

Michelle Carpenter:

Michelle grew up in an ELCA Lutheran church in Ohio where she was baptized and confirmed. She was active in the Lutheran Youth Group growing up. She attended Miami University in Oxford Ohio, where she met her husband, Chip. They married in 1991. She attended Graduate School in Louisiana before joining Chip in Hampton Roads who was in the Navy. They moved to Huntington Heights in 2000, and have been attending Trinity Lutheran ever since. They have two children, Lois Jean and Carl, both of whom were baptized and received first communion at Trinity. Michelle assisted with the promotion pieces for the 500th Reformation and serves as an unofficial photographer for the church. Michelle teaches marketing at ODU's Strome College of Business. Additionally, she's served as the leader of Trinity's Girl Scout Troop 4170 since 2010. Michelle is currently filling out a term for a former council member.

Philip Shook:

Phil is 55 years old and employed as an engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding. He has been a member of the church since 2013 and currently serves as a member of the Property Committee. He was elected to church council in 2016 to fill out a term that expires in 2017. In his free time, he is a volunteer fitness instructor at the NN YMCA, chair of the city's North End Huntington Heights Architectural Review Board, and board member of the One City Historic Foundation. His favorite hobbies are reading and working on our vintage house.

John Savage:

John was born and raised in Newport News, Va. He has spent his entire life in the Newport News and Hampton Roads area. Throughout all of these years since 1990, he has also been a part of Trinity Lutheran Church, as well as a student at Trinity Lutheran School from 3rd grade up through 5th grade. A majority of his early life experiences always revolved around family activities, especially with his twin brother Clifton who have similar interests. Since our elementary school days, John has been an acolyte at Trinity Lutheran Church and continues to do so now into his late 20's. Outside of Trinity, I work in the Machine Shop at NASA Langley Research Center where he has worked since June of 2011. In 2016, I was provided the tremendous honor and opportunity to work with the Trinity Lutheran Call Committee. He continues to serve as an acolyte as well as a crucifer and an assisting minister.

Don Sniady:

Don previously served on Church Council from 2009 thru 2013. He held the office of Chaplain during his last year on council. After working 30 years in the Quality Inspection Department, he retired from Huntington Ingalls/ Newport News Shipbuilding in 2015. Don has also served on the Witness Committee and volunteered for our PORT program annually.

Bill Solomon:

Professionally, Bill was a teacher of French at Hampton High School for 29 years, serving as chair of the Foreign Language Department for 25 of those years. After retirement, he was a part time teacher of French at Bethel High School for 14 years and was on the adjunct staff at Hampton University. As a substitute organist, Bill has served in churches of most denominations throughout the Tidewater area.

With new and fresh leadership in the Church and School, Bill feels that this is an exciting time for Trinity. He hopes to bring the perspectives of history and experience with the Church and School while helping to develop new ideas to make them even more vital entities in the community. Bill's service record includes being a member since 1971, elected to Congregation Council for several terms, President of Council, elected as Trustee, serves on the Worship and Music Committee, coordinator and trainer of acolytes since 1982, Chairman of search committees for pastors and music directors, coordinated construction and design of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium where he oversees inurnments, niches, memorial wall, brick pavers and general care, former Stephen Minister, substitute organist, former member of the School's Board of Directors, served on the search committee for the Head of School, Assists with acolytes for Lesson and Carols and Stations of the Cross services, served as chair of the Virginia Synod Candidacy Committee for 16 years, member of the Candidacy Committee since 1995, and has been a delegate to the Synod Assembly.