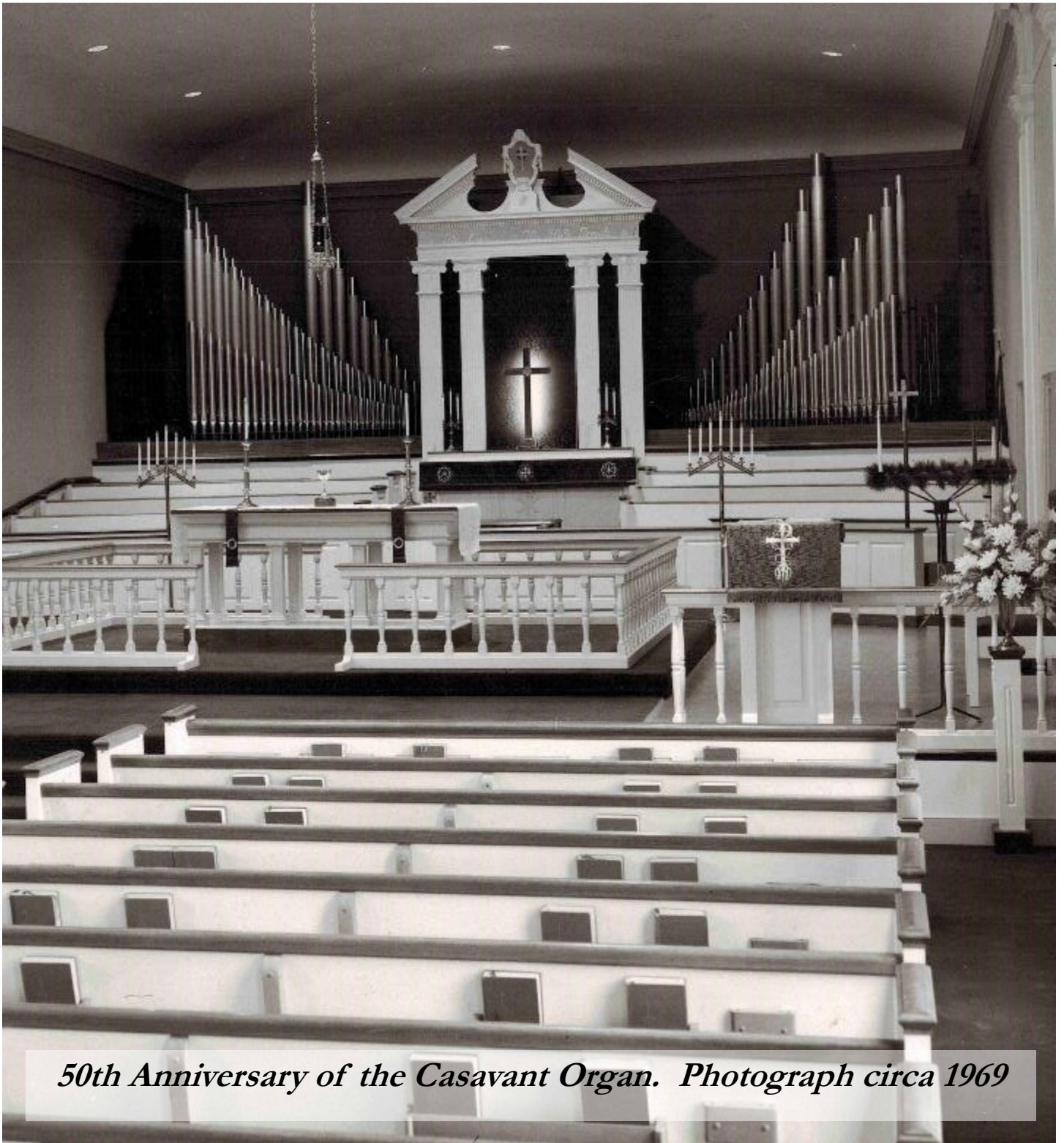


Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

November 2019



50th Anniversary of the Casavant Organ. Photograph circa 1969

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



So, I know that some of you have seen the title of this article and are probably already fighting the urge to run for the hills. It's natural. We all do it in the face of *that word*, stewardship. Honestly? It's not exactly pastors' favorite

word either, because it causes panic. In some ways, I think it's one of those words that we need to reinvent or just find another word for because there's so much *baggage* that comes with it. You say it...stewardship...and it feels like some ominous movie tone should come after it, bum bum bahhhhh. But the thing is, we can't ignore it, as much as we like to try, and honestly? We don't need to be afraid of it either.

At a simple, baseline level, what does stewardship mean? It means taking care of what we have, what has been handed over to us for our safe keeping. It's the word God used when God placed the care of creation in human hands. It's the word Jesus used when telling parables about taking care of the talents we have been blessed with. And yes...it's the word Paul used when talking about the offerings we provide to the communities we are a part of. Stewardship *isn't* just a money thing, it's a whole life thing. It's looking around at all the things that we have been blessed with and using them to their full capacity, and seeing them through God's eyes, as gifts meant to be used for the betterment of creation, for the good of our neighbors, and to their full potential.

I'm not sure we all think of our talents, our gifts this way, as tools God has given over into hands to be used to help create and enliven the kingdom of God. Yet, each of us has been given *something*, something to use, mold, shape for the good of this world God has placed in our care. It's not something to take lightly, but in fact something that should be taken as seriously as possible, because we're talking about *gifts*

Season of Stewardship

from God. It would be like getting a present for Christmas, smiling politely and saying, "Oh thank you," while mumbling in your mind, "I have no intention of using this ever." Ok, so I'm sure all of us have actually done that at some point, however, that shouldn't be how we operate when it comes to things that have come from God. We should want to use them, cultivate them, treat them as the blessings that they are.

As a congregation, as people of God, stewardship is something that we are called to treat stewardship as part of life with God and our life with each other. Do you have a gift, a talent that you think might be something that could start a new ministry here at Trinity? We want to hear about it! Maybe you want to join with some of the folks who have started knitting during worship, creating hats and scarves that will be donated to shelters and programs like PORT to help our neighbors in need. Is there an idea that's been rolling around in your brain that just won't let go, but you've always been afraid to share it? We want to hear about it! That's how our newly formed book club started! Do you feel called to help out in worship, to usher, to read, to greet? We want to hear about it! We want everyone serving in the congregation in whatever way they feel called.

And of course, we can't really talk about stewardship without dealing with the elephant in the room...and I know...we don't want to talk about it. However, we are a congregation that operates on a faith based ministry spending plan. We are called to be good stewards of our building, our worship, all of our ministry, and none of that can be done in a vacuum, without financial help. Giving is part of who we are, and part of our call. We each know what we are able to give, and every little bit helps. It helps our ministry grow and thrive. It helps us do new things. It helps us take care of the other things that have been entrusted to our care. So, if your offering envelopes have been gathering dust, maybe we all commit together to re-stewarding all the gifts we have been entrusted with. We are in this together as

one family of God, called to this place to live and serve and love and grow. Together, we can continue living into this amazing ministry that is happening here at Trinity.

In this season of thankfulness, I am thankful for each and every one of you and for all the amazing

gifts you bring to Trinity. I cannot wait to see what the next few months, the next few years bring for us as we continue to grow and work together. Let's see where God is calling us...

Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina

Pastor's Announcements

All Saints' Sunday

Please note we will only have one service on All Saints Sunday (November 3rd) so that we may come together as a community to remember, honor, and celebrate the saints of our lives and our church family who have entered into the glorious saints in light this year. We will have candles available for lighting at the beginning of the service, and all are invited to bring photographs of loved ones to place in the window wells so that we may truly be surrounded by the saints as we worship our resurrected Lord and Savior.

Walking Furship: Blessing of the Pets

All are welcome to join us at the Noland Trail on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 PM for our Blessing of the Pets service. Designed in the format of walking worship, we will walk a portion of the trail, with stops for different parts of the service, including pet blessing. Any and all pets are welcome!

Trinity Reads! Book Club Schedule

All are welcome to join our book club as we gather together to discuss Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Shameless." All gatherings are at 5:30 PM at Aroma's in City Center (706 Town Center Dr, Newport News, VA 23606) on the following dates:

Thursday, November 7--Creation II

Thursday, November 21--Creation III

Thursday, December 5--Creation IV

Christmas Worship Schedule

Blue Christmas:

Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 PM

This service honors the truth that the holidays are not always joyful, and that sometimes they bring moments of difficulty and hardship, particularly if we have lost loved ones over the last year. It will be a service of healing, candlelight, and prayer, where we can all gather together to hold each other in community for the year that lies behind and the year that lies ahead.

TLS Lessons and Carols:

Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 PM

Join our school community as we gather together for a service of lessons and carols and prepare our hearts and minds for the Christmas season

Christmas Eve:

Wednesday, December 24th at 2:00 PM, 4:30 PM, and 7:30 PM

2:00 PM: This will be a new service for us at Trinity. *This service will be designed to be an "abbreviated" Christmas Eve worship service, providing a space where those who are not comfortable driving at night or for whom sitting through a whole service is difficult can still come to worship and experience this holy day with their church family. There will be hymnody, scripture, and communion, but simply in a shorter service*

4:30 PM: *Family service featuring children's Christmas tableau*

7:30 PM: *Traditional worship service with candlelight*

Join us for a Celebratory Hymn Festival

*Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 4 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church in Newport News*

*Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the
Installation of the Casavant Organ*

*With Dr. John Schwandt,
International Organist & Leader of Hymn Festivals*

We are pleased to present Dr. John Schwandt, Professor and Chair of Organ at the University of Oklahoma School of Music in a special hymn festival celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our organ on Sunday, December 1 at 4pm.

Dr. Schwandt can be encountered in concerts across America, on many episodes of American Public Media's syndicated program *Pipedreams*, accompanying silent films in churches, concert halls, and theaters, on a CD by the rock band *Shiny Toy Guns*, as leader of hymn festivals, consultant on organ projects, as a voicer and tonal finisher, and as judge and clinician in many settings. He is well known for his ability as improvisateur and for engaging and exciting audiences of every kind.

A free will offering will be received for the Donald E. Golden Scholarship at CNU.

A Reception will follow in the Social Hall.



Trinity Lutheran Church - 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607

Brief History of the Casavant Organ

As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Casavant organ, it is with interest to see the history of the church through the eyes or ears of the organ music. When the current church building was built, it was decided that the pipe organ from the original church on 27th Street would not be moved. Instead, an electronic Baldwin organ was purchased. The photo below shows the choir area or back of the sanctuary before the Casavant was installed. The original building was designed with the plan to add a pipe organ in the future. In fact, if you look closely on the left and right walls there appears to be three “windows” on each side. These were actually



screened openings to what were called organ lofts (now being used to store the Christmas decorations).

Within ten years, however, the church was planning on the replacement and a plan was developed. The organ lofts were not large enough for the Casavant organ pipes, so they were closed up.



The original installation of the Casavant was completed in time for a dedication on December 7, 1969. The second photograph shows the configuration of the choir area following the installation. Please notice the reredos (the large altarpiece in the center which served as a focal point for the sanctuary as well as a screen for the swell box which sat behind it).

Additional modifications were made in the late 1980's to add additional pipes which replaced the reredos and is what you see today.

Due to failing leathers and other worn parts, the organ was rebuilt last year which included some modern upgrades.

About the original Builders:

In 1874, after the death of their father Joseph, who had been building organs in St. Hyacinthe since 1840, the Casavant brothers, Samuel and Claver, apprenticed themselves to the well known organ builder John Abbey in Versailles, France. In the year 1879, they returned to St. Hyacinthe and founded the present firm which bears their name. Almost immediately, the firm of Casavant Freres rose to a position of prominence among Canadian organ builders and by the year 1930, had achieved a position of leadership in the field throughout Canada and the United States.

After the passing of Samuel and Claver Casavant in the early 1930's, however, the firm rested rather firmly on its laurels for a number of years and following World War II, was slow to respond to the demands of the organ reformation. Under the artistic and technical direction of Lawrence I. Phelps since 1958, Casavant Freres made rapid strides toward regaining its leadership, and today (1969) is considered by many to be the foremost firm of organ builders in North America and the British Commonwealth. The house of Casavant is one of the few companies in North America building mechanical-action, encased instruments, and its work compares favorably with that of the finest European builders.

Howl O'Scream Youth Event Pictures



Sunday School Project

These K-4 Sunday School students made thank you cards for police officers during Sunday School! They decorated the cards and attached stickers with M&M's thanking the police officers for being Marvelous and Magnificent! Erik Rummel will be sharing these beautiful thank you notes with his fellow police officers. *Photo by Michelle Carpenter.*



Worship in the Park Pictures (by Michelle Carpenter)



TEAM Funds Distribution

All Trinity members are invited to fill out a form requesting funds for a favorite charity(ies) or organization(s). Please pick up a form(s) from the main church bulletin board. All forms must be completely filled out and placed in the church council president's box, in the church library, no later than Sunday, November 24th. For more information contact John Savage.

Youth Group Announcements

Lock In:

The youth group will be locking ourselves into the church November 8-9 for a Lock In. We will meet at the church at 6 PM, and parents can pick you up at 8 AM on November 9. This is a fun evening of wild and crazy games, free time, gym time, and making our gifts for our homebound members. Youth will need a sleeping bag, pillow, PJs, flashlight for a game of Sardines, and your favorite snack to share with your friends. We will feed you sugary donuts in the morning before you depart with your parents for your Saturday events. If you plan to attend, sign up on the youth group bulletin board.

Lost and Found:

Youth attending the Lost and Found event at Eagle Eyrie need to meet on November 22 at 1:45 PM at the Rummel household. We will be traveling to Lynchburg, VA for the weekend. Make sure that you pack a sleeping bag and pillow, warm layered clothes, comfortable walking shoes, your bible, your favorite snacks to share, something to entertain you on the ride up and back, and an open mind. Parents can pick youth up on Sunday November 24 at the Rummel household. We will call parents on the way back from the event, but we usually return home around 4:30 PM. Remember that you are welcome

to use electronics on the way to and from the event, but they will not be allowed to be used while we are at Eagle Eyrie.

Decorating and Caroling:

On December 15, Trinity youth will help in the decorating of the church and then go caroling to our homebound members delivering the gifts that we made for them. Youth group members will meet immediately following the 10:45 worship service in the church library. Bring your lunch with you that day, and we will eat quickly in the library after church. We will then decorate the Christmas trees, play a few of our favorite youth group games, and head out to carol to our homebound members. The evening will end with a pizza party at the Rummel household to include a favorite Christmas movie. Parents can pick up their youth at 8 PM at the Rummels. Things to bring: Bag lunch, \$5 for a pizza dinner, your beautiful singing voice, and a Christmas goody to share at dinner (cookies, side dish, whatever you want to make). Sign up on the youth group bulletin board. Happy Holidays!!!

*Thanks,
Kelly*

Stewardship

Stewardship for a Christian is not optional. Christians are stewards by definition. Since all we have is a gift from God, Christian stewards are sharing what is God's. Stewardship is about how the congregation can do God's work together.

A Christian steward is **intentional**. He has developed a plan for giving and follows that plan. If you find yourself looking in your wallet for excess change as the offering plates are passed, you have some work to do on your being intentional in your giving. Each of us must give as he has planned.

As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, "the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

2019 LIONS SHARE BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 7, 2019

8:30 - 9:30 AM

School Gymnasium

Guest Speaker

William B. Downey

President and CEO - Riverside Health System

Presenting Sponsor

Towne Bank

Advent Event

TLS Open House



Our annual Advent Event will be Sunday, December 8th between services. Come join us as we create a Nativity Set! It's different from the set we have done in the past and will be a set for all ages to make! We will be needing volunteers to help at the tables and with cleanup. Contact Jessica Moye if you are able to help! (email: moye.jessica7@gmail.com or call her at 757-849-9239).

To get in the giving spirit we will be collecting items for charities. Look to the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for the items we will be collecting.

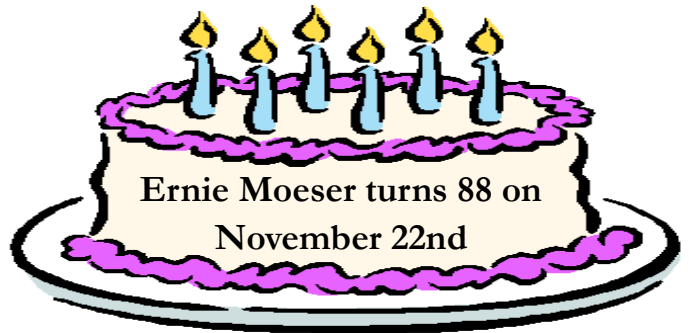
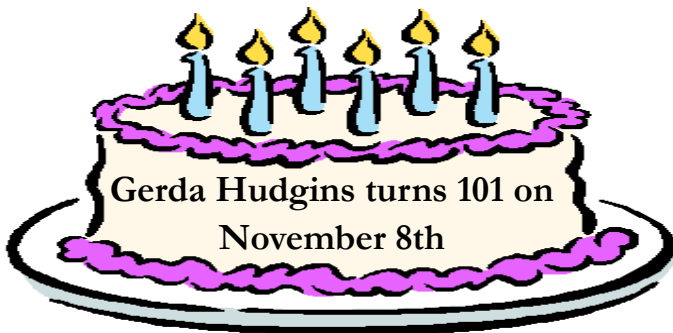
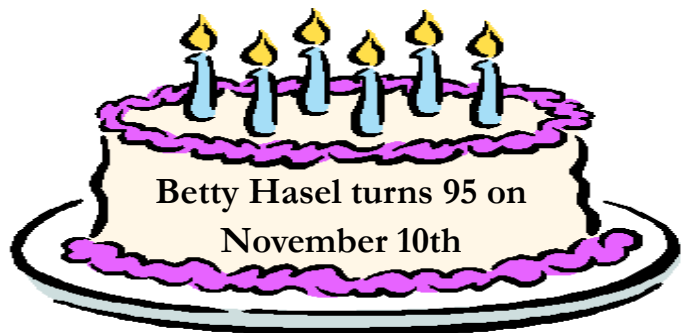
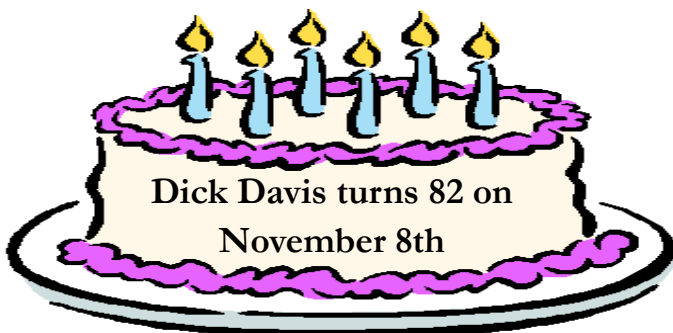
Please feel free to bring a sweet treat to share!



Building Foundations for Life

The Trinity Lutheran School Fall Open House is Tuesday, November 12th starting at 9:00 AM. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend. They can register online at <https://trinitynn.com/visit/> for the open house program. Remember, all TLS families who refer a new family will receive a \$250 discount off your last month's tuition for next year! Please spread the word. Open House postcards are available in the foyer. Additional open house dates include Tuesday, January 2nd and Tuesday, February 25th.

Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints for November



Holiday Food Boxes

Please help us to fill boxes of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas for six families for EDMARC (the area's Children's hospice program). The Wish list of items are listed below. Please bring the items for Thanksgiving down to the church library by November 17th. The Christmas items need to be in by December 15th. If you purchase turkeys or cold items, we have a chest freezer and a refrigerator in the acolyte room downstairs. We wish to thank you in advance for helping these families to celebrate the holidays without having to worry about affording a nice meal. If you should have any questions, please contact Sue Moeslein at 757-871-7378 or Anne Evans at 757-810-0734.

The Social Ministry Team

Oktoberfest Thankyou

The Congregational Life Committee wishes to thank all who helped decorate, set up and clean up before and after our Oktoberfest celebration: Judy and David Hunt, Anne and Cliff Obara, Ben and Pastor Tina Melusky, Dee Klapperich, Teresa Flores, and Bobbie McWithey and the Sauerkraut Symphony Band. Dave greatly appreciates all the help he received.

Ed. Note: Thanks to Dave Carlson for the wonderful brats and pork and so much more in preparing this event. The turnout was spectacular and all appeared to have a great time. Pictures from the event will appear in the next issue of the Tidings.

Edmarc Holiday Food Basket List

- 12 to 15 lb turkey
 - buffet ham
 - 14oz bag stuffing
 - small bag onion
 - 2 cans chicken broth
 - 1 can cranberry sauce
 - 1 can or jar gravy
 - 1 can of veggie (ex: corn, peas, carrots etc)
 - 1 bag potatoes
 - applesauce
 - 1 can cream mushroom soup
 - 1 can French's fried onions
 - tea/coffee
 - Juice Boxes
 - man 'n' cheese
 - 2 - 14oz cans green beans
 - vegetable oil
 - 1 - 5oz can evaporated milk
 - 1 can sweet potatoes
 - small box brown sugar
 - cake mix & icing
 - 1 can pumpkin pie mix w/spices
 - 1 - 5oz box chocolate pudding
 - 1 small bag of mini marshmallows
 - roasting pan & bag
 - aluminum foil
- Perishable Items:**
(Please keep in separate bag)
- 4 stick pkg of butter
 - celery
 - dozen eggs
 - 1 can whipped topping
 - 1- large canned biscuits
 - 2 frozen pie shells

Contact Addi with questions
757-967-9251
clemensa@edmarc.org



Pastor Frederick Paige Guy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With deep sadness, I send you word from Pastor Tina and Pastor Griffin that our Brother in Christ and former pastor, The Reverend Frederick P. Guy, passed away last night, Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Friel gave her permission to announce that Pastor Guy was diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Please hold Friel, her sons, Pastor Guy's mother, Emily, and their families in your prayers.

Cards may be sent to their home: 16737-A Cranlyn Road, Huntersville, NC, 28708.

God gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Godspeed, Pastor Guy . . .

Please check your bulletin announcements for updates on the funeral services for Pastor Guy.



ALS ice bucket challenge, June 2015

Frederick Paige Guy

October 14, 1947 - October 22, 2019

Bulletin Board

Liturgy of the Saints

We thank you, O God, for all your servants and witnesses of times past: for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Deborah and Gideon, Samuel and Hannah; for Isaiah and the prophets; for Mary, mother of our Lord; for Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, and for all the disciples, for Stephen and Phoebe, and for all the martyrs and saints in every time and in every land. This month, we especially remember the beloved saints of this congregation who have entered into eternal rest and life everlasting this year:

Viola M. Olin Kessler

Harry Emmick Lee

Vivian Ansell "Slim" Hawkins

Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we may persevere in the course that is set before us, and, at the last, may we share in your eternal joy with all the saints in light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Thrive Shoe Drive

Trinity has partnered with Thrive to collect new and gently used shoes to help Thrive meet the growing needs of the community. There is a red Thrive Bucket in the church narthex where shoes can be dropped off.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunday School between Services: 9:30 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

A Nursery is Provided during worship

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