



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



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God in the Plague

Life is different now. We are facing a new disease. We are facing new challenges. We are facing new obstacles. Worshiping together is much more difficult and keeping our faith strong requires more creativity on our part.

For a while, we can't worship together the way we used to, so the most familiar—and the easiest—way to feed our faith and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ is gone. For a while, it has become harder to share comfort and healing in the Gospel. Our Council, our boards, and our called workers are working on solutions to the problem. Here are some of the things we can do right now as a congregation.

1. Check the Church website: www.trinitymarinette.com. We're putting as much information as we can on the site to keep you informed about the Lord's work here and worldwide as a synod. We're even going to launch a newly redesigned site. We want to make things easier to find, read, and use. We'll have that up by the end of the month. Let us know what you think!
2. Join us on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. to watch the latest worship service video recorded from church. Just go to our website and



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Mission Statement:

"Lighting the Way"

John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:16: let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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scroll down to the latest sermon video. They have the dates on them so you can pick which one you want to watch.

3. If you can't get to our website, you can listen to the WOCO (1260 AM) broadcast of one of our area WELS church's worship services. They are broadcast every Sunday at 11:00am.
4. Check your email each day for a message from the Bible from Pastor Tesch. If you're not receiving the emails, please contact the church office (715-732-9868) and share it with us. Thank you.
5. If you need to contact Pastor Tesch, please call him on his cell (715) 587-8521 or email him at pastor@trinitymarinette.com. He would love to hear from you!
6. Check the Synod website (wels.net) for messages, materials, information, and encouragement.
7. We will be calling you. Fourteen volunteers from our congregation will be calling every family in our church. So, for the next few weeks, please answer calls from numbers you don't recognize. It might be one of your sisters in Christ. They'll be calling with news, encouragements, and things you can do during the crisis.

God's work will continue even if we can't formally meet together. In fact, the need for the Word of God will be even greater as people face the fear of disease and death. The need for offerings to support this work will also still be there. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2nd Corinthians 8:12, "For if the eagerness is there, a gift is acceptable according to what someone has, not according to what he does not have." In other words, give as God has blessed you. If your job has been affected, take that into consideration. You can give your offerings online at www.trinitymarinette.com/contribute or you can mail your offering envelope with a check or just mail a check with your envelope number in the memo field (please do not send cash through the mail) to:

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I don't know what the future holds, but I do know that God's love for us endures. He will not only bring us through these troubles but use them as blessings for us. The Apostle Paul assured us of this in his letter to the Romans: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or

sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

I just want to remind you that this will end. God is in charge and we want to prepare not just for a few weeks, but for after the pandemic and for throughout eternity.

God bless you as we walk together through this dark valley. We are not alone. Psalm 23:4.



Board of Education

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

Cradle Roll: Mary Bush is coordinating the Cradle Roll program by providing encouragement and Christian materials to assist parents as they prepare for the birth of their children and then train their children (birth to age 4) in God’s Word. Families receive Christian materials every 6 months. All materials present the message of God’s saving love through Jesus and motivate families to love and obey him in thankfulness. Please contact the church office, Pastor Tesch, or Mary Bush if you know of a member who will be expecting a baby so they will be placed on the Cradle Roll list. Thank you Mary for your commitment to this important ministry.

Footsteps (Formerly Sunday School)

This youth ministry program is for children ages 3-10, starting after the Children’s sermon at Sunday’s worship service, and ending at 10:10 a.m. We have wonderful teachers and helpers to provide engaging lessons and activities that are focused on God’s Word and its application. Contact Kat Ehlers (989-326-0396) for details on volunteering or having your child participate. Thank you Kat for all your efforts in coordinating this important children’s ministry.

The Benefits of a Christian Education at Trinity Lutheran School (TLS):

In a world where Christian beliefs seem under assault from all quarters, parents can be assured that their child will benefit from a Christ-centered education such as what is provided at TLS. Below are just some of the many benefits:

- **Immersion in the word of God.** Needless to say, daily exposure to Biblical lessons reinforces the moral and spiritual development of growing children who receive steady leadership from their teachers.

- **Christian educational materials.** Public-school materials typically lack a Christian viewpoint and may even actively disparage Christian values. TLS uses curriculum materials that align with our Christian values, and the school's library can exercise greater care in avoiding inappropriate books.
- **Superior academic achievement.** A private Christian school tends to attract highly dedicated teachers who are motivated to teach students who themselves are motivated to learn and excel.
- **Emphasis on shared values.** Being surrounded on a daily basis by like-minded individuals experiencing the same Christian education helps greatly with maturing your child into a responsible adult who understands how to live every day in God's love with equally moral neighbors.
- **Social interaction with peers.** Students are able to interact and make friends with other practicing Christians in a way that is less lonely than struggling through the daily challenges of dealing with ignorant or even outright amoral individuals with no understanding of the message of the Bible and no respect for the supreme sacrifice made by Christ.
- **Respect for family values.** TLS recognizes the critical role of parents and will keep in close touch with parents over issues arising from their children's spiritual and educational development.
- **Safe, disciplined, family environment.** Clear rules and an expectation of self-disciplined behavior from pupils does wonders in encouraging inner reserves of dignity, respect, and safety for other people. TLS is a small school with a family atmosphere, where students are not just a number but personally understood and cared for by every staff member.

Registration for the 2020-21 School Year is Open: Contact our school office (715-732-2956) to learn more about Trinity Lutheran School, take a school tour, and/or talk with Principal Josh Danell.

Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarship applications will be available later in March and the Scholarship Committee will meet to determine the scholarship awards by May 1. For new families and those who may have encountered financial challenges since March, another window of opportunity will be available in early fall.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for Free Tuition: The online application window is February 3 through April 16, 2020. Contact the school (715-732-2956) to see if your child qualifies for a tuition voucher. As of March 8, we received 19 student applications for the 2020-21 school year. We currently have 17 school choice students and a total of 75 students in preschool -grade 8.

Immediate Need: We currently have 2 vacancies on the Board of Education, so there is a need for an adult male member to serve the Lord through a leadership role in this capacity. Contact Tim Baneck at 715-330-5250 to learn more about how you can serve on the board of this growing ministry.

School Calendar and Newsletters on the Web:
<https://trinitymarinette.com/school/school-calendar/>

Enroll your child in Footsteps and Trinity Lutheran School to grow their relationship with God while preparing them for success in their earthly and ETERNAL life.

Greetings to you from school!

Greetings to you from school! These past few months at school have been busy with many fun and exciting events happening both in and out of the classroom.

The PTO-sponsored Winter Carnival, on Saturday, Feb. 8, brought about 80 kids of many ages, coming from numerous families from the community. The kids really enjoyed playing games to earn prizes, jumping on and sliding down the four large bouncy houses, and eating the treats from the concessions.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, our Kindergarten students had a special day with a mini Future Fund kick-off ceremony through the Marinette & Menominee Area Community Foundation. Kindergarten students received \$50 in a bank



account to save for their future education and career training. These students will have opportunities in the future to continue to earn even more. Each Kindergarten class from now on will also participate in this program. What a great way to connect with our community!

The Preschool and Kindergarten Open House was on Feb. 27. We had 8 families check out our 3K/4K preschool and 4 families check out the Kindergarten room. The families and our staff had a good time getting to know one another and sharing lots of school information. The kids had a fun time playing with some of the toys and doing activities to get them interested. A photographer from the Eagle Herald even stopped by for some pictures!

This year, free vision screening was offered to all of our students through the Marinette area Lions Club. We thank Lions Club members Mike Martin and Tim Baneck for screening our students this year. This was yet another great opportunity where we were able to connect better with our community!



In Christ, Josh Danell – TLS Principal

Mission Trip

On January 25, 2020, 13 energetic Americans boarded an airplane headed for El Salvador early in the morning to meet with 11 equally energetic Salvadorans. Our mission was to share the love of the Lord with God's people there. We did this by providing Medical Clinics, Pharmacy Services, Vacation Bible School programming with the children and construction of a playground. The community was enriched by this programming. Our team was humbled by the conditions so many of God's people endure. In all cases the realization of the love of God was enhanced.





Our gracious Savior, "who is not willing that any should perish" (2Peter 3:9), is opening mission doors beyond our imagination. We want to seize these opportunities to his glory. Now is the time for all of us love with the world

We will work to re-energize recruitment for the holy adventure of ministry. We will provide even more financial aid so that every student who wants to train for ministry can do so. And we will equip these students with enhanced and enlarged facilities-a living environment worthy of this training to the grace of God, Equipping Christian Witnesses (ECW) will positively impact ministry for the 21st century.



Did you know that if members or guests want give an offering electronically, there's an app for that? By going to the apps store on any handheld devices

"GivePlus Church" in Google Play Store.

"Give+" in the Apple App Store

To give your gift, simply supply 54143 or tap "Find Churches Near Me" and choose Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Follow the prompts to complete. Just choose "Give Now" if you don't want to create an account.



You can also give your offerings to the Lord by scanning this QR code on your smart phone. You will be taken to a secure site where you can make a one-time or a recurring offering for the church or the school. You can even make Trinity school tuition payments. You can also offer your gifts on our website. Just click on "Contribute" and follow the instructions on the page. If you still have any questions on how to get your offering to church, call the church office at 716 732 9868.

Online Offering

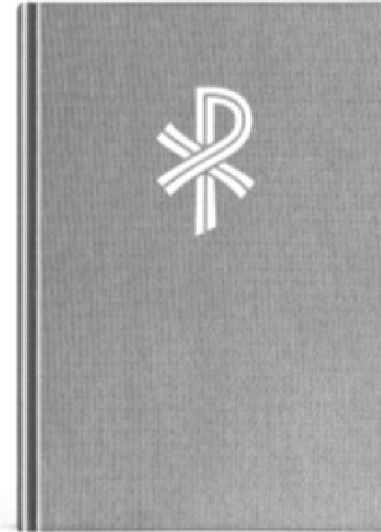
Giving online is actually pretty convenient. The first time, though, can be a little intimidating because you have to create an account. After that, the process is very easy. Here are the instructions for creating an account:

1. Click on this link and follow the directions on the web page. (You can also click "Donations and Tuition" on our church homepage at trinitymarinette.com, then click "Make a Donation.")
2. Click "Create Profile" and enter your email address (twice) to create a User ID.
3. Then you click "Continue."
4. Enter your information on the Profile page
5. Click "Create Profile."
6. Click "Add Transaction."
7. Enter the amount(s) you want to give in the fund(s) you want your offering to go to
8. Click on the box that says "Choose One" on frequency line (3rd from the bottom)
9. Choose "One Time," "Weekly," or "Monthly."
10. Enter the start date (you can also enter an end date if you want).
11. Click "Continue"
12. Enter your account information. You can use a credit or a debit card, a checking account, or a savings account.
13. Click "I'm not a robot"
14. Click "Process."

That's it! It's much easier than it looks. You can always change your information, accounts, amounts, and fund designations. You can also cancel any donation before it posts.

Pastor Jon E. Tesch

Looking Ahead to the NEW Hymnal



A new hymnal for worship, a special edition for home, helpful accompaniments for musicians, and extensive planning tools for leaders are on the horizon.

Contact the church office to discover how you can help make the new hymnal resources part of our congregation's weekly worship. Stay up-to-date by visiting ChristianWorship.com.

