



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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What Are You Thankful for?

As I sit down to write this month's newsletter, I can see Holy Week within my sights. I am putting the final touches on all the services and praying that all who participate are able to meet Christ in our journey to the cross on Good Friday.

Thankfully, the journey does not end at the cross. The disciples find an empty tomb on Easter morning and it is here that hope springs eternal! Jesus' resurrection is the light that we are looking for. It is the light that shines in the darkness and brings order to chaos.

We are well beyond a year of being in the pandemic. It has been a year fraught with postponements and cancellations. I have heard a lot of grumbling for what could have been and longing for a return to normal. I kind of have a felling of what Moses must have gone through in the desert with the Israelites. To be honest, we have missed out on some things this past year and it stinks!

However, I want to hear about your silver-linings. What have been the silver-linings amidst the stormy clouds of the past year? Where have you experienced God? Where have you witnessed Jesus walking among us?

I want to celebrate these blessings in our lives during the Easter Season. This means that for the next 7 weeks we can rejoice in what we have learned in the past year and where we have drawn closer to one another and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I invite you to find a creative way to share these blessings. In a lovely handwritten note, a beautiful painting, a resounding poem. Let us rejoice in the resurrection and prove that we too, as people of Trinity, will not let death and darkness have the final word. Feel free to share in church or on our social media channels. I look forward to listening to your blessings.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



Our first food distribution with Gleaners was a great success thanks to the many volunteers that came to help. We will continue to distribute on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. The next distribution dates will be April 14, May 12, & June 9.

Council Highlights

- Discussed Annual Meeting: In-Person and Zoom
- Application for Refinance through Mission Investment Fund was approved by MIF.
- April 11 we will welcome the Black family as new members
- Synod Assembly is online this year, May 15
- Pastor Alex discussed applying for a Sabbatical grant for 2022.
- Benevolence this month going to Wounded Warrior Fund



Trinity Softball Team

We have learned of a Men's Church Softball League that plays out of East China on Friday evenings. We are gauging if we would have enough interest to form our own team. Matt and Leslie Peterson will be the contact people



Attention Graduates!

Memorial Day is quickly approaching and that means graduation time! If you are receiving a degree this spring, or have a child that will be, please let us know so that we can recognize them on Graduation Sunday, June 6.



Annual Meeting Held March 21

Our annual meeting was held March 21 with members attending in-person and via Zoom. Those attending approved a refinance of the mortgage through Mission Investment Fund and the annual budget for 2021.



Coronavirus Vaccines

Have you had difficulty in scheduling a vaccine? The Richmond/Lenox EMS is now administering the vaccines on 32 Mile Road just down from the church. Please call 586-421-6579 to make an appointment or get on their wait list, for anyone in Macomb county.



April 3 – Carter Peterson
 April 5 – Renee Sparby
 April 9 – Brandon Fistler
 April 10 – Laura Mason
 April 12 – Matt Peterson
 April 14 – Theresa Kulman
 April 16 – Kendall Ditch
 April 19 – Noah Schmelzer
 April 22 – Earl Proctor
 April 24 – Amber Engelhard
 April 24 – Jay Engelhard
 April 24 – Gabe Hollenbeck
 April 25 – Sydney Gross
 April 26 – Brayden King
 April 28 – Jim Bruinsma
 April 29 – Ray Minchella
 April 29 – Owen Rhein

GOSPEL *of* **Mark** Bible Study

Five-Week Bible Study on Mark

Pastor Alex will be hosting a five-week Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark beginning Wednesday April 28 at 7:00pm. The current plan is to offer it through Zoom. We will continue in the study in the fall. Here are the texts we will be focusing on:

April 28: Mark 1:1-15
 May 5: Mark 7:14-30
 May 12: Mark 8:27 - 9:1
 May 19: Mark 9:2-13
 May 26: Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16



April 1 Maundy Thursday
 Exodus 12:1-4[5-10]11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 ... Good Friday
 Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

April 4 ... Easter Sunday
 Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Mark 16:1-8

April 11 ... 2nd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 John 20:19-31

April 18 ... 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48

April 25 ... 4th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

