

OUR STORIES

Finding a Home from Chris Dideon

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



Generosity Stories

We are delighted to share that our Stewardship Team continues to work with a 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 on a more consistent basis.

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 to help get this important ministry started.

Early on during our 25 years in Lynchburg, Chuck and I made frequent visits to the lake. After all, he grew up in Seattle and was used to being around water. This was in the early 70's, and it was simply a rural retreat on weekends with one very small motorboat. A decade later, thanks to a family inheritance, we were able to purchase a weekend get-away and found ourselves in the subdivision of Village East. We had no idea how that would change our lives!

One of our neighbors there was Bruce Cooke who was instrumental in formalizing Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Another was Estelle Schultz who often assisted with their music. Their enthusiasm for Trinity was infectious for us, as well as a number of other neighbors. And, it just so happened we were Presbyterians, so it was a natural fit. The experience of Episcopalian and Lutheran services was an added bonus. Even though there were perhaps 85 members with no building of our own, there was instant camaraderie that quickly resulted in neighborhood social groups, and even the beginning of Lake Christian Ministries. Due to an influx of retired folks from all over who had time on their hands and willing spirits, a family of faith, fellowship and service had been created. It didn't take long for us to realize we wanted to be a part of this lifestyle, so we retired here in 1996.

Through the ensuing years, Trinity has grown exponentially in its membership and its ministries, led by a staff "straight out of Camelot!" So many folks with a variety of backgrounds, skill sets and interests blend together to make this place a seven-day-a-week vibrant part of the community.

We initially came here because of the lake, but I've stayed because of the people. As my life circumstances have changed, I'm so grateful Trinity remains an oasis for me. I feel privileged to contribute to its ongoing mission in any way I can.

-Chris Dideon

