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APRIL 26, 2020



Trinity Lutheran Church

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TODAY - Thursday, April 23rd

Soups available from 11:30 - 1:00 or while supply lasts.

Ham & Potato Soup (GF) Kielbasa Cabbage Soup (GF) Italian Sausage Soup (GF)

Soups for Thursday, April 30th will be:

Good New Orleans Creole Gumbo (GF)
Chicken Noodle Soup
Italian Wedding Soup



Due to the Virus:

This year's 35th Annual Yard
Sale and the Sequanota
Vacation Bible School
have officially been cancelled.

They will be back next year better than ever!!

DEEPER WATER YOUTH

There will be a Zoom Group Meeting each
Sunday at 1:00 pm so we can stay connected as a group.
The link will be emailed so please join us for time together.

This is a HUGE Thank You to everyone who has



continued to support the church through prayer and monetary contributions.

WE ARE VERY BLESSED!

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed 1:00 pm Deeper Water Zoom MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 pm Bible Study- Zoom Video TUESDAY, APRIL 28

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:00 am Bible Study - Zoom Video

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Soups Available 3:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen SUNDAY, MAY 3

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed 1:00 pm Deeper Water Zoom

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carolyn Kresen, Carol Bernlohr , Dee Kiel, Donna Weller, Sylvia Musheno

TLC FRIENDS

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

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



FACE MASKS

Since we are all supposed to be wearing them when we go out AND some of us can't or don't want to sew. Included, as a

separate attachment, to this newsletter email are instructions and patterns for making a mask out of a tee-shirt.

If you don't have a printer and would like one or two of the patterns printed, I can do that and mail them to you.

Email me at: tlcoffice2@comcast.net and tell me which size mask pattern(s) you would like.

Ladies Book Club - 1st Tuesday of the month
Zoom Meeting at 9:30 AM

Questions: Donna Weller (dw0220@aol.com) or Lori Savage (lsavageart@yahoo.com)

May Book being discussed:

May 5th - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

The Zoom invitation has been sent to Lori. Please contact her if you would like to join the discussion.





Carrieron Porter	3
John Owens	3
Cleo Campbell	4
Edward Glad	5
Rylan Wenrich	5
James Cowan	6
Ava Topper	8
Madeline Baney	9
Isabella Poehner	9
Jenny Wenrich	9
Keith Smith	11
John Waters	11
Anya Brownson	13
Brooke Myers	15
McKenna Stout	17
Allison Cowan	22
Elaine Burn	24
Tionni Wenrich	26
Jacob Piper	27
Jean Ross	28
Kristen Terrill	30

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From the Pastor's Desk

April 23, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of St. Paul's most beloved observations is found in Philippians 4: "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (v.4) In any and all circumstances, Paul insists, we are to rejoice!

Well, some days and some circumstances make it quite hard to rejoice, but, if we learn to look for the good that is always around us—not ignoring the bad, just choosing not to focus on the bad too much—we might just learn to do as Paul did, "rejoice in the Lord always." After all, Paul did know a great deal about suffering. In 2 Corinthians 11 we read:

But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? (21b-29)

We too, are suffering in ways we could never have imagined. Still, there are reasons for rejoicing! I rejoice over all those in our medical communities treating the sick while seeking to protect themselves and others; grocery store and restaurant workers who help us keep food on the table; first responders like fire fighters, the police and EMTs; and, all those who continue to work because their tasks are essential to keeping us safe in our homes!

I also rejoice in you, the people who are Trinity Lutheran Church. Your support of me and of one another, along with the support of our shared ministry is so heartwarming I cannot find the words to express! Many pastors and congregations are struggling with these new challenges we face, not the least of which is a drop in financial support. TLC Disciples, however, have stepped up! Giving has continued and for that I rejoice, not just in the fact that we can keep our bills paid, but more so for the faithful commitment and obedience you, people of God, are demonstrating. Then again, TLC disciples always step up when the need arises, often, as in this case, without being asked.

Another reason for rejoicing is in the overwhelming positive feedback we are getting in response to our recorded worship services. Truly, it is so odd to just have the three of us together, socially

distant from each other, but doing so in an empty worship space. Still, I focus on how these services seem to be helping people cope with the suffering we area all experiencing. An even greater reason I find for rejoicing is that you are sharing the link with others. Thank you for stepping up to do this form of evangelism!

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." This is a time I can more fully appreciate Paul's guidance. For all God's people here at Trinity, and across the church, I give thanks to God for you and the reasons you provide to help me and others rejoice in

the Lord!

Peace, joy and love,



Pastor Ron



A Message from Interfaith Human Services

Hello everyone, as you know the needs of the community not only don't stop at times like this they increase. Our furniture and appliance program is running low on items as shelters and other programs have focused even more on transitioning folks to independent living.

Harry Miller, our Furniture and Appliance coordinator, is still able and willing to do pick ups. We can make curbside for folks that can get the items out of the home or we can arrange to pick up in wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

Items we can use: dressers, sofas, dining room tables and chairs, appliances and bedroom furniture

Items we <u>can not</u> use: large desks, large armoires/entertainment centers, sofa beds or pianos

We would appreciate you sharing this with your faith community, friends etc... Harry can be reached directly by email at: hfm2141@gmail.com and you can leave messages on the voicemail at IHS: 814-234-7731

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April 17, 2020

A Message from the Allegheny Synod Staff:

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Grace to you and peace from the risen Christ!

Saint Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Friends, everything we are experiencing in this pandemic is new. There is no instruction manual for what to do in a situation like this. What has given me and the staff hope are the ways in which you are living out Saint Teresa's quote. You are being Christ's risen body in the world through the masks you are making, the food you are donating, the time you are giving, and the connections you are making through phone calls, emails, and texts and social media. The Holy Spirit is using you to share the love and light of Christ with those around you. We thank God for you and for the ways you are demonstrating what it means to be the church. Everything you are doing is a powerful witness to the risen Christ to an anxious and hurting world.

While this year's observance of Holy Week and celebration of Easter was not what we hoped for, we are continually reminded that we are not alone. We are the body of Christ. We are in this together.

I hope you will join me in giving thanks to God for the heroic efforts of our hospital workers, grocery store employees, truck drivers, first responders, postal carriers, and a host of other people who are helping us to sustain us in these uncertain times. We know you will join us in continuing to pray for those who take care of our congregations our pastors, deacons, and lay worship leaders.

The days can be long and frustrating. Do not lose hope. Now, more than ever, it is important to remember who and whose we are. Jesus called and claimed you in the waters of baptism. His resurrected life lives in you. Even though we cannot be together physically, we can be of one heart and mind as we pray for strength and courage to meet each day and be thankful for the moments of joy that break in to our lives in ordinary ways.

We also invite you to use this time to turn and return to God. These weeks of waiting offer ample opportunity to pray, to read Holy Scripture, and to take time to rest in the presence of our God who is with us always. Christ is always right beside us. He is welcoming us to turn to him. Please use these moments to pray for our world, to pray for our neighbors, and to be reminded of the presence of Jesus Christ.

May the peace and presence of Christ be made real to you this day and always.

Living in the hope of the risen Christ,

The Allegheny Synod Staff,

Bishop Michael, Pastor Becca, Pastor Paula and Michelle.