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TRINITY—A MISSOURI SYNOD LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

May 2020

An abstract background painting with vibrant, blended colors of yellow, orange, red, and purple, creating a sense of light and energy. In the center, there is a faint, stylized image of a dove, symbolizing peace and the Holy Spirit.

*May the God of Hope  
fill you with Joy*

# MILESTONES

*Happy Birthday* To our members who are celebrating their 80th or more birthday in April and May! Surprise them with a card or visit.

April 3	Joan Zahrt 1626 N 2nd Ave. 54401
April 6	Martin Zernicke 3304 N 20th Ave. 54401
April 8	Arlyle Schmidt 2424 Rainbow Dr. Kronenwetter, WI 54455
April 8	Ervin Birr 1120 N 8th Ave. 54401
April 11	John Krueger 906 Hickory Rd. 54403
April 11	Vida Wendt 4111 N Lakeshore Dr. 54401
April 15	George Swanson 2400 Marshall St., Rm. 2211 54403
April 15	Lillian Zenner 2400 Marshall St. 54403
April 19	Bernice Kickbusch 224262 Country Ln. 54401
April 20	Betty Ninnemann 159311 State Hwy. 52 54403
April 22	Lucille VanderGeest 3001 Westhill Dr., Rm. 6B 54401
April 25	John Kupsy 2901 N 7th St. 54403
April 27	Wesley Wilcott 922 Pinewood Ln. 54403
April 28	Pat Zeinert 503 High St. Apt. 41 Kronenwetter, WI 54455
April 29	Grace Chaignot 2144 Old Highway 51 Kronenwetter, WI 54455
May 4	Ray Jahns 1507 Kenwood Dr. 54401
May 4	Joe Plautz 516 N 6th Ave. 54401
May 5	Fern Clausen 2309 Ross Ave. #6 Schofield, WI 54476
May 6	Charles Von Kanel 1509 Franklin St. 54403
May 6	Jeanette Mathwich 3312 Terrace Ct #26 54401

May 9	Virginia Zillman 116 N 12th Ave. 54401
May 14	Clara Borchardt 150020 Thunderbird Ln. 54401
May 16	Alan Wesner 935 S 9th Ave. 54401
May 16	Marlyn Fenhaus 232832 N 77th Ave. 54401
May 19	Otto Imm 327 N 11th Ave. 54401
May 24	Norma Grasmick
May 25	Edna Gaffron
May 30	Gilbert Ninnemann 159311 State Hwy. 52 54403
May 31	Beverly Ziegel 1560 Westwood Dr. Apt. 70 54401

*Our Sympathy.* We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have passed away.

• Zita Moeser	February 25
• Del Hoffman	April 10
• Stephen Sibley	April 10
• Aladine Lodholz	April 14
• Barbara Hauer	April 16

*Anniversaries!* Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating their 50th or more Wedding Anniversary!

♥ Lorenz & Charlotte Breitenfeldt Jr.	April 1
♥ Tom & Kay Kellbach	April 1
♥ Don & Marlyn Fenhaus	April 8
♥ John & Karen Jauch	April 17
♥ Lloyd & Linda Grawien	April 27
♥ Roger & Arla Luetschwager	April 29
♥ Clarence & Helen Marschall	May 7
♥ Lyle & Ellen Krohn	May 7
♥ Gordon & Marilyn Bauman	May 9
♥ John & Karen Meurett	May 9
♥ John & Marlene Sabatke	May 12
♥ Vernon & Janet Hohn	May 14
♥ Donald & Grace Chaignot	May 15
♥ Thomas & Elaine Wohlfahrt	May 28
♥ Gordon & Shirley Hansen	May 30

*Holy Baptism!* We welcome the following into the Lord's family through Baptism.

+ Mackenzie Joy Holdorf	April 12
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## REV. ZACH J. HOLDORF, SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Many times throughout the Epistles, the Apostle Paul takes a moment to thank those whom he wrote. As I have spent much time in prayer and in thought, I would like to take a moment and give thanks as we are instructed: “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

First, I give thanks to God for His faithfulness. I am reminded how great His faithfulness is in Psalm 108:4: “For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.” Through this pandemic, God’s faithfulness is beyond evident. It is seen in the encouraging words of Holy Scripture, the Word going forth regardless through multimedia, and in the reminders of the hope we have because Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! I give thanks for God’s faithfulness!

Second, I give thanks for the staff at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Our Principal and our teaching staff have worked tirelessly to move everything online, continue to educate, and help parents teach their children at home. Their workload has increased and they have had to manage their homes as well. Despite all of the changes, they have continued to serve their students well. Thank you, teachers!

The custodians, Derek and Dean have worked extremely hard to keep our facility functioning, maintained, and clean. There is a beautiful shine to everything. When you walk into the building, you can’t help but smell the cleanliness. Thank you so much for all of your hard work!

Penny and the childcare staff have experienced the most disruption. Many of her staff had to completely change workloads as they helped with cleaning the church and school. Some of them are completely off from work wondering when they can begin again. Their dedication to those little kids is a beautiful sight to see, and I know they long to see their faces again. Penny is working hard to figure out when to reopen and has shown great leadership. Thank you, childcare staff for your dedication and flexibility through this all!

The wonderful women in the office: Nancy, Jenna, and Vanessa have worked really hard to continue operations at the church. They have been on the front line fielding questions, answering phones, helping with communications, and putting up with their pastors and all the requests made of them. They have gone above and beyond the call, and I thank God for them!

Tina has worked extremely hard to continue to assure financial stability through this pandemic. She has spent countless hours ensuring our bills are paid, next year’s budget is prepared, and everyone’s paychecks are secured through this pandemic. She has juggled many responsibilities and has been a blessing to me and the church in her tireless efforts as Parish Administrator. Thank you, Tina!

Rick has been a huge blessing. Having to move online for worship was overwhelming to me. He made the transition very smooth. He has constantly been trying to figure out how to improve quality and continues to ensure everything is set for worship each Sunday. He has taken on the responsibility of putting all of our Facebook material on YouTube for others to see. He has also made available services on DVD if anyone is interested. Please give him a call. Thank you, Rick!

Our retired pastors have been a huge blessing through this time. Pastors Pegorsch, Kohn, Lamont, and Schultz have all reached out to see how they can help. They have utilized their gifts in a variety of ways especially in making phone calls, giving listening ears, and simply being there when needed. I thank God for these servants!

Pastor Smith has been my right hand man through this pandemic. He has worked extremely hard in preparing our Daily Banters, being a listening ear, and he has fought the good fight with me as we continue to share the love of Christ to you all through this difficult time. To be honest, I don’t know if I could have done it without him. As a partner in ministry, Pastor Smith has been a huge blessing. I thank God for this servant and friend.

Last, but not least, I give thanks for you, the Body of Christ we call Trinity. I am humbled and in awe of the care, support, patience, and encouragement. I have seen and heard many times how you all have continued serving by making masks, providing meals, calling members, and caring for one another. All I can say is wow! What an incredible witness by an amazing Church family. There was also fear that this pandemic would cause Trinity to be in a tough financial state. Your faithfulness has been incredible. When I saw the tithes and offerings over Holy week, I about fell over. Thank you so much for truly demonstrating what it means to faithfully be the body of Christ. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!

A side note, I truly miss all of you and long to gather with you again for worship and fellowship. We are currently working on a plan for when we can all meet together in person for worship. Please continue to join us for worship on our many multimedia avenues. If you are interested, our Daily Banters are on Facebook Live Monday through Thursday at 10 am. We cover many topics while we laugh, and learn together. Keep an eye out, as we will continue to share information and plans for the future.

In Christ, Rev. Zach Holdorf

## REV. TIMOTHY D. SMITH, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Trinity,

In this time of chaos and fear, we often forget the promises that God has offered or given to us. As we live in quarantine for a few weeks longer, we have the opportunity to meditate on God's Word as we never have before. In light of that reality, let us look at some of the various promises God has given to us.

One promise that we find throughout Scripture is the promise of peace. Philippians 4 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This is not always easy for us to do, as anxiety can attack us from any angle, at any time, especially when we are worried about our livelihoods, our families, and our county, but God has promised to take care of us. Matthew 6 says "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,<sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.<sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you?" God has promised to take care of us, and does not wish for us to be anxious, or to worry about anything, and while it is often difficult to actually live in this way, God has promised us ultimate peace when he returns to take us home.

Speaking of that promise, let's look at 1 Thessalonians 4 in which the Apostle Paul writes, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words." We will live with the Lord forever and ever. Revelation tells us there will be no more suffering, no more weeping, no more sin, and no more death. We will live in eternal peace and joy with the Lord always. God himself, Christ himself has promised us this, and it is going to be awesome. It is going to be beyond anything we have words to describe.

Finally, it is always a good thing to remember that God's promises apply to each and every one of us. How do we know this? Well, we were baptized of course. Paul writes again in Romans 6 saying, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." God's promise of eternal life, of eternal peace is real for each and every one of us because that promise was given to us when the water was poured over our heads and the Word was spoken to us. We have God himself promising an end to this chaos, an end to this world, and an eternal, everlasting, peaceful, perfect replacement coming. You and I have the promises of God on our side—COVID-19 has nothing but a short-lived chaotic moment that is already passing away. May we always celebrate the promises of God, and never forget that despite all of the worries, and all of the woes that we have in this life, God is still with us, still taking care of us, and has promised us eternal life in everlasting peace with Him forever. I pray that these verses help you remember the promises that God has given each and every one of you.

In the name of Christ,  
Pastor Timothy Smith

## MR. RICK STENGL, DCE

Greetings in Christ and Blessed Eastertide!

Lord, have mercy. The part of all this that hurts the most is being separated from the church and His Holy Supper. I know some people say the church is the people and not a building, but I, like many of you, long to return to the House of the Lord. Psalm 26:8 says, "O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells." We chant this beautiful verse threefold in the Order of Matins following the readings from Holy Scripture. I guess in the midst of this all we get a sliver of what it must have been like for the Israelites when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and they were sent into exile. May the Lord bring us back to His House soon, and in the meantime may he create in us a deep hunger for His Word and His Supper that we might never take it for granted again.

Now for some updates on ministry. Confirmation instruction has been suspended and most likely concluded for the year. This should actually be okay. I had just finished up our final unit and was ready to start our review unit which usually closes out the year with our 8th grade class. Just missing the review unit is not too big of a deal. Our 7th grade class will not be able to finish out their instruction this year, but will be receiving instruction from us in the catechism again next year as 8th grade students, so I believe we will be fine there as well. The Rite of Confirmation Service is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. It was my prayer that we could still make this happen if the restrictions were eased or lifted after April 30th. The possibility of that is now looking very bleak. If we are unable to have the service, I would recommend that we reschedule it in October on Reformation Day, which is also customary in the Lutheran church. In the meantime, students are still being expected to complete their requirements for this year (sermon reports, memory work, serve in vocation form and capstone projects). I am having parents and students email me their homework and assignments.

Early Communion Classes could be rescheduled for some time in May, but if not, I think we could offer the classes in the fall of 2020 and try and avoid summer. Worst case scenario would be to wait and include the students in next year's classes.

I intend to resume our Youth Group nights as soon as we are able. We are really missing the fellowship and Christian growth that those nights provide.

I have created an Instagram account for Youth At Trinity in addition to our Facebook page. Instagram is a more popular social media platform with teens right now. I am using these social media tools to provide Bible readings, questions and reflections to our youth in the absence of our Youth Nights. A postcard went out a couple weeks ago to all students in 7th -12th grade that provided information on how to subscribe and stay in touch with us and God's Word.

I am also working to provide our church services and the pastors' "Daily Banter" on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Our services continue to be shown on Public Access as always. I can also provide a DVD or jump drive of our services to those who do not have internet or cable television. Please let me know if you know of someone who needs one, and I will find a way to get it to them.

These can be scary times. Jesus says to His scared disciples in John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." May God's promises extinguish in us all fears of body, mind and spirit. Haven't you heard? As the beautiful Easter hymn proclaims: "The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!"

Peace be with you,  
Rick Stengl, DCE

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I pray that your faith has stayed strong in the Lord during this difficult time. I hope you find the good in each day the Lord gives us.

As you likely know, the childcare has been closed due to the Coronavirus concern since mid-March. During the shutdown, some of our childcare staff came in and deep-cleaned our classrooms. This included disinfecting all of the toys, shelves, walls, and windows, as well as emptying the room for carpet/floor cleaning. All of the childcare classrooms are now fully disinfected and ready to reopen whenever that time may be.

Thankfully, Trinity was approved for the Payroll Protection Plan. With this loan, we will be able to pay our childcare staff their regular salary while we are closed. This blessing will help us to retain our staff during this trying time and allow us to resume operations when the time comes.

While we do not have a reopening date scheduled as of yet, we are eagerly looking forward to getting back to business and being able to care for your children once again.

God bless your time at home, whatever that may look like for you and your family. I pray that we all stay safe, well, and strong in our faith.

God's blessings,

Penny Swanson  
Trinity Lutheran Childcare Director

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### Calm in the Storm

In the midst of the "storm" that surrounds us, we seek a calm. I recall a phrase people use to describe a counselor—he/she is to be a "non-anxious presence"—for the sake of guiding clients through their life "storms."

That continues to define my role here at Trinity. Yes, to be a "non-anxious presence" regardless of the "storms" that present themselves.

I continue to share written devotions in that work. This includes a weekly piece on reconciliation. I also continue to make myself available for counseling. I have been called to assist members and leaders to "grow in their faith"—a key element of disciple-making.

I am reminded of the story of Jesus and His disciples caught in a real storm (Luke 8:22-23). Jesus calmed the troubled sea (vs.24b)...and then He addressed the need within those disciples sharing this pivotal question- "Where is your faith?" (vs.25a)?

A strong and confident faith can indeed be the "calm in the storm"—focused on Christ. As the psalmist reminds us—"Be still and know that I am God" (46:10a).

Pastor Dan Kohn

## REV. DR. DENNIS W. PEGORSCH, PASTOR EMERITUS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray you are doing well. Life has its challenges for all of us each new day, but we are never alone! Daily we can praise God with the psalmist of the Old Testament in Psalm 118:24 (P.S. a favorite passage of mine)..."This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Those words are easy to say, but do we really believe they are true? When you and I look around our world today and try to face life, it can be difficult and sometimes discouraging. Our world needs to hear the saving message of Law and Gospel. For each one of us, I would recommend that we pay attention to the prescription of a wise Doctor. I am not referring to a medical doctor but to the simple reminder of Dr. Martin Luther in John 3:16, "God so loved the world..." This is the ultimate source of "Good News." If you and I are sick, lonely, frustrated, or despairing we look to the caring and forgiving love of our Heavenly Father. Isaiah in the Old Testament gives us a sense of assurance when he reminds us, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run, and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (40:31). When life becomes challenging as it is for so many in our world today, we need to be patient. "Looking and waiting" for the right answers to life's challenges is often difficult. Our trust is in the Lord God Almighty and His inspired, loving, and caring Word of Truth. It is not found in ourselves or the things and wisdom of this world. We may not understand the "whys" of life, but we trust that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28). It is my sincere prayer for all of us that the Holy Spirit would enable us to trust in our Heavenly Father...our Creator and Preserver. Make time to trust and find peace in God's promises as found in His guiding and strengthening Word of Truth, the Holy Bible.

As you may have noticed, I started with a spiritual message focusing on our relationship to Almighty God. At this point, I would share with you my own feelings and personal experiences during the present the COVID-19 world crisis. I can't speak for you, but no doubt like me, there have been times of joy and frustration for you also. Maybe the Lord has a lesson for all of us to learn. First of all, even though my children and their families live some distance from me (Mequon, WI; Deerfield, IL; Naperville, IL; and Palm Bay, FL) we have been in constant contact...and that includes our seven grandchildren (ages 9 to 18). Like most children the past couple months due to COVID-19 they are "schooling at home." For a footnote...my one grandson likes it since he can now sleep-in longer without having to catch the early school bus. At the same time my oldest granddaughter, a high school Senior is "hurting" since they do not yet know when or if there will be the traditional experiences of prom and graduation along with the last few summer months before friends are scattered to different colleges or careers. For me, it has been hard not being able to be together with family and friends on a more causal basis or take the planned trip to Florida in March to visit my daughter, Chris who lives there. I am thankful for the technology by which I can communicate with my four children with whom I talk almost daily and often with my seven grandchildren. My one daughter, Kim has called me almost every night at about 11 pm since my wife Grace died on January 29, 2019. I also praise the Lord for having my own home to take care of, and now with the springtime, I have the opportunity to work outside and take long walks. I am waiting impatiently to start my garden...still too wet and cold. Since the Lord called my wife, Grace "home to heaven," I have many more homebound duties. I do appreciate so much all of the work Grace did which I often took for granted. I do miss my dear wife after 50 years together. Church-wise, I miss visiting and communing our homebound members, our Blind Outreach Gatherings, our 55 Plus Joy Center Gatherings, and counseling and participating in our church and nursing home/assisted care worship services. The Lord God knows what He is doing as our lives and activities have been changed with more limitations. We just trust and take one day at a time, giving God the glory and praise. I am sorry my letter was so long...but maybe it is like a sermon...not knowing when to stop! And finally a special "thank you" to the many members of our church family who have been so kind and encouraging. God's special blessings to each of you!

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Dennis W. Pegorsch

Hello Trinity families!

As you might expect, our world here at Trinity has been turned upside down by the coronavirus and the governor shutting things down for the school year. It caused us all (teachers, staff, parents, and students) to make quick adjustments to how we look at things and handle things. But, that being said, school still goes on. I want to thank everyone mentioned above for doing a great job in making a change in their routine and life to make the best out of a situation that is far from ideal.

School continues to move forward as scheduled on our calendar, and the staff is looking for ways that we might still be able to make some things like our Awards Ceremony and graduations still happen. Perhaps it may need to wait until the start of next year, but the one thing we don't want this virus to do is to take away all of the things that we did accomplish in school this past year.

Here at school the building looks and feels like summer vacation. The hallways are mostly quiet, rooms are being cleaned, floors are being waxed, etc. That is where that comparison ends though. Some days we have looked outside to see snowflakes in the air, and the temperature is still far from summer levels. Instruction is still happening but it may be through homework teachers put together for parents to pick up or classes being held via the Internet through a program called Google Classroom. Many of the teachers have made comments about how they miss the students and miss the face-to-face interaction.

Other work here has been going on as usual. We are still in the process of looking for an 8th grade teacher for next year. As with anything else, this pandemic has had an impact on that process too. Speaking with principals throughout the North Wisconsin District, they are all struggling to fill positions that are being left vacant. A few things are causing this. First, the lack of synodically trained teachers that are looking to move or willing to move through what is happening in the world at this time. The other thing is, just as with pastors, fewer and fewer people are going into Lutheran school church work as teachers, so colleges have fewer people to offer. The search continues though, and once new news is available, we will get it to you.

Enrollment numbers for next year are looking very good at this time. We are already at 156 students enrolled for next school year, which is where we were at for most of the 2019-2020 school year. We hope to add a few more over the summer months, but praise God for what He has sent our way thus far.

We live in a stress-filled, anxiety-filled time right now. I remember though that God is always nearby watching and guarding us. It is that thought that helps many of us press on through times like these. I ask that you continue to pray for our school, teachers, staff, students, and families. Pray for peace of mind, strength when times get stressful, and continued blessings beyond what we can ever imagine.

Blessings!

Bill Zuelsdorff  
Principal



## Stewart Avenue Steps Update

The Properties committee is very pleased with the progress made by Kulp's Roofing on the Upper Sanctuary roof, steeples, and louvers.

The next project we would like to complete is replacing the front steps that have been deteriorating for the last few years. Two years ago, we received a quote for removing the granite on the center steps, refacing the planters with brick, and replacing the steps with poured concrete. The quote for that work was about \$25,000. During discussion about the steps at a previous Voters' Meeting, there was considerable concern that we were disposing of the old granite from the steps and planters.

In February we contacted Samuels Group, a local design/build firm, to obtain a quote based on the two options we had presented to the congregation. The first being to replace the planters and all the steps with brick and concrete. The second was a patio area that would span the width of the sanctuary and extend out to the city sidewalk, about fifteen feet. We also asked them about incorporating some of the granite into the new steps. When we received the quotes, they were considerably higher than we had hoped. The quote for replacing the steps at all three doors is \$186,000, and the patio option is \$231,000. Samuels is concerned that because of the way the steps are pulling away from the building, there are not proper footings under the steps. Their quote also incorporated using some of the existing granite as risers for the steps. Because the quotes were so high, we asked them to provide a quote for replacing only the center steps, both with and without planters. The quote for the center steps only is \$70,000. The quote for the center steps with planters is \$113,000. One thing to note is that all of the quotes are assuming worst case scenario. If they find that there are proper footings beneath the existing steps, we could save several thousand dollars on each option.

We currently have about \$75,000 to be used on this project. Our goal is to have a recommendation to present to the congregation at the next Voters' Meeting, whenever that may be.

# TINA DICKENS, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

## Facilities/Properties

Stay-at-home orders gently stalled the final work on the steeples and louvers, but all of the work is complete! You will notice white caps on the corners going up to the steeples. Kulp's did some research from an old photograph of Trinity and chose the white caps to complement the history of the church. The new roof should allow us to work towards repairing some of the small flaky areas on the ceiling in the Upper Sanctuary.

We are still working towards the Stewart Avenue steps repair. We have a few options to present to the congregation, but all involved tearing out existing foundation under the planters and steps to reinforce them. This is a more extensive project than what we first imagined. When we can meet again as a congregation, this project will be presented at a Voters' Meeting so that the congregation can advise us on how to move forward. Please see the note from the Properties Ministry in this newsletter for more information.

## March Financial Summary

Ending the ninth month of the fiscal year, we remain at 97% of tithes and offerings budgeted. We have been so blessed by a responsive congregation through CoVID-19. You continue to support the operations of the church, which allows us to continue to serve you through different means of print, social media, and digital communication, even when we are not practicing in the building. THANK YOU for your dedication to the ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We have been blessed by the opportunity to apply for a Small Business Administration (SBA) Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan. A letter was sent via mail to the congregation explaining what this means for Trinity.

We continue to work on the budget process through virtual meetings, which presents a new set of challenges. Working together without being able to meet in person is a top priority of the process. We will likely approve a budget contingent upon voter approval. Due to participation in the School Choice program, the school must have a budget approved by the Day School Ministry by June 30th. Again, this will be contingent upon voter approval at a later date.

Please pray continually for the future of Trinity – that we may be blessed to be a blessing to others in the community and beyond through a fruitful ministry to those we serve in the name of Jesus Christ (John 15:5).

## Human Resources

Please continue to pray for our incredible staff. The people we have employed at or called to Trinity have continued to work where possible throughout the shutdown. Childcare staff have worked side by side with custodians. Office staff have learned new process so that they could support staff remotely. Teachers have learned how to teach without being in the presence of students. Pastors have learned how to provide Word and Sacrament ministry without being in the presence of a congregation.

## Outreach

No one was prepared to work from home. We are all in the business of serving others. It would have been easy to fall apart without those to serve...and yet, we found a way to serve each other and you through different means.

If you have ideas about how Trinity might serve the congregation or the community through the Stay-at-Home orders while remaining compliant, please email [trinity@trinitynet.org](mailto:trinity@trinitynet.org) so that we may consider those ideas.

# MARCH 2020 FINANCIALS

## Trinity Lutheran Church Profit & Loss Budget Performance March, 2020

										<i>Restricted Funds</i>	
	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>MTD19-MTD20</u>	<u>Jul '19 - Mar 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Jul '18 - Mar 19</u>	<u>YTD19-YTD20</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Jul '19 - Mar 20</u>
<b>Income</b>											
ADMINISTRATION INC	0	12	0	0	110	2,808	100	10	3,744	0	0
ALUMNI INC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	3,895
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INC	0	0	0	0	681	530	0	681	980	25	252
DAY SCHOOL INC	14,751	32,719	20,923	(6,172)	486,125	561,368	481,588	4,537	1,115,983	3,496	59,397
DEBT REDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS	2,384	3,000	4,448	(2,064)	47,542	27,090	35,063	12,479	36,120	0	0
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNIN CTR INC	29,726	41,967	35,964	(6,238)	335,978	366,554	328,329	7,649	492,760	160	1,440
EVANGELISM INC	114	110	110	4	994	990	998	(4)	1,320	114	994
FELLOWSHIP & PR INC	130	260	332	(202)	6,125	2,200	8,193	(2,068)	2,840	0	0
HUMAN CARE INC	0	0	0	0	105	0	3	102	0	0	220
LAY MINISTRY INC	0	120	120	(120)	0	360	120	(120)	630	45	1,808
OTHER CONGREGATIONAL INCOME	852	3,350	3,037	(2,185)	9,865	16,250	16,094	(6,229)	21,100	1,149	51,160
PROPERTIES INC	303	225	233	70	2,389	2,025	2,152	237	2,700	2	108,120
STEWARDSHIP INC	18	1,103	0	18	1,673	4,002	2,508	(835)	9,336	44	7,091
TITHES AND OFFERINGS	93,792	108,380	91,273	2,519	855,429	879,371	807,028	48,401	1,129,145	0	0
YOUTH MINISTRY INC	90	200	36	54	170	1,400	1,518	(1,348)	1,600	683	8,565
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>142,160</b>	<b>191,446</b>	<b>156,476</b>	<b>(14,316)</b>	<b>1,747,186</b>	<b>1,864,948</b>	<b>1,683,694</b>	<b>63,492</b>	<b>2,818,258</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>242,942</b>
<b>Expense</b>											
ADMINISTRATION EX	6,321	5,805	7,549	(1,228)	58,229	51,830	56,908	1,321	67,745	6,587	11,540
ALUMNI EX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	678
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EX	57	185	0	57	3,092	4,215	1,012	2,080	6,120	0	918
Cong. Support - TLSchool Exp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400,220	0	0
CONGREGATIONAL EX	3,217	7,280	2,931	286	26,460	65,520	27,880	(1,420)	87,360	0	3,921
DAY SCHOOL EX	76,556	80,771	100,803	(24,247)	758,680	774,690	730,369	28,311	1,054,523	4,926	86,825
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CTR EX	24,424	36,079	48,855	(24,431)	305,920	344,426	319,156	(13,236)	470,221	0	1,012
EVANGELISM EX	403	250	232	171	3,887	2,675	3,147	740	3,725	0	449
FELLOWSHIP & PR EX	353	100	1,333	(980)	6,783	1,900	7,184	(401)	2,600	0	0
HUMAN CARE EX	0	100	0	0	110	1,000	499	(389)	1,300	83	1,503
LAY MINISTRY EX	31,861	37,119	43,075	(11,214)	323,666	350,963	321,405	2,261	473,146	1,389	5,182
PROPERTIES EX	11,623	11,555	20,053	(8,430)	98,304	99,905	107,887	(9,583)	126,020	2,444	51,730
STEWARDSHIP EX	8,902	9,190	7,922	980	84,471	84,340	83,182	1,289	112,810	0	1,875
YOUTH MINISTRY EX	186	491	241	(55)	3,524	10,497	5,184	(1,660)	12,468	102	8,323
Principal Payments on Loans	0	4,767	5,016	(5,016)	29,777	43,332	46,387	(16,610)		0	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>163,903</b>	<b>188,925</b>	<b>232,994</b>	<b>(69,091)</b>	<b>1,673,126</b>	<b>1,791,961</b>	<b>1,663,813</b>	<b>-7,297</b>	<b>2,818,258</b>	<b>15,531</b>	<b>173,956</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-21,743</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>-76,518</b>	<b>54,775</b>	<b>74,060</b>	<b>72,987</b>	<b>19,881</b>	<b>70,789</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,763</b>	<b>68,986</b>

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*As of the time of print, all activities, Bible Studies, and worship services have been suspended through May 26th. This calendar is subject to change.*

*All videos on Facebook Live will also be posted to the Trinity Lutheran Wausau YouTube channel.*

## **Friday, May 1st:**

10:00 AM All-School Devotion on Zoom (*please share your email with the school office in order to receive this link*)

## **Saturday, May 2nd:**

No Scheduled Events

## **Sunday, May 3rd:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship on Facebook Live  
9:30 AM Living Praise Worship on Facebook Live

## **Monday, May 4th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Tuesday, May 5th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Wednesday, May 6th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Thursday, May 7th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Friday, May 8th:**

10:00 AM All-School Devotion on Zoom

## **Saturday, May 9th:**

No Scheduled Events

## **Sunday, May 10th:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship on Facebook Live  
9:30 AM Living Praise Worship on Facebook Live

## **Monday, May 11th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Tuesday, May 12th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Wednesday, May 13th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Thursday, May 14th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Friday, May 15th:**

10:00 AM All-School Devotion on Zoom

## **Saturday, May 16th:**

No Scheduled Events

## **Sunday, May 17th:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship on Facebook Live  
9:30 AM Living Praise Worship on Facebook Live

## **Monday, May 18th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Tuesday, May 19th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Wednesday, May 20th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Thursday, May 21st:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Friday, May 22nd:**

10:00 AM All-School Devotion on Zoom

## **Saturday, May 23rd:**

No Scheduled Events

## **Sunday, May 24th:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship on Facebook Live  
9:30 AM Living Praise Worship on Facebook Live

## **Monday, May 25th:** *Memorial Day*

No Scheduled Events

## **Tuesday, May 26th:**

10:00 AM Daily Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Wednesday, May 27th:**

To Be Determined (TBD)

## **Thursday, May 28th:**

TBD

## **Friday, May 29th:**

TBD

## **Saturday, May 30th:**

TBD

## **Sunday, May 31st:**

TBD

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**8TH GRADE TEACHER** Trinity Lutheran School is seeking candidates for their 8th grade homeroom position for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree with a current state teaching certificate or be willing to work towards achieving their certificate, be willing to commit to completing the Lutheran Teacher Colloquy, be able to integrate technology into the daily curriculum, have a passion for working with children, and reflect the school's mission and Christian values. The position may include the opportunity to teach multiple classes of physical education and/or higher leveled math. However, Trinity is more interested in finding the right teacher and not the right kind of teacher so this should not keep others from applying for the position. If you have a desire to be part of something greater than yourself, to openly share God's message and love with children and their families and work with a loving, collaborative staff, contact our Principal, Bill Zuelsdorff, at [zuelsdorffb@trinitynet.org](mailto:zuelsdorffb@trinitynet.org) or 715-848-0166.



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