



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Learning to Adapt

As I write this newsletter article, I am looking forward to attending a conference the rest of the week. It is not a typical conference that I have become accustomed to attending throughout the years. The Spiritual Directors International Conference has learned to adapt, like so many others, in this pandemic. While in the past, this conference may have been out of my budget, now it is more affordable because it is virtual.

Not only have organizations learned how to adapt, but we as individuals have also learned how to adapt to our own situations. Sometimes we may go kicking and screaming, however we are resilient and find a new balance. The disciples had to learn how to adapt. From Jesus calling them from other vocations to follow him to being in a closed room after Jesus' death, they adapted and listened to God to guide them through.

Trinity has learned how to adapt this past year. Trinity has gone from a minimal presence on social media to a growing presence which provides the opportunity for evangelism and outreach. It is a reality today that we must be willing to adapt to our changing times. If a congregation fails to adapt, most likely there is a good chance they will not be around in the next thirty years (and this may be generous). We also must keep all our members in mind and not leave anyone behind. So, I ask you, how are you willing to adapt? Where else do you see Trinity adapting in the months and years to come?

One thing that is constant in life is change. The church has gone through several changes and reformations in the past two-thousand years leading us to where we find ourselves today. The other constant is that through all these changes, God is with us. We are not called to go out on our own. As Jesus tells us, we have an advocate in the Holy Spirit that will guide us. Let us continue to hold Trinity in our prayers and listen to where the Spirit is calling us to adapt.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*



Our first food distribution with Gleaners continues to be 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 May 12, & June 9.



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, May 21 from 1:00pm -2:30pm at Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Macumber.

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.



Worship Returns to the Parking Lot

With the increased number of COVID cases in Richmond and the state of Michigan, Trinity has returned to Worshipping in the Parking Lot as a safe alternative. If it is warm enough for you, please feel free to bring a lawn chair and sit outside your vehicle. Please continue to wear a mask and social distance. We will continue to worship in this manner until we once again reach a safe infection rate level.

Summer Camp

St. Peter's Lutheran Church St. Clair is offering several opportunities to participate in virtual camps this summer. The camps are for all ages. You can find the camps on their Facebook page or contact Trinity and we will get you the registration information. The following camps are available:

- Ukulele Camp
- Hat Looming
- Card Making
- Story Yoga
- Chapel Yoga



Church Grounds Clean Up

On Sunday May 9, following worship we will be having a church grounds clean up. Yes, we are aware this is Mother's Day, so don't feel obliged to stay if you have other plans. We will clean up the flower beds around the church and any garbage that needs to be picked up. If you would like to adopt a specific flower bed and spruce it up and plant something new, please let us know.



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.

Welcome to our New Members

Welcome New Members!

On April 11 we welcomed the Black family as new members on Trinity Lutheran Church. They have participated in many ways at Trinity over the past decade and made the decision to officially become members, Dawn is married to Louis, and she is a certified nurse practitioner working in hospice care. Their daughter Amelia, recently signed with Concordia to play golf in college. We give thanks to God for their active participation and look forward to seeing how God is calling them to be a part of the Trinity Family.



Thank You

- Rich Keuchenmeister for helping bale out Pastor Alex after he realized he was not a plumber!
- Becky Stuart for doing some spring cleaning around the grounds.
- Vern Kulman for helping build the great display for the Stations of the Cross.
- Everyone that continues to help with Gleaners Food Distribution. We have it down to a science now!
- Ross Brown for providing the proper connections and speak for worship in the Parking Lot.

GOSPEL of Mark Bible Study

Four-Week Bible Study on Mark

Pastor Alex will be hosting a four-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 5 – Amber Gross
- May 6 – Ken Hutchins
- May 11 – Kathleen Carkuff
- 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 27 – Henry Schutt
- May 27 – Anastasia Sullivan
- May 31 – Drew Daugherty



- May 2 ... 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
- May 9 ... 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
- May 16 ... 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19
- May 23 ... Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 17:6-19
- May 30 ... Holy Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

· Nonprofit Organization

<http://www.livinghopehaiti.org> or like us on Facebook @Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

Sunday May 9th Thru May 31st 2021

3rd Annual Virtual Mwen Walk Spring Fundraiser

Our goal is to invite new families to sponsor a school age child in Haiti and create a strong relationship between the US and Haiti. The Student Sponsorship program allow families to be involved directly with Living Hope Ministries. *Please follow us on Facebook and check the website regularly each week during May for video updates and additional information.*

- There are~ 80 children in need of sponsorship
- Currently there are 192 sponsored students (mostly 1st-6th grade students)

Sponsorship involves 2 primary components:

1. Develop a personal relationship with your sponsored student as they become “part of your family.”
 - Pray for your student
 - Send them photos of your family, pets, and activities
 - Send CARE packages as you are able (Christmas, Birthday, Start of School, etc.)
 - Receive yearly updates and thank you notes from your child

2. Financial support of \$40/month just \$1.33 per day!

Sponsorship Fund’s support:

- On-going school operations which helps to support all students in primary school
- Teachers’ salaries (60+ full & part-time staff)
- School supplies, text books, and testing materials
- Hot meal each day

Consider also supporting this ministry through prayer

Tamara Howes will lead a **prayer walk or prayer time** at **East China Park** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 throughout the month of May** to hold our own **Mwen Walk**. Please **meet by the picnic tables next to the basketball and tennis courts**. We will walk together 1-2 miles while we pray for the students at Living Hope Ministries. If you don’t wish to walk, we invite you to sit and pray. All are welcome to join this prayer ministry. Please call **Tamara Howes at 810-278-0995** if you have any questions about the **Mwen Walk** and or **would like to sponsor a child** at Living Hope Ministries.