

OUR STORIES

I Came, I Saw, I Joined
from Jackie Stanley

*An inspiring story from our parish to fill
your day with joy.*



Generosity Stories

We are excited to share that our Stewardship Team will continue to work with the program hosted by the Lutheran synod called Stewardship for All Seasons. As a part of this program, our overall goal for our congregation is to build a culture of generosity. We have so many wonderful stories of generosity right here in our own community, and we will be sharing those with you. Be on the lookout for "Our Stories" in your email, in our Weekly Announcements, on our website, and on our Facebook page. We are grateful for those who are sharing their stories.

Often, people don't realize what they're looking for until they find it. Following Stephen's retirement from parish ministry, we attended 2 different churches in Roanoke, but neither seemed right for us. During our first experience at TEP, we felt welcomed, inspired, uplifted, energized, and encouraged to "love, serve, learn, and grow" with others in this wonderful faith community.

Being in such a large congregation was unusual for me. A wise woman suggested that I choose a few small group ministries to join in order to get to know people and create friendships. Great advice! After a few weeks, I began seeing these group members on Sundays during services and at coffee hour. Meaningful worship and sermons, music, participation in ministry groups, and camaraderie contributed to Trinity becoming home for me.

Trinity has a ministry group for everyone. Parishioners are committed to local, national, and global projects that alleviate suffering, benefit people of all ages, and contribute to an improved quality of life. It's absolutely incredible to see the variety and effectiveness of ministry that occur at Trinity every single day.

My grandmother's faith and commitment were models for me. She was faithful in church attendance, generous with pledges and donations, dedicated to visiting the homebound, participate in activities and eager to offer her talents whenever possible. I would like to follow her example.

Because the old bod can't do as much as my heart desires, I love supporting those who are the hands and feet of Christ in our community, country, and world. I love supporting our terrific staff, music programs, and church programs. I love supporting a parish that worships God in creative, inspirational liturgy that feeds my spirit.

We are called by God to follow Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to pray, worship, sing, comfort, console, feed, teach, love, encourage, learn, and minister together on our faith journeys. The current atmosphere at Trinity screams, "God is our pilot", "Sure, I'll help", "What do you need?" This mentality of positivity, enthusiasm, and cooperation is what I hope continues in future generations.

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