

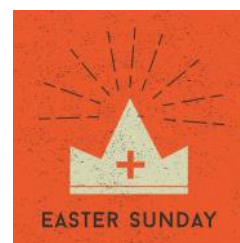
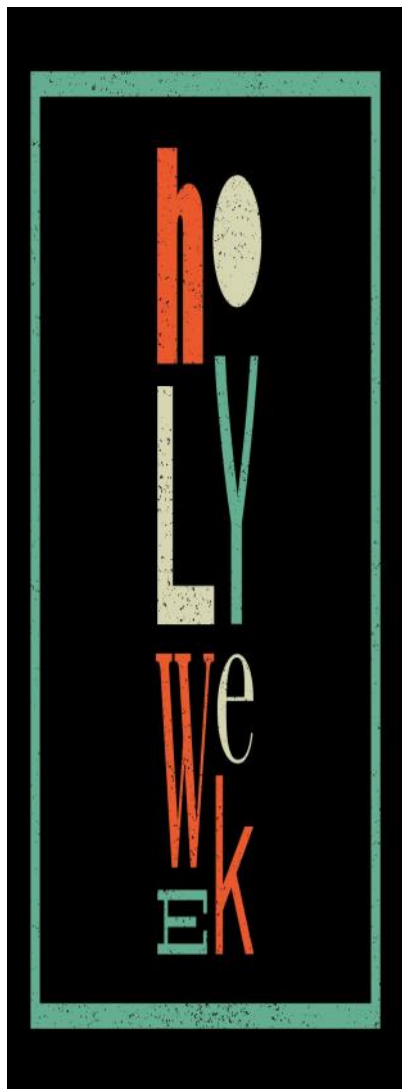


TRINITY TIDINGS NEWSLETTER

149 years of REACHING ✕ PREACHING ✕ TEACHING

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THE MISSION “To Invite All People to the Grace-Filled Life of Jesus”
THE VISION “We are people grounded in Jesus providing for joyful living.”



Dear Friends in Christ,

There has never been an Easter like the one we will experience this year. It will feel so strange not coming together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Out of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for our friends and neighbors we will remain separated for this season.

Our separation will not diminish the importance of Easter. What happened that Sunday morning in Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago was the most important event in the history of the world. When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered sin, death and the devil. Instead of separation brought on by our mortal enemies, Jesus made it possible for us to be reconciled to the Father and to one another.

It is my prayer that these days when we can't come together will help us to appreciate each other more than ever. We know that the Lord can use every test and trial in our lives to bring us closer to Him and to each other. As I have called most every household of the congregation, I have been encouraging them to grow in faith even when we cannot worship together. I have also been encouraged through these phone calls.

Until we meet again, let the Easter victory cry be ours,

"HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!"

Pastor Borhart

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A MESSAGE FROM LOUISE JOHNSON, Business Manager

These are unsettling times, but absolutely not the end of times. We know this because Jesus isn't here yet! We can trust in God's promise that life will march on after this virus has subsided. We can take comfort in God's unceasing love and know that there will be a tomorrow! This time also offers us the opportunity for deep reflection. We cherish our loved ones even deeper than before, appreciate the medical knowledge of our times, and truly thank God for our friends at Trinity. We are one - a network of God's children and a community of friends. I know this season will bring us even closer than before as we uplift each other, check in on each other, pray for one another, and support one another.

I encourage you all, as Pastor Borhart has, to reach out to your Trinity friends - and perhaps a Trinity stranger - and make sure they are okay. Help out as you are able, donate to the Food Pantry, and continue to give your offerings to our Lord. Even though we are not physically at church, God is *always* with us. Always. This is a wonderful reminder that even when we cannot make a Sunday church service, we should still give our tithes and offerings. The church's primary income source is your offerings. Those dollars:

- keep the lights on
- keep the church warm in the winter
- keep our building clean and the grounds maintained
- help children hear God's word and come to know Jesus
- put food on the tables of our staff
- provide resources for ministry in Christian education
- and so much more!

These needs still need to be met during this time, and the best way to make sure this happens is to go to Trinity's website and give an online donation. <https://www.trinityhuntley.org/give-church>

This option is always available, and you can set up reoccurring donations *all the time*. That way, if you miss a Sunday, your offering to God will not be missed. This is a secure system through Vanco, a payment processing company Trinity has been using for years. If you have a smartphone, you can give through the Give Plus Church app - everything is literally at your fingertips. Donovan and I have been using the app for a few years and our tithe comes out on payday - it doesn't get any easier than that! If you need help or have any questions, please let me know. You can reach me at treasurer@trinityhuntley.org, or by text, or call 847-913-6074. I pray for all of our health and God's peace. Be well!



OFFICIAL ACTS - March 2020

Baptism - Wesley William Schweder on March 15, 2020

TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Chrissy Heiss, TLC Preschool Director*

TLC Preschool serves as a mission of the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and invites children and their families to the grace-filled life of Jesus.

Enrollment for 2020-2021 is well underway. Be sure to check our website for enrollment information. For more information, call the school office at 847-669-5781 or email cheiss@trinityhuntley.org.

COVID-19

TLC Preschool took precautions and closed the school starting on March 16th in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Heiss drafted a COVID-19 Action Plan that will be implemented when school resumes. A copy is available in the school office. Your prayers are appreciated for our school staff and families as we go through some difficult times.

THANKS

Many thanks to those of you who have given sacrificially to TLC Preschool by supporting our recent fundraisers. Those recent fundraisers included Tom's Flowers and our Wish List. We appreciate your support for our Lutheran school.

THRIVENT

Thank you to those of you who have sponsored an Action Team for TLC Preschool. We've had six events using the \$250.00 seed money for a total of \$1500.00 for this school year.

Also, thanks to those of you who direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to TLC Preschool. Your generosity is helping God's little ones learn about Jesus.

POPCORN SALE

Our Popcorn Fundraiser continues through April 2nd. Please mail your order to the church office. TLC Preschool earns 50% of all sales.

BIBLE LEARNING

During the month of April, our students will be learning about the biblical accounts of The Last Supper, Easter, and the Conversion of Paul. Please pray that God's Word touches our students and their families. All of this will be done through e-learning or distance learning until school resumes.

Our school year theme for the 2019-2020 school year is based on Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*"





A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR Lana Gibbons

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead.
He lives, my ever living head.*

*He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.*

*He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
(LSB461, vs. 1, 5, and 8)*



HE LIVES! Because He lives we can rejoice even in the midst of uncertainty knowing that "...neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 8:38-39.* We can rejoice and celebrate Easter joy every day throughout good times, troubled times, fears, and tears!

HE LIVES! Because He lives we can face tomorrow and sing Easter songs of victory over sin, death, and the devil! The *Celebration Ringers*, *Voices in Praise*, *Joyful Chorus*, and *HIS! Band* will do just that! Together, we all will worship and celebrate His resurrection knowing "that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." *Romans 8:28* How God works for our good and how He uses us to reach out to others with His love is beautiful and reason to rejoice!

HE LIVES! Because He lives we live the victory-filled, joy-filled, grace-filled, hope-filled, peace-filled life of being His beloved children. We press on responding to all the blessings He imparts, giving glory to His name ringing, singing and playing His songs!

HE LIVES! And, what comfort that sweet sentence gives!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Megan Bengtson	4/2
Tiffany Jensen	4/3
Sarita Post	4/3
Phil Wilken	4/4
Bev Eisenmenger	4/6
Roberta Staab	4/6
Joyce Manke	4/8
Chuck Heiss	4/8
Tim Kahl	4/9
Richard Boesch	4/10
John Mayerhofer	4/10
Beverly Kujala	4/11
Sandy Phelps	4/12

Renate Schoenauer	4/12
Marge Hinnens	4/15
Judy Johnson	4/18
Rick Pump	4/18
Doris "Pixie" Galik	4/19
Terri Kunath	4/20
Adam Brunschon	4/22
Jordan Kovitz	4/22
Solomon Post	4/23
Jason Sneed	4/24
Alice Stuckmeyer	4/25
William Hulke	4/25
Allison Schroeder	4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Rose Bredlau	4/1
Rick & Marilee Payne	4/4
Chuck & Kathy Yerke	4/16
Bruce & Carolyn Krich	4/18

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the wrong information, please call the church office.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION *by Reta Stohs*

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. All confirmed women in the church are considered members. There are no dues but we do attempt to use our talents to reach the world with the compassion of Christ.



Many thanks to all those who worked to provide items for the Elgin Pregnancy Center in-gathering. These are some of the pictures of that effort: From the display of the beautiful quilts from the Galloping Horses in Church to the quilts at the church service, to the diaper and clothing and baby items collection, and the delivery of the items to the Center. Many, many thanks. We were also able this year to provide gift cards for Target, Walmart, and gasoline cards for the Ultra-sound truck unit. These cards will allow the purchase of necessary baby items as the needs arise.



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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS Psalm 100:2

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED If you are looking for a place to serve at Trinity, please consider being a driver for those who need a ride to church on Sunday mornings for the 10:30 service. Pick up is at Deer Path in Huntley. Contact Colleen Wilkins at 224-858-4423 to sign up.

MISSIONS MUSINGS *by Marilee Payne*

It is difficult to pick up a newspaper or watch the news with anything other than the latest on the Caronavirus being the main topic. The virus is overwhelming in our world, but we know we must pray, distance ourselves and wash our hands. What else?

There are many needs during this pandemic of which we can do nothing - with the exception of the need of face masks. Many medical centers, nursing homes, and doctors are asking for the homemade face masks TODAY! Last night I was told the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights has need of the face masks. The need is very close to home.

So, I am asking you to join forces with the Trinity Quilters and Mission Team to sew as many face masks as we can in the next week for local distribution. WW II had Rosie the Riveter step forward to work in the war effort. This is being called a war too. Consider yourself the 2020 version of Rosie!

The masks are simple to make and take about **15 minutes** to sew. Kits are available and provided for the asking. Please call Colleen Wilkins 224-858-4423, or Marilee Payne, 847-659-9086 to request a kit or with any questions you may have.

Blessings to all,
Marilee Payne for the Quilters and Mission Team



JOYFUL LIVING UPDATE *by Janette Dennis, Director, Joyful Living Campaign*

In February, Trinity members and friends invested \$30,986 toward pledges for the JLC, bringing total giving at month-end to \$289,432. Outstanding commitments payable by December 31, 2021 were \$281,253. We are especially grateful for donors who have given more than their pledged amounts and those who have not pledged but have chosen to participate in the Campaign with gifts marked "JLC."

Keith Bereolos and the Village Team authorized recent payments for sanctuary renovation to Shales McNutt Construction of \$146,929 and Davis Furniture Company of Melrose, WI, builder and installer of our pews, of \$7,112. These funds were paid from the Joyful Living account. Its available balance is \$142,192.

Separately, the Church spent \$41,803 from the Building Expansion fund toward a new sound system being added to enhance our worship. That fund has a remainder of \$17,833. Combining the two funds, our total reserve as of February 29 for new capital projects was \$160,025.

The Village Team is pausing for the next 30-60 days to consider options for the rest of 2020 and beyond. They will be determined by available funds to finance our highest priorities as we plan toward the 150th year of Trinity's founding. This is an opportune time to be thankful for our blessings and to pray for guidance.



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Newsletter Deadline

All content for the monthly newsletter is due on the third Monday of the previous month. Please email or drop content off to the church office.

Photos Needed For Website and Newsletter! If you have photos of church events, please send to office@trinityhuntley.com.

Help Keep Church Records Up To Date If your contact information has changed or you are not receiving emails, please let the church office know. Call the church office at 847-669-5780 or email at office@trinityhuntley.org.

Prayer Chain Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you love. Jesus hears our petitions and He will answer according to His good and perfect will. With thanksgiving, we make our requests to Him. Call or email the church office.

Hospital Visits Please contact the church office if you or a family member are, or are planning to be, in the hospital. You can be added to the prayer chain and/or a visit can be scheduled. Due to privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to contact the church.

Flower Chart The flower chart for 2020 is on the bulletin board above the tract rack in the Narthex. To place flowers at the altar for a special date, sign your name and occasion (if applicable) next to that date. The cost is \$25. Altar flowers may be taken home after the last service (If more than one person has signed up, please just take one vase). This is a great way to glorify God as you remember someone you love or celebrate a milestone!



Electronic Giving Trinity offers two options, Joyful Response and Give+Church. Visit TrinityHuntley.org and click on the "Give" tab for more information, or contact the church office.

Head over to Culver's Restaurant of Huntley, Rt. 47, on ANY Saturday evening, ANY Sunday or ANY Wednesday and present your weekend bulletin when ordering and Culvers will donate 10% of your total order to Trinity.



MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and dropoff destinations. Call 1-800-451-4599 to schedule a ride.

GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY The pantry is in dire need of paper towels, toilet paper and tissues. Please place in the "shopping cart" located in the narthex. Please also consider a monetary gift. Each \$1.00 donated to the food pantry will allow them to purchase \$8.00 of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. If you would like to make a monetary donation you may place a separate envelope from your Trinity donation in the offering plate labeled FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Questions: Contact Judy Melman at 847-669-6563 or jmelman02@comcast.net - or leave a note in the Melman mail slot at church.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Hello Trinity Friends! Wouldn't a little bit of peace be wonderful right now? God's peace, we always have. But how about financial peace? Our world has been turned up on its end, and that has given us all a little bit of a pit in our stomachs. A few words of wisdom from Dave Ramsey and Financial Peace University:

*Right now, most of us are in "storm mode" and need to simply weather the storm. Take care of your four walls of needs: food/medication, utilities, shelter, and transportation. These are the most important things, and in that order! Paying off debts are secondary to your well being! Pay the minimums as you are able, and sock away the rest. Save up any extra money you can, until this storm passes.

*Do *not* cash out your retirement. As Dave says, "no one jumps off a roller coaster in the middle of the ride. That's how you get hurt!" It might be a bumpy ride, but over time, things will stabilize. Now is not the time to cash out.

Financial Peace University classes were scheduled to begin on Monday, March 16th. With the events that unfolded over the course of March, classes were postponed until further notice. We will keep you updated on when classes will be rescheduled, and ask that you consider joining class when we begin. Financial Peace does not compare with God's peace, but it sure is nice.

Blessings,

Donovan & Louise Johnson

