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to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God Trinity Lutheran Church exists so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment

# TRINITY GOOD NEWS



## **JULY 2020**





# For freedom Christ has set us free.

Galatians 5:1

### **Important Dates**

July 18-24

Youth Mission Trip/Lame Deer MT CANCELLED

**August 24** 

**Blood Mobile at Trinity** 

August 29

Synod Assembly CANCELLED

October 10

Sip & Shop Craft/Vendor Sale

October 25

**Confirmation Sunday** 

June 29-July 3, 2021

2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering

### PASTOR'S PAGE

July 2020

I really hate surprises. I do. In the list of things I really dislike in life, it ranks right up there with peas, lutefisk, and whoever is playing quarterback for the Chicago Bears. It is why I snooped for my Christmas presents as a child, why I always choose knowing something when I could wait, and why I once yelled at Amy when she gave me a great surprise. My personality that borders on control freak just dislikes when things come out of nowhere, whether they be good or bad.

And that is the thing. Most of us hate the surprises that are bad, things that cause us pain or suffering. But I even dislike the surprises that bring me joy! I know, I have issues, which is why over the years I have often heard the phrase, "Let go and let God." Seems like good advice for a guy like me, don't you think? Just place everything at the Lord's feet and don't worry about it. Whatever comes, God will get you through. Maybe you have heard this phrase before and used it. But there is something about that phrase that just bothers me. Annoys me. I think I know why it does those things. It is this: God didn't put me on this earth to just let it go. God put me, and us, on this earth to be the hands and feet of God.

We are to have faith and trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we are to place our burdens upon him. We are to have faith in the Lord above all things. But that does not mean we pull an Elsa and just "Let it Go" and hide in an ice castle, thinking that things will take care of themselves. The Lord gave you gifts and abilities, hands and feet if you will, to do something in the world. To proclaim the hope of Christ. To care for the poor, widow, and orphan. To speak up against injustice and suffering. We are not called to sit out life. We are called to enter it, boldly and faithfully, and to be a light to the world FOR the light of the world.

It is true that we can worry too much, that we need to put those worries and fears at the foot of Jesus to take care of. It is true that we can try to control things too much and that we have to let the surprises of life come. But our faith and trust in God is not an excuse to sit on the sidelines. It is not an excuse to remove ourselves from the world. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. We are the hands and feet of our Savior in the world. Don't sit on the sidelines in life. Shine the light of Christ and the love of God every single day. After all, you do all things through Christ who strengthens you. For that we can say, "Thanks be to God!" Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brad

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:34

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you. Psalm 55:22

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Psalm 36:9

While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.

John 12:36





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### CONGREGATIONAL LETTER

June 15, 2020

Dear Trinity Members,

The question that I get the most is, "When are we going to return to church?" Well, now I have an answer to that question for all of you.

At the June 14<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting, the Church Council approved a plan to return to in-person worship. Here is the upcoming worship schedule for Sunday's:

- July 5: Facebook worship with drive-thru communion from 10:00 am 11:30 am.
- July 12 August 9: Parking Lot worship.
- August 16: Facebook worship.
- August 23: In-person worship.
- Wednesday worship will be Facebook only until August 26th.

The August 23 in-person worship service will only occur if the Dunn County Health Department guidelines for indoor gatherings have reached 50 people. When we gather for in-person worship, the following procedures will be in place to ensure the safety and health of our members, worship leaders, and volunteers.

- Masks are to be worn by all. You will be provided a mask if you do not have one.
- Maintain social distance of six feet at all times.
- Places where you can sit will be clearly marked. People living in the same household may sit together in one pew. Otherwise, two people may sit together on each end of the pew.
- Bulletins will be placed at the places where you can sit and we ask that you take them with you.
- Doors will be propped open (other than the bathroom doors) so that you will not need to touch them.
- Offering plates will be placed by the doors to the sanctuary for you to place your offering.
- There will be no passing of the peace or communal singing. Songs will be led by a song leader.
- Communion will be different or may not occur.
- Doors will open 15 minutes prior to worship.
- There will be no coffee fellowship before or after worship.
- We ask that you exit immediately following the service.
- Capacity is limited but we will do our best to make sure everyone can worship, even if we have to extend social distanced seating into the fellowship hall.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and placed in multiple locations for your use.
- All hymnals, pencils, and directories have been removed from the sanctuary so that we will not have to sanitize them after worship.
- If you are sick, have a fever, or are high-risk, we ask that you stay home.
- All services will continue to be live streamed on Facebook.

If this schedule needs to change, we will make announcements through the Trinity Facebook page, the Trinity website, and through email. At this time, all other Trinity activities remain postponed or cancelled, including the Pie & Ice Cream Social. We hope, if conditions allow, to resume many of our activities in September.

We appreciate your patience as we work towards coming together again in person. We give thanks for the ways in which you have been the church throughout these difficult times. You have shared the Gospel, encouraged each other, been generous in your giving, and kept each other in prayer. You have taken to heart that being the church is more than being inside a building; it is about the mutual love and encouragement of each other as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your love and commitment to Trinity and its ministry and may the Lord bless you and fill you with love and faith every day.

Yours in Christ.

Pastor Brad and the Trinity Lutheran Church Council

### YOUTH NEWS/TRINITY EVENTS

### Trinity's Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Emma Bygd, recipient of



Trinity's Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations to all of Trinity's graduates: Morgan Andrews, Emma Bygd, Taylor Grambow, Dylan Hakanson, Hannah Johnson,Logan Knudtson, Tyra Kostman, Kaitlin Lee, Bryce Nutter, and Maggie

### West CAP Covid-19 Rapid Response and Resiliency Announcement

West CAP is pleased to announce that it has received funding from a variety of sources including the State of Wisconsin, St. Croix Valley Community Foundation, and the United Way of Rice Lake to assist low-income residents of Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Areas of assistance include: Rent/Mortgage, Utilities, Phone/Internet, Food, and Transportation. West CAP will consider property taxes, sewer and water, gas vouchers, car repairs, and other needs that people may require assistance with that are outside these categories, dependent upon the situation. Additionally, other services may be provided through existing programs depending on eligibility requirements being met. (Continued on the right)

### **July Office Hours**

Darla will continue to work from home and come into the office one day a week.

Pastor Brad will also continue to work from home and the office.

Thank you to all of you for the birthday wishes, cards, and messages. I really appreciate it!

Pastor Brad



### **Blood Drive!**

Trinity is hosting the Blood Mobile on Monday, August 24th and Monday,

October 19<sup>th</sup> from Noon-6pm. Please help give the gift of life in these trying times.

### **Lifetouch Church Directory Photos**

The Church Directory pictures are rescheduled for Spring of 2021.

Watch for updates towards the end of 2020.

### West CAP Covid-19 Rapid Response

To request assistance an online application is available at <a href="https://www.westcap.org">www.westcap.org</a> or by calling 715-265-4271.

Robyn Thibado, CCAP, CSW Associate Director 715.781.1416

### **Worship in July**

July 5th: Facebook Worship at 9:00 a.m. Drive-Up Communion from 10am-11:30am

<u>July 12<sup>th</sup></u>: Parking Lot Worship at 9:00 a.m. We invite you to come in your car to the parking lot for worship. You will be able to listen to the worship in your car on a FM radio station. You can also view worship on the Facebook Livestream. You are to remain in your cars at all times.

<u>July 19<sup>th</sup></u>: Parking Lot Worship at 9:00 a.m. We invite you to come in your car to the parking lot for worship. You will be able to listen to the worship in your car on a FM radio station. You can also view worship on the Facebook Livestream. Communion will be given out at the parking lot service. <u>July26<sup>th</sup></u>: Parking Lot Worship at 9:00 a.m. We invite you to come in your car to the parking lot for worship. You will be able to listen to the worship in your car on a FM radio station. You can also view worship on the Facebook Livestream. You are to remain in your cars at all times.

### Wednesday Worship will be on Facebook

Check the Trinity Lutheran Facebook page and our YouTube channel for children's sermons, devotions, songs, and more. Updates are also posted on our website.

### THANKS/WOT/PRAYERS/NEEDED

### We Are Thankful

Thank you to Sharon Formoe for making masks for our ushers and helpers at our Parking Lot Worships.

Thank you to Jeff Roemhild for all his work in setting up our parking lot services and to all our ushers and helpers.

Thank you to all who have mowed the lawn and to Lonna & Bill Borgert, Didi Nutter, and Trudie Chernak for their work on the garden. Special thanks to the Boley family for planting the garden again this vear.

### WOMEN OF TRINITY

Summer has a firm hold on us in July! Temps all over the United States are above 70 degrees. July 3rd is the midpoint of the calendar year. We are getting produce and weeds from our gardens and the green grass begins to slow down its need for mowing.

### **Our Prayer Concerns**

Carol Erickson Saul Hedlund Leona Steies Shirley Huey Doris Herdahl Don Owen **Easton Riek** Gavlan Nerison Ben Schlosser Randee Mayer Mary Slind Shannon Bauer **Betty Steies** Bill Bjorkman Adella Hanson Ted Erickson Mike Kietzer Tom Lohfink Megan Mittlestadt Jennifer Marlett Dick Clack Kayden Ebensperger Beverlye Thompson Willard Tronrud Melissa Holden Jeanna Hollister Gary Lierman Lynda Swenson Ashley Behling **Eloise Knutson** Kurtis Marlett Stub Swenson Glen Rosen Aaron Upton

All those affected by COVID-19

All health care providers, first responders

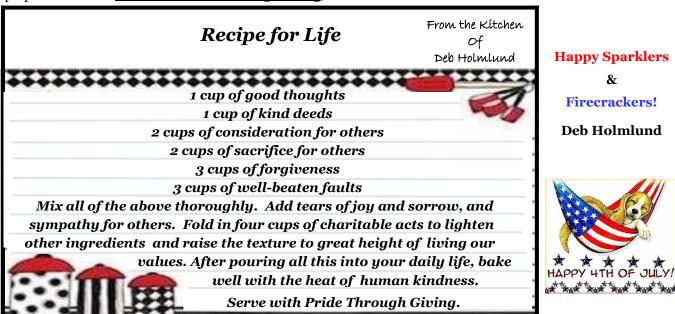
Our board met joyfully on June 10th. We were very good about following the safe distance rules and sat at individual tables, six feet apart. Katie Moll, Heather Clark and PB joined us at the start to make a very difficult decision to postpone our 'Pie and Lunch Social' for August...We all share the concern for safety to our community and volunteers. We will be creative in other ways to support Trinity. Thank you for your understanding.

Our meeting continued with another deep felt postponement. Our hearts took us to delay sending 'Luther World Relief collections for 2020 as well. We will look forward to a bigger and better send out in 2021! You can keep your eyes and ears open and search for the items we include in our boxes. You can store them at home, or we can store things at church, too. Our collection tub is always out.

We do feel the need to support our local students this year. I chatted with Mr. Kaiser and Boyceville Schools would happily accept any kind of school supplies for the three levels: elementary, middle school and high school. There is not a list to follow, just use your good common sense. We will have a drop off point, inside, near the church office. This is the year many local families could use the extra support. Thank you for your help!

I was delighted to receive greetings from, our friend, Margaret Parker. She sent a picture of her church in Florida. It's called 'Rock of Ages Lutheran Church'. It looks like Trinity, and is about the same size. I hope it feels warm like Trinity too. Blessings Margaret!

Here is another recipe from one of my many cookbooks. Perhaps next month it will be a recipe you can actually prepare. It is from Eddie Bauer-Pride Through Giving, LaCrosse Wisconsin.

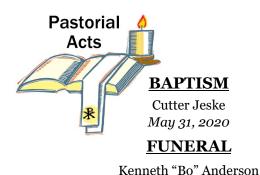


### MEMORIALS/PASTORIAL ACTS

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IHO CUTTER ARVID JESKE GENERAL ANDREW JESKE

IMO CAROL TAPE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP KEN & KATHERINE TAPE



### **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Church Lawn & Garden**

mow the Church lawn and weed and water the flower garden. (Yes, the snow will melt some day). You can use the church's John Deere lawn mower and trimmer. You are asked to supply the gas. Gardeners use our hose and water, but you supply the 'green thumb'. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Help keep our church grounds looking beautiful!

Volunteers are needed to

### **Communion Bread Bakers**

July August September October November December Laura Debee Katelyn Bird Marlene Edlin Heidi Swensen TBD Sandy Wheeler



June 20, 2020

### NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council has called a special congregational meeting on July 19, 2020 at 9:30am in the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church following the 9am worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain a loan of \$45,000 for the following:

• Reseal, reline, crack-fill, and add onto the parking lot of the church.

• Purchase and install an electronic outdoor sign.

You may also join the meeting via ZOOM.

Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86175756873

Meeting ID: 861 7575 6873



### FINANCIAL PAGE

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### **Financials May 2020**

Income: **Regular Giving** 5,223.00 Cash Giving 195.00 Simply Giving 5,516.08 VANCO Credit Card Giving 583.64 Misc. Giving 5,241.50 Benevolences 426.62 **Building** 945.50 Scholarship 0.00

Checkbook Balance as of May 1

### Total Income General 18,131.34

Transfer from Reserve 0.00 Transfer In 2,846.42 Out of Budget-Youth Savings 0.00 Out of Budget-Youth Checking 5,455.00 Out of Budget-WELCA 0.00 Out of Budget-Sunday School 0.00 **Grand Total Income** 26,432.76 **Balance Brought Forward** 51,782.94

### **Expenses:**

Benevolences 926.64 Worship 466.44 **Educational Ministry** 605.39 **Outreach Ministry** 16.71 Office 261.45 Personnel 9,062.67 **Facilities** 932.51 Loan Payment 1,200.00 **Total Expense General** 13,471.81

### **Transfers Out**

**Building Fund** 1,445.50 **Special-Missions** 426.62 Special-Missions-Luther Park 500.00 Special-Missions-WestCAP 0.00 Special-Missions-WestCAP Meal Pro 0.00 Special-Missions-Quilters 0.00 Special-Employee FICA/Withholding 325.85 Scholarship 0.00 Reserve Fund 2,000.00 Out of Budget-WELCA 0.00 Out of Budget-Youth Savings 0.00 Out of Budget-Youth Checking 5,455.00 **Total Expenses** 23,624.78 Checkbook Balance as of May 31, 2020 28,158.16



Church Loan Carpet/Paint/Youth Coordinator

> \$5,064.82 as of June 2, 2020

### *Simply Giving* **May \$6,403.58**

General \$5,516.08 Building \$692.50 Missions \$195.00 Youth \$0.00

### VANCO Credit Card Giving <u>May \$583.64</u>

General \$583.64

### **Financially Supporting Trinity**

You can support Trinity financially a number of ways:

by sending an offering in the mail to

Trinity Lutheran Church PO Box 247 Boyceville, WI 54725

- by using the GivePlus app.
- by going to our website at www.trinityboyceville.com

Thank you for supporting Trinity!

Thank you to Carrol and Sharon Wyss for their generous donation to Trinity Lutheran Church! Per our Constitution, and with the guidance of our Stewardship Committee, we were able to invest some with Thrivent Financial, pay some to our Building Repair Loan, give some to Luther Park, and put some into our Reserve Savings account. Thank you, Wyss's!



### WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

**Directions:** Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



Water changes to

\_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 2:1-11

Heals a man born



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JOHN 9

Calms a



MATTHEW 8:23-27



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LUKE 5:1-11

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Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

## UNSEEN BUT

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



### What you do:

- 1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
- 2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
- 3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
- 4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it.
  Then talk about how
  God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.

### Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

