



Trinity Tidings

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A Prayer for This Time of Uncertainty

It is okay to admit at this time that we simply do not know what to do. None of us have ever quite been in the situation of staring a global pandemic in the face and wondering what will come next. While, we may feel like we are doing nothing staying at home, we are doing plenty to keep our neighbors and community safe to stop the spread of this awful virus. Not knowing quite the words to say in such a time, we can always turn toward God in prayer. It is my prayer that we will once again be together soon to celebrate and share communion as a gathered community in person.

God of strength and healing,

We come to you in this unprecedented time with heavy hearts and paused aspirations.

The events that we were looking forward to have been cancelled or postponed. Our traditional sense of community has evaporated, and we have stumbled through new ways of being together.

We pray for our children that may be fearful and do not understand everything that is happening and we pray for their teachers that are doing their best to help them stay connected to their classrooms.

As we have been called to stay home and stay safe, we give thanks for those essential employees that are sustaining our lives.

We pray for the safety of medical staff, doctors, nurses, researchers, support staff and all those that are giving their all and leaving at the end of their shift feeling drained and helpless. We pray for the safety of those working in restaurants and grocery stores, cooking food, stocking shelves and running the registers so that we can feed our families. We pray for truck drivers, and all other essential workers as we continue to live into this concept of social distancing.

We pray for our government institutions and agencies, locally, statewide, and nationally as they work together to halt the spread of the virus and provide relief efforts. We pray for the city of Richmond, our neighbors, and Southeast Michigan as we learn to support one another in new ways.

We pray for the volunteers that have come forward and the new sense of community that is being instilled at this time. May you continue to lead and guide us in the days, weeks, and months to come.

Surround the friends and families that have been affected by the virus with your comfort and peace. May you welcome those that have died into your glory.

Lord, we lift these prayers up to you, as our lives have been turned upside down and we are left finding a temporary new normal. We have lost sleep and frankly are scared sometimes when we hear the news. Turn our thoughts away from those things that worry us and reset our hearts on your word. Amen.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



- To the members of Trinity Lutheran Church for supporting one another in this unprecedented time. Thank you for those holding everyone in prayer, making phone calls, and assisting where needed.
- Those in our community that are still working on the front lines in the medical field or in other essential jobs to ensure that the rest of us have what we need.



April 3 – Andrew Graham
April 3 – Carter Peterson
April 5 – Renee Sparby
April 9 – Brandon Fistler
April 10 – Laura Mason
April 11 – Effie Almstadt
April 12 – Matt Peterson
April 14 – Theresa Kulman
April 16 – Kendall Ditch
April 16 – Roger Schleef
April 19 – Noah Schmelzer
April 22 – Earl Proctor
April 24 – Ken Opalewski
April 24 – Jay Engelhard
April 24 – Gabe Hollenbeck
April 25 – Sydney Gross
April 26 – Brayden King
April 28 – James Bruinsma
April 29 – Ray Minchella
April 29 – Owen Rhein



This year we have the stations of the cross around the sanctuary and the fellowship area but due to the stay home stay safe order the stations are being posted on Facebook each day except Sundays (if you've missed them, scroll back through to catch up)



We will celebrate Easter together on Facebook Easter morning and then again when we are able to worship together in person!



Backpack Blessing is still operating and still in need of donations so if you are already out and have any of the following you can donate: Crackers, Chef Boy R Dee pasta cans, Individual fruit and applesauce cups, Breakfast cereal, Canned stews, Pancake mix, Pancake syrup. Donations can be placed in the blue plastic bin outside of the church doors.