

Trinity News

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Mission Statement
**Grow Faith,
Serve God,
Love Others**



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*“For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.”
- (Philippians 1:8)*

Dear People of Trinity,

I warn you – this is going to be truthful. The pandemic has changed so many things in the past six months. Those changes have caused a lot of grief in people and in your pastor. No matter how well we are coping, or how well we are able to learn the new technologies, or how well we are adjusting to the “new normal” that seem like it is about to go on and on without any discernable end, this has been hard. I don’t like it, and I know most of you don’t like it either.

A few days ago, I got this message on my Facebook feed from one of my pastor friends. She said:

Don’t ever doubt the ache in the hearts of pastors these days... after being allowed to bring communion to our folks in the local assisting living center for the first time since February, I just wept...It was good to be among them, but oh so hard to not be able to hug them, to hold their hands, for them to be able to hear me clearly through a mask, to be closer than six feet away. I grieve this so much. I miss them...I miss you.

The fact is her words resonate with me and with a lot of pastors I have heard from during this time. Another of my friends, a jazz musician, says he misses “making music with [his] bandmates.” He also posted this on Facebook, and asked people, “What do you miss?” The comments he received were filled with a long list of things we used to take for granted. They included:

Hugs, being with family and friends, eating in restaurants, grandchildren’s school/sports activities, going to see movies, concerts, theater, travel to visit others or see new things, and vacation.

I miss a lot of those things too, as well as seeing and visiting with people at church, celebrating Holy Communion and ringing the bell during the fellowship hour, so we can celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. It seems we will probably also miss out on several other regular church activities.

Paul writes the words I quoted above from prison. He is restricted from going to be with the Philippians by the Roman government. We are restrained by our desire to keep one another safe from an infectious disease. I’m not sure there is so much difference. While we are not in total confinement, restraint is still necessary. I do not wish to endanger those around me, either from the virus that I might carry, or from exposure to a virus I might bring home to my house. So, I keep my distance. I wear my mask. I choose to be careful, for the sake of others.

But that doesn’t mean that I don’t miss you or the way we used to be able to be together. It was a joy to see some of you at our first in-person worship and drive-through communion. I look forward to doing that again. We’ve identified some glitches, and we think next time will work much better! And eventually, our restrictions will be lifted and our life together will get much better too!

For now, we will simply have to grieve the people and the things we miss. We will long to be together. And we will hope that one day we will be able to leave our restriction behind!

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 2, 2020

Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others

Welcome by President Brian at 7:05 pm. Members present via Zoom were Jason Anderson, Adam Kolander, Toni Lindstrom, Jodee Erickson, Diane Schuerman, and Becky Woitte. Also present were Pastor Art and Treasurer Bill Hoberg. Absent were Jason Heinzig and Laura Hulterstrum.

Devotions by Pastor Art from Deuteronomy Chapter 8. We don't know what kind of change the pandemic will bring or what it will look like. Pastor Art listened to a podcast called "Pivot" which compared the pandemic to an ice age, not to a blizzard which is short-lived. We took the ice age for granted as we did not see the world covered with ice, but geologists showed us how we benefited from it, i.e. all the lakes in our state, etc. The ice age benefited us tremendously; although, the extinct animals probably don't think so. Our life after the pandemic will be different than it was before. God has been watching over us throughout all of this. We used to worship in one way in one place, and now we worship in four different ways, in person, on Zoom, on Facebook and on the radio. Will it be better now that we can worship with people in four different ways and reach more people? Pastor Art hopes so.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Art made 14 parish visits by phone plus had many text messages and email conversations. There were no hospital visits, teaching sessions, baptisms, weddings or funerals. Pastor Art led four Sunday worship services by Zoom with all four being posted on Facebook and recorded for the radio broadcast. He held one pre-marriage counseling session by Zoom. Pastor Art had one day of continuing education and took 2.5 days of vacation. No sick leave

was taken.

Pastor Art thanked the Music and Worship Committee for all their help in organizing and recording music video for our services. The slide makers are preparing for a switch to using our regular ProPresenter software for worship beginning with the September 13 worship service. This will be available when we run our Zoom worship either in the sanctuary or from pastor's home. Nathan Pederson and Pastor Art consulted with New Life Communications in reference to bringing audio from our sound mixer into our main balcony computer to enable us to run our Zoom worship from that location. New Life recommends we purchase equipment for everything to sync correctly.

We are continuing with the radio broadcasts on KBMO AM 1290 on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am of our Zoom services and have received donations to pay for the broadcasts through October 11.

Pastor Art has been looking into several possibilities for doing either in-person or online confirmation classes. He's looking at a start date of October 7 for in-person. There are 13 confirmation students and two other youth also interested in attending. The Education Committee will be producing four on-line Sunday School lessons for September 20 and 27 and October 4 and 11. If all goes well, Sunday School will resume in-person on October 25.

Bishop Jon Anderson has decided not to be a candidate for reelection at the next synod assembly in June, 2021. It will be important to get voting members from our congregation to this meeting next year.

Additions to the Agenda. None.

Reports:

Secretary Becky Woitte. August meeting minutes were reviewed and

approved by email.

Financial Secretary Pam Anderson. Motion by Becky to approve the report. Second by Jodee. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bill Hoberg. August income was \$7,562.10. Total expenses were \$16,721.00. Year to date income is \$123,991.60 with total expenses \$123,368.97. Our checking account balance is \$24,480.19. All of our commitment is paid; no payments have been made to local charities yet as we generally pay them the end of the year. Motion by Diane to approve. Second by Toni. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth. Jamie Moe, Julie McNeill, Anne Duncan, Marlene Giese and Jodee Erickson met on August 17, 2020 along with Pastor Art via Zoom. Everyone agreed that we would not start Sunday School in person until the congregation is able to resume services. A possible start time for in-person Sunday School could be after MEA break. We want to see how the first weeks of school go for everyone.

Jamie will put together the first lesson for September 20. The first one could be a short video, read a story and show how to do a project that could be completed later. Lessons could follow along with the Narrative Lectionary. Sunday School teachers will help her with lessons for the remaining three Sundays before MEA break.

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AUGUST 2020 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 6,742.10
WORLD HUNGER	<u>\$ 820.00</u>
AUGUST INCOME	\$ 7,562.10

INCOME COMPARISON

YTD 2020 (4,492.00 to Team Promise, 1,000 to WELCA, 2,500 from WELCA for lighting, 3,000 Roofing, 500, Hospital remembrance, 2997.00 Thrivent, 20,800 Loan/grant, 200 rent)	\$ 123,991.60
YTD 2019 (Rock 1181.501300 Team Promise 291.81 Landscaping 1446. Lighting)	\$ 99,810.71
(Trust 27,846.56, from Savings 168,354.75 & \$8,000)	\$ 304,012.02

MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (First Security)

ALTAR FUND	\$ 1,029.91
HANDBELLS	\$ 773.73
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 808.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,500.08
MUSIC FUND	\$ 417.94
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 3,258.50
SUNDAY SCHOOL/VBS FUND	\$ 2,509.51
TEAM PROMISE	\$ 2,604.00
VIDEO PROJECT	\$ 4,045.63
ROCK	\$ 163.00
BUILDING FUND	\$ 303.00
INTEREST (+7.63)	<u>\$ 30.16</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 18,793.46

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Bank of the West)

BUILDING & GROUNDS	
Furniture	\$ 11,059.85
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
Global	\$ 10,726.52
Local	\$ 13,123.11
EMERGENCY	\$ 21,345.59
MARKETING	\$ 3,196.59
TRANSPORTAION	\$ 14,170.56
INTEREST (+ 27.85)	<u>\$ 797.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 74,419.72

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Tithe.ly response – There has been 3 people/envelopes that used this in the month of August. Deposits from Tithe.ly totaled \$387.10 for August. (This is reflected in envelope giving)

Income & Expense- Budget vs. Actual

January through September 2020

	Jan - Sep 20	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Offering	92,241.50	161,000.00	57.3%
Transfers	16,066.00		
Other	23,293.20		
Total Income	131,600.70	161,000.00	81.7%
Expense			
Regular Expenses			
Payroll Expenses			
Organist	2,963.73	4,065.00	72.9%
Secretary	7,756.35	10,600.00	73.2%
Custodian	1,274.07	5,128.00	24.8%
Payroll Taxes Church	883.19	1,514.00	58.3%
Pastor	47,515.50	63,354.00	75.0%
Mileage	232.31	2,400.00	9.7%
Pension and Related	15,426.72	20,717.00	74.5%
Health Savings Account	900.00	1,200.00	75.0%
Pulpit Supply	160.00	480.00	33.3%
Continuing Education	560.00	750.00	74.7%
Total Payroll Expenses	77,671.87	110,208.00	70.5%
Utilities			
Light & Water Parsonage	919.40	1,300.00	70.7%
Light & Water Church	2,571.34	5,000.00	51.4%
Telephone Church	1,200.14	1,600.00	75.0%
Fuel Parsonage	370.44	750.00	49.4%
Fuel Church	2,480.86	4,500.00	55.1%
Garbage	494.88	800.00	61.9%
Total Utilities	8,037.06	13,950.00	57.6%
Other Expenses			
Conference Dues & Registration	30.00	1,100.00	2.7%
Mowing and Related	1,440.00	1,650.00	87.3%
Snow Removal and Related	625.00	1,750.00	35.7%
Committment			
Bible Camp	500.00	500.00	100.0%
Committment - Other	7,000.00	8,500.00	82.4%
Total Committment	7,500.00	9,000.00	83.3%
Library	180.67	300.00	60.2%
Insurance	5,444.00	5,500.00	99.0%
Workmans Comp Insurance	0.00	1,100.00	0.0%
Church Supplies	2,397.56	7,000.00	34.3%
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	1,800.00	0.0%
Music	0.00	900.00	0.0%
Postage	590.00	950.00	62.1%
Maintenance	8,481.36	6,000.00	141.4%
R.O.C.K. Ministries	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Total Other Expenses	26,688.59	37,250.00	71.6%
Total Regular Expenses	112,397.52	161,408.00	69.6%
Misc Exp (Transfers)			
TEAM PROMISE	3,186.40		
Video System	1,548.67		
Healing Garden	89.56		
Hunger	920.00		
Food Shelf	325.00		
Missions	1,200.00		
Transfer for Flowers	283.70		
Misc	13,593.75		
Total Misc Exp (Transfers)	21,147.08		
Total Expense	133,544.60	161,408.00	82.7%
Net Income	-1,943.90	-408.00	476.4%

Checking Balance 9-30-2020 \$ 21,913 ⁶⁶

ZOOM ATTENDANCE			
Date	Log in	Possible People	Communion
8/23	25	46 possible people	
8/30			
9/06	22	35 possible people	
9/13	26	42 possible people	
9/20	15 in person Attendance		15
9/20	28		23 drive in



STATISTICAL CHANGE

Weddings:
 9/19 Aryn Minor and Adam Lindahl at St. Francis Catholic church
 9/26 Samantha Payne & Tyler Schoenfelder in Rochester
 9/26 Katelyn Rutledge & Jonathan Hughett across the street

Sympathies to:
 -the family of George Hennessey. Graveside services were Saturday 9/19
 -the family of Eunice Noding. Graveside services were Saturday 9/19



As college students/young Adults are heading off to school/work please let the church office know their mailing address, email & cell phone number. Thank You!

Thank you notes

- Thank you for the get-well cards that were sent to me while I was recuperating. I enjoyed reading them. Tanks also for all that called me. It got to be long days when no one could come and visit. So thank you all. Arleen Gronseth.
- Thank you for the 400 masks for elementary students. Benson Public School


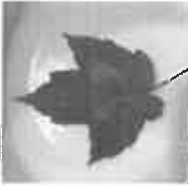

ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids) 4-6 grade Youth Group

Happy fall to Trinity's 4th, 5th & 6th graders!! Like so many other events, our ROCK meetings ended abruptly last spring. I hope we can begin in-person gatherings soon. Depending on how the virus does or does not spread now that school has opened, I hope to start ROCK in October or November. Postcards will be sent out when we are able to meet. Please contact Marlene Giese if you would like to join ROCK for fun projects and discussions. Marlene: 320-843-3977 or 320-226-7372.

SHOUT OUT

- The Trinity Council would like to recognize members who give of their time and talents to our church.
- Each month we will feature one or two volunteers and/or groups of volunteers in this area of the newsletter.
- If there is someone you would like to recognize, please contact Jodee Erickson in person or by email clay-pony@hotmail.com and tell us what they are doing. We are not able to recognize everyone all at once, but you could be next.
- This month we give a big hardy **Shout Out** to:
- **School Mask Makers** – Thanks to each of you who helped with this huge project – Becky Woitte and Diane Schuerman (organizers and makers) along with makers Maureen Erdman, Judy Hoberg, Irene Lindblad, Deb Connolly, Rose Duhoux, Peg Cameron and Jodee Erickson. It takes many hands to get the job done and is very much appreciated!
- **Mark Grussing** – Thank you for doing the yard clean up at the parsonage following the storm in August. We appreciate your work. It looks great!

-Team Trinity

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2020						
						
4 8:30-Radio Worship 9:00-Worship - In person 9:00-Zoom Worship	5	6	7 5:30-Confirmation	8	9	10
11 8:30-Radio Worship 9:00-Worship - In person 9:00-Zoom Worship	12 	13	14 3:00-ROCK	15	16 MEA school break	17
18 8:30-Radio Worship 9:00-Worship - In person 9:00-Zoom Worship	19 November Newsletter Articles due	20	21 5:30-Confirmation	22	23	24
25 8:30-Radio Worship 9:00-Worship - In person 9:00-Zoom Worship	26	27 8:30-Volunteers for newsletter	28 5:30-Confirmation	29	30	31 

Read This Week: (Sept. 27-Oct. 3)

Sunday, God Works through Joseph, Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21
 Monday: Egyptian Midwives Save Hebrew Babies, Exodus 1:1-22
 Tuesday: Birth and Youth of Moses, Exodus 2:1-25
 Wednesday: God Calls Moses, Exodus 3:1-15
 Thursday: Plagues 1-3, Exodus 7:1-8:19
 Friday: Plagues 4-6, Exodus 7:20-9:12
 Saturday: Plagues 7-9, Exodus 9:13-10:29

Read This Week: (Oct. 4-10)

Sunday, The Promise of Passover, Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8
 Monday: Pillars of Cloud and Fire, Exodus 13:17-22
 Tuesday: Crossing the Red Sea, Exodus 14:1-31
 Wednesday: Songs of Moses and Miriam, Exodus 15:1-21
 Thursday: Manna and Quail, Exodus 16:1-36
 Friday: Jethro Advises Moses Concerning Leadership, Exodus 18:1-27
 Saturday: The Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:1-21

Read This Week: (Oct. 11-17)

Sunday, Golden Calf, Exodus 32:1-14
 Monday: God Calls Joshua, Joshua 1:1-11
 Tuesday: Rahab Helps God's People, Joshua 2:1-24, 6:1-27
 Wednesday: Deborah Helps Barak, Judges 4:4-10
 Thursday: Gideon Tests God, Judges 6:36-7:23
 Friday: Samson and Delilah, Judges 16:1-31
 Saturday: Ruth and Naomi, Ruth 1:1-22

Read This Week: (Oct. 18-24)

Sunday, God Answers Hannah, 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10
 Monday: God Calls Samuel, 1 Samuel 3:1-18
 Tuesday: The Ark of God Captured, 1 Samuel 4:2-11, 6:2, 11-13
 Wednesday: Samuel Anoints Saul as King, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, 10:17-27
 Thursday: Saul Rejected and David Anointed, 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Friday: David Defeats Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:1-54
 Saturday: David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem, 2 Samuel 6:1-23

Read This Week: (Oct. 25-31)

Sunday, God's Promise to David, 2 Samuel 7:1-17
 Monday: David Commits Adultery and Murder, 2 Samuel 11:1-26
 Tuesday: Nathan Condemns David and Solomon is Born, 2 Samuel 12:1-25
 Wednesday: David Loses His Throne to Absalom, 2 Samuel 15:1-17
 Thursday: David Regains the Throne, 2 Samuel 19:9-15
 Friday: Solomon Becomes King, 1 Kings 1:1-53
 Saturday: David's Instruction to Solomon, 1 Kings 2:1-12

**October
Birthday's**

- 1 Rod Benjamin
- 3 Katie Groinus
- 3 Harold Heintzig
- 3 Irene Heintzig
- 7 Stacy Lindahl
- 8 Kyra Gronseth
- 8 Brqandon Lang
- 9 Brooks Groinus
- 10 Sara Anderson
- 10 Brooke Staton
- 12 Paisley Ascheman
- 12 Chuck Erickson
- 12 Kyle Moser
- 13 Philip Goff
- 13 Lindsey Nichols
- 14 Mark Schwarz
- 15 Carl Lindblad
- 15 Betty Twichell
- 16 Brandon Tweten
- 17 Travis Collins
- 17 Ava Nichols
- 18 Rose DuHoux
- 18 Julie McNeill
- 20 Brooklynn Lang
- 20 Laura Rear
- 23 Bruce Larson
- 24 Virgil Anderson
- 25 Verna Quandt
- 26 Sarah Hengel
- 26 Amber Marohl
- 27 Tadd Egenes
- 28 Faye Gunderson
- 28 Becky Huston
- 28 Anna McNeill
- 28 Rebecca Woitte
- 29 Adleigh Foss
- 30 Miles Goldenstein
- 30 Elily Wilson
- 31 Ross Benjamin

Don Plackner new address. Apt 109
 1710 McKinney Ave Benson.



Women of Trinity

The Trinity WELCA board met Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the church fellowship hall. The social distance/mask meeting was called to order by Marlene Giese, Cindy Steffen, and Janet Hoffman, co-chairs. Also attended by Treasurer Rose DuHoux and Secretary Peggy Cameron.

The secretary's report was reviewed from the last meeting. It was noted that the March 15 WELCA meeting was cancelled because of COVID concerns. The treasurer's report was given by Rose DuHoux with \$5,953 in checking and just over \$3,000 in savings.

Rose DuHoux reported that the Lasagna Meal in March raised almost \$2,000. If a WELCA Work Unit member hasn't donated their \$10, they may still do so by sending it to the church office.

Fundraising profits are traditionally divided as 1/3 kept for WELCA, 2/3 donated. It was decided that \$500 would go to the Randy Shaver Can-

cer Research and Community Fund and \$500 would go to Prairie 5 Heating Program.

Other traditional Mission-related monies that are given yearly were again approved with a slight increase in giving:

\$75 each to campus ministries at Morris, Mankato (Campus Cupboard) and Ridgewater College. \$500 (additional) to Prairie 5 Heating program (for a total of \$1,000).

\$300 to People Helping People and Mary's Place, both homeless shelters in the Twin Cities that not only provide meals and beds, but also back-to-work training and other life services.

New: Mission Growth Committee will be approached about possible "new baby kits" for those welcoming new baby into their family (may be Trinity member or not). Peg Cameron will approach the committee (Lois). Ideas were given for possible donations once a gift list is agreed upon by the Committee/WELCA.

2021 Work Units will stay the same

as 2020, with letters being mailed to the co-chairs. Booklets have been updated with cell phone numbers. If you find errors, please advise a WELCA officer of the corrections needed.

The nominating committee will be contacted to look for another Co-Chair to work with Janet Hoffman and also a new treasurer. Rose has decided to retire as treasurer and Marlene and Cindy have completed their two-year term. Peggy Cameron will stay on as Secretary. Many thanks go to out-going Co-Chairs Marlene Giese and Cindy Steffen, retiring Treasurer, Rose DuHoux and to Peg Cameron for continuing as secretary. "Many hands make light work!"

Rose DuHoux made a motion to dismiss and all present approved. No new meeting date was set as we wait to see how the September 20 in-person church service is received. Respectfully, Peg Cameron, Secretary

WELCA NEWS

On September 9, 2020, the WELCA Officers met to consider business items for the fall and items that had been tabled due to meetings not held during the Covid-19 Pandemic. It was decided to donate profits from the March Lasagna meal as follows: \$500 to Prairie 5 fuel assistance and \$500 to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research fund. Additional typical donations were made to the following: \$75 each to Campus Ministries at Ridgewater College, Mankato State College and the University of Morris and \$500 to fuel assistance. Due to the recent struggles in the metro area, we decided to donate \$300 each to shelters for the homeless - Mary's Place and People-to-People.

We need to fill two officer positions, one as co-chair (2-year term) and treasurer. The nominating committee will begin calling members to fill these positions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact a current officer or the nominating committee members, Carolyn Rear or Jean Goff.

We will soon be making the WELCA handbooks for 2021. Currently, we have three Circles (Bible Study groups) that typically meet monthly during the school year. Circles are open to all adult women who chose to attend. The Rebekkah circle meets mornings and provides Bibles for the Third Grade Sunday School students. Sarah Circle meets in the afternoon. They provide the roses for Baptisms. Mary Circle has been comprised of young mothers and working women and have met in the evening. Mary Circle members made the busy-bags used by children during worship and, as a fundraiser, sold cookbooks in 2007. All circles would love to have more members. It is a good opportunity for friendly discussion and Bible education.

The officers will continue to discuss immediate business matters as we eagerly look forward to the time we are able to meet as a group. Your WELCA officers, Cindy Steffen, Janet Hoffman, Marlene Giese, Rose DuHoux & Peg Cameron.

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Different ways of presenting the lessons were discussed. Suggestions were having a Facebook group page for students and parents or possibly live presentations with one teaching and another adult monitoring. Pastor Art suggested watching the video listed in the resources in the information that he sent to us for further ideas. When in person Sunday School does resume, it was discussed how that would work. One suggestion was to have family members stay together or family friends that are normally together during the week to stay in groups.

ROCK – Marlene would like to try to get together the second Wednesday of October. There usually are six or seven so it would be easy to spread out in the fellowship hall. She will talk to the parents prior to sending out the notice.

TIDES - Julie and Brian will work with TIDES this coming year. The next year, they would like someone to work with them for that time in preparation for taking over the following year.

Outreach and Community Relations/B.A.C.K. Program. Benson School doesn't know their plan yet so the Backpack program is on hold. Let Byron Giese know of people who need food or have people stop at Prairie 5.

Property and Grounds. It was noticed that the sump pump at the parsonage wasn't putting out any water. Darrell Davidson and Ron Woitte checked the basement and it was dry; there was no issue. Jason thanked Darrell and Ron. Mark Grussing picked up the branches around the parsonage after the strong wind storm and Jason

thanked him for doing this.

Stewardship and Finance. Did not meet.

Worship and Music. It was recommended by New Life Communications to purchase a \$600 piece of equipment to sync all the different devices. There is money in the video line item and the purchase has been made. The Synod is hosting a Zoom workshop on September 8 to discuss on-line worship copyright licensing. We will be starting Pro Presenter videos on September 13 for worship service.

Shout Out to Mark Grussing for doing yardwork around the church and parsonage and to the School Mask Makers, Maureen Erdman, Jodee Erickson, Judy Hoberg, Irene Lindblad, Deb Connolly, Rose Duhoux, Peg Cameron, Diane Schuerman, and Becky Woitte.

Old Business:

-People-in-the-Pews Plan. We talked about what it will look like when we return to church. We purpose a pilot test run on September 20. We will have communion for the first time during the worship in church. Pastor Art will stay for an hour afterwards for drive-by communion. We removed the pew cushions and taped off pews in the sanctuary and balcony. We will put fun signs on the pews. We will have hand sanitizer when people enter and have approximately 30 available masks. We discussed doing usher training so the ushers know what is expected of them. We'll need volunteers to sign people in when they enter the sanctuary and volunteers to clean the church right after the service.

-Emergency Fund. Members/Organizations who may need assistance. None known at this time.

New Business:

-Pilot Test Run of return to church proposed for September 20. We will have communion in-person during this service with prepackaged communion wine and wafers. There will be drive-by communion for one hour afterwards for those who wish to receive it. Toni made a motion to have the first in-person service September 20 contingent on current COVID active numbers in our community. Adam seconded. Motion carried. The September 20 service is our test run to see what changes need to be made. **NO IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 27.**

Regular church services will resume on October 4 dependent on current COVID active numbers.

-Change the October council meeting to September 30 at 7 pm. This change allows the Council time to discuss the September 20 church service and to make any adjustments for the start of regular church services on October 4. No council meeting on October 7.

Announcements: October Newsletter articles are due September 21. Email agenda items to Becky by September 27. The next council meeting is September 30 at 7 pm.

Adjourned by President Brian at 8:08 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Woitte, Council Secretary

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