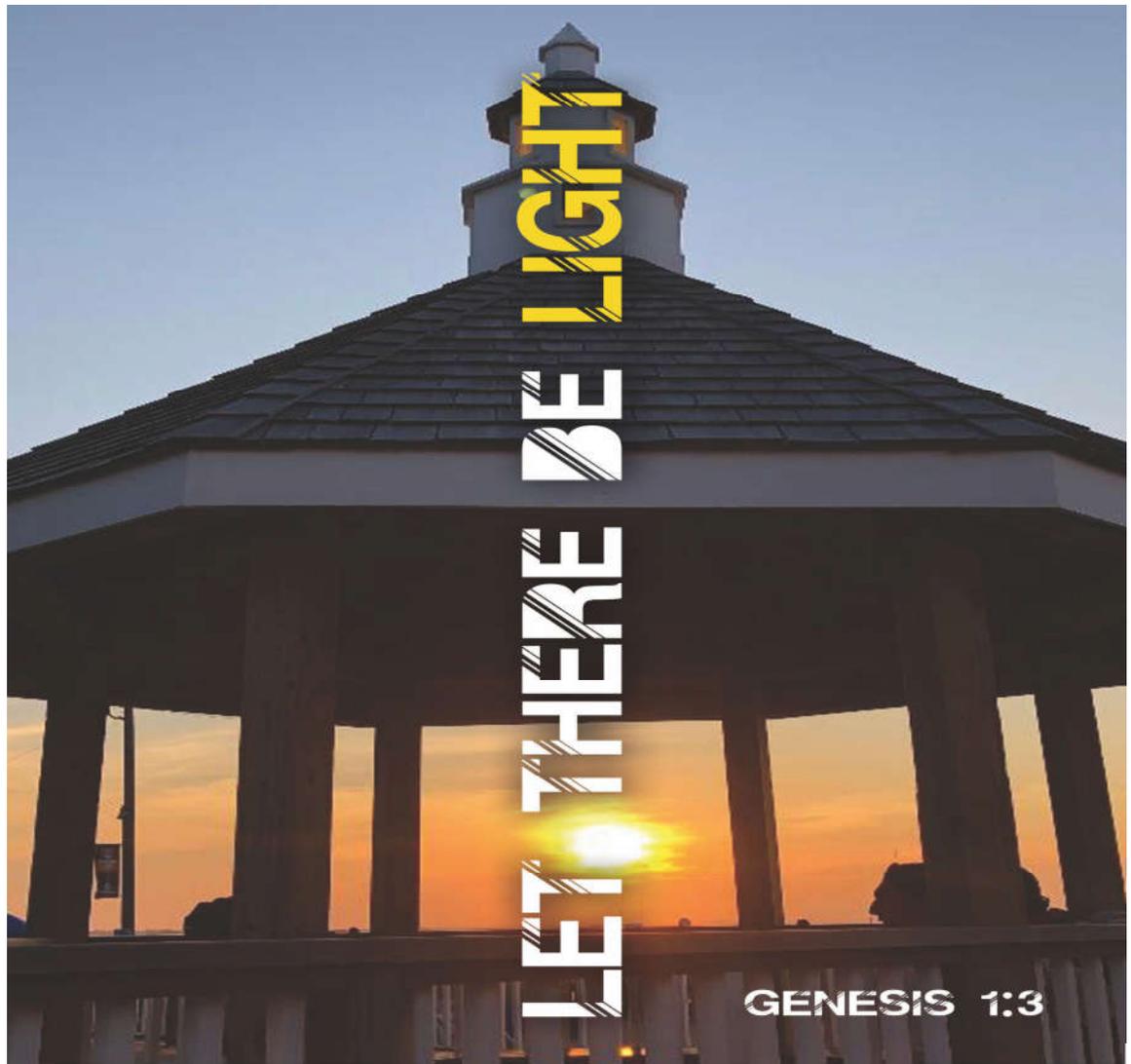




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MAY 2020 TIDINGS

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SPECIAL DATES

- **May 6– Communion offered in the Sanctuary**
- **May 10– Mother's Day**
- **May 16– Armed Forces Day**
- **May 25– Memorial Day -Office Closed**
- **May 31– Pentecost**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THIS IS NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL

“What? We’ve never had a pandemic like this where everyone had to stay at home. We’ve never seen such a covert killer fill hospitals, or be transmitted by people who don’t even know they are carriers. We’re watching stocks plummet and small businesses collapse and people wonder whether they will survive. How dare you say that this is not such a big deal!”

I guess I could respond with a simple “Forgive me ... I’m a pastor.” You know, people think that pastors are a bit out of touch with real life, and deal mostly in spiritual platitudes like “It’s all in God’s hands” or “It will all work out for the good,” or “Take it to the Lord in prayer.” When the chips are down, pastors are expected to stay “up,” but often that spiritual optimism is viewed by people as hopeful at best, but misleading and ignorant.

I hope you don’t feel that way. The fact of the matter is that God is very definitely in charge. Always has been, always will be. This pandemic didn’t catch Him unawares, and it hasn’t made Him change plans. He knows what He’s doing. You and I can worry about it if we want, but that won’t change what’s happening. Rather, this is a time to seek God more diligently than ever before. This is a time to dig deeper in the Word, become more honest and open in prayer, and seek the God who can make you so confident in faith that even something like a pandemic cannot scare you.

If you realize that God is in charge, then it might be helpful for you to, rather than see bad, look for the good that God wants to accomplish through all of this. Are more people getting an opportunity to hear the Gospel (as records of the people going online for our worship services and daily devotions seems to indicate)? Are people learning not to hold on to material things so tightly, and their Savior more tightly? Are we seeing the blessing of gathering as a congregation of believers more clearly than if we had just gone on like usual? Are we remembering how important other people are whom God has placed in our lives? Then we’re beginning to use this time for benefit, for good. That’s what God wants.

I’m looking forward to the day when we will get together at Trinity again, and worship in the beautiful edifice that God has given us. But we’re learning, aren’t we, that the church is not a building, and that we’re meant to take God with us wherever we go? That’s a huge lesson to either learn or to appreciate still more. And that’s a big deal!

Overwhelming grace keep you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan" with a stylized flourish at the end.

May Prayers



SUNDAY

Praise the Lord, this is the day the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it. Father may I rejoice and give You praise every day. For there is none as worthy as You are. Help me to complain less about the little things and more to rejoice and give You thanks for all things great and small. **Psalm 97:12** "Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name."

MONDAY

Father, when fear comes into my life, may the Holy Spirit strengthen me as I remember You are more powerful than the fear bringing me down. May I place my complete trust in You, for You Father, are the ruler of the earth. Let fear have no hold over me, for Jesus my Savior has conquered all fear through His death and resurrection. **Isaiah 41:13** "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."

TUESDAY

Lord, each day is a new day, a new beginning. As I confess my sins to You daily, help me to remember those sins are gone and forgotten. Let me not live in the past sins, but remember You Lord, have washed me clean in the blood of the Lamb, promising to not bring up my sins of the past. Father, help me to be as forgiving to my family and friends as You have been to me. **Matthew 6:14** "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

WEDNESDAY

Dear Lord, we are people of want. Wanting this and that. Often it seems we are never satisfied with what we have. You provide all we need, yet we want more, more money, more health, more pleasures. Gracious God, You provide all I need. Lead me to be grateful with what I have and especially grateful for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, my Lord. **Psalm 145:16** "You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing."

THURSDAY

Father, there are times when I find myself judging others, by the way they look or act. I know this is wrong, because You are the only one who has a right to judge. Often appearances will mask the true nature of an individual and not what is in ones heart. I cannot look into the heart of others. You alone know the hearts of others. Forgive me Father when I judge others and remind me I am in no position to judge. Help me to accept all and to love unconditionally as you love me. **Matthew 7:1** "Do not judge or you too will be judged."

FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, this month we celebrate and honor our mothers. We lift up all Christian mothers to Your care, asking You continue to bless them and provide for their needs as You have done in the past. Grant them strength, wisdom and faith for each day. May they be a witness of Your power and love. We pray also for those mothers who do not know You as their Savior. May other Christians be a witness to them and bring them to know and love our Lord. **Ephesians 6:2** "Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise."

SATURDAY

Lord God, we pray for missionaries and Bible translators all over the world. May they be filled with the Words only the Holy Spirit can provide. Grant them a love for the truth and wisdom. Send Your guarding angels to be with them at all times. Surround them with a hedge of protection from all evil, harm and sickness. May they meet the needs of those who are lost and bring them into the saving grace of our Lord. **John 15:16** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

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) 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:

Betty Kowske

Harriet Scharr

Dallas Heine (Charter Member of Trinity)

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of

Betty Kowske





THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF EASTER LILIES:

Jean Dialoiso- In memory of Alan Litz

Barb Fuehrmeyer - In memory of loved ones

Barbara Gaynor- In memory of Karen Van Hooser, Keith & Robert Gaynor

Annie and Jerry Housholder- In memory of Daniel

Ron Lilley- In memory of Sharon Lilley

Connie Mulidore- In memory of Mother

Ralph & Donna Munden- In Honor of Grandchildren

Larry & Betty Porter- In memory of parents

Glenda Raper - In memory of Bee & Ray Raper & Bert & Gay Goff

Rusty Ryan- In memory of Husband Jim Ryan & Daughter Michelle Darrough

Janet Simmons- In memory of our Parents Earl & Eleanore Troy

Jan Stobart - In memory of My family

John & Sandy Starr- In Honor of children and grandchildren

“Due to the closing of church because of the Virus, we were only able to sell Lilies on one weekend. It is customary at Trinity to publish the names in the bulletin so therefore I am adding the names to the May Tidings. Everyone have a Blessed Easter and pray we will be able to meet shortly.” *Your Sister in Christ, Dorothy Frenz*

DID YOU KNOW?!

Not only can you watch the Services online, view the Daily Devotions and see past services but you can see past Bulletins and Tidings. Check out www.trinitysummerfield.com for our Live Stream Services and other News!



There is also a section under the **News tab** for the Bulletins, Announcements and Birthdays/Anniversaries!

Just [click this link](#) to go there!

COMMUNION AVAILABLE-



We are offering Communion **Wednesday, May 6**. Come to the Sanctuary building **between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

You can come at anytime. Don't worry, it will be safe.

We will be following social distancing and we will serve individuals or couples.



Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP



Free! Free Free! Free Free Free!

Remember the Turbo Tax commercials during tax season that touted filing your taxes is “FREE!” Is anything really that free?

Well, with God, everything we have been given to sustain us and live our lives is free. If we believe that all things are God’s to begin with and not ours, and God gives us the pleasure to be stewards of all he has given us, we then must admit its first and foremost God’s stuff and it’s free to us by this perspective.

Oh! Let not forget the big one, he gave his only son to die for our sins. Yeah, our sins. What did we have to do for His sacrifice? Nothing! We’re mere bystanders. So, it’s another freebie from a huge list of freebies from God!

What does God ask of us? To uphold the 10 commandments! Also, to be generous with our gifts to ensure his ministry here on earth continues. It’s a simple request.

Life is different for each of us using our many gifts of Time/Talent/Treasure. What a simple and God pleasing way to say, “Thank you”.

Our salvation through Christ Jesus is **“FREE! FREE FREE! FREE FREE FREE!”**

-Submitted by a Trinity member

A note from Stewardship:

Also, for your consideration: Now that you have received or will soon receive your government stimulus money, don’t forget to stimulate our church as its revenues have also been impacted. Thank you.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

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.



Ladies at this point in time our Spring Fling at Demshar's has been postponed. We have not set a new date as of yet for this event. We will let you know when we set that date. We are looking forward to this event as it should be a really lovely treat. Really who doesn't like being pampered and served on beautiful china? Looking forward to when we can see each other.- Donna and Patti

Summer is just around the corner, and we are also making plans for two outings. The first will be June 23rd, where Wendy Davis has planned a trip to Crystal River. We will take a boat ride and have lunch at the King's Bay Plantation. Then, on August 25th, a trip is planned to Gainesville to visit the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Harn Museum of Art. More details will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletins when church returns and we can safely meet.

LWML MITE COLLECTION

The next Mite Collection will be the first Saturday and Sunday that Trinity will be open for services. Your contributions are very important in supporting many various mission projects/grants. One of these is as follows:

Women's Witness and Mercy Asia: Mission Central - \$100,000

Women in Mission realize that mission grants to missionaries in the field bring God's Word to a dying world. Asia is predominately Buddhist, Muslim, and other false religions. Throughout Asia there are 10 women who conduct various mission works through teaching, acts of mercy, and witnessing the Gospel. Some work with their families alongside them, and others, with a team or alone. This grant will help support these women in their unique setting in Asia.

Always remember that A LITTLE CAN HELP SO MANY!

CHANGING PATHS

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*“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.*

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Even as many parts of the world wait expectantly to ‘open up’ again, may we all, like the stanza above describes, open our mouths to proclaim the pathway to the Father opened up by the Son and confirmed through the open tomb.

*May we live out this joy in the Resurrection
today until He returns!*



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To support the LCMS through the work of the Wasmund family, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

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Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034.

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include 'Wasmund - Korea' in the memo line.
Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/wasmund.

How the Virus Stole Easter

*By Kristi Bothur
With a nod to Dr. Seuss*

Twas late in '19 when the virus began Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.
People were sick, hospitals full, Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring, The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen. They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed. "There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.
"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out. No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest. The world was focused on masks and on tests.
"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed. "Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went. The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed. The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling. "They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.
"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do! Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,

And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo. "That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear. And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.

It started down low, then it started to rise. But the sound wasn't depressed.
Why, this sound was triumphant! It couldn't be so! But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes. Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small, Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came! Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine Stood puzzling and puzzling. "Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies, It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

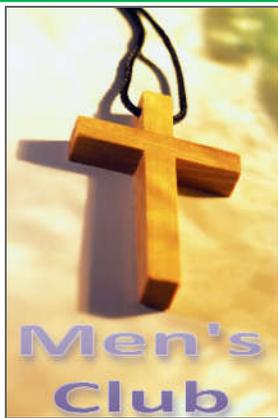
Then the world thought of something it hadn't before. "Maybe Easter," it thought,
"doesn't come from a store. Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."
And what happened then? Well....the story's not done.

What will YOU do? Will you share with that one or two or more people needing hope in this night?
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb, And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer, As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.

May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
But not only that -*Let it start a revival.*



CAN SHED

Thank you for crushing cans, Ray Haas! Your dedication is appreciated.

Now that Ray is done crushing cans, the Can Shed needed some attention. Last week it got a thorough spring cleaning! Going forward, the goal is to have folks stop by from time to time to see what needs to be crushed and help out.

You are not expected to crush every can in the shed, if that does not fit with your schedule or energy level! We are not going to put out a schedule for volunteers to follow, but will rely on volunteers to keep the Shed neat and orderly.

If you have any questions, or if the Shed needs attention, please contact Jeff Bixler @ 352-347-6534.



COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE:

The Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Center, located in Ocklawaha, is in need of food items which in turn will feed many impoverished families and children. **Due to this ongoing situation they are more in need than ever.** The needed items are: **Applesauce, canned potatoes, canned vegetables, cereal, any type of pastas, jelly, soups, condiments, cookies or cake mixes, spaghetti sauce, complete box meals-Mac n cheese, Beefaroni in cans, and cereal bars.**

Please bring donations to the church office Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 p.m. and a volunteer can deliver them to the food center. Contact Jim and/or Nancy Steinmark at 352-299-0606 if you have any questions. Your help is appreciated. Thank you for supporting this Board of Human Care ministry.



SCRAPPY QUILTERS

The stay at home order which went into place shortly after I wrote the last newsletter has not slowed down the work of the Scrappy Quilters. While we have not been having meetings at the church the ladies are all sewing quilts, walker bags, baby items, and drawstring bags from home and when we meet again it will be one joyous show and tell! We all feel so blessed to have the skills and desire to sew to fill or time during the Stay at Home order and look forward to blessing others abundantly when the order is lifted.



Many of our ladies have gotten involved in sewing masks for family and friends and other causes. Pam Bixler has sewn 50 masks so far. Hers were sewn to protect our office staff as well as family and friends. I have sewn 337 masks so far. 72 of the face masks I have sewn are going to the Shriner's hospital in Tampa. I put an email out to my neighborhood and offered the masks to them for a \$5.00 donation for the Scrappy Quilters. This went over very big! Many were getting masks and sending them to relatives in hard hit areas up north as well as for themselves. We now have a healthy budget for purchasing batting and other things we need. If you are interested in getting a face mask you can get one in the church office also for a suggested donation of \$5.00 to the Scrappy Quilters.

One week Pam and I just happened to be at the church at the same time picking up materials to take home and work on. We took the opportunity to gather together all the children, baby and toddler items that had been completed and grouped them for distribution. Below is a list :

70 drawstring bags, 52 receiving blankets, 130 baby washcloths, 16 burp cloths, 42 quilts, 80 baby hats, 17 crib sheets

These items were bagged for distribution to Alpha Center for Women, Ocala Pregnancy Center, Shepherd's Lighthouse, Infant and Toddler Pantry, Kid Central, and Beds & Blankets. Beds and Blankets is a charity that provides beds and bedding for children who do not have a bed of their own. Shortly after we bundled everything for distribution many of these organizations closed their doors. Only 2 organizations received theirs before the Stay at Home order was put in place. The rest will be distributed as soon as the order is lifted.

Not sure when we will be meeting again. When we do it would be lovely to have you join our fellowship! Fridays in meeting room 1 from noon until 3:00. Stay well!!!! Need a quilt, walker bag or face mask? Stop by the church during normal office hours. **Questions? call or text Sue Lehota 330-414-8406 or email me suelehota@aol.com**



TRADITION PART 3

Last month I talked about our tradition feasting/eating at Trinity. This month I would like to talk our tradition of what I call must go's. Most people call them leftovers, same thing. After each meal, be it on Sunday, Wednesday, memorials or any other gathering where food is served on any other day of the week, an individual comes the next morning gathers the must go's and heads to Saint Theresa delivered them to their soup kitchen to feed those in need.

In my article last month I mentioned the early church met for meals and when the meal was over the remaining food was taken into the community and feed those less fortunate. Some things never change.

In the book of Acts we read that those who were part of the first church had all things in common. Members would sell their possessions and the proceeds distribute to those in need. We are not told the needs only that what they needed they received. It might have been food, medicine or clothes. It really did matter what the need or needs were. What mattered was that the church rose to the occasion to meet the needs of those in need. Some things never change; well maybe just a little.

This Easter 2020, Calvary Orlando did something that I thought was remarkable. They collected and assembled into bags enough food to provide 1,000 families food. When the church opened its parking for the people to drive through the line of cars extended a quarter mile down the street. A single mother of three who had recently lost her job was asked by a tv news reporter what his meant to her. Her response must have been true for so many in the line when she said (through her tears I might add) "she did only have enough money to buy food for one more week but now she will be able to those funds." She went on to state that the food given to her by the church will last more than a week. Way to go Calvary.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells His followers that when He comes with His angles He will divide the sheet from the goats. How will He tell the difference? Easy. The sheep fed their neighbors when they were hungry or I might add, gave them food so that they would not go hungry. Sheep will go to the right hand and goats to the left. One group will enter into glory and the other group will experience central Florida summer days.

Each week Trinity has an article in its bulletin a list of items needed by The Community of Gratitude, Emergency Food Center. Some weeks, we as a congregation bring very little to place in their food baskets. However, over the first two weeks of March the response to the call for has been overwhelming. Way to go Trinity. This must become a tradition that needs to continue when this crisis has passed. Just remember that one day Jesus is going to call us to account, both as individuals and as a church. Are we a flock of sheet or just a heard of old goats.

*Douglas Mussey
Board of Christian Education*



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If you have any submissions for the Trinity Tidings or if you just have comments or suggestions, please email us at staff@trinitysummerfield.org

The deadline for the June 2020 Newsletter is ** Friday, May 15th******



"Thank You. It has been 8 weeks since I had my Knee replacement surgery and I thank the Lord every day for it being very successful, I am doing very well and I would like to thank all of my Trinity family for your Prayers, phone calls and your many cards. It is so uplifting to have a family such as ours at Trinity. We are truly Blessed to belong to a family in church as ours. Thank you all."

*-Your sister in Christ,
Dorothy Frenz*



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