

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRINITARIAN

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

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WELCOME to our new Music Director, Carroll Smith!

Carroll Smith is a native Virginian, a Navy Wife and a graduate of The Flora Macdonald College Conservatory of Music, Red Springs, North Carolina with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education. She also completed Enrichment Studies at the Eastman School of Music and Old Dominion University.

Carroll has taught music in the public school system for 25 years, 17 years of which were spent as a music specialist in the Virginia Beach City Public School System. She has also served Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Episcopal, and Lutheran denominations as organist/choir director for many years, including 10 years at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach.

Carroll and her husband, Ted, live in Norfolk and have three sons and three grandchildren.

Carroll is thankful for the opportunity to musically minister to the Trinity congregation for the glory of God.



As things seem to be getting worse with the pandemic again and are expected to continue due to family gatherings at Christmas, we will wait until closer to the Lenten Season to make any decisions on Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday Lenten Services and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Praying for all to be normal again!

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

vacant

Church Secretary

Anne Combes

Director of Music

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 2022

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

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Craig Scott

Worship Chair

Janice Gwin

Church Properties

Walter Staley - Chair

Gerry Harger - Trustee

We welcome our
Vacancy Pastor Team;
Pastor Charles Froehlich
(Coordinating Vacancy Pastor),
Chaplain Matthew Prince
and Pastor Timothy Utton.

They will make sure that
Trinity is covered during
our Pastoral Vacancy.
Please keep them in
your prayers!



Pastor Charles Froehlich

Pastor Froehlich grew up in Milwaukee, WI, the youngest of five children. He was baptized and confirmed at Sherman Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. His secondary education was completed at Concordia-Milwaukee WI, Concordia-Ft. Wayne IN, and Concordia Seminary-St. Louis MO.

His ministry was initiated during his vicarage year at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis MN. After seminary graduation in 1974, he served as Associate Pastor for 5-1/2 years at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville NY. Then called to serve as senior pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Dix Hills NY he served there for 34 years.

Retirement brought moving to Williamsburg VA and becoming a member at King of Glory Lutheran Church. His ministry continues part time at King of Glory as Pastor of Senior Ministry, as well as part time Chaplain at Lackey Medical Clinic in Yorktown. Additionally, he has served several congregations in the Tidewater area and New York as they have gone through a pastoral vacancy.

He has been married to Kathy for 51 years. They have three sons and daughters-in-law, and four precious grandsons.



Chaplain Matthew Prince

Commander Matthew G. Prince, CHC joined the Navy in 2006. He graduated from Officer's Indoctrination School and Naval Chaplain School in 2006.

Chaplain Prince holds a Bachelor of Science from Concordia University, Seward, NE, a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, and a Doctor in Ministry from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. He also has four units of Clinical Pastoral Education and is a board certified chaplain. Before the Navy, he was a school teacher and coach at Green Park Lutheran School in St. Louis, MO and was a pastor and church planter in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Married for 24 years, Chaplain Prince's family includes his wife Susan, a teacher, and his four children: Hannah, Rachel, Sarah, and Luke, as well as their dogs, Biscuit and Beau.

Pastor Timothy Utton

Pastor Utton has served in the Hampton Roads area since his ordination in 2002 in various capacities including assistant pastor, sole pastor, church planter and interim pastor.

He has been married to Stacy for 26 years and has two children, Lydia (18) and Joshua (13). Pastor Utton currently is an Upper Elementary teacher at a Montessori School in Chesapeake and creates music and videos for preschoolers in his spare time. Pastor Utton is a Pancreatic Cancer survivor and although he is very healthy, he still receives treatment to prevent future growth.



Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

Your deacons met with Pastor Meraz on October 19 and November 30, 2021.

Deacon presence was provided at the committal service for Sabrina Jennings, daughter of Errol Jennings and former member David Kern, as well as for Buddy Sewell, father of Terry Ingmire.

Communion will be made available to Trinity's homebound members via deacons Bud Hubert, Ken Leiding and Roger Medlin, when a pastor is unavailable. This procedure was followed several years ago prior to the arrival of Pastor Meraz. An order of service was developed to accompany the sacrament.

Christmas caroling to Bettie Terrell, Thelma Scroxton and Anne Starke, Sam and Julie Locklear, and Helen Everett was accomplished with gusto on December 12th. Lunch preceded the visitation. Goody bags containing *Portals of Prayers*, new church directories, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, and Christmas cards were given to the above folks. Thanks to the people* who gave their time and talents to make the event meaningful and successful.

A bag was delivered to Erika Straddeck at Lake Taylor Hospital and to Jeanne Greif at First Colonial Inn.

The deacons will truly feel the void when Pastor and Julie Meraz retire. Their heart-felt ministry is something that we have treasured. We rest assured that God has another servant in the wings preparing to shepherd this flock of Trinitarians.

Stay tuned and in prayer as we enter 2022!



*Janice Gwin, Michelle Hartman, Charlotte Horton, Bud and Lynn Hubert, John and Jan Knickelbein, Ken and Sharyn Leiding, Roger and Mary Ann Medlin, Pastor and Julie Meraz, Viola Person, Craig and Mary Lou Scott, Walter and Tresea Staley, and Judy Sykes

Board of Worship

Janice Gwin

2022 will be a year of big changes for Trinity. Carroll Smith has agreed to take on the position of Director of Music. She hopes to get the vocal choir started soon. Carroll will be choosing the hymns for our services. She has been doing a wonderful job with the organ and the grand piano (for the hymn sing before the Advent services).

After Pastor Meraz retires, Trinity will be served by a team of three: Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pastor Timothy Utton and Chaplain Matthew Prince. Pastor Froehlich will take the lead. Contact Anne Combes, in the church office, for pastoral needs.

We will wait until early next year to make any decisions on Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday Lenten Services and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Things seem to be getting worse with the pandemic again and expected to continue after Christmas with family gatherings. Those decisions will be made as we get closer to Lent.

The call process is progressing.

Please contact me, Janice Gwin - Worship Board, Bud Hubert - President, or Anne Combes - Church Secretary, for suggestions and concerns. We pray that God continues to watch over and guide Trinity as He has for 101 years. Happy New Year!

Christian Growth

Judy Sykes

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas Devotions -- I did! Just another way to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Advent and Christmas stories and crafts were included in the Childrens' Bags, including an Advent Wreath provided by Patty Malone.

If you know of a child who might enjoy receiving one of our Sunday Lessons Bags, please pick one up on the table that sits at the front of the church, on your way out.



Before we know it Lent will be upon us.

Please note that Adult Bible Study/Sunday School will not be held for a while longer due to the high Covid numbers. We will let you know when we can again safely meet together to study God's word.

Board of Stewardship

Craig Scott

'Tis More Blessed to Give Than to Receive

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35)

And indeed, it is. Does this not strike a chord that resonates in us all? Which of us can't recall the look of surprise and thanks for the Christmas gifts that we labored to give to those whom we love? And the joy written on their face when that gift is received with thanksgiving means more than all the gifts we have received. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our Lord knew this because He practiced it. He gave of Himself – sparing not even His life in death – in order to give us back to our Father in heaven. He knew that in giving you get more because joy is multiplied in giving. The one who receives and the one who gives both rejoice in what is given and received. And, what is more, the one who receives only wants to give back to the one who gave so generously in thanksgiving.

So it is with our tithes and offerings in church. We want to give because we have received from God all that we are and all that we have. Our giving does not originate in what we must do to earn God's favor. We have God's favor because of His gift of His Son, given through Word and Sacrament. Thus, we are made free from the compulsion of giving so that our tithes and offering are freely given in thanksgiving for what God has so generously given to us.

Why then does the church struggle to make budgets? Why does the church always seem stretched so thin when it is the place where God continually gives us His forgiveness of sins? Why does the church struggle when God, out of love for us, generously pours out His grace and mercy?

It is because we are sinners. Our fallen nature makes us selfish and miserly. It leads us to believe that we can have our cake and eat it, too. Because of sin, we want God's grace and mercy; we want His blessings of body and soul. But we don't want to share it with those around us. We want to remain comfortable in our own self-contained, neat, and tidy lives – without the headaches of loving those around us by helping them in their time of need.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ” Remember that God has placed you in a church, not only to receive His grace and mercy, but to press His eternal and temporal blessings into service to your neighbor.

Your tithes and offerings ensure that those around you have a pastor to preach the life-saving and life-giving Word of God. They ensure that the lights, heat, and air-conditioning are working. They ensure there is water for Holy Baptism as well as bread and wine for Holy Communion. They even ensure that your pastor has food and clothing and presents for his own family. The gifts of God are immeasurable. They multiply and redound to everyone's good as the fish and loaves in the feeding of the five thousand.

So, remember the words of the Lord Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” And remember the joy that attended the gifts you gave at Christmas. This same joy attends your gifts to the church.

Above article copied from lcms.org/stewardship—January 2022 newsletter

Thank you for your continuous financial support to Trinity through your offerings. Trinity has certainly been blessed this past year with your financial support. If you are interested in online giving, please contact the Church Office for information on **VANCO** which allows your offering to be automatically deposited into the church's account weekly, monthly, etc. You will still receive a statement quarterly showing your deposits.

Do you love shopping on Amazon? Support Trinity at no extra cost when you shop at smile.amazon.com. We have several members who are now doing this and Trinity receives a deposit each month based on what they are spending. Check it out on Amazon.



LWML

Cathy George

Happy New Year LWMLers and Friends

We will be holding our Women's Epiphany Luncheon on Saturday, January 8th at Freemason Abbey in Norfolk beginning at 12:00 Noon. Afterwards we will have an art tour at the Chrysler Museum given by our very own Judy Sykes!

At our February 5th meeting we will be packing Loves Boxes for our college and military deployed members. Don't forget to gather your donations and drop them off in the Welcome Center in January. Please help us make sure we have an accurate list of our military members who are deployed and our youth who are currently attending college. Call Anne in the church office to update this list.

Items Needed -

Peanut Butter Crackers

Cheese Crackers

Cookies

Candy

Popcorn

Pretzels

Hot Chocolate

Tea Bags

Note Cards

Pens

Tissues

Hand Sanitizer

Items should be individual size and/or travel

On February 12th The LWML Tidewater Zone Winter Retreat will be held at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat in Toano, VA. Please let Cathy know if you would like to attend.

Our next meeting will be March 12th at 10 am at the church in room 104. All are welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in service to our Lord.

**Call Committee Update**

At our last Voters' Assembly in November, the voters agreed to Call a Pastor through the Seminary Process. Our District Visitor was notified and he in turn notified our District President. The Call Committee is meeting this week to begin reviewing and updating our Congregational Profile (self-study) which will help to possibly match us with a graduate from the seminary. Please keep the Call Process, the Call Committee and Trinity in your prayers. We will keep you updated as things progress.

*Thank
you*

God bless you with peace and joy... A word of thanks to our family at Trinity. Julie and I thank you for the love and support you've given over the past 6 years winding up with the flurry of generosity shown to us in our final weeks here. You were gracious to us with your financial gifts and the material gifts which we'll treasure in our new home (when we get one). More than that, we could feel your love for us as we said parting words (parting words, NOT goodbyes). We're excited about the possibilities to come but we'll always remember the time God allowed us here with fondness and appreciation. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Pastor and Julie Meraz

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:3-11



Significance of the Lenten Season

The season of Lent has a long tradition in the Christian Church. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and then runs for forty days, not including Sundays, until Easter. It is traditionally a time of fasting and repentance; reflecting the forty years that Israel spent in the desert and the fasting and soul searching of our Lord, when he spent forty days in the wilderness.

It is important to note, therefore, that while Lent is a time for meditating upon your ways and your life, its ultimate purpose is to prepare us for the good news of Easter, the coming of new and abundant life in Christ. During Lent we are asked to slow down, take a deep spiritual breath, and await God's grace. It is to be a sober, but not a somber opportunity, to revive our souls.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. In effect, the Ash Wednesday Service sets the scene for the forty days of reflection to follow. It is a service of great moment. As is our custom, during the evening service ashes made from palms from the previous Palm Sunday are placed by the pastor on the foreheads of worshipers in the sign of the Cross. In this act we are reminded that we are human and therefore will ourselves return to the dust. Ash Wednesday allows us not to retreat from life, but to begin to once again recognize the profound gift of grace and new life that we find in Jesus. It is a way of recognizing that the love of God is real and the beginning of a meaningful life.

Maundy Thursday

The Thursday before Easter, Maundy Thursday is observed in commemoration of the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. The name Maundy is derived from the Latin *mandatum* (commandment) and refers to the new command that Jesus gives us in John 13:34.

Good Friday

The Friday immediately preceding Easter, Good Friday is celebrated by Christians as the anniversary of Christ's crucifixion. Since the time of the early church, it has been a day of repentance, prayer and fasting.



Birthdays

January

2 Doug Sulak
Janet Gould
5 Hannah Kuenzli
6 Helen Everett
8 David Chadwick
10 Sarah Prince
11 Ralph Knorr
15 Paul Diehl
Scott Thieman
17 Alexander Gwin
20 Linda Loper
28 Cesar Sabillon

February

2 Douglas Wolvin
3 Kevin Combes
6 Bill Gregory
7 Ralph George
14 Robert Petri
17 Lorraine Othmer
19 Sharyn Leiding
21 Craig Scott
27 Anna Carter
David Sontag

March

1 Zach Kuenzeli
3 Sarah Petri
4 Paul Lass
6 Julie Locklear
8 JoNell Chadwick
10 Brenda Christy
11 Jeanne Greif
Donald Adams
13 Olga Robertson
14 Jack Carter
15 Talma Butcher
18 Mary Ann Medlin
20 Jean Boyette
22 Anastasia Gwin
23 Jacquelyn Czypinski
26 Emma Studer

**January**

11 Flo ♥ Richard Ball

March

16 Jeff ♥ Terry Ingmire

**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
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus - New Years Day
2 Epiphany Celebrated 10am Communion Worship Service	3 6:30pm Bowling League	4	5	6 Epiphany of Our LORD 7pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	7	8 11:30am LWML Luncheon Out
9 Baptism of Our LORD 10am Communion Worship Service- 11:30am Un- decorating of the Church	10 6:30pm Bowling League	11	12	13	14	15
16 Second Sunday after the Epiphany 10am Communion Worship Service	17 6:30pm Bowling League <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed</i>	18	19	20 11:30am La- dies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	21	22
23 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10am Communion Worship Service	24 6:30pm Bowling League	25	26	27 11:30am La- dies Bible Study	28	29
30 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 10am Communion Worship Service	31 6:30pm Bowling League					

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Lector	Cathy George	Tresea Staley	Scott Thieman	Anna Carter	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Bill Sontag



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Presentation of Our Lord	3 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	4	5 10am LWML Love Box Packing
6 Fifth Sunday after the Epiph- any 10am Communion Worship Service	7 6:30pm Bowling League	8	9	10 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	11 LWML Tidewater Zone Christian Growth Retreat	12 LWML Tidewater Zone Christian Growth Retreat
13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 10am Communion Worship Service LWML Tidewater Zone Christian Growth Retreat	14 Valentines Day 6:30pm Bowling League	15	16	17 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	18	19
20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10am Communion Worship Service	21 6:30pm Bowling League President's Day - Office Closed	22	23	24 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	25	26
27 Transfiguration of Our LORD 10am Communion Worship Service	28 6:30pm Bowling League					

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Lector	Cathy George	Tresea Staley	Anna Carter	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*</i>	2 Ash Wednesday <i>7pm Worship Service*</i>	3 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	4	5
6 First Sunday in Lent 10am Communion Worship Service	7 6:30pm Bowling League	8	9 <i>5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper*</i> <i>7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service*</i>	10 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	11	12 10am LWML Meeting
13 Second Sunday in Lent 10am Communion Worship Service Daylight Saving Time Begins	14 6:30pm Bowling League	15 Trinitarian Deadline April/May/June	16 <i>5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper*</i> <i>7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service*</i>	17 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	18	19
20 Third Sunday in Lent 10am Communion Worship Service	21 6:30pm Bowling League	22	23 <i>5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper*</i> <i>7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service*</i>	24 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	25	26
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent 10am Communion Worship Service	28 6:30pm Bowling League	29	30 <i>5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper*</i> <i>7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service*</i>	31 11:30am Ladies Bible Study		

*** to be decided. We will wait until closer to the Lenten Season to make any decisions regarding the Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday Lenten Services and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper according to current pandemic guidelines.**

MARCH WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Lector	Cathy George	Tresea Staley	Anna Carter	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag

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email address has changed,
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!

Worship Service with
Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
7:00 pm*

ASH WEDNESDAY

*To be decided according to pandemic protocols at the time.