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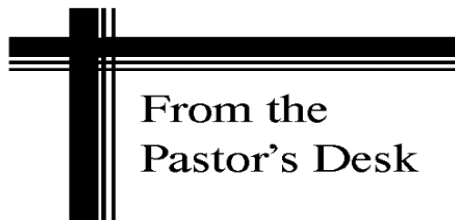
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VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a community inspired by God
to share Christ's good news by what we say and do.

JUNE 2021



From the
Pastor's Desk

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

As the COVID-19 vaccine distribution increases and most of our congregation has had at least one dose, I believe that when we open our doors for in-person-worship, it will be our LAST reopening. I think when we open up, we will not need to close again.

So, what does that mean for our worship services? Do we go back to everything just as it was before? Or, after our on-line worship experience, do we reflect on and change the how and what we do?

The pre-recorded on-line worship services moved us towards a shorter and more condensed worship. It also made worship more available to some of our congregation who had not been able to attend on a Sunday morning at Trinity every week. Here are some of the things I have been pondering and will be working though with our Worship Team as we plan for reopening and beyond.

THINGS WE HAVE BEEN DOING ONLINE:

- Mostly using ONE scripture text each week
- Using ONE reader each week (most of the time) for prayers and scripture
- Prayers of the people each week
- Maintaining a choir to lead the hymn singing plus occasional anthems
- Weekly postludes as a time of reflection
- Using less liturgical singing (Kyrie, Gospel Acclamation, etc.)
- Using images and on-screen text as an assist with the sermon
- Video sermons from the ELCIC Bishops
- Communion once per month
- Occasional worship sharing with other congregations
- Making music videos segments for special occasions

THINGS WE DID NOT DO ONLINE:

- Regular time of confession
- Sharing the peace
- Weekly preludes
- Weekly communion
- Not using the FULL sung liturgy
- Coffee time and meals – I know these are NOT worship per se, but I believe they are an essential piece of the Sunday-going-to-church experience

I have two questions for you:

1. What are the things **you would add** to my two lists?
2. What are the pieces of worship **you would say are MUST-HAVES** when we get back to a stabilized in-person worship pattern?

Call me, text me, email me, or come visit me.

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~ Pastor Steve



COFFEE TIME WITH THE PASTOR

I am taking appointments for **in-person visits at the parsonage**. Last year I used the front porch. Even though it is outdoors, it works even when it is raining and really quite private. We can talk about anything or just catch up. I can meet one or two people at a time and I provide the coffee, tea or iced water.

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EVENTS IN HISTORY ~ JUNE-AUGUST 1921

I was never taught Canadian history having not grown up in Canada, however I have lived here for over half of my life. So, my exploration of event in 1921 is fascinating ... creating a lot of 'who knew' moments.

Lister Sinclair was born, CBC broadcaster, playwright and polymath

Maurice "Rocket" Richard was born. A professional ice hockey player who played 18 seasons in the National Hockey League for the Montreal Canadiens.

In July, Frederick Banting announces the discovery of the hormone insulin. Banting sets up his medical practise in London and taught at Western University.



Best and Banting, c. 1924

In British Columbia, Mary Ellen Smith becomes the first woman cabinet minister in Canada.

Concordia was founded in 1921 as an educational ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The Bluenose wins an international race off Halifax.

And around the world; Rising prices cause major riots in Munich.

Adolf Hitler becomes the leader of the National Socialist German Workers' (Nazi) Party.

~ Pastor Steve Johnston



I would like to say thank you to all of my Trinity family for the many birthday cards and messages. They meant the world to me especially during this time of isolation.

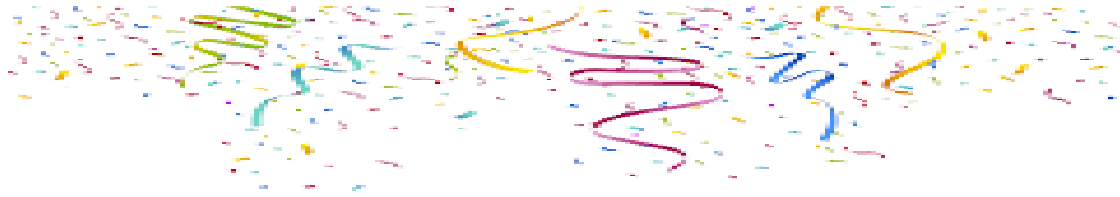
I miss you all very much and have faith that we will all worship together again. As Vera Lynne sang, "*we'll meet again*".

Gratefully yours
Cheryl Millar

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Thank you for all of the beautiful cards and phone calls I received for my birthday.

They were all very much appreciated.
Barb Drogemuller



CELEBRATING

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month

Reinhard Helbing (1)	Katharina Schmidt (1)	Monica Spilsbury (2)
Michelle Spilsbury (4)	Sarah Silverthorn (4)	Paul Ristine (15)
Laurie Meadows (19)	Gabrielle Sturm (21)	Betty Joseph (30)

Congratulations to those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month

Katie & Mike Harrison (9)
Heather & Jeff Holmes (10)
Jean & Steve Krautner (13)
Barbara & Dave Silverthorn (14)
Monica & Doug Spilsbury (14)
Nancy & Louie Magguilli (20)
Lydia & Ted Reinhard (24)
Pauline & David Hutchison (30)

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Portals of Prayer, Christ in Our Home and Eternity for Today devotional booklets which begin in July have arrived and are now available from the church. If you would like to stop by and pick up a copy you can do so Monday through Friday from 9 am until noon. If you would like a copy mailed out to you, please call and leave a message at the church.



TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 APRIL 2021

Please find below a report of this year's receipts and disbursements compared to last year.

	<u>Jan – April 2021</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Variance</u>
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Current Operating Fund

The current fund is used to cover our day-to-day expenses of operating the church.

The expenses incurred are based on the budget approved by the congregation.

Envelope Offering	26,112	28,104	-1,992
Rent Income	540	3,938	-3,398
Grants	3,367	4,499	-1,132
Wage Subsidy 2020	40,476		40,476
Disbursements	86,684	91,634	-4,950
Surplus (Deficit)	-16,189	-55,094	38,905

Benevolence Receipts

Funds designated as Benevolence or marked to another charity (i.e. Mission Services) are deposited into this fund. Weekly Benevolence collections are forwarded to the Synod.

Receipts	1,883	2,083	-200
Disbursements	1,505	1,550	-45
Surplus (Deficit)	378	533	-155

Debt Reduction

Receipts	384	424	-40
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	384	424	-40

Help for Others

Funds designated as Help for Others go to fund our outreach program for Northern Hospitality

Receipts	100	535	-435
Disbursements	517	631	-114
Surplus (Deficit)	-417	-96	-321

- Lynne Killinger, Treasurer