



# APRIL TIDINGS

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- **April 5–  
Palm Sunday**
- **April 9–  
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- **April 10–  
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- **April 12–  
Happy Easter!**
- **April 13–  
Office Closed**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

**“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” (John 20:20)**

Wow! What a difference a month makes! Last month we had just entered the 2020 Lenten Season with great expectations for our preparation of Easter with our theme entitled, “The Eyes of Jesus!” We were looking forward to a time of personal reflection, repentance, and sacrifice as we considered the depth of our sinfulness and the willing sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins.

And while Lent has traditionally been a time of personal sacrifice, I have to admit I’ve never experienced anything like this in my 30+ years of ministry in response to a pandemic caused by COVID-19 - the Corona Virus. Who would’ve ever thought we would be experiencing social distancing, 14-day isolations, and staying behind locked doors to avoid contamination? The last few weeks have been full of unprecedented changes in our lives and with each passing day it’s looking more and more like we will not be meeting in person for our Easter celebrations this year. It’s also demonstrating for us that the investments we made a couple of years ago into upgrading our audio and video capability are truly God’s blessing for our outreach efforts at this time. That’s why I would like to thank the members of our technology team for the awesome work they have been doing in the production of our online presence along with those of you who are regularly tuning in to our worship services and daily devotions!

I mention this simply because I remember another time when Christ’s disciples were huddled behind locked doors, not for the fear of a virus, but for the Jews on that first Easter evening. The news was spreading about Christ’s resurrection after the women’s encounter at the empty tomb with the angel and the risen Christ, and the disciples were fearing for their lives as His followers. It’s into the midst of all this chaos that the risen Christ shows up behind the locked doors and stands among them. Did you catch that? God showed up behind locked doors! God showed up in the midst of fear and chaos! And what did He do? He said, “Peace be with you!”

That’s the power of Christ’s resurrection not only for the disciples on that first Easter evening, but also for those of us today who’re trapped behind the locked doors of fear and chaos as a result of this pandemic. Whether we’re gathered together in person on Easter morning or gathered together around our computer screens and Smart TVs on Easter evening – the power of Jesus’ resurrection still stands true for you and me when He says, “Peace be with you!” The text goes on to say that, “He showed them His hands and side and they were overjoyed when they saw Him!” We can’t miss what happened here. Peace had disappeared. Chaos and doubt reigned. Isolation and fear prevailed. But when the resurrected Christ showed up – when the power of His resurrection was made known – peace was resurrected – peace ruled supreme – peace filled the room and their lives – not just a physical peace came over them, but also a spiritual peace now ruled their hearts and lives and they would never be the same again.

Resurrected peace! That’s not only what we need, but our families need, our community needs, or nation needs, and our world needs at a time like this! The resurrected peace of Jesus Christ is that which fills our heart with the assurance of His love, the forgiveness of our sins, the joy of heaven restored. Maybe that’s why this year’s Easter is going to be so different and unlike we’ve ever experienced before. Why? The resurrected Christ wants you to share that Easter peace in a new way with others who’re overcome by fear and isolation and death. You can lead them to our website, to our online services and devotions, you can pray with them, study God’s Word. With our current situation, who knows what doors God is opening up for you and our congregation to share this Resurrected Peace. We can share what we do know and that is our Easter calling: May the peace of Christ which passes all human understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, through life everlasting. Peace be with you! Christ is Risen! He’s Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Your Servant in Christ, *Pastor Blair*

# April Prayers



## SUNDAY

Lord, Sunday is my day of worship. I pray my worship will not be in vain, but pleasing to You, Father. Help me to follow the right teachings of my God and not the teachings of men. Then Father, grant me the wisdom to know the difference. When I sing the songs of praise may my heart truly praise You.

**Psalm 86:9-10** "All the nations You have made will come and worship before You, O Lord; they will bring glory to Your name. For You are great and do marvelous deeds; You alone are God."

## MONDAY

Holy Father, as I read the bible, I am amazed by all the miracles You performed during Your time here on earth. May I pray believing You still perform miracles today as I see the answers to all of my prayers. Praise God!

**James 1:16** "Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

## TUESDAY

My Lord, I profess my faith by worshiping God and acting towards others in a loving way, yet faith without works is a dead faith. So, I pray Father, You would give me the opportunity to show my faith in action, by helping those who are in need.

**James 2:14-17** "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?" Can such faith save him?"

## WEDNESDAY

Dear Lord, there are times when I get angry, I know anger is a God given emotion when used in righteousness, but there are times when my anger is senseless and a waste of time. It is these times when I need You to help me to handle my anger quickly and let it go, before it becomes a threat to me and others. May I always carry in my heart Your command to love others, as You love me.

**James 1:19** "My dear brothers, take note of this; Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

## THURSDAY

Father, thank You for Your Word. I see myself in so many of the people in the bible. I am a Mary, but then also a Martha. I am like the apostles, at times one of little faith. But then I am also like King David, a sinner, but righteous according to God. I am only righteous because I trust in the Lord and believe He is my Savior. Lord I pray Your Holy Spirit would increase my faith daily and remind me I have Your unconditional love because of what Jesus did for me.

**Psalm 145:17** "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made."

## FRIDAY

Holy Lord, each day we age and as the years go by we realize we are not able to do the things we have in the past. Help those who are up in years to remember Your promise, that even in their old age You are with them. As our bodies change and wrinkles appear we are reminded we will enjoy an eternity in heaven with a perfect, glorified body.

**Isaiah 46:4** "Even to Your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain You."

## SATURDAY

Son of God, we pray for all those who are unemployed and experiencing hard times. Provide for their needs. Help them in their pain to see clearly the difference between needs and wants. Grant them grace when bills mount up and doors of opportunity close. May they continue to trust You, knowing You have compassion for their difficulties and that You are in control.

**Hebrews 4:16** "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

## Disclaimer:

**Trinity Lutheran will not be holding in person services, meetings, and events at both campuses until further notice due to the COVID 19 situation. We are complying with State & Local recommendations in an attempt to be part of the solution.**

**We have a Live Streamed service on our website ([www.trinitysummerfield.com](http://www.trinitysummerfield.com)) each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. along with Weekday Daily Devotions available.**

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we continue to seek God's will for us during this time. -Pastor Dan

## MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to Building Debt Reduction in memory of the following:

*Edwin Kellermann*

*Sharon Lilley*

*Betty Kowske*

*Jason Stumbaugh*

Gifts were given to the Music Fund in memory of the following:

*Betty Kowske*

*Jim Hess*

*Sharon Lilley*

A gift was given to the Organ Replacement Fund in memory of

*Sharon Lilley*





# COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL MISSIONS, BOARD OF EVANGELISM

## A Kingdom Not Shaken

February 19, 2020

Latin America & Caribbean / Mercy Work / Planting Churches

*Story by Missionary Pastor James Neuendorf, who serves as a church planter in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Pastor Neuendorf and his wife, Deaconess Christel, have served in Panama, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.*

*At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:26-29)*

The last month has been a journey of faith and a trial of perseverance. Shepherding the flock across 5 different locations and moves since December has been nerve-racking and stressful. Seeing our brand-new property split from top to bottom by cracks through which the light of day can be seen has been disheartening. Canceling renovation teams and instead ordering demolition (for the dividing walls which were crumbling) has been demoralizing. The ground still shaking every day has been wearying and unnerving. Sharing in the grief and panic of those who have lost everything, whose children must sleep outside in a tent for weeks without answers, who have nowhere left to turn to and no hope for a future, has become our daily labor and burden. Every day the rules change, the situation remains unclear, and we stand on ever shifting ground both literally and figuratively.

So why are we so overwhelmingly excited, eager, and amazed? Why is the best description of our reaction to these earthquakes; worship, reverence and awe!?! Because we have a kingdom which cannot be shaken! The Lord has allowed our buildings to be damaged so that He could build His church which is not built by human hands. He has stripped away all but the essentials from everyone, so that hearts would be called to the essence of the Gospel. Because, those things are only *means* by which He delivers His Son to His people.

In the past month, your missionaries and your brothers and sisters in Ponce have been given the chance to publicly share the clear and unfiltered hope of the Gospel of Jesus to more than a thousand people. We have been privileged to be Jesus' hands of mercy to those who needed a better and lasting peace, His feet to those who felt alone and abandoned, His voice to those who did not know Him, His ears to those who needed someone to listen. He is working in and through His people by the power of the Holy Spirit to work miraculous change and faith like the blossoming of spring from the cold ground after a hard winter. In the devastation that surrounds us there is new life bursting forth everywhere! The outpouring of support from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has allowed us to take a central role in the immediate disaster response with supplies and support, allowing us to work closely with the city leadership each day. Our tiny church of fewer than 20 played a central role in the first spiritual response for the entire city on the day of the biggest quake. (It strikes me that our congregation is probably about the size of those who could gather in the upper-room, who were also called forth to witness after a weekend of earthquakes). We have been able to provide pastoral counseling and care for leaders from the mayor to the justice department to becoming the de-facto chaplain of the Ponce police force. The ground has been prepared and we are sowing the seeds of the Gospel as broadly as we can. Some seedlings are already showing above the ground!

In God's infinite wisdom, our lack of a safe location to gather during the week has meant the opening of 5 separate devotional gatherings each week in different places. Several families have asked for confirmation instruction and others are seeking baptism, one of which we did immediately, and most have begun instruction. Those shaken are giving way to the unshakeable kingdom!

**Save the Date - National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7, 2020 Look for more info to come and as always, the Global Missions Committee meets on the third Monday at 10:00am in room 5. Our next meeting will be on April 20th.(as long as the church is open and we are able to meet) Hope to see you there. For questions, call Jan Garner, 352-598-2048.**

# APRIL MUSIC NOTES

We are hoping for a postponed **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION ON MAY 10th** – which is also Mother’s Day. Of course, who knows if life will have returned to a new ‘normal’ by then? We can only wait and hope for it.

The choirs will be ready to go. The brass/timpani/organ/ bells will also be ready to go on May 10th.

**So please mark your calendars for this grand celebration. Of Victory in Jesus. ‘Death has lost its sting, Alleluia.’**

The choir anthem is quite special. Here is an explanation to think about, until you get to hear it - whenever Easter takes place this spring.



## **My explanation on the Easter Hymn by Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945):**

*The Easter Hymn is usually sung in Italian which is the language of the composer. When I first heard the composition, I had no idea of the meaning of the words, beyond the ‘alleluias’ sung by the choir. It was the stirring power of the music itself, that captured my imagination. It was the image of that first Easter morning when the women came to the tomb with the unpleasant task of preparing the body of Jesus for burial. The music is quiet and lyrical as they entered the garden. Then the discovery of the body being missing—a moment of confusion and fear. The trumpets announce this change in emotions as the women begin their frantic search. There is a rush of sound as the tempo of the music picks up and the first recognition of a risen Lord begins to dawn on the women. The angel makes the announcement and Mary Magdalene hears the voice of Jesus call her name. Now the music is in full volume: ‘He is Risen’ gets repeated again and again until the final explosion of voices, organ, brass, timpani, cymbals—all celebrating the message of Easter: ‘He is Risen! He is Risen on High! Alleluia!’*

*From the narrative of the opera, it is Easter morning. The entire village of believers is gathered, awaiting the procession to begin into the church. The organ and choir music, within the church, can be heard. One woman waiting in the plaza, can’t resist adding her praises. All the others join her, in celebration and praise of the risen Savior, who has broken the bonds of His prison, and is risen to glory on high. The “alleluias” grow and grow, until their joyful faith explodes in a final chorus of thanksgiving. “O Lord, we sing praise to You this day. Alleluia, alleluia!”- Notes from Rocket, Music Director, for Easter Sunday, 2020*

May God bless us and keep us, until we meet again.  
*Rocket, your Music Director*



## FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Does anyone ever really read the entire information printed about Stewardship? Do you just assume it is boring and you have heard this story about giving back to the Lord 1000 times? Let's face it, it can grow old no matter what twist is put on it?

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God can bless you abundantly, so that in all things always, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

When you think it through, it is not at all boring to hear these words. God means what He says. If we as Christians, believe in God, worship him, praise him and understand that all things given to us is a gift from our Lord and Savior, then a small sacrifice on our end is a reasonable gesture of faith.

Is a goal toward a 10% gift/tithe too much, about right, too little?

People go to a store and get a 10% discount on a product and think that puts a little extra money in their pocket. It is very little money. 10% off is not that much when you are getting it off any product unless it is expensive. In factuality, the store is likely raising the price of the merchandise and then giving you 10% back, or it's a “loss leader” and you think you got a deal but instead you spend on more items than planned. Good Deal?

God has a store for all of us in Heaven, and that is considered a “Fantastic Deal!” Once started, the habit of giving back as a cheerful giver becomes easier and easier.

*-Submitted by a Trinity member.*



**If you have any submissions for the Trinity Tidings or if you just have comments or suggestions, please email us at [staff@trinitysummerfield.org](mailto:staff@trinitysummerfield.org)**

**The deadline for the May 2020 Newsletter is **\*\* Wednesday, April 15th \*\*****

# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). All women of Trinity Lutheran Church are members and are encouraged to serve others through mission, education, inspiration and service. We invite you to attend our meetings and learn what we are all about as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2 our motto.*

## **Letter from our Missionary, Matt Wasmund:**

LWML received the following message addressed to our President, Robbie Myers, from our Missionary in South Korea, Matt Wasmund, on March 2nd, and we would like to share his message with the congregation.

*"I have had this email sitting in my inbox for way too long. Goodness! My apologies for not following up sooner after our brief encounter back in the fall at church during my visit. It was certainly a providential event when we had that chance to speak face to face while I was "on campus" at Trinity. I hope this finds you doing well.*

*The coronavirus situation certainly is causing a bit of chaos in our world today, isn't it? You may have noticed that in Korea, we are experiencing a sizable jump in the numbers of people infected with the virus and that has caused some disruption of activities such as school (both Lily and Olivia, at different schools have had to adjust their schedules), church (our church is now pre-recording the services and we are participating online as group gatherings are not encouraged by the government), and in the community (some shops are closed or only open for limited time periods). Gratefully, God has kept our family safe but we know that so many are suffering physically, mentally, and emotionally. May He heal them according to His good time and will.*

*As things shift into the spring, I hope you and yours are doing well. We are still planning to be stateside as a family this summer and hope to be at Trinity sometime in late July/early August. You and all the others who volunteer to support ministry both locally and internationally are highly appreciated and we are thankful to be considered partners in ministry. Thank you, and Lenten blessings be yours in Jesus, our Passover Lamb."-Matt*

## **LWML Meeting April 28**

Our speaker this month is author Haylee Roque who wrote "Ryker has Rabies". This is the story of a six year old little boy from central Florida who lost his battle with rabies. Haylee will share her experiences with us about the health issues many of us are not aware of regarding this disease, and the vaccines and other treatments available to help us all protect ourselves and our families.

Join us on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall (pending the church being open) where we will have a short devotional message, business meeting, and our program. Refreshments will be served allowing the ladies of the congregation a time for conversation and friendship. Please plan to come this month and invite a friend to join you.

"Save the Date" for our Spring Fling which is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th. The committee is working on a location and time for this special luncheon and program. Watch the bulletins this month for more details.

LWML continues to support the Pillowcase Dress ministry by sewing clothing for the children of Haiti; A Book of Their Own ministry, where donations of both gently used and new books are given to children who accompany their parents to the St. Theresa's Food Pantry; and helps supply personal hygiene products at "The Rock" for the girls at Belleview High School. For more information on our activities and ministries, please contact President, Robbie Myers at 352-245-3357

# GET TO KNOW THE NEW MEMBERS

## February 23, 2020



**Cindy Checke (Maiden name: Hass):** Cindy joined Trinity Lutheran Church by Profession of Faith. She hails from Illinois. Cindy was raised and confirmed at Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Ohio. She was also a member of a Lutheran Church in Illinois; it was a small church and unfortunately had to close its doors last year. Cindy's hobbies include art and crafts of all kinds, reading and playing her guitar. Working from her home Cindy was a Customer Care Specialist for several car rental companies including Enterprise and National. Cindy's sister is Sue Lehota and Geri and Ray are her parents. She moved to Florida in January of this year. She enjoys singing. She has also written a few songs (unpublished.) We warmly welcome Cindy to Trinity.



**Barbara Gaynor:** joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership. She is from Long Island. Christian is her son. Barbara's hobbies include dog sitting, some knitting and crocheting as well as playing Bunco. During her working life Barbara was a full charge bookkeeper, office manager and secretary. Trinity extends a warm welcome to Barbara.



**Christian Gaynor:** joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership. He is from Long Island and enjoys cooking, reading, bowling and watching movies. Christian's working life included automotive repair, landscaping, catering and customer service and sales. Barbara is his mother. Trinity extends a warm welcome to Christian as well!



**Stewart & Vicki Iverson:** Both Stewart and Vicki are presently holding Associate Memberships. They both hail from Clarion, Iowa. Vicki's hobbies include kayaking, reading, travel and outings with her girlfriends. Vicki was the owner/operator of a summer camp and also worked as a legislative clerk at Iowa's State Capital, Senate and House of Representatives. Stewart's hobbies include playing softball, fishing, riding his motorcycle and spending time at his farm when he and Vicki are in Iowa. He has been a farmer, and he also spent nineteen years as a State Senator and State Representative in Iowa. (ten years serving as Majority Leader, Administrative Law Judge dealing with Property Tax Appeals.) He served on the local School Board, and Coop Elevator Board. In his church he also served as an usher, deacon, Trustee and President of the congregation. His military service was spent in the United States Marine Corp. Welcome to Trinity, Stewart and Vicki.



**John & Lynn Meissner:** John and Lynn are joining Trinity by Transfer of Membership. John hails from Harbor Beach, MI while Lynn hails from Deckerville, MI. Both of them were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Forestville, MI. John's working life included dairy farming, a diesel mechanic, and a parts manager; he was a former trustee for church and school. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, gardening and playing softball. Lynn's working life included a gardening and baking business. She also worked as a beautician. Her hobbies are baking and gardening. We extend a warm welcome to John and Lynn.



**KD & Shirley Minier:** Both KD and Shirley are joining Trinity by Adult Confirmation. They are both from Muncy, PA KD's working life included engineering and sales, while Shirley also had a career in sales. KD enjoys golf and reading. Shirley's hobbies are reading and knitting. We warmly welcome KD and Shirley into our Trinity Family.



**Allen & Berta Puckhaber:** Both Allen and Berta are joining Trinity by Adult Confirmation. Allen hails from Charleston, NC while Berta is from Indianapolis, Indiana. Allen worked as an automotive service consultant. He was in sales and also worked in chemical distribution operations. His hobbies are golf, hunting, fishing and family. He is also a Citadel Alumni. Berta was a lead servant (office manager) at her parish church office as well as being bookkeeper for two churches. Her hobbies include reading, walking, cooking, serving and babies. She loves being a wife, mom, grandmother and great grandmother. I love Jesus and my family. I pull for USC Gamecocks. Our daughter in heaven, was a UCS Alumni. Trinity extends a welcome to Allen and Berta.

**Thank you to Bill Miller for the great job with the pictures!**

# GET TO KNOW THE NEW MEMBERS

## February 23, 2020



**Rose Anne Ringelman:** Rose has joined Trinity by Profession of Faith. She hails from Holmen, WI 54636. She was a rental store owner for 25 years, providing equipment and party goods etc. She also worked for Target and Starbucks. She was married to Roger for 55 1/2 years. Unfortunately, he passed away in November 2019. Rose was raised Catholic but changed when she married Roger. Together they raised 2 adopted children. Their son passed away 10 years ago at age 30. She recently purchased a house in Holmen, WI for her daughter and her 13 year-old granddaughter. Rose has five grandchildren in Wisconsin. Her hobbies include flying, golf, painting and travel. Rose, welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church.



**Andrew & Sharon Rohwader:** Andrew and Sharon joined Trinity by Profession of Faith. Andrew hails from Rossford (Toledo) Ohio and Columbia (Nashville) TN. His working life included Power Plant Operator, an Athletic Complex Coordinator and a school janitor. His hobby is magic. Sharon is originally from Stillwater, OK. Her working life included tax specialist and special education. Her hobby is cooking. Welcome, Andrew and Sharon to Trinity Lutheran Church.



**Carmine & Mary Ellen Saladino:** recently got married at Trinity Lutheran and joined the church by Transfer of Membership. They live in Ocala. Welcome to Trinity!



**Connie Squadere:** Connie has joined Trinity by Adult Confirmation. She hails from Boston, MA and Fort Lauderdale, FL. Her working life included Medical Administration and Caregiver. Her hobbies include reading, crossword puzzles and bicycling. Connie is currently living with her sister Barbara and her grandson. She works for Home Instead and Instacart. Welcome to Trinity, Connie.



**Ray & Carol Tertocha:** Ray and Carol have joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership. Ray is originally from Decatur, Illinois while Carol hails from Decatur, IL, Alamo, TX and Bellavista, Ark. Ray's working life of 30 years included Bridge Stone/Firestone. His hobbies are building houses, playing cards and board games. Carol was a Lab. Technician for 26 years. Her hobby is playing cards. We extend a warm Trinity welcome to Ray and Carol.

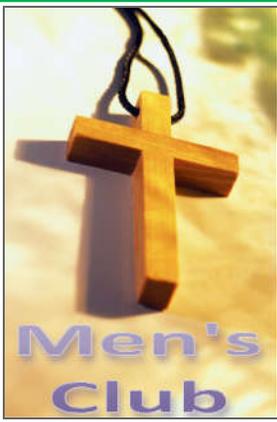


**Robert Walther:** - Robert joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership. He hails from Wisconsin. He worked in accounting and finance. His hobbies are playing tennis and golf. Robert, we welcome you into our Trinity family.



**Stephen & Delores Yuras:** Stephen and Delores have joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership. They are both from Decatur, IL. Stephen's working life included electrical engineering tech. He is retired from Bridgestone Tire and Rubber Company. His hobbies are golf and reading. Delores is a retired lab technician from Taylor Pharmaceutical and her hobbies are reading, walking and dancing. Welcome to Trinity, Stephen and Delores.

## ARNIE AAGESEN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2020



President Jeff Stutler called the meeting to order at 8 am with members present. Andy Anderson led a devotion from Matthew 6:34 Skip Sattler read the minutes from February meeting for Ed Sellers who was out of town for this meeting. Nick Bock read treasurers report-total balance on hand was \$3,108.93

Nick read list of items needed for Concordia food bank and reported that Concordia thanked us for the funds sent to them. Larry Dolan with Thrivent talked about markets with recent declines and surges. He also mentioned March 31 is last day to dedicate Thrivent's funds of choice.

Ray Haas mentioned we had 207 pounds of cans at 31 cents a pound which was around \$64. President Jeff mentioned we have the March 25 supper after service and needed volunteers for kitchen and serving and two men for cleanup and to each bring a dessert. Don Krause mentioned doing a test run on a Sunday in between services for a pancake breakfast with eggs, sausage and coffee with at least a \$5 charge or donation and explained it's a fund raiser for the club. Stu Vogt presented ideas for a chili cook off and made notes of suggestions to help make it a success with the information he gathered. Andy Anderson closed with devotion and we adjourned at 8:45am

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Sellers, Secretary

### A Reason To Laugh

The week after Easter, some churches observe Holy Humor Sunday — a tradition dating back to the fourth century. Early Christian theologians coined the term “*risus paschalis*,” or “the Easter laugh,” saying God played the supreme joke on death. Some believers celebrated Bright Monday, gathering the day after Easter to mock Satan’s defeat.

On the first day of April, remember that “we are fools for Christ” (1 Corinthians 4:10, NIV). Then later in the month, take time to smile and laugh, knowing that victory is yours, thanks to Jesus.



#### BIBLE QUIZ:

**Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?**

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

**Answer:**  
D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)



# SCRAPPY QUILTERS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Despite recent challenges in regards to the Coronavirus our ministry continues, reaching out to those in need of the comfort a quilt or other home sewn item can bring.

We successfully completed all the quilts we needed for the April 1st Honor flight with some to spare only to find out that it was cancelled due to the risk of the virus to the Veterans. It will be rescheduled at a further date. This is not an April Fool's joke by the way.

In Early March I received a phone call from Cathie Krause. While visiting her mom at Buffalo Crossing she saw one of our walker bags attached to the wheel chair of one of the residents there and was keen to find out how she could get one for her Mom. Noticing the tag she made a call to Trinity Lutheran Church office to find out more. When she called me she asked if she could buy one. I told her they were not for sale that they are freely given as an outreach to bring comfort to others but she would be welcome to come to the church during our meeting time and pick one out for her mom. She came on March 6th and saw first hand the expanse of what we do. She gave us a \$5.00 donation ( which I used to purchase 5 bobbins for a machine that was recently serviced that only had 1 rare bobbin) She told me there were many others who would be blessed by them. I asked her to be our walker bag ambassador and help us to get them to people who need them. She left that day with one for her mom and 10 more to distribute. She was honored to take on the roll of walker bag ambassador of Trinity Lutheran Church Scrappy Quilters!

## **Below is a list of other items that were distributed:**

- 3 quilts were given by Scrappy Quilter members who knew someone that needed comfort
- 1 Quilt was given to a member of the congregation mourning the loss a a loved one
- 58 drawstring bags were given to Kid Central
- 6 pajama sets were given to Kid Central

We have also been gearing up our supply of baby and Children's quilts, receiving blankets, baby hats, crib sheets, and baby wash cloths to get ready for a major outpouring in April.

We can always use more hands to make our burdens lighter. You need not be a sewer to contribute! We need sewers, pressers, pinners, sorters, stuffers, seam rippers, tiers, taggers, and quilt top designers! **We meet every Friday from noon until 3 in Room 1. (When the church reopens these meetings will continue)** We would love you to join our fellowship and experience the blessings of participating on this ministry with us! Questions? Comments? Suggestions? call or text Sue Lehota 330-414-8406 or email me at [suelehota@aol.com](mailto:suelehota@aol.com)



## TRADITION PART 2

Ever wonder how our communion service started and became the ceremonial practice that we have today? When you read the book of Corinthians, you discover the body of believers would gather in their tenement housing projects and have a meal together. We do not know for sure how often this was done, but we can say with certainty that it was an established practice. The congregation would eat a meal, probably have prayer and maybe some teaching and then return home.

When that church started to grow and develop structure, a bishop would come to the meals, bless the food, conduct the service and when the service was over members of the congregation would take the remaining food into the streets and feed those who were less fortunate. Thus food became an evangelistic tool. I cannot say for sure, but just maybe, this is where the saying “if you feed them, they will come,” started. The communion service we use today was not established until the third century to provide continuity from church to church.

I grew up in what I would call a non-Christian home and going to church was not a high priority. We did go as a family on occasion, but they were few and far between. When I was 28, I started dating a young lady who attended a Baptist church, and she stated that if our relationship was to develop, I would have to go to church each and every week. I did. One of the things I learned about the Baptists is that they love to eat. I also discovered this was a form of communion, a family gathering to bond, share and renew relationships.

To my surprise, when I became an Anglican, I learned the Baptists have nothing on the Anglicans. In fact, the Anglicans eat just as often as the Baptists. I was shocked to say the least. Anglicans love to gather, eat and share. It is their way of bringing the family close together, to remain close knit, to pray for one another, to lift each other up, to provide comfort and to bear each other’s burdens. It thrilled my heart to be the leading priest of a church that met twice a month for such an event. Believe me, this is any rector’s dream.

After retiring, Joyce and I moved to The Villages. We visited several congregations but nothing fit. When we came to Trinity, we knew this would be our home. Little did we know it would also be a place where we would spend so much time eating and fellowshiping, sharing, laughing, growing and just having a good time. I have been on a church staff which had three services, each service was packed with over a thousand people, a paid staff over thirty including a full kitchen staff. Another parish had a staff of eighteen with a kitchen staff of four. I say this because at Trinity we only have a paid staff of four. Yes, we do have a kitchen staff, all volunteers lead by Patti and Tony. How many meals are produced by this volunteer army? It is hard to say, but stop and think how many times food, fun and fellowship is offered.

Consider how fortunate we are to have such a staff. We are a senior congregation whose immediate family has become Trinity. We gather as such to share food, fun, and most important fellowship. In doing so, we strengthen our bonds with each other and the Lord, sharing our concerns, needs, hopes, and prayers. Next time we share a meal as a congregation I offer this as a prayer of thanksgiving. “Good food, good fun, good times, good God LET’S EAT.”

*Douglas Mussey  
Board of Christian Education*



Council Meeting Notes  
March 16, 2020

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gary Eckoff will e-mail the Treasurer's report for February 2020.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** (copy attached): Rusty Ryan presented the Financial Secretary's Report for February 2020.

Patti Paxton made the following **MOTION:** *Council shall accept the Financial Secretary's report as presented.* Lester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PASTORS' REPORT:** Pastor Dan presented the Pastor's Report (copy attached). He noted that the new members received this time were an especially strong, committed group.

Chuck Wilt read a recommendation from the Board of Elders. Based on that recommendation, he then moved the following: **MOTION:** *Due to the coronavirus pandemic, and based on CDC recommendations, Council shall approve suspending all Trinity Lutheran Church services, activities, small groups, and all meetings for the next two weeks, reviewing this temporary arrangement again every two weeks going forward. Council also approves live-streaming a 10:30 AM service each Sunday during this time period. The church office will remain open at regular times for phone questions, concerns, and requests for visits.* Martha Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Dan will look into the possibility of daily devotions to be posted on the website beginning March 23. The Elders will be responsible for contacting all members of the congregation with the information outlined on the attached document. Pastor Blair will notify all small group leaders.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A meeting was held on February 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for going forward to replace the current organ. Chuck Wilt read the recommendations from the Board of Elders; and based on those recommendations, moved the following: **MOTION:** *Council shall approve the Organ Replacement Committee (Al and Lois Etzler, Judy Hall, Bob Behr, Kathy Edenhofer, Mary Minotto, Andy Rohweder, Dick and Mary Kay Schroeder, Ed Sellers, and Rocket Curtis) moving forward to explore and evaluate organ replacement options and costs. The Organ Replacement Committee is also tasked with developing a fund raising campaign plan and a timetable to accomplish the purchase of an organ. The findings and recommendations of this Committee are to be presented to the Board of Elders, the Church Council, and the Church Voters for approval.* Patti Paxton seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Voter's meeting dates have been set for May 31, 2020 and December 6, 2020.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

***Fellowship*** (report attached): Patti Paxton let us know that food purchased with Thrivent dollars for the Martin Luther High School Concert was donated to the House of Hope. Freezers are full of soup which was intended to be used for the Lenten supers. It will be used when Bible study resumes.

***Trinity South:*** Harbor Chase has been shut down, therefore, no services are being held there.



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to COVID 19 precautions

