

Trinity Herald



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Pastor Patrick Gumz

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SPECIAL NOTE FROM PASTOR GUMZ

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Once again we must discuss cancelled services. I want you to know that I have considered many options, some that other churches in the area are offering. I have seen some pastors choose a “drive-thru” communion with an outdoor service where all members remain in their cars. I have seen scheduling of services every 20-30 minutes with 10 people at a time. There has even been some who have online lay communion with the mailing out of individual cups and bread. So what are we going to do?

What we have been doing. I, as your pastor, am tasked with two responsibilities that rarely are in tension the way they are now. I am called to protect the sheep under my care. Usually these are spiritual threats, but today they are physical threats. I am also called to preserve the body of doctrine and to worship and practice with faithfulness to that doctrine. With these two responsibilities of protection and faithfulness, I find no other way to worship without sacrificing one or the other.

However, let me remind you of an important doctrine during these times of distance. The Word preached is enough. The Lord’s Supper and the gathering for public worship are wonderful things, blessed things. They are even commanded by our Lord. There have been times throughout the history of the church where it has been nearly impossible to do these things, yet the church survived. It survived because the Word was still proclaimed. It was proclaimed by fathers to children. It was proclaimed by pastors to those in their homes. It was proclaimed privately and shared individually.

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Today the Word is still proclaimed. Many churches around the country are now sharing their services to an even wider audience online. And the Word is being preached faithfully to those who will hear. We must trust in the power of the Word and the promise that the Holy Spirit works through it, whenever and wherever it is heard. So I promise to proclaim the Law and the Gospel and to give you as many opportunities as I can to hear the Word and to share it with the world.

One other minor thing to make note, those who have ordered flowers during these times, especially Easter lilies, we have had discussions with our florist and the plan is to place a large order for the Sunday that we resume services. Regardless of the Sunday, we will have a flowering garden of beauty in our sanctuary to celebrate coming together again.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always,

Pastor Gumz



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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The office is closed, however Pastor and I have been checking messages, mail and you can contact us at anytime you need to. My personal cell phone is (219) 682-4404, you may also leave a message at church.

Church Secretary

Tithe and offerings can still be given (are needed) by

1. You may mail in your tithe. 7227 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, IN 46324
2. Online at <https://www.trinityhammond.com/donate> where you can donate using electric transactions.

Thank you for support your church during this time.

Sunday Worship Services and Bible Class are online at <https://www.trinityhammond.com/online-worship>

Currently with things changing daily we can't make plans for upcoming events. Keep an eye on our website at www.trinityhammond.com or Facebook Page-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Missing all of you and I will continue to pray for each and everyone of you. Stay safe!

Mary



Our Pastor - Pastor Patrick Gumz and Family.

Our Church - Trinity

For all who are serving in The Military

For all those who are Unemployed
or Under Employed

Dorcas Seminary Student -

Daniel Gray and his wife Michelle



For Those Who have ongoing Medical Illness:

Milan Matuska, Phyllis Eddins (sister of Kate O'Conner & Betty Szala), Darlene Veyette, Chuck Hemphill (friend of Lee Lewis), Riley Waldron (Hal Waldron's grandson), Emma Davis & Ann Davis (Ann is Emma's mom, both have cancer, great-niece & niece of Joyce Fies & Jackie Meincke), Carl Schmidt, Ruth Milan, Lincoln Maxberry (friend of Cheryl Gonski), Bill Ball, Marge Kottka (Ray Kottka's daughter-in-law).

For Home Bound Members: Bill Ball, Michelle Gladish, Joseph Janik, Leona Lewis, Joan Luerssen, Grace Muenich.

If you have a family member or friend who would like to be on our prayer list please call Mary in the office at (219) 932-4660 and she will make sure your prayer request is entered. If you submit a prayer request to Nancy please let her know if you would like your prayer request passed on to Mary in the office to note in the Sunday Bulletin.

Lutheran TV and Radio Program

Station KFUO News Program - Weekdays 2-2:30PM CST. Find it at www.kfu.org — live streaming on your computer, laptop, tablet, iPhones, smartphones, Wi-Fi radio, and archived. Like and follow us: www.facebook.com/KFUORadio.

Worship ANEW Broadcasts in the Northwest Indiana and Chicago, Illinois Area, Sunday at 8:00 am on Chicago CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) Viewers with DirecTV can find it on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (channel 377).

This is Most Certainly True, broadcasts on WLTH on Sunday mornings at 2 p.m. on WLTH Channel 92.7 FM and 1370 AM.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcasts in Northwest Indiana, Sundays at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on 1230 am WJOB Radio Station.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Happy Birthday

- 4/1 Eric Wilk
- 4/1 Enrique Nieto
- 4/1 Ellen Myers
- 4/2 Rodney Matasovsky
- 4/2 Gabriel Nieto
- 4/3 Sharon Beck
- 4/3 Jeffrey Paschen
- 4/3 Carey Pruitt
- 4/4 Judy Hugus
- 4/4 Diane Carr
- 4/6 Dawn Mack
- 4/6 Olivia Gifford
- 4/7 Brian Benko
- 4/9 Kevin Ball
- 4/10 Jeffrey Vaux
- 4/10 Betsy Gumz
- 4/11 Sandra Matthews
- 4/11 Debra Stefanik
- 4/15 Sarah Olson
- 4/16 Sarah Mihich
- 4/16 Mary Schoop
- 4/17 Tina Ostrom
- 4/20 David Gladish

- 4/20 Catherine Komorowski
- 4/20 Christopher Gross
- 4/20 Emma Ste. Marie
- 4/21 Amy Dreischerf
- 4/21 Maxson Blount
- 4/22 Pamela Michel
- 4/23 Sean Maher, III
- 4/23 Paige Rybicki
- 4/25 Danniella Villarreal
- 4/26 David Fanno
- 4/26 Autum Veyette
- 4/26 Riley Vukobratovich
- 4/29 Chloe Ohr
- 4/29 Leon Bruner
- 4/30 Liliana Slavo



Happy Anniversary!

- Jeff & Brenda Hasley
- Barbara & Dan Janke
- Howard & Janet Cooper
- James & Jacquelyn Meincke



APRIL

Baptisms

Baptism Birthday

- 4/3 Madisyn Peters
 4/4 Kathy Hasley
 4/4 Shirley Jones
 4/4 Keith Madderom
 4/6 Oswald Martinez
 4/7 Ronald Hunter
 4/7 Nancy Mihich
 4/9 Bette Berry
 4/9 David Breu
 4/9 Christopher Niemin
 4/9 Michelle Niemin
 4/10 Logan Ebben
 4/13 Joyce Lee
 4/13 David Schneider
 4/13 Lauryn Winarski
 4/15 Traci Gifford
 4/18 Angela Mullins
 4/20 Steven Schneider
 4/20 Alexandria Torress
 4/21 Megan Stoffel
 4/23 Pamela Michel

- 4/23 Jessica Winarski
 4/24 Krystle Ebben
 4/25 Isabel Zuniga
 4/27 BeLinda Ochoa
 4/27 Vicki Winarski
 4/27 Alexander Zuniga
 4/28 James Veyette, III
 4/28 Stephanie Maher
 4/29 Patrick Howard
 4/30 Elizabeth Bathurst

Remember Our
HOMEBOUND
 Members



To all Members of Trinity. We have a Homebound list here at Trinity. If you are a member who can not get to church and would like to have prayers for you, receive weekly bulletins, and more, please let Mary in the office know at (219) 932-4660. Our office policy is not to just place you on this list unless you want to be. You do matter to Trinity and we would like you to know that.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
MARCH 9, 2020

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Ideas of things to do Shared by a fellow Trinity Member.

Are you struggling with what to do? Are you bored? Do you need some ideas what you can do?

- **Watch Trinity** - online Worship service and Bible Class
- **Read your Bible.**
- **Connect daily**- Schedule a catch-up call with full team or some colleagues; keep it long or short as needed, but make it part of your daily routine.
- **Make virtual fun** - Have a virtual coffee catch up - discuss a slice of life, share a hilarious moment from your life, share an incident from childhood - make sure everyone speaks and shares
- **Celebrate together** -be it a birthday online or a festival or a Just Like That (JLT) dress up day. You can have a Fancy Dress Hour since it may be too early to have a Happy Hour!
- **Ask colleagues if they need any help or ideas** - the monotony of working online can sometimes leave you starved for ideas and creative solutions. Unblock it with colleagues!
- **Share new discoveries/new ways of working** that can help other colleagues - a GVC course that you completed or a new app that you discovered; Challenge your colleagues to learn a skill
- **Cherish your time together (with your household)** - Play indoor games, chat, watch movies, tell stories, cook or learn a new language together; if you are not physically together, you can still create many virtual memories together, your loved ones are just a click away! Dumb Charade is not dumb after all!
- **Chalk out a full-fledged routine and a "Task list"**- Assign chores to all the members of the family to distribute load. After all, job rotation started at home!
- **If you have young kids - read to them** a range of stories; Make the best of free books and resources available during this period (amazon books, audible and many more). You can practice voice modulation as you narrate the stories! Can be helpful when you have to make those boring presentations!
- **Keep the social connect** - have online get-togethers with friends and family-dress up, bring the food out, put the music on and enjoy.

- **Create a time capsule; chronicle this period** for your next generation - Put together a portfolio capturing these days through, use pictures, video, newspaper clippings, memes and jokes.
- **Take a pause** - Enjoy the calm around, the chirping of birds, the freshness of air, the silence of Mumbai
- **Take care of yourself** - Learn / practice mindfulness, pranayama, yoga, any other physical exercise like Zumba, aerobics
- **Start something new and practice every single day** -21 days is all that's need to make it a habit! Choose the right ones!
- **Clear that 'Appreciation Backlog'** - Call your friends, family members/colleague and even professional partners and let them know you value them
- **Read, read more - like your life depends on it;** Choose a range of subjects, be curious to discover more information on a range of subjects; explore free books and content
- **Knock off items in your Wishlist** - Pick up that guitar which is gathering dust for years or, the art supplies tucked away in your shelves, or the gardening tools you had bought last year with so much enthusiasm or just learn to say 'Comment allez-vous' with confidence; Download apps and start practicing. I am myself practicing how to say TISZAUJAROS!

Stay positive and stay motivated; take care of yourselves and your loved ones. We will get through this together and emerge stronger.

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9:00 am Church Service

10:30 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

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