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After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way..." (Luke 10: 1-3)

On the first Sunday in July, Sister Michelle Collins preached for us on a text that begins with these verses. Sister Michelle works at the synod office in Tampa; we were lucky to have her as a member of our congregation for a little over a year, but now that she's living in Tampa, she's transferred to a congregation there.

I was so moved and excited by her sermon, that I've decided to replace my usual monthly article with excerpts from it. The sermon includes a list of what I'm calling (with apologies to Stephen Covey...) the "Nine Guidelines for Highly Effective Mission." I'm going to post them in the church, and I'd like the council and congregation to revisit these ideas in the weeks and months ahead; I think they offer great guidance to our ministry.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Paul

And now the sermon...

"Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and he sends this group ahead of him to the villages he intends to visit. We know that this group has been appointed by Jesus; they've been given authority to impact suffering and a charge to announce God's Kingdom. But we don't know their qualifications or the selection process. And while we have seen other stories about Jesus inviting people to follow him, this is a switch in that now he is sending them out.

"So, with that background and foundation—that today's gospel is an 'orientation speech' for a group that has already been called, has already responded, and is now being sent on their mission with authority that comes from God—let's see what we can learn from the set of guidelines Jesus lays out for them."

No one travels alone. Mission and ministry require traveling buddies. We need each other in this journey of faith. Rule #1 when traveling as a group is: no one travels alone...and keep track of your buddy. (Luke 10:1)

Travel light and focus on the mission. Jesus didn't send them loaded down with a bunch of stuff. This made them dependent on their community and on their Sender. And Jesus told them not to get distracted by side conversations along the way, but to focus on where they were being sent. (Luke 10:4)



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Pastor Paul Gibson

Pastor Paul continued from page 1:

Be the first to offer peace. Jesus tells them to proclaim peace on others before they know if they're welcomed or not. Wouldn't it be great if we led with a message of peace—before knowing if we were welcome, if we agreed, or if we see things the same? Be the first to offer peace. (Luke 10:5)

You can't control others' reactions. You can only control your response. This is a fundamental lesson that many of us are still learning. Jesus reminds his people that they are not responsible for other people's behavior—they are only responsible for their own. Don't get burdened with those who don't welcome you. Focus on your mission and pay attention to how you respond to people. (Luke 10:6)

Stay in one place for a while. Sometimes it takes a while to build relationships. Sometimes it takes a while to see results and impact. So, stay in one place and get to know the people, their habits and traditions. (Luke 10:7-9)

Eat what is put before you. We talk a lot about showing hospitality to those who come to us, but I wonder what it would do to our conversation if we talked about receiving hospitality from those to whom we are sent? Go where you're invited and eat what is served. Be open to being welcomed, even when you can't repay or return the favor. (Luke 10:7)

Sometimes you have to speak up prophetically—directly or symbolically. To those who did not welcome them, the gesture of shaking off dust from their feet would have been seen as a prophetic statement against their lack of hospitality. There is a time to directly or symbolically speak against systems and individuals. But when you shake the dust off your sandals, don't lose track of the other guidelines you're following. (Luke 10:10-11)

It's not about you. Throughout the orientation Jesus makes it clear that this mission is not about the individual interests of those being sent. When they report back to Jesus all that they were able to accomplish in his name, Jesus challenges them not to take their successes too personally. It's not about you. It's about what God is doing in the world and what God has sent you to be a part of. It's about participating in God's mission. (Luke 10:19)

Keep the big picture in mind. The 70 get really excited about what they experience. Jesus reminds them that there's something bigger happening. When Jesus would heal the sick, raise the dead, or challenge the system, that was about more than just alleviating physical suffering. God is up to something in the world that is bigger than us. We are participating in what GOD is doing; we're not just looking at short-term, external, physical results. (Luke 10:20)

"So there we have it—9 guidelines to keep before us as we consider the mission that we've been given. We, too, have been called in spite of our excuses, our qualifications, our history, or our competence. Each day we are invited to respond to Jesus' call and join the journey of the disciples—the path that we call 'discipleship.'

"We, too, go into all the places that Jesus intends to go, ready to receive the gifts we discover along the way, and at the same time knowing that Jesus is already there. And, because no one travels alone, as we stay grounded in and connected to community, worship and prayer, we will be amazed at the all the ways God works in and through us to bring God's Kingdom into the world."

And to a sermon like that, we can all respond: "Amen."

Notes from the Organ Bench



During the month of July, we welcome a new substitute organist. So in addition to our regular "Meet the Choir" installment, this month we also have a "Meet the Organist" special feature!

Cheryl Brouette has been a church organist for over 35 years, primarily in Presbyterian churches in Clearwater and Dunedin. She has accompanied many choral groups in the Tampa Bay area and is presently the accompanist for the Dunedin Community Chorus. A graduate of The University of Tampa, Cheryl is certified as CAGO (Colleague of The American Guild of Organists) and is now a substitute organist in area churches. She is happy to help out during Ron's recuperation.



July Meetings

**Church Council
July 22nd at 6:30**

**Band of Angels
July 28th after Worship**

MEET THE CHOIR

Marty Snapp:

Some of my earliest and fondest memories are being in my Great Aunt Nettie's living room as she played the piano and taught me "A Lonely Little Petunia In An Onion Patch" and songs from when she was young.

Home was a farm in Eastern Ohio where I attended school in the nearby village, joining the band in fifth grade and learning the flute. The band was a big part of my life up through high school. I went to Wilmington College, graduating with a degree in biology and also from the Medical Technology Program at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton. My husband Tom and I were married soon after that and moved to Connecticut in order for him to attend seminary and I started my career working in hospital laboratories which I continued, except for the seven years we lived in Japan, until retiring six years ago. Tom and I have a daughter and two sons plus a grandson and a granddaughter (you may have seen pictures!) Over the years I sang in church choirs and played my flute on a rare occasion years ago. It had been my hope to be able to again be part of a band when I retired and I am enjoying just that. Also, I consider it an honor to be part of the choir at Trinity and sing with some very talented singers.



- Marty



Feed My Sheep Update

A Fresh Look at the TLC Pantry!



Much has happened since our last report. Feed My Sheep is still our food and clothing pantry name, but we have qualified with the IRS as a separate non-profit organization known as TLC with a 501(c)(3) status. Holding this status does require some additional record keeping; for example, volunteers must sign in and log the hours worked each day.



A meeting was held at Trinity on Sunday, June 23, 2019 to discuss pantry possibilities for the future. We will continue our service to the community on Tuesdays and Fridays, but are looking into cutting back to once a week and extending our hours. A Board of Directors was developed, they include Pastor Paul, Alan Due, Lynne Tallon, Ruth Kinsey and Alan Camp. Watch for updates in the bulletin or next month's newsletter.

PANTRY NEEDS

We can always use:

- Socks
- Underwear (men's & women's)
- Canned Veggies (pop-top)

A short update about our clients. I hope you've noticed that a few more of our community friends are attending worship on Sunday mornings. The congregational picnic which we had at Campbell Park was well attended by both Trinity and Paradise members. An interesting event took place when our pantry family stopped by; they were invited to join us for food and fellowship. I felt humbled by the fact that our relationship has come to this point - there was no more feeling of "them" and "us."



God continues to bless and guide this ministry. Thank you to all who help make this ministry a success.

*Blessings,
Lynne Tallon*

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 3 PM



Broadway Goes West!

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 3 PM



The Pirates of Penzance

The very model of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta

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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,



Do you know anybody who wants to get married in July?

We have no Anniversaries to celebrate this month.

Let's make something happen!

- 07/07 Gretchen Frederick
- 07/14 Marie Hunt
- 07/21 - Open -
- 07/28 Gayle Nelson

- 07/02 Suzanne Bohning
- 07/03 Vanneita Anderson
- 07/04 United States
- 07/05 Arlene James
- 07/07 Mishelle Richards
- 07/17 Paul Wenger
- 07/21 Jan Dorr
- 07/25 Danielle Anderson
- 07/28 Thesha Garcia
- 07/28 Clark Leips
- 07/30 Alice Colley

Please consider sponsoring altar flowers (\$35) on a Sunday that has special significance to you. Simply sign up to sponsor the flowers on any open Sunday (see the Flower Chart in the Van Horne Fellowship Hall) and drop your check in the offering plate with a memo indicating "Altar Flowers." You will even get to take the flowers home after that service! (You can also make your payment [online!](#))

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

JULY SERVERS

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Acolyte	Matthew Reitz	Alan Due	Danny Burtless	Phil Rearick
Assisting Ministers	Matthew Reitz	Lynn Tallon Alan Due	Alan Due	Phil Rearick
Lector	Janet Crim	Charlie Hahn	Alan Due	Pr. Tom Snapp
Ushers	Vanneita Anderson Leah Heinicke Tyra Humphrey Betty Napolitano Rebecca Reitz	Bert Bertoluzzi Janet Crim Charlie Hahn Pat Kapfhammer Rebecca Reitz	Vanneita Anderson Jen Durilla Toni Durilla Matthew Reitz Rebecca Reitz	Pat Kapfhammer Betty Napolitano Tyra Humphrey Matthew Reitz Rebecca Reitz
Greeters	Leah Heinicke Vanneita Anderson	Bert Bertoluzzi Janet Crim	Carol Bertoluzzi Jen Durilla	Tyra Humphrey Pat Kapfhammer



July 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church office hours: Mon -Thurs 9 am - 3 pm	1 7pm Let 'Em Eat Cake	2 10am Food Pantry	3 8:15a Men's BF 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Suppertime Study	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 10am Food Pantry	6
	7 9am Bible Study 10am Worship	8	9 10am Food Pantry	10 8:15a Men's BF 5:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Suppertime Study	11	12 10am Food Pantry
14 9am Bible Study 10am Worship	15 6:30p Council Meeting	16 10am Food Pantry	17 8:15a Men's BF 6:30p Suppertime Study (No Bell Practice)	18	19 10am Food Pantry	20 9am Congregational Breakfast
21 9am Bible Study 10am Worship	22 6:30p Council Meeting (rescheduled fm 07/15)	23 10am Food Pantry	24 8:15a Men's BF 6:30p Suppertime Study (No Bell Practice)	25	26 10am Food Pantry	27
28 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11am Band of Angels 3pm Concert: "Broadway Goes West"	29	30 10am Food Pantry	31 8:15a Men's BF 6:30p Suppertime Study (No Bell Practice)			