



# Trinity Spirit

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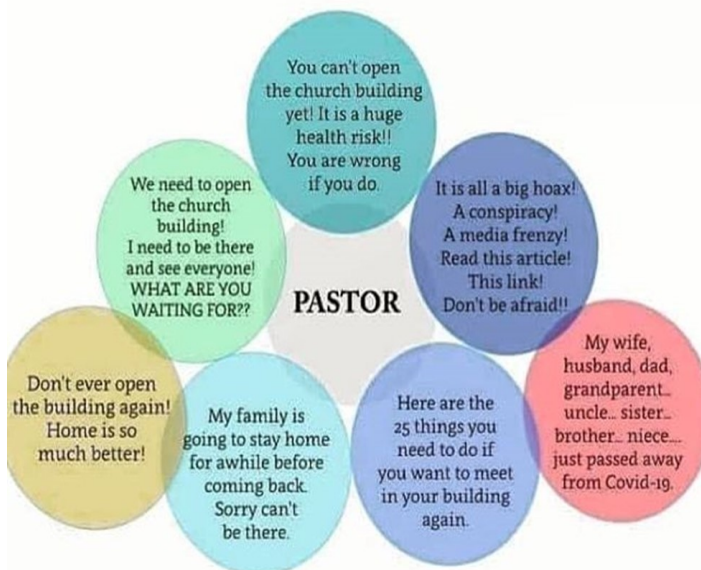
Dear Trinity Family,

A short time ago we sent a letter explaining the intention of Trinity's leadership to move somewhat slowly in coming back together. We have received some comments urging us to consider coming back together as soon as possible.

To assure you that that is definitely the intention of all involved, we want you to know that we are putting together a team to consider the best way to move back toward in person gatherings. The team will be considering some outdoor worship opportunities, some small in person prayer services, some safe social gatherings and other possibilities. We hope to have some of these things in place by late June or early July. I know for many this will still not be fast enough. It is important, however that we take seriously the ever growing body of information about this disease and disease spread in general and the urgings of the larger church.

As part of helping everyone be aware of the information we are using to evaluate the in person worship options we are encouraging everyone to go to the <https://milwaukee-synod.org> click on the tab marked covid-19 and read Bishop Paul Erickson's letter of May 12<sup>th</sup>. In his letter he includes helpful links for evaluating the present information we have on covid-19. We know this is a lot to absorb, but hopefully this will assure you that we are not moving any more slowly than we think is prudent and healthy both for the individuals we serve and the life of the congregation. Please take time to examine this material and let us know if there are any questions.

As pastors we are usually reluctant to share the struggles of this office, but a friend of ours posted on their Facebook the perfect image of how many pastors are feeling right about now:



We are doing our very best to balance the concerns of those who are at risk, those with deep concerns about the future of the church, those who have been devastated by this disease, those comfortable with the new way of doing things, those who are hurting under the isolation, and everyone who longs for in-person worship.

But please know the life of the church is never defined by our gathering in the building. We are the church wherever we are, and in all the circumstances of life. We are bound by the Spirit of God which has no walls. We are one in love for one another.

Please keep us and each other in prayer.

Yours in Christ, Pastors Cris and Dave

1. **Quiero contarte** (I want to tell you)

Kaori le agradece por el regalo de cumpleaños 302.5 que se compró una cama con su colchón y Ella con el regalo familiar se compró útiles escolares y una zapatilla para el colegio, Kaori lo pasó una bonita navidad con sus tíos y primos, Ella le dice: ¿Cómo le gusta pasar su navidad? Ella le pide oración por su familia y Ella también orará por usted y su linda familia, Kaori le mando muchos saludos, besos, abrazos y bendiciones

Escrito por / written by: Tutora (Ariana)

**Mira lo que dibuje para ti** (Look what I drew for you)



**Translation**

Dear sponsors friends, Kaori thanks you for the monetary present S/302.50, she bought a bed with a mattress. With the family present she got school supplies and sneakers for school. Kaori had a great Christmas alongside her uncles and cousins. She wonders how do you like spending Christmas? She asks you to pray for her family and she will pray for you too and for your family. Kaori is sending you many greetings, kisses and hugs. Blessings! Kaori and tutor HECA SAM

**TO TRINITY FROM KAORI!**

## Thanks to Mike & Cindy Tikusis!!

Trinity Lutheran Church  
140 N 7th Ave  
West Bend, WI 53095

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Who do you help when you donate to Family Promise?

*You help a child whose family was sleeping in their car.*

*You help a recovered drug addict who is now sober, employed, reunited with her children, and optimistic about the future.*

*You help people who thought that there was no one left who cared about them.*



Your compassion and generosity directly affect the lives of these hurting men, women and children in our community. Your thoughtful donation of toilet paper and Pinesol will be greatly appreciated by the individuals & families in our shelter and supportive housing programs.

Thanks to donors like you homeless individuals & families feel the warmth of the community wrapping its arms around them during this difficult time in their lives.

With your help, we are continuing to make a difference in the lives of homeless individuals & families in Washington County.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Lori Prescott , Director at Family Promise/Carl's Place

	<p>The Lenten donations from Trinity members are being shared this year between the Full Shelf Food Pantry and the Volunteer Center. Each organization received a check for \$326.50!</p>	
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### On-Line Options Are Available

I know being on-line is not as fulfilling as many people would like and yet in the present circumstances, on-line tools are the best available and we are trying to make our on-line opportunities the very best that we can. Through our website there are links to most of our on-line opportunities. We have worship, daily devotions, children's sermons, children's ministry material, confirmation and links to the latest newsletter material.

We also have updates in constant contacts that you can sign up for.

Two opportunities that are not on the website are:

1) A virtual coffee hour on Sundays at 10:30 using the ZOOM application at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89212535290> .

2) A Bible study on 1<sup>st</sup> John on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 also using ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634007073> .

You need to download the ZOOM app on your phone or computer. If you have trouble with this please contact Pastor Dave at 262-483-0791 and he will talk you through.

We hope that you will find strength and comfort in these opportunities until we can gather in person.



### Your Help is Wanted! Volunteers Needed for Home Delivered Meal Program in Hartford and West Bend

West Bend, WI - The Washington County Senior Dining Home Delivered Meal program needs volunteer drivers in the Hartford area on Tuesdays and in the West Bend area on Fridays.

Volunteers would give approximately 1 ½ hours to take noon meals to homebound persons.

Anyone willing to deliver meals and have your mileage reimbursed should call the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County at 262-335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030 for more information.





At this time, Confirmation 2020 is still scheduled for October 11. Stay tuned for more information as we move into summer and the new way of life we are experiencing.

Plans for this year's Vacation Bible Experience are on hold as are most other things in the world. Should there be a major change and we are able to get together, announcements will be made. Until then, have a good safe summer!



Sadly, we will miss the excitement of the fundraiser put on each year by the group of youth who travel on the summer service trip. The trip had to be cancelled and what fun would it be to have an auction with no bidders? So, as with everything else, we wait to see what the future brings. Next year will be bigger and better!



**HAVE YOU...**  
**Checked out the Trinity website?**  
**Or, how about facebook?**



Thank you!

Throughout this time this congregation has continued to faithfully support our ministries. We continue to be about where we hoped financially as we approach the summer months. We have also been incredibly proud of how people have kept in touch with one another and offered support to one another through encouragement and prayer. These have been very trying times for everyone. May God continue to offer you the gifts you need to continue the journey to a new day and enough to share with one another.

### Prayer Concerns

In many ways our prayers center around the continuing struggle with Covid-19, but prayer is also needed:

In the face of growing tensions around the death of black Americans due to continued racism. Brianna Taylor, Ahmed Aubrey, and George Floyd are only a few of the names of those who have been killed in recent events. We need to pray that God would heal our nation of the racism taking lives of people for merely being a different color.

Environmental concerns continue to surface almost daily. The polar icecaps continue to melt. The rainforests continue to be destroyed. Chemicals continue to destroy the health of people, especially among the poor and vulnerable. We need to pray that we would be given new hearts that are responsive to the needs of the world around us.

The gap between the rich and poor continues to widen. The Covid-19 virus has disrupted the economy and those who are already struggling are the hardest hit. Unemployment is at the highest numbers since the great depression. We need to pray that God would provide for all people and that God would grant us wisdom and creativity to make sure that all are cared for.

Covid-19 has added to the growing struggles of mental health among us. Depression, anxiety, and loneliness are hitting people harder than we can imagine. We need to pray for healing for our brothers and sisters and provide the resources that are needed to bring hope where it is needed the most.

Those who are aging also have struggles related to but not limited by the struggles with Covid-19. A number of members are in hospice and cut off from family by the needs for distancing that are present. Pray for comfort for all who are alone in their time of need that God would hold them especially close.

Take time this month to become more aware of the needs outside those of this pandemic and pray for God to enter in and bring hope and renewal where it is needed.

**PRAY  
FOR  
THE  
WORLD**



We may be in for a new look sometime in the near future. A bid was finally received and accepted with a stained glass company to create these beautiful doors between the sanctuary and the Heritage Room. The double pane doors we have currently have somehow gotten dust and dirt between the panes and cannot be cleaned. Sandy Poenitsch came up with this gorgeous design that will remove the cleaning problem and add beauty to our space. The door replacement will be funded with money from the Memorial Fund. It is unknown at this time how long the project will take to complete. Hopefully it will become safe to gather and we can all wait patiently together!



# Congratulations to Trinity's 2020 High School Graduates!!!

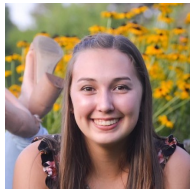
**(Our Confirmation Class of 2016)** We are so proud of you. May God bless you as you move into the next chapter of your lives. Know that our thoughts and prayers are always with you!!



**Autumn Appel** - West Bend West Graduate



**Renee York** grew up at Trinity as did her brothers! She plans to follow her folks example and serve her country in the U.S. Air Force. Go, girl!

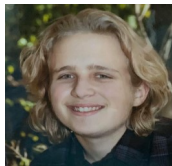


**Haley Survis**, will be at the UW in Milwaukee this fall for Veterinary Medicine. We'll be waiting for "The Incredible Dr. Haley"!



**Christian Ketter**—graduate #2 of the Ketter Klan will be off to UW— Madison in the fall. Good luck, Christian!

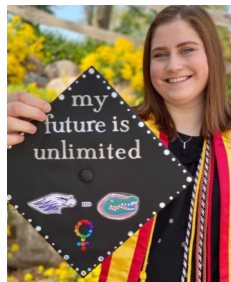
**Dylan Olson** – West Bend East Graduate



**Tanner Schmoldt** – Graduated from West Bend East. He is planning to attend UW Stout for a degree in Construction Management.



**Taeya Gruber** - graduates from Campbellsport with scholarships from the Campbellsport Foundation and UW-FDL



**Nicole Chernohorsky**, Graduated with a B.A. in psychology and Spanish from UW-Whitewater. She was a leader on Whitewater's Hawk Squad for her whole time there. She studied abroad for a semester in Spain. In June she's heading south to begin her dream master's program at the University of Florida.



AS SEEN ON TV! **Samuel Retzlaff**—2020 High School graduate and very awesome person!— was featured on a recent "Senior Shoutout" following the 10:00 news on channel 12. Congrats Sam!!



**Arianna Sinjakovic** – is officially a Marquette University graduate!



**Katie Kershaw** graduated the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a Bachelors Degree in electrical engineering. She will be starting at Milwaukee Tool in New Product Development as an Electrical Engineer at the end of the summer.



**Katelyn Wulff** graduated from UW Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in nursing while working at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac. She has been working on the front lines of the pandemic and is a McNair scholar. Katelyn has committed to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) Program. Katelyn and Cody Schweiger were married on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.







## WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE!

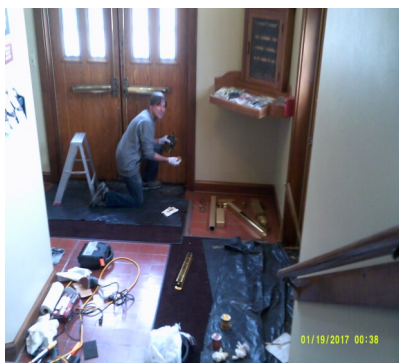
If you have not yet checked out the Trinity website you may be a bit surprised at what you can find! Everything from weekend services, daily devotions, children's message, Confirmation notes, Bible study, and Prayer Around the Cross to name a few. There is also information on things the young folks are doing and ways for you to contribute until we are able to return.



John, Denise and their son Dylan went to The Gathering in Milwaukee May 10th. "We helped bag up lunches and serve them to the guests. Due to the Covid, the lunches were served outside but we got to see a lot of smiling faces. It is such a joy to be able to volunteer at The Gathering!"

The next opportunity will probably be fall so give it some thought!! If you would feel like sharing the fun and making it a group effort, call the church office and leave a message.

Kenworthys ROCK!!



Phil, the head of Trinity's maintenance department, took on the challenge of the interior of the front doors on 7th and Elm. They have suffered years of neglect and are now looking like brand new 100 year old doors! Sanding, staining and a few coats of finish have made a huge improvement. We hope you will soon be able to see for yourself!

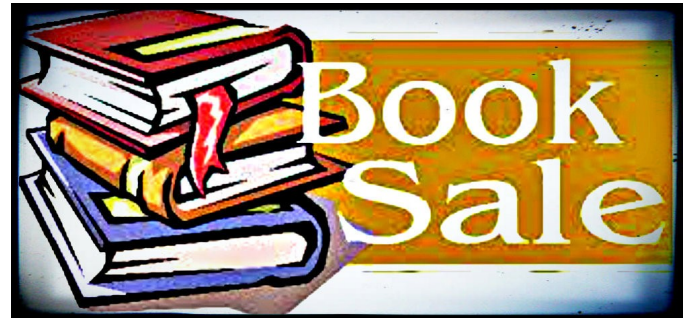


Looking forward to being together again and making everyone comfortable, our friends at Ahrens Heat/Cooling have installed another air conditioning upgrade. Since we have so many units and they are the old Freon type, Trinity has been budgeting for these replacements on an annual basis. Cool idea?!



The need for quilts around the world continues and so Trinity's quilters (Blanketeers!) ask again for your contributions. If you have taken time to clear out unused/unwanted sheets (any size and color or white) or cotton fabric, you can drop donations at church. Even with the quarantine, the count stands at 105, so they are pretty much on schedule. The "quilts" produced are sent to Lutheran World Relief and they forward them to wherever the need exists. Stop by between noon and 4:00 weekdays and leave your "contributions" at the west (alley) entrance. Thank you!

As of right now, the Annual Book Sale is still on the calendar for the latter part of September. Donations of books, puzzles, dvd's, cd's, kids books, games, toys or stuffed animals are needed. If you have any items that you want to get rid of, please consider bringing them to the west entrance weekday afternoons. Proceeds from the sale support quilts and other Trinity projects. Share NOW!!



The advertisers shown on the last page of every newsletter are the folks who pay to have the "Trinity Spirit" newsletter printed each month. Take a look at what is on that page and if possible please support these fine businesses. If you are able to use any of their services, please mention that you saw their ad in the Trinity newsletter and hopefully they will continue to advertise!

**NEWS FROM OUR ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT!!**

Monies deposited recently in Trinity's account from Amazon: \$34.93! It may not seem like much, but it IS FREE MONEY!!! All we had to do is sit back and wait for you to buy something you would ordinarily buy anyway! If you go to the top of the Amazon website, you can choose Trinity West Bend as your charity and we get a percentage! It's that easy!



**THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS...**

The YMCA Daycare in Trinity's lower level and nursery have begun letting their clients back in. Even better news, they discovered they have the protection plan that covers payment of rent in cases such as we are experiencing right now. There has been no interruption in their rent payments so all is well!



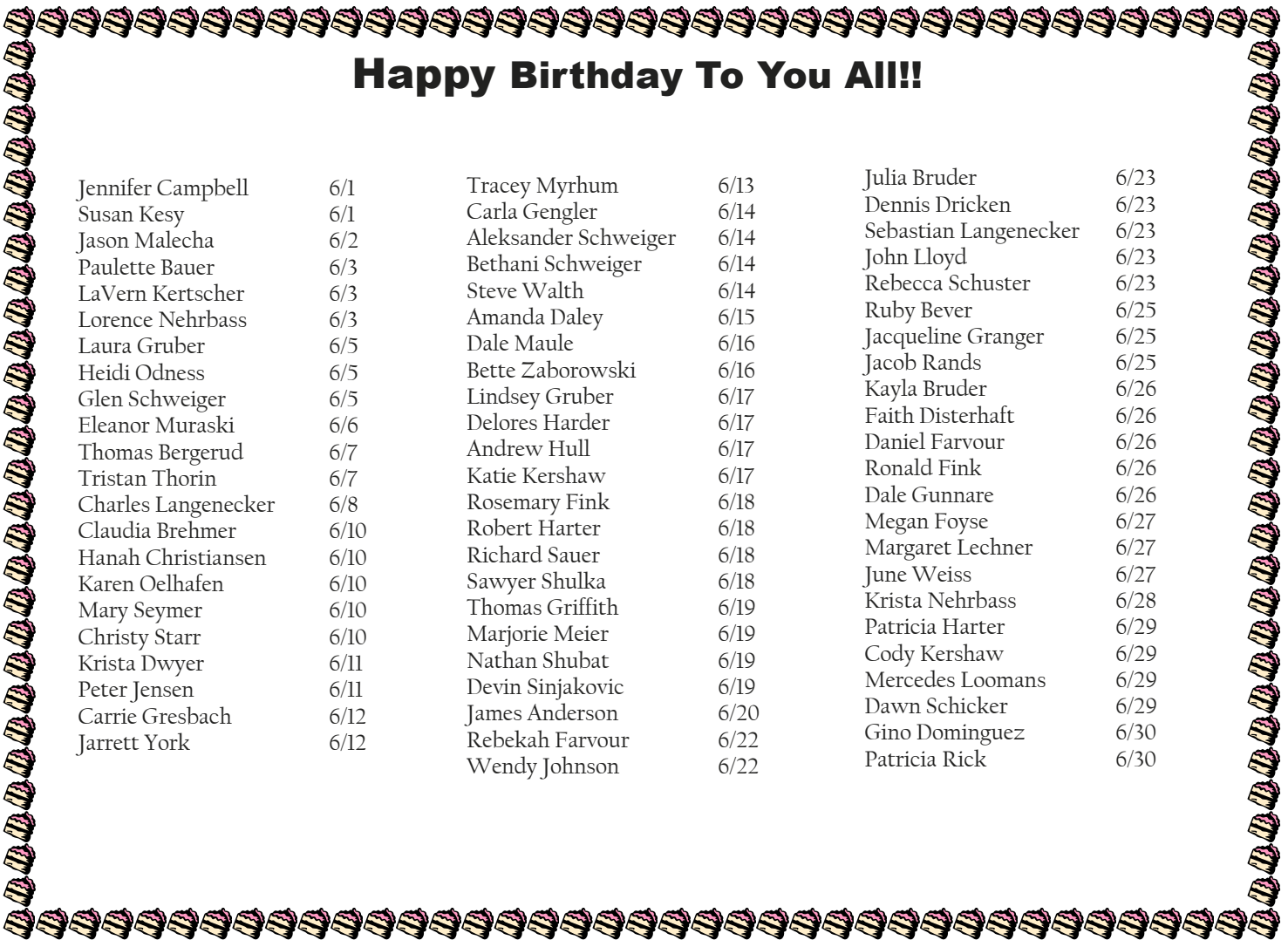
## IMPORTANT PEOPLE FOR 2020

*Counters* Anita McClain & Jody Schilling  
**Saturday, June 6 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers* Arlyss Speener  
**Sunday, June 7 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Jay Nelson, Carol Peters  
**9:30 am** *Ushers* Pauline Lentz,  
 Kevin Schmitt, Sam Laatsch

*Counters* Ruth MacDonald & Darrell Blair  
**Saturday, June 13 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers*  
**Sunday, June 14 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Dale, Myra, Cory, Cary & Kyle Gunnare  
**9:30 am** *Ushers* Glenn Pietschmann, Nick Laatsch,  
 Mike Kozlowski, Jim Klatt

*Counters* Joann & Glenn Naumann, Judy Ehmke, Kristine  
**Saturday, June 20 5:00 pm** Dreher  
*Ushers*  
**Sunday, June 21 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Bill/Cheryl Casey, Mary Immekus,  
**9:30 am** *Ushers* Todd Markgraf, Anita McClain,  
 Daniel Schmidt

*Counters* Cyndee Bruder, Carl & Joyce Kirchner  
**Saturday, June 27 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers* Carl & Betty Schweiger  
**Sunday, June 28 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin, Ken Juedes  
**9:30 am** *Ushers* Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler



### Happy Birthday To You All!!

Jennifer Campbell	6/1	Tracey Myrhum	6/13	Julia Bruder	6/23
Susan Kesy	6/1	Carla Gengler	6/14	Dennis Dricken	6/23
Jason Malecha	6/2	Aleksander Schweiger	6/14	Sebastian Langenecker	6/23
Paulette Bauer	6/3	Bethani Schweiger	6/14	John Lloyd	6/23
LaVern Kertscher	6/3	Steve Walth	6/14	Rebecca Schuster	6/23
Lorence Nehrbass	6/3	Amanda Daley	6/15	Ruby Bever	6/25
Laura Gruber	6/5	Dale Maule	6/16	Jacqueline Granger	6/25
Heidi Odness	6/5	Bette Zaborowski	6/16	Jacob Rands	6/25
Glen Schweiger	6/5	Lindsey Gruber	6/17	Kayla Bruder	6/26
Eleanor Muraski	6/6	Delores Harder	6/17	Faith Disterhaft	6/26
Thomas Bergerud	6/7	Andrew Hull	6/17	Daniel Farvour	6/26
Tristan Thorin	6/7	Katie Kershaw	6/17	Ronald Fink	6/26
Charles Langenecker	6/8	Rosemary Fink	6/18	Dale Gunnare	6/26
Claudia Brehmer	6/10	Robert Harter	6/18	Megan Foyse	6/27
Hanah Christiansen	6/10	Richard Sauer	6/18	Margaret Lechner	6/27
Karen Oelhafen	6/10	Sawyer Shulka	6/18	June Weiss	6/27
Mary Seymer	6/10	Thomas Griffith	6/19	Krista Nehrbass	6/28
Christy Starr	6/10	Marjorie Meier	6/19	Patricia Harter	6/29
Krista Dwyer	6/11	Nathan Shubat	6/19	Cody Kershaw	6/29
Peter Jensen	6/11	Devin Sinjakovic	6/19	Mercedes Loomans	6/29
Carrie Gresbach	6/12	James Anderson	6/20	Dawn Schicker	6/29
Jarrett York	6/12	Rebekah Farvour	6/22	Gino Dominguez	6/30
		Wendy Johnson	6/22	Patricia Rick	6/30

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

# MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p><b>THIS CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE! We are hopeful that VERY SOON it will be safe to resume activities, but we will all just have to wait and see...</b></p> </div>						

The office continues to be closed and all “in church” activities suspended until further notice. If you have needs please contact the pastors. Pastor Dave can be reached at 262-483-0791. Pastor Cris can be reached at 262-483-0792.





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Saturday..... 5:00 pm (Traditional)

Sunday..... 8:00 am (Service of the Word)

Sunday..... 9:30 am (Created to Praise)

Holy Communion Celebrated at all services

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