

Trinity Lutheran Church & Academy



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PRAY FOR ORLANDO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Somber greetings in the Lord of Life, Jesus!

Early Sunday morning I received word about the catastrophic slaughter of what is now reported as 49 people mercilessly gunned down at a Club in Orlando. While details continue to emerge and in some cases remain sketchy, this has a tremendous impact on this whole community, and the world is watching us. While the incident took place at a gay nightclub, the effect is felt well beyond. These victims, including the shooter, were sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends. They were co-workers and probably even some who worshipped in area churches. So many lives tragically cut short. Many are still hospitalized and we don't know if the number of dead will continue to grow.

In these days there are very few families that aren't impacted in some way by the LGBT community. Our hearts are broken for these families who have been torn apart. This has been described as the worst killing spree in the United States. It has left many in fear, traumatized by these heinous events. It's a stark reminder that we live in a broken world.

Orlando Mayor, Buddy Dyer, has asked that community vigils not be planned right now as it puts a further strain on already stretched law enforcement officers. Both Trinity Lutheran and Prince of Peace are planning their own vigils for later this week. We will post information as it becomes available about other activities. Right now law enforcement is focused on protecting and assisting victims of this crime and doesn't need additional community concerns. We are working with the City of Orlando, through Pastor Billy Brath, to provide assistance in whatever way might seem best. Dr. Rick Armstrong with Lutheran Counseling Services has assured me that they stand ready to help as well. In addition, Tim Hetzner with Lutheran Church Charities in Chicago has offered to bring K-9 Comfort Dogs to help bring comfort to those who are grieving, throughout Orlando.

What can you do? Please pray for this city. Satan is working overtime, instilling fear and hate in many. We need to respond in the love of Jesus. Yesterday morning I worshipped at Prince of Peace in Orlando, and Pastor Ken Green preached on the Good Samaritan. While this was not planned with this present tragedy in mind it spoke loudly. Jesus commended the Samaritan for putting his personal beliefs aside to help someone in need. He didn't focus on the differences or the things that kept them apart, he simply led with his heart and cared for the one in need. Hurting and confused people are all around us, not just those impacted by this event, but in all our communities impacted by hate, prejudice and fear. We can make a difference by standing together in the love of Jesus. Regardless of all the differences, despite the fact that we are all sinners, the love of Jesus is more powerful! His love is more powerful than fear, more powerful than hate, more powerful than differences, even more powerful than our sin, which often divides.

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Harrison re-elected to third term as LCMS president



As believers in "Jesus and His blessed forgiveness," Harrison adds, "let's forgive one another, let's love one another and let's challenge one another to live in joy, and outreach, in the name of Jesus, for the blessing of the world."

The **Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison**, having received 56.96 percent of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for a third term of office, 2016-2019.

The nomination process for the position of Synod president began last fall with the mailing of nominations ballots to all congregations of the Synod. All nominations were required to be submitted by Feb. 9, 2016, or five months prior to the start of the Synod convention, when the ballots, received by an outside auditor, were tallied and delivered to the secretary of the Synod.

The resulting candidates for the office of president were the three ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes in the nominations process and who consented to serve if elected. The three nominees for Synod president were Harrison, the Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier and the Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer.

Four weeks prior to the convention, the secretary's office provided a secure method and opportunity for two voting delegates from each congregation to participate in the vote via electronic balloting services provided by Election-America, a Garden City, N.Y., company that conducted the balloting via a Web-based voting site, June 11-14. The voters in the president's election were the congregations' delegates in attendance at the 2015 district conventions.

The results of the ballot tallied and reported to the secretary of the Synod by Election-America are as follows:

- Harrison was voted president-elect with 3,507 votes (56.96 percent);
 - Meyer received 2,257 votes (36.66 percent); and
- Maier received 393 votes (6.38 percent).

The Bylaws of the LCMS instruct the secretary of the Synod to notify the candidates in the Synod's presidential election of the results of the balloting at least two weeks prior to the convention. The candidates were informed earlier today, June 15, of the results of the June 11-14 ballot.

Learning Space Christian Academy

Greetings from The Learning Space Christian Academy! We recently hosted a welcome party for the new children who are joining us for the summer, and everyone enjoyed the bounce house and music. With the summer in full swing, our children are having fun with summer-themed art projects and water play on Fridays. Our teachers are continuing to do a great job caring for and guiding our kids as they learn through play. We wish you and your families a safe and relaxing summer season. 954-463-2456



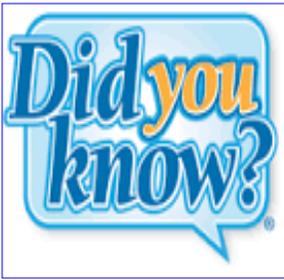
VBS Pictures



July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
			
3 Pentecost 7 8:45a Bible Study 10a Worship	4 	5	6 6:30p Life of Ma
10 Pentecost 8 8:45a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:00am July BDay Party 11:30a Sr. Youth Group	11	12	13
17 Pentecost 9 8:45a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:15a Council Meeting	18	19	20 6:30p Life of Ma
24 Pentecost 10 8:45a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:30a Sr. Youth Group	25	26	27
31 Pentecost 11 8:45a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:00am Pot Luck	 <small>shutterstock - 136152794</small>	 <small>shutterstock - 136152794</small>	

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8p Haitian Prayer	2 11:30-2p Tarpon River Café 1st Saturday
Martin Luther	7	8 7p B.U.S.H. Club 8p Haitian Prayer	9 5:00p BASH (Slacker's Hwy84)
	14	15 8p Haitian Prayer	16 8:00a Men's Breakfast @ Joe's Cafe
Martin Luther	21	22 8p Haitian Prayer	23
	28	29 8p Haitian Prayer	30
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- The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world!
- King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines!
- After Moses was given the Ten Commandments, he wore a veil over his face because he glowed. (Exodus 34:33-35)
- The Bible mentions dogs, livestock, lion, game animals, and various other animals but it does not mention the domestic cat!
- Two lawyers are mentioned in the Bible named Gamaliel and Zenas
- In Old Testament times people wore a sack- cloth so other people would know they were in mourning
- There were two men in the bible who never died! Their names were Enoch and Elijah and God brought them to heaven
- Sheep are the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible
- The oldest person in the Bible was Methuselah. He died when he was 969 years old.
- A man had a bed 13 1/2 feet long and 6 feet wide. (Deuteronomy 3:11)
- A man's hair weighed 6 1/4 lbs. when it was cut annually. (2 Samuel 14:26)
- A man walked naked for three years. (Isaiah 20:2-3)
- Apparently people from the island of Crete had a bad reputation and the Bible records a rant against them, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." (Titus 1:12)

A GENTLE REMINDER

As a pastor, I do my best not to preach "money, money, money" as research has shown it is one of the top 5 reasons people say they do not come to church. With that said, I would like to remind you that we are entering into the summer season, which historically is a time where tithes and offerings decrease, but the costs of the church operations increase.

If you look around on Sunday mornings, you will see that many, if not all, of our "winter Floridians" have headed north for the summer. And as it should be, their gifts and tithes are once again redirected back to the northern parishes they attend. Please prayerfully consider increasing by even \$5 or \$10 if you can.

Pastor Jeff

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The Apostle John writes, in his first Epistle, ***“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother”*** (1 Jn 4:18–21).

This is the time for us to brightly shine with the love of Jesus; to be those havens of love and grace that Jesus has called His church to be. This is a time to be not just hearers of the Word, but doers. This is not a time to be arm-chair quarterbacks. This is not a time to stand in judgment or condemnation. This is a time to not only talk about the love of Jesus, but to find ways to show it, wherever we may be.

Satan continues to wage his war, but we know how the story ends! We have the victory in Jesus! He is the solution to the problems of the world. So with the writer to the Hebrews, I encourage you, ***“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart”*** (Heb 12:2–3).

In times like these, when our hearts are aching and filled with confusion, we can still trust the God who brought order out of chaos, and continues to do that even now. In all these things He is somehow at work for good! We can place our trust in Him.

Again, please pray for Orlando, as we trust the Lord to give us wisdom in the midst of hurt.

In God's peace,

Greg Walton

President, FLGA District, LCMS

Trinity Lutheran's 90th Anniversary

Next February will be Trinity Lutheran Church's 90th anniversary. There will be a meeting July 17th after church to discuss ideas and details. Any donations for the 90th anniversary fellowship please label on the offering envelopes "90th anniversary fellowship". We welcome all and any volunteers and ideas for this event.

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July Birthdays

7/5 John Howard
7/11 Casey & Nick Carlson
7/14 Cliff Berry II
7/14 Jan Babler
7/15 Bonnie Gosley
7/21 Lars Alvarez
7/23 Cesar Dias
7/27 Margaret Waldron
7/30 Virginia Erdman

July Anniversaries

Bob & Joan Walkling Fri 7/1
Don & Candy Church Fri 7/8

Jonah WAS NOT swallowed by a whale....

*"And the **LORD** appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." Jonah 1:17*

The word translates to "fish" and everyone knows that a whale is a mammal NOT a fish.