

FROM PR. GREGG . . .

“COVID BLESSINGS”

Kris and I have been talking about how “tiring” this Covid rearrangement of life has become. As I visited with people during “Drive Through Communion” last Sunday a number of folks expressed the same weariness of spirit as things continue to drag on. It is good to be honest that we are frustrated, tired, and longing for some normalcy. One of the things we are experiencing is grief. Anytime we experience loss it is accompanied by grief. For our part lots of things seems harder and more challenging at Trinity in terms of Confirmation classes, recording worship, trying to care for people when they are sick or hospitalized, planning Baptisms, and how to establish an on-line Sunday School option for our children. I am sure many of you are feeling that your work is harder, teaching is harder, being a student is harder, being family is harder, staying connected is harder, etc. It is okay, in fact it is good, to allow ourselves to “feel what we feel.” Still, I don’t want to get stuck. I want to remain positive and forward looking with the confidence that we can continue to face this Covid challenge and during this time we will have discovered that we are strong and resilient when we hang in their with each other with love, patience, and support. To balance the weariness and sadness that sometimes comes to us Kris and I try to not lose sight of the blessings and graces that continue to flow into our lives. I hope you will pause once in awhile and count the blessings you have despite Covid or even because of Covid. Ask yourself how you have experienced love and support during this time and offer thanks to others and to God. How have you experienced unexpected blessings during Covid? Can think of some? I would like to hear from you about them at gdavison@tlc-elca.org. Because of Covid Kris and I had the blessing of celebrating granddaughter Isla’s First Communion outside in their family backyard. Was this our preference? No. Would we have wished she could join with the other kids at Trinity? Yes. But because of quarantine it had to be what it was. It was a time of celebrating God’s love not as we had planned but as it had to be. But looking back, it is an experience Kris and I will always cherish. Hope to hear from you about some blessings you have experienced during this Covid time. + **Pr. Gregg**



Blessing Isla on her First Communion!



Jace giving papa Communion!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 FOLLOWING 9 AM WORSHIP
WE WILL MEET IN THE SANCTUARY

On June 14 we were to have our Annual Meeting but at the time were completely closed. This congregational meeting on October 11 will not be an annual meeting but we think it good to provide an opportunity to hear about a number of things, including: 1) Property projects completed and in the works; 2) Changes in Parish Council members; 3) Report of On-Line Ministry; 4) Christmas Plans, and, 5) Time for Your Questions/Comments. We hope you will join us. + **Trinity Parish Council**



The poster is for the 2020 National Faith & Blue Weekend. It features a blue color scheme with white text and illustrations. At the top, a white dove is shown in flight. Below it, the text "You're invited to" is written in a cursive font. The main title "2020 NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND" is prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font, with "2020 NATIONAL" and "WEEKEND" in smaller letters and "FAITH & BLUE" in the largest letters. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the event as a weekend of resolution and reconciliation, a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases. The event is hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and the Marshalltown Police Dept. The date and time are Sunday, October 11, 2020, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1011 S 3rd Ave. The bottom of the poster features a stylized illustration of a city skyline with various buildings, a bridge, trees, and a car. Below the illustration, there are logos and text for "Learn More: WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG", "FIRSTNET. Talk with AT&T", "FAITH & BLUE", "FOUNDATION", and "POLICE WRAP".

You're invited to

— 2020 NATIONAL —

FAITH & BLUE

— WEEKEND —

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

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&
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WORSHIP + SACRAMENT + PRAYER

- **In Person Worship.** Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- **Drive Through Holy Communion.** Sunday 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
- **On-Line Worship.** We record every Thursday evening and it is available on our Weekly Parish Update, YouTube Channel, Face Book Page, and our Web Site. **On-line worship has become part of our permanent schedule.**
- **Daily Prayer.** Monday – Thursday on our Face Book Page. Usually posted in the morning.
- **Sunday Bell Prayers.** An offering of three prayers every Sunday afternoon for a variety of intentions.
- **Baptisms.** Baptisms can be scheduled and celebrated. We currently will not do them during worship but as private services for the family. We have very cautious safety practices in place for baptisms. Baptisms can take place in the church or outside in the Memorial Garden.

Prayer Requests. Please email prayer request to gdavison@tlc-elca.org

“HOMILIES THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS”

Instead of strictly following the lectionary (assigned readings) which I have done for 40 years, for the next few weeks I will be giving homilies focused on some of the gift of the Eucharist. +
Pr. Gregg

October 11: “You Are What You Receive”

October 18: “Blessed, Broken, Given”

October 25: “Extra Plate At the Table”

“HAVE CANDLES LIT AT TRINITY & PR. GREGG WILL SEND A CARD! If you would like a candle lit for someone please email Pr. Gregg at gdavison@tlc-elca.org or text 641-691-6897. Pr. Gregg will light a candle, pray, and send a card to the person you had a candle lit for – which means you have to include their address.



PENTECOST 19 SUNDAY WORSHIP will be available on YouTube, Trinity Face Book page: facebook.com/TrinityMtown, and on our Website www.trinity.marshalltown.org. The order of worship is in this update for you to click on as well as a link to the worship service.

Worship Intentions this Weekend

We will be praying for these three families. We will not be using last names in the on line worship: Jeannine Loros family, Dennis & Brenda Lowry family, and Kayann Lowry family.

THIS WEEK WE HAVE NO DEATH ANNIVERSARIES IN OUR PARISH!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Lord, we share in this communion as one family of God’s children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friend and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.” + **Evangelical Lutheran Worship #462 v. 3 “Now We Join in Celebration.”**

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you need to stop into the church note that Wednesday is the day. Please wear a mask. If you forget your mask we have them for you. If you need to visit with Jeannine or Pr. Gregg they will be wearing masks.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT: During this time when church life is different the costs of keeping our parish going remain the same. Below is a link where you can quickly and easily make an online gift to Trinity. From the drop-down menu, choose offering, coronavirus fund, or both. **Or if you prefer, mail your check to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1011 South 3rd Avnue, Marshalltown, IA 50158.** https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1199253. Thanks for your offerings, they are keeping us “Trinity Strong!”

WEEKLY UPDATE. Thanks to Jeannine for our Weekly Parish Update & Monday Musings to keep everyone informed. Updates will continue to be sent out on Fridays. If you have something for the update please email to Jeannine the Tuesday before Friday at jmgrady4@gmail.com