



May 2020

Trinity Tidings

“What if God, did this to make the riches of His glory known to the objects of His mercy, whom He prepared in advance for glory—even us, whom He also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?” Romans 9:23

For 30 years Paul preached the gospel of Christ across what is present day Israel, Syria, Turkey, and Greece, a span of 10,000 miles. He preached the Word of God to those other than the Jewish people reinforcing Jesus' command to *“go and make disciples of all nations”* (Matt 28:19). Some might say that Paul is redundant in his preaching and teaching because he says the same thing over and over only in different ways. However, when doctrines are repeated in the Bible it the same as putting several exclamation points after the line!!! They didn't have punctuation marks in Paul's day.

The words above reflect the essence of Paul's message; Suffering and solace go together. God loves us all and treats us all the same, both in suffering and in rejoicing. Paul reminds us that, in order for God's glory to be seen, there must be strife and sorrow to clearly see the goodness of God. After the darkness comes the light!!! We cannot explain the catastrophes of this world albeit our own doing. Suffice to say, as believers, we put all our concerns in to the palm of God's hands and ask Him to show us mercy and grace in spite of our troubles. This relationship spills over in to our daily interactions with one another when we are Christ to one another!!

The troubles we face today are not new to (many of) us and most certainly not new to God. Jesus said *“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33). Each time I look to scripture for inspiration and confirmation of the Holy Spirit, God speaks to my heart letting me know that we are on the right track, you and I. When we become Christ to one another, the smallest to the grandest of gestures does not go unnoticed by God. Nor do good deeds go unnoticed by the public, evident in today's media. Though there is still dire news, many commentators try to balance that out with good, offering photos, videos and encouraging words from ordinary people (like you and me) in support of one another during this crisis.

Give! God! The! Glory! For His spirit works overtime to bring us the consolation we seek. Paul borrows words from Hosea, *“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved’ one who is not my loved one,”* and *“It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called sons and daughters of the living God.”* (Hosea 2:23). Every day we hear of and see the many acts of kindness around the world, a clear illustration of God's love, exemplifying His Spirit living and working among us. Whether or not we claim Christianity or have faith in a higher being we are “created a little lower than the heavenly beings” (Ps 8:5) and are indeed walking images of Christ Himself. Let us continue to help our friends and neighbors so that they too will see the beauty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For He has risen!!! Christ is alive!!!

Blessings, *Pastor Cheri*



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ASCENSION DAY – THURSDAY, MAY 21

After Jesus rose from the dead, He "presented Himself alive" (Acts 1:3) to the women near the tomb (Matthew 28:9-10) to His disciples (Luke 24:36-43), and to more than 500 others (1 Corinthians 15:6). In the days following His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. The account of Jesus' ascension is found in (Luke 24:50-51) and (Acts 1:9-11).

DAY OF PENTECOST – SUNDAY, MAY 31

Fifty days after the resurrection, the apostles gathered to celebrate the harvest festival known as Pentecost. While the apostles were gathered, a sound like the rush of a violent wind filled the entire house. Something like tongues of fire appeared and a tongue rested on each of them. They were "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4).



Wear red on Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit (even if we are still home)!

Thank You!


Food pantries are overwhelmed by the needs of our local communities. A plea went out from our 3 closest pantries, including guidelines on what help was needed and how to best direct those efforts.

Recently, we received some unexpected donations from non-members. There were no directions, no notes, no indications of how Trinity ought apply these funds. With continued support of Trinity members, as well as, the gifts from our close friends, we've answered the pleas.

Caring Cupboard, Rescue Mission of Lebanon, and Manheim Food Bank have each received a donation of \$250 for the purchase of fulfilling their individual mission. To all of our members who so generously give support to our Church, and those Friends of Trinity - Thank You.

Craig Korte, Treasurer

Council Meeting via Zoom (Pending Approval)

4-5-20

Pastor Cheri opened the meeting with prayer. In attendance were Jeff Keener, Pastor Cheri, Bill Calhoon, Wendy Hammer, Earl Smith, Pennie Freet, Audra Cuthie, Craig Korte, Jess Writer and Dan Hardy.

Dan gave a synopsis of the previously held Council Retreat.

Craig presented the Treasures report. Due to the corona virus problem churches have been closed for the last four weeks. There is much concern about finances as weekly giving has significantly decreased while bills continue. Members are sending their contributions via mail and funds are being deposited weekly. Audra reported a checking balance of \$16,000 at this time last year. Our current balance is \$900. Council has approved suspending the monthly allocation to the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Wendy made a motion to accept the report and Jessica a second. Motion passed.

Pastor usually has been requesting prayers and concerns for the Friday morning prayer and has been sending out texts and e-mails. Wendy suggested a virtual prayer meeting, possibly via Zoom, be substituted.

Membership concerns, while not a member, Jessica suggested prayers for a friend with a cancer diagnosis. Pastor expressed concern about a member with multiple health problems who is having a rough time. Various members of Council reporting contacting other church members regarding their health and wellness.

Jeff recapped the recent Property meeting regarding repair and re-carpeting of the hallway of the Sunday school building the Koder Room and the stairs leading down to the basement including the landing at the bottom of the stairs. Three businesses were contacted for bids and Steigel carpeting gave a bid of \$4,122.50. Two anonymous donors have contributed funds to purchase and install the carpet. A motion to continue with the project was entered by Dan and second by Pennie.

A motion was made by Earl and second by Wendy to adjourn. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Hardy



Bill Calhoon, Pennie Freet, Wendy Hammer (Vice President), Dan Hardy (Secretary), Jeff Keener (President), Rich Scanlon, Earl Smith, Tim Yeingst and Jessica Writer
Council Meets the First Sunday of the Month

Finance Committee:

Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary), Brad Yeingst, Bob Yeingst

Christian Education Committee (Adult, Youth & Children's Education, VBS & Field Trips):

Dan Hardy, Heather Kimmel, Audra Spang, Sandy Walborn
Meet Every Other Month

Property Committee:

Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy, Rick Fox, Greg Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst
Meet as Needed

Social Outreach Committee (Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, WELCA):

Bill Calhoon, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Wendy Hammer, Dan Hardy, Marie Martin
Meet Every Other Month

Worship and Music Committee (Plan Liturgy, Music and Worship Setting):

Joe Buchmoyer, Dan Hardy, Karen Miller, Sandy Walborn
Meet Quarterly

FROM THE PASTOR

♥ I hope everyone is finding ways to remain connected during this time of social distancing. Fortunately, we live in an era that offers us many ways to communicate through a variety of devices so that we can remain in each other's lives. In fact, COVID 19 has caused me to make more calls as I continue to find comfort in our one-on-one dialogues. I find that I am calling or video chatting with most of our members much more often these days unifying us as a church. In the past, I may not have been as diligent with phone calls because I would either see you at church, Sunday mornings, at a meeting, or sometime throughout the week. I tried to find time to visit with a few of you in your homes. The latter takes more time out of the day, though I truly enjoy those moments, but because I am not traveling (at all), I have much more time to make more calls, and have more conversations. Fridays are still prayer day so please let me know how we can pray for you. Let's stay positive and keep on connecting with one another. Pick up the phone, take out the pen, or simply let your fingers do the walking and reach out to someone today.



♥ *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me. ...
Whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*
—Matthew 25:35-36, 40 (NIV)



God wants our lives to overflow with mercy, love, and compassion — the marks of His kingdom. As followers of Jesus, we have a choice: respond to unsettling realities in fear and withdraw, or follow Him in responding to the greatest needs of our day with love and hope. We know salvation doesn't depend on works, but we also know that caring for those in need is evidence of a faith that changes lives.

Addresses of the 3 food banks:

Caring Cupboard, 131 North Railroad St, Palmyra PA 17078

Rescue Mission, PO Box 5, Lebanon, PA 17042

Manheim Food Bank, Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N Penn Street, Manheim PA 17545

♥ The Community Aid Bin is closed. Please keep your donations at home for now. Thank you!



♥ If you've ever given a prayer shawl to someone in need, you know the sentiment and healing it brings. Perhaps the appreciation goes unnoticed. Recently the Prayer Shawl Ministry was asked for their input as to the importance of such ministry. A woman named Sharon Monjdragon, recently penned a book called The Heavenly Hugs Prayer Shawl and has yet to convince her publisher to print it. Her literary agent told her and I quote, "[the book]...is one of the most encouraging novels she's ever read, one that reaches across denominations, and believes that if it found its place amongst us, it could have a profound impact on our communities." If you'd like to show your support, simply subscribe to her website www.sharonjmondragon.com. She promises to not inundate you with emails...and well you know you can always unsubscribe. God bless our shawl making disciples around the world.

♥ On that note, there are many ways to help our neighbors even when we are shut away and kept from gathering in the church. Let's use our creative hearts and share with one another ideas to continue our ministries. I am looking at the school back packs, fleece blankets, and maybe some new ideas. My door is virtually open always.



FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE



"In the morning, Lord, You hear my prayer. In the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly." Psalm 5.3

How can we pray for you today? Contact me or join me at 10 for prayer.

Cheri Korte is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom FRIDAY PRAYER Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting 10 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8083683898?pwd=Y3Rwd1BxM1BFTDNtNkUwWHc3VEJnUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 368 3898

Password: 258736

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sue Baney; Doris Bucks; Gretchen Burford; Ben & Wendy Chicoria; Rick Fox; Carolyn Fritz; Carol Gingrich; Pauline Greiner; Nancy Haas; Remington Hardy; Amy Kreider; Betty Kreider; Denny Martin; Branson Morgan; Alyssa Newell; Suzanne & William Rimmler; Doris Savage; Nikki Scolet; Mary Lois Smith; Sandra Stager; Jerry Urich; Ken Zellers; Charlie

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; David Martin; Sawyer Mundorf; Townsend Mundorf; William Rimmler; David Walborn; Andrew Yeingst



There are many people working including some of our own – Heather Fanus , Kristi Leedy, Tiffany Speraw and Angie Zentz who are working overtime, all health care, emergency services, food and agriculture, energy, water and sewage treatment, transportation, information technology, hazardous materials, financial services, chemical, and defense-industrial sectors.

To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Barbara Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Lillian Minney	717.964.5032
Barbara Hardy	717.867.1286	Pennie Freet	717.269.3292
Karen Miller	717.304.7012	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Sandy Walborn (May 2); Greg Kulp (May 7); Matthew Monette (May 9); Madison Fanus (May 13); Melissa Ward (May 14); Katie Kimmel (May 15); Liam Sonan (May 17); Robert Hammer (May 21); Steve Miller (May 22); Larry Freet (May 28); Karen Rhoades (May 29); Bill Calhoon (May 31)

Ryan & Kristina Sweitzer (May 14)
Daniel & Lucrecia Hardy (May 22)
Rob & Tracy Craig (May 31)





Lutheran World Relief



PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT

While we are unable to meet at church please, as able, continue to gather these items and hold them at home.

Items Needed for Each Kit

- 1 medium-weight bath-size towel (52" x 27"), dark color
- 2-3 bath size bars of soap, in original wrapping, totaling 8-9 ounces
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- 1 metal nail clippers
- Shipping cost of \$2.65 (includes cost of toothpaste)



Our History

75 Years

In 1945, World War II left an estimated one-fifth of the world's Lutherans homeless. Here in the United States, Lutheran churches in at least 20 states mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called Lutheran World Relief.

LWR was officially "born" October 24, 1945 to receive and distribute gifts of clothing, food, medical supplies and other commodities for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and welfare arising from war-created needs.

Much has changed in nearly 75 years. But in thousands of congregations, in millions of offerings and in uncounted prayers, U.S. Lutherans continue to support Lutheran World Relief's work.

Lutheran World Relief was there in the late 1940s, when 800,000 Palestinians were forced from their homes by the creation of the state of Israel ... in the early 1950s when Hong Kong, Korea and Bangladesh and much of Asia was mired in strife ... during the 1970s and '80s, when civil wars and drought plagued Africa.



Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.



Our Mission

Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.



Our Vision

Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, we envision a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity and peace.

GRADUATION IN A TIME OF COVID-19



The novel coronavirus is having a major impact on planning for graduation activities and ceremonies. While students wait to hear whether they take place, TLC wants to recognize their hard work and accomplishments and share this good news in the *Tidings*.

Please let us know if you or a family member is a 2020 graduating student. Include relationship to congregational member, where they are graduating from, how your family is planning to celebrate, further education, military or job plans.

Please send Information to Diane Calhoon: grannycalhoon@gmail.com; 717.450.5926 or Westwood 2J, PO Box 125, Cornwall, PA 17016-0125.

CARING & SHARING

Shared by Bob & Sandy Walborn

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember,
Moses started out as a basket case.

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Some people are kind, polite, and thoughtful
Until you try to sit in their pews.

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Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisers.

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It is easier to preach ten sermons
Than it is to live one.

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The good Lord didn't create anything
without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.

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When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.

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People are funny; they want the
Front of the bus,
Middle of the road,
And back of the church.

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We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

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God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until
he is dead. So why should you?

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Some minds are like concrete
Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

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Opportunity may knock once, but
temptation bangs on the front door forever.

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Quit griping about your church;
If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

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If a church wants a better pastor,
It only needs to pray for the one it has.

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Peace starts with a smile.

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I don't know why some people change churches;
What difference does it make which one you stay home
from?

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Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.

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Coincidence is when God chooses to remain
anonymous.

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Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

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Don't wait for 6 strong men
to take you to church.

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God loves everyone,
But probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious
nuts!'

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God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Bishop Eaton issues Earth Day message

4/14/2020

Sin and captivity, manifest in threats to the environment, are not the last word. God addresses our predicament with gifts of 'forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation' (Luther, Small Catechism). By the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God frees us from our sin and captivity, and empowers us to be loving servants to creation.

—ELCA social statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice*, p. 5

As I work from home at our dining room table, I look out the front window and see the wildlife at my husband's feeders. God created such beautiful creatures. As Christians we are guided by the promise expressed in our social statement that we are empowered "to be loving servants to creation." It is our duty to care for God's earth.

Established in 1970, Earth Day launched the modern environmental movement, spurring development of landmark policies for a creation in crisis and defining a path toward a more sustainable planet. In this 50th anniversary year, under the theme "Climate Action," the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is joining the [Earth Day Network](#) as a featured faith partner. This partnership expresses our deep love for God's creation and a Lutheran understanding of our profound responsibility for it. The social statement describes our commitment this way:

Humans, in service to God, have special roles on behalf of the whole of creation. Made in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth. God's command to have dominion and subdue the earth is not a license to dominate and exploit. ... [It] should reflect God's way of ruling as a shepherd king who takes the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7), wearing a crown of thorns (*Caring for Creation*, pp. 2-3).

We accept that caring for and protecting creation is central to our holy calling, yet we acknowledge our shortcomings in this regard. Our action and inaction are exposed by the despoiling and degrading of the environment. Affected by human activity, our changing climate has brought more severe weather patterns and ensuing destruction. Our waters, land and air are being polluted, and we are alarmed by the devastation. Ecological systems are strained to the point where some species cannot adapt, and face extinction.

Globally, we are dealing with two interconnected crises, the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing climate change. Both demonstrate the profound consequences of our disrupted, broken relationship with the natural world. According to scientists, species disruption caused by global warming has combined with human encroachment on the natural world to drive wildlife into greater and deadlier contact with people. The COVID-19 outbreak is an urgent warning that our behavior opens the door to transmission of new diseases, with devastating consequences.

Our distorted relationship with the earth is borne most heavily by the most vulnerable and marginalized among us, who are ill-equipped to withstand the impact of climate change or implement remedies. COVID-19 and the climate crisis heighten existing racial inequity, economic disparity and social injustices. Our call to care for creation is also a call to right these wrongs.

As Earth Day partners and stewards of creation, we have many ways to lovingly serve the earth:

- Explore and use ELCA [Care for Creation](#) resources, including video, study and action guides with information about the Creation Care Ambassadors initiative.
- Read the Lutherans Restoring Creation story "[5 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day as Church Together but Apart.](#)"
- Learn about the [Creation Care Ambassadors](#) program that equips Lutherans to be leaders in settings across the church and in our communities.

- Accept the ELCA Young Adults [No Plastics for Lent](#) challenge this Easter season.
- Participate in a local clean-up (with appropriate distancing) if permitted by local authorities, or participate in the [Earth Challenge](#) 2020 citizen scientist initiative, focused on plastic pollution and clean air.
- On April 21, take part in the Parliament of World Religions' [50th Earth Day Observance With Global Religious and Indigenous Leaders](#).
- Join with the ELCA's ecumenical partner [Creation Justice Ministries](#) in advocacy, education and prayer.

Looking past this anniversary, we gladly accept the monumental assignment of refocusing, renewing and raising our efforts as we embrace our role as stewards of creation and look with hope and promise toward years to come.

A [Prayer](#) From Lutheran Disaster Response:

Prepare us, Lord, for what lies ahead. Give us the strength and dedication that we will need in order to serve others unselfishly. Give us the energy we will need to follow through with the task. Give us strength to face our assignment, and put before us people who will support us. Open our ears and eyes and heart, so that we can sustain others and [help creation to recover from this crisis]. Bless those who are suffering and give them hope, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
 Presiding Bishop
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.5 million members in more than 9,100 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

June/July 2020 Tidings Deadline

Sunday, May 17

August 2020 Tidings Deadline

Sunday, July 19

Items can emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or sent to Diane Calhoon, Westwood 2J, PO Box 125, Cornwall, PA17016-0125.



Please remember to include your name with submissions.

PLEASE NOTE – NO TIDINGS IN JULY.

The Tidings will be publishing a combined issue for June and July. If you need information put in the Tidings pertaining to specific dates in July, keep in mind that it needs to be submitted by May 17 and will appear in the June/July issue.