



# TRINITY TRANSMITTER

## April 2020

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There's really nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1).

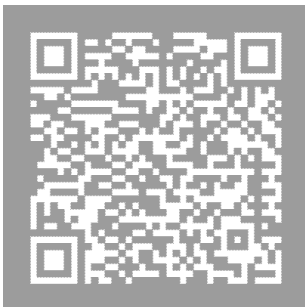
There's really nothing new about the new coronavirus (COVID-19). As I write this newsletter article many in the United States are beginning to make rash decisions that will soon effect all of us in response to a virus spreading around the world. Human history is filled with instances of epidemics, plagues, and pandemics. The Bible speaks about plagues and widespread diseases in accounts of the past and in accounts of our future. Even Luther had to deal with the Black Death Plague during his time in ministry. Deadly disease is nothing new. Neither is the greater threat to mankind.

In Revelation 9, we read about the horrible destruction that will one day ravage the earth. The figurative language of this chapter has caused many people to speculate about the exact nature of the three plagues discussed here. Whatever they may be, verses 20 and 21 make it clear that mankind faces a far greater problem than these plagues. It says,

*The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. (Rev. 9:20-21)*

While the world around us is fixated on COVID-19, how to respond to it, and the fears of contracting it, there is something that is a far greater threat to them than they realize. Many people in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and even our families are more concerned about a disease with a 1-3% mortality rate than a condition with a 100% mortality rate — a condition that every one of them has already contracted. We know that this greater problem is sin. We also know that handwashing, antiseptic wipes, microbe-trapping face masks, and isolation cannot spare any of us from the deadly consequences of sin. Only the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ can save us.

As I see it, people's concern over COVID-19 is an opportunity for us to engage them in conversations about our mortality and the 100% certainty



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of death. It is an opening for us to speak God's Word into a situation that can only be answered by God's Word. In the face of the COVID-19 threat, with all its fears and uncertainties, we can shine as people who have certain hope and faith.

Our response to COVID-19 should show the people around us that we live in faith, not fear, and that we are filled with hope. Our hope is not in science, technology, or medicine. Our hope is in the One who has given us these good gifts and the greater gifts of life and salvation through the forgiveness of our sins.

Your response to the COVID-19 or any type of sickness should include making good use of the "reason and senses" and all that God has given us "for this body and life" (Luther's Small Catechism). By all means, follow the sound advice of medical professionals and public health officials to protect yourself and your loved ones from this virus. But do not fear. You are God's own child washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and filled with hope. As you continue to deal with the challenges of a widespread disease, remember to also prepare to share Good News with "anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Through your faithful witness during a public health crisis, it is possible that people in your life will repent and receive the healing that only Jesus can provide.

In Christ,

Pastor Hageman



## TLC Family Care Connections

We pray for...

† **Shut-Ins:** Bill Bridges, Johanna Hall, Evelyn Kowalke, Bernice Robinson, Wauneta Messenger, Verneta Jones,

† **Health Concerns:** Kelly Chopp, Sandy Fine, Terri Schweer, Aaron Schiffelbein, Steve Hamann, Tim Lavrenz, Shirley Frost, Alisha Dugan, Chris Hall,

*If you have a prayer concern, please call the office*

**\*\* always obtain permission before sharing another's concerns**



Due to COVID-19, we will not meet in April.

The Rally in Elkhart has been postponed to a later date.

# Christian Education

## Weekday Fellowship Opportunities

### ~~Get-together-Girls~~

meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Join the ladies for fellowship, devotions, and card ministry. Drop-ins are welcome!

### Brown Bag Bible Buddies

Tuesdays at noon

*Life Lessons the Book of Psalm*

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## Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

*Core Values Bible Study*

Resumes April 8 (possibly)

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

*Hosea—Disciples Nest*

*Living a Chocolate Life—Lion's Den*

*(S)Hebrews—Pastor's Office*

Due to COVID-19, this event  
postponed until October.

## PERSPECTIVES ON LUTHERANISM

Why be a Missouri Synod Lutheran?

Saturday April 25, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Garden City, KS

Our speakers will present their various religious backgrounds and their journeys to the subscribing to the Lutheran Confession. They come from our Circuit, District, and the Synod at large.

**Rev. Kent Peck** – He is the Pastor at St John Lutheran Church in Meade, KS. He will share how he came to the Lutheran Confession from Evangelicalism.

**Rev. Mark Lovett** – He is the Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS. He will share how he came to the Lutheran Confession from atheism.

### Keynote Speaker:

**Gene Edward Veith Jr.:** Emeritus professor of literature at Patrick Henry College, where he has also served as provost and interim president. He also taught at Concordia University Wisconsin and was the culture editor for *World Magazine*. He is the author of over twenty books on Christianity and culture, literature, and theology.

They include *God at Work, Family Vocation, The Spirituality of the Cross,* and *Postmodern Times.*

He will speak about his background and address what it means to be identified as a Lutheran.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



## Next Meeting for Stephen Ministry

Monday, April 13 at

6:30 and Monday,

April 27 at 6:30

In Matthew's Place

**Subject  
to  
change!**

Information Meeting for Stephen  
Ministry Training is May 31 at 5:00 pm  
In Matthew's Place



We Love Vacation Bible School!

2020 Vacation Bible School

Mon-Fri, June 22-26

9:00-Noon



**TLC PRESCHOOL**

What a Mighty, Mighty, God we serve! We have found that out this past month, and that is what our preschoolers continue to learn as we finish talking about the trials that Jesus chose to endure for us. At this time we will continue to have school. With our small classes this year we are under the CDC recommendations.

As we come back from our extended Spring break Trinity-4 continues to work through the alphabet. They have had fun learning by experimenting in a variety of ways. We found out that magnets attract and repel; and hammers can really drive a nail into wood! As the year continues we are eager to learn more and learn in a variety of ways, but our favorite is with song.

Trinity-3 has begun to learn about numbers. We have found out there are items to be counted everywhere! Make sure that you walk down our hallway and see our number book. Trinity-3 is also very eager to keep learning and to see what is new.

Our enrollment for the 2020-21 school year has begun, so tell your neighbors, friends, and co-workers that we are getting ready. Mrs. Lampe & Mrs. Davis are ready to show each student how much God loves them. If they have any questions please give them the church phone number and have them call us, so that we can answer any of their questions.

Serving Christ together,  
Tammy Lampe & Tina Davis

**Trinity Lutheran Church – Church Leadership Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting 3/19/2020**

**Present:** Pastor Mike Hageman, DCE Cynthia Lavrenz, Mark Nelsen, Ginger Douglas, Daret Burr, Tim Stone, Carlene Schweer, and Jim Hewes, Jana Millershaski, and James Davis.

**Absent:** Jay Meyer.

**Guests:** Katy Pauley, Paul Pauley, Suzanne Hewes, Casey Harmon.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Nelsen. Pastor opened with devotion: Luther's writing on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments. Hand out attached.

**Minutes:** February Minutes reviewed via email. Motion by Jim: to approve Minutes. Seconded: by Jay. None opposed. Motion carried via email.

**New Business:** Church Security: Paul Pauley recently attended conference on keeping people safe at mass events like church services. He and Casey Harmon of Cornerstone Church presented on issues such as shootings, trips, falls, and other possible hazards. Questions and answers shared. Motion by Mark: to create safety team. The leader of the team is to be Paul. Seconded: by James. Voice vote: Passed.

**Old business: TLC wrap around care group:** Cynthia Reports: met with Head Start personnel, regarding providing a location for Head Start to use since the schools are closed. The only involvement with Trinity is the location, all else would provided by Head Start. Motion by Jana: to allow Cynthia to express interest in providing a location pending additional information be provided. Seconded: by Jim. Voice vote: passed.

There was additional discussion of the Wrap Around Center with increased insurance needs and janitorial services and other issues. Cynthia is to gather more information.

**Music Intern:** Pastor Reports: a college student was interested then interest dropped. Pastor reports he will continue to talk to colleges and music departments.

**Computers and Video equipment:** Pastor reports YouTube working and videos of sermon on the site with links on the website and Facebook page. Computers are on the way and subscription to ECAMM for streaming service as granted through Endowment.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Mark reports he has some individuals for the committee and seeking more. Jim agrees to join. Mark will ask some of the youth also to help out.

**New Business: Credit Card:** James reports the previous motion to move the credit cards to Western State Bank could not be accomplished because Western State Bank does not do credit cards. Motion by Tim: to move cards to Lutheran Federal Credit Union. Seconded: by James. Voice Vote: Passed. Jana to talk to ABCD board about any effect this would have on their accounts but she is confident it will not affect them.

**Nominating committee:** June election at voters' meeting coming soon and new officers to take office. Committee assigned: Mark, Ginger, Tim, and Mark to ask Nancy B.

**Covid-19:** Pastor reports the church will stay open and will follow recommendations for distancing by government guidelines.

**Next Meeting Date:** April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Reports: Treasurer's report:** James presented: profit and loss report, Balance sheet, and contributions Comparison reports. See attached. Discussion followed. February was going well then March giving went way down. Hoping April with Easter coming will get better and things will calm down. Simply Giving online option is not being utilized much. 12 copies of the Lutheran Witness are to be kept in the Library after current subscription ends. All present are in agreement. Cynthia and Katy are to decide on amount of Portals of Prayer to order.

# Youth Activities!

Youth Group Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sunday School at 10:30 am

Come for Spiritual and Relational Growth!

## ***Kansas District Summer Camp***

***July 19-24***

***Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park, Colorado***  
***www.kslcms.org***

### **Who is eligible to attend?**

- Youth in the class of 2020-2024

### **What is the fee to participate?**

The fee is \$450. Fee covers transportation, camp fees, meals at camp, spiritual life programming.

Forms are available from Pastor or the church office.

**Participation in youth ministry will reduce cost of camp!**

Registration opens March 1, with 100 spots available.

Must register through church.



### Summer Servant Event

Everyone 14 years old and older are encouraged to participate in a servant event **June 1-5** in **Fremont, Ne.**

Volunteers will be sent out into areas that have experienced extensive damage due to the Midwest flooding. Areas of work will include a 30-mile radius of Fremont, NE.

Projects include: mold remediation (demolition, sanitizing, cleaning) as well as construction (electrical, plumbing, drywall, mudding etc.). Transportation from Trinity will be included in the costs.

Contact Pastor Hageman, 620-521-9991 for more information.

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**Pastor and Cynthia report:** nothing to add from above.

**ABCD representative Jana & Suzanne report:** that the Preschool will stay open and resume classes March 30<sup>th</sup>. Reports the preschool staff has had discussions with the parents and due to the small size of those attending and daycares being exempt from guidelines will stay open until further notice.

**President Mark reports:** Will meet with Lay ministers on budget to be presented at June voters' meeting. Mark encourages all on leadership council and all those at Trinity to call your neighbors and make sure they are being taken care of during this Covid-19 emergency.

**Lay Ministers report:** none.

**Properties report:** Tim reports that new doors are coming tomorrow and he will look at the preschool door again.

**Announcements:** Rosemary back to work. We are compiling crisis management information for office volunteers.

**Adjournment:** Motion: to adjourn by Jana. Seconded: by Jim. Voice Vote: Passed.

**Closing and Prayer:** Pastor led Doxology and all stood to sing.

Respectfully Submitted, Ginger Douglas, CLC secretary

## April 2020

**Worship Assistants** Saturdays: Ron Thiele  
 Sundays: Gary Millershaski & Kyler Millershaski  
**Altar Committee** Saturdays: Shirley Frost  
 Sundays: Brenda Algrim

### **Acolytes**

Apr	9	6:30	Kaleb Reagle	(Maundy Thursday)
	10	6:30	Lindsay Nelson & Jenna Nelson	(Good Friday)
	11	5:30	Brady Cessna	(Easter Vigil)
	12	9:00	Calista Davis & Kade Davis	(Easter)

### **PowerPoint**

Apr	1	6:30	Calista Davis	
	4	5:30	Alex Foreman	
	5	9:00	Colby Cessna	10:45 Kaleb Reagle
	9	6:30	Bryce Foreman	(Maundy Thursday)
	10	6:30	Chloe Powell	(Good Friday)
	11	5:30	Selah Hageman	(Easter Vigil)
	12	9:00	Kiera Hageman	
	18	5:30	Jenna Nelson	
	19	9:00	Calista Davis	10:45 Brady Cessna
	25	5:30	Dacoda Davis	
	26	9:00	Kaleb Reagle	10:45 Calista Davis
May	2	5:30	Michael Nelson	
	3	9:00	Alex Foreman	10:45 Colby Cessna

### **Lectors**

Apr	4	5:30	John Polson	
	5	9:00	Alice Banning	10:45 Jay Meyer
	11	5:30	Gerry Schultz	
			Ed Adams	
			Judy Nusser	
	12	9:00	Ed Banning	
	18	5:30	Martin Nusser	
	19	9:00	Jerry Bitter	10:45 John Polson
	25	5:30	Darett Burr	
	26	9:00	Cynthia Lavrenz	



Zachary Cruz	4/3
Kenneth Kowalke	4/5
Grant Schultz	4/5
Hannah Schultz	4/6
Jack Beery	4/7
Penelope Gonzalez	4/7
Sara Simmons	4/9
Bob Briggeman	4/13
Kelly Butcher	4/13
Alex Foreman	4/16
Harper Sowers	4/17
Bryce Foreman	4/19

Penny Cruz	4/20
Bob Husband	4/21
Lynzee Beery	4/22
Skylar Schwindt	4/22
Jesse Vargas	4/22
Jonathan Welch	4/23
Shanna Hageman	4/24
Margaret Holman	4/24
Tasha Jackson	4/24
Karen Crist	4/26
Nancy Foreman	4/26
Kiera Hageman	4/27
Frank Schmale	4/28
Quentin Schultz	4/29
Dana Polson	4/30
Hal Scheuerman	4/30



Tim & Cynthia Lavrenz	4/6
Maurice & Sharon Kelch	4/8
Don & Linda Doll	4/19
Kenny & Penny Grauberger	4/21
Willard & Lois Hinkle	4/21

## Monthly Birthday Celebrations

The first Sunday of each month we celebrate Trinity members birthdays! Their birthdates, baptism dates, and special scriptures are shared and a special prayer said for the group.

Photo is of those present for the March Celebration:  
Brooksie Appel & Lola Chmielewski







# HOLY WEEK

## Services

Palm Sunday April 5; 9:00 & 10:45

Maundy Thursday April 9; 6:30

Good Friday April 10; 6:30

Easter Vigil April 11; 5:30

Easter Festival April 12; 9:00

**Subject to change!!!!**



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