

Hello and welcome to Trinity's latest news on Thursday, September 30, 2021

A few announcements about upcoming events.

We are in the sanctuary for worship on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 8am. Still socially distancing and requiring masks. Even with this distancing, we have room for you to join us. Thank you for your understanding and help to make it possible for us to gather safely in this space.

Sunday at 9:15 Sunday School for all ages continues

Sunday at 10:45 we gather for worship at the pavilion – if you are joining us out there, remember chairs or blankets. Last week we enjoyed an anthem by the youth choir. If you would like to be outside, but the ground is unsteady for you, please park right next to the field, and either worship from the comfort of your car, or just set your chair right by your car. We will bring communion to you! If you are super mobile, please consider parking in the tot lot or across the street from the field, to leave those close spaces for those in need. Thank you.

This Sunday at 2pm is the blessing of the animals service under the portico. All pets and well-behaved humans are welcome to join us!

The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 10 – you can walk at Gring's Mill or walk in your own neighborhood. Sign up on the kiosk at church or ask Pastor Jen for the online link. Our team is growing and has room for more!

At the late service last week, I was able to share that our former intern, Scott Brubaker, was called to serve as Pastor of Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds. His ordination service is limited in attendance due to COVID protocols. It will be livestreamed on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 4pm.

To celebrate with him, I invite you to drop of cards of congratulations and blessings here at the church between now and Nov. 14.

Watch your email, too, we will compile a video of congrats and blessings so he can see our faces and hear our voices.

We are grateful to offer flu shots again this year. Sunday, October 24 after the 8am service until the beginning of the 10:45 service flu shots will be available in the parking lot by the kitchen side of the church.

Interim Pastor update for us:

Pastor Mark will be with us through the end of October and we will celebrate his time with us and wish him Godspeed on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31 at all services. Please join us that weekend to celebrate him and thank him for his ministry with us.

Beginning the first week in November, we will be joined by Pastor Drew Neidig who will be with us for the next 12-18 months. He will be full time and will be walking us through the call prayerful work of preparing for the call process. We look forward to welcoming him to Trinity.

And...just so you know, we are already thinking about Christmas Eve. Yes, I know it's still September, but you need to know that the pastors, staff, PPC with guidance from the COVID task force are looking into options for worship on Christmas Eve. This is what we know at this moment. It will be different than any other Christmas Eve we have ever had before. Providing safe gatherings to all who wish to worship in person will be our goal. This means we are thinking about the number of worship services, what will be part of those services and the location of those services. What we want you to know right now...is that we are already thinking about it, praying about it and starting to map out options. My guess is that will not meet the expectations and hopes of every single member of Trinity. But, my hope is that we have an opportunity to gather together, to celebrate the birth of Christ, in a way we never could have imagined. Please keep the leadership of this place in your prayers as we diligently and carefully prepare for upcoming celebrations in uncertain times.

We are grateful for you, your presence here – in person or online – and your continued prayers and words of support.

Keep being awesome.