

Trinity **SONRISE** News



Trinity Lutheran Church

on the Sunrise Side of Michigan

2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AZZAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

At this writing, nearly all Coronavirus mitigation orders issued by the state are scheduled to expire on July 1. We have waited for this day and we praise God that life can begin to look and feel more normal. Alleluia. What does this mean at Trinity?

1. You will no longer be asked to pre-register for worship as we have since the building has reopened, however, until we return the hymnals and attendance pads to the pew, we ask you to sign in when you arrive so that we can keep appropriate records for the synod statisticians. We will provide a cup of sanitized pens each week for your convenience.
2. The left (Lectern) side of the sanctuary will still be reserved and marked to allow for anyone who chooses to mask or continue social distancing during worship.
3. The right (Pulpit) side of the church will be free from all barriers allowing people to sit where and with whom they choose during worship.
4. Hand sanitizer will still be available for you to use to protect yourselves and others.
5. Face masks will still be available for those who prefer to wear one.
6. The fellowship hall will still provide additional seating, socially distanced for those who prefer to sit there.
7. Recorded worship opportunities will still be available on Facebook.
8. At this writing MIOSHA is rewriting recommendations for the workplace that your church council will review as we consider resuming other “normal” activities. We will let you know when that has occurred.

Let me encourage you to come and worship in person, if you have not already come back. We mark the words of scripture that remind us to “not give up that habit of meeting together as some have been doing, but to encourage one another even as the great day approaches.” (Hebrews 10:25) These words were written during a great persecution of the Church, and yet, the writer of the Hebrews, inspired by the Holy Spirit, knowing all that was going on, still knew the benefit of believers gathering together and encouraged them to continue doing so.

Virtual worship services, that is watching remotely, are all well and good, but worshiping this way leaves out very important parts, that is, to be in the physical presence of the Body of Christ, of which we are all members, and the opportunity to receive with believers Christ’s body and blood in the Holy Sacrament.

We will now begin receiving Holy Communion at our regular communion rail, using an individual cup only. Six will come forward at each table. We also have available a new kind of individually packaged communion cups that are filled with wine (not grape juice) on top and in the cup’s base, the wafer or host. These are easier to open and use and will be available for anyone not desiring to climb the stairs to the Communion rail as well as for those who are not comfortable receiving communion personally from someone else’s hand.

We also look forward to coffees, socials, and preparing for other activities in our fellowship hall in the coming weeks and will study any new or pertinent health department guidance in the safe handling of food and beverages.

Finally, I want to thank all the leaders, volunteers, and officers of Trinity who have been our skeleton crew during the pandemic. I also want to thank all of you who have continued in your financial support of the Lord's ministry, during this same time as well. God bless all of you for what you have done and continue to do to support the ministry of the Gospel at Trinity.

It is time, however, for the rest of us who have been less involved to consider our place in the body and our gifts for service. It is time to ask the Lord where we might volunteer, or even serve in leadership in the many ministries that have been curtailed over the last year.

The body of Christ is where the word of God is taught in its truth and purity and the Sacraments are administered according to God's command. It is where the message of sins forgiven on account of the person and work of Jesus Christ is proclaimed to our neighbor and to the world, and where people who are wearied by the various troubles of this world and sin might find refuge. Our community needs such places where people can truly find rest in Christ Jesus. It is time to let them know that we are part of the Body of Christ, that healing community.

In His Service,

Rev. Timothy Azzam



Joan Abney, Eugene Azzam, Ella Jean Durfee,
Wayne Fortney, Shirley Frink,
Chris Gresens, Ron Kaiser, and Richard Tack



Homebound:

Alice Dettmer – Medilodge

Military:

Jason Cooper

Courtney & Karina Pierce (Army)

Marc Stiller (U.S.A.F. – Sherman)

Nathan Boettge (Marines – Fortney)



It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Bill Ruckel on Saturday, May 29, 2021. A date for a memorial service has not yet been determined. Please keep Kay and the family in your prayers.

It pleased the Lord to call to his eternal rest the soul of Wally Doebler on Thursday, June 10, 2021. Wally lived in Tennessee and was 98 years old. He has worshipped at Trinity since 1955. Please keep Lynda and his family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to his daughter, Lynda Doebler at 828 miller Avenue, Rochester, MI 48307. Lynda asks that memorial donations be sent to Trinity Oscoda.

STEWARDSHIP

Kingdom of Self Verses Kingdom of God

Most of us have heard the phrase “We have met the enemy and he is us.” Because of sin, we are born into opposition against God. We have this inborn desire to do things our way and for ourselves. We are the king and master of our lives. G.K. Chesterton wrote, “Of all horrible religions the most horrible is the worship of God within.” The Holy Spirit’s on-going work is to rescue us from ourselves. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, we are able to see how foolish and wrong it is to make ourselves the god of our lives.

In speaking to His disciples and now to us, Jesus said, “*If anyone would come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross*” (Matthew 16:24). Denying ourselves is an essential part of the Christian life. The Pocket Bible Dictionary defines self-denial as, “Voluntary limitation of one’s desires, a requirement of Jesus of His followers. Paul also urged Christians to make an offering of themselves to God (Romans 12:1).” As followers of Jesus, we are called upon to reject our natural inclination to follow our will rather than God’s. With God’s help, we can overcome the persistent demands from our carnal selves and bring them into submission to God’s Word. In the words of Paul, “*And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*” (Galatians 5:24). Only by God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit can we learn to deny self.

By grace God begins in us the life-changing process of denying ourselves and living for Him. As we are enabled to understand that our lives, gifts, and blessings are from God, we will express our gratitude to Him for making us part of His kingdom by using what we’ve been given in service to others. Through the Holy Spirit, we understand that we are part of God’s kingdom here on earth and that we can serve Him by serving others. God tells us that “*each has a received a gift*” (1 Peter 4:10). God’s gifts to us are not accidents, and they are not meant to serve the kingdom of self. They are entrusted to us for the benefit of others. Our gifts are to be employed to help others and to further God’s kingdom.

With God’s help, we are capable of knowing that our lives are not about pursuing our personal kingdom dreams, which are self-exalting and selfish. God wants us to follow His plans for our lives, and, to follow Him we must, by God’s grace, deny ourselves. When we are empowered to deny ourselves, we can live life to the fullest and become fruitful with our time, talents, and money for the sake of others.

-Bill Davis, Stewardship Chair

July Mission of the Month Lutheran World Relief and Disaster Response

LCMS Disaster Relief (formerly LCMS World Relief and Human Care) provides domestic, international, and disaster assistance. LCMS Disaster Relief’s international ministries include funding to LCMS World Mission, Lutheran World Relief, and development projects with LCMS partner churches around the world.

You can use a mission envelope that can be found in your envelope packet. If you already support a mission, please continue to do so by designating that particular mission by name on a Mission envelope.



**Through
September 5th**

Worship Services Times
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study
9:15 a.m.

Bible Study Opportunities



- Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. – Please let us know if you plan to attend when you call in for worship.
- Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at Burger King 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets in-person at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday school wing.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. – In-person in Sunday School wing. Please use the side entrance.

Please Be Kind



Now that Covid restrictions have been removed, when you see someone masked please remember that people may have cancer or autoimmune diseases, people may have unvaccinated children at home, people may have high-risked loved ones they are protecting, people may have asthma and realized that a mask helps alleviate symptoms, people may be unvaccinated.

Thank You



Thank you to Kathy Azzam for all that she does for the church. I am sure people do not realize how much time Kathy spends making sure that things are not overlooked at church. When we had no custodian Kathy always made sure that the church got cleaned before worship services. We are very fortunate to have you looking out for us! Thank you, Kathy!!!

Thank you to Head Trustee, Bruce Welther, for all the time he spends at Trinity fixing things, organizing things, and doing yardwork! We appreciate all that you do!!!

Bell Choir Notes



The Bell Choir, under the direction of Donna David, will resume practice as soon as Covid-19 restrictions make it safe to do so. If you are interested in playing in the bell choir, talk to Donna David.

T.L. C.W. News

Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) meet in-person at the church on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend.



TLCW Garage Sale Friday, July 30th and Saturday, July 31st 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Is your spring cleaning done? All of those clean, usable things you no longer need, use, or want can be sold at our sale! We are looking for clean kitchen and bar-b-que utensils, small working appliances, linens, pots and pans, manual and electric hand tools, gardening stuff, sporting goods, books, Christmas and seasonal decorations, costume jewelry, children's toys, and furniture.

PLEASE NO CLOTHING, SHOES, TV SETS, COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, OR MICROWAVES

DROP OFF DATES FOR SALE ITEMS:

Wednesday, July 21 st	10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 22 nd	10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Friday, July 23 rd	10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 27 th	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 28 th	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 29 th	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



P.S. – We need help with the following: Composing our flyer
Setting up tables, and Advertising

Call Jonalee at 739-5818 if you are willing to help



**WE ARE SO BLESSED THAT WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY THAT ALLOWS US TO SAY,
"ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."**

"I urge . . . that requests, prayers, intercession and Thanksgiving be made for all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).



Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

-Leo Buscaglia

Share the Gifts that God has Bestowed Upon You

Trinity has several positions that need YOUR God-given gifts. Won't you prayerfully consider taking on a new challenge and share the gifts that God has bestowed upon you.

President (Chairman)

1. Sets an example of Christian leadership for the congregation and community.
2. Prepares agendas for, and chairs Church Council and Voters' Assembly meetings.
3. Conducts the meetings in a timely and orderly manner.
4. Strives to maintain a cooperative and productive attitude within the Council.
5. Communicates with the congregation.

Vice-President (Vice-Chairman)

1. Fulfills the President's responsibilities in the President's absence or inability to act.
2. Chairs the Finance Committee.

Chair of Parish Education

1. Initiate, coordinate and oversee all parish education
2. Have a broad understanding and knowledge of doctrine, theology and biblical teaching according to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
3. Create and nurture a loving and Christian environment to enhance and expand educational programs through new and interesting curriculums for continual growth in Christian living and understanding.
4. Expand the available opportunities for children and youth.

Chair of Social Ministry

1. Responsible for the benevolent activities, collections and fund-raisers (except for those by Trinity Lutheran Church Women).

These positions do not need to be difficult. Council members are happy to help you with the position. Please talk to the Pastor if you would be interested in filling one of these important roles in God's church.



Ushers Needed

We are looking for people to serve as ushers at both services. Tasks are to greet people with a cheery good morning, offer hand sanitizer, keep the line in the entryway moving, and direct people to available seats. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mitchell Davis, Jr.	7/4
Leisha Spencer	7/5
Mary Douglas	7/7
Judy Malson	7/7
Shirley Ellis	7/8
Joy Garrison	7/9
Joann Pancost	7/9
Amanda Alvarez	7/11
Cynthia Moran	7/11
Ronald Kaiser	7/12
Ruth Parth	7/12
Ryan Bilbey	7/15
Eric Dennis	7/15
Kayla Kerentoff	7/16
Mark Faught, Jr.	7/18
Joseph Hock	7/20
Charles Durfee	7/25
Margaret Foerster	7/26
Ed Storms	7/29
Gary Richter	7/30
Joshua Abee	7/31
Susan Barnhart	7/31

Happy Anniversary

Ronald & Joy Garrison	7/8
David & Ruth Golm	7/9
Michael & Kristine Ounan	7/9
Richard & Carolyn Jones	7/16
Marc & Amanda Alvarez	7/17

Know the Elders

The Board of Elders concerns itself with the wellbeing and spiritual life of our congregation and pastor. Pastor Azzam and your Elders are happy and eager to hear from you!

They may be reached at:

Pastor Azzam - 739-4820
 Mitch Davis, Jr. - 989-820-1469
 Roger Tack - 989-293-8050
 Ron Weidenfeller - 724-7701



Church Council Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021
 2:00 p.m.



Tuesday, July 6, 2021
 2:00 p.m.

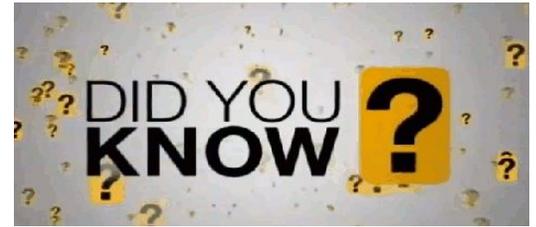
CHURCH FUNDRAISER – SPARTAN NASH DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS PROGRAM



Through the Spartan Nash Direct Your Dollars Program our church can earn \$1,000 per year simply by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts from Family Fare or any of the more than 160 Spartan Nash owned retail stores or fuel centers in nine states. A container is provided in the fellowship hall for collecting your receipts.

QUIZ

1. In what book and chapter of the New Testament do we find the account of the celebration of Pentecost?
2. What Christian holiday does Pentecost follow, and how long afterwards?
3. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?



Job is the oldest book written in the Bible – it was written by an unknown Israelite around 1500 BC.

The 12 disciples were not allowed to carry food, money, or extra clothing.

The Detroit Zoo was the first in the U.S. to feature cageless exhibits in which animals were allowed to roam.

HUMOR



DEADLINE

The deadline to submit articles for the August Newsletter is July 18, 2021



- Answers to Quiz**
1. Acts 2
 2. Easter—the seventh Sunday after Easter
 3. Simeon