




# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Experiencing and  
Sharing Jesus

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**“From the rising of the sun to its going down  
The LORD’s name is to be praised.”** Psalm 113:3 (NKJV)

## June

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Please join us online to worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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Dear Trinity Members and Friends in Christ,

It's a challenging time for all of us. I'd like to share some biblical insights that can help us receive perspective and peace from our God who is in control of all things, and from our Savior who gives us peace that the world cannot give. So, let's consider what the Bible would tell us in situations like we find ourselves in today, when we struggle to adjust to many changes in our lives, when we feel worried and stressed about things that are out of our control, and when we are not free to meet together as we are used to.

I think of the wonderful clip we saw from the movie, "Risen," when Bartholomew was threatened by the Roman officer, saying, "I could have you killed," and Bartholomew laughed and knelt down saying, "Strike." Then he said, "What do you have to fear from us? Our only weapon is love." How true this is! Jesus defeated sin and Satan with love. He won our salvation by losing. How freeing this is to us! We don't need to fear anything. "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:31b, 32, 35, 37b)



When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews." (John 18:33, 36) and later, "Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release you?" Jesus answered, "You could have not power at all against Me unless it had been given to you from above." (John 19:10-11). Our God is in control. His Kingdom is the everlasting Kingdom, and He has made us citizens of His Kingdom!

The apostle Paul, when he was kept in prison unjustly, trusted in God, and used the time to write letters of encouragement to the churches and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with his captors. He penned these immortal words to his coworker Timothy: "Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained" (2 Timothy 2:8-9).

For us, also, the word of God is not chained. We have live-streamed worship services each Sunday online; I'm writing and posting Bible studies on our church website, as well as recordings of the Sunday services. And we are worshipping at church; we have at least six Communion services each week, meeting in groups of ten. Bible study groups are meeting online too. And rest assured, Ministry Council, Parish Council, and Elders are working on plans to open up more ministry as soon as we are able.





I will close with some good principles for us to follow from 1 Timothy, chapter 2, where Paul writes: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4, NIV). I look forward to the time when we can meet together in larger groups at the church. Until then, let's continue to trust in God and to grow in love and patience.

God's peace and blessing in Jesus,

*Pastor Shawn*

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To Trinity Lutheran Family,

Hello everyone, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to let you know that my time here in the US is coming to an end and that I am transitioning back to Haiti.

My time here has been beneficial and successful. I have grown in many different areas in my life, including spiritually, intellectually and professionally. I remember when I first came here, everything was very different, and I recall saying all the time: "everything is automatic in the US". But I think I made the most of my time here.

Just like Ecclesiastes says in the Bible, there is a time/season for everything in life. For this season in my life, I was blessed to be here for college, and I successfully finished with it. With the knowledge and experiences that I have gained here, I am now more equipped to continue with my journey. I am set to go back home the first week of June.

I am looking forward to working for Trinity Hope starting in August, and I am confident that I am well prepared to whatever the future holds.

It has been a blessing for me to be able to worship with and fellowship with you. I have enjoyed the time that I spent learning from you. I want to thank all of you who have supported me here. Whether your support was public, or behind the scenes, I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Just so you know, I will be staying in Jacmel. At first, I'll be staying at pastor Sam's place for about three weeks, then I will find my own place to stay while working.

Stay Safe, Stay Blessed, Stay Healthy.

Peace of the Lord be with you.

Sincerely,

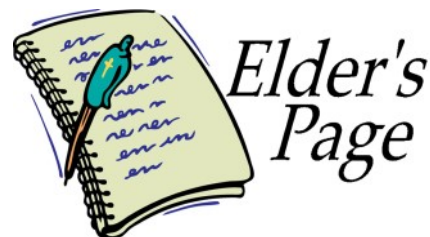
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p.s.: If you ever wish to contact me, here is my email address: [stevensonjeanbaptiste6197@gmail.com](mailto:stevensonjeanbaptiste6197@gmail.com).

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## *One Step At A Time*



So much has changed since my last writing. In fact I missed writing an article entirely in May, as so much was changing during the midst of this pandemic. I not only shifted gears, but have taken a different career path, and moved into a new position with my agency. It has been a welcome change, and proof positive, that prayers are answered in The Lords time. With all workers in my agency declared “Essential” since the beginning, we’ve been either working in the office, the field or teleworking as our work schedule and workload dictates. In retrospect, I believe this change wasn’t as much about me, but was more about what I will be doing to help others.

Wednesday evening, May 27th, Brenda & I had our first “Cozy” communion at Trinity since the Governor’s order to shelter in place. While it was different to experience our sanctuary in a Socially Distant posture, it was also quite familiar. Christ was truly present in the Body & Blood. We communed as expected, with others who share our common belief and profess the same faith. While the attendance was limited to only 10 people, the forgiveness we all receive is unlimited!

On a daily basis, we learn something new about how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting our lives, our neighbors & friends, our families and those around the world. With our children now scattered around the country in other states, seeing them in person was difficult before, and now it’s not an option. We’ve “Zoomed” with them a few times which is great to see them, and surely saves a lot of driving! My point is that we want to see them in person, but we can’t right now. We can’t even take a vacation and drive or fly to see them in person. We must rely on available technology, and schedule time to gather the whole bunch on-screen like a rerun of the Brady Bunch. While Brenda & I really appreciate that reference, I’m sure the kids don’t see themselves the same way we do when we’re on screen.

I consider myself a relatively patient person for most things, but just knowing that we can’t pick up and drive or fly to see our kids leaves me a bit anxious. It’s also a foreign concept that someone or something can keep me from doing what I want. It seems like a portion of my freedom has been removed. But more patience is warranted, and a little more time will be required. Once again, I forgot it’s not about me, but about others and what’s best for them. COVID-19 is impacting all of our lives at this time, but it doesn’t have to control our every moment. We should take this time to reflect on the one who sent His Son at the perfect time, to the perfect place, to save us from our sin and death.

We know that every journey, no matter how long or short, begins with a single step. The COVID-19 journey we are all part of, began similarly. Some of us started the journey a little sooner, or at a faster or slower pace, but we all feel the impact. We don’t know how soon it will end, or how long it may last. This month, all 30 lessons in the Portals of Prayer, have “Walk” or “Walking” in their title. As each title suggests, life and every part of it, should be approached at a slower pace. We must trust that with Christ taking each step with us, and the Spirit of Christ within each of us, we will all make this journey without fear.

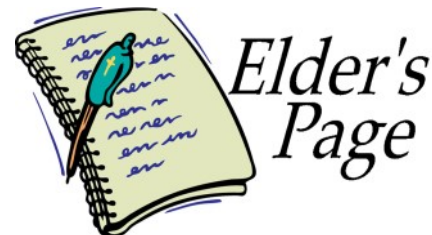
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How wonderful to have the assurance that our Savior has everything under control. No matter how chaotic it may seem, Christ's plan has been accomplished! We are saved! We are part of His family, forever! Christ remains the same yesterday, today and forevermore.

I pray that during this time, each of us feel the presence of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ walking with us each day, and that the Holy Spirit grows within us, so that we may share God's Love with all who are making this journey we call life.

In HIS Service

Kevin Donoho – Elder Chairman



Dear Trinity Members,

We look forward to fellowshiping together again. On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Governor updated the situation for churches in his Restore Illinois Plan. The Ministry Council forwarded a plan to Parish Council and Elders so that we can return to in-person worship services in the sanctuary. The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on June 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss this.



In the meantime, the small group Communion Services continue six times weekly. You can make an appointment by going to our church website, or call us at the church office. Church online continues live every Sunday at 11AM. Services are recorded live and posted on the church website. And Pastor Shawn continues posting Bible Studies on the church website. Currently, he's writing a verse by verse study on the book of James.

May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe and strong in Christ's love. We look forward to fellowshiping together.

Trinity Leadership



Please join us each Sunday, before the online Worship Service at 11 a.m., for an online pre-service fellowship called Coffee Time Fellowship. Coffee Time Fellowship meets via Zoom from 10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in a separate Zoom meeting from the online Worship Service. Links to access the meetings are available on our website and are listed below. Phone access is also available using the phone number and Meeting ID number listed.

**Coffee Time Fellowship** (10:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81108241978>

Access by Phone: ph: 312-626-6799;  
enter Meeting ID: 811 0824 1978, then press #.

**Worship Online** (11:00 a.m.): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/873309814>

Access by Phone: ph: 312-626-6799;  
enter Meeting ID: 873 309 814





## Correspondence from Institution Olivier and Yahve-Nissi May 2020

Dear Members of Trinity,

We are excited to share with you pictures of the children and their families receiving uncooked food at school during these challenging times. Even though the schools have been closed in Haiti, we have had the opportunity to continue feeding the children and their families using their schools as distribution centers. This has been an amazing witnessing tool, allowing us to share God's love and message with the families. Letters were written and read to the parents explaining the food is provided to them through Christ's love during this coronavirus pandemic.



Scripture was also shared with a message of peace and hope.

- *"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."* Deuteronomy 31:8
- *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7
- *"But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish."* Psalm 19:8

Even in times of trouble, we know God never abandons us. Through the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ, we are assured of His love. Not only does that sacrifice give us hope for today, it guarantees each of us, as believers in Jesus Christ, eternal life in heaven forever. For that reason, regardless of what is happening in our world, we can boldly say, *"Thanks be to God! All is well with the Lord."*

Your school correspondence package is a little different this time. You will not find any beautiful pictures and letters from the children since they are not in school but know their deep appreciation to you has not changed but grown stronger. Thank you for your continued support to share God's love with the children and their families in Haiti!

God's Blessings,



Denise Gudlin





Please keep the schools, children and families we are supporting in Haiti in your prayers. The children are still being fed, even though schools are closed for now. The schools are distributing uncooked food directly to the families along with messages of encouragement from God's word. Our support and gifts are especially appreciated at this time. We are planning a benefit event for Trinity Hope, Lord willing, this will happen on November 16<sup>th</sup>

God is continuing to provide HOPE to the children and families of Haiti one bowl of rice and beans at a time



Coronavirus has changed schools into food distribution centers.



*"Do not be afraid,  
for I am with you.  
Do not be discouraged,  
for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and  
help you. I will hold you  
up with my righteous  
right hand."*  
Isaiah 41:10



## Wee Disciples Preschool News



Wee Disciples Preschool is currently on Summer Break. At the end of May, the preschool committee and teachers worked together to paint the preschool classroom. It is so nice to see a fresh coat of paint on the preschool walls. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with this project: Dan Roney, Carol and Randy Niemann, Carolyn and James Wanagat, and Julie Elsts. We are purchasing carpet tiles to replace the preschool carpet this month, and we are so grateful to the generous anonymous donation that covered the expense of the new carpet

tiles. We have been blessed! This month I will be putting the classroom back together again, cleaning the classroom, and preparing for a new school year. I pray that school will resume on August 24, 2020, so watch for news about the next school year in the August Newsletter.

As we end the 2019-20 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank many individuals who have contributed to the success of our preschool program. Thank you to our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Julie Elsts and Karen Ross. I really could not run the classroom without their assistance and our students really benefit from their experience and love. Karen Ross is not returning to the preschool next year. Thank you to Karen for her years of service! I am so grateful for Steve from ESS who works hard to clean our building and classroom! Another thank you to all the Trinity Church volunteers who were our Reading Buddies and served on our Preschool Committee. Wee Disciples Preschool is blessed to have the support and involvement of so many. Lastly, I am very grateful to Pastor Shawn for providing a monthly Chapel time for our students. Chapel is an event that the students really looked forward to each month.

Wee Disciples Preschool offers registration for the 2020-21 school year throughout the summer. The registration fee is \$75. If you know of any families with preschool age children who may be interested in our preschool program, please share with them that they can register at any time. Registration forms and program brochures are available outside the preschool classroom or visit our church website at [www.trinity-urbana.org](http://www.trinity-urbana.org) and link to the preschool section.

Please pray for our preschoolers as they begin their summer break. It was a challenging end of the school year with school closure due to COVID-19. I pray that our Wee Disciples Preschool family and the Trinity Lutheran Church Family will remain healthy and safe as our state begins the process of opening again.

God's Blessings,  
**Karen Rohrer,**  
Director and Teacher

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## JUNE Birthdays

06/01	Danielle Nation
06/04	Paul Wetzel
06/05	Christopher Revell
06/06	Shannon Fitzgerald
06/06	Timothy Wanagat
06/09	Lorene Cress
	Janet Kane
06/10	Samuel Rossow
06/12	Katherine Ashmore
	Nathan Cox
06/13	Adam Rusch
06/14	Richard Adams
06/15	Amber Haraden
06/17	Tonda Hartle
06/18	Steve Calhoun
	Donna Reinert
06/19	Tom Huxtable
06/20	Lisa Courtney
06/25	Robert Freese
06/25	Larry Wienke
06/28	Christian Holhubner

## JUNE Anniversaries

06/04	James & Joyce Cox (37 years)
06/07	John & Juanita Steer (67 years)
	Larry & Sandi Wienke (40 years)
06/10	Dave & Fran Smallfield (53 years)
06/14	Scott & Nichole Summers (12 years)
06/15	Dave & Maxine Kuehn (52 years)
	Dan & Ginger Roney (46 years)
06/18	Phil & Joyce Bell (55 years)
06/20	Debbie & Kevin Cagle (39 years)
06/24	Jim & Carolyn Wanagat (53 years)
06/27	Les & Donna Reinert (61 years)
06/28	Christian & Katrina Holhubner (6 years)
	Gregory & Dee Dee Williams (34 years)
06/29	Wayne & Doris Matthews (45 years)

For the Month of May	
May Offerings	\$27,252
YTD Receipts	\$116,282
Copies of Trinity's monthly income, expenses and full budget breakdown are in the Narthex and updated each month.	



Trinity's Benevolence to families at Wiley School will continue over the summer months. Thank God that we are able to help students who are experiencing food insecurity. With the help of Wiley school social worker, (Dontè Lotts), we'll provide backpacks of food through the summer for the children we have been supporting during the year!



**Trinity Small Groups and Bible Studies**

Many of Trinity's Small Group and Bible Study Groups will continue to not meet in person through June due to the statewide stay-at-home order. Pastor Ehlers' Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not meet during June. Some groups may continue to meet online via Zoom. Please reach out to your individual group leader if you have further questions or contact the church office at 217-367-8923.