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Trinity Tidings

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Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Starting a letter with “I hope this finds you well” seems to carry some extra weight as of late, as we are collectively responding to COVID, and the upheaval it has caused in our lives. The extra worry, taking extra precautions, and dealing with cancelled or modified events and activities has been taxing on our lives, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. And so, truly, I hope this letter finds you well.

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy, and that you have a sense of peace that can only come from God. But for many of you, just like with all the other activities and events in life, church has been disrupted as well. Last March, the end of Confirmation was rather abrupt, as well as Sunday School and other Bible Studies. Worship transitioned to online only, and the comment I heard over and over (besides people being appreciative that we were still able to worship) was “It just wasn’t the same,” because it wasn’t.

But there comes a point when we, as a church and as God’s people who are dealing with all changes with COVID, need to move from being “reactive” to being “proactive.” And, with the information that kids are less affected by COVID, we felt it was time to start doing some proactive planning, especially when it comes to helping to minister to our young people.

Because, especially for our youth, who have experienced a disruption in schooling, and friendships, and all the things a childhood is supposed to have (like hugs, smiles, shared activities, and achieving accomplishments), our youth have had to adapt to “life with COVID” (including social distancing, wearing masks, cancelled events, and virtual life). And though it’s just been a little more than 4 months, the impact has been especially difficult for young people.

Take, for example, the average 10-year-old. They have been alive for 120 months. Now, COVID has been affecting their lives for 4 months. If you do the math, that is 3.33% of their life, which doesn’t seem like much. But to have the same impact on a 70-year-old, it would be equivalent (in ratio to the rest of their life) as 2.33 years. The same 3.33% of a 70-year-old’s life is equal to 28 months. So, to miss church, or school or Sunday school as a kid for months on end, is like missing it for years to a senior citizen.

So, knowing that, we had to react. And, coupled with knowing it is less dangerous for younger people, **we have some exciting programming being planned.** On Aug. 14th, we are hosting an outdoor movie, showing “Sonic the Hedgehog.” This will include serving Carbone’s Pizza, pre-packaged snacks and refreshments, live music, and even the ability to watch the movie in your car (if it rains) over an AM transmitter.

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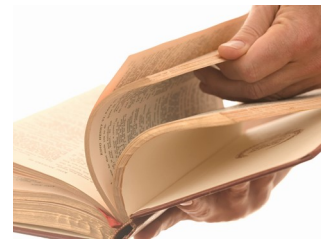
- Voters’ Meeting
- Board Members

We are also kicking off an awesome new Wednesday evening program where all kids, K-12th, will have more opportunities to learn and grow in their faith. Starting at 5:30pm, there will be game time, followed by dinner at 6:00pm. All family members are invited to join in for games and dinner. At 6:30pm we will have education for our K-5th graders, while our 6th-12th graders worship (contemporary worship songs and prayer). MOPS will meet from 6:30-7:30pm. At 7pm our K-5th graders can go home, or childcare will be provided until 7:30pm. From 7pm-8:05pm will be Confirmation and High School Youth Group. Servant events and off-campus fellowship events are also scheduled throughout the year. We are currently finalizing plans for offering online options as well. We have emailed surveys out to all parents, please fill these out so we can cater to your family's level of comfortability and needs in regards to online/in-person. If you have not received this, please let the office know and we'll forward that over to you.

We will be having an informational meeting for parents, addressing this, as well as Sunday School, on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Grades K-5 will be discussed from 6:00pm-6:25pm, and then 6-12th grade will be discussed from 6:30-7:00pm. At this meeting we will provide final plans for online/in-person opportunities.

Finally, we're asking all disciples of Jesus to be praying for the ministry of South Shore, especially as we try to meet our kids where they are at and minister to them during this strange time in their short lives. Please pray for the health of participants, volunteers, families, and all who are involved.

To God be all Glory,
+Pastor Dan Bodin



BIBLE STUDIES AND OTHER GROUPS

- ⇒ Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Judy Jarkso's Bible study group will continue to meet beginning on September 21st in the Lounge.
- ⇒ The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at 6:00 p.m., starting on September 16th, the MOPs (Mothers Of Preschoolers) group will begin meeting in room B9A.
- ⇒ Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. the Bible study group led by LuErna Sawyer, will once again be meeting starting September 9th in room 2-13.
- ⇒ The Wednesday morning Young-at-Heart Bible study group led by Pastor Gehrke will continue meeting via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. If you'd like to join this group, please contact Pastor Gehrke at pastor@sstwbl.org or 651-429-4293 to receive the Zoom link.
- ⇒ Thursday morning ladies Bible study group led by Joanne Lundgren has been meeting at 9:30 a.m. outdoors at church during the summer and will continue to do so until the weather brings them inside.
- ⇒ The Thursday evening Bible study group led by Pastor Gehrke will continue to meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to join this group, please contact Pastor Gehrke at pastor@sstwbl.org or 651-429-4293 to receive the Zoom link.
- ⇒ On Thursday, August 30th, the Vesper Bell Choir will begin practice at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Practices will continue on September 3, 10, 17, 21, and 28. They plan to begin playing during the third Saturday worship service of each month starting in September.

HOLY COMMUNION

The lakeside service has become the most popular worship service.

During the month of August, all 9:45 a.m. worship services will be held lakeside (weather permitting.) If weather causes the elders to cancel the lakeside service, it will be held inside the church.

On August 2 and 16, Holy Communion will also be offered as part of the lakeside service.

The usher will dismiss you to come forward to receive communion. Please be mindful to maintain a 6-foot distance between you and those not in your immediate family.

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IN ADDITION TO OFFERING PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES:

1. We will continue to offer recorded services. Go to www.sstwbl.org/watch
2. We will continue to offer family and individual communion services by appointment.
3. You are encouraged to continue to develop and strengthen your personal devotional and prayer life and that of your immediate household using online, TV, and print resources.
4. Please continue to pray for one another, for our congregation, and for your pastor.
5. Please also pray for our governor, our medical personnel, and for our community.



SINGING

The guidelines state “Singing is a higher-risk activity as it more forcefully expels respiratory droplets than speaking. And the act of singing may contribute to the transmission of COVID -19, possibly through emission of aerosols. Congregations should refrain from singing.”

Because of these recommendations we are reducing the amount of singing significantly. We will read a number of stanzas and sing some. We hope you will wear a mask when you sing or hum if you choose not to wear a mask.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that helped make the blood drive a success on Monday, July 27.

The appointments for blood donations was full well before the day the event was held. A total of 35 units of blood was collected.

A special thank you to Bob Rozmarynowski for organizing this event with Nancy Larson of the American Red Cross.

Thank you to Terry Borkenhagen, Peggy Dewitz, and Kathy Meyer for helping Bob with the blood drive. I could not have happened without your help.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It was not an easy decision, with COVID-19 going on, but VBS, is now being called VB (YES)!

This year the theme is **Jesus Power Pulls Us Through**, this message is needed more than ever, we just could not cancel VBS.

We will have VBS this year, we are moving it ONLINE using ZOOM. August 3-7. We will stream it live (9am – 11am) and also record it so you can view it at any time.

We will do 5 stations:

- Sing & Play Express
- Bible Adventures
- Imagination Station
- Kidvid Cinema
- Rocky Wrap-up

We will do our best to have an amazing program this year. We are encouraging you to do VBS as a family. The program has been modified for all ages. Even if you do not have kids, this is your chance to be a part of VBS.

A drive through pickup of all the supplies you'll need will be at SST on:

Sunday, August 2 , 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

- Daily Bible Buddies
- Imagination Station items
- Watch for God Band
- Tracking With Jesus Bible Book

If you have not yet signed up you can register at:

<https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/404536>

If you have a situation that you do not have an computer/internet connection, please let the church office know (651)-429-4293.



VOTERS' MEETING

To update you on decisions made at the quarterly voters' meeting held on Monday, July 20. Motions were made, seconded, and passed to approve the following three items that were presented at the Informational Meeting held on July 13, 2020.

- 1 - Improving our lighting in the church by changing from the fluorescent lights to LED lights.
- 2 - Installation of security cameras by Electro Watchman.
- 3 - Remodeling of the Lounge



...decisions made at the quarterly voters' meeting held on Monday, July 20th.

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AUGUST 2020 VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

	AUGUST 1 & 2 Communion at all	AUGUST 8 & 9 Lakeside	AUG. 15 & 16 Communion at all	AUG. 22 & 23 Lakeside	Aug. 29 & 30 Lakeside
Ushers	5:30 Bob Rozmarynowski 8:00 <u>George Gifford</u> Rick Carlson 9:45 lakeside Ed & Carol Gerlach	5:30 Bob Dybdal 8:00 <u>Scott Hafner</u> Dan Wille 9:45 lakeside Cory Pederson	5:30 Bob Rozmarynowski 8:00 <u>George Gifford</u> Rick Carlson Nate Groneberg 9:45 lakeside Mark Molkenbur	5:30 Bob Rozmarynowski 8:00 <u>Scott Hafner</u> Dan Wille 9:45 lakeside Cory Pederson	5:30 Bob Rozmarynowski 8:00 <u>George Gifford</u> Rick Carlson Nate Groneberg 9:45 lakeside Ed & Carol Gerlach
Readers	8:00 Paulette Genz 9:45 Ed Gerlach (lakeside)	8:00 Dan Wille 9:45 Cory Pederson (lakeside)	8:00 Rick Carlson 9:45 Kevin Froelich	8:00 Ruby Moskop 9:45 Cory Pederson (lakeside)	8:00 Ruby Moskop 9:45 Ed Gerlach
Communion Assistant			8:00 Dan Wille 9:45 Cory Pederson		
Sound Booth	5:30 Nate Reeves 8:00 Ken Kirchhoff 9:45 lakeside	5:30 Keith Cook 8:00 Joel Kurpius 9:45 lakeside	5:30 Keith Cook 8:00 Ron Wenzel 9:45 lakeside	5:30 Keith Cook 8:00 Dorit Hafner 9:45 lakeside	5:30 Keith Cook 8:00 tbd 9:45 lakeside
Live Stream Tech	Natalie Ackerman	Gavin England	Ethan Engh	Jayne Kurpius	Gavin England
Greeters	5:30 8:00 9:45 (lakeside)	5:30 8:00 9:45 (lakeside)	5:30 8:00 9:45 (lakeside)	5:30 8:00 9:45 (lakeside)	5:30 8:00 9:45 (lakeside)

We are not currently staffing these areas with volunteers. We will begin to staff them when we feel we can safely do so, according to the CDC guidelines in respect to COVID-19.

Acolytes					
Bus Driver					
Counters					
Coffee Servers					

August 2020
Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Madeline Morgan (b) Chuck & Robyn Stuemke (w)
2 Annie Berwald (b)	3 Joshua Arndt (b) Rev. Dan Bodin (b)	4 Ron & Linda Ferwenda (w)	5 Reagan Connolly (b) Adam Peterson (b) Clyde & Sharon Calhoun (w) Ed & Joanne Lundgren (w)	6 Barb Berwald (b) Kevin Geyer (b)	7 Caden Anderson (b) Dan & Deb Schmidt (w)	8 Harlan & Lois Arndt (w) Rick & Erin Carlson (w) Dan & Barb Pelhier (w)
9 Sally Ackerley (b) Ruth Fry (b) Jerry Hampel (b)	10 Jerry Boleen (b)	11 Carol Goettsch (b) John Johnston (b)	12 Jacob Wille (b)	13 Scott Kusch (b) Andrew Reed (b) Donny Ross (b) Grace & Curtis Back (w) Matthew & Tiffany Hammer (w) John & Linda Johnston (w)	14 Phyllis Becker (b)	15 Peggy Strutt (b)
16 Linda Arndt (b) Jane Schwankle (b) Jeannette Stohlmann (b)	17 Corrine Erickson (b) Katie Reeves (b) Alexis Schaufel (b) Ryan Schaufel (b) Phil Sorenson (b)	18 Ross Hoernemann (b)	19 Brian Sinkula (b)	20 Daniel Becker (b) Alma Fast (b)	21 Dave Patricelli (b) Bob Rozmarynowski (b)	22 Ruth Deeg (b) Vance England (b) Joshua Grachek (b) Pastor Norb Streufert (b)
23 Marilyn Erickson (b) Jeff & Lisa Butziuff (w)	24 Josh Selix (b) Ken & Cheri Kirchhoff (w)	25 Connor Benkowski (b) Carol Cossetta (b) Joel Ellenbecker (b) Ron Genz (b) Nate Groneberg (b)	26 Karen Krahn (b) Larry & Betty Reed (w)	27 Brynlea Hammer (b) Lloyd & Julie Grachek (w)	28	29 Fae Pelhier (b)
30 Blake Bertram (b) Cathy Guerrero (b) Janis Keeling (b) Cathy Kuhl (b) Bob Schauer (b)	31 Jolene Erickson (b) Ellis Nordaune (b)					



**SUNDAY SCHOOL &
CONFIRMATION**

Parents of Sunday School students and Confirmation students should watch for an email survey concerning this year's classes. Your input is extremely important as we need know how you feel regarding in-person classes, online classes, or a combination of the two.

If you have not received an email survey, please contact the church office at sally@sstwbl.org or via phone at 651-429-4293.

OTHER RESOURCES

ON TELEVISION - Main Street Living is an hour-long Lutheran television program that airs new episodes each Sunday morning. The Twin Cities program is broadcast at 9 a.m. Central time on WFTC channel 29/9-2. Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30-minute remastered episode of "This is the Life," a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week.

ON THE RADIO:

Lutheran Hour is on WCCO 830 AM Sun @ 6:05 AM

ON A WEBSITE:

Lutheran Hour Ministries (www.lhm.org) for devotions, the Lutheran Hour, and more.

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (www.lcms.org) has many resources.



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