

The Trinity Trends - February 2024

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

First, I want to thank this community of faith for the affirming and delicious and fun gathering on January 21st where you helped me celebrate my 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. As I shared with those present, I cannot imagine a better faith community to have served 65% of my ministry — right here with you. And I have been deeply blessed and enabled in that service through the love and support of my wonderful husband, Garry. Thank you, one and all, for the kind words, the gifts and the memories!

If you have been hanging around Trinity for a decade or two (or three, as I have) you will recall that one of the joys we have celebrated is our connection with our brothers and sisters in our Manatee County Lutheran Churches. We have built Habitat Houses together, held quarterly healing services at alternating churches, filled Thanksgiving bags for Family Partnership (now Parenting Matters) together, and held many joint youth activities, including sending youth to the National Youth Gathering. Although we have continued to connect through our Mid-Gulf Conference and Synod functions, Covid — and some changes in staffing — brought our “in-person” activities to a stand-still. Now we are seeking to re-connect.

As a first step, Redeemer Lutheran has invited us to join them in a Shrove Tuesday — Fat Tuesday — Pancake Supper served at Redeemer from 4pm-7pm on Tuesday, February 13th. We will have a chance to send some kitchen helpers and provide a portion of the meal. Sign up on the Blue Form to be involved and to partake of the meal. Redeemer’s pastoral leader, Dr. Sheri Kling, will introduce us to some cool Taize music, which will be part of our Lenten Journey this year. On Ash Wednesday, and subsequent Wednesdays during Lent, we are invited to participate in Redeemer’s mid-day, mid-week Noon worship. After Ash Wednesday, a soup lunch will also follow worship.

Similarly, we are inviting the people of Redeemer to attend our Lenten Worship on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, and to participate in the Soup Supper at 6:15pm and/or the Lenten Study following the 7pm worship. We look forward to restoring past relationships and embarking on new friendships together. Prayerfully, this will simply be the first step in restoring a partnership that can return to blessing our Mana-

tee County ministries and, eventually, connect us again with our other sister congregations as well!

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent this month, I am delighted to announce that our Faith Formation Team has discovered a new resource that can assist you in your faith journey this Lent — and beyond! We are embracing the capability to design faith formation opportunities that can be accessed online and in-person! This will expand our learning options for individuals and families. Sometimes scheduling prohibits in-person participation. Certainly, daily in-person events are difficult to orchestrate and, even less likely, to attend. However, if you can connect to a study or family faith activity or devotion at any time of the day, EVERYONE can participate on their own schedule!

As we create our Lenten experience offerings, we will make them accessible through our Trinity website: www.TLCbradenton.com, as well as through our worship materials each week. A calendar of study, prayer and giving will be available on Ash Wednesday, as well as the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday.

If you don’t see yourself as a “techy” person, never fear! “Old school” remains an option. In-person, face-to-face worship and study and fellowship deeply reflect the love of God made known in the person of Jesus. And as we have learned through pandemic times, connections making online community also have the power to draw us together through the Spirit!

I do hope everyone will have a chance to participate in midweek worship this Lent. I am especially excited about our evening Taize offerings. Taize is a small village in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers where prayer, three times a day, is the center of life. Part of that prayer time is spent in singing short repetitive refrains or *ostinatos* (a repeated pattern). Thousands of people from around the world visit Taize every year. This Lent, we borrow from the tradition of Taize as we offer our prayers and meditations around the cross. At times there will be cantor parts that the congregation is asked to respond to with the repeated refrain. Feel free to sing some, stop and listen, find harmonies, and sing the rounds.

The worship space for Taize is transformed by candlelight. The mood is softly contemplative and there

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Dear Friends,

Get ready for the Karaoke/Lip Sync/Live Music Extravaganza coming up on Saturday, February 3 at Trinity! Immediately after the regular 5:30 p.m. service, we'll get the show started, with music in the sanctuary and tasty food in the fellowship hall. As you can tell from the event's title, performers can present their music in various ways. They can sing karaoke-style to their favorite tracks. Or, they can lip sync to recordings of well-known artists – think of the entertaining videos we posted last summer of some of the Trinity kids competing in a lip sync challenge at Lutherock. Or, vocalists and instrumentalists can collaborate and create their own versions of songs.

Performers are welcome to choose songs from any genre – pop/rock, Christian worship, country, Viking metal, whatever! I will act as the MC, and, periodically, I'll lead us to consider how the music we love inspires us, heals us, changes us, and draws us closer to God.

Do you sing or play an instrument? Then you are invited to perform! Or, if you don't want to perform but you enjoy music, then you can come and listen. Friends and neighbors are also most welcome.

You might have noticed this event sounds a bit like the Concert for Hope held at Trinity last March. It is kind of similar! Once again we're gathering to experience the joy of music and let it move us. Some of the feedback I heard after the Concert was that we should do it again, or at least find ways to keep planning music-related experiences. So let's try it out. If enough folks are interested, we can make this sort of event a regular thing.

The earliest Christians clearly felt that music deepened their faith and strengthened their bonds to each other, and they included music in their worship from the beginning. Jesus even sang a hymn with his disciples at the Last Supper (Matt 26:30). In any setting, when we create music together, God finds us. Every note is power.

See you on Saturday, February 3rd!

Peace + blessings,

Pastor Kerri



Music Notes

After sharing some very wonderful music throughout Advent and the Christmas season, our 10:45 choir, the Trinity Singers, is preparing music as we approach Ash Wednesday and enter the Lenten Season.

We will also start rehearsing music for a Tenebrae service during Holy Week. We are pleased to have had a few new members recently join, and welcome anyone who has an interest in singing. You do not have to be able to read music; we rehearse parts weekly. Rehearsals are every Tuesday, starting at 5:00pm. Come join in the fellowship and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Edgar J. Bower TLC Music Co-Director

From Tree Of Life Preschool & Daycare Director, Shawna Clark:



February is here and we're searching for warmer weather to be outside more!

This month our students will focus on the color Pink. The Heart (for Valentine's Day) is the shape, and the value, Honesty. We are at the middle of the school year already and our VPK students are testing to see the students' progress. Our VPK teacher, Ms. Etta, is doing a wonderful job getting our students where they need to be for Kindergarten in just a few short months.

The weekly themes this month are:

February 5th - Fairy Tales, students will learn the difference between pretending and real life.

February 12th - Valentine's. Parents will send in a heart that their child cut out, and they will write a message to the child on it. These will be shared with their class during circle time.

February 19th - Presidents, past and present, and the White House. Each student will get to be "President for a Day" in class.

February 26th - Dental Health. Students will learn the importance of good dental health and be able to practice good brushing habits as well as healthy eating to benefit our teeth and gums. We will have a guest come in from a dental office to help encourage good dental hygiene.

TOL Preschool Auxiliary Team Reboot !! Our Tree of Life staff's role is to teach, nurture and care for a most precious gift from God - the children who attend TOL. Trinity's TOL Auxiliary was organized in 2019 to assist with "household" classroom duties to allow the teachers to focus on their students. In 2020, along with in-person everything, the Team was suspended due to Covid.

What does this Team do? Auxiliary Team members might choose to spend one hour per week or month to hang class artwork, sanitize toys, straighten up a class library. If you have more time to be involved, the staff will have a list of tasks to do regularly. There are also occasional opportunities to help with special events - at the beginning or end of a school year, around holidays, etc.

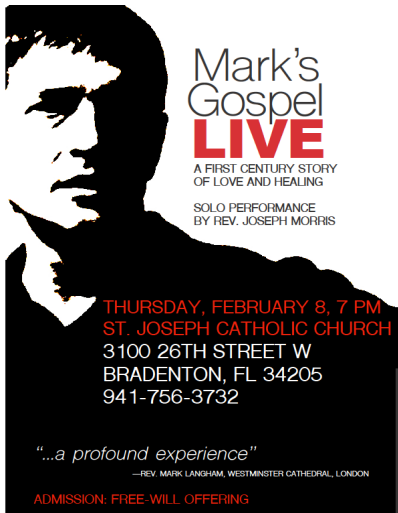
Interested? Pick up a Tree of Life Preschool Auxiliary brochure in the Narthex. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, contact Kathy Calello: 908-377-3518 or kathycal100@aol.com.

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are opportunities for you to light a candle, offer your own prayers, receive prayer and anointing if you wish, join in the song or simply listen and absorb the worship around you. Be prepared for a worship experience that restores and rests your soul.

On Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, following worship at 7pm you can join in an in-person study of the book of Mark, prepared by Amy Jill Levine.

Since this is the "Year of Mark" in our liturgical calendar, I am also delighted to share with you the invitation to St. Joseph Catholic Church where we will hear the ENTIRE book of Mark told by Father Joseph Morris.



Mark's Gospel LIVE
A FIRST CENTURY STORY OF LOVE AND HEALING
SOLO PERFORMANCE BY REV. JOSEPH MORRIS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7 PM
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
3100 26TH STREET W
BRADENTON, FL 34205
941-756-3732

"...a profound experience"
—REV. MARK LANGHAM, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, LONDON

ADMISSION: FREE-WILL OFFERING

Pastor Bobbie

Mark your calendars for these pre-Lent events not held at Trinity:

Thurs., Feb. 8th, 7pm
at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Feb. 13th, Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper
at Redeemer Lutheran
6311 3rd Ave. W. 34209

Update on Julliana and Jamerson



Look who turned 3 on January 25th! Jamerson and his classmates enjoyed time together over sweet treats that were served by several of his and Julliana's Trinity family!



Chef Darrell's Cooking Class: Tuesday, February 20, 5:30pm.

You're invited to learn how to prepare and then enjoy a dinner of Chef's delicious **Potato Crusted Grouper** served over dressed green! Seating is limited so sign up in the Narthex right away. \$20 per person, please. Here's the recipe to serve 4:



Ingredients:

- 4 C shredded potatoes - fresh or frozen
- 4 4oz. fillets of Gulf-caught Grouper
- 4 medium pinches of salt and pepper
- 12 Tb Olive oil blend
- 4 4 oz. Spring mix tossed with your favorite vinaigrette
- 4 eggs beaten
- 8 oz. flour

Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees
Sprinkle both sides of the grouper with salt & pepper, saving some for another step.

Dredge fillets in flour then in the egg wash.

In a 7" nonstick sauté pan add oil and a fillet. Placing pan on medium high heat for 4 minutes on each side. Set aside on a sheet pan. Repeat for all fillets.

Using the same pan, add 1 cup of potatoes, molding to the bottom of the pan using a small spatula. Place fillet on top of potatoes and mold them up and around sides of grouper. Salt and pepper. Cook until brown, flipping fillet. Repeat for all.

Remove creation from stove top and place in the oven for 8-10 minutes.

Remove from oven and place fork in the middle of your grouper. If fork pulls out clean, fish is done.

Serve over dressed greens or place dressed greens on top of your creation. ENJOY!!

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14th



At Trinity Lutheran:

7am Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

7pm Taize Worship at the Cross, with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

At Redeemer Lutheran:

Noon Taize Worship at the Cross, with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesdays in Lent: Feb. 21st-March 20th

Noon Taize Worship at Redeemer Lutheran, Soup lunch

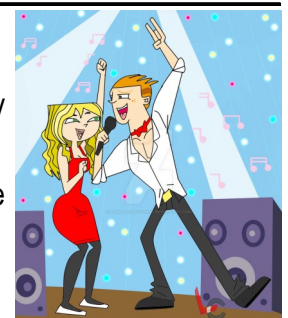
7pm Taize Worship at Trinity

Soup supper at 6:15pm, Lenten Study after worship

Karaoke/Lip Sync/Live Music Extravaganza! Saturday, February 3rd, 6:30pm!

Bring a friend on **Saturday, February 3rd**, and join us as we sing and perform for each other immediately after our 5:30pm worship.

If you don't sing or play an instrument, come to enjoy the music and food. Please contact the church office to let us know how many are coming so we can make sure to order enough food. All ages are welcome!!



SERVING AND OUTREACH IN MANATEE



Our Daily Bread's mission provides for the nutritional needs of the poor and the needy of our community.

Trinity was a founding organization of ODB. Each year our folks collect food items, serve the hot meal to thousands of hungry souls, help clean and organize at ODB, and aid in other programs as the need arises.

Through you we have funded or aided in the funding of major items needed to serve those in need in our community with dignity.

This year's **12 Days of Christmas** gifts were so generous, we filled their van!



Thank you,
Trinity Family!



Serving girls in Manatee County through holistic social, academic and career-building services.

PACE provides a safe, supportive environment for girls to build healthy relationships, plan for their future, and overcome histories of trauma. PACE believes that all girls, regardless of background, deserve an opportunity to become strong, compassionate and successful women.

Each year, Trinity partners with PACE through various projects including: serving a Thanksgiving meal for the students, their families and PACE staff; providing complete take-home Thanksgiving meal bags for students' families; and collecting items in January for the **Pace Corner Cottage**.

Thank you, Trinity, for sharing your gifts of time, talent and many resources!



FEEDING EMPTY LITTLE TUMMIES

F.E.L.T.



F.E.L.T. is dedicated to feeding Manatee County's most needy - homeless and food insecure students - one backpack at a time! Our Lenten project and focus is to aid F.E.L.T. in their Backpack Meal program.

An Elementary school is a place where the first social and community life of a child starts. It becomes a second home for boys and girls, all of whom are naturally curious about the world around them, as well as excited about learning. Unfortunately, there are approximately 3,500 homeless in Manatee County, and many of these are children.

When founded in Manatee County in 2010, F.E.L.T. aided students in three public schools. Today, providing nutritious meals to homeless students is still being fulfilled by their dedicated board, volunteers and community leaders - serving 32 schools and over 1750 homeless and food insecure children ages 4-18.

Each child in the F.E.L.T. backpack program is pre-qualified by Project Heart, the Manatee School District's Title X Homeless Education Program, providing education-related support services for students who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The F.E.L.T. Backpack program (the first in Manatee County), offers families free groceries for weekends and over school breaks. Food backpacks include healthy, easy-to-prepare food for kid-friendly meals.

Pick up the Lenten calendar of study, prayer and giving that is available in the Narthex beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th!

If you wish to volunteer at F.E.L.T. to organize or support their efforts in person, please contact Bruce and Dianne VanVoorhis.

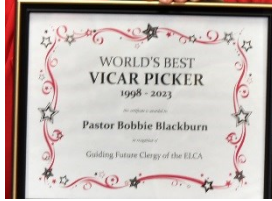
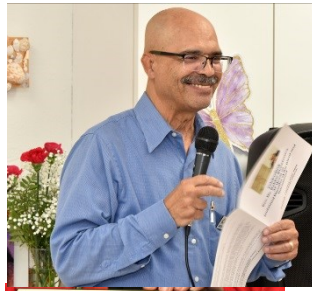
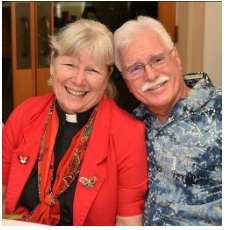
Previously we collected items for F.E.L.T. in the Narthex. Over the 40 days of Lent, we will collect food in the rear of the sanctuary, as we do at Thanksgiving.



We celebrated Pastor Bobbie's 40 years of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on January 21st !! We gathered for a chili cook-off like no other and enjoyed fellowship as a faith community! Many thanks to all who took part organizing the event, to Gonzalo for emcee-ing and to Sam Calello for all these photos! Our chili winners were: 1st - Cheryl Scofield; 2nd - Barbara Shaner; 3rd - Chris Wolf. Congrats!



Chris, Cheryl, Barbara



Several former Vicars sent greetings to their "Picker"! We think she's the best ever!



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th, with Imposition of Ashes at 7am, Noon and 7pm. Note: Noon worship takes place at Redeemer Lutheran. See more details elsewhere in this newsletter. All are invited. Bring family and friends. <i>Occasionally, an activity may move date or time. Please check the calendar on our website to confirm.</i>				1 9am-12 Office Hours 9:30am Exercise 3:15pm Contemplative CHAIR Yoga 7pm Cont. MAT Yoga	2 9am - 12 Office Hours	3 4pm Sat. Praise Team Rehearse 4:30pm J-O-Y for all ages 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Karaoke FUN!
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February Birthdays

- 2/1 Karen Sikoski
- 2/2 Rita Helberg, Sarah Stiene
- 2/3 Jeff Caputo
- 2/4 Judy Brinkman, Reid Coffey, Bruce VanVoorhis, Edward Willeman
- 2/5 Ilene Miller
- 2/11 Christine Montgomery, Becky Pemberton
- 2/14 Emily Coffey
- 2/15 Curtis Nelson
- 2/17 Susan Ladd, Yolaine Parker, Geoffrey Stephens
- 2/18 Marianne Moyer



- 2/20 Deanna Nelson, Janice Shamblen
- 2/21 Kathryn Alkire
- 2/23 Diane Fichter, Jan Reises, Jesse Stanley
- 2/24 Jim Kollath
- 2/25 Helen Fust
- 2/28 Cathy Dougherty

February Anniversaries

- 2/14 Derek & Yvonne Houston, Stan & Shirley Kneller
- 2/16 Peter & Amanda Procyk
- 2/21 Gonzalo & Ana Hernandez
- 2/24 Reid & Kerrie Coffey
- 2/28 Jim & Ginny Kollath



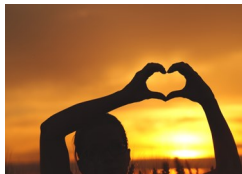
Everyone is invited to take part in these activities:

Serve the Hot Meal at Our Daily Bread, Thursday, February 8th. Please call the church office or **sign up** on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex (please indicate if you want a reminder call). Servers, please wear closed toe shoes. Wear a ball cap, or a hairnet will be provided; aprons and gloves are provided. Arrive at 9am to assist with the serving preparation. Thank you for your continued ministry to those in need served by Our Daily Bread.

March serving dates: Thursday, 3/14 and Saturday, 3/16

Beach Worship: Sunday, Feb. 25th, 6pm

Bring your beach chair, family and friends to worship God with singing, scripture, prayer and Holy Communion! Look for our sign and flag just south of the Manatee Public Beach at the end of Manatee Ave. Everyone is welcome! Please check our Trinity Facebook or Instagram to see if weather cancels worship.



Ladies' Chat & Chew: Thursday, February 15th, 5pm, at Edelweiss Restaurant, 611 Manatee Ave E, Bradenton, 34208. RSVP please to: pattybeenutty@gmail or 941-758-4610. Everyone is invited!!

Kids' Night Out! Saturday, February 17, 6:15pm

Our January KNO was so fun, we're doing it again! Invite all kids to come enjoy games, or a movie or other kid-friendly activity. We will provide a light kids' dinner. Sign up to be an adult host. They had great fun, too! RSVP to the church!

New to Trinity? Come for Lunch! Sunday, February 18th, Noon.

We host a "Welcome to Trinity" luncheon to provide a special time for "new folks" to meet fellow Trinity peeps and to learn about our faith community. You can also explore opportunities to join us in our efforts to realize the Kingdom of God in our midst! Please sign up on the Blue Form.



Sunday, March 3rd, 10am: Called Congregational Meeting We're meeting in the Fellowship Hall to consider a Bylaws change: **Current Bylaw:** C10.01.01. The date of the annual Congregation meeting shall be the third Sunday of January. The time of the meeting shall be announced at the worship service for three consecutive Sundays prior to that day.

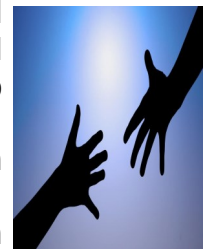
Proposed Change: C10.01.01. The date of the annual Congregation meeting shall be **within 45 days of the first day of the calendar year.** The **date and** time of the meeting shall be announced at the worship service for three consecutive Sundays prior to that day.

Mission Endowed Fund Impacts Future

Gifts to Trinity's Mission Endowed Fund help it grow to provide more and more investment income we can use to gift ministries in our community.

You can donate to our Mission Endowed Fund at any time of the year. The gifts accrue to grow the principal in the fund, and the annual disbursements have a target of 3%.

Thanks to all who have gifted this fund to make our distributions possible! Please note "Endowed Fund" on your gift.




RAISE for THE ROOF!

As of **January 21st**, the giving for the shingle fundraiser is \$110,403. Shingles and bundles to sponsor are still available on the display in the Narthex. Please select any quantity.

Estimated cost of one bundle of shingles is \$203 — so doing the math, we have already funded 544 bundles! Thank you for helping us **RAISE for THE ROOF!!!**



Electronic Giving You may support our ministries with secure, "paperless" gifts any time — through our website (www.TLCbradenton.com) by clicking on "Giving," or connecting through the E-Giving 

Ministry Team Table

Care Team:	Carole Pletcher	941-448-7644
Community Ministry Coordinating Team:	Seeking coordinator	
Eucharistic Ministers Team:	Pastor Bobbie	941-243-9473
Faith Formation Team:	To be determined	
Finance/Stewardship Team:	David Cozzette	941-755-9700
Green Team:	Barbara and Cliff Michaelsen 941-896-2740	
Growing Young Team:	Pastor Kerri	941-301-0691
Health Ministry Team:	Seeking coordinator	
Homebound Visiting Team:	Jan Smith	941-448-9647
Julliana's Team:	Pat Benson	941-758-4610
Mutual Ministry Team:	Dale Haack	941-374-0899
Property Team:	Doug Roper	941-526-9536
S.T.R.E.A.M.:	Larry Helberg	941-845-4257
Teddy Bear Ministry:	Barb Schamell	941-794-5708

To know more about any of these teams, please contact the Leader named above.

Do you have passion for a ministry that is not already happening at Trinity? Form a new team! For more info on "how to's", please talk to Pastor B!

In Our Mailbox (regarding recent Ministry Projects):

From Dee Ralph, Principal, Just for Girls, Middle: As the year (2023) closed, I reflected on the people in our community who have been Smile Makers. Through your continued support of handmade school bags filled with school supplies, Trinity continues to make a difference. Thank you for blessing the students of JFG.

From F.E.L.T. President, Kim Bailey: Thank you for your generous donation of \$775.00 ... to help provide over 300,000 meals a year to 1750+ hungry children. You are important to us and the children of Manatee County.

From Selah Freedom - bringing light into the darkness of sex trafficking: Many, many thanks for your generous donation to repair the air conditioning in our residential house. The women sheltering in the house are so grateful to have functioning A/C again. God bless you all.

From Katie Becker, Executive Director, Parenting Matters: Your recent donation and support have been such a blessing for the families we serve and we are

grateful for your partnership. Your donation after the holidays will support our Musical Motion program with supplies.

From Charlyn Young, CEO, Hope Family Services: On behalf of the families we serve, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your donation of \$1128 for a new commercial washer. Your continuous support is invaluable to HOPE Family Services' clients and the programs we offer to promote safety, strength and well-being. Thank you for shining your light on HOPE, and partnering with us to empower the survivors of domestic violence.

From Robert Eikill, Volunteer, Our Daily Bread: We thank you for your generous gift of \$2,000 to help us purchase a new steam table! We provide a daily mid-day hot meal to 200 of our most needy in our community. We are truly blessed to have you for a partner to our mission of feeding the hungry. We are located at One Stop Center.

From Amy Wick Mavis, Executive Director, PACE Center for Girls: Please thank your kind congregation on behalf of our Pace families. We are grateful for you! Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and/or talent. Your investment shows our girls that they are important, valued and loved. With a grateful heart and hope for a happy 2024.

Thrivent Members: 2024 Action Team Grants Sought



Most of the projects mentioned in the letters above were supported by Thrivent Action Teams. Our Community Ministry Coordinating Team has met and identified 2024 monthly ministry projects. We once again seek the support of Thrivent Action Teams to allow us to share assistance and tangible gifts with our community. Every Thrivent member may apply for two grants of \$250 each for "approved" projects - our ministries and programs.

Pat Benson is our Projects' Coordinator to see that our projects are funded, as possible. If you are a Thrivent member and have a project idea, reach out to Pastor Bobbie and Pat: Pattybeenutty@gmail.com.

Praise and Pinch Form

As a congregation, we are committed to voicing our praises and "not sitting on our pinches"! To be a healthy, faithful community, we need to be open with one another about what we expect in all areas of our life together. If there is anything in our community life that brings you joy or causes you to be concerned, please share your feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate about the ways we are doing well in our ministry together at Trinity, and the areas that need attention. Please mail this form to the church office.

Praise: _____

Pinch: _____

A specific question I would like answered: _____

Name _____
(If you would like a direct response to your Praise or Pinch)

Mutual Ministry Team Members: Dale Haack, Chair, Dave Gleeson, Lucille Hymes, and Pastor Blackburn.

We Pray for:

Paula Abrams
 Julie Adams for Larry Adams, Ellen Crawford,
 Jeffrey Caputo
 Evelyn Balon, and for Jan Pearson
 Pat Benson and Kathy Calello for their brothers
 Andy Bradley
 Laura Brey for husband Jim Brey
 Calellos for Phil Nobile and John Rego
 Erika Chabra for Brenda Savy, Fred & Heidi
 Chabra
 Ann Courter for Roger Radatz's call process
 Kim Crawford for Susan Hobstein
 Judy D'Amico for granddaughter, Allison
 Gail Darga for Liane, Michael & Theresa,
 Joyce, Gail C., Christine, Helen, Bob &
 Lucette, Maryann
 Liane Darga and for Gail Darga, Joyce Snyder,
 Susan Snyder
 Naomi Duttarer for her daughter
 Frees family for Janet Frees
 Haacks for Dale's brother, Raymond
 Larry & Rita Helberg, healing for son, Thomas
 Thomas Helberg for Paola Helberg
 Martha Hillis for Bill Hillis and Patricia Chick's
 family at her death
 Susan Hullett, and for Ziggy, Rex, Scott, Kevin,
 Christiana
 Lu Hymes
 Sharon Jones for son, Chris Dunaway
 Joyce Kajtaniak for granddaughter, Raelin
 Kajtaniak, and mom, Bernadine Ray
 Carroll Klingensmith for nephew, Bill Hillis
 Bill and Dee Kribs for Rose Parker, Marilyn
 Deal, Diane Urban, Marilyn Skinner, Linda
 Caldwell and Anita May
 Karen Kuebler for Lucille Baber
 Sondra Lee for Vi Stalker, Scott Stalker
 Becky Mannon

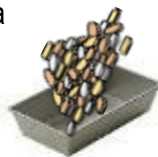
Ginger Marcinko, and for Marjorie Rowe,
 Gary & Lenna Phillips
 Debi Miller and John Mathey, and for Gavin
 York, Sully York, Jenna Kolb, Grayson Par-
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 Misty Misencik
 Doug & Christine Montgomery for Ben Nelson
 John Moyer for Marianne Moyer
 Deanna Nelson for Piper Sobczyk
 David Pederson
 Traci Pope
 Birgit Quam for John, Ryan and Marlige
 Ilene Quick for daughter, Debbie Dutton
 Jeff Reises
 Mark & Candy Rinnert for Lee Ann Hurlow
 Holly St. Pierre Johns for peace
 Jean Shoemaker
 Jan & Jay Smith for son, Andy Bradley
 Karen Smith for Tony & Diane DeMichele
 Terry Terhardt
 Ronda Thomas for Pat Walker
 Harriet Walters for Teddy Frilow, Kay Bigley
 Arlene Weier for Kate Gibertson
 Connie Whitsett for grandson, Brandon, Lola
 Danis and Janet Brozovsky
 Ann Wikoff for the Klines and the Vests
 Jan Witte for sister, Shirley
 Chris & Barb Wolf for Rick Bogner, Leslie
 Rode, Landen Chandler, Kristina Wolf,
 Faye Zimmermann, Amalie Wolf, Ed Kelly,
 Susan Kelly, Maggie Finn, Andy & Riley
 Bradley
 Don & Kathy Wolf for Donna Stanilla and fam-
 ily at the death of grandson
 Pat Zink, and for Norma & her son

*Please note: This list is edited monthly. Please
 add names on a Blue Form, email the church, or
 submit on our website, bottom of homepage.*

Our Homebound:

Lucy Baber BD 8/21
 Brookdale Farmington Hills North
 27950 Drake Road
 Farmington Hills MI 48331
 Bobbie Dever BD 7/25
 603 63rd Avenue West Unit R14
 Bradenton FL 34207
 Virginia Duttarer BD 8/13
 10731 Old Tampa Road
 Parrish FL 34219
 Ann Guild BD 7/14
 The Woodlands
 1055 301 Blvd. E, Apt. 1017
 Bradenton FL 34203
 Lorraine Heidelberg BD 4/25
 6104 10th Avenue West
 Bradenton FL 34209
 Lu Hymes BD 6/7
 4460 Fairways Boulevard #507
 Bradenton FL 34209
 Marvel Meister BD 7/20
 Freedom Village
 6410 21st Avenue West #324
 Bradenton FL 34209
 Lidya Taber BD 3/20
 15329 S. Lone Elm Road
 Olathe KS 66061
 Terry Terhardt BD 4/17
 Pines of Sarasota
 1501 North Orange Avenue
 Sarasota FL 34236

“Noisy Offering” The last weekend of each month we collect a
 “noisy offering” of coins and rustling paper to support our many
 neighbors in need who are served by Our Daily Bread. You may
 also drop off your gifts at the Church Office. Thank you!




TLC Teddy Bears Trinity's bears
 share the message of
 God's love with all who
 are struggling or celebrat-
 ing! TLC bears show love
 and comfort across the
 country and even foreign places,
 thanks to TLC family and friends!
 Please share a bear with any who
 may need one. To replace, place \$10
 in the offering, or drop off in the
 Church Office. Please note: “Bear.”



TLC is going more Green!
 If you attended Pastor Bobbie's cele-
 bration on January 21st, you may have
 noticed we ate on “real” plates and bowls
 with “real” flatware. We are consciously
 avoiding single-use items
 as we are able. We will
 soon do that for communi-
 on, too, using glass cups
 which will be washed after worship ser-
 vices. Thanks to the Green Team folks
 who are making all this possible.





We Pray
 for the Family and Friends of
 Leone Wilburn, who entered the
 Church Triumphant on
 January 17, 2024

We have a **Hearing Loop System** in
 our Sanctuary! To take advantage of this
 audio system, please sit in the
 center section of the sanctuary.
 Brochures about how to use the
 system with hearing devices are in the
 Narthex.



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Trinity Trends is a monthly publication of:
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Karaoke / Lip Sync / Music Extravaganza
Saturday, February 3rd, 6:30pm

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Join us at Redeemer Lutheran Church
6311 3rd Ave W, Bradenton, 34209
February 13th — Fat Tuesday Pancakes
4:00-7:00pm

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ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th
Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
7am and 7pm at Trinity Lutheran
Noon at Redeemer Lutheran

Trinity Weekly Worship Times

Saturdays

5:30 pm Celebration Worship

Sundays

8am Traditional Worship

9am Contemporary Worship

10:45am Traditional Worship

All are invited and welcome!

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