

TRINITY COURIER

Sharing Christ's Love by Welcoming, Worshiping, Learning, and Serving



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I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... (Philippians 1:6)

It's hard to believe we're more than halfway through 2019. As we enjoy the slightly calmer days of summer, it's good to consider where we've been and where we want to go this year.

Did you make any resolutions back in January? As individuals and as a congregation, we set goals for ourselves back at the beginning of the year. Now is the time to evaluate how well we've followed through on our commitments.

Have you been worshiping regularly at Trinity or with another faith community? Worship is meant to be something that we enjoy and anticipate. It's meant to be a source of joy and strength; the "spiritual gasoline" that gets us through the rest of the week.

In addition to coming to worship on a Sunday morning, have you found other ways to get involved with your congregation? Our call to be disciples is about more than just worship. Have you found life-giving ways to love and serve your neighbor, to work for justice, and to be a peace-maker in the world?

Are you intentional about prayer and the reading of scripture? God wants to be in life-giving communication and relationship with you during

every day of your life, and not just on Sundays. As you watch and read the daily news, are you making connections between world events and your understanding of God?

As we start to make plans for 2020, the church council is reflecting on the current year. Within our congregation, the quality of life and ministry, the strength of relationships, and the growth of our membership and our average Sunday attendance are all reasons to be optimistic.

One area of concern is that, at this point in the year, the financial giving of worshipers is less than was anticipated, as is the income we hoped to get from renting out parts of the building.

August is a good time to evaluate your financial commitment to the work of Trinity. Have you been giving as much as you had intended and as regularly as you could have? If your financial situation is currently better than you had feared it might be, is this the time for a special gift of thanks for all of God's blessings?

Autumn is the time when the council has to make difficult choices in order to craft a budget for the coming year. What programs will continue to be funded as in the past? How many paid staff members can we have? What are the most important parts of our ministry?

The financial gifts that you make in the month of August will help them in their decisions. The specific ministries for



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Paul Gibson, Pastor
 Lynne Tallon, Deacon
 Ron Turner, Organist and
 Director of Music
 Leah Heinicke, Office
 Administrator
 Azur H. Abdić, Facility
 Administrator
 Gayle Nelson, Newly Returned
 Missionary

Council Members

Lisa Johnson, President
 Daryl Stewart, Vice President
 Toni Durilla, Financial Secretary
 Helen Mowrer, Treasurer
 Doug Forcino, Recording
 Secretary
 Bob Burke
 Jan Dorr
 Jen Durilla
 John Hill
 Barb Macomb
 Pastor Paul Gibson

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which you designate your gifts will show what is most important to you.

Please take some time to pray and to imagine the kind of congregation you want us to be in 2020. Consider how you can give more to this church, whether financially or with your time and energy, to make your dreams and God's desires a reality.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Paul



Signs of joy

1. Eagerly greeting each new day as a generous gift from God.
2. Frequent expressions of gratitude for the blessings and challenges which come throughout each day.
3. Finding delight in everyday occurrences: things said by a small child, a cat playing with a ball of string, a dog trying to figure out what you're doing, a funny story in the newspaper, a joke told by a friend, etc.
4. Discovering the taste of a familiar vegetable prepared in a new way.
5. Visiting with a dear friend or family member instead of letting television create the dialogue or interrupt good fellowship.
6. Eagerly looking forward to the next Sunday when you can join the family of God at worship.



An Invitation to
VITALITY
in the Florida-Bahamas Synod

After worship on Sunday, August 11, you are invited to a meeting with Pastor Rob Carlson, the Director of Evangelical Mission in our part of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. He will be sharing next steps as we continue with the synod's Vitality Initiative.

Vitality is a response to God's promise that God knows the plans that are made for us... for hope and prosperity. God promises that when we come and pray, God and God's hopes will become known by us. (Jeremiah 29:11ff)

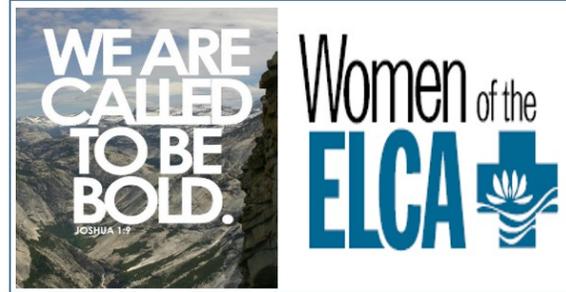
Vitality means that we will journey with God into the future that is being prepared for Trinity. We've already begun with deep, listening prayer; now we journey by its empowerment to know how it is we are now being enriched to walk creatively into the joy of new expressions to impact our lives and our community.

Join us as we begin to explore Discipleship, Leadership, Generative Hospitality, Self-Awareness, Community Engagement, Action Planning, and much more. ★★★★★

Notes from the Organ Bench



While Ron's recovery continues... we will sometimes have substitute organists (Don Rolander, on August 18th, for example), but we may also experiment with various musical formats during this time.



Bold Women's Day—observed annually—celebrates the bold women in our congregation and community. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold?

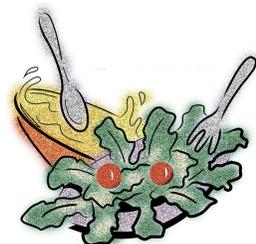
Sunday, August 18th, we will be celebrating Bold Women's Day at Trinity.

All leadership roles for the service will be held by bold women in our congregation.

- Acolyte & Presiding Minister: Gayle Nelson
- Assisting Minister: Lynne Tallon
- Lector: Jacque Bishop
- Ushers/Greeters: Lisa Johnson, Amanda Moffitt, Barbara Macomb, Janet Crim, and Rebecca Reitz.

Additional highlights of our celebration include a recognition of Janet Meyer and Courtney Erickson, founders of Sew Much Hope (see the article "It Started with Scissors" in the [June 2019 newsletter](#)).

Following the service, a reception will be held in Van Horne Hall. All are welcome to enjoy light refreshments and learn more about these amazing and bold women.



Feed My Sheep Update



The TLC Food Pantry continues to do vigorous business with clients regularly lining up over an hour before we open each Tuesday and Friday morning!

...And word seems to be getting out to the community-at-large regarding the service we provide, as we have had several calls to the church office over the past weeks asking where donations can be brought.

One individual with connections to a flight attendant brought several bags full of travel-sized toiletries along with her donations of food items.

Continue to pray for us and for the neighbors we serve in this rewarding, yet challenging, ministry.

*Blessings,
Lynne Tallon*



August Happenings

VITALITY Meeting
August 11th at 11:00am

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Church Council
August 19th at 6:00

Drag Queen Bingo
August 20th at Punky's

Dinner at 6:30

Bingo at 7:30

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A day away in a quiet place

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NIV).

Who's that hangin' round Redeemer Hall?



The Greater St. Petersburg Area Awesome Original Second Time Arounders Marching Band

The very first band of its type, the "Rounders" is the largest permanent adult marching band in the world.

Made up of individuals who have marched in a college, high school, DCI, or military marching band...and dreamed of doing it one more time. Our own Jan Dorr is a member of this group's clarinet section and they took the opportunity to practice in Redeemer Hall on the evening of July 8th.

The Rounders have been asked (for the 2nd time!!) to march in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

They will have roughly 450 members marching this year including musicians, twirlers, dancers, and flags.

Find out more about them—ask Jan Dorr, or go to their website:

<http://secondtimearounders.org/>

Do you have a group that needs a meeting space? Members can reserve church facilities for their needs by contacting the church office.



Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that "there is a certain genius in generosity." He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

"God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold," says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God's genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

CelebrateOUTREACH! presents

Drag Queen

BINGO



Punky's
BAR & GRILL

Tuesday, August 20

Dinner 6:30 - Bingo 7:30

\$10 donation suggested

Proceeds benefit CelebrateOUTREACH!'s
**Saturday morning breakfast
for people living unhoused**

Reservations: (727) 201-4712

3063 Central Avenue St. Petersburg, FL 33713

**For more information about Celebrate Outreach homeless aid coalition:
celebrateoutreach.org**

Summer Songs AT TRINITY



*Afternoon concerts of music on the brighter side
performed in a beautiful and historic space*

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 3 PM



The Pleasure of "Sweet Company"

This acclaimed a capella trio will sing favorites from the 1930s to today

****NEW DATE****



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 3 PM

Broadway Goes West!

Your favorite songs from shows like "Oklahoma!" and "Annie Get Your Gun"



SUNDAY, TBD, 3 PM

The Pirates of Penzance

The very model of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta

Trinity Lutheran Church 401 Fifth Street North in St Petersburg

Proceeds from these concerts pay for the restoration of Trinity's historic pipe organ and support the music ministries of the church.

Tickets \$15 each or \$40 for all three programs,



08/11 Gary & Anne Ruhl
 08/21 David & Susan Amann
 08/24 Tom & Marty Snapp

08/04 Marie Hunt
 08/11 Carol Bertoluzzi
 08/18 Bold Women!
 08/25 ? You ?

08/04 Bruce Paige
 08/05 Doris Bertoluzzi
 08/07 Shirley Tyler
 08/16 Toni Durilla
 08/16 Philip Portman
 08/20 Dominic Stevenson
 08/21 Matthew Reitz
 08/22 Pat Kapfhammer
 08/27 Barbara Macomb
 08/28 Kimberly Forcino
 08/31 Tyra Humphrey

Sign up to sponsor altar flowers (\$35) on a Sunday that has special significance to you.

1. Sign up on any open Sunday (see the chart in the Van Horne Fellowship Hall or call the office).
2. Drop your check in the offering plate with a memo indicating "Altar Flowers." (Or pay [online!](#))

You will even get to take the flowers home after that service!

Note: We still have **one** Sunday open in August!

If you have been waiting for your chance to sponsor the altar flowers, the opportunity is here!

Sign up on the bulletin board, click on the link on our [website](#), or contact the office!

AUGUST SERVERS

	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
Acolyte	Doug Forcino	Phil Rearick	Gayle Nelson	Alan Due
Assisting Ministers	Lynne Tallon	Phil Rearick	Lynne Tallon	Alan Due
Lector	Leah Heinicke	Doug Forcino	Jacque Bishop	Pr. Tom Snapp
Ushers	Karen Toth Jan Dorr Helen Mowrer Janet Crim Rebecca Reitz	Barbara Macomb Gayle Nelson Jan Dorr Karen Toth Rebecca Reitz	Lisa Johnson Amanda Moffitt Barbara Macomb Janet Crim Rebecca Reitz	Matthew Reitz Charlene Diefel Lisa Johnson Amanda Moffitt Rebecca Reitz
Greeters	Karen Toth (N) Jan Dorr (S)	Barbara Macomb (N) Gayle Nelson (S)	Lisa Johnson (N) Amanda Moffitt (S)	Matthew Reitz (N) Charlene Diefel (S)



Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church office hours: Mon -Thurs 9am - 3pm				1	2 10am Food Pantry	3 2:30p Wedding: Hahn/Fuiten
4 9am Bible Study 10am Worship	5	6 10am Food Pantry	7 8:15a Men's BF 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Suppertime Study	8	9 10am Food Pantry	10
11 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11am Vitality Mtg	12	13 10am Food Pantry	14 8:15a Men's BF 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Suppertime Study	15	16 10am Food Pantry	17 9am Congregational Breakfast
18 9am Bible Study 10am Worship BOLD WOMEN'S SUNDAY	19 6pm Council Meeting	20 10am Food Pantry Deadline for Newsletter Items	21 8:15a Men's BF 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Suppertime Study	22	23 10am Food Pantry	24
25 9am Bible Study 10am Worship	26	27 10am Food Pantry	28 8:15a Men's BF 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Suppertime Study	29	30 10am Food Pantry	31