



# Tradewinds

The newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church  
**Called by Christ + Gathered in Grace + Joyfully Serving**

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Saturday - 5:00pm – Informal Service with Holy Communion

Sunday - 8:00am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am

Sunday – 10:45am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Children's Sermon & Nursery provided at 10:45am.

The Well – 6:00pm Wednesday Night - Meal, Activity/Service, 7:30pm Worship

**ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm worship**

Dear Friends in Christ,

An opportunity has arisen that I want to inform you about. I was contacted by St. Daniel's interim pastor and the associate of the bishop to ask if we would be interested in working with St. Daniel's as they could no longer afford a full-time pastor. A solution was suggested that we could supervise a seminary intern who would give pastoral care and lead worship at St. Daniel's. After much discussion with Pastor Jen and our staff, we decided this newly opened door was one we needed to walk through. Years ago, I know Pastor Kroninger tried after St. Daniel's fire to bring the two congregations together. I believe the time has come for us to help our neighbors in Robesonia and see what Christ might have in store for us. St. Daniel's will pay Trinity for our services, and it will mean that one of our pastors will be occasionally absent from summer worship and Sunday School. But know that all this will only happen if Trinity first gets a seminary intern.

St. Daniel's will pay Trinity \$20,000 for supervision of the intern and for help with staff reviews, as well as assistance with council meetings and visioning. They will pay all of the expenses of the intern and provide housing for the intern. This will all be reviewed again before budget preparations for 2020 to make sure this amount is covering the time needed to do the supervision. Both councils have agreed to these terms.

This is a temporary solution, and we will probably need to look at a shared pastor down the road or maybe sooner if we do not get an intern. We would have a congregational meeting to inform you of the details of any future arrangement.

As I shared with the PPC, this open door is one I feel we must walk through as we anticipate the changes in the landscape of mainline churches in the next ten to twenty years. We need to be ready to adapt, reform, and renew the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Trinity has done well to think outside the box, to try new things, and to adapt to the changing landscape of our culture. But, we must constantly be renewing ourselves, and we must be open to the Holy Spirit's leading and reforming where necessary. We pray God's blessings on this new journey!

As we enter this season of Lent, our theme this year will be "Marked by the Cross." We will begin with a cross made of ashes, remember a cross made on our foreheads with blessed oil at our baptisms, and look towards an empty cross and empty tomb that promises us new life, forevermore. I pray you join me on the journey!

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Bill*