

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## From Our Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Meraz

Our Synod is currently in convention. While the election of our synodical president has already taken place (with the reelection of Matthew Harrison) there are still key issues that our delegates will address. We pray they don't take their callings lightly. The positions taken could affect our future doctrine and practice.

We're also (in my opinion) in the midst of the most unusual, dare I say weird, even frightening, Presidential campaigns our country has ever seen. The person who is brought into that office will have power that few people will ever experience and the influence they have on America could affect our civil lives for many years to come.

Pressure from the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh are constantly seeking to change who we are and what we do. Is there a safe place to seek shelter? Is there anything that can withstand the persistent assaults? Where do we go for safety and protection? Is there anything (or anyone) that never changes? Well, since you're reading a Trinity Lutheran Church newsletter article written by the pastor you can probably make a safe guess about where I'm going to point you – to Jesus and His Word.

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. 1 Peter 1:24-25**

Life comes with its ups and downs, its positives and negatives. Nothing will change that for we live in an imperfect world. That's why I encourage you to bind yourself to that which is unchanging and secure. Jesus is the one solid, unchanging refuge who is always there and can always be counted on. That's why the psalmist confidently says **be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.** Psalm 71:3

I pray that your life path is straight and smooth but if (and let's be honest, it's really when) it becomes bumpy and crooked lean on Jesus. He has gifts for you of peace and forgiveness, life and salvation that are always available, in good times and bad, and He wants you to have them. Blessings to you all.

Pastor Meraz

***Philippians 4:4-7 - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am  
Worship Service

9:45 am  
Sunday School

10:00 am  
Adult Bible Classes

11:00 am  
Worship Service

5th Sundays  
9:00 am  
Sunday School  
10:00 am  
Worship Service

Holy Communion  
1st, 3rd and 5th  
Sundays

Nursery Available  
through  
Preschool age

## 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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Bud and Lynn Hubert –  
Zone 5 & 7

Roger & Mary Ann Medlin –  
Zone 6

VACANT – Zone 8

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Patty Malone

**Stewardship Chairman**

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**Outreach Chairman**

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**Worship Board Chairman**

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## From our Pastor

### Introduction to the Divine Service

#### THE INVOCATION

There are three significant elements in regard to the invocation. First, when the pastor calls out, "*In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*" it acts as a simple creed. We are confessing whom we believe the one true God is. We worship the Trinity and none other. When outsiders come to the Divine Service, if they are paying attention, they will realize that the people they are with are worshipping the Triune God. We are clear right up front, in whose name we gather and who we are worshipping.

Second, in the Invocation, we are asking for and acknowledging God's presence in the service. "**For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.**"

Finally, it is significant that the Invocation is accompanied by the sign of the cross. We received both the name of the Trinity and the sign of the cross at Baptism. We received the name of the Trinity by divine command. Since Baptism gives us the benefits of the cross, the sign of the cross was placed upon us according to the tradition of the catholic (universal) church. This then should be a reminder to us that God, who washed us and claimed us in Baptism, is the one who has brought us into the worshipping community. "*We do not come as those who deserve to come because of what we have done.*" We come because He has called us through the Holy Spirit in the water and Word of Baptism.

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

## Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

We are in the lazy days of summer with temperatures soaring, the beaches are crowded, crepe myrtle trees are blooming, tomatoes and cucumbers are ripening, families are traveling, children (and parents) are enjoying the reprieve from school schedules. Despite the slower pace brought on by hot weather, the work of the church proceeds.

Your Board of Deacons has met with Pastor Meraz during the summer months. We continue to monitor the spiritual atmosphere of the congregation and visit homebound members. Please let us know if we can be of assistance in your spiritual journey.

## Christian Growth

Cathy George

### ELECTIONS AND OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

**When it comes to voting in this Fall's elections, How should I as a Christian view the faith of the candidates? Do I vote based purely on that?**

It is hard to argue with the fact that scripture does say clearly that true faith produces fruit. (Matt 7:15-20) The fruit of the Christian faith worked by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel will be visibly discerned in word and deed from time to time. "that the world may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matt 5:16

A multifaceted tragedy has appeared in this country where elected leaders profess to be Christian but their actions do not align with Christian faith. AND voters, unconcerned with candidates Christian confession have voted them in office. Challenging good government, life and religious liberty as never seen before in this great nation.

It is possible to have an election with no potential candidates who are Christian. What are we to consider?

It is helpful for Christians to have a good understanding of the two Kingdoms. The Kingdom of the right hand which is the power of God given to the Church to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments for forgiveness of sins. By the Kingdom of the right hand Christians are recreated to exist as citizens who recognize another Kingdom of the left hand. The institutions of government for the sake of good order (Rom 13:1-7). No matter who is serving in the seats of authority Christians have clear instruction by God to pray and give thanks for all who are in high places.

Why? So that we may lead a peaceful godly and dignified life. (1Tim 2:1-2a) which is pleasing to God our Savior. How does this please God? Because God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth v4. Knowing this we actively intercede in the Kingdom of the left through elections and mindfully praying for those in authority to follow God's word and will.

It is good for Christians to desire public servants to parallel the word of God or at least work with eyes set upon good governance which serves to provide for the Christian Church to exist in peace and unhindered freedom to communicate the Gospel truth to all.

*excerpts from Lutheran Witness April 2016  
Article by The Rev. Christopher I. Thoma*

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH BOARD dates to remember:

VBS continues on through September 25<sup>th</sup> in Room 112.

We are looking for members to be on the Christian Growth Board. Please let Cathy know if you are interested in joining our Board.

## Stewardship

Lynn Hubert (acting chair)

### Celebrating Stewardship

(Below is an excerpt from STEWARDCAST, a monthly e-newsletter of LCMS Stewardship)

*For most, the concept of celebrating stewardship sounds a bit tinny on the ear. One might wonder just how to celebrate something that most pastors and congregations dread. After all, the mere mention of stewardship sends many men reaching for their wallets and women clutching their purses. This dread comes from too many years of stewardship commitments and pastors only teaching about stewardship when there was a lack of resources for ministry. For someone to suggest that there be a celebration of stewardship sounds about as appealing as celebrating a root canal performed without Novocain.*

*But stewardship is indeed something over which the individual steward and congregation can and should celebrate. Why? Because stewardship is not about what we do, about what we decide to give or even how we decide to give. As the LCMS defines it, Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes. This stewardship is free and joyous because everything we have been created to steward comes to us from God. St. James writes: **"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures"** (JAMES 1:17-18). Our Lord does not burden with gifts. In fact, Luther's explanation to the First Article of the Creed reminds us that our Father in heaven gives these gifts "only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in me." The Lord sets the crown of His creation in a position to manage those gifts in a way that is pleasing to Him and joyful for us! When stewardship is seen this way, how can one NOT celebrate stewardship?*



The purpose of the Board of Stewardship is to help members of the congregation grow as faithful stewards of Jesus Christ as they carry out His mission and ministry in their personal lives and corporately through the congregation, Circuit, District and Synod. We look at our spiritual gifts and how we use our time and talents as well as our monetary gifts to further the mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our current fiscal year ended July 31, 2016. As reported in the bulletin at the end of June we are \$27,122.13 short of meeting our budget. There are certain things in our budget that we have to pay like the salaries of our pastor, organist, secretary, sexton, bookkeeper, and custodian. We have to pay for our building, electricity, gas, water, sewage. When we are short on funds the things that suffer are our missions, our outreach programs, our Christian education programs etc. I encourage you to pray about your Stewardship involvement at Trinity. Without the gifts of your talents and your tithes Trinity would have a hard time existing.

If Stewardship is something you are interested in we are looking for someone to head the Stewardship Committee. We need someone whose talent is to help us all identify and celebrate Stewardship!

## The Simply Giving® Program

### GENEROSITY MADE EASY

The *Simply Giving*® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to nonprofit organizations through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Thrivent Federal Credit Union has contracted with industry leader Vanco Payment Solutions to provide electronic payment processing services at reduced rates — so your generosity goes further.

Trinity offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available on the hallway bulletin board. Please return completed forms to the Church Office.



## Financial Peace University

by Dave Ramsey

Submitted by Pastor Meraz

### IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO PAUSE TITHING IN TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES?

The Bible does not mention anything about "pausing" tithing. Neither does it say that we will go to Hell if we do not tithe.

The tithe, which is a scriptural mandate, was not instituted for God's benefit because He already has all the money He needs. He does not need our money.

So why does He ask us to give 10% to Him? **Tithing was created for our benefit.** It is to teach us how to keep God first in our lives and how to be unselfish people. Unselfish people make better husbands, wives, friends, relatives, employees and employers. God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time.

Many people have observed that after they stopped tithing, their finances seemed to get worse. In the Book of Malachi, God promises that if you do not rob Him of your tithing, He will rebuke your devourers and protect you.

If you cannot live off 90% of your income, then you cannot live off 100%. It does not require a miracle for you to get through the month. I think that if you sit down and look at your budget, you will see that you can make it while giving at least 10%. Read the Bible and take from it what you will, and if you tithe, **do it out of love for God, not guilt.**

I do not beat people up for not tithing because Jesus certainly did not, but let me encourage you to keep tithing.

Dave Ramsey's

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**Class begins Tuesday, September 6th  
@ 7 p.m. at**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Please contact Pastor Meraz or the  
church office for more information.**

## Worship Board

Janice Gwin

The Worship Board met to discuss the calendar for the upcoming year. Pastor installed the Church Council Officers during the joint Worship Service on July 31st. (The terms for offices start August 1st.)

Confirmation classes are to start September 7th. The Sunday School children will sing their Vacation Bible School songs during the late Worship Service on September 25th. There will also be an Acolyte Commissioning during that Worship Service (with training/refresher after the service and a pizza lunch).

Future events to make note of: The next 5th Sunday Joint Worship Service and luncheon will coincide with Reformation and Oktoberfest luncheon on October 30th. Since Christmas will be on Sunday this year, we are discussing having one 10:00 am Worship Service that day. Watch for future announcements. The entire calendar will be presented to the Church Council.

Dear Friends,

I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers that were lifted at the time of our kidney transplant surgery. Ben and I certainly felt the power and love of God through your prayer support, and we are very grateful for His mercy on our behalf!

It is now 19 days post-op, and we both continue to do well - slowly but surely gaining strength and "normalcy". Our God is a miracle-worker!!

I promise to keep in touch as Dan and I move on with our planned move to NJ - no forwarding address yet, but we will be house hunting in mid-August, moving there the first of October.

God bless you, dear friends -

Janelle Berteau

(written July 18, 2016)

**LWML**

Lynn Hubert

The Executive Board of the LWML will be meeting in August to plan our next year of service. Please review the list below of some of the items that the ladies of the LWML are responsible for at Trinity. As always we appreciate your support!

The LWML meets September through June on the second Saturday of specific months at 10:00 a.m. Our meetings usually consist of a brunch, small devotion, minutes of last meeting and conducting the business at hand and new business.

**Altar Guild** – The ladies (and sometimes their husbands) keep the sanctuary clean for Worship/Communion. This falls under the Altar Guild, which is an off shoot of the LWML.



The Altar Guild is responsible for dusting of the pews and straightening of materials in each pew, filling the oil candles and set up/clean up of Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays of the month). This task is usually done on Friday or Saturday mornings. We are always looking for assistance so please let us know if this is something you may be interested in.

**Welcome Center** – Have you been enjoying the coffee, snacks and fellowship in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings? This is all done under the hat of LWML. You can volunteer to bring a snack by signing up on the Hostess Sheet in the Welcome Center. You can volunteer for after the early or late service. After the late service, the hostess rinses out the coffee pots with warm water and cleans up the food table. Plates and napkins are furnished by LWML. Donations go toward our mission work.

**Receptions** – The ladies are also responsible for providing receptions that are held in Belvedere Hall. Usually this occurs following a funeral as requested by the family. This requires phone calls to ask people to bring food for the bereaved families and their friends. The ladies then gather to set up, serve and clean up for the reception. It takes many hands to make each reception a success.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - We are always looking for those who know how to knit, crochet or work a loom. As the shawl is made, we ask that the preparer offers prayers to the Lord for the protection, comfort, and

blessings for the shawl's recipient. The completed shawls are placed on the altar railing, the ladies then gather as a league and kneel at the altar and we pray that God would bless the shawl and its recipient. We pray that as the recipient wears the shawl, that they receive warmth and comfort from it, and that they feel the "hugs" from Trinity's LWML.

**Pantry Fund** - The LWML is the custodian of this account. The money for this fund comes through offering envelopes and through direct contributions. The Pantry Fund was established after the food pantry was closed at Trinity. Money has been given to the Union Mission, the pantry at St. Timothy Lutheran Church and to help Special Ministries with their outreach programs to the homeless. This fund may also be used by the Pastor if he knows of someone who is in need of food.

**Sanctuary Fund** - This fund was turned over to the LWML to be its custodian because of the LWML Altar Guild which handles the upkeep of the altar needs (fair linen, purificators, communion wafers, wine and candle oil). Other expenditures include palms for Palm Sunday, the dry cleaning of stoles and paraments, and the purchase of baptismal napkins.

**Laura Johnson Memorial Fund** - The LWML is the custodian of this account. This fund provides for funeral receptions (at church or in the home), flowers or other appropriate acknowledgements of care and concern. Members help to fund this account through memorials, "Blessings received", and direct contributions.



**Altar Flowers** - Everyone enjoys seeing the beautiful flowers adorning our altar on Sunday mornings. If you have a special event or recognition please consider signing up to provide flowers one Sunday. The Flower chart is located in the hallway across from the office. We would really appreciate any donations to the Flower Fund even if you don't have an occasion to place flowers on the altar. The LWML tries to make sure we have flowers on the altar for communion Sundays. Any help is greatly appreciated.

As you can see all that we do cannot be accomplished by only one or two ladies. This takes all of us. From providing a snack, to making a call, to dusting the altar, to working at a reception, all of these things are done to the Glory of God. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming dates of meetings and happenings and please join us!

## Summer Camp

Linda Loper

Summer Camp started last month and will run through August 19th. The theme this year is *A Wonderful World of Adventure*.



Camp has many fun filled activities planned for this summer. We have had the *Virginia Living Museum's Traveling Road Show* (they will come again in August), *Gymstrada*, *Color Me Mine*, Ryan the Balloon Guy, Mr. Radcliff the Magician, the *VA Aquarium*.

The campers are enjoying arts and crafts, water fun, cooking, and watching the Community Garden Grow. Everyone is having a great time. Many of Trinity's school children are so happy to see others. There's noise everywhere and it is so nice!

We still have room and five (5) more weeks to go. Have your children come join in the summer adventures. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Camp is still accepting registration. Contact Mrs. Loper in the church office for more information.

## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are in the process of gathering photos of all of our members and active guests to include in a new Pictorial Directory. Thanks to our new membership software we can now take and upload our own photos without using an outside photographer trying to sell you photos.

John and Justin Malone have graciously agreed to take individual and family photos. Look for them in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. No appointment required just stop by for a photo on your way to or from church.

Once we have caught up with everyone attending on Sunday mornings we will be calling everyone else to make sure if you want your picture to be included or not. Please help us to include a photo of everyone in our directory.

Call the church office at 489-2551 to update any outdated information on our system. If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements for your photo to be taken, please contact Lynn Hubert. Thanks!

## By-Laws Committee

Lynn Hubert

We have established a new committee to revise the out-dated By-laws of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We have a group of 10 representing the congregation: Pastor Meraz, Julie Meraz, Conrad Greif, Dave Petri, Judy Sykes, Patty Malone, John Knickelbein, Bud Hubert, Lynn Hubert and Anne Combes. We began meeting in May and will continue until the task is complete. At that time a copy of the proposed updated By-laws will be printed and distributed for all to review before bringing before the voters for approval. We ask for your prayers and support as we work towards the completion of this much needed update.

## Outreach

Doug Sulak

The Outreach Board continues to meet and greet with our visitors. We hope through this process we can gain some new members. In the future we plan to begin a program of visitation of all of our visitors. Volunteers will be needed in this area.



Free Classes for family members, parents, siblings, partners, and friends of a loved one with a chronic mental illness:

**Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders**

This 12-week course helps family members and friends understand and support adults living with serious mental illness. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with one of these brain disorders.

**Classes offered through NAMI Norfolk.**

### CLASS SCHEDULE:

Thursdays September 15 through December 8, 2016  
6:30-9:00 at Norfolk Community Services Board  
225 W. Olney Road, Norfolk.

Please contact Ellen Carpenter (757) 581-9262 or [ellencarpenter@yahoo.com](mailto:ellencarpenter@yahoo.com) to register.

Early registration is recommended. Space is limited

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## Official Acts

### Members Removed

Marty and Johanna Bradley - May 15, 2016  
 Carolyn Bauers - June 14, 2016  
 Darrell Kristo - June 23, 2016

### Members Received

Rev. Charles and Susan Mallie - June 6, 2016  
 and children - Ana, Dante, Nikolas

### Deaths

Bertha Auguste Hart - April 11, 2016  
 Melvin Lee Simms - May 8, 2016  
 Willie Mae Sinn - May 16, 2016  
 Dorothy Viar Simms - June 27, 2016

### Baptisms

Milo Tyler Williams - February 15, 2016

## New Member Addresses

The Mallie Family  
 813 Saint George Court  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

### Operation Barnabas Game Night/Dinner

August 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

All active duty and military veterans are invited!

Please join us for bratwurst and hot dogs  
 as we come together in fellowship.

RSVP by August 14<sup>th</sup> with your family name  
 and number attending to  
[tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org](mailto:tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org)  
 or call 757-489-2551.



Dear Operation Barnabas Congregations/Chapters,

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order - <http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>  
 We pray it continues to be helpful for our Operation Barnabas congregations and chapters.

**58,220. 36,914. 416,000. 116,516. 620,000.**

These numbers represent the number of US Forces killed in: Vietnam, Korea, World War 2, World War 1, and the Civil War. Over 1, 247,650 Americans have given their lives in the service of their country. Among us, there are many who can name many of our comrades who fell in battle. We cherish their memory. We speak of them, and remember them. And as our country celebrates its birthday once more in a celebration replete with parades, fireworks, picnics, and family get togethers, we pause. We pause in the midst of this full throttle celebration to remember those who purchased the ability for us to say "We live in the land of the free." Their blood purchased those words. Their sacrifice bought many innocent lives. They died so that their children, and ours, might live in a land free from war.

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One. One man died so that billions might live. One man purchased for us the ability to speak to God, and gave us a prayer wherein we can speak to God as a dear child speaks to his dear Father. One purchased our lives from the pits of hell, and the hands of Satan. In fact, His death purchased us from death itself. Oh, it may take our breath and still our heart, but it has no hold on us. For the moment that our heart is stilled on this earth, our eyes shall see our Savior face to face.

Over one million deaths have purchased freedom for our nation, and its people. One death has purchased eternal freedom for every human being that has appeared on the face of the earth. We give thanks for our countrymen who have died. But we also give thanks for our Savior who gave His life that we might live now, and in eternity.

Chaplain Craig G. Muehler  
 CAPT, CHC, USN,(ret.)  
 Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces  
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod







## August Birthdays

- 2 Erin Hayes
- 2 Philip Gilson
- 4 Gerald Harger
- 4 Lorie Bonin
- 4 Billy Nytko
- 5 Alexandra Hayes
- 8 Hailey Donahue
- 10 Marilyn Vaughan
- 12 Candy Sontag
- 12 Jeanette Gilson
- 16 Nani Sabillion
- 17 Julie Stiles
- 17 Martha Sontag
- 18 Patrick Mick
- 18 Ada Bugbee
- 22 Arthur Christy
- 22 Maggie Bayse
- 23 Richard Robertson
- 23 Liz Ruediger
- 24 Thomas Sontag
- 25 Richard Ball
- 25 Buster Sontag
- 26 Donna Christie
- 26 Hayden Herring
- 27 Victor Duarte, Sr.
- 28 Vivian Reilly
- 29 Conrad Greif
- 30 Elisabeth Nytko

## August Anniversaries

- 12 Donald ♥ Deborah Adams
- 14 Jonathan ♥ Julie Meraz
- 18 Howard ♥ Marilyn Copeland
- 29 Eugene ♥ Shirley Barker
- 29 Kevin ♥ Anne Combes

## September Birthdays

- 3 Bud Hubert
- 4 Emily Hales
- 4 Karl Liebrich
- 5 Justin Malone
- 6 Izzy Chrisman
- 6 Lizzy Chrisman
- 7 Rebecca Peele
- 9 Andy Bonin
- 10 Arlene Nelson
- 11 Diana Casey
- 11 Robert Sawyer
- 12 Shirley Whitson
- 12 Jon Leiding
- 12 Dante Mallie
- 13 Anne Combes
- 13 Hannah Prince
- 14 Janice Gwin
- 17 DeVante Casey
- 17 Maverick Jones
- 18 Patrick Hayes
- 19 Tucker Wilcox
- 19 Eric Palmer
- 19 Bettie Terrell
- 20 Ruth Kaufman
- 29 Alex Ruediger



## September Anniversaries

- 1 Conrad ♥ Jeanne Greif
- 2 Floyd ♥ Tucker Wilcox
- 5 Jon ♥ Christine Leiding
- 14 Robert ♥ Ashlynn Sawyer

## Bowling News

Doug Sulak

The Tidewater Lutheran Bowling League will have it's organizational meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 22, 2016 at AMF Norfolk Lanes on East Little Creek Road (next to the Post Office). There will be free bowling for everyone who attends the meeting. We need both regular bowlers as well as substitutes. All subs will bowl free each week with the only requirement being they pay the \$20.00 sanction fee. We would dearly love to have more Trinity bowlers to go along with our current bowlers, Brenda and Janet Gould plus Doug Sulak. The season will start August 29, 2016 with Labor Day off. We will finish in the second week of May with one week taken off for Christmas. Anyone interested in joining please contact Doug Sulak.

## Special Ministries

Patty Malone

We had nine volunteers plus an additional four volunteers, we did not know when the day started but had fun getting to know them, on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the FoodBank of South-eastern Virginia from 9:00 a.m. until noon. A fun Saturday morning and we were glad that Pastor Meraz was able to join us! We got our steps in as we sorted 5628 pounds of food. After a fun, fast morning a few of us headed to Chick-fil-a for lunch. Thank you everyone for coming out to lend a hand helping sort food for those in need.

**Our annual meeting for planning will be Tuesday - August 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** If you are looking for a way to serve at Trinity and you think this is where you would like to help, please come. We have one planning meeting annually - where we plan our calendar of events for the year and are always looking for new/fresh ideas.

There will be a collection box in the Welcome Center for school supplies. We are collecting them for underprivileged children living within our community. **Collections for the school supplies dates as follows: July 24 – August 28, 2016.** A lot of the stores are offering great prices on back to school items; some even had items for a penny. Also, tax-free school supply weekend is August 5-7, 2016.

We will be going back to the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia on **Saturday – September 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.** If you are able to come out for a fun morning of fellowship and volunteering we would love to have you. This will be the last time in 2016 we will be volunteering at the FoodBank. We will have **three dates in 2017** if you cannot make the September date. It is always a rewarding experience when you see how much you have accomplished at the end of the shift!

The FoodBank now **requires you to preregister** as a volunteer and the directions are on their website. Once you are registered check-in on Saturday morning is very fast. Remember to wear comfortable closed toe shoes (mandatory) as we are usually on our feet all morning.

With school just around the corner many of you might be tossing out those dried up old markers...**STOP and ColorCycle it!** We are collecting used markers through the Crayola ColorCycle Program. It is a new program devised to turn used markers into energy! All types of markers and highlighters are able to be recycled and then being converted into clean fuel. We are reducing our carbon footprint each time we remember to recycle! Learn more at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>.

Did you get a new eye prescription lately? We collect used eye glasses that are then turned in and calibrated and given out to those in Virginia who are unable to afford glasses. The future could look bright for someone else so remember to bring them in and put in the **“green corner”** containers.

We are always looking for new team members. If you don't want to commit to being a team member; we would still love for you to help with any project of interest to you.

The Special Ministry Team currently consists of Jo-Nell and David Chadwick, Cathy George, Sharon Knorr, Linda Loper and Patty Malone as Team Leader. It is a blessing to be a part of such a wonder Team!

Let us ALL continue Serving Jesus by Serving Others!

## YOUTH

Patty Malone

### Junior/Senior High Youth

On Saturday, July 23, 2016 five of our youth got together for a scavenger hunt at the Chrysler Museum then headed to Mrs. Plawin's house for board games and pizza. It was a hot day but they walked to and from the museum. It's a good thing Mrs. Plawin lives so close! I think this was the first time in recent memory that the boys outnumbered the girls! We want to welcome, new to the youth, Russell and Philip. Thank you, Sharon Plawin for organizing this youth outing!

Our pre back-to-school event for the middle school and high school youth will be a **POOL PARTY on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 p.m.** at the home of Bud and Lynn Hubert. Mark your calendars now!

The youth enjoyed Top Golf last time we went and not everyone was able to go. So we are planning another outing there on **October 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** More details to follow on this event!

We want to give a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to those who graduated High School this year. May God continue to bless you both as you figure out where your future will lead you.

Daniel Bonin – Granby High School  
Luis Delgado – Lake Taylor High School

Also, congratulations to Shelby Blaker and Justin Malone for making the honor roll at Granby High School!

### Preteens

The preteen fun nights will start again on **Friday, September 9, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We meet in Belvedere Hall. If you have never been before it is an evening of games, fun, snacks, Bible object lesson, crafts and more fun!

The preteen fun nights will be the second Friday of every month during the school year. We hope you will make an effort to attend while making new friends.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>8</b> By-Laws Committee Mtg 6:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Board of Deacons 3:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Operation Barnabas Game Night/ Dinner 5:30 pm	<b>19</b> Last Day of Summer Camp	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>22</b> Bowling Organiza- tional Meeting 6:00pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>29</b> Bowling League 6:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h1>August 2016</h1> </div>		

### ***WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE***

***If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday,  
please make arrangements for someone to cover for you  
and let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you!***

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Lectors	Ralph Knorr 8:30 am Pat Gregory 11:00 am	Anna Carter 8:30 am Julie Meraz 11:00 am	Cathy George 8:30 am John Butcher 11:00 am	Brenda Pendry 8:30 am Linda Blaker 11:00 am
Communion Assistants	Ralph Knorr 8:30 am Bill Gregory 11:00 am		Ralph George 8:30 am Jeff Ingmire 11:00 am	
Acolytes	Janet Gould 8:30 am Justin Malone 11:00 am	xxxxx 8:30 am Luis Delgado 11:00 am	Janet Gould 8:30 am Shelby Blaker 11:00 am	xxxxx 8:30 am Shelby Blaker 11:00 am
Children's Sermon	Chaplain Prince	Judy Sykes	Pastor Meraz	Sharyn Leiding

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>September 2016</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				<b>4</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Class 10:00 am	<b>5</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Church and School Offices Closed	<b>6</b> Financial Peace University 7:00 pm
<b>7</b> Confirmation Class 4:00 pm Lutheran Confessions Study 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> Men's Bible Study @ Ball's 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> PreTeen Night Activities 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> LWML Meeting 10:00 am	<b>11</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Class 10:00 am	<b>12</b> Bowling League 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Financial Peace University 7:00 pm
<b>14</b> Confirmation Class 4:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Lutheran Confessions Study 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> <i>Trinitarian Dead- line for October/ November issue</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	<b>18</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am SS/VBS 9:45 am Adult Bible Class 10:00 am	<b>19</b> Bowling League 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> Financial Peace University 7:00 pm
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and let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you!***

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Lectors	Brenda Pendry 8:30 am Pat Gregory 11:00 am	Anna Carter 8:30 am Julie Meraz 11:00 am	Ralph Knorr 8:30 am John Butcher 11:00 am	Ian Bugbee 8:30 am Linda Blaker 11:00 am
Communion Assistants	Ken Leiding 8:30 am Bill Gregory 11:00 am		Ralph Knorr 8:30 am Jeff Ingmire 11:00 am	
Acolytes	Janet Gould 8:30 am Justin Malone 11:00 am	xxxxx 8:30 am Luis Delgado 11:00 am	Janet Gould 8:30 am Shelby Blaker 11:00 am	xxxxx 8:30 am Justin Malone 11:00 am
Children's Sermon	Linda Blaker	Ian Bugbee/ David Chadwick	Pastor Meraz	Chaplain Prince



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## Tin Roofs for Africa

Can you imagine going to a church that doesn't have a roof? If it was sunny outside, you might get sunburn. If it was raining, you would get wet. Many boys and girls who go to church in places like Tanzania and Madagascar on the continent of Africa have this experience every Sunday. Their church has walls but no roof! Many of these Churches are out in the country, near farms and fields, along dusty dirt roads. The church members work together to build their own churches using things like mud, bricks, and bamboo that they can find nearby. Sheets of tin metal are best for the roofs because the metal keeps out the rain and hot sunshine. Tin metal is very expensive, and church members don't always have enough money to buy it. The good news is that these boys and girls and their families come to their roofless churches anyway — filling every seat and even standing in the aisles and at the windows — because they are so eager to learn about and worship their Lord and Savior, Jesus. But when it is raining or storming, they can't have services. When the hot sun is beating down on them, it's hard to listen to the pastor.

### **HELP US BUILD TIN ROOFS IN AFRICA!**

Through September 25<sup>th</sup> ALL Sunday School/VBS offerings  
will be given to the Tin Roofs for Africa Project.

**\$2,000 can provide all the materials for one roof\***

**\$100 can provide the wooden structure for one roof**

**\$30 can provide all the nails needed for one roof**

**\$25 can provide a toolbox of hammers, saws and other tools needed to put on a roof**

**\$15 can provide one piece of tin roofing**

**\*This is our goal for Trinity Lutheran VBS this summer!**