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How to Stay Engaged While Social Distancing

- Thurs. Evening Worship in the Nave or live-streamed on Facebook @ 6:45pm each Thursday
- 8am Worship on Sunday in the Nave or live-streamed on Facebook
- 9:30am Worship on the Lawn, live-streamed, via Zoom, or on 87.7 FM radio from the parking lot
- Communion is distributed by the Prayer Garden the 1st Sunday of each month from 10:45-11:15am

*Please remember to wear a face covering, practice appropriate social distancing, and bring your own chair for outdoor worship. Hand Sanitizer is available at all services and throughout the Church.

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Pastor's Ponderings

I preached this message just a few days ago, and I want to say it again: I want you to know that social distancing is the product of the Devil, and I want you to stop immediately. I mean it. OK, I want you to continue to **physically distance** yourselves, but now is not the time for us, as a society, to be separating ourselves more. It is a time for us to come together—to love one another—to carry each other's burdens—you know, like a colony of ants. Yes, I said it.

I remember back, when my daughter Leah was three years old (she turned 15 July 1st), and we were sitting outside on the sidewalk. She had a bag of chips and was making a mess like she usually did. Anyway, ants started to show up, and so we watched what they would do. Initially

it looked like randomness and drunkenness—but soon we noticed a community that came together, each with their own task and function. Did you know that

ants have very poor eyesight? Therefore, they use their sense of smell to navigate their world. So what looked like drunkenness was actually just their way of navigating their surroundings.

So, when ants smell food, they send out patrol ants who get the word out to the other ants that there is food—and other ants come marching out, one by one, hurrah, hurrah. Ants would come to the chips, each one picking up some burden, and carrying it back to the ant colony. Now, you may also know that ants can carry as

much as "fifty times" their body weight—so some were carrying quite the burden, walking a very round-about way back to the colony. Inter-



estingly enough, other ants would come to the ant carrying too much weight to help them—usually breaking off a smaller piece to help share the load. There was no social distancing for the ants—but they knew instinctually to help one another.

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Christian Education Update

In spite of restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CE Committee is working to ensure that Trinity's members continue to have experiences to enrich Christian faith and understanding. Pastor and the Committee members have been reaching out

virtually through Facebook, Zoom, YouTube, and the Website. We expect to continue this even when we are able to safely meet face-to-face.

- Pastor live-streams and Zooms weekly Worship Service & Bible Studies

- Pastor broadcasts weekly Gander at the Gospel.
- Pastor records puppet shows based on Sunday lessons.

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- Sunday School teachers record weekly book-sharing sessions, focusing on social skills and life-lessons.
- We held a Zoom playdate for Trinity’s children on Sunday, May 17, and expect to do this again in the future.
- For the Hoffman family, who doesn’t have email or computers, teachers took games, books, crafts and activities to them.
- Heather Doyle and I are working on an online version of Vacation Bible School.

The committee is meeting again soon to talk about options for the fall. What we are able to do will depend on circumstances beyond our control, but we will continue to find ways to help members grow in faith and keep children in touch with teachers and classmates.

—Linda Moffet,
Chairperson



Update on Sunday Services Review

The timeline for changes to the Sunday Services has become irrelevant in the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine. The fall changes we proposed in February are asking people to come together when safety experts are advising us to stay apart, and there were only a few pop-up meetings about the proposed plan before we were placed into quarantine. The committee met via Zoom since

the lock-down and discussed future possibilities, but essentially whatever happens this fall will be driven by the ever-changing restrictions of the COVID-19 situation. The priority is to keep our members safe. Thank you for your patience.

-Linda Moffet

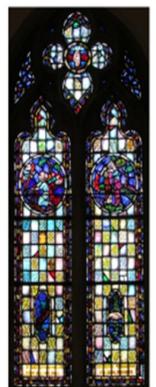
What About Vacation Bible School?

The Christian Education Committee has struggled with how to have a VBS experience while ensuring the safety of children, helpers, and staff. So, this year we are going to try a virtual experience. It’s still in the making, but the plan is to use Trinity’s beautiful stained glass windows as a jumping-off point for a lesson that includes stories;

crafts; games; a worship, pray, and sing session; and a simple recipe. We’re calling it “Turning Points” for many reasons. We are looking for individuals and families to do and explain the crafts, games, etc in a short video. They can record their piece at home and it will be edited into the online session. If you would like to help, email me at lmoffet49@gmail.com

What Is “Turning Points?”

- ❖ In 2020, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Lemoyne is 125 years old!
- ❖ Hundreds of years ago, when most people could not read, stained glass windows were used in Churches to tell Bible stories, as well as let in light and add beauty to the building.
- ❖ Trinity’s windows were installed in 1947, and each window tells stories using beautiful art and symbols.
- ❖ In this anniversary year, for each Turning Point lesson, we’ll use a window as a jumping-off point for stories, fun activities, crafts, and recipes.
- ❖ We’ll know that God is always with us, and remarkable things happen when we turn toward him.



Pastor's Ponderings (continued from cover)

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So, I want you to stop socially distancing yourselves—because Jesus said so. Not me. Jesus said so. Social distancing is going to kill us emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. Physical distancing ourselves will kill this virus.

Yes, I know this is just semantics, or is it? Who came up with the phrase, "Social Distancing" anyway? I mean, we have a history in this world of socially distancing one another—you know, keeping inferiors in their place. It dates back to the time of Jesus—it dates back to the time of Neanderthals and Homosapiens. Speaking in Epidemiological terms, this term appears to date to 2003 and the SARS outbreak, While the history of humanity is rife with social distancing, it is time we stop—it is the work of the Devil. The more we socially distance ourselves, the more disjointed we

become.

So, I think we have a lot to learn from our ant brethren. We have a lot to learn about sharing burdens without judging the worthiness of the others among us. I would go so far to say that the future of our society requires our willingness to share other's burdens—and allowing others to share our burdens.

Jesus has yoked himself to humanity through the cross. This means we need not bear the burden of proving our worthiness to G-d, our Father. Jesus has already carried that burden. But Jesus does give us a challenge: "Learn from me", Jesus says. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit—it will be our teacher and guide as we learn new ways to love one another, bearing each other's burdens, grieving in different ways, and celebrating in new ways as well. Now is not the

time to socially isolate ourselves.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, is there a more appropriate time for Americans to come together than right now?

—Pastor Dave

Prayer Requests

- Nancy Miller.....Cindy Schmied's mother
- Dennis Seiler.....relative of Jerry & Sue Seiler
- Travis & Tammy Wentzel.....relative of Brenda Gasswint
- Jim Karl.....member
- Clara Kohler.....member
- Rhonda Conway.....family friend of Karen Haag
- Steve Thumma.....friend of Joe & Edie Morgan
- Mark Hughese.....father of Melissa Hughes
- Denise Null.....member
- Barry Fallon.....friend of Joanne Souders
- Paul & Mary Odermatt.....friends of Barbara Beam
- Robert Wentzel.....family friend of the Gasswint's
- Lauren Hamlon.....granddaughter of Jerry & Sue Seiler
- Amanda Nieder.....sister-in-law of Tim & Alicia Misicko
- Licia Navazio.....friend of Tim & Alicia Misicko
- Carolyn Krall.....aunt of Kevin Gasswint
- Jan Enders.....friend of Terry Yovicich
- Alyson Yohn.....daughter of Karen & Gary Eckert
- Franz Saurman.....brother of Bones Saurman
- Tom Middlesworth.....brother of Carol Cawthern
- Kim Bortner.....sister-in-law of Ed & Sally Conrad
- Terry Yovicich.....member
- Liz Roach.....member
- Johanna Mitchell.....mother of Fritzi Schreffler
- Oscar Squire.....member
- Don Howe.....member
- John Heycock.....member
- Robert Sprinkle.....friend of Tom & Charlene McCurdy
- Christopher Larthey.....relative of the Saurman's
- Sam Leach.....member
- Riland Fortne.....friend of Ina Thomas
- Shirley Zimmerman.....member
- Karen Mohler.....member
- Diane Brevig & Jerin Boyle.....friend of Barbara Beam
- Scott & Jen Cawthern.....son & daughter-in-law of Carol Cawthern
- Susan Care.....relative of the Saurman's

Stewardship Thoughts

Jesus taught, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

—Matthew 11:28-29

The hard work of keeping Trinity strong and running smooth, serving our community as a beacon of hope, can be wearying. We rely heavily on volunteers who continuously take on the burden by giving generously of their time, talents, and yes, finances, to make sure the things that need

doing get done. Fortunately, Jesus invites all of us to take up his yoke and he goes with us, shouldering the burden and helping to form beloved community. What better time than now to join Him!

—Nick Siegl

Stewardship Committee Chairman



Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light - Jesus



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

What: **FOOD TRUCK NIGHT**

Where: Trinity's Parking Lot

When: Thursday, September 17th 4-8pm

Food Trucks in Attendance: Mad Dash Food Truck & Catering, 717 Tacos, Philly Hoagie on the Roll, The Potato Coop, Sarah's Creamery Ice Cream Truck

All are welcome!!

Important Dates to Remember:

July 15th— Grab-n-Go Trinity's Table 5:00pm

July 21st— Virtual Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

July 26th— Drive-through Ice Cream Social Event 4:00-6:00pm

August 18th— Virtual Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

August 19th— Grab-n-Go Trinity's Table 7:00pm

September 17th— Food Truck Event 4:00-8:00pm

Drive-through Ice Cream Social

Join us on July 26th from 4-6pm for another Drive-through Ice Cream Social Event. Proper social distancing will be in practice as well as facial coverings, when necessary. Join us to pick up your treat in the Prayer Garden by the kitchen entrance. Toppings will be available. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out of the house! We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Snedaker

or Cathy Krause.



Congregation members enjoying our previous Drive-Through Ice Cream Social in June 2020.

