

July 2018

Sunday Services

8:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Christian Education

10:45am Traditional Worship



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From Pastor Bode - America Is Great Because America Is Good

**"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people." (Proverbs 14:34—NIV)**

On July 4, 1776, George III, King of England, wrote in his diary, "Nothing of importance happened today." He, of course, had no way of knowing what had occurred that day 3,000 miles away in Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in particular. On that date 56 men, representing England's thirteen American colonies, signed the Declaration of Independence, asserting their independence from the British Crown in these now famous words:

*"We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent States, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances,*

*establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."*

So it is, every year on July 4, Americans celebrate Independence Day and with our celebration we are not only to bask in the freedom declared, won and preserved by our forefathers, but we must also renew their oath that "for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, offered the following commentary:

*"I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests—and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning—*

*Pastor Bode's article continued on page 2*





## A note from Trinity's President . . . .

Tena Sigmon



Here we are in July! The year is moving right along and God is all around us! Many happy things going on here at Trinity. We have had Keith McFarlane painting the Church, Parish Hall, Shed and Sign out front!

We are excited to be getting things done for our church home, repairs and cleaning! We hope everyone thinks to donate to the building fund, so we can to continue taking care of our church home! Your Leadership Council is here to hear your request and needs! Contact any Elder, Office or myself anytime! Hope all have a Blessed summer and safe travels.

God Bless!



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*and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"*

As the Church of Jesus Christ we play an important role in the future of our nation. We have in our possession the great gospel of Jesus Christ, which *is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.*" (Romans 1:16—NIV) Where we as the Church unleash the saving power of Christ, we offer our country the spiritual leadership it desperately needs to continue to be "exalted" as a nation by God. Where we fail to do so, we fail.

**This 4th of July may we as God's people heed the inspired words of the apostle Paul:**

***"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people."***  
**(1 Timothy 2:1-6—NIV)**

Celebrating our freedom and serving with you,

Pastor Bode



## From the Prayer Team . . . .

*"So God heard their groaning, and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." - Exodus 2: 24*

Sometimes our prayers may seem to be reduced to simple "groanings." The Bible talks about groanings too deep for words. Romans 8:26 says, *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."*

God knows our needs, even before we do, and He always hears us and stands ready with His answer. Beth Moore, in her book, Breaking Free Day By Day, writes,

*"Just about every time you see God described in Scripture as remembering something or someone, He moves to act in their behalf. 'He remembered,' and therefore He came down to rescue them. How does this apply to us? God knows our suffering from the very first pang. He desires, however, to hear us cry out to Him specifically for His help. God never misses a single groan or cry of His children. He always has a rescue mission planned. When the time is right, you can be sure God will move in behalf of His children."*

So pray... with words, or with groans –it really doesn't matter to God, just pray. God desires for us to call out to Him. And when we do, we give Him the proper place He deserves in our lives. He is Lord and Savior. He is our all-powerful, Almighty, all-loving, ever-listening, Heavenly Father.

Join the Prayer team every Wednesday at 10:30 am for a wonderful time of praying together. Everyone is welcome, and no one is unqualified... because even when we think our words may not be eloquent enough, we all can surely "groan!"

-Mary Bode (b103067.1377@gmail.com)

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes ....



Romans 8:26

MMG

Thank you to all who joined in our annual Tea Party / Fashion Show.

Please join us on Saturday, July 21 from 10am to 2pm, lunch included. This is for Promises, Prophecies and Fulfillment, a program to study Christian symbols, their meaning and history, and turn them into Heirloom quality Christmas ornaments. We have mentioned that the Crismons for the church tree need to be refurbished. This is for anyone, so please contact Kathy Powell at [kathleensspin@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensspin@gmail.com) for more information.

Check out the information that Holly has posted concerning where your mite moneys go to. See how far your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters can go.

We have changed our meeting time to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at about 11:45 am, right after bible class. The next meeting will be on September 13th, 2018. Please join us in any of our meetings or projects that you would like.

Debbie

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Family Meals' Summer Outreach is scheduled for Saturday, July 28. Volunteers are needed beginning Friday, July 27 at 1:00 PM. Friday volunteers are needed to unload the trucks, sort the food, pack the food and set up the church's Fellowship Hall.

We are also hosting a food drive to help off-set food expenses. Food drives are important to offset expenses. Please donate canned vegetables, dessert boxes and gift cards. A donation bin is in the narthex.

Saturday volunteers are needed beginning at 7:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to deliver the food, pack the delivery bags, greet volunteers, feed the volunteers and clean up the Fellowship Hall.



Family Meals provides ingredients for families to prepare a home-cooked meal in their own kitchen, with their families. Family Meals wants to bring back the importance of a family meal shared around the dinner table. Non-stop chatter with the family around the table, brings back family values, and creates memories that will last a lifetime.

Family meals are a natural training ground for learning social skills, manners, and how to have pleasant conversations, which builds self-esteem. It's at the family table that we learn to talk, learn to behave, learn about God, learn family traditions, to take turns, be polite, not to interrupt and how to share. Children with higher self-esteem are less likely to become obese and to try drugs.

We are 100% local, volunteer, 501©3 organization. Check us out!



[Familymealsinc.org](http://familymealsinc.org)



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Email us [familymealsfl@gmail.com](mailto:familymealsfl@gmail.com) or call Martha Taylor 772-370-0891 to help

## Today's Light 2-year Bible Reading Plan

*"The unfolding of Your words gives light."*

(Psalm 119:130—NIV)

Our Today's Light Bible Reading Plan guides you through the whole Bible in 2 years, breaking the Bible into segments that take about 10-15 minutes a day to read. God's Holy Spirit will teach, comfort, confront, and sustain you through His Word on a journey that is sure to make a difference in your day ... a difference in your life!



### **Week 78** (June 25-July 1)

Monday—Mark 9

Tuesday—Mark 10

Wednesday—Mark 11

Thursday—Mark 12-13

Friday—Mark 14

Saturday—Mark 15

### **Week 79** (July 2-8)

Monday—Mark 16

Tuesday—Luke 1

Wednesday—Luke 2-3

Thursday—Luke 4-5

Friday—Luke 6

Saturday—Luke 7-8

### **Week 80** (July 9-15)

Monday—Luke 9

Tuesday—Luke 10

Wednesday—Luke 11-12

Thursday—Luke 13

Friday—Luke 14

Saturday—Luke 15-16

### **Week 81** (July 16-22)

Monday—Luke 17-18

Tuesday—Luke 19-20

Wednesday—Luke 21-22

Thursday—Luke 23-24

Friday—John 1-2

Saturday—John 3

### **Week 82** (July 23-29)

Monday—John 4

Tuesday—John 5-6

Wednesday—John 7-8

Thursday—John 9-10

Friday—John 11-12

Saturday—John 13-14

### **Week 83** (July 30-August 5)

Monday—John 15-16

Tuesday—John 17

Wednesday—John 18-19

Thursday—John 20-21

Friday—Acts 1

Saturday—Acts 2



## Lutheranism 101: Coming to Trinity Beginning Wednesday, August 15!

- How many years has it been since you were confirmed in the Christian faith?
- You certainly remember all the material you covered, right?
- Want to answer those questions your friends have about God?
- What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique?
- Why is Lutheran worship different from worship at the church next door?
- Does it have to be confusing?

Whether you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers, or just curious about the Lutheran Church, this class is for you! Come and learn or review theology basics in a way that won't make your brain hurt. Your confirmation was not the final exam, rather, it gave you the tools to prepare for it. Here's what you'll learn about: God and His Son, Faith and Belief, Heaven and Hell, Church and Fellowship, Sin and Forgiveness and much more! This class can also serve to prepare you to become a member of Trinity.



Open Arms of Ft. Pierce

Congratulations to the  
VPK - B  
Open Arms Class of 2018!



This year we are doing our Summer Kick Off at Fort Pierce Inlet State Park on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11-1. Bring a dish to share. It's a day filled with socializing, eating, relaxing and having fun. We will have volleyball games going on, horseshoe games and FUN, FUN, FUN.



[Check out our web site!](#)



Chapel is still going strong. The children look forward to it every week. They really enjoy the energy that Pastor and Mrs. Mary bring.



This is our next VPK class. They have come a long way this school year and are ready for their next milestone.



*Congratulations to the  
VPK - A  
Open Arms Class of 2018!*



Open Arms of Ft. Pierce.



# Summer Food Drive

**Please donate the following requested items:**

**Canned vegetables**

**Boxed Dessert mixes**

**Freezable Push-up Ice Pops**

**Re-usable grocery bags**



*Family meals will provide fresh and frozen items for the summer meal. For those purchases*

**\*\*\*We need gift cards\*\*\***

*Other food items gladly accepted*

*Food drive ends July 20*

Visit us on Facebook or <http://www.familymealsinc.org/>

Email – [familymealsfl@gmail.com](mailto:familymealsfl@gmail.com)

Call us – 772 210-0900

**Mission Statement:** Provide the ingredients for a holiday home cooked family meal for the working poor, and for families who may not qualify for food stamps or free school lunch programs. Our goal is to create an outreach program to encourage family mealtimes by providing families the tools to get back to the basics, meal time together.

+ Maureen Brown +  
September 11, 1940-June 4, 2018



Maureen Cox Brown was born in Coral Gables, Florida on September 11, 1940, the oldest child of Woodrow and Alberta (Anderson) Cox and older sister to Beatrice and Nellie. Her childhood saw Maureen raised in the Christian faith and united with Christ in Baptism, continuing to grow *"in the grace and knowledge of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* (2 Peter 3:18)

After graduating from Coral Gables High School, Maureen continued her studies at the University of Florida. In 1962 she married Donald Giles, a union that was blessed by God with a daughter, Marcy.

From an early age Maureen saw her life and faith tested and built by a lifelong struggle with the effects and serious pain of scoliosis, involving ongoing treatment and surgery, but not hindering her love for dancing or stopping her from enjoying an active and full life of love and service to family, friends, church and community. Maureen was able to find love again when she met and married Murray Brown in 1978. They shared and enjoyed life together for the eight years until Murray's death in June of 1986.

Maureen's commitment to Christ and His people was lived out for many years at St. James Lutheran Church in Coral Gables, where she enjoyed working with the youth of the church and community, serving as Youth Director at St. James for over four years. Her home became a second home to many a young life with the full support of her husband Murray.

Maureen's life was made even more full as she welcomed into the world and her life her four granddaughters, Jessica, Olivia, Juliette, and Margaux. By her own intent and admission they became her lifelong hobbies, later expanded to include great-grandson, Emmitt. As a family they continued to build strong, close family ties, loving and caring for and enjoying each other in good times and in bad. Maureen was overjoyed to share in the lives of her grandchildren with all of their functions, games and events, always cooking for them, joking with them and making them laugh, even as she contributed greatly to their growth and development as their "Gee Gee."

Maureen found her gifts and skills put to good use in her career as a legal secretary that included service to the 3rd District Court of Appeals in Miami. She continued her active life, moving to Fort Pierce in 1994, where she became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. In retirement she found great satisfaction and fulfillment and an much-needed outlet for her commitment to caring for others as a volunteer with the Treasure Coast Hospice of Fort Pierce and other endeavors.

Recent life found Maureen struggling increasingly with congestive heart failure and other health concerns that eventually took her into progressive kidney disease and failure, requiring three blood transfusions and extensive hospitalization and finally taking her into Hospice care. She was called home to her eternal rest in heaven this past Monday by her faithful Lord, who loved her and cared for her through it all. She was privileged, and no doubt overjoyed, to die in her home in the company and care of the family she loved so much. She lived a productive, attractive life to the end and now serves her beautiful Savior in glory.

Maureen is survived by her daughter, Marcy Montejo, her granddaughters, Jessica, Olivia, Juliette, and Margaux Montejo, great-grandson, Emmitt Adkins, sister, Nellie, her nieces and nephews and many other friends and relatives.

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**† Edna T. Cluroe †**  
**December 27, 1935-May 11, 2018**



Edna Cluroe was born on December 27, 1935 in Shady Side, Maryland, the daughter of Joseph and Omie Dove, who brought her to the Lord in baptism on December 27, 1937 at Bristol Methodist Church in Bristol, Maryland and raised her in the Christian faith, along with her seven brothers and six sisters.

After graduating from high school Edna started working for the Potomac Electric Power Company in Washington DC and later served as manager at a Giant Food Bakery in Washington DC. At a community dance at the local fire hall Edna met Al Cluroe, and after his persistent requests finally agreed to a second date, that quickly blossomed into love, marriage and lifelong companionship. Their love and family expanded to include two daughters, Jeannie and Barbara and a son Joseph.

In the years that followed Edna devoted herself to her commitments as wife and mother, giving freely of her great love and energy to her family and providing them with an exceptional role model. Her love for family grew as her family expanded to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her commitments in the home Edna welcomed the opportunities her church provided her to use the many talents God had given her in loving service to her Lord and others.

Four years ago Edna began to show signs of Alzheimers Disease, that continued to progress gradually but persistently, challenging the lives of her and Al and taking its toll of suffering. Together they faced the difficulties that arose, united by their faith in Christ and devoted love for each other. After being transferred last week to the Hospice of the Treasure Coast in Fort Pierce, Edna died this past Friday, May 11, called to the joy of her home in heaven by her Lord Jesus Christ, who presented her with the final victory, freeing her from all the pain and difficulties of this life.

Edna is survived by her husband, Al, her daughters Jeannie Mergel and Barbara Madison, her son Joseph, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many other friends and relatives.

Edna's influence will long be felt in the lives of those she now leaves behind and the impact of her good character, her kind and cheerful personality and her many acts of love and service for family and friends will remain. Our memories of her are a gift we take with us into the days ahead as we recognize the opportunity and privilege of having her as a loved one and friend. She now places us in the loving care of her Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23—NIV)*

I miss Sue. I'll call her. What's her phone number?

**Email**  
**Info@TrinityChurch4U.com**  
**TODAY for the link & info!**



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 **Members**

I should email Joe on his birthday. What's his email?



**Email Info@TrinityChurch4U.com**  
**with questions?**



**+ Maureen Brown +**  
**September 11, 1940-June 4, 2018**

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Maureen's strong will was molded by her deep love for family and friends, and expressed in her strong commitment to share in their lives and care for and forgive them at all times. In genuine devotion and concern she could quickly move those she loved past any conflict or disagreement to laugh together and remain best friends. Her influence will be forever felt in our lives and deeply missed, even as her example and legacy of genuinely caring for others continues to move us all to greater love and labor.

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## LWML Mission Grant Highlight July 2018



### Christian Eldercare Home Jacmel, Haiti - \$100,000

Haiti is a nation in need of special attention. Since the earthquake in 2010, Lutheran baptisms have been multiplied beyond expectations, and Lutheran church attendance is increasing. However, physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are left unmet. Because the life expectancy in Haiti is so short, little preparation is made for the care of the elderly. The LWML – Christian Eldercare Home in Jacmel, Haiti grant of \$100,000 provides funds to build a safe environment for the elderly that have out-lived their families and will provide a building with clean water, sanitation, beds, food, and loving care. The center will be built on the same property where an orphanage was built in 2014. The children will have grandparents, and the elderly will have children to make them smile. Now is the time for us to assist our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ, both spiritually and physically, through our mites and prayers. For more information about Christian Eldercare Home go to [www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-10](http://www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-10).



Carol Hill, a missionary and pastor's wife, spends time with two elderly church members after a church service. The lady with crutches walks miles to church every Sunday to worship.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League was formally recognized by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in 1942. Districts (such as our Florida-Georgia District) still retain 75% of mite offerings and 25% goes to the national organization.



## TRINITY CELEBRATIONS

### *July Birthdays and Anniversaries of our Members*

#### Birthdays

1 Bea Maruri  
 2 William Hood  
 3 Robert Bailey  
 5 Paulette Burkmyre  
 Sharon Dalland  
 9 Terry Mckeon (Jr.)  
 14 Joyce Louria  
 Joyce Roberts  
 Carole Thew  
 17 Mary Bode  
 20 Marissa Daniel  
 21 Judy Rhodes  
 23 Paul Pearson Sr.  
 25 Conrad Dalland

#### Anniversaries

3 Jake and Nancy Gulibon  
 4 Daniel and Melissa Powell  
 Pam and Pete Torell  
 26 Chris and Natasha Santoro  
 28 Linda and Peter Hays

#### MEMORIALS

In memory of Elmer Pruss

### REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS Who are homebound or in a nursing care facility

**Lord Jesus Christ, in the days of your flesh, the sick were brought to you for healing: hear us as we now bring to you in our prayers those who are ill, in the body or in mind. May your presence be with them to relieve suffering and distress and to restore them to fullness of life, for your great love's sake.  
 Amen.**

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