THE PIPER

MARCH 29, 2020



Trinity Lutheran Church

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It looks like we will not be having
Easter services on Easter this year.
When we are able to open again,
we plan to start with Palm Sunday,
Holy Week and an Easter celebration.
Please watch the newsletter for
more on the schedule.

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

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

James Brigman, Layne Little, Linda Phillips-Ferry, Rachel & Dan

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed
MONDAY, MARCH 30
7:00 Bible Study- Zoom Video
THURSDAY. APRIL 2

11:30 - 1:00 Soups Available

<u>SUNDAY</u>, APRIL 5/PALM SUNDAY

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed

TODAY - Thursday March 26th

Pastor Ron has made soup and it will be available from 11:30 - 1:00 or while supply lasts.

Spicy Beef Noodle Soup (GF)
Wild Rice & Mushroom with Chicken Soup (GF)
Copycat Panera Broccoli Cheddar Soup (GF)

There will be a cart with the cold soups on it at the front entrance of the church with a basket for a freewill offering.

If you or someone you know can use a meal, please come by and pick up a quart or two of soup.

Watch your email on Sunday morning

We will be sending out the YouTube link and a copy of the bulletin for the March 29th abbreviated church service.

Monday Night Bible Study is being held through ZOOM. If you are interested in attending this video conference, please let Pastor Ron or Beth know. We can get you added to the invitation list. Connecting with Zoom is easy and can be joined with or without video.

Would you like to participate in a Bible Study?

Can't make the Zoom Monday
Night Bible Study?

Is there a time or day that works better for you?

Morning or Afternoon?

Contact the office or Pastor Ron and we can see what can be worked out for everyone during this unusual time.

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Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

As far as the Easter Flower orders go, I spoke to the Greenhouse and they will provide flowers to us when we are able to be back in the building. Tulips may not be available but Mums, Hydrangeas and

Geraniums will be.

Please bear with us as we all work through the changes and unusual conditions of this "shelter at home" time.

We will get through this and be glad when we can all be together again.

Pastor Ron is looking to make Soups again for pick up next week on THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd from 11:30 - 1:00 or while supply lasts.

Hot & Sour Shrimp Soup
Baked Potato & Bacon Soup
Country Fish Chowder

The soups again will be on a cart at the front entrance to the church with a basket for a freewill offering. Please remember your neighbors who may not be able to get out and take a quart of soup to them as well.



BRIDGE OF HOPE is still working to fulfill their mission to end family homelessness in Centre County.

Last month, they welcomed a new family to their program, just as the COVID19 started spreading. The family is a single mother and 3 children, 4 and under in State College.

They are looking for Neighboring Volunteers to help but there are a few requirements:

Be a professing Christian, in any tradition.

Complete 4-5 hours of ON Line Neighboring Volunteer

Training

Complete background clearances - on line Join a virtual Neighborhood Launch Party

Interact with the family through phone calls, text, video chat, meal & supply drop off
Prefer if living in State college or close by, as proximity is important
Interested: Contact 814-238-HOPE or Tirzah.boh@gmail.com

Tirzah Gibboney, Director

From the Pastor's Desk

March 28/29, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During these trying times, it can be hard to find some good news, but I have received some!

As you may know, I serve on the Board of Directors for Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM), the social ministry organization for our Synod. They offer a wide array of services across eight counties here in Central PA. You can learn more about ALSM here: www.alsm.org.

ALSM is also a member of Lutheran Services in America (LSA), an umbrella association of organizations like ALSM. LSA is recognizing ALSM for the service provided to the community. Check out the article entitled, "Today's Frontline Hero: Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) in Altoona": https://www.lutheranservices.org/lsa-blog

Sometimes, just doing what we are called to do garners attention from others. We do not look to be faithful just to acquire accolades from others, we trust that God always sees and blesses us when we are being faithful! We began Lent with the passage from Matthew 5 where Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father sees what we do especially when we do it to serve God, in other words, when we do it "in secret":

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you....

¹⁶ "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (5-6, 16-21)

So, let us commit to looking for good news and keeping the faith no matter what. Or as Ron White once observed: "If you find that life is sending you lemons, make lemonade and look for someone who's life is sending them vodka and have a party!!!"

Peace, joy and love,

