



Trinity Tidings

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How is Your Spirit?

It has been well over two months since we last gathered as a community. For me, the time has seemed to fly by, but it has also seemed like years since we have last seen one another. Perhaps you have experienced much of the same. Tentatively, if we continue to follow the same trends as we enter June, we will hopefully be able to come together this next month in some form or another. Remembering that things will look much different when we do.

That being said, how is your Spirit amid everything that we have encountered in the last few months? Being in isolation can be challenging, even when surrounded by family that you live with. Many of the events that we have been looking forward to have been cancelled and we are left just waiting. It is not a sign of weakness if your Spirit has been diminished in the midst of everything happening. This is part of being human and that is why it is important now to surround each other with love.

While, I am sure that it has occurred for many of us on varied levels, I have also been witnessing God at work in our congregation as we learn to gather in new ways and keep in touch with our sisters and brothers in Christ. In some sense, I believe we have been drawn closer to one another which is what God wants for us. May this closeness be a shimmer of hope in these past few months. May we turn toward Christ and give thanks in the conclusion of the Easter season and the promise of the Holy Spirit coming to us on Pentecost.

The church has and will always be the people and for the people of Trinity I give thanks. As the people of God, we have found new ways of being and as we begin to gather again in the near future, may we carry that same Spirit and Hope that is embodied with the Risen Christ.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



June 1 – Allison Fistler
June 1 – Cameron Walsh
June 2 – Ken Kulman
June 3 – Cameron Greer
June 3 – Emily Greer
June 4 – Jeanette Fistler
June 7 – Derek Hutchins
June 8 – Karen Stachkunis
June 10 – Kinsley Bartels
June 10 – Cherrie Sparby
June 10 – Sandy Rhein
June 12 – Marge Robinson
June 13 – Natalie Wieber
June 14 – Ginnie Schmelzer
June 16 – Sharon Macumber
June 19 – Cole Churchill
June 19 – Emali Steward
June 22 – Lisa Hartman
June 22 – David Schroudt
June 28 – Nicholas Opalewski
June 30 – Victoria Turnbull

Continuing Education

As professionals, pastors are expected to be involved in continuing education yearly. Part of Pastor Alex's continuing education this year was his trip to the Holy Land in January. This trip was paid for out of his own pocket. Due to our smaller budget, Trinity is not quite up to synod recommendations for a continuing education budget. An additional continuing education opportunity has presented itself to allow Pastor Alex to become a better preacher by working with a sermon mentorship program over the next year. This is an in-depth one on one opportunity that is not offered in seminary. The cost of the program is \$3490. A generous member has offered to pay the application fee, which is part of the total cost, and Pastor Alex is looking for sponsors for the rest of the program. Beginning on August 10, there will be \$349 due monthly for nine months. This continuing education opportunity will assist Pastor Alex in becoming a better pastor and preacher which will benefit the congregation. If you are interested in supporting this opportunity, you can make an offering to the church with a notation that it is for continuing education.



June 7 Holy Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
June 14 Second Sunday of Pentecost
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
June 21 Third Sunday of Pentecost
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39
June 28 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



Let us also not forget about our 2020 High School Graduates as they prepare for their next step in life and may God bless them as they follow their hearts.

- Kelsey Hollenbeck
- Sarah Orrell
- Lexi Radjewski
- Helaina Wernet
- Mackenzie Whelen



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