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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR SANTIAGO

September 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I wrote the date at the top of this page, it suddenly occurred to me that at the end of this month, I will have been at Trinity in Circleville for a year. WOW! That time went by quickly. I think about arriving here last October 1, with the focus of working with you as to prepare to call a new pastor. I had never done an interim ministry before, so I was not completely sure of what to do.

But as I write these words, I am still surprised and a little astonished at all that we have shared in the past 12 months. What an amazing journey it has been; one that we all know has been full of unexpected challenges and events. Yet, in the midst of it all, the Holy Spirit was present and active in so many ways through the work of so many people.

And that truth, my friends, speaks well for Trinity as you continue the journey that brought me here last fall. The Holy Spirit is supporting the congregation as Trinity moves forward in faith. And I know this because of two very simple facts.

The first fact is that so many people have continued, to do the work of the congregation. Even in the midst of the Covid craziness, the work of the congregation continued to be completed. Now that restrictions are being lessened more and more people are returning to pre-covid activities. (*practicing social distancing and mask precautions of course*)

The preschool opening in recent days is an example of returning to 'normal.' While Covid restrictions have listed the size of the classes, it was a joy to watch the children on the playground a few days ago. The mission and ministry continue.

The second fact I have seen is that so many people are stepping up and doing different tasks in the life of the congregation. In some cases, folks are doing things they have never done before. The most obvious examples are the tech folks who are live streaming the worship services, and providing the Java & Jesus, and Wednesday morning Faith Forward. But the volunteers who are doing the weekly bible verses and Sunday children's messages are good examples as well.

Not every step has been easy, but I see that Trinity continues to move forward in faith. The work of the Call Committee continues, the ministry teams continue to meet, plan and provide. The church council faces the new challenges and difficult decisions, and faithfully moves forward.

As October 1 comes closer, I am still not completely sure of what 'will need to be done.' But I do know, that whatever challenges come our way the people of Trinity Lutheran Church will

face them with confidence and faith in Jesus, as they continue to do God's work while they continue to "Come and See—Go and Tell.

God bless all who read these words.

Pastor Santiago.

## WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT

80 individuals brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed a worship service in the parking lot. Thanks to all those who made this service a huge success.



## THANK YOU—MARISHA EVELAND

On behalf of the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Thank you so much for your labour of love with the Children's & Family Ministries.

Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of this church. You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving.

For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of this church, its leaders and staff. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation!

Thanks for helping us make a difference.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our first week back to preschool 2020 is in the books, and this will definitely be a school year like no other. The months of uncertainty and the weeks of preparation are behind us. Our first week was met with appreciation and warm smiles as we welcomed our little ones back into our care. Through the many changes and increased sanitizing, we soon discovered that tackling one day at a time was the best way to proceed.

Begin again. This is what we are doing daily this school year. Each day is a gift.



I would like to thank the Trinity Preschool Board for their patience and decision making to help our preschool navigate through these past months. A huge thank you to Madeline Sanders for her many years of service to the preschool as board treasurer. What a blessing Madeline has been to this preschool ministry! Kim Faler has accepted the position as treasurer going forward. I would also like to thank Marisha Eveland and Kim Faler for setting up online tuition payment for our families. Also, a huge thank you to Bethany Reid for donating tabletop shields and face shields for our staff.

Mitch and Billie have been a tremendous source of support over the past months as we have prepared to move forward and gather supplies needed to meet the ever-changing guidelines. Thank you to Pastor Gil, the Education Team and the congregation for your encouragement and support of the preschool program. Helen Burns, along with Linda Cochrun, Shirley Thompson and Kay Egbert have donated the supplies and time into making the school bags for our kiddos once again. Thank you, ladies, for your reliable and steadfast service!

Lastly, I would like to recognize the preschool staff. I would like to first honor Amy White as she has retired after 22 years of service at Trinity Preschool. She has left a huge impact on the lives of so many families that have passed through our program. Thank you, Amy, you are missed! We are pleased to welcome Lisa Sharp to our preschool staff as a co-teacher in our 4-year class. Lisa is a wonderful addition to our staff. Thank you to Laura Lamb, Katie Skidmore, Teresa Bond and Erica Evans for your amazing help in preparing for this school year. This group of ladies has risen to the challenge and have adapted in order to meet the changes and requirements going forward. Thank you to this devoted staff for continuing to put in the hard work so Trinity Lutheran Christian Preschool can continue to fulfill an amazing ministry in the area of early childhood education!

Val Trapp

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/16

10/1 Diana Gilmore  
10/2 Kim Fausnaugh  
10/3 Joshua Sandy  
10/5 James McGuire  
10/6 Aiden Snyder  
10/7 Jane Schneider  
10/7 Karlyn Neff  
10/9 Brady Neff  
10/9 Jackson Yoder  
10/10 Joyce Dresbach  
10/10 Wanda Hartranft  
10/10 Mitchell Ruff  
10/12 Linda Stevenson  
10/13 Shirley Rihl

Lissa Norris  
10/16 Julie Strawser  
10/17 John Hedrick  
10/18 Dave Truex  
10/18 Mike Faler  
10/21 Patty Truex  
10/21 Wesley Ruff  
10/24 Beth Miller  
10/26 Mae Ruff  
10/28 Pat Ruff  
10/28 Shelli Speakman  
10/28 Brody Williams  
10/29 Andrew Dresbach  
10/30 Tom Ebenhack  
10/31 Olivia Fausnaugh

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

10/5 John & Lisa Hedrick—46 years	10/12 Jay & Marci Wippel—29 years
10/6 Vernon & Rita Bolender—41 years	10/20 Earl & Jeanne Palm—69 years
10/6 Mike & Joyce Mallow—30 years	10/21 Ryan & Val Trapp—25 years
10-9 Brad & Donna Thompson—54 years	10/27 David & Wanda Hartranft—63 years
10/11 Mark & Marcia Ruff—23 years	10/30 Dan & Judy Manes—55 years
10/12 Larry & Marilyn Jeffers—35 years	10/30 Tim & Sarah Daniel—16 years

## FEED THE FLOCK

We have had some questions concerning our tutoring program, Feed the Flock. Due to the coronavirus and the hybrid learning situation adopted by the schools, we have suspended Feed The Flock for now. We ask that you keep the program and especially the children and families in your prayers. And, when given the chance, help a student by listening to them, reading with them, and spiritually and physically nourishing them.

Thank you!

Feed the Flock staff

## SERVING IN OCTOBER

### SERVING: TRADITIONAL SERVICE 8:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHER SERVES ALL MONTH	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
10/4	Bob & Linda Cochrun	Mike & Brody Williams	Pat Meyer	Londa Wright	Maraya Neff	Becky Roush & Patty Truex
10/11	Madeline Sanders	Mike & Brody Williams	Becky Roush	Scott Barthel-	Brody Williams	
10/18	Gary & Sandy Montgomery	Mike & Brody Williams	Madeline Sanders	Tom Egbert	Ava Neff	
10/25	Cindy Dowden	Mike & Brody Williams	Sam Shapiro	Patty Truex	?????????	

### SERVING: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHER	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	EASY WORSHIP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
10/4	Cindy Dowden	Kim Manson & Nick Hart	Lisa Sharp	Mark Ruff	Marci Wippel	Kim Fausnaugh Tammy Hughes
10/11	Brad & Donna Thompson	Trapp Family	Josie Speakman	Carolyn Seitz	Tammy Hughes	
10/18	Roger & Pam Wolfe	David Hammel & Doris Young	Shelli Speakman	???????????	Evan Debo	
10/25	Deidree Young & Doris Young	Brad & Donna Thompson	Diane Smith	Linda Stevenson	Marci Wippel	

#### ALSO SERVING

COMMUNION PREPARERS	ALTAR GUILD
Diana Valone	Debby Boyer & Beth Miller

#### RED CROSS

10:00AM—4:00PM  
October 6th  
October 14th

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be postponed until further notice.

#### CATECHISM

Catechism will meet each week in the Upper Room beginning September 20th at 9:30am.

If you are scheduled to serve and do not feel comfortable returning to Church, please call the Church office.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

I call upon you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6

Kristi Meyer Artiles, Jodelle Boesiger, Mary Easter, Braelynn Lee, Ann Ohr, Judy Manes, 5 year old Libby, Family of Claire & Pat, Diane Smith

Please remember our featured shut-ins for November "Thinking of You" cards:

Larry Roush, 2005 Sioux Drive, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Paul & Jean Speakman, 25808 Jackson Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113-9442

Jane Stevenson, c/o Pickaway Manor, 391 Clark Drive, Circleville, Ohio 43113-1561

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call 740-474-3151. Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request, we value your privacy.

## PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED

Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.

## WITH OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS:

*The staff and congregation of Trinity Lutheran wishes to express our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of Robert Pontius and Bob Temple. We are praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace, surround you with His love and encourage you with His presence.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

*Matthew 5:4*

## IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PONTIUS

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Truex

Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Burns

Mr. & Mrs. Norm Dresbach

# October 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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4 8:30A Traditional 9:30A Catechism 10:30A Contemporary	5	6 10:00A Red Cross	7 7:00 Praise Team	8 9:30A Dorcas Circle  6:30/7:30P HB/Choir	9	10
11 8:30A Traditional 9:30A Catechism 10:30A Contemporary	12	13	14 10:00A Red Cross  10:30A Martha Circle  7:00P Praise Team	15 6:30/7:30P HB/Choir	16	17
18 8:30A Traditional 9:30A Catechism 10:30A Contemporary	19	20	21 7:00 Praise Team	22 9:30A Dorcas Circle  6:30/7:30P HB/Choir	23	24
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# COUNCIL MINUTES—AUGUST

**Members Present:** Keith Connell, Evan Debo, Cindy Dowden, Jim Ewing, Kim Fausnaugh, Beth Miller, Sarah Ruff, Lisa Sharp, Maddie Stevenson, Tim Stevenson, Marci Wippel, Rojanne Woodward, Liz Young. **Excused:** Larry Jeffers, Pastor Santiago

**Call to Order:** Tim Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and opened with a prayer. Liz Young gave devotions.

**Secretary's Report:** Jim Ewing motioned to accept the July minutes. Marci Wippel seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of July financial reports were provided. Year to date giving is \$8,779 under budget. Year to date expenses are \$14,693 under budget. The year to date shortfall is \$9,760. Maddie Stevenson motioned to approve the July financial reports. Liz Young seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## TEAM REPORTS

**Education:** Marisha Eveland has resigned her position as the Director of Children and Family Ministries.

**Congregational Life & Outreach:** These teams are working on the September 13<sup>th</sup> outdoor worship service and meal.

**Property:** The trees in the back have been removed.

**Worship:** The Worship team is planning for the September 13<sup>th</sup> outdoor combined worship. Lisa Sharp reported that the easy care linens for the altar have been received.

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Mutual Ministry:** No report.

**Digital Worship:** The Agape room is being cleaned out and spruced up to use as a media room. The team is looking at new ideas for children's ministries.

## OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

**Director of Children and Families Ministries:** With the resignation of Marisha Eveland, this position will be posted.

**Adjournment:** Jim Ewing motioned to adjourn. Evan Debo seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Next Council Meeting:** September 8, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rojanne Woodward Secretary



## CHURCH STAFF

**Interim Pastor:** Gil Santiago

**Preschool Director:** Val Trapp

**Youth & Family Ministries Director:** Tim Stevenson

**Children & Family Ministries Director:**

**Contemporary Worship Director:** Liz Young

**Organ/Keyboard:** Diane Smith and Liz Young

**Choir Accompanist:** Melissa Matz

**Choir and Handbells Director:** Larry Jeffers, Jr.

**Administrative Associate:** Billie Norris

## ATTENDANCE STATS

**08/23/2020**

**8:15AM (31) 10:30AM (64) TOTAL: 98**

**08/30/2020**

**8:15AM (40) 10:30AM (40) TOTAL: 80**

**09/06/2020**

**8:15AM (38) 10:30AM (56) TOTAL: 94**

**09/13/2020**

**10:00AM (80)**

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