THE PIPER

MARCH 22, 2020



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS

are on the stand in the back of the sanctuary Flowers are \$10/pot

White Lilies, Tulips or Hyacinths (various colors)
Orders are due no later than Sunday, March 29th
With the current circumstances - if you want to
order flowers, email me (tlcoffice2@comcast.net)
or call and I will put you on the list.



Easter Egg Hunt



Get your baskets ready and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt. This year's egg hunt will take place on Palm Sunday, April 5th during Sunday School. All children are welcome. Bring your own basket.

Candy donations are requested - All are welcome to donate candy for the egg hunt. Please bring candy to the Sunday School office by 9:30 AM Sunday, March 29th

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 12st after the first service at 9:15 AM



Sign up sheet is on the doors to Fellowship

Hall with requests for food donations for that day.

Sign up no later than Sunday, April 5th.

ALL TRINITY EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:15 am Worship with Communion

9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship with Communion

> 11:45 am Social Time MONDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study-CANCELLED

7:00 Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24

10:00 am Women's Exercise 5:45 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:00 pm Soup & Salad Dinner

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY. MARCH 26

10:00 am Women's Exercise

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:15 am Worship with Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with Communion

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carolyn Kresen, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Donna Weller, Sylvia Musheno, Cleo Campbell TLC FRIENDS

Kathy Costello, Edwina Keim, James Brigman, Layne Little **Lenten Soup & Salad**

Dinners

Cancelled due to COVID 19

> Wednesdays in Lent

Please sign up on the doors to Fellowship Hall.

Dinner is at 6:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm

> Soups for Wednesday, March 25th:

Roasted Chicken Noodle Soup Spicy Clam, Chorizo & White Bean Soup Baked Potato & Bacon Soup

There is a Salad Bar and the "fixings" for Sandwiches, also donated desserts



YARD SALE HIATUS:

Our 35th Annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th



from 8 AM to 1 PM **BUT** we may need to change this. At this point we are still hoping to be able to hold the Yard Sale on the above date.

As you clean out your closets and decide what to keep and what to get rid of, remember that our Yard Sale supports both the Park Forest Preschool and the Interfaith Human Services.

If you can't use it, there is probably someone out there who can. Don't throw your treasures away, donate them to a worthy cause.



All outside groups have been notified that we will not be open until at least April 1st.

Please be aware that our

church building will be LOCKED. If you need access to the building, please call the office 238-2024 or Pastor Ron's cell 933-8514

Per the President's and the PA Governor's directive there will be not events held here at Trinity until at least April 1st.

If this goes on longer, we will get word out to everyone. At this point, please stay safe and well.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING (food, medication, essentials) -Please email or call the office and leave a message - Pastor Ron and Beth will be checking messages. We will do our best to assist anyone who is in need.

From the Pastor's Desk

March 21/22, 2020

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

As the pandemic continues to unfold our new "normal" changes day by day. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

As per governmental guidance, we have closed our doors to both congregational and community activities until April 1, though I expect that we will need to extend our closure. Some say as long as 20 weeks! While I hope that does not happen, no one knows how things will develop. We all need to stay vigilant and careful.

At our March council meeting last evening, it was decided to clean and sanitize our building. During this shutdown, I am hopeful we can get few volunteers to help with the cleaning.

At last Sunday's worship, John Waters volunteered to video record the entire service. He plans, after some editing, to post the video on YouTube. Once it is posted we will send out the link so you can watch it if you wish. Beth, our Office Administrator, will be sending out the bulletin for that service so you can more easily follow along.

Obviously, our Wednesday Night Soup and Salad gatherings are suspended. While we will not provide food service for a gathered group, we can provide food for anyone who needs, wants or desires to get food. If you know of anyone in need or wanting a meal please, let us know here at the office. We can get soup or any other meal to them.

In lieu of Sunday school, we hope to email some items for families to do at home with their younger disciples.

For some of you, finances are becoming a major challenge. We understand that, but for others, your income may not be affected. Please note, as with you and your family bills continue to roll in, as you are able, please mail your financial support to this ministry to the church office. Thanks!

In the meantime, we place—as always—our faith and trust in God who reminds us in Isaiah 43:18-19:

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (ESV) I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

And Revelation 21:5:

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (ESV)

The current global crisis may just be more of a breakthrough than a breakdown, so we look to God for comfort, guidance and hope!

Blessings to you and yours!

Yours in Christ,

Paster Ron

"BLESSING THE BOATS,"
BY LUCILLE CLIFTON

Winner of the National Book Award, Clifton is a powerful poet of hope. In the midst of these challenging, uncertain times, here's her classic on navigating troubled waters to the calmer seas ahead.

may the tide
that is entering even now
the lip of our understanding
carry you out
beyond the face of fear
may you kiss
the wind then turn from it
certain that it will
love your back may you
open your eyes to water
water waving forever
and may you in your innocence
sail through this to that

https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2020/3/17/blessing-the-boats-by-lucille-clifton