

Pastor Brian's  
Mid Week Message  
March 17, 2021

**“ROUND TWO!”**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”* Philippians 4:4

In Scripture, when God repeats Himself it is for emphasis, to point out how important whatever He is trying to tell us is and to drive home His point. In Paul's letter to the church in Philippi he exhorts them to rejoice in the Lord in all things and at all times and repeats himself to add God's emphasis. Last Sunday was a time of rejoicing here at Trinity Lutheran Church of Southwest Florida, rejoicing in all that God has done for us and through us in our short 5 plus year history along with all that He will be doing in, for, and through us in the future. As is often the case I made plans for a bit too much rejoicing for the time that we had available to us on “Build The Church Sunday”! So, with that fact in mind, I announce that we will be taking more time to rejoice in the Lord this coming Sunday, as we have dubbed Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> “Build The Church Sunday II”. What that means to you is that between the services, from about 9:40 to 10:20am, there will be another opportunity for you to see the 3-D animation and architectural drawings and hear about the new church building that is being planned to rise on our property very soon, along with our plans to finance the project. This Sunday there should be ample time for you to raise whatever questions you have and to make comments on the design and function of the new building, We will also set aside ample time to go out to the construction site and ask God to bless this place and our efforts on His behalf. also on the agenda will be important information about the roof of our current church building which is in need of immediate replacement. As we have successfully restarted our between worship service fellowship time there will be plenty of coffee and treats available for your refreshment. We are coming to the close of “The Season” and many of our seasonal members and friends will be heading northward again in the coming weeks. While we are still pretty much all together it is good for us to have this opportunity for review and comment as by the time that next “Season” commences construction is expected to be underway! One thing that we all should be doing as we move forward is praying for this important project in building the kingdom of God in this place, here in Gulf Cove, Florida. Please pray that God will inspire and lead us by the Holy Spirit in the direction that He wants to go, and that we might willingly follow. If we begin to follow our own dreams and desires, that come into conflict with His good and perfect will for us, let us pray that the Lord would put up roadblocks in front of us to keep us from that. Once again, I invite you, encourage you, and urge you to be here Sunday for worship and to take part in the program between services, we are all in this together, and we all have a role to play in the future of this congregation.

