



# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

- *Sunday Worship Services 10AM*
- *Holy Communion*  
*1st & 3rd Sunday of each month*

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Lake Placid, Florida 33852*

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## *JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY TIDINGS*

# *HAPPY New Year*

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face  
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...*



*Our Mission and  
Ministry Statement is:*

*“To know Christ  
and  
make Him known”*

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## FROM THE PASTOR - JANUARY, 2026

### JUBILEE! Leviticus 25:8-22

December 2025 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lake Placid was chartered into existence. We celebrate this church's 50th year of ministry and we do so with thankful hearts.

This church has been blessed with great leadership throughout its history. Men and women have always risen to the challenge of serving in a variety of roles and positions.

This church has had a serving spirit. We have responded to needs of our members and several years to the needs of our community and surrounding counties as tragedy struck through hurricanes.

This church had very few preachers in 50 years. 3 Full time called Pastors; 2 assistance Pastors; 1 D.C.E. (Director of Christian Education) intern and 1 Full time called D.C.E.

This church has been committed to loving and teaching children attending Trinity Tots Preschool for the past 36 years. And with Sunday School and Children's Church in years gone by.

This church has a vivid place in the landscape of our town. We own over 20 acres of property and 8,000 square foot multi-purpose building, a garage, and Trinity Life Center.

This church's membership, winter residents, and friends of the congregation have been very generous through the years. We have no debt and some resources in the bank for special purposes.

This Church exist today due to the faithful and visionary dreams of those who had the energy to fulfill their dreams 50 years ago.

This is a Jubilee year for our church. We may not be very familiar with the concept of Jubilee in the Old Testament. It is only mentioned in two books: Numbers and Leviticus. Let's read through our text and make a few brief observations about life in the year of Jubilee. (Leviticus 25:8-22)

It's a Time to Get Right with God! (Leviticus 25:8-10a) It starts on the Day of Atonement. Reminds us that there must be forgiveness in order for us to be close to God. We can take forgiveness for granted, repentance can become a practice of the past, we can become dull to the prodding of the Spirit. A season of jubilee begins with a call back to God! We need that more than ever today - our world needs the church to be a people committed to God so we can show them the way.

It continues with consecration. We need forgiveness, but we also need commitment. Is your life consecrated to God- belonging to Him? It's the hardest thing to die to self, yet we must keep up the effort.

It is a Time of Restoration (Leviticus 10, 13). Restoration is resetting things back in original order. We admire re-stored cars that are put back together with original parts. The Jubilee returned the Israelites to their family property. Don't you ever sense the need to just get back to the basics in your Christian walk? Things are complicated these days as our culture plunges into secularism ... respect for God is hard to find. Beyond all the arguments and philosophies, Jubilee calls us to restore the basics and truths we've always known back into practice.

It's a Time of Faith (Leviticus 11-12, 20-21). During the Jubilee year they were not to plant crops - and they rightfully wanted to know how they were going to survive. God promised such a blessing that they will have enough for three years to eat. Can you imagine the faith they needed to trust God during this time? It was trust for real life.

It's time for us to have tremendous faith. We can always be haunted by questions about things naturally, but we serve a Supernatural God! What dreams would we dream if we had the faith that God asked Israel to have? What would we be willing to dream if we didn't have logic, reason, our own cynicism, and ways to explain it all away ... a childlike faith ... what kind of dreams could we dream?

Jubilee is a time ... To Get Right with God; To Be Restored to God; To launch out with faith in God.

Jubilee tells me God is good with our celebrations - it's a joyful and exciting time - just as we are experiencing here today. There is no record the Jews ever honored the Jubilee teaching ... instead trusting in themselves more than God. What a blessing they missed out on! We can miss out on a blessing that way too...by ignoring God's teachings and living without faith on our own power. Let's experience Jubilee now, throughout the coming months and forever in Jesus Christ!

Let us continue to build on the foundation laid for us and for those who will follow during the next 50 years!

Pastor Norris





December 1975-December 2025!



**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures  
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**Psalm 100:5**

**Dec. 1975-Dec. 2025**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Special Celebration!**

**Sunday, January 18**

**-Rev. James Guelzow (founding Pastor)  
to preach at 10AM service**

**-Special luncheon for all to attend.  
(More information coming)**

**\*Would you like to be on this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
committee? Please speak to Pam Bradshaw.**

**Other special events will take place during  
the first few months of 2026**

# **SUNDAY Fellowship Hour for JANUARY 2026**

**01/25/2026**

**(following the service)**

**HOSTED BY MARY MIHOK**



## **WISH TO HOST?**

***Please see Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex  
To pick available days***

## **Mens Breakfast Saturday, January, 2026**



***& Every LAST Saturday  
of the month at 8AM***

***At Oscar's Kitchen  
1979 Placid Lake Blvd.  
Lake Placid, FL***

## **TLC GARAGE SALE February 13 & 14, 2026 7AM - 2PM**



# ***Thrivent Choice Dollars***



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## **DESIGNATE THOSE FREE DOLLARS!!!**

Have you designated any of your **2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars?**  
(hopefully to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Tots Preschool 😊 ) You have until ***March 31 2026***, to give your 2025 Choice Dollars away if you have any. Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Tots Preschool use these “free” dollars to pay for projects around the church and pre-school that are not budgeted. We also help families in need and sponsor some of the public-school sports teams. **We really could use your Choice Dollars this year!** Your Choice Dollars are put to good use and many of these projects would not have been accomplished without this money Thrivent gives to its members to give away. Check your online Thrivent account or call them at **1-800-847-4836** to see if you have any Choice Dollars and consider designating them to Trinity or Trinity Tots. If you have any questions, Susan Norris will be happy to help you.

**\*\*Thrivent Choice dollars cannot be claimed on your taxes. These are Thrivent funds that allow you to designate which non-profit they go to.**



# **JANUARY'S 2026 item is Cereal!**

**(Items may be placed in the Narthex at any time.)**

# The Dragon's Den

## Another Trinity Serving Opportunity



Trinity serves this community by providing snack and food items for the Lake Placid Middle School Dragon's Den, a food pantry in which staff would give needy Middle School youth a bag of breakfast, lunch and snack items they could pre-prepare/microwave themselves over the weekend.

Many of the youth in our community depend on the free breakfasts and lunches which are provided each day at school, but when the weekend gets here, their parents might be working, and they are left to fend for themselves.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month will be called Green Dragon Sunday. You will have the opportunity to either bring in some of the items which are listed below, or you can put a few dollars in the basket labeled "Dragon's Den" and we will purchase the items in bulk from Sam's or Walmart. If you bring in items, please stick to the ones listed as these are the suggestions from the school. We will update the list according to their needs. Thank you!

**Microwave Raviolis**

**Microwave Spaghetti O's**

**Ramen noodles**

**Tuna packs**

**Microwave Mac n cheese cups**

**Granola bars**

**Pop tarts**

**Oatmeal**

**Cheese crackers**

**Peanut butter crackers**

**Peanut butter**

**Jelly**

**Fruit cups**

**Snack size cookies**

**Beanie weenies**

**Hormel packs**

**Vienna sausages**

**Microwave Soup**

# *Special Days to Celebrate!!!*

## *January 2026*



### *Happy Anniversary!*

26 Morford & Arlene Harman '63

11 Dennis L. "Whitey" & Arlene Leonard '97



4 - Amanda Hurm

15 - Carmen Acevedo

21 - Glen Paul Lunz

24 - Robert Pepper

29 - Bob Leech

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# JANUARY'S 2026

## CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	<b>29</b> Trinity Tots Christmas Recess	<b>30</b> Trinity Tots Christmas Recess	<b>31</b> Trinity Tots Christmas Recess	<b>1</b> Trinity Tots Christmas Recess	<b>2</b> Trinity Tots Christmas Recess	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:00am Worship Service	<b>5</b> 7:00am Trinity Tots School Begins (Must sign up to attend/ public schools are closed.)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 1:00pm Trinity Ladies Guild Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30pm District Circuit Meeting with dinner (sign up)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00am 50th Anniversary Worship Service with a special Celebration Luncheon following the service.	<b>19</b> Trinity Tots is open (Must sign up to attend/public schools are closed.)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Fellowship Hour	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's Kitchen