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# OCTOBER TIDINGS

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## SPECIAL DATES

- **Oct. 6-**  
**LWML Sunday**
- **Oct. 7- 8:00 a.m.**  
**Men's Club Breakfast Mtg & Golf**
- **Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27- 9:15 a.m.**  
**New Member Classes**
- **Oct. 20- 9:00 a.m.**  
**Flu Shot Clinic**
- **Oct. 21- 8:00 a.m.**  
**Lifeline Screenings**
- **Oct. 22- 1:00 p.m.**  
**LWML Meeting**
- **Oct. 23 & 30- 4:00 p.m.**  
**Pastor Dan's Bible Study & Meal  
with Fellowship**
- **Oct. 26- 11:00 a.m.**  
**Friendship Luncheon**
- **Oct. 27-**  
**Reformation Sunday**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This past spring, I was faced with an unpopular decision of having to cut down one of the many Live Oak trees surrounding my house. Working with a local Arborist and in conjunction with my next-door neighbor, we devised a plan for the safe removal of the tree and the grinding down of the four foot stump that would be left in the wake of such a project. It was a necessary action given that over the years the tree had grown to the point of damaging my neighbor's house in the past, and now the root ball of this magnificent tree was beginning to protrude from the ground threatening to take my home's foundation with it. The project was a grand success and we discovered through the process that the inner core was diseased and had weakened its stability. Yet, as the Arborist pointed out, the size of the roots for holding the tree were never in question. After time, he assured me that the growing mound of roots would soon decay, and my yard would even-out. After all these months the mound is less and less noticeable and my yard is becoming level once again.

And yet, as strange as that may sound, it got me thinking as we prepare to enter the Fall season and the month of October, just how important the roots were to that huge tree to keep it from falling in some of the most intense storms over the years. I can only imagine their intricate design and the strength they forged that gave life to this tree. I'm reminded of Paul's word to the Colossians in 2:6-7 where he states, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." In other words, would you join with me in saying, "Let's give thanks to God for our roots in October?" Why our roots – why in October, you ask? Because that's when we traditionally remember the founding of the Lutheran Church and celebrate the blessings and joy of the Reformation! It's the time when we thank God for rooting us in a congregation that is firmly rooted in the teaching of the "Three Solas" or pillars of the Reformation commonly referred to as; "Sola Gratia (Grace Alone); Sola Fides (Faith Alone); and Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone!). In short, we thank God for rooting us in Christ Alone!

As many of you know, October 31 is traditionally a day to dress up in costumes and travel from door to door asking for candy, but for many Christians, especially those of the Lutheran tradition, October 31, is celebrated as Reformation Day. On this day we celebrate God's work through His servant Martin Luther, to preserve the message of the Gospel as the free-gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ through faith alone. It was in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his "95 Theses" or disputes to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The Theses were written against the teachings of indulgences, purgatory, and other beliefs and practices that were inconsistent with the clear teachings of the Bible. The church was selling God's gift of the forgiveness of sins that was intended to be free. Luther's resistance to this was seen as a threat by the leaders of the church and the clash eventually led him to be labeled a heretic and excommunicated. As a result, Luther took his reform movement outside of the church in order to preserve the true teachings as those being rooted in the Bible.

Is this sense of a Reformation still needed today? Pastor Robin Fish explains the answer to this question well when he states, "So today, the world needs to meet Christians who know the solid foundation of Christ, which is only solid when you see your sins and the great danger they present and repent of them, and then to know Christ, and His grace and forgiveness, and genuinely trust in Him. For some of you, that sounds like the religion you already have, and you wonder why we even need a reformation. Well, not everyone needs to turn back to the true foundation because they never left it – for which we owe God great thanks. Church after church, and denomination after denomination have left it though. So, the reformation is still needed!"

Won't you take the time this month to remember the Reformation and the core teachings that stand as the roots of our foundation that were preserved by God through Martin Luther? And may that message of the 3-Solas (Grace Alone; Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone) draw you ever closer to that new life of faith – a transformed life – that's found only in Christ Alone! Yes, these are the roots Paul was referring to – these roots bring us life and forgiveness and stability for living our daily lives in Him – here, we're being built and strengthened in our faith, and overflowing with thankfulness!" That's giving thanks to God for our roots this October!

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Blain*



## SUNDAY

Dearest Savior, forgive me for my impatience. Many times in my life I want to take control and I want it now. Help me to follow the example of patience you have set for me. Thank you so much for being patient with me when I refuse to listen and obey. Your patient suffering and death have brought me eternal life. To You be the glory.

**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. (NIV)

## MONDAY

Lord Jesus, help me to use Your Word to bring comfort to all those in distress. Sometimes I am at a loss for words when someone is hurting. It is those times when I need You to intercede and place the right words on my heart. Lord You know the needs of every human being.

Therefore, I pray the Holy Spirit may give me, from God's Word, words of comfort to speak to those going through difficult times. **Isaiah 40:1** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. (NIV)

## TUESDAY

Gracious Father, while everything is uncertain around us, we have the sure and solid foundation of God and His grace through Jesus Christ. Without the Lord's foundation and His forgiveness we would be without hope in the world. I thank You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, I have a foundation which will never collapse. Keep me strong in my faith in Jesus Christ, my one firm foundation. **1 Corinthians 3:11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (NIV)

## WEDNESDAY

Dear Father in heaven, my days fly by. At times I speed through life, but am not sure where I am heading. Help me to slow down and put the day in Your hands. May I begin each day in partnership with You, in prayer and the Word. In You Lord, I find strength to meet the day's demands. May I start each day with You in mind. **Mark 1:35** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (NIV)

# October Prayers



## THURSDAY

Jesus, thank You for making me worthy, not by my deeds, but by Your love on the cross. You created every being, but there are times I forget this. Our worth can not be counted in appearance, fame, money or power. Our worth is found at the cross of our Savior, Jesus. May I be found to be worthy through Jesus. Help me also, Lord, to see the worth of all people. **2**

**Thessalonians 1:11** With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. (NIV)

## FRIDAY

A new day, heavenly Father! A gift from You. Thank You for my family, my friends, my memories and the new memories to be made today. Thank You for loving me and my family unconditionally. We will sin today and You will love us nonetheless. What an awesome God You are! We can not understand this great love, but we accept it knowing just how much Your love for us cost You. Forgive my sins and fill me with heavenly joy. **1 John 3:1a** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (NIV)

## SATURDAY

Father, just as You rested on the seventh day of creation, help us to find rest for our bodies and souls this weekend. As we rest, let our minds drift to You and Your love. Grant us Your joy and peace. Grant us the strength we need to meet any challenges coming our way this week. We can overcome all things with you. We look forward to our time tomorrow to worship You in Christ. **Matthew 11:28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (NIV)

## HELP US WITH TRINITY'S VISION AND FUTURE

Exciting news! Your Long Range Planning Committee is working to develop a realistic map for Trinity's future, guided by God's Word and the vision of our members. A very important Survey has been developed to help us plan with every member of our congregation in mind.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY IS CRITICAL!**

The survey will be conducted in November, and you will receive reminders and instructions as we get closer to the survey launch. Pray for our planning and future, and join us for this congregational journey. **YOU ARE IMPORTANT!** Thanks for traveling this road with us as a family.

- Long Range Planning Committee

## PASTOR PAUL'S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

*Begins October 6*

will be held on **October 6th in the Fellowship Hall** with the powerful dangerous threat of Voodooism in the Caribbean and now in this country. Pastor has spent ten years in the 16 poorest nations of the Caribbean and a close friend of his was raised with this religion in Jamaica. Find out about the Obeah Man, Pokomania, use of oils, Voodoo Dolls, the White Witch of Rose Hall. The following Sunday classes will focus on The Bible Miracles, their validation, Balaam's Talking Donkey, Elisha and Gehazi, The Miracles of Jesus. These sessions will take us to the holidays. Coffee will be available.



## THANKSGIVING MINISTRY

The Board of Human Care will be collecting checks and cash donations for the annual Thanksgiving food gift certificates drive to be distributed to the Community of Gratitude participants. **The Thanksgiving Drive will continue until Sunday October 20.**

There will be a basket on the Welcome Center for contributions as well as a basket at Trinity South. Your generous contributions in the past years have been greatly appreciated, let's continue to support this faith based mission. Checks should be made out to COMMUNITY Of GRATITUDE. Blessing to all for your consideration.



## OCTOBER MUSIC NOTES

“O, Happy Day” to all of my brothers and sisters of Trinity. Yes, that is the name of a Gospel song. You will hear it on a Saturday, next year. Actually, Saturday worship music IS dedicated to keeping the wonderful, classic Gospel music alive. Most churches are doing contemporary, so our Gospel service, on Saturdays, is unique in our area.

**Check out Saturday worship sometime!**

### Here is the Saturday schedule for October:

**Saturday, October 5** – Our Glory Road Singers – this is Trinity's Gospel choir  
**October 12** – Marianne and Bob Hughes sing and play  
**October 19** - Ron Benfield, singer and guitar.  
**October 26-** Larry Hubbard singer and guitar



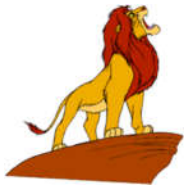
Here are our **BIG MUSICAL EVENTS** coming up which includes choirs, bells, brass, timpani, strings, organ, piano, and soloists. You will definitely receive a blessing, so I hope you will invite friends, neighbors and family visitors to join us.

### *Good News!*

**Look for the Sanctuary choir to provide music to both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on the following Sundays this Fall, and on these special occasions:**

Reformation Sunday, October 27th  
All Saints Day, November 3rd  
Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th, 4:00 p.m.  
Prelude to Christmas Concert, December 8th, 4:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve, 3:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m.

*-Rocket*



## HEY, “ROARING 90’s”!

The next Get Together will be  
**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. at Francesco's.**

If you are in your 90's or soon will be, plan on joining us for Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Need a ride or more information? Call Liz Koch at (352) 561-4179.



**Advice from a Pumpkin!**



# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

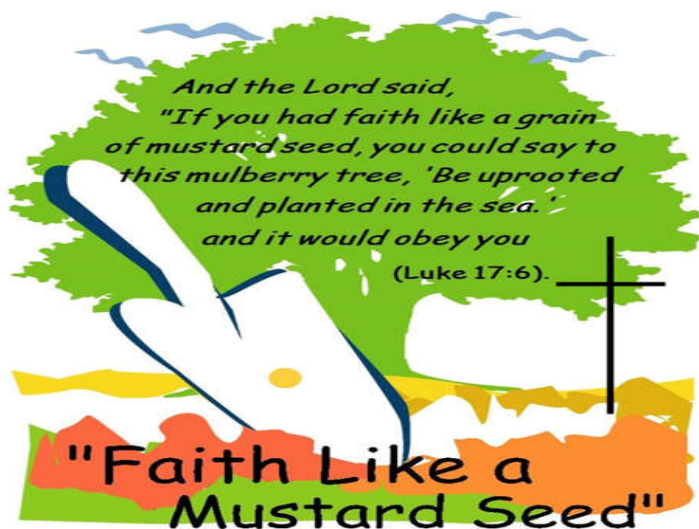
Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). All women of Trinity Lutheran Church are members and are encouraged to serve others through mission, education, inspiration and service. We invite you to attend our meetings and learn what we are all about as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:

## *Faith Like a Mustard Seed*

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

"Faith Like a Mustard Seed" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019, based on Jesus' words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!



LWML Sunday 2019



In observance of LWML Sunday, October 6th, Trinity's LWML will be serving in various roles during our four services. The official colors of the LWML are "Purple and Gold" and our members will celebrate wearing these colors. The color purple is a symbol of royalty and gold represents value and integrity. We would like to thank all of our participants sharing their God given talents making our services special.

## In Memory of Karen Crook



We are feeling sorrow for the loss of our beloved LWML sister, Karen Crook who God summoned to heaven on Sept. 9th. Karen was a blessing to Trinity and especially the LWML. For many years she was co-chair for the LWML bake sale and also made numerous pillowcase dresses and britches that continue to clothe many children. Her vibrant personality was apparent enjoying every activity she cheerfully volunteered to be part of. Karen will be missed and lived our motto "Serve the Lord With Gladness".



**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** Faith Lutheran Church in Lecanto, FL will be hosting the "North Central Florida Zone Rally". Churches within our zone are invited giving an opportunity to know and enjoy other LWML sisters. We encourage all women of Trinity and guests to consider attending this inspirational rally. Car pooling will be arranged.

## LWML MEETING



We welcome All women of Trinity and guests to our meeting on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Setting the mood for our afternoon, we're pleased to have Gerry Sandaker read from "A Cup of Christmas Tea" a timeless, poetic tale. A presentation from the "Spice & Tea Exchange of Brownwood" will be our interesting program. Come and enjoy our version of a tea party and also learn about their wonderful spices, teas and more. Most of us are familiar with the nursery rhyme "Old Mother

Hubbard" and finding her cupboard bare. Trinity's kitchen supplies are in need of replacement especially lately with the numerous meals being prepared and served. Patti Paxton who so competently oversees the kitchen suggested the LWML have a Kitchen Shower Ingathering to help replenish the kitchen with much needed items. \*Your help will be appreciated and please note the list of items below, and if you can help, bring them to the meeting. A short business meeting will be held and delicious refreshments are always served by our hostesses. We look forward to having you join us and invite a friend or discover a new friend at the meeting.

**\* Items needed for Trinity's Kitchen Shower Ingathering can be found at Wal-Mart. Also, gift cards and checks will also be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the marked box on the receiving table. Please make checks payable to Trinity Ladies LWML.**

Corelle Classic White 10.25 size dinner plates 6 pack for \$19.83

Glass Measuring Cups, Metal 9x13 Pans - Main Stays brand \$3.97

Pairing Knives, Pot Holders, Rubber Spatulas, Serving Spoons,

Shears - Fiskar brand, Small Spatulas (Turners)

Stock Pots 22 qt. - Tramontina brand \$59.97 (These pots have triple thick bottoms to help prevent burning), 15 1/2 x 11 Half Sheet Baking Pans from Sam's cost around \$10 for 2



## LWML MITE BOX COLLECTION

The next Mite Collection will be on **Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th.** (This is also the weekend we celebrate LWML Sunday.) Your contributions are very important in supporting many various mission projects/grants. One of these is as follows:

### **Community Food Pantry Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Sanford, FL - \$4,200**

The Community Food Pantry provides a regular food source to those in need in our neighborhood while allowing us to build bridges into our community that result in meaningful and beneficial relationships, so we can share the love of Jesus.

Always remember that A LITTLE CAN HELP SO MANY!



## ARNIE AAGESEN – TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB

Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2019

The Sept. 9, 2019 Meeting of the Arnie Aagesen - Trinity Lutheran Church Men's Club was called to order by V. Pres. Jim Bohlmann at 8:03 AM. There were 35 members present including 2 first time attendees, Bill Henderson and K.D. Minier. The opening prayer, from Luther's Small Catechism was offered before all enjoyed the usual sumptuous breakfast. Following breakfast, Stu Vogt offered a presentation of the "Three Ladders" of Mysticism, Moralism, and Rationalism, that mankind uses to get to Heaven but fails in the attempt.

The business meeting was started with the presentation of the Secretary and Treasurers reports that were read into the record and accepted by acclimation. Under old business Ray Hass presented a report on the can crushing and anchoring of the shed. The current rate for aluminum cans is .31 cents per pound and the current submission will be around 198 pounds. Under new business, Skip Sattler was recognized by Pres. Bohlmann to report on the Highway Cleanup sponsorship by the Club. Brother Sattler indicated that a new contract for the next year will be coming due soon and suggested that the contract not be renewed because of the recent lack of participation by members in the clean up. A motion was made to not renew the contract. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stu Vogt, Secretary



**Looking for a way to open a dialogue of your Christian beliefs, the love of Jesus with family, friends or those who you just pass through your life? Check out this new Project Connect Booklet from Lutheran Hour Ministries.**

**Here are a few excerpts from this new booklet about our Christian Foundation.**

How to Talk About Your Faith, An Introduction to the Spiritual Conversation Curve

(Excerpt) Sharing the good news you have in Jesus Christ is made easier with this booklet from Project Connect. Inside you will discover a sensible and user-friendly model for assessing a person's spiritual posture (unreceptive, receptive, seeking) and easy-to-use guidelines for having fruitful spiritual conversations.

This booklet's conversational style and road-tested principles help take the mystery out of sharing your faith by providing a handy tool based on biblical insights and nationwide research.

*.sponsored by Board of Evangelism*

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP MEETING

**Prayer Shawl Group will meet the 4th Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 in classroom 1. This will be October 28.** Any questions, please call Darlene Baney, as Wanda will be out of the country this month. Darlene is 419-367-0373.





**Love INC**

Love In the Name of Christ  
of the Heart of Florida

# Christmas Blessings

is designed to be a relational way to provide families with a traditional Christmas through the generosity of local churches.

## 3 Ways to Participate:

**Donate to Children!**

Gift Card Sponsorship

**Serve at the Event!**

1.5 hour commitment

**Shop with Parents!**

1.5 hour commitment

[www.loveinchof.org](http://www.loveinchof.org)

[dparker@loveincheartofflorida.org](mailto:dparker@loveincheartofflorida.org)

(352) 245-8774

Give a gift card, any \$ amount, from one of these stores to be used to buy gifts for children in need.

1.

✓ Walmart

✓ Target

or

Donate Cash, Check (payable to Love INC), or Online



Return the gift with the form below to your church no later than Dec. 8th...

Fill out the bottom portion (front & back). Cut off and turn into the church. A Love INC Volunteer will contact you soon.

*I would like to get involved by \_\_\_\_\_ shopping, \_\_\_\_\_ donating, or \_\_\_\_\_ both, shopping and donating.*

## Volunteer at the Event (1.5 hr commitment)

Volunteer Deadline: Monday, December 2nd

2.

The event part of Christmas Blessings will be held on December 7th from 10-11:30am at Oxford Assembly of God.

Volunteers will help with: Set-up 9am-10am, children's crafts 10:15am-11:45am, scheduling parents to shop 10:15am-11:45am, Greeter/Check-in 8:45am-10:15am



## Shop with Parents (1.5 hr commitment)

Volunteer Deadline: Monday, December 2nd

As a shopper you will help with selecting items, tracking their budget, and have the opportunity to share the love of Christ.

### Shopping Dates, Times, & Locations

3.



### WALMART

Oxford, Tuesday 12/10 10am, 11am, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm

Summerfield, Thursday 12/12 10am, 11am, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm

### TARGET

The Villages, Wednesday 12/11 10am, 11am

Call Love INC at (352) 245-8774 or [www.loveinchof.org/christmas.html](http://www.loveinchof.org/christmas.html) to sign-up.

Fill out the bottom portion (front & back). Cut off and turn into the church. A Love INC Volunteer will contact you soon.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# SCRAPPY QUILTERS

Once again I am in awe at how God is blessing the Scrappy Quilter Ministry by pointing us in new directions of service and with the materials we need to carry it through! While I was away Julia Mack heard of the need for lightweight blankets for the SOZO summer camp. In talking to her friends in Del Webb she got them excited about helping with sewing the blankets. They are equally excited about staying with us to help with quilts, and in particular the Christmas stocking project which we will begin shortly.

We have also been blessed with Debbie Sattler joining our fellowship. Welcome Debbie! Evelyn Schultz, a long time Scrappy quilter member is moving to Texas at the end of the month. We will miss her and wish her well. In preparing her house to put on the market she gave us a very generous donation of her fabric stash. There was so much fabric I felt compelled to share some of it with 3 other sewing charities in the Villages: The Giving Dolls, Operation Shoebox, and the Bear Ladies. Thank you Evelyn! Your donation is going a long way to bless others! The Giving Dolls felt led to return the favor by donating to the Scrappy Quilters some of the Christmas fabric in their stash for us to sew Christmas stockings for the SOZO kids!

Over the summer I was led to share 40 of the crib sized quilt tops I had pieced over the summer with the ladies at Christ Lutheran Mantua, Ohio, who desired to start a quilting ministry. The Ladies Guild provided the funds for purchase of batting and other items needed. One of my sisters in the Lord there was able to match up backs from fabrics she and her mother had in their stash! They will go to Pregnancy Crisis centers and wherever babies are in need of comfort in Northeast Ohio. 14 receiving blankets sewn by the cousin of one of the ladies will also be distributed. One member received a quilt and receiving blanket to give to a friend who is fostering a newborn baby born drug addicted.

Julia learned of a home for unwanted kids and it was decided that we should make each of the 12 children there a quilt. Shortly after we decided to take on this project we got an anonymous donation of 4 bags of lovely fabrics, many of which were children's prints. Sandy Horn was inspired to take home the fabrics and design quilt tops for this project.

Co Leader Pam Bixler did an amazing job taking over during the summer. They got "sew" many projects done and did a marvelous job of organizing our closets! Thank you Pam!

Come and experience the abundance of God's Blessings on this ministry for yourself! **We meet Fridays from noon till 3:00 in meeting room 1.** If no one answers the door there enter through the Church office. Hope to see you there! Questions? Comments? Call or text Sue Lehota at 330-414-8406 or email me here: [suelehota@aol.com](mailto:suelehota@aol.com)







# Lay Leadership SUMMIT

FLORIDA-GEORGIA REGION 2

**NOVEMBER 15-16, 2019**

## **Abiding Savior Gainesville**

9700 West Newberry Road  
Gainesville, Florida 32606

### **• Free Event •**

**Register by November 1 at**  
**[www.flgadistrict.org/LayLeadershipSummit](http://www.flgadistrict.org/LayLeadershipSummit)**

Equip, engage, and empower lay leaders of  
today's church for effective ministry leadership.

Help one another discover their gifts  
and how to best use them to serve others.

Meet other congregational leaders to  
gain new ideas, support one another,  
and build intercongregational relationships.





# Picnic

**HEY, VILLAGERS in PICNIC GROUPS 7 AND 8 !!! We are having a combined picnic on Sunday, October 27 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Bacall Recreation Center!**

Wouldn't it be great to get to know people from Trinity North and South who live in your area of The Villages. We'll be dining on yummy appetizers and desserts, and playing games as we get to know our fellow Trinity neighbors. Please put this date on your calendar. If you want more information or would be willing to help, please call Kay Jacobson at 352-430-1577 / [kayalene43@comcast.net](mailto:kayalene43@comcast.net) or Liz Koch at 352-561-4179 / [alliz.koch@gmail.com](mailto:alliz.koch@gmail.com).

**Group 8: Villages of** Amelia, Bonita, Caroline, Hadley, Lake Sumter Landing, Largo, Mallory Square, Sabal Chase, and Virginia Trace

**Group 7: Villages of** Ashland, Belvedere, Bonnybrook, Bridgeport at Lake Miona, Bridgeport at Lake Sumter, Bridgeport at Miona Shores, Lynnhaven, Mission Hills, Polo Ridge, Summerhill, Tall Trees, and Winifred.



## SAVE THE DATE - GROUP 3 PICNIC

WHERE: Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center, Mar de Calma Card Room

WHEN: **Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, 12-3pm,**

WHO: Members from the following villages:  
Alhambra, BelleAire, Glenbrook, Harmeswood, Piedmont, Santiago  
Calumet Grove, Chatham, Santo Domingo & Tierra Del Sol

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more Info please call Vita A. Crain at 352-454-6468 or email [villagenotary@aol.com](mailto:villagenotary@aol.com)

## SECRET PRAYER PALS REVEAL

Shhh...it's about time to spill the beans. Save this date!

**Friday, December 13, 2019**

for the revealing of our Secret Prayer Pals. More information to follow.





# LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries continues to provide a wide variety of free tools on their website to use individually, as a small group or congregation.

If you are looking to grow your faith and enrich your understanding of God's plan for you but want to do it from the comfort of your own home, check out Lutheran Hour Ministries free on-line bible studies at [LHM.org/Learn](http://LHM.org/Learn).

These bible studies are geared to do individually or in a group setting. All the materials are available to download and are free. Just sign up! Two new courses are now available. Check these and others out on the website.



**New Courses from LHM Learn**

Two new courses are now available for FREE: *Me and My Household* and *Building a Vibrant Household*. Both courses are based on research done in partnership with Barna Group, and will guide you in exploring the concept of households and how to nurture yours. Sign up today!

[LHM.ORG/LEARN](http://LHM.ORG/LEARN)

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## Joint Group 9 & 10 Picnic/Gathering and New Villages South of State Road 44

**Sat. Nov. 9 5:30-8:15 p.m.**

**Saturday, Nov 9th at Sterling Heights Recreation Center 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.** Food for the evening will be Sub Sandwiches, chips and dessert. Coffee, Tea, water and ice is provided or BYO. Cost per person \$6.00. Plan to come and spend time with your Trinity family. There will also be a mystery door prize you won't want to miss. To help us plan, please let us know that you're coming. Trinity North please sign on the Clipboard in the Narthex and Trinity South please sign on the sign up sheet on the table, or RSVP to Wanda David, 219-508-5847. **Please sign up by Sunday, November 3rd.**

The following Villages are for Group 9: Buttonwood, Duval, Hemmingway, Liberty Park, Pennecamp, Poinciana, St. Charles, St. James, Sunset Pointe, and Tamarind Grove or Group 10: Charlotte, Collier, Dunedin, Fernandina, Gilchrist, Hillsborough, LaBelle, Lake Deaton, Osceola Hills, Osceola Hills at Lake Deaton, Pine Ridge, Pine Hills, Pinellas & Sanibel, and new villages South of State Road 44. We'll be excited to hear from you.



# CHANGING PATHS

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*left - hosting a family at our house for a summer meal  
center and right - Lily and Olivia packing a meal for a friend dealing with health issues and then visiting with her daughter at their house.*

## Reconnected.

Evens, but not odds. It's the way our family recalls the years that we are blessed to travel back to the U.S. Alas, the summer of 2019 did not take the four of us over the ocean, but instead we were blessed by friends who came to us. Some we had not seen for many years and others - who live just across the sprawling metropolis of Seoul - that we see all too infrequently. Across Seoul we ventured with homemade meals to spend an afternoon with Korean friends we first met in the middle of an lowan cornfield, at Mission Central, several years ago. The mother, now recovering from cancer treatments, says she feels the prayers of us - and many others - though she hasn't confessed faith in Christ. We shared with her again the hope we have in Christ, our Redeemer and the greatest Physician. The next week we excitedly welcomed friends from Down Under who emigrated from Korea to Australia with their two young boys. It was their first visit back to Seoul since they left three years ago and we enjoyed catching up at church and over lunch at our home - marveling at the boys' cute new accents and Aussie English vocabulary. (Turns out "Please pass the capsicums" translates to "Pass the bell peppers." We had no idea!) We remember well their first Sunday at our local congregation of International Lutheran Church (ILC), and soon after watching both their boys be baptized. Another friend who was baptized several years ago at ILC stayed with us for a few days as he traveled from his home in the Czech Republic to finish up his post-graduate studies in New Zealand. Encouraging him in his still young faith is very important to our whole family. Others visited too, including former and current church members, for meals, chats and even for cooking lessons. We are blessed beyond measure with a God who cares for us and provides a community for us here in Seoul, extending to you our dear friends, family, and network of support, encouragement and genuine love and concern. We are excited about this upcoming fall season and the opportunities ahead. Please continue to pray that we may be faithful in our calling to serve in this place for the sake of the Gospel. And, as always, thank you immensely for your partnership.



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## INTERESTED IN JOINING TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OR JUST LEARNING THE MAJOR TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE?

Pastor Dan and Pastor Blair are teaching **New Member Classes**, **Sundays in October at 9:15 a.m. in Classroom 5** and at **Trinity South in the 3rd Floor Conference Room**. This is a 6-week study of Lutheran teachings and doctrine. **Classes are held on Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, 27**

The Reception of New Members and Welcome Breakfast will be **held on Sunday, November 3 at Trinity North at 9:15 a.m.** If you have questions about joining Trinity, please call the church office at 352-307-4500.

*We welcome you!*

## MEMORIALS

A gift was given to Building Debt Reduction in memory of *Dr. Richard Oster*

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of *Ted Hall*



## BOOKWORMS



Last month the Trinity bookworms group met and discussed their book for the month of September. **THE WIND IS NOT A RIVER** by Brian Payton. We learned in that book that there was quite a battle going on up in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska during World War II! Who knew? One of the fun things about our book club is that we are always learning something new each month!

Join us this month! **We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Narthex at Trinity North; in October our meeting will be October 8 at 2:00 p.m.** We're reading a book entitled **BENEATH THE SCARLET SKY** by Mark Sullivan.

Since the bookworms first started in 2014 we have read almost 60 different books! Wow! What fun it is to read different kinds of books and then to gather together and talk about them! **Feel free to join us. Call Geri Wilt for more info (812-343-1020)**

## THANK YOU!



*The Human Care Board would like to thank the Daily Bread meal preparers Rachel Kelm, Patti Paxton, Judy Reeves, LouAnn O'Brien for their time and talent preparing meals August and September. Your dedication to this mission is very much appreciated by our members who are home healing from illness or injury.*

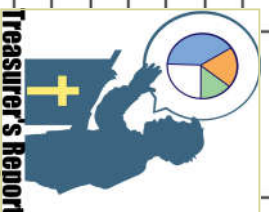
# TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

August, 2019

## GENERAL FUND

|                           | CURRENT MONTH |                  |             |         | YEAR-TO-DATE |                   |             |          |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| <b>INCOME</b>             |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Envelopes                 | \$63,129.     | Under Budget     | (\$8,556.)  | (11.9%) | \$668,849.   | Under Budget      | (\$24,218.) | (3.5%)   |
| Special Services          | \$0.          |                  | \$0.        |         | \$27,291.    | Over Budget       | \$6,549.    | 31.6%    |
| Plate Offering            | \$5,002.      | Over Budget      | \$903.      | 22.0%   | \$60,160.    | Over Budget       | \$8,139.    | 15.6%    |
| Interest                  | \$149.        | Under Budget     | (\$43.)     | (22.4%) | \$1,246.     | Under Budget      | (\$568.)    | (31.3%)  |
| Memorial gifts            | \$125.        | Over Budget      | \$125.      |         | \$300.       | Over Budget       | \$300.      |          |
| Gifts & bequests          |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Other Misc. Income        |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| TOTAL INCOME              | \$68,405.     | Under Budget     | (\$7,571.)  | (10.0%) | \$757,846.   | Under Budget      | (\$9,798.)  | (1.3%)   |
|                           |               | Under last year  | (\$2,421.)  | (3.4%)  |              | Over last year    | \$43,766.   | 6.1%     |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Board expenses            | \$72,710.     | Under Budget     | \$1,576.    | 2.1%    | \$570,672.   | Under Budget      | \$29,610.   | 4.9%     |
| Mortgage interest         | \$9,075.      | Over Budget      | (\$110.)    | (1.2%)  | \$73,600.    | Over Budget       | (\$424.)    | (0.6%)   |
| TOTAL EXPENSES            | \$81,785.     | Under Budget     | \$1,466.    | 1.8%    | \$644,272.   | Under Budget      | \$29,186.   | 4.3%     |
|                           |               | Over last year   | (\$1,328.)  | (1.7%)  |              | Over last year    | (\$21,605.) | (3.5%)   |
| <b>CASH FLOW ITEMS</b>    |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Mortgage Principal        | \$12,377.     | Under Budget     | \$110.      | 0.9%    | \$98,017.    | Under Budget      | \$423.      | 0.4%     |
| Capital Expenditures      | \$9,747.      | Over Budget      | (\$9,747.)  |         | \$41,756.    | Over Budget       | (\$34,794.) | (499.8%) |
| TOTAL CASH FLOW ITEM      | \$22,124.     | Over Budget      | (\$9,637.)  | (77.2%) | \$139,773.   | Over Budget       | (\$34,371.) | (32.6%)  |
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES        | \$103,909.    | Over Budget      | (\$8,171.)  | (8.5%)  | \$784,045.   | Over Budget       | (\$5,185.)  | (0.7%)   |
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Net Income vs. Expense    | (\$35,504.)   |                  |             |         | (\$26,199.)  |                   |             |          |
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| <b>DEDICATED ACCOUNTS</b> |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Receipts                  | \$6,939.      |                  |             |         | \$78,357.    |                   |             |          |
| Disbursements             | (\$3,947.)    |                  |             |         | (\$66,976.)  |                   |             |          |
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| CASH ON HAND              | \$213,765.    | Down this month  | (\$32,434.) |         | \$15,000.    | CD's              |             |          |
|                           |               | Down since Jan 1 | (\$63,157.) |         | \$43,135.    | Money Market Acct |             |          |
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| CD's w/ LCEF              |               |                  |             |         | \$32,161.    | CD's w/ LCEF      |             |          |
|                           |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| MORTGAGE DEBT             |               |                  |             |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Loan #1                   | \$592,234.    | Down this year   | \$72,339.   |         |              |                   |             |          |
| Loan #2                   | \$1,780,841.  | Down this year   | \$47,825.   |         | \$56,798.    | ENDOWMENT         |             |          |

CAPITAL RESERVE w/ EDWARD JONES



## HORNES OF A DILEMMA

The 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John is considered an enigma. The reason being is simple, well maybe not so simple. You see, the first eleven verses of the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter do not appear in what is believed to be the oldest manuscripts. Now, to me and many, all that means is that it is not found in the oldest known manuscript. Others believe, and maybe rightfully so, that the story was added by a scribe many years later. Either way, there are two questions that need to be asked. One, is it in line with the character of Jesus? And, two, does it fit with all the other stories in which Jesus had interaction with others? I believe it does in both cases.

The story in question is about the woman caught in the very act of adultery. However, the act of adultery is not the main point of the story; that being, to put Jesus on the horns of a dilemma. Here is the dilemma, the law of Moses states that the woman should be stoned (along with the man but he is nowhere to be found). The priest and his cohorts in crime ask Jesus if He thinks the woman should be stoned. If He says yes, then all the love stuff and forgiveness he has been talking about go out the window. If He states that she should be forgiven, then He is putting Himself above the law. Either way, they think they have Him. But wait a minute. Not so fast. Jesus bends down and starts doodling in the sand. What he is doodling is not important; it is what happens while He is doodling that is.

It occurred to me one time when I was preparing a sermon on this passage that you do not go fishing without a pole. You do not go play basketball without a ball. And, you do not go to an adulteress woman stoning without a rock. While Jesus in doodling, “Herman,” the high priest is tossing his rock up and down in his hand just waiting to unleash it upon the woman. When Jesus saw the shadow of the rock being tossed up and down, He with cat like moves springs to His feet, grabs the rock in midflight, and brings it to bear right smack dab under Herman’s nose. Jesus then looks Herman in the eye and proceeds to inform him that if he is without sin, he may proceed with throwing the stone. Herman bows his head and sheepishly walks off along with **all** the others. End of story, hardly.

The two main characters are now alone. Jesus takes off His robe and puts it around the naked woman. (Remember she was caught in the very act.) He bends down, places His finger under chin, lifts her head and asks; “where are you accusers?” They were nowhere to be found. Then Jesus tells her to go and sin no more or in my looser translation; “try not to do this again.”

To me, this is the most important story in the Bible about forgiveness. Others may argue, but once again I said “to me.” You see what Jesus is telling us in this story is that the law of love is greater than any other. Please remember, when asked, Jesus stated the law of love is the greatest law of all. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Then we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. The reason Jesus could forgive the woman is His love for her. We ask forgiveness from God because we have already forgiven those who have sinned against us. We forgive and forget because we are forgiven and God places our sins in the middle of His back.

As liturgical people, each week we confess that we are sinners, and each week we receive forgiveness pronounced by the priest. At Hope United Methodist Church in Poway, CA they do it a little differently. After confessing their sins, the priest pronounces that their sins are forgiven, then the congregation responds, your sins are forgiven. Forgiven and forgiving, just the way it was meant to be. Not that we have it wrong, but maybe they have it right. Something to consider. Your sins are forgiven.





## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

### PASTOR'S REPORT :

Pastor Dan reported that there will be around 11 new members this fall. Also, that Trinity South is strong, solid. Pastor Blair stated that some of the small groups started this last week. There are currently 10 small groups. Trinity South is going to receive some more advertising through the Board of Evangelism. Members of Trinity South would like to see either a separate notice in the paper on Saturday, or a more predominant message. There needs to be more focus on making improvements at Trinity South. Also, there were discussions about advertising in the movie theatres. Gil Dahnke was asked to bring details to the next meeting.

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jill Esposito reported that a Hurricane Relief Effort notice was in the Bulletin. Donations have been received. There is a miscellaneous line item under the Board of Human Care's Missions that can be used to help for unexpected things like hurricanes. She would like to see a portion of those funds be sent along with the donations we received. Gary Eckoff moved: **MOTION: Council shall approve donating \$2,000 from the Board of Human Care's Missions – Miscellaneous to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Effort through the Synod.** Chuck Wilt seconded. Motion carried. There may be some advertising in The Daily Sun about donating to Hurricane Dorian Relief through the Synod.

Jill is working on getting some information together for a Nominating Committee. However, she needs input from all of the Boards as to how many (if any) people are going to be needed for their respective Boards. They need to communicate with her as soon as possible so that she can arrange for the appropriate number of members for the Nominating Committee. New member classes begin this week. The Rock is going very well. Requested donations for The Rock are published in the Bulletins each week.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bob Behrends would like action taken on Procurement Guidelines that were distributed at the June Council Meeting. Bob moved: **MOTION: Council shall accept the Procurement Guidelines as attached.** Gary Eckoff took those Guidelines to the Finance Committee for their review. The Finance Committee agreed that the guidelines were valid, but also stipulated that they are currently being followed and saw no reason to make them a part of the Policy and Procedures Manual. For lack of a second, the motion was not voted on.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Pam Bixler shared that an e-mail was received by the Pastors and our Music Director regarding the Martin Luther High School Choir Tour 2020. Their group would like to perform at the church on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Pam has volunteered to take the lead on this project if approved by Council. Therefore, Pam moved: **MOTION: Trinity Lutheran Church shall extend an invitation to Martin Luther High School Choir and Troubadours of Greendale, Wisconsin to perform at the church on Sunday, March 15, 2020.** Gil Dahnke seconded. Details regarding time, expenses (i.e., meals, advertising, sound techs, etc.) and budget, will be worked out over the next couple of months and shared with the Council. Motion was approved.

Gary Eckoff received a letter last year regarding the Budget presentation to the Congregation. There was some dissatisfaction about how the final process was presented. Gary asked whether or not the final Budget Review Process could take place in the Sanctuary and allow members to attend. Pastor Dan responded that he would not support that idea, as the Budget Review Process is the Council's job. The congregation counts on the Council to make informed decisions regarding budget matters. Gary also suggested that we could pass out 3 X 5 index cards for the folks to write down questions. That idea was not supported either. The congregation is given ample opportunity to review the final budget package and ask questions at the Voter's meeting in December. When the final budget package is available, it will be

announced in the Bulletin (usually several weeks before the Voter's Meeting) and the Pastors will mention it during the announcements portion of the service.



To allow enough time for the approved budget to be completed, copied, and ready for distribution, the November Council meeting will be moved to the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENDANCE REPORTS:** The attendance report from Al Etzler for August 2019 was distributed. Gil Dahnke suggested that the usher count be discontinued. The numbers are just there for “trends” and do not need to be exact. Gary would like to see the usher count continue. Chuck Wilt will take this issue to the next Elder's meeting for discussion and a decision will be made at that time.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

***Elders*** : Chuck Wilt reviewed the Holiday Schedule.

***Evangelism*** : Bob Behrends reported the July 4<sup>th</sup> event for Veterans was very successful. Around 600 people attended. They have had many great suggestions for the next event. Mailings to new homeowners continued with about 2,000 pieces. Bob accepted Donna Battard's resignation from the Board, and President Bill Myers appointed Jan Garner to the Board of Evangelism.

***Human Care:*** Martha Mitchell shared that the Board had the pleasure of assisting the Etzler's during their time of need. A lot of Blessing Bags have been distributed. They are in need of Emergency Responders at all services, but especially the 10:30 AM Sunday and the 4:00 PM Saturday services. She also reported that LouAnn and Hugh O'Brien will not be able to continue assisting the Board of Evangelism with the Welcome Center scheduling. Therefore, Martha turned over materials pertinent to that ministry to Bob Behrends. They will be collecting money for the Community of Gratitude Thanksgiving Dinners.

***Trinity South:*** Gary Horton informed Council (via e-mail – copy attached), that he would no longer be representing Trinity South at the Council meetings. Dennis Esch has agreed to, temporarily, assume that responsibility.

***Trustees:*** Lester Boretsky reported that Dennis Esch would like to join the Board of Trustees. President Bill Myers made that appointment.

During the summer, the Council received notice of the following actions/notices: (1) August 9<sup>th</sup>, A/V Emergency Expenditure; (2) August 19<sup>th</sup>, Sound Room Additional Expense; (3) August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Budget Worksheets; and (4) August 26<sup>th</sup>, June and July Financials.



If you have any submissions for the Trinity Tidings or if you just have comments or suggestions, please email us at [staff@trinitysummerfield.org](mailto:staff@trinitysummerfield.org)

The deadline for the  
**NOVEMBER** Newsletter is  
**\*\* Tuesday, October 15th \*\***



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**Come & Worship With Us**

In Summerfield:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Trinity South:

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

at Harbor Chase

(1477 Huey St. Wildwood)

-Take Elevator to the 3rd Floor

**Come & Learn With Us**

Wednesdays starting Oct. 23

4:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship

Thursdays,

Priscilla Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

Sundays

Pastor Paul's Bible Study: 9:15 a.m.

New Member Class 9:15 a.m.

Women's Sunday AM 9:15 a.m.