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Trinity Tidings

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RETURNING TO CHURCH

It feels good to be able to worship at South Shore Trinity once again. We are looking forward to having you join us, if you have not already begun to do so, when you feel comfortable. We made important changes at as we resumed our worship services. We have developed our protocols based on our state's *Industry Guidance for Safely Reopening: Faith-Based Communities, Places of Worship, Weddings and Funerals* which was published on May 28, 2020 and in using other materials produced by other churches. We knew we could not simply go back to doing things the way they were before this pandemic. We wanted to proceed carefully out of love for one another and concern for the health of everyone we are worshipping with.

Thanks to Gov. Walz we are now legally able to have in person worship up to 50% of our sanctuary's capacity. Our sanctuary's capacity is 320, we could have up to 160 in each service. Wouldn't that be wonderful! We are following our summer worship schedule. Our service times are still at 5:30 pm on Saturdays and 8:00 and 9:45 am on Sundays.

We have outdoor worship services at Bellaire Beach on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:45, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair or blanket and sit 6-feet apart from other individuals unless they are from your household, to meet the state's guidelines. We can have up to 250 people attend outdoor services.

We know there are many reasons why you may not be ready to attend yet, which is why we will continue to live stream our services each weekend. We want you come as soon as you are ready. We pray that God will bless each and every one of us.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- Bring anything you will need to worship. (We have removed all of the Bibles, hymnals, paper, pencils, from the pews.) You may want to bring your Bible. Parents, please bring items for your children to play with.
- Go to the restroom before you come. Our restrooms will be available however we want to reduce the number of things you will need to touch.
- If you bring a coat or jacket, bring it with you to your seat in the sanctuary.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Adopt-a-Road Cleanup
- Blood Drive at SST on Monday, July 27th 12pm-6pm
- On-line Vacation Bible School in August
- Voters' meeting July 20th at 7pm

HOLY COMMUNION



During the singing of the Agnus Dei, the pastors will go into the sacristy to wash their hands before administering Holy Communion.

One of them will be in the center and will place a wafer into your hand and the other will hand an individual cup to you.

Both will have hand sanitizer to apply if they come in contact with your hand.

We will have continuous communion. An usher will guide you to the front, pew by pew helping you to maintain the 6-foot distance, one side at a time. You will step into the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle

...maximize the number of worshipers in the sanctuary while maintaining the 6-foot physical distance ...

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Enter through the west entrance only (by the Preschool). We plan on having someone open the door for you. One or both of the pastors will be there to greet you, standing 6-feet away with a mask on.

The state of MN guidelines recommend that everyone wear a mask. We do not require that you wear a mask but strongly encourage you to do so. We ask that you put it on before you enter our church.

Walk straight east, past the office, towards the rear of the sanctuary (the narthex) and wait for an usher to seat you so we can maintain social distancing. A hand sanitizer dispenser is available for you near the fire extinguisher just before you go through the double doors.

The offering will not be received during the worship service. The wooden box with a slot on the top is available for your offering in the narthex, instead of an offering plate.

The ushers will take you down the center aisle or the outside aisle to your seat starting at the front of the church seating every other pew. Individuals and households may sit together. We want to maximize the number of worshipers in the sanctuary while maintaining the 6-foot physical distance from those who are not in your household.

At the end of the service, the ushers will release you by pew starting from the front. You will exit out the side door past the elevator and out the west doors. The guidelines recommend that everyone exits the building right away. So, if you would like to talk with one another please do so in the parking lot or on the grass maintaining the 6-foot distance.



DISINFECTING BETWEEN SERVICES

Between the services, we will be applying disinfectant to the pews, restrooms, and other high touch surfaces.

One other important thing to share with you, please do the following precheck before you come. If you feel ill, please do not come. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include; fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

We want everyone to be as healthy as possible. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

IN ADDITION TO OFFERING PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES:

1. We will continue to offer recorded services.
2. We will continue to offer family 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.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT SST

The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood components, all from generous volunteer donors. But supply can't always meet demand because only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Each new donor helps us meet patient needs.

- Type O negative red cells can be given to patients of all blood types. Because only 7% of people in the U.S. are type O negative, it's always in great demand and often in short supply.
- Type AB positive plasma can be transfused to patients of all blood types. Since only 3% of people in the U.S. have AB positive blood, this plasma is usually in short supply.
- Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less). Platelets must be used within just 5 days.

YOU CAN HELP

- Bob Rozmarynowski is hosting the blood drive at South Shore Trinity. He could use a couple of volunteers. If you're interested in helping (checking people in or taking their temperature on their arrival) contact Bob at 651-261-6399.

Monday, July 27
12:00 pm to 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall



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.

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

Saturday, July 25, 9:00 am – 10:30 am or
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 or volunteer to help with the live streaming 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.



INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

There will be an informational meeting on Monday, July 13 at 7:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall and available via Zoom Meeting. We will share information on three projects that will be presented at the Voters Meeting on July 20th.

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



The quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom Meeting.

PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS

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Daniel Washburn



ADOPT-A-ROADWAY CLEANUP

Join us as we clean up the roadway (White Bear Avenue, between Hwy 61 and County Rd E) on Saturday, July 11, meeting at Lion's Park, across the street from Kowalski's Market at 9am. Wear gloves, a mask, and dress for the weather. Safety vests and garbage bags will be available.

The more hands, the lighter the task!

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.

The Minnesota South District of TLC-MS

(<https://mailchi.mp/mnsdistrict/enews-03-18-2020?e=65204a0cde>)



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