



May 28, 2020

Greetings in Christ's name!

I write today with an update from Trinity Lutheran. We have important news to share and it is our goal to do all we can to keep you informed. Here are the hi-lights:

- We will begin gathering again for face to face worship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM and Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. This new worship schedule will begin on Wednesday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 7th. These services will be held at the Peace Chapel, regardless of the weather. The safety of our worshippers is foremost in our minds. On the backside of this letter is a listing of what we plan to do to provide as much safety as possible.
- Wednesday services will be "Campfire Style" worship. Come join us for an informal atmosphere with guitar music. We will spend the summer walking through the Old Testament Faith Stories – thinking about how these stories connect with our lives today. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket for worship.
- Sunday morning worship will also be more informal. The Sunday Praise Team will be our musicians. Expect to sing very familiar songs of the faith. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket for worship.
- Unsure of gathering yet? That is alright – Trinity Lutheran will continue to provide a Live Radio Broadcast at 8:30AM - Sunday mornings on 1270AM. We will also Live Stream that service on Facebook.

During this pandemic we have learned that our contact information for many of our members is out of date. We need your help gathering updates. You will notice a form included in this mailing. Please fill in all of the information and mail it back to the church or drop it off. If you would rather do this electronically you can visit our website under "News and Events" and you will find a link.

Trinity is seeking candidates interested in applying for the position of ***Congregational Relationships Facilitator***. This person, working closely with other staff and the council's Small Groups Ministry Board, will help create and tend to a culture of Christ centered relationships. This might include Small Groups, Alternative Worship/Service Opportunities and/or exploring how some groups might meet electronically. If you know of a candidate please encourage them to apply. A job description and application are available on our website or in the church office.

Last a word of thanks. Our finances at this point are solid – thanks for your generosity. Ministry in Christ's name is happening through your offering. We continue to provide opportunities to worship. Pastoral Care continues. Feeding the hungry continues. Thank-you for sharing what Christ has first given you.

God Bless

Pastor Mark Narum

Safe Outdoor Worship Practices:

- If you feel uncomfortable at this point being in a public gathering – it is a faithful choice to stay home. There is nothing wrong with choosing to worship with us through our radio broadcast or livestream.
- If you are sick – please stay home. This is best for you and for others.
- If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 please do not come to worship for 14 days.

When you do come to worship...

- We will be practicing Social Distancing – staying 6 feet apart from those who are not in our immediate family. Listening to experts like Dr. Michael Osterholm who directs the University of Minnesota Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy this virus spread from human to human often through aerosolized particles from our breathing, speaking and singing. Distance helps us remain in “clean” air.
- Washing hands is an effective defense against the virus. Soap and water breaks the virus down leaving your hands clean. If you can’t wash your hands use hand sanitizer.
- We will have hand sanitizer available but it would be great if you bring your own as well.
- Don’t touch your face (easier said than done). If you touch an infected door handle, railing, or other object and then rub your eyes, or touch near your mouth or nose you can come in contact with this virus or other viruses.
- We ask that those of you who can – please wear a mask. This is not to protect you, it is to protect others.
- We will not be shaking hands, passing an offering plate, hugging or being in physical contact with others.
- Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on – then church staff do not need to be concerned about sanitizing.
- The church doors will open but please only go in to use the bathroom. We are setting up “One Way Traffic”. You can enter through the glass doors on the east side of the building and exit through doors on the north.
- Offering will be collected in a basket – we will make it very visible.
- Rain or shine we will be outside so be prepared for whatever might come.

Remember, Christ is our hope!