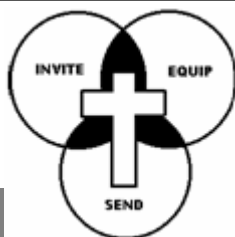


The Trumpet

May 2021

Pastor Mike's Mash



[Paul writes:] "You are no longer foreigners and strangers [separated from each other and from God], but rather, fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." —Ephesians 2:19-22.

You know, of course, that Trinity has a mission statement, right?

But if someone asked you, "What is Trinity's mission statement?" would you be able to tell them?

I am guessing that astute eyes will have noticed that our congregation's mission statement is actually included right here on this page, (see the title bar above ↑) incorporated into what is our "logo," including the Trinitarian symbolism of the three interlocking circles (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), the cross of Christ at the center, with each Trinitarian circle containing the elements of our mission statement: **INVITE * EQUIP * SEND.**

For others, it actually may be news (a) that we have a mission statement; and (b) what that mission statement is!

And this is not judgment—it simply reveals the shortcomings inherent in mission statements or the way organizations use their mission statements—or, DON'T USE their mission statements, as the case may be.

Last weekend, (Friday, April 16 & Saturday, April 17), most of our council gathered in retreat at Camp Onomia. Our retreat had 3 targets we wanted to hit. We wanted to...

- ...spend time just getting to know each other better; (About 1/3 of our council have been members of the congregation less than a decade.)

- ...continue orienting our council to their leadership positions; and
- ...begin re-evaluating our mission; the way it is stated; the way it is "committed"; and what this will mean as we respond to God's call into our new normal.

And the results?

Well, for one, the tasks at hand are much, MUCH bigger than what one weekend could contain; **however, here are at least some of the foundational conclusions we drew:**

1. As we were rooted in Scripture and as our council president Matt Barlage guided us through purposeful conversation aimed at Trinity's purpose and mission, it seemed clear that our current statement—INVITE * EQUIP * SEND—does still indeed point us in the direction God is calling, even with the challenges we have encountered over the past year.

- We still believe these tasks for which Trinity was designed and created BY GOD.
- To INVITE * EQUIP * SEND is in our DNA.
- It is timeless—we don't perceive this changing, as there is no goal, nor outcome. There is no deadline. We will ALWAYS be living in to a mission...

...to INVITE people's lives to be opened to the gracious, merciful, and loving presence of God revealed in Jesus;

...to EQUIP everyday people of faith for faith for our every day;

...and to SEND those everyday people of back into their everyday world to be the gracious, merciful, and loving presence of Jesus.

2. As we continued our weekend-long Bible study and began to examine "our Vision" we also began to be able to imagine the way we might reinterpret the way we carry out our ministries and programs that might be different in our new normal.

- One of our council members asked, "How do we get the light that shines through our stained glass window and INTO our sanctuary to shine OUT into our community?"

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- When relationship and connectedness are historically cited again and again as one of Trinity's strengths, how do we intentionally practice that sort of welcome and hospitality for the sake of those who are newer to and less connected within our fellowship?
- How can we partner better with community need opportunities like Princeton Pantry and Kinship?
- How might our teaching/learning ministries change if the vision was one of training, modeling, practicing, or coaching? (One of our council members shared a training ethos she had experienced, "Watch me; Show me; Tell me.", as a way of learning and growing.)
- How do we shore up the "transitions" where we have traditionally "leaked" people? (I.e., the transition between Baptism and Sunday School; the transition between confirmation and high school graduation; the transition between empty nest and whatever comes next)

As you can see, there are as many questions as there answers and proposals! But the questions and the examination of where we've been historically and recently—and *most importantly of all, our faith that God has not and will not abandon us to an unknown future*—have laid the foundation, built around the cornerstone that is Jesus as the fullness of God's heart.

What seems clear is that as our council continues to ask these questions...

As we seek to flesh out EXACTLY what we believe God's vision is for our mission to INVITE * EQUIP * SEND...

As we continue to seek where it is God is calling; how it is that our congregation will respond; and how what we do reflects Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, the Light NO DARKNESS can overcome, our focus will sharpen.

Stay tuned for more on this topic.

See you in worship.

Pastor Mike

OFFICE HOURS Monday—Friday 9am –2:30pm

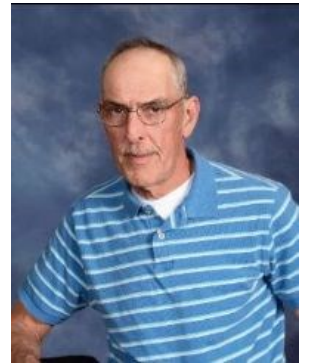
- Our general office hours are Monday through Friday, up to Memorial Day Weekend.
- **Beginning the week of Sunday, May 23 we will begin summer office hours—the office will be closed on Friday through Labor Day weekend.**
- Pastor Mike's day off is typically on **Monday**, subject to change on weeks that council meets for its regular, 2nd-Monday meeting.
- **Fridays** are typically Pastor Mike's visitation days when he will be conducting home visitations and Holy Communion for our elderly and homebound.
- Pastoral emergencies can still be directed to Pastor Mike by contacting him directly on his cell phone.
- Covid protocols will continue to be in place at the office—I.e., please don't come to the office **if you are feeling ill or exhibiting any kind of respiratory symptom (coughing, sneezing, etc.); if you have knowingly been exposed to Covid-19; etc.**
- **Masks are required for all gatherings unless all participants are fully vaccinated.**



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KENNY NEUMANN—SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021, 9am

Kenny died from complications related to pancreatic cancer on December 23, 2020. His funeral was the day before we returned to in-person worship after the November-December covid surge, January 16, 2021.

If there was anything related to worship, Kenny was in the middle of it. Over Christmas and Easter, those of us left to do what Kenny did, *ESPECIALLY* for those high holy days, were often caught off guard by our grief to say, "I sure miss Kenny." **It has seemed appropriate, then, that we gather as a congregation to remember, to mourn, and to commend Kenny to the faith that inspired and directed Kenny in life and keeps him united with our Lord Jesus Christ, even in death. CHRIST HAS DIED! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!!**



Please come join us for this service, filled with music and with remembrance of such a quiet yet faithful servant and the epitome of one who gave of himself for the sake of his Lord and for his people in time, in talent, and in resource.

You are invited!



Saturday May 15th
9AM - 3 PM (or pick an alternate!)

Come help us get your camp spiffed up for the summer season ahead! SUMMER CAMP is BACK, and we want to get this place looking the best that it can.

Tasks for every skill, bring your tools and cleaning supplies if possible. Stay over Friday night if you wish!

Lunch will be provided. Bring a crew!

Please RSVP to onomiaexec@gmail.com

This weekend doesn't work for you? Give us a call and we will find a day and a project that gets you here.

TASKS:

Raking
Wood cutting
Cleaning
Painting
Electrical
Plumbing
Carpentry



SEED, PLANT, PRODUCE EXCHANGE

The annual exchange has begun and will continue through October! To get started, you are invited to bring in plants and seeds that you'd like to share! Please make sure plants are in containers sturdy enough that they can be transported to their new home. When the growing season is underway, we invite you to bring in your extra produce to share! Once again there will be a table in the narthex available to place the seeds, plants, and vegetables/fruits. Leave something you have an abundance of, and/or take something you like! Even if you don't have a garden you are invited to partake in the bounty that our local growers produce.



Thank you!! Many things have been happening behind the scenes at Trinity!! Many helping hands make it all possible to for our facilities to look and feel nice!! We want to give special thanks to the folks who have been helping deep clean, going above and beyond to help make Trinity feel like home! Chuck & Linda Zarns, Bill Hilliard, Chuck Warner, John & Jean Bowen and anyone we may have missed ! We thank you all!



Keep your information current



- You can access your information to update the church directory online or get it as an app on your phone or tablet
- And did you know that it is easy to make sure your own information is up to date, including updating your picture in the online directory?

If you have not set up your own Breeze account to access the church directory and see/edit your own information, look for an email coming in the next few days inviting you to set up your account. If you don't get an email or need help, please contact the church office. (763-389-2671)

ON-GOING SMALL GROUP STUDIES

- ♦ **Men's Breakfast (2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8am)**—Our next Men's Breakfasts will be held on Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, May 22.
- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**— Each Tuesday morning at **10 – 11:30am** a group of anywhere from 3 to 8 men and women. Join us **TUESDAYS** as we talk about the next Sunday's Scripture reading.



AA Meetings, Open & Welcome to All--Thursdays, 6pm

We have an Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets here at Trinity that is open and welcoming to any and all who would like help. The group meets on **Thursdays (every Thursday) at 6:00 pm** in person or, via Zoom, if needed.

If you have any questions about the meeting or getting the zoom link, you can call either Beth at 612-396-6556 or Trisha at 763-331-2623.



This meeting is for ANYONE.

If you're interested in attending an AA meeting but this time doesn't work for you other meetings can be found by searching online using "AA Meeting Locator".

THANK YOU for attending Our "Birthday Party"

Eleanor turned 16 on the 11th. Lexi turned 15 on the 18th. Mary turned 80 on the 8th!!

Cupcakes and ice cream... a time to visit, kids and adults... silly party games... a birthday devotion... and most importantly of all, **A LOAD OF**

DIAPERS AND WIPES FOR PRINCETON PANTRY!! THANKS FOR MAKING OUR PARTY A SUCCESS!!

If you would still like to contribute for our April birthdays through the remainder of the month of April, please drop off your baby supplies in the shopping cart; or, cash donations--checks made out to Princeton Pantry are the quickest--can also be dropped off at the office.



Green Tips for 2021 are researched and written by members of two congregations in our Northeast MN synod. They are published monthly in the Synod Announcements. These tips are timely and informative messages about environmental stewardship. Offering sound science, they range from practical tips for your own daily practices to needed policy.



Since it was passed in 1973, The Endangered Species Act has protected more than 1,600 plants and animals, keeping more than 99 percent of them from going extinct, and helping hundreds to recover. Yet at a time when the world's leading scientists warn of an extinction crisis with millions of species lost forever, new federal changes to the Endangered Species Act would for the first time:

- 1-- place economic costs of protecting at-risk wildlife over the actual survival of the species
- 2-- Welcome bulldozing, mining and drilling in the critical habitats of protected species. In addition, the current EPA has not only removed previous restrictions of sulfoxafloor, a pesticide that reduces bees' ability to reproduce, it has also added new uses for the toxic bee-killing insecticide, according to the science journal *Nature*.

Finally, these federal changes pulled the plug on the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) study of bee populations, which beekeepers use to monitor bee colony decline. URGE YOUR POLICY MAKERS to work to protect critical wildlife, whose well-being we all depend upon for our own well-being.



Key Input For Trinity

If you are a key holder for Trinity/Trinity Crossing - please email the office and let us know your status. Are your keys still in use or may we pass them on to the next party for use?

| <u>Prayer List</u> | | | | <u>Serving in the Military</u> |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Members | Matt Skarohlid | law) | law) | Andrew Anderson |
| Jeri Ann Bredemus | Brenda Smith | David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle) | Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scephurek's grandmother) | Andrew Barthel |
| Joy Christenson | Anne Stevenson | Rachel Fadden(friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery) | Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother) | Claire Barthel |
| Jim Dery | Joyce Tessmer | Jan Gale's daughter Jamie | Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad) | Jacob Benver |
| Susan Deyle | Prudence Tessmer & family | Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law) | Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd grade teacher) | Eden Betzler |
| Katey Donais | Ardy Tourville | Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister) | Amanda Ridout (friend of the Pancoast Family) | Lacey Broding |
| Dale Dunham | Carol Warner | Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend) | Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family) | Riley Broding |
| Marlene Foss | Chuck Warner | Dick Johnson(Barb Senne's brother) | John Schmid (family of Mike & Linda Baumann) | Ronald Duresky |
| Adolph Hamann | Barb Wicktor | Patrick Kavanagh (friend of Jan Wittnebel's family) | Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother) | Riley Forland |
| Marlys Hanson | Russ Wicktor | Evelyn Kingma (June Kunkel's sister in-law) | Mauricio Trujillo (friend of the Patnode and Miller families) | Derek Hanson |
| Phil Knapp | Dean Winslow | Drew Litecky (Jan Wittnebel's brother) | Patty Thul's Sister Sheri | Hunter Lestrud |
| Bruce Lacher | Ginny Winslow | Janice Luecks (Jeff's Mom) | Scott Wallin (Char Kra-mersmeier's son) | Kenzie Lytle |
| Tad Larsen | Family Members & Friends | Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew) | Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky) | Anthony Mandt |
| Kyle, Heather, Damon, Paige, | Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son) | Dale McLaen (Darcee Larsen/ Laurel Mckenneys brother in- | | David McCarney |
| Jade & Morgan Lee | Isabella Borunda (Roger & Jan Gale's grand daughter) | | | John McCarney |
| Del Liestman | Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson) | | | Zachary Morisset |
| Chellis Matz | Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle) | | | Ben Noard |
| Jean Miller | Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister) | | | Parker Pedersen |
| Emily Nelson | Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother in-law) | | | Mario Scandinato |
| Ed Peterson | Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in- | | | Jaden Thimmesch |
| Bev Reed | | | | |
| Warren Reed | | | | |
| Dina Scandinato | | | | |
| Barb Senne | | | | |
| Wayne Senne | | | | |
| Carol Skare | | | | |

