
OUR CHURCH PAPER

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Dear Beloved,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus the Christ!

We cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming expressions of love and prayer in these past three months. Your phone calls to one another, cards sent, Zoom meeting check-ins, visits to wave outside one another's windows have connected us and grafted us together as God's people at Holy Trinity in ways never before seen. We thank you for your support for us, your pastors, for your gratitude shared with our gifted staff, and your generosity in your offerings and gifts to the Amazing Love Campaign!

Thank you!!

We have been working over the past several weeks to plan for a staged re-opening of our building and facilities as we continue to find "new ways" to be the church during this pandemic of the novel coronavirus Covid-19. Until there is a widely-used vaccine, we will need to continue to live in a "new normal" for the welfare of all.

We want you to know that we are moving with intentional caution out of an abundance of love for our members, staff, guests, and partners alike. Our pace may feel too slow for you, and so we want you to know it is because we want to keep you safe, and because many of our community members may find themselves in the "vulnerable" category when it comes to the virus.

With that in mind you will find in this publication a "staged" reopening plan. A more detailed "safety plan" is on file in the church office complete with our "physical distancing" and sanitation practices. Our five-staged plan will at times mirror New York State's own "phased" plan of re-entry, though you will observe we are moving at our own pace.

We want to share that even when we do gather for worship in person, it will not be going back to the "old normal" rather it will be a "new normal" until the vaccine is widely available. Based on information from epidemiologists, and other medical and scientific data, we are not able to participate in congregational singing or choral music at this time. The act of "projecting" while singing, and even while speaking, has been noted to be a source of "super spreading" of the water droplets which carry the virus from a person who has Covid-19, even if they are asymptomatic.



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Holy Communion will be celebrated upon the return of in-person worship, but it will be done through a contact-less means. Other changes in how we “do” worship will also be evident.

Throughout our re-opening stages, we will continue to worship via Live-Stream at hollytrinitybuffalo.org and shared on Facebook so that everyone can still have access to our worship experiences from the comfort of their home.

We will continue to find creative ways to gather on-line and in-person as each stage allows us, and give thanks for the ways technology can make this possible. We will also continue to connect via phone calls, mail, and digital means throughout this time. Even when we cannot gather together – we are not alone; you are not alone.

If you are in need of some pastoral counseling or conversation, please call the church office and appropriate appointments may be made. Beginning with Stage 2 of our reopening plan there is a staff person in the church office Monday to Friday and phone calls and emails will be answered as quickly as possible.

We thank you again for your support; and we give thanks for the ways God has bound us to Godself, and one another.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Lee M. Miller II



The Rev. Brenda Maynor



Friday Fellowship "Happy Hour" - 5:00pm

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP ZOOM HAPPY HOUR: Join us every Friday at 5pm to link to a virtual Happy Hour by Zoom technology.

We'll meet together through safe physical-distancing while being able to check-in with each other.

Bring your own favorite beverage to the computer.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 285 453 435

Password: 299123

One tap mobile

+19294362866,,285453435# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

A Word from Pastor Brenda

Y'all, I'm tired. I'm exhausted. This has been hard. And I'm not just talking about being under shut-down orders from the state and county to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. Yes, that's hard, to be sequestered from family and friends, to be alone without physical proximity to community and support networks that we so heavily rely on. I'm exhausted that human interaction has been stripped down to that of digital means, where family dinners now happen over high-speed internet connections and celebrations happen behind the safety of a mask.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating the lessening of these restrictions. These restrictions have been and continue to be paramount to curbing the spread of coronavirus and to flattening the curve so that we can un-pause and move forward into a new normal that we will all be figuring out, together; with the key word being TOGETHER. We do these safety restrictions out of love for one another, by staying home, staying separated, wearing a mask we are protecting those we love as well as those we don't. We've been given the directive to love one another as God has loved us, without regard of anything. Simple, to love one another. And if that means staying home, washing my hands, and wearing a mask then so be it, that's what I'll do. It's a simple gesture to show that I care and value you as a beloved child of God. As Courtney Ariel wrote in our article "For Our White Friends Desiring to be Allies," "You are lovely, human, and amazing."

And yet, in the midst of the fear and uncertainty of living through a global pandemic, I can still only imagine what it feels like to be living in this world as many of my siblings in Christ formed in brown and black bodies feel. I can only imagine what it feels like to live in this world as many of siblings in Christ who identify as LGBTQIA+ live or try to live as their true authentic selves. Living in fear of what is happening outside of my own home and whether or not I might contract a virus that could mean life or death is only a fraction of the fear that these, my siblings in Christ, live with each and every day, from before the pandemic of coronavirus to long after it.

In the past few weeks' we have witnessed the murder of two of our African American siblings in Christ, Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd. I say their names. I have heard the laments of friends of mine who fear each and everyday of what might happen to them when they leave their homes or of how they can raise their young, black sons in this world with the constant fear that this will not change in their lifetime or their child's and to have to teach them how to survive in this world, in this world that only sees the color of their skin and makes rash, quick judgment calls that seem to often than not to end in death for those black and brown bodies, those black and brown sons.

I mourn with my siblings, I grieve with my siblings, I am exhausted alongside my siblings, and yet, my exhaustion, my mourning, my grief is incomparable to the grief, mourning, and exhaustion they feel as targets of discrimination and racism. Of being condemned to a life ruled by injustices and oppression.

I am reminded of the book written by Dr. Seuss, *The Sneetches*. I have preached on this book before, on the way we are taught to discriminate, to label things as same or different and inherently as good and bad.

From my sermon, preached May 2016:

“For God see our differences as valuable and enriching for relationships in community. For God so loved the world, the whole world, differences and all, that God sent Jesus so that the world may not perish but have eternal life.”

The lectionary that day included the letter to the Galatians 3:26-28; “²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

And while this is what we long for, this is what I know the table will be like when we are once and for all gathered around for that great heavenly banquet. Today we weep, today we cry out in lament for those who suffer at the hands of systemic injustices and oppression, who are not seen as truly human just because of the color of their skin or for who they love. We cry out, “how long O, Lord?”

Pastor Brenda



Vacation Bible School

Mark the Date, July 27-31! Vacation Bible School will be happening this year, and while it may not look the same as before, we think it will be just as fun! This year's VBS will be a semi-hybrid VBS of sorts. We will provide a take-home kit with everything you need to have VBS at home. For those who want to connect a little more, we will have a google classroom set up for the week, where you can watch videos of each station for each day, as well as submit pictures and videos of your "at-home" VBS! Take-home kit pick-up will be Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. Online registration can be found here, <https://forms.gle/Jk8euKKHTwLZaSAT7> or you can mail in the paper form found here in the newsletter.

Holy Trinity Five Stages of Building Re-Opening

<p>Stage One – Preparation</p> <p>NYS – Phase One</p> <p>Worship – Live Stream Only.</p> <p>Pastoral Staff – Work from home.</p> <p>Administrative Staff – Work from home / Office check-in.</p> <p>Facilities Staff – limited schedule.</p> <p>Pastoral Care – available by phone, email, or teleconferencing.</p> <p>Buildings closed to the public.</p> <p>Programming possible by teleconferencing (Zoom, Facebook).</p>	<p>Stage Two – Administration</p> <p>NYS – Phase Two</p> <p>Worship – Live Stream Only.</p> <p>Pastoral Staff – Work from home / office.</p> <p>Administrative Staff – Daily Office Presence.</p> <p>Facilities Staff – full schedule.</p> <p>Pastoral Care – available by phone, email, or teleconferencing.</p> <p>Buildings closed to the public.</p> <p>Programming possible by teleconferencing (Zoom, Facebook).</p>	<p>Stage Three – Small Essential Gatherings</p> <p>NYS – Phase Three</p> <p>Worship – Live Stream Only.</p> <p>Pastoral Staff – Work from home / office.</p> <p>Administrative Staff – Daily Office Presence.</p> <p>Facilities Staff – full schedule.</p> <p>Pastoral Care – available in person with physical distancing practices maintained, email, or teleconferencing.</p> <p>Buildings accessible by appointment and at select times.</p> <p>Essential small groups may meet with physical distancing practices maintained.</p>	<p>Stage Four – Worship</p> <p>NYS – Phase Four + 2 Weeks</p> <p><u>Target Date: September</u></p> <p>Worship – Spoken Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream.</p> <p>Capacity limited by County Officials.</p> <p>Pastoral Staff – Work from home / office.</p> <p>Administrative Staff – Daily presence.</p> <p>Facilities Staff – full schedule.</p> <p>Pastoral Care – available in person with physical distancing practices maintained, email, or teleconferencing.</p> <p>Building open with physical distancing practices in place.</p> <p>Limited in-person programming.</p>	<p>Stage Five – Faith Formation & Fellowship</p> <p>NYS – Public Schools Open</p> <p>Worship – Spoken Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream.</p> <p>Capacity limited by County Officials.</p> <p>Faith Formation – May begin outside (weather permitting) and/or at limited capacity/time.</p> <p>Fellowship – May be possible beginning with Coffee service outside.</p> <p>Staff Schedule – same as Stage Four.</p> <p>Pastoral Care – available in person with physical distancing practices maintained, email, or teleconferencing.</p>
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Event registration

On Earth As in Heaven Vacation Bible School

July 27-31, 2020

A hybrid VBS through Google Classroom and a take-home kit provided by Holy Trinity.

Internet/Google Classrooms not required, class materials including the lessons and supplies are included in the take home kit.

This is a two-sided form, please mail or email back to Holy Trinity; email

info@holytrinitybuffalo.org mail 1080 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14209

* Required

1. Student's Name *

2. Student's Age *

3. Student's Birthday *

Example: January 7, 2019

4. Last Grade Completed (Pre-K-6th Grade) *

5. Parent/Guardian's Name *

6. Address *

7. Phone Number *

8. Email, please use the best email to send VBS communication including Google Classroom information? *

9. Are you part of a faith community? If yes, where?

10. Will you be accessing the Google Classroom *

11. We will be providing take-home kits, will you be able to pick-up from Holy Trinity? Pick up and delivery days will be the same, for days see below. If you are not able to pick up kit, what day can we deliver? (Friday July, 24 or Saturday, July 25) *

12. T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes S-XXL, Youth Sizes XS-XL; only one per youth) *

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Google Forms

A note from the Council President....

I would like to express a heartfelt *Thank You* to Pastors Miller and Maynor, Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz, our lead singers and Carol, Linda, John and Chuck as well as the Executive Committee and the Church Council. They all have been putting forth tremendous effort and have been innovative and adaptive to keep us together as a church during this unprecedented time!

John and Chuck have been keeping up with maintenance and garden work, Linda and Carol have been taking care of the business end of things, working both from home and in the office, our Directors of Music and the lead singers have not only provided uplifting sounds on Sunday morning, but have shared our beautiful music through social media, reaching others in a way that had not been done at Holy Trinity before.

Both Pastors have been working hard, learning new technology that allows us to offer everything from virtual Worship to Happy Hours to Bible Study, Devotions, LYO hangouts, even a HT Talent Show!! Who would have ever thought of a virtual HT Talent Show back on March 8, when we last worshipped together in person? So much has changed since that day and yet, so much has remained the same. Our love for God and for each other has remained the same, so has our faith and our commitment to be God's hands in this world. Our work toward a more just society has remained the same and our souls continue to be uplifted on Sunday mornings by inspiring sermons and beautiful music so much has changed, but so much has remained the same.

As we go forward, there will most certainly be more changes demanding our continued flexibility to ensure the safety of everyone once we will worship together again. Until that day, I will keep in mind the famous quote from Julian of Norwich, the 14th century English mystic: "All shall be well, all shall be well, all matter of things shall be well".

Yours in Christ,

Uli MacDonald



Where Do Cashews Come From?

Can you point out Gambia on a map? It is a small West-African country and the Lutheran Church there is supported by ELCA World Hunger. Marie Mendy grows cashews there, but found the income from her farm unreliable. The Gambian Church works for gender equality, and encourages women to be self-reliant, economically independent, and confident when facing difficult situations. It got a land donation where the women could expand their crops, and as they sold their cashews, they bought more land to expand further. This ensures a sustainable cash flow source for the women year 'round, as the harvest includes more than the nuts themselves: the women also make juice, jam, soap and fertilizer. So now Marie Mendy can feed her family and pay her grandchildren's school fees, clothing, and medical care. This program also helped six more communities in 2019, and has provided the women with consistent livelihoods, and business and marketing skills. Their future is much brighter, and the benefits from their work will be felt for generations to come.

Your congregation's Mission Support to the synod makes growing cashews in Gambia possible!
Thank you!

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.



Music at Holy Trinity

We are in the process of building our new YouTube channel, featuring videos and slideshows we have created since these difficult times began nearly 75 days ago. If you haven't seen it, feel free to click on the [MUSIC at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church](#) link. Check it out, subscribe, and forward our links! Let the world know what a special place Holy Trinity is!

We are honored to bring you LIVE music with our Lead Singers weekly during these times. Feel free to send any messages thanking them for their efforts. We would be happy to forward any messages you have along to the singers, which can be directed via e-mail to kjpomietlarz@holytrinitybuffalo.org, or send a note to the church office. We'll be sure the appropriate singer receives your message.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kristen Pomietlarz will be presenting an ORGAN RECITAL on our beloved and mighty Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ, which will be aired on our

[MUSIC at Holy Trinity Facebook Page](#)

Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 PM.

The half-hour program will include:

Toccata Brevis by Daniel Gawthrop

Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 65, No. 1 by Felix Mendelssohn

Two works from "Sacred Sounds" by George Shearing

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

God of Grace, God of Glory by Paul Manz

Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz



MUSIC at Holy Trinity

presents

Kristen Pomietlarz, organ

Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ

View at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloHTLCMusic/>

Thursday

June 11, 2020

7:00 pm

Works by
Daniel Cawthrop, Felix Mendelssohn,
George Shearing, and Paul Manz



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Stewardship Corner

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39



Thank you to everyone who has continued to support Holy Trinity throughout these difficult times!!

Know that your faithfulness and support means a lot to us! It enables our staff to take care of the daily necessities here at Holy Trinity and keep everything 'up and running'.

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all of you who have given to the 'Amazing Love Campaign' in addition to your regular support. Know that your generosity has already made an impact in the lives of congregation members and others who have not only been fed physically but also nourished spiritually by knowing that they are loved and cared for, no matter what.

It is my hope that you will continue your steadfast loyalty to help carry us through these troublesome times.

May the Lord God bless you with love, joy and a peaceful heart and may the Holy Spirit move you in ways that you never dreamed possible!

Yours in Christ,

Uli MacDonald

HTLC

Read the New Testament in a Summer!

Day	Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	3rd Reading	4th Reading	5th Reading	6th Reading	7th Reading
267	1-Jun	Mark 1:1	Luke 1:1-4	John 1:1-18	Matthew 1:1-17	Luke 3:23-38	Luke 1:5-38	
268	2-Jun	Luke 1:39-80	Matthew 1:18-25	Luke 2:1-40				
269	3-Jun	Matthew 2	Luke 2:41-52	Mark 1:2-8	Matthew 3:1-12	Luke 3:1-18	Mark 1:9-11	Matt 3:13-17
cont'd.		Luke 3:21-22						
270	4-Jun	Mark 1:12-13	Matt. 4:1-11	Luke 4:1-15	John 1:19-51	John 2		
271	5-Jun	John 3	John 4:1-45	Luke 3:19-20				
272	6-Jun	Mark 1:14-15	Matt 4:12-17	Luke 3:23-38	John 4:46-54	Luke 4:16-30	Mark 1:16-20	Matt. 4:18-22
cont'd.	Mk1:21-28	Luke 4:31-37	Mark 1:29-34	Matt 8:14-17	Luke 4:38-41	Mark 1:35-39	Luke 4:42-44	Matt. 4:23-25
273	7-Jun	Luke 5:1-11	Mark 1:40-45	Matt 8:1-4	Luke 5:12-16	Mark 2:1-12	Matt. 9:1-8	Luke 5:17-26
cont'd.	Mk2:13-17	Matthew 9:9-13	Luke 5:27-32	Mark 2:18-22	Matt 9:14-17	Luke 5:33-39		
274	8-Jun	Jn. 5, Mk. 2:23-28	Matt. 12:1-8	Luke 6:1-5	Mark 3:1-6	Matt. 12:9-14	Luke 6:6-11	Mt. 12:15-21
275	9-Jun	Mark 3:7-19	Luke 6:12-16	Matt. 5:1-12	Luke 6:17-26	Matt. 5:13-48	Lk. 6:27-36	Mt. 6:1-4
276	10-Jun	Mt. 6:5-34	Mt. 7:1-6	Lk. 6:37-42	Mt. 7:7-20	Lk. 6:43-45	Mt. 7:21-29	Lk. 6:46-49
277	11-Jun	Mt. 8:5-13	Lk. 7:1-17	Mt. 11:1-19	Lk. 7:18-35	Mt. 11:20-30	Lk. 7:36-50	
278	12-Jun	Luke 8:1-3	Mk. 3:20-30	Mt. 12:22-45	Mk. 3:31-35	Mt. 12:46-50	Lk. 8:19-21	Mk. 4:1-9
cont'd.		Matthew 13:1-9	Luke 8:4-8	Mark 4:10-20				
279	13-Jun	Matt. 13:10-23	Luke 8:9-18	Mark 4:21-29	Matt. 13:24-30	Mark 4:30-34	Mt. 13:31-52	Mk. 4:35-41
cont'd.		Matt. 8:23-27	Luke 8:22-25					
280	14-Jun	Mark 5:1-20	Matt. 8:28-34	Luke 8:26-39	Mark 5:21-43	Matt. 9:18-26	Lk. 8:40-56	
281	15-Jun	Matt. 9:27-34	Mark. 6:1-6	Matt. 13:53-58	Matt. 9:35-38	Mark 6:7-13	Matt. 10	Luke 9:1-6
282	16-Jun	Luke 9:7-9	Mk. 6:14-29	Matt. 14:1-21	Mark 6:30-44	Luke 9:10-17	John 6:1-15	Mt. 6:45-52
con'td.		Matt 14:22-33	John 6:16-21	Mark 6:53-56	Matt. 14:34-36			
283	17-Jun	John 6:22-71	Mark 7:1-23	Matt. 15:1-20				
284	18-Jun	Mark 7:24-30	Matt. 15:21-28	Mk. 7:31-37	Matt. 15:29-31	Mark 8:1-10	Matt. 15:32-39	Mt. 16:1-4
con't.d		Mark 8:11-21	Matt. 16:5-12					
285	19-Jun	Mark 8:22-30	Matt. 16:13-20	Luke 9:18-20	Mark 8:31-38	Mark 9:1	Matt 16:21-28	Luke 9:21-27
con't.d		Mark 9:2-13	Matt 17:1-13	Luke 9:28-36				
286	20-Jun	Mark 9:14-29	Matt 17:14-21	Luke 9:37-43	Mark 9:30-32	Matt 17:22-23	Luke 9:43-45	Matt 17:24-27
con'td.		Mark 9:33-37	Matt 18:1-6	Luke 9:46-48	Mark 9:38-41	Luke 9:49-50	Mark 9:42-50	Matt 18:7-35
287	21-Jun	John 7:1-9	Luke 9:51-56	Matt 8:18-22	Luke 9:57-62	John 7:10-53	John 8:1-20	

Read the New Testament in a Summer!

288	22-Jun	John 8:21-59	Luke 10	Luke 11:1-13			
289	23-Jun	Luke 11:14-54	Luke 12:1-34				
290	24-Jun	Luke 12:35-59	Luke 13:1-21	John 9			
291	25-Jun	John 10	Luke 13:22-35	Luke 14:1-24			
295	26-Jun	Luke 14:25-35	Luke 15	Luke 16	John 11:1-37		
293	27-Jun	John 11:38-57	Luke 17:11-37	Luke 18:1-8			
294	28-Jun	Luke 18:9-14	Mark 10:1-12	Mark 10:13-16	Matt. 19:13-15	Luke 18:15-17	Mark 10:17-31
cont'd.		Mark 10:17-31	Matt. 19:16-30	Luke 18:18-30			
295	29-Jun	Matt. 20:1-16	Mark 10:32-34	Matt 20:17-19	Luke 18:31-34	Mark 10:35-45	Matt 20:20-34
cont'd.		Luke 18:35-43	Luke 19:1-27				Mark 10:46-52
296	30-Jun	Mark 14:3-9	Matt. 26:6-13	John 12:1-11	Mark 11:1-11	Matt. 21:1-11	Luke 19:28-40
cont'd.		Luke 19:41-44	John 12:20-36				John 12:12-19

Read the New Testament in a Summer!

Even if you haven't been Reading the Bible in a Year, or if you have and have fallen behind, begin again with us by reading the New Testament throughout the summer. This is our June reading plan and you can always join our Facebook group: "HTLC Read the Bible in a Year."

Some Good News for a world in need.



A Day in the Life

Membership News

Special Birthdays

Below is a list of our members whose birthdays are in May and June and are in nursing homes or homebound. We have included addresses if you would like to pass along a birthday message to them. Also, if you know of a member whose birthday we may have missed, please call the church office.

May 16 Alberta Matesick
Greenfields
5949 Broadway
Room C 124
Lancaster, NY 14086

May 18 Joan Limburg
5953 Broadway
Apt 218
Lancaster, NY 14086

Baptisms

April 11, 2020 Emily Marie Schweikhard, daughter of Geoffrey and Sarah Schweikhard. Sponsors are Zachary Holbus and Lindsay Cudney, in a private ceremony by Pastor Miller

Nuptials

May 30, 2020 Justin Yaw and Brianna James, in a private ceremony by Pastor Miller

Deceased

Our recently departed family and friends

February 29, 2020 Gail Hammond (mother of Jeffrey Hammond)

May 22, 2020 Paul Nikischer

May 31, 2020 John S. Camilleri, Jr. (son of Gail and John Camilleri)

“Blessed are those who die in the name of the Lord. Amen.”

The Amazing Love Campaign



Housing

Hunger

Our Life Together

THE AMAZING LOVE CAMPAIGN is a part of Holy Trinity, Buffalo's response to the Covid-19 global pandemic. In these times of uncertainty people are making decisions of whether to pay the rent, or to buy groceries, between paying the utilities or picking up needed prescriptions.

Gifts made to The Amazing Love Campaign may be directed to one of three areas:

Housing gifts may be used to support newly unemployed folks may their rent or make their mortgage payment.

Hunger gifts may be used to support ongoing HT ministries like the Burrito Project and new programs to support people who live with food insecurity, especially in the City of Buffalo.

Gifts for **Our Life Together** will support regular giving which provides for staff, daily ministry, pastoral care, and our local and global mission.

Thank you for considering a gift to The Amazing Love Campaign through a check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, or through electronic giving. Call the church office to learn more about electronic options.

Quarantine

It has been known that certain numbers in the Bible have a certain significance. It is noted that the number “40” in the Bible is thought of “as a time of preparation or cleansing.” A friend of mine sent me the following information and I thought you might find very interesting. Also gives us reason to pause, think and pray:

THE LATIN ROOT OF THE WORD “QUARANTINE” IS “FORTY”

So what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years Moses fled Egypt.

40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.

Exodus lasted 40 years.

Jesus fasted 40 days.

40 days from Resurrection to the ascension.

40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.

Lent is 40 days.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents “change.” It is the time of preparing a person or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these “40 days.” Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a “change.”

Please know that during this “quarantine” rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly people are turning to The Lord. The earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are starting to transform.

So during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and your home. Christ promised us that everything works for the good for those who love God. Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$.

Also 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the Savior of The World was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on The Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of “quarantine” bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation and our world. The best is yet to come. Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As your Faith Community Nurse I care not just for the physical and emotional needs you may have, but your spiritual needs as well.

God Bless and stay safe.

Judy Reifsteck BSN,FCN

Daily Devotional

Pandemic Faith Devotion

Back in March, when we first decided to pause in-person worship and then when New York and the rest of the nation went on “Pause” due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, Holy Trinity offered an 8-week Pandemic Hope Devotion, in the hopes that you could find time in your day to connect to God in a way that was relevant and meaningful during that time. While things have begun to progress and we are seeing signs of forward progress, we also know that we won’t be returning to a relative normal in the near future so those who collaborated on the Pandemic Hope Devotion have done it again, and we offer you the Pandemic Faith Devotion. This is also an 8-week family devotion to use as we continue to walk in our faith in this time. It is designed to follow the first, Pandemic Hope Devotion. These devotions were designed to begin on March 16 and May 11 respectively, they are not locked down to those dates and can be used whenever you decide(d) to start them. The Pandemic Hope Devotion can be found on our [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) and under separate link <https://s3.amazonaws.com/htbuffalo/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Pandemic-Faith-Devotional.pdf>. Or if you prefer a paper copy, please feel free to call the church office and one can be mailed to you. If using the Pandemic Faith Devotion, don’t worry about the dates included, start when you are able and just follow along daily!



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JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
	1 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	2 5:30 Burrito Project	3 4:00 Pierogi Sale in Church parking lot	4	5 5:00 Zoom Fellowship Happy Hour	6
<u>The Holy Trinity</u> 10:30 Worship Service via Livestream	7 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom	8 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom 11:30 Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	9 10 17:00 Facebook Organ Concert with Kristen Pomietlarz	11 12 7:00 Zoom Fellowship Happy Hour	13	
<u>Second Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10:30 Worship Service via Livestream	14 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom 11:30 Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	15 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom 6:30 Council Meeting via Zoom	16 23 6:30 Council Meeting via Zoom	17 18	19 5:00 Zoom Fellowship Happy Hour	20 <i>Summer Begins</i>
<u>Third Sunday after Pentecost</u> <i>Happy Father's Day</i> 10:30 Worship Service via Livestream	21 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	22 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	24 25	26 5:00 Zoom Fellowship Happy Hour	27	
<u>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10:30 Worship Service via Livestream	28 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	30				



Remember worship is LIVE every Sunday at 10:30am

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