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Those Serving our Congregation in April, 2020

Altar Guild

Jan Faskell
Jim Martin

Ushers

Duane Giesselmann
Tom Pepper
Charles Chambliss
Dan Deer

Elder on Duty

Gary Oliver

Trustee on Duty

Wayne Miller

Communion Assistant

John Kramer

Sunday Counting Team

4-5-2020 Terri Schmitt
 Charlotte Dole
4-12-2020 Kathy Huchison
 Donna Mullins
4-19-2020 Del Weinhold
 Donita Tressner
 Jan Schmidt
4-26-2020 Stan & Sue Cook
 Kathy Wahlstrom

Liturgical Color

Red

White

White

White

Acolytes

Katarina Oliver
 Mackinzie Moore
Oliver Raum
 William Raum
Brandon Schaupt
 Ethan Schaupt

Logan Schaupt
 Gavin Ship

Trinity Times

April, 2020

Mission Statement

**To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word,
receive the Sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers
and unbelievers**



We Have Never Seen Anything Like It Before

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:1-2 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

For the newsletter this month, I share the following devotion from our Missouri District President, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan. It was a comfort to me, as I hope it will be for you. Please remember that your Church family is here for you, now and always! As we struggle through difficult times, please reach out with any needs you may have: a person to buy necessities for you, a person to pray with you (even over the phone!), communion brought to your house, or whatever else may arise. You are not alone! Above all, God is with you, as it is written in Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

~Pastor Jeremy May

We have never seen anything like it before.
But God has.

The couple stood over the rubble of what had been their home until the tornado touched down and spread all the family possessions over untold miles of farm ground. The husband says to his wife, "I've never seen anything like it before." But God has.

The man gazes down from what remained of the church bell tower and looks out over the mass of destruction, bombed out buildings, military vehicles overturned, and the bodies of soldiers littered everywhere. He closes his eyes and then opens them again and says, "I've never seen anything like it before." But God has.

A worldwide pandemic where people live in fear. We have never seen anything like it. But God has. From everlasting to everlasting, Yahweh is God. He who created all things by His Word, who stilled the storm by His Word, who raised the dead by His Word, still gives to us that Word to calm our fears and strengthen our faith. For every parent who is afraid for both the welfare of the children and parents, you have a God who still rules over all things. For every pastor who is overwhelmed by the burden of bearing the burdens of the members, you have a God who bore all your burdens by dying on the cross. For every leader who is worried for the future and what all of this means for the church's finances, you have a God who has preserved His Church through plagues and pestilences, wars and depressions. We may have never seen anything like it, but God has.

So the Church is bold to proclaim the eternal kingdom and reign of God to a world looking for someone in whom they can trust. Our pastors proclaim a message of comfort

based upon God's Word that sustains and strengthens them in their weakness and need. Parents teach their children the morning and evening prayers as we are reminded that we commend everything, body and soul, into God's faithful hands. Our comfort comes not in what we have seen, but in the unseen One who brought all things into being and who continues to rule over all things. The peace and strength that we need for a time such as this is found in the certainty that God has seen His people through countless worldwide crisis before and He will guide us through this one as well. We may have never seen anything like this before, but God has and He is still in control.

Prayer - Lord, God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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You may be wondering why I've included the "Serving Our Congregation" assignments for this month (found on the cover page), let me explain. Discarding the crazy idea in my head that I may need the practice doing so, my thoughts were filled with the idea that even if you may not be able to serve in the traditional way this month, I hope that you will find a way to

serve in a non- traditional way. Such as: making phone calls, making and sending an encouraging card, spending more time in prayer for those in need, etc. Times like these force us think outside of the box. Serving our Lord can take place in many ways and in many shapes and sizes. So if you have been marked down to serve this month in some way, take some time to think and pray about how you can serve the church from your home. I'm sure we can all find ways to serve and encourage one another despite having to keep our distance.

I hope and pray that all my cherished Trinity family stay safe and healthy.

~Melissa Hillis



Our Mighty Mites

March - \$115 Missouri District
April – Park Hills Food Pantry

Christian Women's Fellowship Dinner,
 Immaculate Conception, Park Hills, April 20 at
 6:00 pm

LWML Zone Spring Rally, April 25, at St.
 John, Arnold from 9:30 - noon

Trinity LWML May outing and luncheon,
 Caledonia, May 13

LWML Biennial Convention, Springfield,
 MO, University Plaza Hotel, June 12-14,

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Ps. 100:2



Cris Hawkins (Martin)	4-2
Kristen Shipman	4-2
April Pierce	4-3
Wendy Simpson	4-4
Ethan Shipp	4-8
Jacob Primo	4-9
Jeri Shipman	4-11
Makenzie Raglin	4-13
John Kramer	4-13
Linda Jones	4-14
Luca Neeley	4-14
CrystalFaskell	4-15
Cathy Merrill	4-19
Carla O’Neal	4-24
Irvine Rudasill	4-26
Richard Jones	4-26
Rebecca May	4-27
Kenda Miller	4-27
Michael Montgomery	4-27
Danielle Spell	4-30





Ben and Patty Skaggs
4-1

Shawn and Lena Lee
4-12

John and Joyce Davis
4-21

Steve and Christine Hays
4-27

Tom and Tony Pepper
4-13



STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS 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.



March Church Statistics

Date	Bible Class	Worship	Lent	Offerings
3-1	29	78	28	\$4971.00
3-3	--	12	--	\$295.00
3-8	27	81	32	\$1772.55
3-15	27	49	31	\$1897.00
3-22	--	10	--	\$785.00
3-29	--	inside: 8 in car: 16	--	\$1330.00
EGiving				\$413.86
Total				\$11,464.41
Budget Needs				\$11,412.51

