



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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June 2021

## Hope on the Horizon!

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1*

The past fifteen months have been more like a marathon than a sprint. We have had to gain endurance as we adjusted to new recommendations on a monthly, if not weekly basis. We have run the race with perseverance and hope is on the horizon!

We have ventured into the sanctuary for worship a couple of times since last fall, only to see new surges in the pandemic. While it is still unknown what the fall will hold for us, I am hopeful. I am also thankful for a vaccine that appears to be doing its job and as more people get vaccinated, we get closer to the herd immunity level. At this time, we also must remember that our children under 12 are not yet eligible for a vaccine and thus many of our continued practices will most likely reflect this reality.

While we have shifted to online worship right after we went into lockdown last March, we have also been worshipping in person since this Lent. Our transition to outside worship has been smooth and is a reminder that God is everywhere, not exclusively in the church. The pandemic has continued to provide new ways for us to encounter God.

As Macomb and Saint Clair counties continue to decline in infection rates, the Church Council has made the decision to tentatively return to worship inside on June 20. They will finalize that decision on June 15 at the next Council Meeting.

It has been a long fifteen months and we are all suffering. We are suffering from being disconnected. We are suffering from loss of what was. We are suffering from the real loss of family members and friends who have died from this virus. As we come back together, let us continue to look for God in new ways. In the hope, we begin to heal.

*Peace,  
Pastor Alex*



Our last food distribution with Gleaners will be on Wednesday June 9. Distribution will begin at 1:30 pm. Funding changes to the food distribution program has required them to make some adjustments. We will continue to be in contact with them to see how we may be able to work together in the future.



### Card Ministry

The Trinity Card Ministry is meeting again on a new day! They meet on Fridays from 9:30am - 12:00pm. Their next card class is Friday, June 18 from 1:00pm -2:30pm at Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Macumber.



### Thank You!

- To everyone who stayed after church on May 9 to clean up the church grounds. It is looking good!
- Our lawn mowers so far this season, Richard K., Vern and Theresa. If you would like to mow, please let Richard Kuechenmeister know, and he will get you on the schedule.
- The people of Trinity for your patience as we care for and show our love for all in our community.

### Council Highlights

- Pastor Alex discussed starting a new meal-based worship service as we make our way out of the pandemic. Trinity applied for an Open Doors Grant through the ELCA which would support ideas to reach out to new people.
- A new computer was discussed for the office and the congregation will first be asked to give to support it.
- The new mortgage has finalized with Mission Investment Fund and the Thrivent mortgage has been paid off.
- Northstar Bank is going to start charging our accounts not meeting a minimum balance and we are looking at combining some of them.
- Mark reported on brick work needing to be addressed around the church. We are awaiting an estimate.
- Council tentatively made the decision to return to worship indoors on June 20. In the meantime, preparations will be made to ready the sanctuary.



### New Office Computer!

The computer in the office is over a decade old and we are experience issues of programs being out of date and the computer no longer supporting updates. The old computer is still operational and will be used as a financial computer and the new one will be used for all other office work. The investment in a new computer will last a long time. If you would like to donate to a new computer, please include it with your offering and mark it for the computer fund.



June 1 – Allison Fistler  
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June 2 – Ken Kulman  
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 13 – Natalie Wieber  
June 14 – Ginnie Schmelzer  
June 16 – Sharon Macumber  
June 19 – Cole Churchill  
June 19 – Emali Steward  
June 21 – Matthew Macumber  
June 22 – Lisa Hartman  
June 22 – David Schroudt  
June 28 – Nicholas Opalewski  
June 30 – Victoria Turnbell



June 6 .... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 13 .... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13]14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 20 .... 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3,23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 27 .... 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43



Just a reminder that if you are on vacation this summer and unable to join us in person you can watch on Facebook and YouTube.

Thank you for your continued contributions to Trinity whether they are dropped off in person, mailed in, or given electronically.