

Trinity Tidings

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As I proclaimed these words in the sanctuary a few weeks ago, it felt strange. Not only because the sanctuary was empty, but also because we pre-recorded the service and it was not Easter Sunday, yet. In a way, it stills feel like we are awaiting Easter. We want to be able to celebrate with one another the Risen Christ, and we must do so from a distance.

I will be honest with you and say, I do not know when this will end and what church will look like in the months to come. Practices will change and we probably will not be sharing the peace for some time to come. Yet, it is my prayer that we will be able to get back together when we feel safe. We are taking are guidance from several directions, including the CDC, the State government, and the Synod Office.

I will admit that I have struggled through this time of unknowing yet look forward to every minute that I can share with you, even if it is through video. My days have been brightened when some of you have reached out to my family to see how we are doing and checking to see if we need anything. This is Good News! In the meantime, where have you seen some Good News since this pandemic started?

In our congregation I have seen the Good News in members shopping for other members at the store and dropping them off on their doorstep. Howard Stuart has been baking bread nearly every day and has been delivering it to neighbors and friends. And there are numerous members that are making masks for friends and family, and our medical facilities that are in need. This is the Good News that Jesus talks about and you all are making it alive and breathing in today's world! Thank You!

We will continue to keep you updated when we will make the move back into our sanctuary for worship and as we continue to wait, may live out the Good News of our Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Peace, Pastor Alex May 3 – Melissa Graham
May 5 – Amber Gross
May 6 – Ken Hutchins
May 11 – Kathleen Carkuff
May 11 – Mel Hawke
May 12 – Connie Engelhard
May 12 – Kylie Williams
May 14 – Mary Small
May 15 – Evelyn Carkuff
May 16 – Melissa Daugherty
May 18 – Ross Stuart
May 25 – Dolores Bertossi
May 27 – Henry Schutt

For our Families with Children

We know that with assisting your children with school work and your daily routines upended, life is much different than it was just a couple of months ago. We pray that in this time you are still able to gather as a family to pray and turn to scripture. Here are some great resources you can find online at this time, including the CDC.

May 31 – Drew Daugherty

Sparkhouse

Blog: https://blog.wearesparkhouse.org/supporting-you-as-you-support-your-congregation-during-covid-19

Illustrated

Ministry: https://www.illustratedministry.com/

CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html

We pray that you will find some wonderful resources here and encourage you to share any that you may find on our church Facebook page. Don't forget, Pastor Alex has also been doing Children's Story Time at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings.



If you haven't already be sure to like our Facebook page: Trinity Lutheran Church and subscribe to our YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond Michigan





May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11 May 31 Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23



Do you love to garden and need a change in scenery from your own landscaping? The church gardens are in need of some TLC. Stop by the church anytime and pick a garden you'd like to clean up, plant something new, whatever you'd like to do. Great way to help out while keeping social distance.