresea Staley
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email address has changed,  
please notify the Church Office.**

**Thank you!**

## **Terrell Davis to be ordained the end of this year**

Terrell Davis, a former member of Trinity, will complete his studies at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, and be ordained an LCMS pastor at the end of this year - 2021. Terrell received Trinity's Paul Plawin Scholarship over the past four years.

His final two years of seminary study were challenging with the pandemic setting in the beginning of 2020. Just as Terrell was starting his vicarage, the pandemic hit hard and that affected his final two years at the seminary including his year of vicarage. He and Anjetta and their granddaughter, Aniyah, moved to Atlanta, Ga., for his vicarage. It wasn't easy. "All of our classes and services were conducted electronically," Terrell said. "It was a challenge, but God's Word will not return void, therefore we will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ until He comes again."

Terrell served in the U.S. Navy from 1978-1995 and in the Department of Defense Health in Portsmouth after that. His military tour of duty included 3 years in Naples, Italy (1985-1988) where he worked in operations and communications for the Sixth Fleet in Europe. Upon returning to the states, Terrell continued his education at Tidewater Community College and Norfolk State University where he completed his B.A. degree in Sociology.

Terrell and Anjetta and their three children, Lisa, Terrell and Brian, became members of Trinity in 1988. They were very active in church life. Terrell led Trinity's Youth Group for a number of years. In 2008 they felt a calling to join Unity Lutheran Church in Norfolk. They consider both Trinity and Unity to be their home churches. Ordinations are usually held at the pastor's home church so Terrell will be coming "home" for his ordination. More details will be forthcoming.

"I have no words that can do justice in expressing our gratitude to the Trinity Family for the amazing support you have blessed us with," says Terrell. "Who could have known what was to come as I stepped through the doors of Trinity for the first time in 1988, where our family was accepted with such grace and warmth."

"God blessings upon you all. Stand firm on the promises of Christ no matter how dark these times may appear. We are baptized into His death and resurrection, and we are redeemed by His Precious Blood on the Cross. Again, we are eternally grateful for your support and your prayers."



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021**



The ladies of the LWML are sponsoring a TAKE OUT ONLY luncheon for Oktoberfest.

**Meals must be pre-ordered.**

They will be prepared in advance and can be picked up from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> at the door under the awning in the parking lot.

Order form is attached to this Trinitarian.

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

## **Voters Meeting**



**November 14, 2021  
11:30 am**

## **Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Our traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we thank God for all He has given us!



## **Greening of the Church**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, (The Second Sunday of Advent)** to join us after the Worship Service to decorate the Church for Christmas. Our tradition is to place handmade Chrismons on the two large Christmas trees that stand on either side of the altar. **ALL** are invited to participate in this fellowship event.



## **Christmas Schedule**

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

*First Sunday after Christmas* - Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am A Service of Readings and Carols

