



The Triune *Voice of Trinity*

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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From the Pastor's Desk

“Traditions”

Do you remember when people used to get all dressed up to go to church? Some still do, of course. But it has become increasingly more common to see churchgoers dressed more casually, as though they were making a quick trip to the mall. The phrase and the reality of "Sunday best" is slipping into the annals, the archives of history.

There are those who are unhappy, even angered, about this. It flies in the face of their traditions; they see it as blatant disrespect of God. For some it is just another example of the decay of family values and the destruction of the life of real, true faith.

There is some validity in this thought process. Examine the cultures, religions and processes that have endured the test and ravages of time. One constant is a tenacious adherence to and respect for traditions. Such constants may be interpreted amid a changing world, but never altered or changed. Traditions do help bind people together in community.

Traditions can also drain the life from and destroy a community. When a tradition loses its original purpose and focus, when it is applied spitefully, perfunctorily or vindictively, when it takes priority over the people with a community, it will cause more harm than effect good.

Those who, like us, worship in a liturgical, sacramental church, have a well-founded love of the many liturgical signs through which we encounter Christ. Our pattern and style of worship - gathering, proclaiming the Word, sharing the Eucharistic Meal and sending forth are essential actions that shape our community of faith. Other practices, secondary or even tertiary to our

worship - candle lighting, singing the liturgy, hymns or praise songs, fellowship time, dinners - can all help link members to the community, or alienate them from it.

Sometimes tradition can be abused. It can gradually, insidiously work its way into the core values of the community, displacing the **Gospel** and the **true mission** of the Church. True disciples are defined, not by their faith, their love of God and care and concern one of another, but by the traditions they keep or despise.

At such times the Order for Confession and Absolution is of great value. Together, all of us, whether dressed in our "Sunday best" or in our "casual Friday" attire, whether observant or ignorant of tradition, "confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves." We all lay aside our clothing and stand, naked, before God's judgment. It is at that time the miracle takes place. God clothes us in divine mercy, forgiving us - for Jesus' sake - all of our sin. We are all clothed alike in the righteousness of Christ. Thanks be to God.

There is a New Future on the horizon for Trinity. Cling fast to the Foundations of our Faith in Jesus Christ and let us be prepared and ready to set aside the secondary and tertiary traditions in order to move forward as the Church of Christ. Let us truly be a "People of Purpose" shining like a beacon on the hill, illuminating the way as we fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to **GO**, Make Disciples.

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the House of the Lord." God Bless you.

*Shalom!
Pastor Bernard*

May 2021

May 2021							June 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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30	31						29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible	3	4	5	6 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
9 Mother's Day (United 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible	10 6:45pm Council Meeting	11	12 10:30am Women's Bible Study	13 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible	17 Triune Articles Due	18	19	20 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 CONFIRMATION PENTECOST 9:00am Communion 10:15am Sunday School	24	25	26 10:30am Women's Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9:00am Worship Service	31 Memorial Day (United States)	Jun 1	2	3	4	5



May Birthdays

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the following:

- 2 – Marlene Markham
- 2 – Allan Klauda
- 3 – Caleb Blank
- 3 – Rachel Blank
- 7 – Joseph Lagas
- 7- Evelyn Lagas
- 8 – Joseph Rittler
- 10 – Marilynn Cubitt
- 10 – Gabriel Walls
- 11 – Tim Bruton
- 13 – John Steele
- 14 – Bob DeVantier
- 17 – Jay Diedreck
- 19 – Pastor Bernard
- 21 – Carol Dye
- 22- Samuel Keens
- 24 – Cathy DeConinck
- 26 – Ken Castricone
- 28 – Janet Kofod
- 29 – Madeleine Antonio
- 29 – Susan Oswald
- 30 – Tom Troxell
- 30 – Pamela Tolster



May Anniversaries

Congratulations and God's Blessings to:

- 1 – Keith & Lindsey Walls
- 5 – Allan & Ann Marie Klauda
- 8 – Ryan & Sue Baker
- 9 – Helmut & Henrika Menge
- 16 – Phil & Jodi Blank
- 29 – Mike & Wendy Mayer

Please Note:
If you are feeling ill or are displaying any of the symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home for your own protection and the protection of others.

Spencerport CROP Hunger Walk Last chance to Sign Up!

Sunday, May 2nd is the Annual Spencerport Crop Walk, and as I looked at the Team Trinity I feel sad being the sole member of the team.

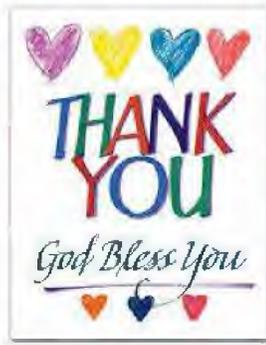
There is still time to support the hungry people around the world and locally, here in Spencerport. Please consider joining the walk or sponsoring a walker for this great cause.

You can use this link to both register to walk or donate to *Team Trinity* or a specific walker.

Thank you,
 Cathy DeConinck

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/team-trinity-2>





Many thanks to Trinity Sunday School for the Easter Treat and card. That really made my day! And thank you to Carly and Ginny who delivered the treat. It's good to make contact with my Trinity family!

Blessings to all,
Floyd Hill



I wanted express my sincere thanks to everyone who sent me a card, remembered me in their prayers and gave me a call while I was recuperating from my cancer treatments. It is very comforting to me to know you all are thinking of me! God Bless you all!

*Love to you all,
Doris Clement*

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Please join us for our continuing discussion of Billy Graham's book, 'Angels'. We meet every other Wednesday at 10:30AM and discuss one chapter each time as well as share an angel story. Our May meetings are scheduled for May 12th and May 26th. Our Bible Study group is presently being held in the Sanctuary where we can properly social distance. We hope to see you there.



MITES

The Mite Box has changed in design over the years, but the mission remains the same: "Reaching out with the Good News of Jesus Christ". Over 100,000,000 dollars has been collected in mites mission offerings since 1942. Mites coins help support Lutheran Missions at home and around the world. You can pick up a new box and leave your donations to Mites Ministries on the first Sunday of each month.



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Spring has finally sprung and the excitement is growing at Preschool! Mr. Sun is out and it's been warm enough to go outside to play a couple times. We can't believe our school year is winding down.

Our 3-year-old class is finishing up learning their numbers and have become pretty good with using scissors too. Some of our 3-year-old friends are even writing their first names! Way to go!

Our friends in the 4-year-old class have just a few letters and numbers left to learn. We are looking forward to a visit from Deputy Matt Thompson of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Hopefully he will let us sit in his police car! A bus from the Spencerport School District will also be stopping by to teach us how to safely ride the bus to school. We are also busy planning our end of the year activities and celebrations.

We are taking registrations for next year and still have a few openings. Please spread the word! For more information we can be reached at Trinitypreschool1@yahoo.com or at 585-352-3143.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful moms at Trinity!

Laurie Butts
& Jodi Blank



Sunday School News

We are fast approaching the end of the school year. Our Sunday School normally ends at the end of May, when we begin our 'Summer Schedule'. Since we are already doing that schedule, we need to decide when we will end our normal Sunday school year. I know things begin to get hectic for everyone in the month of June, so I am still inclined to stop Sunday School the end of May.

That being said, I am thinking about the summer months and the possibility of holding a Sunday morning **Vacation Bible School**. My thought is to schedule two Sundays a month in July and August after church for 45 min - 1 hour. This would be like VBS, in that there would be a lesson/story, a craft, and game time. I'm leaving out the singing part for practical reasons.

If you are a parent, or an adult that would be interested in helping with this type of program, please provide your feedback, to Cathy DeConinck.

Thanks for your time, and I hope to hear from you.

Cathy
Sunday School Superintendent



Trustees' Report



The Building Maintenance Committee met on March 30th and discussed a number of items. Evan Hart was invited to give an update on his work. Based on money available in the budget, the following is what was decided:

- 1) go ahead with finishing the last phase of the audio/visual system upgrade (Evan Hart).
- 2) Obtain an additional bid and an updated bid for painting and then move forward with this.
- 3) Obtain the remaining replacement ceiling lights for the downstairs and determine when Bleier Electric will be available to install them; 13 are needed.
- 4) Cleanup around the shed and the riding mower were discussed. There was a suggestion to send the mower to metal recycling. Evan Hart indicated he would look at the mower and if usable would take it to use at his Grandmother's house.

Trustees:

Hawn Heating and Air Conditioning has given us a bid for the repair of the boiler heating run that goes around the Altar. The cost would be \$967. This work will be scheduled after the Preschool has adjourned for the summer.

Church cleanup: The issue of a Church cleanup was discussed, and it was decided that rather than having a single day of cleanup, a number of days would be more useful and individuals and families will be invited to sign up for cleanup items and a date. Covid-19 restrictions will have to be followed and this more concerns activities within the Church as there is less concern for outside activities and yard work. Signup sheets will be available beginning Sunday, April 25th. The idea is to have all cleanup items completed by end of May.

Covid-19 Update

With services now in the Church sanctuary, all congregation members are asked to continue to be diligent and to take all precautions including the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Faithfully submitted,
Rodney Boatman

Remember Our Home Bound

or give them a call on the phone or send a card. Above all, remember them in your prayers:

Marie Feldmann	Carol Dye
Robert Schroeder	Dorothy Ayers
Waltraud Maisel	Marlene Markham

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

A big thank you to the Trinity Youth Group for the help you provided at the Food Shelf Site in March. These teenagers helped sort the many donations SEFS had received during Lent. Putting the oldest dated items on the shelf and organizing the rest in bins in the storage area was a big job! Thank you to Betsey for organizing this, and thank you to Laura, Jack, and Isabelle for your hard work!



Please mark your calendar!

The Triune
Deadline for June is
Friday, May 14th



JAM Ministries

There will be an Organizational planning meeting coming up on May 5, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the church after the Wednesday Women's Bible Study. We are getting some GREAT ideas from our ladies, but we NEED MORE!!

Keep 'em coming!

We need your help to make this ministry a Blessing to our community and each other. Thanks be to God! Should you have any questions or need more information, please call Fran Boatman or Carly Gebhardt.

*"Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.*

*Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.*

*Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all you are."*

Susan Kramer

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

*The Food Shelf serves those in need of food
and household supplies in
Ogden and South Parma.*

*If you or someone you know is in need,
please call for assistance at 585-397-0290
Monday – Friday between 9AM and 5PM*

Stewardship Moment Wrecked

When Nehemiah learned of the condition of Jerusalem and the Jewish remnant in Judah, the Bible says that he “Sat down, wept for some days, fasted and prayed before God in Heaven”. Now that might have been enough for many, after all Nehemiah had a “Good Job”, he was busy with his life, Jerusalem was almost 800 miles away, could represent a four to five-month trip and besides convincing “The King” to let him go might not be that easy.

At this point he could have said to himself, “Let God Take Care of It”, but Nehemiah knew he had to take action. Even the king could see that something was on Nehemiah’s mind and while the king had the power of “Life & Death” over Nehemiah, he was compelled to explain his plan to the king. God intervened making the king hospitable to Nehemiah’s plans to the extent that he provided support and documents of authorization. Nehemiah had overcome his fears and God had shown him that he had nothing to be afraid of but the conflict wasn’t over, neighboring civilizations were nervous about what Nehemiah was about to undertake. They would torment, intimidate and persecute the men working on the rebuild project to the extent that they needed to carry weapons even while they worked. Nehemiah however, gave them encouragement and reminded them that God was on their side and because of that if they were diligent, they couldn’t fail. They didn’t fail, and after fifty-two days (Record Time) the wall was up, the doors were on and the people were secure.

That is an inspiring story but “So What”? Nehemiah’s story is especially applicable even in “This Day & Age” and on many levels. **FIRST:** he went to God before he went anywhere, in humility and repentance. **SECOND:** in prayer he reiterated God’s promises and explained why something needed to happen. **THIRD:** he committed himself to a plan of action and petitioned God’s help to insure the success of the endeavor. **FOURTH:** he acted on his commitment, even though it could have resulted in physical punishment and even loss of life. **FIFTH:** because God always keeps His promises and Nehemiah was a humble man the king not only received Nehemiah but approved his plan and sent him off with more than he expected. **SIXTH:** Nehemiah expected resistance, not only from neighboring populations but even from the officials of the Jews. **SEVENTH:** he made a thorough evaluation of the situation and formulated a plan. **EIGHTH:** he then explained in depth what the

circumstances were, what he thought was the resolution and what their resources were. His confidence in the support of God and the king convinced them to begin work. **NINTH:** everyone had a job; the project was divided up so that each family had a piece of the action. **TENTH:** when opposition came Nehemiah sought God’s assistance, formulated a plan and assured the people of God’s covenant. On top of all that he equipped the people with weapons to defend themselves and the work went on, even with contention.

Throughout all this Nehemiah kept watch over the population and when reports of usury were disclosed he acted quickly, brought those who were engaging in this activity to the priests and committed them to an oath of repentance. He always remained a humble man, seeking after God in all his efforts, was benevolent to the population, never requiring that which was due him and working to bless all that he could.

As 21st century Christians we have more promises from God than Nehemiah had and probably won’t be physically rebuilding a wall. Yet if we spend time listening closely to God at some point in our lives He will, say just as he did to Isaiah, “Who shall I send?” and your response to that question will determine much of what your future will be.

As we look at Easter Sunday in the rear-view mirror, can we still see Christ shedding His blood for us, can we hear Him saying, *‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Ho’y Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And sure’y I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’*? Are we compelled by these events to take action, just as Nehemiah did? Perhaps we won’t have to go 800 miles out of our way to accomplish the assignment that God has laid on our hearts but if you say, *“Maybe at a more convenient time”* or *“I don’t think I’m prepared for this assignment”* then just as Jesus carried out His ministry without those who said they would follow but not right now, God will still complete His plan for Humanity and Planet Earth.

What’s important to remember is, Jesus shed His blood on that cross at Calvary for You and to that extent, your faith in that event provides you with a loving and welcome admission into God’s Kingdom no matter what else happens. Passing on God’s call diminishes **you** but not **His promise** of salvation.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021

Members present: Cathy DeConinck, Kim Rivers, Chris Reigle, Marilyn McMullen, Rodney Boatman, Lisa Castricone and Arda Davey Zoom: Pastor

Meeting opened 7:05PM with prayer by Cathy.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer Report: C. Reigle

	Budget	Actually Spent	Diff (Budg. vs Act)	Amount Collected	Difference
Feb.	\$18,826.67	\$12,170.53	\$6,656.14	\$12,528.00	\$357.47
Mar.	\$18,826.67	\$10,257.23	\$8,569.44	\$13,562.00	\$3,304.77
Ytd.	\$56,480.01	\$37,179.69	\$19,300.31	\$41,322.22	\$4,142.53

March – Missions not paid

Pastor car allowance separate for tax purpose only.

Payroll services – Jan increase for W2 forms

Approved

Financial Report: L. Castricone

Jan – Feb submitted and matched the treasurer’s report Approved

Mar – Apr when completed statements sent out

Elders/Pastor Report: E. Bruton

Elders: Confirmation will be on May 23rd, the fourth Sunday so Praise Sunday May 30th.

Adult Bible Study will start on April 18th after the 9:00AM service and will meet in the Sanctuary

Easter services went well.

As attendance increases for in-service attendance the downstairs is set up for overflow.

Trustees (Building Maintenance Team): R. Boatman:

Bid received from Hawn to replace zone valve in Altar area for \$967.50. Agreed to go ahead using Maintenance Money Funds. Will be done after pre-school finished.

Repair priorities based on current funds available.

1. Finish final phase AV system upgrade.
2. Obtain bids for painting and move forward includes Sanctuary, West & North Stairways.
3. Determine if Bleier Electric is available to install ceiling lighting downstairs and move forward, Gary & Robin Smith have purchased the lights.

President: C. DeConinck

Crop walk May 2nd.

No bill for assessment from the Synod this year.

New Business:

Elders, Pastor and Council met together for discussion on Worship Services so all on same page for concerns. We are one church not individual groups.

Counting the offerings will be on the 2nd and 4th/5th Sunday. There will be only 2 deposits

Old Business:

Elevator Inspected

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM with Lord’s Prayer

God of power and mercy,
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe
away our tears, that we may all deserve to be
called you sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom and
bring them safely into your kingdom of
justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





SERVING SCHEDULE MAY 2021

Please check your dates carefully and arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve when scheduled.

	May 2 9AM Communion Worship Service	May 9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00AM Worship Service	May 16 9:00AM Communion Worship Service	May 23 9:00AM Communion Worship Service <i>Pentecost Confirmation</i>	May 30 9:00AM Worship Service
ACOLYTES	Lily Ingham	Victor Castricone	Julie Hammond	Elizabeth Hammond	Lily Ingham
USHERS	Mike Mayer	John Gentzke	Bob DeVantier	Rodney Boatman	Mitch Frey
LECTORS	Joe Davey	Sigrun Miller	Mitch Frey	Eileen Bruton	Carol Ernsthausen
ELDERS	Brian Miller	Tim McMullen Craig Coon	Sarah Moffitt	Craig Coon	Kim Rivers Tim Bruton
COUNTERS					
ALTAR GUILD	Eileen Bruton & Sue Oswald				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE
SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE
AND BROADCAST TO THE PARKING LOT





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