

Trinity Times

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a boy, one of my chores this time of year was the harvesting of the garden and the various trees in the back yard. When my parents felt the produce was ripe, I was sent out with baskets to collect and harvest everything I was told to harvest. I dug up the potatoes and put them in a crock. I picked the apples and the tomatoes and put them in bushel baskets. I broke off the pea pods and placed them in a metal colander. When the time came to harvest, I was sent out with an empty container and told to get everything I could, while the time was right and the produce ripe.

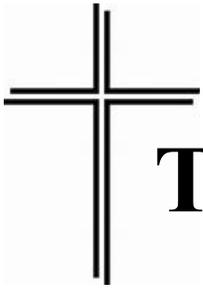
Just as I was sent out to harvest by my parents, so too are we sent out to harvest by God. But while I was sent for vegetables and fruit, *the Lord of the harvest sends out laborers* into all his creation. Just as I was the only child at home to do the enormous task of harvesting a large garden and orchard, so too is God's *harvest plentiful but the laborers are few*. God sends us out not for the corn, but sends us out for lost children of God.

Are we all to go out or only some whose specific purpose is to do so? While this may or may not be the question on many Christian's hearts and minds, I wish not to answer it, but ask maybe a different question. Did Jesus go out for us **all**? Then why don't we **all** go out for Jesus? Jesus' obedience was not just to obey the will of his Father to go out, but Jesus' love was that he went out for everyone. Instead of some obnoxious rule of what is right or wrong for all Christians when it comes to mission, let us replace it with a knowledge of God who is mission incarnate in Christ Jesus. Since he came for us **all**, then let us **all** go out for him.

Are we to go out into our community or some other one? While this may or may not be yet another question on many hearts and minds, I again wish not to answer it, but ask maybe a different question. Did Jesus go only to Nazareth? Then why don't we go everywhere for Jesus? Jesus didn't just stay in his home town, he went to others as well. Instead of some rule of what is right or wrong for all Christians when it comes to their mission field, (if we have one at all), let us replace it with a knowledge of God whose field to harvest is all of creation. Since Jesus went into all creation, let us all go everywhere for him.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, while I share with you all no small amount of trepidation or anxiety when it comes to mission work, we all share the common purpose given to us in Jesus Christ, to be laborers sent out into the harvest field to collect the Lord of the Harvest's bounty. While I might want to hide behind the readymade excuse of "I am not called to go out," in Christ Jesus we see God coming to us all, so that we all might go out. While I might want to take shelter in the pretext of "I am not called to go there," in Christ Jesus we see God going every place we are, so that we might go everywhere he is. Therefore, let us not dwell in our apprehensions and hesitations about being sent out and being sent out where we do not want to go, let us dwell in Christ Jesus through faith and we will find ourselves being Children of God having already gone out.

In Christ,
Rev. Mark



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A Note From Session

Sisters and Brothers,

Even through these trying times, Trinity continues to be church. We are reaching into our community in many ways. We are donating personal hygiene items, as well as food to the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry. We are sharing meals with the young people at Youth Opportunities. We are donating hygiene safety items to families through Children and Family Services. Thank you to all who have assisted with service, products, cash and prayers.

Session continues to safely meet to conduct the business of Trinity and to attempt to see that we move forward as we are led by God.

Let us continue to work together to be the church we are called to be.

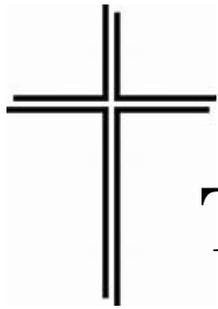
Pam Bloom will be the Elder on Call for October.

Peace and health be with you,
Mary Belding, Clerk

Communion is served the first Sunday of each month during our worship service. October 4th from 1-2pm, Rev. Mark will be serving communion in the church parking for those who are not comfortable to attend worship at this time. You will stay inside your car and will be served communion.



For more information please call the church office 993-7111.



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Property and Finance

Grateful...Thankful...Blessed...

Earlier in the year, we reported that the church was approved for a forgiveness loan through the Paycheck Protection Program to assist in paying salaries during the pandemic. Funds from this loan have been depleted and all necessary paperwork has been filed with the bank to “forgive” the loan. Once processed, the church will be relieved from any financial obligations.

Property and Finance is in the beginning stages of preparing the 2021 church budget. Keep in mind that the Jill Huggins fund will no longer fund the salary of Dorrene and the cleaners. The church will be responsible to pay these costs.

Below is an update on all the projects completed or nearing completion. As you will see, we have been busy satisfying the needs of the building and grounds.

- Outlet wiring completed
- All floors have been stripped and waxed
- The fence located in the empty lot is partially removed and clean-up has begun. We will need to have another clean-up day. No date has been set.
- The Multimedia system was approved on August 30 by the congregation and plans are being made for the installation to begin soon. The cost of the project, \$12,849.46, will be funded by the Jill Huggins memorial and the Capital Improvement fund. Thank you Craig Reiter for all your work on this project.
- We are in the process of obtaining estimates on gutter for better drainage.
- We are obtaining quote for replacement of the double doors located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- We are also working to get a review on needed repairs to brick and mortar.
- Thank you Terry Karvonen for checking the air conditioner filters located on the roof.

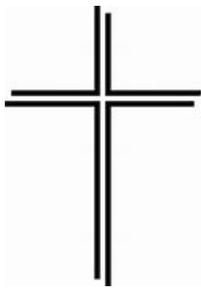
The balance of the Capital Improvement Fund is now \$47.10. The account will remain open and donations will still be accepted. As we enter 2021, we will begin to consider projects that funds from this account can be used for.

*The Property and Finance committee
would like to thank all of you for your continued support.*

By tithing, we have the blessing of being a small part of something greater than ourselves that can reach even more people for Christ than perhaps we could on our own. By contributing to what the church is doing in the community and within the church body, we are using what God has given us to serve others.

God's blessings to all,

Beth Dougherty



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Community Outreach

Community Council is disappointed that so many of Trinity's normal activities are cancelled: Bike and Build, Bethlehem Experience, Halloween Party, to name a few.

HOWEVER...there is so much need around us we are utilizing mission funds supplied by **YOU** and...

Serving the Youth Opportunities lunch/dinner once a week while they are home schooling at their headquarters

Providing G.O. Ministries with spices and cooking supplies

Providing masks and sanitizing necessities for foster families through Children Services

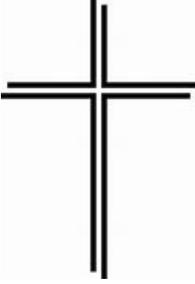
Providing funds to G.O. Ministries as they are serving lunches to 125-150 people daily

You have been filling the barrel for Faith Lutheran all summer

It never seems to be enough to just say thank you, so imagine us yelling through our masks:



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!!



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A Note From Scrip



Dear friends,

Scrip cards are available!

If you want Scrip cards, please call 964-6073, text 862-6786,
or e-mail mbelding237@gmail.com to place an order.

If we have the cards you want, we should be able to get them to you quickly. If we have to order cards, it will take at least a week to receive them.

Blessings and be well,
Mary Belding and Dee Fassett



A sincere thanks to all who helped celebrate my "Drive-By Birthday."

I appreciated all your cards and phone

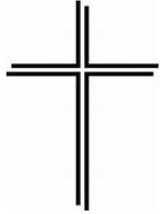
calls.

Thanks for everything!

Blessings,

Genny Wallace





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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Adult Study 7pm | 2 | 3 Parish Mtg. 10am |
| 4 Communion Worship 10:30am Drive-up Communion 1-2pm | 5 | 6 | 7 Adult Study 10am Clean & Free 7pm | 8 Adult Study 7pm | 9 | 10 |
| 11 2¢ A Meal Collection Worship 10:30am | 12 | 13 | 14 Adult Study 10am Property & Finance Mtg. 6:30pm Clean & Free 7pm | 15 Adult Study 7pm | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Worship 10:30am | 19 MRC Mtg. 6:30pm | 20 | 21 Adult Study 10am Community Outreach 6pm Session 7pm Clean & Free 7pm | 22 Adult Study 7pm | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship 10:30am Congregational Mtg. After Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 Adult Study 10am Personnel Mtg. 6:30pm Clean & Free 7pm | 29 Adult Study 7pm | 30 | 31  Halloween |