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From the Desk of the Pastor

Interim Pastor Ron Hughes

A time to keep silence and a time to speak

As many of you know that title comes directly from Ecclesiastes 3:7, and in God's word, I feel that He is saying that it is time to reopen the churches again. When the churches closed out of concern for the Corona Virus, and in respect to all of you, we Pastors, felt that it was the safe and sure thing to do. We did not want to be responsible for someone coming down with the virus and it be traced to church attendance. Little did we know that in doing that our worship services were a mixture of strange and sometimes innovative ways Prayer and Praise in the Parking Lot to gather our flock while respecting the calls of the Federal Government, for correct social distancing? I know that there several members of our congregation who literally did not want to shake hands, talk to their neighbors and many still feel this way.

As a pastor, I feel that we gave Satan a great victory; he got us out of the habit of being at church on Sunday morning and filling that slot in time with something else. Satan rejoiced when children could not go to Sunday school where they learn about Jesus Christ, he rejoiced when youth group could not meet, he rejoiced when members were not visited, and was happy while the most senior of our citizens are held captive with no visit restrictions in the Nursing Home. In addition, in our church, the children were denied the ability to receive First Communion! It is a sad commentary, yet we did this for the sake of protecting our people and trying to be safe.

Nevertheless, I say "No More" It is now the time to reopen our churches, while trying to respect social distancing. We do care; we have gone ahead and cleaned all the carpets, and pews. We have taken the

necessary precautions, to insure the safety and wellbeing of our members. God is calling us to come home because most importantly in our country today it is imperative to realize that now is the time to Worship, Now is the time to give our hearts to Jesus, put our faith, and trust in Him to protect us from all evil.

It is time again to hold the hands of our neighbors while we say the Lord's Prayer and to great each other with a handshake or a hug if you feel that it can be done safely. For if we live in fear all our lives, that is what the enemy wants, he wants to distract us with a worry, that though very serious, it can be remedied by using hand sanitizer and wearing a face mask. God still knows whom you are when you wear a facemask and if it does not bother you, it is not bothering us.

Somethings will be different and somethings will return to the way it used to be. It is about time to reopen our fellowship hour the best thing that we can do after worship, and once again enjoy each other's company.

May God continue to bless each one of us,

Pastor Ron
Interim Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church

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Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, May 11, 2020.

Present: Jerry Dykstra, Jeff Engebretson, Tonya Standy, Liz Spawn, Shirley Johnson, Lee Hanten, Mike Konechne, Brad DeVries, Tana Huizenga and Pastor Ron Hughes.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Dykstra. Pastor Ron led with devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report was reviewed, Mike Konechne made a motion to approve, Lee Hanten seconded it, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was reviewed, we did receive the SBA PPP loan, Wendy and Liz will keep track of expenses paid from that. Lee Hanten made a motion to approve report, Jeff Engebretson seconded it, the motion carried.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Randy Tegethoff took care of fixing the sump pump issue. Lee Hanten took had the garage door fixed at the parsonage.

DEACON'S REPORT

Shirley said she has been mailing out bulletins and making some visits.

OLD BUSINESS

BASEMENT PROJECT: Lee Hanten will talk to Todd before the next meeting about this.

CLEANING CARPETS: Lee will contact Jason to get the carpets cleaned.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: We discussed Pastor Tom not coming on Sunday and when we could get him here for a message and question and answer time. Tonya made a motion that Jeff Engebretson contact Pastor Tom to see if he can give a message and have a question and answer time next Sunday the 17th or Sunday the 31st in the afternoon, if that works, Wendy will make a couple phone calls to the congregation, we will have a box out for questions people may have for Pastor Tom and Jeff will make sure it is live streamed and if anyone wants to watch it, he would make it available to anyone who wants to see it Brad DeVries seconded it, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: We discussed Sunday morning worship services, whether to continue in the parking lot or have inside and live stream. Mike Konechne made a motion to start having services inside this week and they will be live streamed for those who don't feel comfortable being inside. Lee Hanten seconded it; the motion carried.

ONLINE GIVING: Liz Spawn and Wendy will look into options for online giving and report back at next meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Ron has been in contact with confirmation students, they are going to try to finish up workbook, memory work and sermon notes and hopefully have confirmation in June. First communion classes will be in the fall.

Shirley Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tana Huizenga seconded it.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Standy



From the WOW Co-Presidents

Connie Kirsch & Gladys Kuipers

Praise Through Circumstance

When life is good, it is easy to praise God. My life is full of blessings, we think to ourselves. He is so good to me! But what happens when life is hard? Do we continue to give him the glory when we're thrown curveball after curveball?

Regardless of our circumstance, whatever our situation, we need to continue to give Him the praise He so richly deserves. Life lived alongside Christ doesn't mean it will be one free of pain, or discomfort, of tough times. But it does mean that we can find contentment in it anyway because we have him in our lives to turn to.

I have learned to be content, whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength (Philippians 4: 11 - 13)

Pray for contentment today, whatever your circumstances. There is no crisis that the Lord is not willing to walk you through.



Please take note:

We are suggesting that Bible study groups decide whether they want to meet in June. Each group has different circumstances to consider. If the group decides to meet, we will continue with Women of the Old Testament Bible study and do lesson 6. Martha Bible study is TBA.

**THE LORD
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;**

**THE LORD
MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE
UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;**

**THE LORD
LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE
UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26, ESV

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

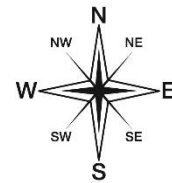
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng both no_ and for_ vermores. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Victory Center Bible Image CAMP 2020 is coming June 8 to

<https://www.victorycenterbiblecamp.com/>

*We know many of you campers that were signed up to go to Victory Center Bible Camp are disappointed that camp has been cancelled.

Check the link to see what they have to offer!



This Month's Birthdays

6/1	Scott Vanden Berge	6/23	Eve Meyerink
6/3	Breyden Wollman	6/23	Andrew Nachtigal
6/4	Jason Huizenga	6/23	Dee Rasmussen
6/4	Aubrey Warjecka	6/23	Sheila Summerville
6/5	Jerni Severson	6/25	Ken Mason*
6/7	Gary Kuipers	6/25	Jaxton Reiser
6/10	George Miller*	6/26	Jordan Konechne
6/11	Melissa Johnson	6/26	Susan Nelson
6/13	Doug Holter	6/27	Mikenna Gilbertz
6/14	Niki Nelson	6/27	Maggie Foxley
6/17	Jemma Severson	6/28	Daniel Daum
6/21	Darla Johnson	6/29	Foster Tegethoff
6/23	Emily Konechne	6/30	Karen Dimick
6/23	Mary Beth Kuiper	6/30	Ethan Kirsch



**Please remember these special 80+ Birthdays with a prayer, card or phone call*

Confirmation

8th Grade Confirmation will be held Sunday, June 14th during the morning worship service. We will continue to do our best to practice social distancing and have asked that the family and friends of each confirmand sit together keep a safe distance between other families and congregation members. Pews may be marked to help with this. Pastor Ron would like to meet with the confirmands and parents **Saturday, June 13th at 10 AM in the sanctuary** to review and go over the service. Please do your best to have your child and at least one parent attend. – Board of Ed

Vacation Bible School

There are no plans yet as to whether or not we will be having VBS this year, but at this time it has not yet been ruled out entirely. As soon as a decision is made we will let you know. Thank you for your patience and understanding. -Board of Ed

New Hope moves ahead with summer programming

After consultation with the SD Department of health and other local health officials, we believe summer camp can proceed while keeping children safe during this time. We do need to announce a few changes made to our summer schedule. All camps have been moved back 2 weeks from the previous schedule. The first Pioneer Camp will be the last 3 days of June, June 28-30. All other camps will be in July. Camp is being limited to 32 children per camp so register soon. For more info check out our Facebook page and our camp website: www.NewHopeChristianCamp.org.

Operation Shoe Box has been given the go-ahead for shoeboxes

Deadline is Sunday, June 28 to fill the shoeboxes for needy children in Guatemala & Central America. These boxes are a blessing and are a wonderful tool for the gospel presentation! Ways to be involved:

1. Fill boxes according to guidelines & attach \$5 per box for shipping
2. Donate bulk items to be used for filling boxes
3. Donate financially to be used for shipping costs or shoe box items

Calling Prayer Warriors

12 HOUR DAY OF PRAYER

Trinity Pastoral search committee is encouraging congregational members to get involved with our "12 Hour" day of prayer at Trinity Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
8 AM – 8 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

Please Pray:

- ✓ for pastoral search committee
- ✓ for whom God is raising up to be our new pastor
- ✓ for the next direction God is calling for Pastor Ron
- ✓ for our congregation
- ✓ for leadership in the church
- ✓ for health concerns and our nation

If you are not able to come to the church, please pray with us from your home or wherever you are! Prayer time slots are 20 minute increments. Continue to pray until the next prayer warrior relieves you. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex along with a prayer request box. If you'd like to add a prayer request, contact Jonna DeHaan 680-1616 or Mary Ringling 680-1893 for more info.

TLC Search Committee Update - 5/14/2020:

The committee regrets to inform the congregation that the pastoral candidate that we were in the initial phases of the call process with, has withdrawn his name. This news was received on Tuesday and the committee met Thursday evening. Discussion was held on how to proceed, whether it is reevaluating previous candidates or exploring new options. The committee will meet again on Sunday, May 24 after the worship service or earlier if needed.

TLC Search Committee Minutes – 5/24/2020:

The committee met after worship with the main agenda item being how to proceed after our main candidate withdrew. Since the last meeting, members were to review some of the previous finalists in the existing pool. After much reflection and discussion, the majority of the committee felt that the former candidates were not the right fit and voted to explore new options for candidates. Previously, our main method of reaching potential candidates was posting on the LCMC website and seminary websites. We will continue with those practices; however, we feel compelled to try additional avenues such as reaching out to people working in different types of ministry. We formed a list of people we know that currently serve in ministry. We will be asking them to reach out to colleagues in their network making them aware of our open position. We also are asking the congregation that if they know of anyone in ministry to contact them and share the news of our open position. Members can also contact any search committee member with a potential name if they are not comfortable reaching out themselves. Our hope is that this more grass roots efforts will supply us with some new candidates. The committee also decided that we move in a more rapid, but yet efficient and responsible manner with new candidates.

The committee will meet weekly on Sundays from here on out. The committee desires continued support and prayer from the congregation for whom God is calling to serve Trinity. There will be a 12 hour prayer chain on a Sunday which will consist of congregation members taking 20 minute increments to be in prayer for Trinity and our pastoral search. More information will be distributed soon from the pulpit and the bulletin.