THE PIPER

JUNE 21, 2020



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Trinity Wheelmen will only be meeting on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm until further notice. They are suspending the 3:00 pm Thursday afternoon rides until further notice.

RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

While the "shelter-in--place" order has helped stem the spread of the Coronavirus, it has taken a toll on all of us in various ways. We all need and want human interaction, but great care must be exercised so as not to put others at risk. For disciples of Jesus, worship is an extremely important faith practice.

As we look toward resuming in-person worship, there are any and various matters and issues that need to be considered. While outdoor worship is possible, there are dynamics that must be considered to be as safe as we can be.

Toward this end, the Council, at their last meeting, decided to establish a Task Force to explore this matter with the hope of developing a protocol for moving back into in-person gatherings that follow current recommendations and guidance. There will be five embers on the Task Force and the hope is that the group will meet soon and that the work can be completed relatively quickly.

Until we are able to gather again in--person, we will keep offering the recorded worship as we are currently doing.

So, please keep the Task Force in prayer that when we resume in-person worship we can do so knowing everything has been done to keep us all safe.

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed MONDAY, JUNE 22

7:00 pm Beach Calling Group Zoom
TUESDAY, JUNE 23

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen 5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba

7:00 pm Prayer/Social Group Zoom

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 am Outdoor Zumba SUNDAY, JUNE 28

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carolyn Kresen, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Donna Weller, Chloe Webb & the Webb family

TLC FRIENDS

James Brigman, Pete & Linda Phillips-Ferry, Rachel, Dan, Audre, Shirley Bennett & Jeff Clark

Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

SPECIAL CHLOE WEBB FUND DRIVE

Accidents happen. Accidents can happen to anyone. Sometimes, accidents happen to those we know and love.

You may or may not know that three or our TLC disciples recently were involved in a traffic accident. Rachel Webb along with her twin sisters Olivia and Chloe were in a very serious accident with a tractor-trailer. While Olivia was not serious hurt, Rachel was hospitalized overnight and finished recovering at home. Chloe, however, bore the brunt of the collision. She had to be hospitalized for nearly three weeks and has yet a lengthy recovering. As of the writing of this article, Chloe is to be discharged to begin physical therapy at home.

As you may expect, Chloe and her family have incurred expenses that insurance does not cover. The family is expected to meet that costs not covered by their insurance. A friend of the family has established a GoFundMe page, through which you may have made a donation. If you have, thank you so much on the part of the family.

At the last council meeting, this matter was considered, and the council decided to establish a Special Campaign for Chloe. So, if you would like to make a donation for Chloe and her family, please, make a check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, with Chloe Gift in the memo space.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

The Webb Family deeply appreciates the thoughts and prayers everyone has offered for them. As they move forward, we will keep the congregation informed of any needs they may have as Chloe now embarks on the long journey to recovering.



Lynn Garrison	3
Cindy Moyer	3
Heather Card	5
Linda Leslie	5
Stephen Clinger	7
Lena Sheaffer	8
Scott Sheaffer	11
Roger Glad	12
Don Kiel	12
Laurette Gonet	14
Kaile Jump	14
Cynthia Rabbers	15
Louis Mayer	18
Scott Peachey	21
Chloe Webb	21
Olivia Webb	21
Selena Tressler	24
Sally Adams	25
Nicolle Frey	25
Sarah Zembower	25
Jessica Rodabaugh	26
Parker Phillips	29

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From the Pastor's Desk

June 21, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you know, the turmoil in our world has continued to unfold, compounding our fear, multiplying our insecurities, and increasing our confusion. It is all so overwhelming – COVID 19 still spreading, unemployment at record highs, the economy in shambles, political leadership at odds with each other. Finally, Racial Issues have come to the forefront. These and other global issues affect us all and we cannot turn a blind eye toward any of them.

"Black Lives Matter," has become a worldwide movement. We may now be at a point in this country to tackle the hard work of racial justice and equality. How might we here at Trinity participate in this work toward justice and equality for all people? No doubt, there is a myriad of ways, and each of us must search our own hearts as to where the Spirit might be guiding or inspiring us. As a community of faith, I note three things at a minimum we can do to get started.

PRAY – Our faith is rooted in prayer. Simply put, prayer is conversation with God. Just as we talk with and listen to others, we do the same with God – both talk <u>and</u> listen! Such conversations can help us discern what God may want us to do, where God might want us to go, and who God might want us to serve. Prayer is something we do as a community of faith, as families, and as individual disciples of Jesus, who himself, spent a great deal of time in prayer.

STUDY – While there have been resources regarding racial injustice and inequality available for many years, now more than ever, there are countless items for use by groups and by individuals – DVDs, books, webinars, podcasts, to mention just a few. Some lend themselves to use with small groups meeting via Zoom for series or sessions, others are for a longer one-time event with follow up to be determined.

ENGAGE –Prayer and Study may help us to understand but will not lead to change, either within ourselves or in our relationships, unless we take steps to Engage. Change can only happen when we step out in faith. Engaging may mean deep and heartfelt conversations with people of color. Engaging may mean joining local or national organizations that are working toward racial justice and equality or supporting them with financial gifts. Engaging may mean something unique to you and your family.

Our faith is strengthened, even comes to life, when we allow it to motivate us to love in action for the sake of our neighbors in need.

Yes, these are trying and overwhelming times, but these times also offer a plethora of opportunities for us to make a difference in our world, our neighborhoods, and our families in Jesus' name. God is always with us. God is always watching over us. God is working through us for our sake and for the sake of others. May he continue to guide and equip us for the ministry to which he calls us anew in this day and age, to the glory of his name!

God bless and keep you and yours!

Peace and love,

Paster Ron

Pastor Ron

EMUANEL 9

No doubt you have heard about Juneteenth, a commemoration of the slaying of nine African American people in a church in South Carolina.

Channel 19, the CBS affiliate in Columbia, SC shared this report:

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Five years ago, on June 17, 2015, about two dozen members of a Bible study group at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church -- known as Mother Emanuel -- were holding their regular weekly evening meeting.

A white man entered the church shortly before the meeting started and sat in with the group, beside Rev. Clementa Pinckney. After prayer was said and the meeting was over, the white man stood up and opened fire on the African American churchgoers, killing nine.

We not only remember these and other victims of racial violence, but also support efforts to curb such injustice. The rostered leaders of our Nittany Conference met for a special prayer service remembering the Emanuel 9 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bellefonte, PA. Unfortunately, I could not attend, but here is a post of that service. May it offer peace and hope for us all.

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DEEPER WATERS AND YOUTH COOKOUT

Since Centre County has moved to the Green Phase of COVID-19, we are able to do some very limited in-person gatherings, so long as masks are worn, and social distance is maintained. Therefore, we had a cookout last week for the Deeper Waters students and their families. We all had a great time!

So, another DW and Youth Cookout is set for Sunday, June 28, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Menu to be determined. Given the current guidance all the food will be prepared here and served in ways that maintain safety for all. Just **bring a mask and a lawn chair**, along with your appetite and smiling face!!!

Call Pastor Ron, 814-933-8514, (tlcrevron@comast.net) with questions or to register.

Families and friends welcome!

What a confusing time to be a pirate.



From the Synod

These are difficult times for many people, and in the midst of Coronavirus and racial injustice and inequality, some of us feel helpless, not quite knowing what to do.

But there is a situation in which your help could mean saving hundreds of lives. In our companion synod (the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church), where they have also been facing many challenges due to Covid-19, unprecedented rainfall has caused two rivers to significantly flood, destroying communities. One of the pastors we have been in communication with has said:

"Community-wise, floods, earthslides, and economy is killing all here. The [two rivers] over-flowed, and carried away houses, foodstuffs, and lives of people. We are living in fear always. Life is miserable. There is no food. Our parish congregants ... all their crops have been swept away. Some parents are boiling stones to confuse children that food is being cooked to make them sleep. ... Even getting for one day a meal, people will appreciate. It's really a delicate situation. We are cries all over."

We invite you to help us care for our neighbor by providing funds for food and basic life necessities. We are challenging the people of our synod to help us meet a goal of providing food for 1 month for the more than 300 people in the parishes affected by this flooding. Those who receive food supplies also will share with neighbors; which means that our gift could reach even more.

If each congregation in our Synod were to share \$100 (this would be \$20 from 5 members, or \$10 from 10 members), we could easily meet this goal. Will you be one of those people? For those who are able to provide more, I invite you to prayerfully do so. An anonymous donor has already pledged to match the first \$1,000 that comes in.

Please send in your monetary gifts no later than **June 30th** to the synod office (701 Quail Ave., Altoona, PA 16602), and mark the memo line "KELC Flood/Hunger Relief."

Thank you for helping us "do something" to bring a sign of Christ's healing into our hurting world.