



# THE WITNESS

Happy September!  
 “Come Celebrate With Us”

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## SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

### September – 2023

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

(From the Second Lesson appointed for Pentecost XIV)

Dear friends,

If you want a blueprint for what the life of a follower of Jesus should look like, you won't find a better pattern than the one put forth by St. Paul in Romans 12:9-21. A portion of this Second Lesson that we will hear on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> is quoted above. This verse sums up rather well the entire message from Romans 12. These words begin with “Let love be genuine” and end with “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” In between are a series of messages of hope, joy, peace, grace and love that we can take to heart and put into practice as we grow into the gift of faith so graciously given to us by our all loving and faithful God. **“Rejoice in hope!”**

These holy things are made possible to us and for us by the grace first come to us in the life, death and resurrection of God's Son, our Savior Jesus. It is in him and through him that we live, move and have our being as faithful and faith filled children of God. The living out of these words in what we say and what we are able to do is only made possible by the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit in our minds and upon our hearts. What a privilege it is to be about the opportunities set before us to overcome the great evils of this world with the goodness God alone can and does give to us and shares with us so abundantly. **“Be patient in suffering!”**

By God's grace and to God's glory it is possible for us to live peaceably and in harmony with all. We can share the joys and sorrows of those we encounter and always be willing, ready and able to welcome the stranger in our midst. Reflecting God's grace and mercy, we can love and care for friend and foe alike and truly meet others where they are as we contribute to the needs

of all the saints. In this way, we bring a little bit of God's heaven down to earth as we embody the love of God in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. What a blessing this is, indeed! **“Persevere in Prayer!”**

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, we bid Farewell and Godspeed to our dear **Joy Sullivan** as our Parish Musician. For five years she has faithfully brought **Joy** to us each time we have gathered for worship. With great dedication and superior devotion, she has shared her ample God given talents with us without restraint. For this we are truly grateful and forever indebted. We give thanks and praise to God at this time and pray God's richest blessings upon her as she continues to share her many gifts with others. **THANK YOU, JOY!**

We also at this time want to give our thanks to **Daryl Bogle** for his great help in working on the “ditch” in front of the our church property. He has been working with the city of Daphne as best as possible to remedy some drainage issues that have developed over the past several years. Hopefully it will all be resolved very soon and the city will be satisfied with the efforts put forth and the work accomplished. **THANK YOU, DARYL!**

School is back in session, Musical Beginnings is back using our facilities and other fall activities are picking up once again. We pray for God's blessing and safety in all things. Hopefully some cooler weather is on the way in the not too distant future. God's blessings and peace be with us all! See you in church!

**Peace, Pastor Rich**



## From Your Congregation President

Welcome to September 2023 ... Fall is here, the kids are back in school but the heat probably will not go away for a while. Oh well, at least we don't have to worry about ice and snow ... and college football is here!

Summer has been quiet, but a number of interesting things have taken place ...

- We have started dinner groups over the next 4 months. This lets us get to know our church family a little better in their home environment. We can do these year-round if interested. Let us know if you are interested.
- We will be conducting Listening Sessions over the next couple of months here at the church building and at a few homes. The purpose is to hear your voice on how you would like the church to change (or not change) over the next few years. We will discuss the findings in this year's Annual Meeting in December. Please attend and share your thoughts.
- Administration, Media and Marketing Growth Teams have added flags at our entrance, rolled out a new church web site and they are trialing a new communication software package.
- You may have noticed the change in the coffee area, and we have added tea and hot chocolate. Next is paint and some decorations.

- We need to give Daryl Bogle thanks for his heroic effort in the drainage pond. He has been fighting the heat, the city of Daphne and the EPA when there were complaints that we might be affecting the Hiawassee Creek Watershed. We still have more work to go here but hopefully we are nearing the end.
- We have a new Church Sign on order to replace the one near the street. We expect it to be installed and ready to be dedicated at October's Lutherfest.
- We have some new services planned to include Healing and Coffeeshop Services. With Joy moving on, we have started the process of recruiting a new keyboard/piano player for our services.

We are in Phase 1 of the Fall stewardship program and expect to have Appeal Sunday on 11/5 and Celebration Sunday on 11/12. We are planning to move the Special Appeal into early 2024. We can still use some additional Stewardship Team members for this year's event.

The Nominating Committee will soon be let loose to help us recruit council members for next year. Please be open to volunteering. One position, in particular, is important next year, Vice President. The new structure for the President role is one year as VP and one year as President. I have one more year to go and then need someone to take over. The VP position is perfect to learn the role before you have jump in.

We also still need to fill the Property Council role now. You do not need to be a handyman as this role focuses on what needs to be done and we then work together on the how.

Blessings and enjoy this wonderful month!

**Rick**



## Board of Discipleship

### Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will be held on Sundays; September 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. Sunday School is for all children ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. During this Fall session, the children will be learning about the Parables of Jesus. The topics for each week will be:

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – The Good Samaritan

Sunday, September, 17<sup>th</sup> – The Lost Sheep

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – The Parable of the Sower

If you have any questions, please contact Barbie Ramsland at 251-625-2421 or [ramsland@mindspring.com](mailto:ramsland@mindspring.com).



## Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. LWR School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning in the face of serious obstacles.

Once again, the members of the HT Family stepped up and filled 100 book bags for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Our members helped complete this project in many ways including: purchasing items to fill the bags, to placing those items in the bags, boxing the bags, providing refreshments to the volunteers, and finally loading the boxes (HT's and other churches) on to a truck. That truck delivers the kits to one of LWR's warehouses where they are stored until sent overseas. A BIG thanks to everyone who helped. We could not have done it without YOU!

## Lutheran World Relief Pickup

An enormous thank you to everyone who helped with the pickup this past weekend. A total of 2563.4 pounds of quilts, school kits, and other kits were loaded on the truck in miserable heat and humidity. The provided snacks were much appreciated!

Holy Trinity contributed 309.6 pounds to the above poundage.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped with this ministry.

**Barbie Ramsland & Tommie Morgan**



# Board of Nurture Notes

This month I would like to share ways that we can nurture ourselves and one another at Holy Trinity.

**“Nuture (v) nur-ture – care for and encourage the growth or development of”**

One of the things that is special about Holy Trinity is the level of care and encouragement we give one another. We are one of the most nurturing groups I have ever known.

There are so many times, so many opportunities to come together. We celebrate with each other. Beginnings, goodbyes, milestones, holidays, there is a celebration for that. We have groups to share faith. We have opportunities to serve each other. Opportunities to strengthen our relationship with God and each other. Opportunities to serve our community. Ultimately when we nurture others, we are nurtured in return.

Here is a list of opportunities:

- † WELCA – Sojourner’s and Pheobe Circles
- † Men’s Breakfast Group
- † Coffee Shop Bible Study
- † Worship Leader Roles
- † Prodisce Pantry Volunteer
- † Committee Volunteer
- † Hospitality Sponsor
- † Turkey Trot Volunteer
- † Outreach Activities Volunteer

New opportunities are being added all the time. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

*“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

Galatians 6:10

**Pam Burkey**





# Farewell & Godspeed to Joy Sullivan



Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, was a bittersweet day as we bid Farwell and Godspeed to our Parish Musician, **Joy Sullivan**. For five years she truly brought **Joy** to our worship services. However, the time had come for her to “retire” from serving in this position at Holy Trinity. A special time of hospitality and refreshment followed the service in the Fellowship Hall as we said **“Thank You!”** for doing such a wonderful job of sharing her God given musical talent with us in such a faithful and dedicated way. What a great blessing it has been to have Joy with us and we pray God’s richest blessings upon her as she continues the sharing of her gifts of art and music with others.



## Church Online

Wow. I am learning SO much about social media, website design and our church. I feel like I've been to Social Media Boot Camp. Being a Boomer, I wasn't overly familiar with any social media other than Facebook and Pinterest. So you can imagine my surprise when I was told we really need to have a bigger presence on Instagram and possibly look at Tik Tok. Most of you are probably agreeing with me that a website is enough, right? Well, apparently it isn't.

So I need some help! I now have a basic understanding of how we could be using Instagram but it's just not in my wheelhouse and I really can't take it on right now. Here's where you come in. Do you use IG? Are you active on it? Are you under the age of 60? Then YOU are the person I'm looking for!!

Could you spend about a half hour a week working on Holy Trinity's IG account? I'll help with ideas, contacting folks, obtaining equipment, anything you need but our church needs someone who is much better at IG than I am. (If you could also throw in Tik Tok, that would be fabulous!)

Please let me know if you can help. I'm open to a team doing this as well. Let the Holy Spirit work through you to make Holy Trinity known.

**Lynn Russell**



## Help Wanted!

**Stewardship Committee Team Members:** We are looking for a few more individuals to participate on our Stewardship Committee to round out the team. The commitment is only through the end of this year. We have a team leader, a plan, and meetings are only once per month. Please see Rick Russell if you are interested. [thumper335999@live.com](mailto:thumper335999@live.com) or (256) 417-1474



## Need Help with Technology or Whatever!

Seniors, try this website: [seniorplanet.org](http://seniorplanet.org). It's free and very accommodating to those who want to know just enough about using technology to be dangerous. They offer many free introductory classes on line each week. They also offer lifestyle and beyond classes that might be of interest to seniors too. Thanks to Lynn Russell for making this suggestion.



# Our Newest Member!



**Taylor Louise Oldham** was born on **Saturday, August 19th** at 10:16 am at Springhill Hospital in Mobile. Taylor is the daughter of Erika and Sam Oldham and baby sister of Kate. Proud grandparents are Barbie and Jeff Ramsland and Lisa and Phil Oldham. Taylor, mom, dad and Kate are all doing great. What joy and blessing this brings to this family and their friends and the entire Holy Trinity family!





# Announcements

## Old Fashioned Church Picnic



An **Old-Fashioned Church Picnic** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> after church**. All are invited and encouraged to attend, but hopefully the ants will skip the festivities. This will be a potluck kind of picnic with folks already volunteering to bring some fried chicken, salads, corn muffins, corn on the cob, watermelon, pies, etc. Bring what you would like to share with others. Adult beverages may be available or BYOB! Depending on the weather we may include games for the children. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Burkey (308-641-4280 or [pamelahance@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelahance@yahoo.com)).

## Weekday Morning Bible Study

The **Weekday Morning Coffee Shop Bible Study** will continue on **Thursday mornings throughout September**. We will start at **7:05 am** and will be done about 7:55 am to meet the needs of those who work. All are invited.

This month we continue our focus on the book of Hebrews. Here is a link to the study and discussion materials: <https://enterthebible.org/courses/hebrews>

Our Bible Study group will meet at **Warehouse Bakery** in Fairhope.



[Warehouse Bakery & Donuts \(warehousebakeryanddonuts.com\)](https://warehousebakeryanddonuts.com)

759 Nichols Ave, Fairhope, AL 36532

Any questions, contact Rick Russell [thumper335999@live.com](mailto:thumper335999@live.com) or (256) 417-1474



## Sojourner's Circle

Sojourners Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 9:30 am. We will begin working on quilts for next year's pickup. No sewing skills are necessary!

## Phoebe Circle

We are holding our monthly meeting on **September 21, 2023 at 6 PM.** The location has yet to be determined. Look for more information in future Sunday bulletins.

**Linda Veren**

## Prodisee Pantry Turkey Trot 2023

Our Turkey Trot race is weeks away (**Saturday, October 28, 2023**) and we have finalized our **2023 race shirt color and logo!** We are excited about this year's Turkey Trot were 1500 families will be blessed with food items to prepare dinner during Thanksgiving. We are thankful for your consideration of being a race sponsor. Your involvement as a sponsor is important to the success of our mission. *August 31st is the deadline* to put your name or logo on our race shirt.



Below are the **sponsorship details** and the **runner registration** form. Hope you all are able to join us again this year.

If you have any questions please contact volunteer Alan Nichols or Neil Beasley at 251-626-1720.

Runner register online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Daphne/ProdiseePantryTurkeyTrot>

Prodisee Pantry Turkey Trot 2023

5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run

Saturday, October 28, 2023

8 am - 5K & 9 am - Fun Run

City Hall in Daphne



# Pics of the Month



Steve Horlebein got a birthday sign in August



Taylor Oldham celebrated her birth—day.



Judi Luken really celebrated on her birthday!



Back to School Blessing



August's Prodiscee Pantry Crew, Dinner and Fellowship





Coffee, tea and Lynn!



Nate and Pam



William Dawes giving the *heave ho* to supplies for Lutheran World Relief!

# August's Lunch Bunch





# Reminders

**HOLY TRINITY GOES LIVE!** Our Sunday morning Service of Holy Communion is now being live-streamed and recorded each week at 10:00a on our [Holy Trinity Facebook Page](#). If you are not able to be present in person, you are invited to join us on the internet. We also continue to provide a copy of the sermon text and the bulletin with music links via email. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to operate the camera on Sunday mornings. **Volunteers are always needed.** If interested in helping out in this way, please contact **Debi Horlebein**.

**Donating Altar Flowers:** Please keep in mind that your normal offering contributions do not pay for altar flowers. If you would like to donate a particular Sunday's flowers, the cost is \$35.00. Simply use the sign-up sheet on the corkboard located in the narthex, and as the Sunday approaches place your donation in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity, noting "*Altar Flowers*" on the check. Please note there are no flowers at the altar during Lent.

**Current vs. Building Fund Reminder:** Specify how you want your offering split between the Current Fund and the Building Fund. If you do not specify on your envelope, it will by default go to the Current Fund. Anonymous cash (without an envelope specification) will all go towards the Current Fund. Checks without an envelope or notation on the check will by default go 100% towards the Current Fund. If you wonder about the percentage split that best services both funds, try directing 65% towards the Current Fund and 35% towards the Building Fund. Ongoing mission activities and Synod/ELCA funding is sourced from the Current Fund.



# SEPTEMBER AT HOLY TRINITY

## Lunch Bunch

We will meet on Tuesday,  
September 19th @ Noon



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Name

Birth Date

Mike Shrider	09/07
Rich Mueller	09/09
Joan Micelli	09/13
Franklin Lamb	09/15
Diane MacShane	09/18
Jackson Foxworth	09/20
Curtis Manicke	09/21
Doug Schonemann	09/23
Daryl Bogle	09/27

## Men's Breakfast

8 AM Saturday, Sept. 9th

Gathering Place

Fellowship Hall



We will volunteer at **Prodissee Pantry** on  
**Wednesday, September 20th @ 5:30pm**  
followed by dinner and fellowship.



Bert & Audri Richards  
09/10/1994 29 yrs

Jim & Tommie Ethington  
09/27/1969 54 yrs

Sam & Erika Oldham  
09/27/2014 9 yrs



# Worship Leadership Assignments for September

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Worship Leader Assignments				
	September 3rd	September 10th	September 17th	September 23rd
<b>Assisting</b>	Tommie Morgan	Toni Fassbender	Jeff Ramsland	Dave Kummer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Oskar Mitchell	Nic Bogle	Cait Manicke	Emily Cormier
<b>Lector</b>	Ginny Peterson	Joan Micelli	Andy Veren	Cyndi Howell
<b>Cantor</b>	Phyllis Buccholz	Debi Horlebein	Randi Patterson	Debi Horlebein
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pam Burkey	Cyndi Howell	Linda Veren	Pam Burkey
<b>Altar</b>	Judi Luken	Linda Gregg	Judi Luken	Linda Gregg
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Dave Kummer	Phyllis Buccholz	Rick Russell	Phyllis Buccholz
<b>Usher</b>	Kevin Burkey	Fred Fassbender	Curtis Manicke	Dave Howell
<b>Teller</b>	Judi Luken	Dave Howell	Fred Fassbender	Dave Howell
<b>Teller</b>	Kevin Burkey	Fred Fassbender	Lisa Manicke	Diane MacShane
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Diane MacShane	Nate Manicke	Eric Veren	Nate Manicke
<b>Hospitality</b>	Labor Day Picnic	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	Gregg in memory of 58th Anniv.	Micelli Joan's B-day	Manicke Curtis' 45th B-day	Oldhams 9th Anniversary

***If you are unable to do this assigned worship leadership responsibility, please trade with a person with your same responsibility assigned to another date***



If you have a prayer request for the e-prayer group, you have a few options on relaying this information to the congregation.

Option 1: Write it on the yellow attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Option 2: Send an email with your request to

[holytrinityprayers@googlegroups.com](mailto:holytrinityprayers@googlegroups.com).

Option 3: Email, text, or call Erika Oldham: [erikaramsland@gmail.com](mailto:erikaramsland@gmail.com) or (256) 404-2975.

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# Prayers for our People

We continue to pray for the following:

### Ministries in the Church

Those who are serving in leadership roles at Holy Trinity, including Congregation Council

Lutheran – Episcopal Mission of the Annunciation – Perkinston, MS

Those who are seeking Christian Community may find Holy Trinity to be a welcoming place

Those who are new to Holy Trinity that they may find opportunities to grow in faith.

Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity

### Those Who Serve & their Families

Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement, including Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Adam and Cathryn Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow.

Those Who Are Ill/Injured/Hurting/Hospitalized, Recovering: Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Franklin and Elsie Lamb, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott and Charles Sharp.

ELCA LEADERS: SE Synod Bishop Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller

### PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with others.

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[www.holytrinitydaphne.org](http://www.holytrinitydaphne.org).

Any comments or suggestions, please email the church office at [htlcdaphne8271@gmail.com](mailto:htlcdaphne8271@gmail.com).

The deadline for articles and information for the July issue of *THE WITNESS* is **Monday, September 25th**. If you wish to discontinue receiving this newsletter, please contact us at (251) 621-2968.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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