

Trinity News—May 23, 2021

Growing in Faith ... Reaching Out in Love... Making Disciples

On Tuesday evening the Congregation Council approved a recommendation from the Return to Worship Committee to continue to maintain 6 ft. distance between non-family groups during indoor worship and meetings, continue to restrict worship seating to every other pew, continue with wearing masks indoors, AND, **move to begin singing responsively during the liturgy.** No hymns at this time.

The Return to Worship Committee will be meeting again on Monday, May 24 to continue the discussion and make another recommendation to Council, which will be meeting on May 25. There have been many requests to begin singing. This first step begins our progress toward that goal. I am asking for your continued patience and cooperation as we continue to wade through the guidance about singing. The Return to Worship Committee has done good work and read several lengthy studies that indicate singing with masks and safe distancing is still the safest option at this time. The Return to Worship Committee and Council are making decisions for the safety of the whole community. We realize it is not a popular decision. Please take Martin Luther's explanation to the 8th commandment into account when considering these decisions, "We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way." In other words, give each other some grace in these uncertain times. We all are doing the best we can with guidance that changes on a daily basis. I do understand the disappointment that has been expressed surrounding decisions related to the pandemic. My greatest concern is for those who are not yet vaccinated or cannot be vaccinated that are in our midst, including children. I am proud of our team for being willing to put the care of others above their own desires. And friends, that's what Jesus asks us to do as His followers—love one another.

Pastor Paula

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

WE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS:

Pamela Mickinak Family Justin Miller
Phil & Vickie Mickolay Michael Miller Family
Maria Mickwitz Patricia Miller Family
Benjamin Miller Scott & Meg Miller Family
Charlene Miller Family William Sr. & Marie Miller
Regis Dunn II, Preston Wannamaker, David & Cindy Berlin & family, Jimmy Gutowski, Brandon Nicely, Andrew Armstrong, Greg Krall, Michael Wirick, Brittney Robinson, Jonathan Skoloda, Dillan Bellotti, Melissa Durrett, Ivan Rupert, Karalyn Dick Vogel, Kenneth Dick II, Zack Vogel, Justin Brasile, Jarrett Patterson, Michael Brasile and others deployed in areas of unrest.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Ascension - 26 Saturday - 26
Sunday 8:15 - 38 Sunday School - 42
Sunday 10:45 - 64

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION

Drive-thru communion will continue on today, May 23 from 12:15-1:15pm. Please enter the carport drive from the alley and exit onto Weldon Street. Masks are required.

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY MEETING, SUNDAY 6, 2021

Following the 10:45am service that will be held at the Timkin Pavilion at Legion Keener Park. Agenda will include 2020 Treasurer's reports. Boxed lunches will be provided.


We have much to give thanks for and much to look forward to in the coming months and year. Call or e-mail the Church office (724-537-4450 or office@trinitylatrobe.com) to sign up and make your meal selection of Italian wrap, veggie wrap, or gluten-free sandwich. Drinks will be provided.

MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST



Our annual Men's Communion Breakfast is back and will be on Sunday, June 20th at 7:00am at the Timken Pavilion in Legion Keener. Men of all ages are welcome to join us for Holy Communion, breakfast, and fellowship. Tickets are \$5 and are available in the Church office. Call the Church office at 724-537-4450 for more information.

Please take a moment to fill out the white **COMMUNION ENVELOPE** in your bulletin. It helps with our record keeping.

| SUNDAY - 23 | MONDAY - 24 | TUESDAY - 25 | WEDNESDAY - 26 | THURSDAY - 27 | FRIDAY - 28 | SATURDAY - 29 |
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| PENTECOST 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15-1:15 Drive-Thru Communion | 8:30 Head Start | 8:30 Head Start 10-1 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 11:00 Prayer Team | 8:30 Headstart 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting 1:30 Backpacks @Latrobe 30 Plaza | 8:30 Head Start 3:00 Purls of Prayer 4:30 Club FRED Meal | | |
|  | 5:30 TLC House Meeting 7:00 Return to Worship | | 6:30 Line Dancers 6:30 Club FRED Meeting 6:30 Christian Ed/CYFM | 6:30 Holy Communion 7:30 AA Meeting | | 5:30 Holy Communion |



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INDIA, ASIAN/PACIFIC DISASTER: \$20

To help with the surge of COVID-19 cases.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

In June we are collecting Kleenex tissues for our local food pantry. Please place your donated items in Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, located in the front narthex or drop them off in the church office.



Trinity's week for **Meals on Wheels** is June 7-11. If you are able to make sandwiches or cookies please contact Jane Fritz or the church office at 724-537-4450. Monetary donations are also needed. Thank you!

FLOWER & BROADCAST SPONSORS

Many dates are open throughout the year. Please contact the church office, email office@trinitylatrobe.com or 724-537-4450. Whole broadcasts are \$80 and a half is \$40. Altar flowers will beautify our worship space and can be ordered from your local florist.



New Member Class

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Are you or someone you know interested in joining Trinity? Call the church office at

724-537-4450 and let us know! A digital New Member's summer class is being planned.

TWO MINUTES ON A TUESDAY

Pastor Paula has started a video series titled, "Two Minutes on a Tuesday" that airs on Trinity's Facebook page each Tuesday. These short videos are designed to get you thinking about the ministry we share at Trinity.

RENEW – RESTORE – REFRESH

September 24, 3pm, - September 26, 11:30am

Cost for the weekend: Single Room: \$100; Double Room: \$40 per person; Triple Room: \$30 per person; includes five meals, your room & two speakers! Reservation deadline: July 31st. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark in the memo: Women's Retreat. Please contact Jane Lawson at 724-217-2574 for more information.

INK CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES

Trinity is still collecting empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. Your donations benefit World Hunger and the environment. Drop them off at church or call the church office at 724-537-4450. Thank you!

I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18

As Paul traveled, preaching the gospel and planting churches, some groups of believers took up a collection to support him financially. In Philippians 4:10–19, he expresses his gratitude for those gifts. As you prepare your tithes and offerings, we want to express our gratitude as well. You're supporting the work of this church to spread the gospel, make disciples, and serve our community. Your tithes represent the time and talent you expended to earn that money. As Paul put it, "They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."

Let us pray and dedicate these offerings to God.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES



Throughout the month of May there will be separate gift bags in the Narthex with each of our 2021 high school graduates; Will Beddick, Jack Chemski, Drew Clair, Grant Hudson, Sam Jones, Natalia Marinchek, Connor Quinlisk, Keegan Shannon, and Joshua Voytilla. You are encouraged to write a note of congratulations or encouragement and place it in one or all of the bags.

On **Sunday, June 6**, we will acknowledge the graduates and distribute the bags to the seniors when we recognize them in worship. You have been part of their lives of faith at Trinity even if you don't know each one of them personally. Please take a few minutes and tell these young people you're proud of them and wish them well in whatever their future blessing holds.

If you know of college graduates or any other high school graduates that are Trinity members, please contact the church office at office@trinitylatrobe.com or 724-537-4450.

CPR CLASSES

We are having American Heart Saver Association CPR classes instructed by Meri Beth Elder June 16th 6-8:30pm and June 19th 9-11am. The classes will take place in the Weis Room. Trinity is assuming the cost of the CPR certification card. Contact the office (724-537-4450 or office@trinitylatrobe.com) to sign-up. There is a limit of 12 people per class.

GARDENING THANK YOU!

The gardens around our church are truly looking 'Trinity Beautiful'. We would like to thank all who donated in memory of loved ones to purchase flowers, and members who have volunteered to help mulch, plant, water and weed our flower beds. We have also had perennials donated that will add longtime beauty to our gardens. Still interested in helping? Contact the office at 724-537-4450.

