



Congregational Update: May 15, 2020

Greetings in Christ's Name!

I invite you to read Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Love God and love your neighbor. This is good counsel in these days. It is what drives the work of leadership and staff here at Trinity. How in the midst of all that is going on do we continue to lead in such a way where we help people grow in their love of God and neighbor? Pray that we are able to accomplish this.

Here are several things happening now:

-A Safe Opening Task Force has met three times over the past several weeks to make recommendations about returning to worship. The Executive Committee last evening (Thursday, May 14) received those recommendations. They now go to council on Thursday, May 21st.

-A reopening survey will be emailed today – please respond to it right away so the results can be part of council conversation next Thursday. If there are multiple people in your household who are active at Trinity each person can take the survey, just forward the email to them.

-We need several new members for our Audio/Video Ministry Team. Training will happen within the next week or so – if you are interested in being part of the team call the church office.

-Thanks to a couple of generous gifts we have the ability to help people who have lost their jobs or have seen their hours reduced. Specifically, we have grocery gifts cards available. If you are in need or if you know someone who needs help let us know – this is one way we can “love our neighbors.”

-Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you for your continued commitment to this ministry. People associated with Trinity have continued to share of their financial resources. To make that easier we have added a “Donate” button to the front page of our Trinity website – you can find it in the upper right-hand corner. Click on it and it will take to a screen with options. The newest is a “GivePlus+” opportunity. This is through Vanco, the company Trinity has used for many years for electronic giving. Through this tool you can make a one time or a recurring gift. We have also added an app for your Smart Phone. In the App Store search for “GivePlus+”. Once installed you can give one time or make a recurring gifts. Know that this is a highly trusted company and a preferred vendor of the ELCA.

-Staff and leadership have begun “Scenario casting”. This is a process of trying to think of what might happen in the coming months. Then for each scenario planning how Trinity will provide Christ centered ministry for all ages.

Again, Thanks for your faithfulness. If you have questions, comments or need someone to pray with please call we are available for you.

God Bless – Pastor Mark Narum