

Activities at Trinity

As of March 17, after careful discussion between the Elders and Pastor Snider, the decision was made that Wednesday, Mar. 18 service will be cancelled. Sunday Mar. 22 is being discussed.

Please watch Trinity's Facebook page and your email for changes. Also, you can call the church office. Normally emergency updates are on the phone AT LEAST one hour before service, under the current circumstances it will be asap. Easter services have not been decided on yet.

Stewardship and evangelism teams please check your list for those who you know don't get email or facebook.

Please keep in each other in your prayer, make use of devotions and facetime as much as possible to encourage each other in this emergency. Hopefully this will not last too long.

When we do meet, keep the following in mind:

(1) We will skip handshakes for the time being. Please continue to greet one another with an enthusiastic "hello".

2) We will not pass the offering plates. Instead, the offering plates will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. Offering can be placed in them on the way in, or the way out, of worship.

The Status of our activities and other outside activities that we posted is unknown at this time. Don't forget to call the office for information or leave a message if the information is not on the Phone greeting.

(3) We will not use the common cup during Holy Communion. Instead, we will only be utilizing the trays with individual cups. The Elders and Pastor will also take extra preparation precaution while serving The Lord's Supper.

(4) Extra cleaning processes will be put in place to help with sanitation during this time. Additionally, we encourage you to utilize the restrooms to wash your hands often.

(5) If you are unwell, at high-risk, or concerned with attendance in general, please refrain from attending. Please know you will be missed and in our prayers. If you are unable to come to church, please contact the church office with any specific needs you may have.

As things change daily, please call to make sure the activity is not cancelled.

Let's continue to show each other love and grace as we serve each other during these unique and quickly changing circumstances.

Yours in Christ,
Trinity Lutheran Church

OPPORTUNITIES IN GOD'S WORD

Tuesday Morning

Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

We have just started Lutheranism 101. What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique? Why is Lutheran worship different than at the church next door? Does it have to be confusing? If you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers, or are just curious about the Lutheran church—this book is for you! Conversational and fun to flip through, this reference guide helps



you easily get to know theology basics in a way that won't make your brain hurt.

If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a member's home. Cottage meeting this month **will be hosted by the Meyers**

Pastor Snider's Sunday

Adult Bible Study is continuing through the Lighthouse Series: Acts Part 2. The book of Acts records God's glorious actions among the first believers. It reveals the light of Christ, which spread by speech and scroll from Jerusalem down to today.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

“Living in Joy: Joy in God’s Precious Gift” Posted on March 17, 2020 3:00

Joy in God’s Precious Gift of Heaven

In the Word

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).

Of the Word

What is the best gift you have ever received? A beautiful doll, a diamond ring, a handmade quilt? What is the most precious gift you have received? Your loving spouse, a child, a special friend? Christians would undoubtedly

say that the greatest gift of all is the promise of eternal life given by God Himself. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).”

The Apostle Paul recognized the promise of eternal life with Jesus to be a gift of God, indeed the best gift we could receive. He wrote, By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you (1 Corinthians 15:2a). We cannot keep silent about this wonderful news!

Walking with my Lord

Dear Father, I know that because of sin I deserve death. But I also know that You sent Jesus to take away my sin and to give me life and salvation. Help me to share the faith in my heart by telling of Jesus, Your most precious gift to me. In His name. Amen.

Mustard Seed: Living in Joy. Authors: Drs. Betty Knapp, Irene Mensing, Myrna Lou Meyer, Margaret White. 13/30 ©2005 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, 801 Seminary Place Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. www.lwml.org



Stewardship and Evangelism

Our April meeting will be a Meal with a mission. Noah Armbruster will be speaking to us about his Mission Work for Thursday, 04/23 at 6:30.

Lauren Armbruster (Noah's sister), also going into mission work. Trinity has been invited to her presentation @ Living Water. It is Saturday, March 28th, 4:00 PM.

Invitation Reads: Come and celebrate all that God is doing in Lauren's life as she prepares to leave in May. As you may know, she is going to be serving in Efate, Vanuatu at YWAM's (Youth With A Mission) Family Care Center. Join us for an afternoon of testimony, prayer, and commissioning...and cake

RSVP for cake numbers!
<https://www.evite.com/event/022DZUKYMJXTSEXJKEPKJ6Y24T4YZQ/rsvp>

We also have the New Creation Dinner we're providing on April 30th. We'll get a sign-up genius made for that, maybe at our March meeting.

Posse News

March Altar Care:
 Deb and Joanna
April Altar Care:
 Cathie and Helen

Altar Care Information and Training Meeting
 Sunday, March 29th after church
 All current ladies doing Altar Care and anyone interested in learning more about altar care and becoming a helper are invited and urged to attend.

April Posse Meeting will be Thursday April 2nd. Posse Hostess is Joanna

Craft Day: Saturday, April 4th from 8am to 6pm
 Come join us and work on your favorite craft - Invite a friend! Food and fun all day long. Suggested donation \$20 for the whole day

Easter Preparation: All are invited to come join us on Saturday, April 11th at 10am

To prepare the church for Easter and set up for Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Mark your calendars for the LWML Zone Rally at Shepherd of the Lakes in Brighton For the morning of Saturday, April 25th. Watch the bulletin for a flyer with more information.



Prayers of Trinity

Praise and thanksgiving:
 Blessing, glory, wisdom,
 thanksgiving, honor, power
 and might be to You, our
 God, now and forever! Hear
 us who pray in peace in the
 name of our Lord, Jesus
 Christ. We pray for those
 among us who are in special
 need of your guidance and
 healing:

- Melissa Ratliff diagnosed with breast cancer
- Carolyn Cadeau—recovering from a stroke
- Carolyn and Joe Benkovsky, especially Joe
- Shut-ins--Caroline Cadeau, Al Jacoby
- Mila LaMirand Banko — Hear her needs, give her strength
- Stuart Meyer — Healing and recent cancer diagnosis
- Don Van Gorden, Dianne and Rudy Vik, Dennis Miller-- strength and health
- Continued healing: Cynthia Moehring, Joanne and Bob Hickman.
- Carole Welser, Cindy Klifman, Rick Post, Chuck Crowder, Judy Lasko, Kyle Knipp, Ava Allen, Tracy Brohmen, Kenny Cadle, Carol Thompson, Sarah Burns, Libby in their battles with cancer.
- for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God’s promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.

**“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.
 FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO**



**KNOCKS THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.”
 MATTHEW 7: 7-8**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Robby Schlaff 3/7 | Lorraine Laible 3/27 |
| Hunter Minix 3/8 | Danielle Sidebottom 3/27 |
| Mason Martin 3/14 | Dixie Russell 3/31 |
| Michael Groeller Jr 3/18 | |
| Penny Myers 3/19 | Janet & Raymond Salla 3/26 |
| Kimberly Gray 3/21 | |
| Kenneth Minger 3/21 | |
| Samantha Minger 3/21 | |
| Andrew Hollister 3/24 | |

Stockbridge Community Outreach

The Fresh Food Initiative will be starting up again on the 2nd Monday of the month, beginning Feb. 10, 5-6 pm at Jeruel Baptist in Munith. This is FREE PRODUCE AND BAKED GOODS to all who have a need. The program will

run once a month until summer kicks in weekly. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Especially to put away chairs and tables. Please arrive at 4pm.



Stewardship News

by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – April 2020

On the topic of stewardship, one of the most common questions a person might ask is *not* whether a Christian should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Of course, Christians should give to their church.

The most common question: “How much should I give?” But what they really mean is this: “Should Christians give a tithe of their income to their local congregation?” So, let’s look at why you should or should not tithe.

Following are some reasons often offered for why Christians *shouldn't* give a tithe to their church.

Some say you shouldn't tithe because it isn't expressly commanded in the New Testament. Lacking that command, there is no “Thus saith the Lord” and no “should” for giving a tithe to your congregation.

Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these, together with treasures (money), add up to more than a tithe.

Still others say they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church.

And there are those who think Christians shouldn't tithe because of fear. If they tithe, they are afraid their gift will be misused, and they are afraid they won't have enough to get the things they use, want, or need.

Following are some reasons for why Christians *should* give a tithe to their church.

Even though the New Testament doesn't specifically command Christians to give a tithe, the Old

Testament people were commanded to tithe and did. On top of this, St. Paul often describes the giving Christians are to do in similar terms as a tithe: a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of their income (1 Cor. 6:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here's another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? The reason for the Old Testament tithe was to support the full ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry.

What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther put in the *Small Catechism's* Table of Duties to cover what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let's answer this by asking a different question about something entirely different. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? There, is after all, no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest we have, and it states simply for Christians to not neglect gathering together. Even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is the goal.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? I'd expect that

conversation would be something like this: “I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and to receive His gifts in the Word and the Sacraments. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.”

This same conversation is how we should approach the topic of the tithe. It's not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, the church is ecstatic that you're giving when you're giving in all these ways – time, talents, and treasures.

Lutheran Women In Mission

St. Luke Lutheran Women in Mission will be hosting a dine-to-donate Fundraiser at Haab's on Sunday March 29. Simply mention this article and 25% of your bill will be donated to helping send representatives from this organization to the Michigan District Convention. Haabs is located at 18 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197