



Trinity Tidings

September 2020 Newsletter

Season of Pentecost
Worship Begins 9:30am

We now offer three options for worship on Sundays:

1. Worship at church in the sanctuary.
2. Worship at church using the drive-in option(100.1)
3. Worship at home.

For everyone's safety, masks are required when entering and worshipping in the sanctuary at this time.

Who Should Attend?

Healthy persons with no COVID-19 related symptoms. Please know that in any gathering with other people during the pandemic, you are at risk for being infected with COVID-19. You must determine what level of risk you are comfortable with.

Who Should NOT Attend:

Those with COVID-19 related symptoms or those who have recently tested positive for the virus.

Those who have had close contact with another person diagnosed with COVID-19.

Those who are immune compromised or have other underlying conditions that would make them especially vulnerable to the virus.

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Trinity family,

Much has been happening these past few weeks so I thought a general summation and update would be appropriate.

You will notice some changes on our church campus. The most obvious one is the new "Blessing Box". This outreach is intended to help community members with items that aren't provided for governmental assistance. It harkens back to an earlier time when neighbors and churches helped meet needs and it is a good thing to do.

A doorbell has been installed on the side entrance. This is so Pastor Ramey can keep the door locked if she is here alone at the church office. We will also be installing a peephole on the same door. Soon our front steps and railing will have new paint and we are doing some work on the white cross in the yard. Our church office is being updated with the installation of a phone and internet.

As announced Sunday, August 23rd, we have signed an agreement with Pastor Marty Ramey to serve as our interim pastor. Her first Sunday will be September 6 and she will have office hours here, at the church, two afternoons per week. The agreement runs through February 28, 2021 but can be extended by mutual consent of both parties. The agreement can also be terminated by either party with a thirty-day notice.

Because of the expense involved in erecting the steeple either on our building or on our property (\$15,000/\$49,000), church council is recommending we put the steeple up for sale. We will be contacting the manufacturer and if anyone knows of an interested buyer, please let a council member know. Also welcome are any suggestions about how we may advertise the steeple.

We are talking with interested applicants for our church pianist position. Please keep this and our mortgage refinance in your prayers.

Since the COVID-19 virus continues to affect our interactions with others our worship services will remain as they are until further changes are warranted. The wearing of masks in the sanctuary is not altogether pleasant but it is necessary and will continue. Thanks to everyone for complying. We are also glad that many can join us in the parking lot and at home each week.

To sign up for worship assistant opportunities please use the sign-up sheet on our website or contact a council member to have your name added. There is a new service opportunity there also. If you can help in restocking the blessing box, please sign up for that too.

A word about lawncare. There is a sign-up sheet for lawncare posted in the church office. We mow the lawn about every 2 weeks during Spring, Summer and Fall. Michael McPeters can help with all the information you need to get started.

A big THANK YOU to Pastor Emeritus Michael Greenauer for leading our worship services on August 23 and 30. Your ministry is greatly appreciated.

Even though school too looks different because of the COVID-19 VIRUS, I thought something for teachers might be appropriate:

AN ODE TO TEACHERS

September's back and with it, school. Big yellow busses, when we were kids, hauled us away and back to school.

Dirt clod fights and tramps in the woods. Long bike rides and hikes and camps and fields. Bark boats launched with holly leaf sails. Tadpoles, frogs, salamanders and dogs along with rocks and creeks and trees filled miles and miles and miles of summer days. Hay fields, gardens and chores not done were all the stuff of Summer's scent.

There were days at the pool and days that rained. Days that were happy and days that were boring. Days that were good and days that were bad. Days filled with glad and days filled with sad, but mostly, just days and days and days and days of Summer.

Now, September's back and, with it, school. Now there's reading and writing and arithmetic with pencil and paper and all that stuff, but mostly, just days and days and days and days of school. "Education's important!", all parents say, but ask the kid who's hauled away and back at school. School's okay, don't take me wrong, but September's still full of Summer's song.

So, Teachers, please apply your craft and save us from a future that's daft. We know you work for little pay and might do better selling hay. We know that rooms and rooms and rooms of kids who've somehow seemed to flip their lids can bring to ruin the best planned day. Nevertheless, you're called to teach. Firmly, kindly, gently teach. Teach and teach and teach and teach so students (those, lid flipped kids) learn and learn and learn and learn.

It's not a perfect world we share, and life is never, ever fair. We'll do better someday. Maybe! But probably not and today is all we've really got. So, for now, September's back and, with it, school.

Teachers, please, apply your craft and save us from a future that's daft. We're on your side. Most importantly, God is too.

Michael McPeters,
Council president



Tithes & Offerings

We have a convenient option for online giving on our church's website. It is an easy way to make financial contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church. If you would like to use this new option to donate to church, please go to the church website at <https://www.trinitylutherannc.org/donate>. There is no cost to you or the church for using this service. Donations can also be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 497, East Flat Rock, NC 28726.

Tithes & Offerings

Michael McPeters new email address is: mchimcpeters@gmail.com

September Birthday's: Arlene Lab, Larry Snyder, Leslie & Luke Vinesett

Happy Anniversary Mike & Dorothy Greenauer

Dear Trinity family,

I thank you for allowing me to walk with you, during the last 10 months. To say it has been a challenge is to state the obvious. None of us could have predicted what the year 2020 would bring, but by God's Grace we've made it this far and by His Grace and Mercy we will make it through whatever comes next. His Grace is always sufficient. It has been my honor and a true blessing from God to serve as your interim pastor. My one regret is that the situation gave little opportunity to get to know all of you as well as I would have liked. I love and will continue to pray for all of you. I want to thank you all for the beautiful cards, letters, and gifts. Your love and generosity is overwhelming. I will hold your love in my heart forever. Let your Faith always be stronger than your fear.

To God be all glory!
Pr. Janice Kelly

38th Annual Henderson County Hunger Coalition Walk

- **Who/When/Where:**

- **You are invited to join the Hunger Coalition this August or September for a “virtual” Hunger Walk. You choose the date, the course, and your walking partner. Walk your “course” all in one day or over several days.**

- **What: The Hunger Coalition of Henderson County provides food to people in crisis situations. Many in our county are struggling due to economic impacts from COVID-19. This year’s funds are urgently needed.**

- **Why: Proceeds will fund grants to major food pantries in Henderson County: Council on Aging, Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry, Fishes and Loaves, Blue Ridge Health Center, Hendersonville Rescue Mission, Interfaith Assistance Ministry, Safelight, The Storehouse, St. Vincent De Paul, and Edneyville Community Food Bank.**

- **How:**
 1. **Set a walking goal (per mile or per walk)**
 2. **Register at: www.hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org , and enter your donation amount to donate by credit card. You can register as an individual (other)**
 3. **OR, mail your donation to:**
 - **Henderson County Hunger Coalition Walk**
 - **P.O. Box 6151, Hendersonville, NC 28753 by September 30, 2020**

- **The 2020 Hunger Walk goal is \$100,000.**

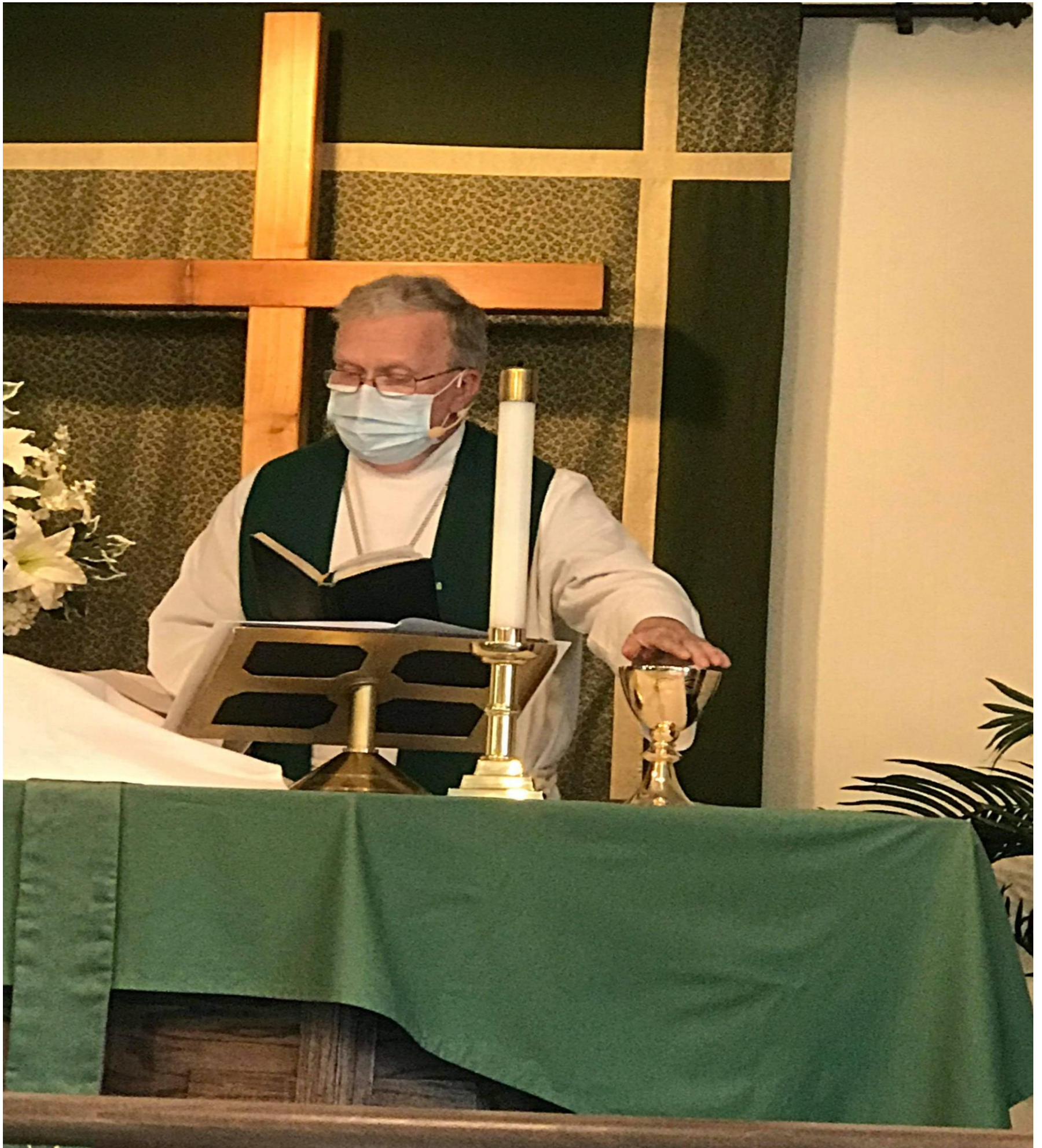
- **Thank you for considering this crucial ministry opportunity!**

Church Happenings

Blessing Box write up in the Hendersonville Times News:

<http://hendersonvilletimesnews.nc.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=06dbf11e1>

In late August the church dedicated a Chalice that was donated by Bill and Kristy Komara in loving memory of their daughter Ashley. She was a joy to know and is missed very much.



Trinity's pianist Todd Zucker last Sunday was August 30, 2020. The Church presented him with a farewell gift and wished him well in his new home of Ohio.



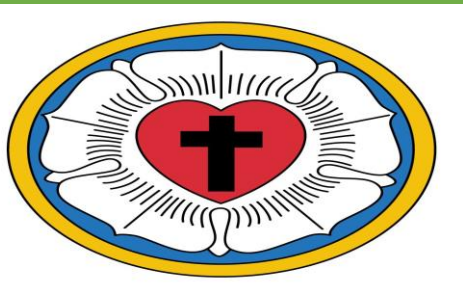
Tore's Home

Please remember the residents of Tore's Home during this quarantine time with a card or note. We are making a difference in their lives! Tore's Home
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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

Church Council Members:
Michael McPeters-President
Vice President:
Joanne Kresge –Secretary
Michele Snyder

Jim Kresge-Treasurer
Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, September 17,
@3:00PM

I said a prayer for you today....



Prayer List

David	Leon	Joel	Pr. Jason
Dottie	Ronald	Katheryn	George
Tom	Evelyn	Steve	Robert
Sarah	Mara	Susie	Richard
Gail	Connie	Joe	Emma
Chris M. John	Betty Timothy	Bishop John & Alynne,	Kristy Bob Sharon David

Our Call Committee
Police Officers
First Responders

Health Care Professionals
Military Personnel
Fire & Rescue Workers

Lord of Grace, we pray for all those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those on the prayer list of our Congregation, and for all those we name before you now. In your loving kindness meet their needs, we pray. HEAR US, O LORD...

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF NAMES CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Prayer Warrior Team



Who Can You Call On For HELP?

Trinity has a team of Prayer Warriors that will intercede on your behalf to lift physical or spiritual needs to God. When things seem the darkest or most urgent, we are here to help. "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13)

Please notify Pastor Marty if you or someone you know is in need of prayer. It can be added to our prayer list, kept private, or we can start the prayer chain for immediate needs.

Pastor Marty's email:
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Worship Volunteers

Please type your name when you can volunteer. Thanks.			
	6-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep
Acolyte	Michael McPeters	Michael McPeters	
Banking Steward			
Greeter	Joanne Kresge	Michele Snyder	
Lay Reader	Arlene Lab	Kelly Behm	
Offering Counter			
Sanctuary Sanitizers	Ron Lab	Bonnie Duffner	
	Arlene Lab		
Restock Blessing Box		Michele Snyder	
		Larry Snyder	