

# January

January 2019—"Trinity's Good News"

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Wondering What the New Year Might Bring

Here we are at the beginning of another New Year and it's no secret that many Americans, with other peoples around the world, love to sing an old song at midnight on New Year's Eve entitled: "Auld Lang Syne."

These words were first found in an Old English text written by Robert Burns in 1788 and in today's vernacular language, they mean most literally: "Old Long Since," or "Long, Long Ago."

Traditionally, this song has been sung to bid farewell to an old year, but it has also been sung for over two centuries now, to bid farewells to a loved one at the time of their death or sung at graduation ceremonies to those receiving degrees at academic institutions.

The song begins: "Should old acquaintance be forgot and ne'er be brought to mind?"

This is the question that Robert Burns has instructed all of us to ask at the outset of another New Year! And it's a question, that he furthermore answered for us in the lyrics of this song, with both a "yes" and a "no."

Some things, like the hurts, the pain, and the disappointments we have suffered in our past lives are best forgotten! But there are also some wonderful experiences we've had in our past lives that can be used to warm each other's hearts and minds, as we recall them, and others recall them to our attention!

St. Paul had a lot about his past life that he desperately was hoping to forget! He wanted to forget how wrong he had been about the Person and Work of God's Only-Begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when he first heard the Gospel. Because of his initial misperceptions and total rejection of the Gospel to put it mildly, he labeled himself in subsequent years as: "The Chief of Sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).



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**Church Office Hours:**

**Mon-Thurs 7:30am-12:30pm**

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



**Sundays at 8:45am**

**Jan 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 11:00am**

**(bring a bag lunch & drink)**



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**Adult Bible Study**—Sunday at 8:45 am and Wednesday - 10:00 am

Class Title	Description	Teacher	Location
Gospel Lesson	Bible on the Minor Prophets	Pastor Sizemore	Rm 107 Sunday 8:45 am

**January 2019** – A Wednesday Bible Study on Prayer: “Thank God,” Martin Luther said one day, “even a seven-year-old child knows what the Church is! The Church is sheep who hear the voice of their Good Shepherd!” We might add that a seven-year-old child, who knows what the Church is, surely knows something also about PRAYER. Prayer is simply “talking to God.” Prayer is our speaking to God in response to our having first heard him speak to us through his Word of the Holy Scriptures and through his Word made flesh in the Person and Work of Jesus his Son. In much the same way, sheep respond to the sound of their shepherd’s voice by “bleating back” to him with their audible expressions of gratitude, affection, and dependence.

**Please join us on the four Wednesdays of January: January 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 11 AM, for a midweek Bible study on prayer, in Room 107, led by Pastor Sizemore around the four important topics: (1) What is Prayer? (2) Why Do Christians Pray? (3) How do Christians Pray? and (4) “Key Components of the Lord’s Prayer.”**

**Please bring sack-lunches to share together at noon.**

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But there was another part of Paul that wanted to hang onto this painful reality as a powerful reminder of God’s amazing grace shown towards him: *“But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the chief of sinners, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life” (I Timothy 1:16)!*

Because of what Jesus Christ our Savior has done for us in his perfect life, his sacrificial death and his glorious resurrection, the Holy Spirit empowers us to let go of old memories that would only damage our self-esteem and detract from our self-respect.

In Philippians 3:13-14, Paul writes: *“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!”*

One of the great gifts God brings us in the perfect life, death and resurrection of our Savior is a clear conscience. This is what the Apostle John teaches us when he writes in I John 3:19-23: *“By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us” (I John 3:19-23)!*



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## TRINITY LUTHERAN STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Paul Sizemore

### Church Office Manager

Anne Hopkins

### Custodial Services

Nadine Williams

### Maintenance

Russell Anderson

### Council Officers

President .....Al Schulz  
 Vice President .....Del Buser  
 Treasurer.....Christine Schulz  
 Head Elder.....Morrison Obeng  
 Secretary.....Virginia Waeffler  
 Stewardship, Chair.....OPEN  
 Social Ministries, Chair.....Sandra Warley  
 Properties, Chair.....Joan Ingersoll  
 Outreach, Chair.....OPEN

### Board of Elders

Head Elder—Morrison Obeng  
 Argil Matthews  
 Jim Barlow  
 Mel Stack  
 Ed Rosenberg

## Communion

### 10:00 AM

### Assistants

### Greeters

<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>Assistants</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jan 6	Morrison Obeng	TBA
Jan 13	Ed Rosenberg	Pat and Argil Matthews
Jan 20	Barry Englehardt	Ed and Mary Rosenberg
Jan 27	Mel Stack	Dave and Brenda Welker

### LECTOR

Mary Rosenberg

### ALTAR GUILD

Joan Ingersoll  
 Peggy Obeng  
 Mary Rosenberg

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
December 2018	
2	76
5	Advent 11:30am: 9 7pm: 16
9	70
12	Advent 11:30am: 16 7pm: 17
16	74
19	Advent 11:30am: 15 7pm: 19
23	103
24	Candlelight Service 7pm: 148
25	Christmas Day Service 10am: 20
30	61

# January Anniversaries

Jan 2—Robert and Evelyn Wilson (30 yrs)

**Happy Anniversary!**



# January Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Cinda Fisher        | 15 Richard Crum    |
| 6 Dolores Esmeier     | 20 John Wittenberg |
| 6 Jon Styles          | 21 Meg Bagby       |
| 8 Evelyn Wilson       | 21 Ted Yohpe       |
| 11 Lisa Sizemore      | 22 Chris Williams  |
| 12 Emerline Hill      | 23 Gage Schroeder  |
| 13 Hayden Barlow      | 25 David Schaefer  |
| 14 Maria Kretschmayer |                    |



## JANUARY 2019



January 6

### "The Word Turned Toward"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same-He turns His Word toward us.  
(John 1:1-18)

January 13

### "Reason to Believe"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Do you have a reason to believe that everyone should believe what you believe? John did. Come and see.  
(John 1:19-51)

January 20

### "My Delight is in Her"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook  
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,

God rejoices over you. This week we explore our new name and identity as the bride of Christ.  
(Isaiah 62:1-5)

January 27

### "Surrender to Start New"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Starting a new life involves surrender-a break with the past. In that surrender, the past can be restored.  
(John 2:1-25)

To listen to the Lutheran Hour, tune to:

Daytona Beach WNDB - 1150 AM, Sunday @ 7:30am

Palm Coast WNSS - 89.3 FM, Sunday @ 12:30pm

Ormond Beach WELE—1380 AM, Sunday @ 10:00am

Jacksonville WOKV - 690 AM, Sunday @ 7:30am



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

**CHURCH BOARDS:** OPEN POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Outreach Chair; Stewardship Chair. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please inform Morrison Obeng or Al Schulz or call the church office.

## JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Jan 3 — Elders Meeting @ 7pm

Jan 8 — Council Mtg @ 7pm

## COUNCIL

November minutes available on page 6 and in extended narthex.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** will resume in January 2019. Please see page 2 of Newsletter for more information.

**LADIES NIGHT LIVE:** January 29, 2019, 6pm at Red Lobster on Int'l Speedway. Sign-up sheet in extended narthex.

## THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

All the plants along the front US1 wall of the church have been planted in the ground. The hedge along the sidewalk has been filled in with new hedging and the sod has been planted in front of church. Several sprinklers that were damaged during this planting stage have been repaired. If you have any suggestions on additional projects to beautify Trinity, please get in touch with Sandra Warley.

**PLEDGE CARDS:** All members should have received their 2019 Pledge Cards either in the mail or at church. If you have not received your pledge card, they are available in the narthex or you can call the church office.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHOIR:

We are gathering those who are interested in singing in Trinity's choir. After a brief hiatus, we will be beginning to meet once more on Sunday mornings in the front pews near the piano. Initially the music will be sung in unison, so there is no need to be a well trained musician. We will sing from the front of the church, making it more accessible to all who want to be involved. The only qualification is your desire to sing to the Lord in the worship service. We plan to sing about twice monthly, but meet weekly for 15-20 minutes before the worship service: promptness is appreciated. If you have any questions please call/text Lisa Sizemore at 803-546-0600. This is an opportunity for you to serve the Lord with your time and talent.

**LADIES GROUP:** Trinity would again like to reactivate LWML or a Trinity Ladies Group. This group would potentially meet once a month and oversee things like rummage sale, bake sale, Samaritan Purse, just to name a few. We need someone to head this group and we need to get several names in order to activate this group. If interested, please sign up in extended narthex.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES. THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL BOXES IN THE EXTENDED NARTHEX.**

## GREETERS AND ALTAR FLOWERS:

2019 SIGN-UP sheets for both greeters and altar flowers are now available. Sign up soon to get the dates you want!

**2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be mailed out this month. If you have not received your statement by January 15th, please call the office.

## Council Meeting November 13, 2018 Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Al Schulz at 7:03pm.

Present Pastor Sizemore, Morrison Obeng, Al Schulz, Chris Schulz, Virginia Waeffler, Sandra Warley, Joan Ingersol.

Prayer/Devotion Pastor Sizemore

October minutes motions Joan/Sandra. Motion passed.

Discussion about voting. One vote per person with one head for each committee.

Elders report: given by Morrison Obeng

Pastor made hospital and shut in visits. (Pastor passed out list) December meeting to include assigning members to an elder. Tom Root and Ed Rosenberg have volunteered to be elders. Advent services to be Wednesdays at 11:30am and 7pm. Trinity will have Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services. Chris Lozano (Precise Audio) to be contacted. Joan stated that Warren Willet has knowledge of sound systems and if we get three proposals/Quotes he will look at system and proposals (no payment to Warren). Yancy to be one bid (suggested by Pastor as used by Holy Cross for sound system) and will find another. We currently have seven microphones (some wireless which can cause interference) and a donor has agreed to give some money towards sound system. Lisa organist has asked if plexiglass can be put behind organist bench as fear of falling over balcony rail. Morrison will talk to Mark. Morrison and Peggy found a snake in the extended narthex of the church. Peggy was able to remove. Discussed propping open doors. Sandra working outside and can't get back in. Sandra to be assigned a key.

Treasurer's report: given by Chris Schulz

Past out report and reports hanging in back of the church. Moving company paid just under \$6,000. Board voted to give LCMS student Jacob Anderson a gift of \$1,000 towards school. No bill yet from Concordia for Pastor's benefits. Chris will call them.

Stewardship: given by Joan Ingersol

Al signed contracts for roof and sealing and painting.

Properties report: given by Joan Ingersol

Sand spurs in school yard not dying with lawn treatment. Al suggested Image which was suggested by a lawn service company. Joan will check on product and use in a children's playground. May kill grass treating sand spurs. Going to shop for sod prices if this happens. Urinals in mens room. We need three bids. Company given to Chris by church member not taking work till new year. Anne looking into getting two quotes as we have one. Chris got A Pump and Sprinkler System to give Quote to maintain sprinklers on a regular basis. (\$200 a quarter to check and adjust with work extra. They will not agree to maintenance till city/utilities done with work in front of church). Morrison to call city about sign grant. Discussed making edge of steps yellow or red for increased visual contrast.

Social Ministries report: given by Sandra Warley

Gave plants to school. Thirty three shoe boxes completed for Operation Christmas Child. Sod/dirt filled in along the driveway with dead plant removal. Company paid \$200.

New Business:

Pastor suggested that one side at a time commune. This was referred to the elder.

Sandra asked what lawn service was paid. Chris stated \$700 monthly. Sandra asked about extra pay and work. Once they did extra cleaning on the far lot and were paid extra.

Property tax discussed in length.

Chris past out a budget and after discussion and changes a motion was made by Joan and seconded by Virginia to except. Vote passed budget. Congregational meeting December 16 after service for congregation to vote on budget and officers. Discussion about 2010 constitution took place. (board of directors, President/vice president leading meeting/voting. Pastor talked about 2007 constitution). Pastor passed out reading for council.

Pastor Sizemore's sister to play organ once a month with a salary of \$150. Lisa is donating her playing.

Discussion regarding Christmas caroling.

Discussion about seventy year anniversary. Decided to ask for volunteers for a committee at the congregational meeting.

Pastor posting letter about stewardship cards for three weeks.

Article in newspaper about Pastor Sizemore was good.

Food for the Poor discussion. Pastor stated they were given the option of talking to the bible class but not church service and they wanted to do both to come.

Sandra suggested helping the fire victims.

Closed with Lord's Prayer 9:09 pm.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3 Elders' Meeting @ 7pm	4	5
6 Bible Study @ 8:45am Choir Practice, 9:30am Sunday School @ 8:45am Worship @ 10am	7 Pastor Sizemore's Day Off	8 Council Meeting @ 7PM	9 11:00 Bible Study (bring a bag lunch)	10	11	12
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