

Trinity Lutheran Church

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



*Our Mission and
Ministry Statement is:
“To Know Christ and
Make Him known”*

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From the Pastor - October 2026

“What do we really own?”

Happy October 2026! It is hard to believe Fall has arrived and we are looking at the end of yet another year just a few months away. Several months ago, my two boys and son-in-law came to my house to help me with a project. I have a shed in which I have accumulated quite a few items I will probably never use. But the boys came to clean out what they could and haul things off to the dump. They asked me what they should take to the dump and what items I wanted to keep. I stood at the door of the shed and said to them, “if I was gone what would they keep and what would they haul off?” They took a lot of stuff to the landfill.

This labor of love led to a future discussion where we reheard the fact that our kids do not want the fancy China plates, the silver, the Thomas Kinkaid art or most of the items that for Susan and I held special memories. To my surprise my oldest son, Timothy told me about an Instagram page that tells of the things that Millennials do not want. It is entitled “millennial inheritance season.” [Instagram](#)

‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’ --Job:1:21

There’s a joke about the nosy neighbor attending a rich woman’s funeral. Peering into the coffin with a friend, he asked, “How much money did she leave?” The friend smiled and replied, “All of it, of course!”

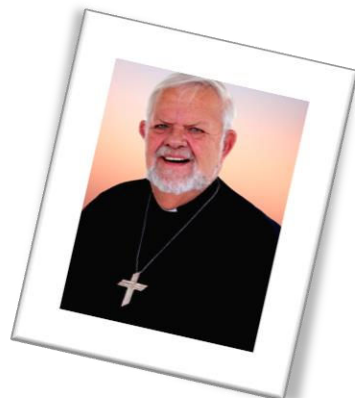
As Job laments, we come into the world naked and leave the same way. We may be dressed in our best clothing on our way out, but we take it to the grave, not the afterlife.

The joke and Job reveal a basic concept of stewardship: We don't really own anything. We may take possession of it for a period of time, but we eventually leave it for others. As I look down the road I see now there have been seasons in my life when different things were important and other things less important. Each season brings new stuff, and we accumulate more and more until one day we say enough. We hold on to things as if we were going to have it forever, as we were going to live forever. The danger is that we get so absorbed with things and yes even money, we shortchange the most valuable treasures – loving the Lord our God with all our being and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

That's why the Bible consistently warns us about wealth. Jesus repeatedly points out the pitfalls. Money and possessions can turn us inward, stunting our growth and preventing us from being the people God created us to be. Generosity is the preventative cure for this malady. The Bible in the Old Testament counsels that tithing is giving away 10 percent of their income. The New Testament writers do not put a limit on our giving, they speak of "first fruits" giving with no stipulations as to how much or how little. I can remember one former member coming into my office and asking me about my thoughts on "tithing." I said that 10% was good, but in the New Testament we are not bound by that percentage, we could give as much as we could afford. He said he agreed and handed me a check with the most zeroes I had ever seen and walked out of my office.

Generosity is not measured by the number of zeros, but rather the attitude of the heart and mind of the one giving such a gift. To be honest I know that any amount can be substantial enough to be sacrificial. It is not the amount is not important, rather one must realize it is a matter of the heart. Freely giving is a declaration that you are free from the power that money might have over you. Because however much money you can accumulate in life, you will be like the rich woman in the joke: One day you will leave it all behind.

Respectfully In Christ,



Church Upcoming Events



Next Fellowship Hour
October 11, 2026 (Hosted by Norm & Sandy)
October 25, 2026 - (Hostess needed)

WISH TO HOST ANY EVENT?
Please see the Sign-Up Sheet for upcoming dates
In the Narthex to pick a day. All events will follow the services.



Adult Bible Class will resume
On Sunday, October 18th – 8:30AM



**Next Trinity
 Ladies Meetings,**

October 13, 2026 - 1PM
November 10, 2026 - 1PM
At the TLC

Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 31, 2026 &
Every LAST Saturday of the month at 8AM
At Oscar's Kitchen, 1979 Placid Lake Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL





Save the Date to Participate!



Spring Lake Fall Festival



October 24, 2026

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Spring Lake Boulevard & U.S. Highway 98
Pine Breeze Park Community Center**

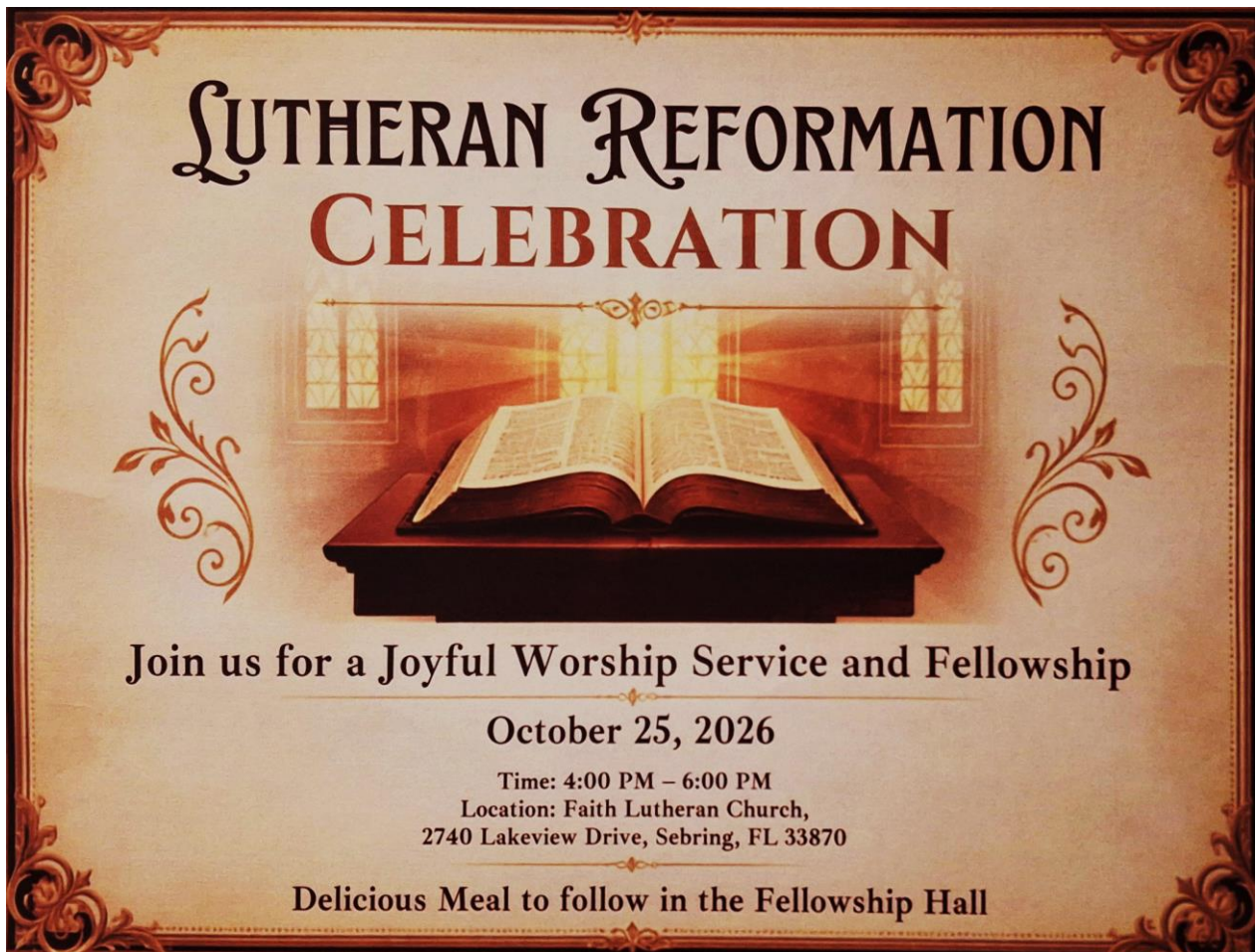


SpringLake
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**Vendors, Food Trucks, Music, Costume
Contests, Exhibits and Farm Market**

**Stop by our Trinity Tots Bratwurst & Hot Dog booth,
back by the outdoor pavilion.**

Want to help? Sign up on the hallway bulletin board.



Deadline
Sunday 10/11/2026
\$10 per guest

Please see Susan Norris
for meal tickets



Christmas Bus Trip

Thursday, Dec. 3

4:10 pm-11:45 pm

(Travel & Show time)

**Central Florida Community Arts Choir & Orchestra
Concert**

Northland Church- Longwood, Florida

Travel by Annett Bus Lines

Tickets- \$40 (include bus and show ticket)

***Sign up on bulletin board**

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th

4:00 PM

Trinity's annual Christmas Tea has become a popular event among the women and it's just around the corner. Imagine the church sanctuary filled with beautifully set tables of plates, silverware, teacups, and napkins. Add the glow of Christmas candle-lit centerpieces, a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and carols playing in the background, the chatter of friends, new and old, the aroma of tea and coffee brewing and the biggest appetizer, dinner, and dessert table you have ever seen. Put that all together and you have one of the nicest evenings that you'll spend with your friends.

To come to this festive evening, you either need to sign up to be a hostess or be invited as a guest. If you have never been a hostess before, why not give it a try? Invite 3 or 4 friends from your neighborhood or perhaps someone new to our church, bring your candle centerpiece to church before the event and then arrive with your guests on December 7th to spend a few hours sharing a cup of Christmas Tea (or coffee).

Sign up on the bulletin board to be a hostess. Your invitations for your guests will be put in your mailbox. We ask that you donate \$5.00 per person to help cover the cost of the food.

***If you would like to come but don't think you'll be able to be a hostess, call the church office and leave your name. We may have some hostesses who need additional guests at their table. LADIES-this is the year of OUTREACH. Why not invite a new member or some people from the office list or maybe a lonely woman in your neighborhood? Just a thought!**

Food Pantry Opportunities To serve!



The Dragon's Den Children

- **Individual food cups &**
- **Individual Microwavable cups**



Manna Ministry

- **Canned Vegetables, Chili ...**

(All items may be placed in the Narthex at any time.)



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Are you a Thrivent member? Do you know a Thrivent member? Would you like more information about Thrivent life insurance and investment products? Our Thrivent representative is Mr. Brian Heipp and he will come here to the church to meet with you.

Have you checked your Thrivent Choice Dollar balance lately? Thrivent has changed its Choice Dollar policy and now anyone with any Thrivent product receives Choice Dollars to give away. You don't have to wait until the end of the year. They are now available at the start of the year.

Trinity Tots could really use some of those free Choice Dollars this year. We have 8 empty 3-yr. old spots due to a low birth year across the country and that adds up to a minimum loss of **\$32,000**.

The church also has some opportunities to help others in our community such as Manna Ministries and LP Middle School Food Pantry. Your Choice Dollars will also go to those needs.

So check your Choice Dollar balance and if you feel so moved, direct those dollars to either Trinity Tots Preschool or Trinity Lutheran Church. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Have questions? Susan Norris can try to answer them for you or get you to the person who can.

Special Days to Celebrate!!!

October 2026



Happy Anniversary!

5 Joseph & Carol Shatraw '85

7 Dale & Teresa Farlee

26 Robert & Crystal Harris '07

Happy Birthday

6 Joan Dietiker

8 Kayla Blake

12 Debra Goodrich

19 Pamela Bradshaw

21 Ed Miller

27 Karen Pooley

30 Leila Zick





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	28	29	30 Florida Georgia District Conference No School (Teacher's conference) Trinity Tots Pre-School is Closed	1 Florida Georgia District Conference No School (Teacher's conference) Trinity Tots Pre-School is Closed	2 Florida Georgia District Conference No School (Teacher's conference) Trinity Tots Pre-School is Closed	3
4 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	19	20	21	22 First Responders at Trinity Tots	23	24
25 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	26	27	28	29	30 9:30am Trinity Tots Trunk or Treat	31 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's Kitchen