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Trinity Torch



September 2020

Thank you everyone.

Yes, in my last two Torch articles, I have thanked several people who have been helping at Trinity. I named names and listed specific ministries. I could absolutely continue because so many volunteers have been helping in extraordinary ways – like the Altar Guild, Elders, Church Library, Worship Reservations, etc.

But as we enter the month where we begin our Stewardship sermon series, I want to thank each of you for your support of our church and school. I also want to thank you for your ongoing flexibility and courage as we begin increasing our in-person worship opportunities.

So... to all of you who have courageously moved over to electronic or bank giving, you are an amazing blessing to us. Your scheduled and timely gifts remove a burden of uncertainty with regard to church budget and finances and ensures that our ministry continues. Thank you so much. For those who are mailing in or dropping off offerings in-person, during worship or at the office, we love seeing you and so very thankful for your continued support for the Gospel ministry at Trinity!!!

In June we began in-person worship. Three services with reserved seating, new health protocols and cleaning solutions, etc. We are so happy to report zero concerns or complications so far. Thank you God! We also continue to livestream our worship services, Bible Study and devotions. You can find them anytime on our church YouTube page or check our church website. I encourage each of you sign up for our weekly church email to get the latest up-to-date info about our church.

In August, our school also opened for in-person, 5 days a week, full schedule, Christian Education. What a blessing! So far all is well, and we are so thankful for the 21 new students that enrolled for this year! We are also excited about our outdoor classroom and outdoor activities. Continue to keep our school in your prayers (and yes, we do have a *few* openings if you know someone still looking for a full day Christian school program). Public school confirmation begins in September.

Thank-You God for blessings received!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:22-23

Announcing New Church Secretary



Sometime in September, if you call the church office or stop by, you may be greeted by our new church secretary, Mrs. Sara Hendrickson. Most of you know Sara, she is the daughter of Neil and Deb Hammes, and a graduate of Trinity Lutheran School. Sara is married to Justin and they have a son, David, who is in fourth grade at our school. The Hendrickson family are members at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Downers Grove where Sara is the Vacation Bible School Director and Church Nursery Administrator.

Mrs. Nancy Hanson, our current secretary, is moving to Indiana to be closer to family - especially her grandchildren. Please feel free to send a thank you note to Nancy or give her a call at the church office and thank her for her dedicated service to Trinity.



Thank you Nancy and welcome Sara!!!



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The Apostles' Creed

The Second Article

And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

What does it mean to confess that Jesus is Lord?

It means to acknowledge that He rules over all things as our Creator and Redeemer, and that Jesus is the Lord God Himself (YHWH/YaHWeH) in our human flesh.

Romans 10:9-10

Colossians 1:16-20

What does it mean to confess that Jesus is true God?

The Son is God in the very same sense that the Father is God – namely, He existed from all eternity and, together with the Father and the Spirit, created the entire universe and everything within it.

John 1:3

1 Corinthians 8:6

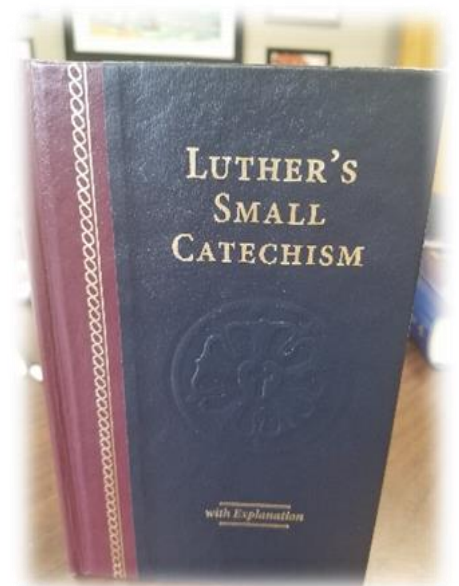
Colossians 1:16-17

What does it mean that Jesus is true man?

Jesus is human in the very same sense that we are human, except without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

1 Timothy 2:5-6



Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule September 2020

Please check over the many Bible Classes and TLC Bible Groups available throughout the week. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE, Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext. 6. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Adult Bible Class is held in the Church Library.

High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room.

Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 currently meets in the church basement.

Tuesday Evening

Join us as we continue the study “LifeLight: Feasts” in the Church Basement at 7:00 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady. We will begin on September 8.

Tuesday Evening

A study titled “Four Parables of Jesus” will meet weekly starting September 15 in the Church Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Bob is the facilitator. Register for the handouts at rgeaschel@tlbr.org.

Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Tom Bruns we will continue the study of Francis Chan’s book “Forgotten God”. We will begin back up in January 2021.

Wednesday Morning TLC

We will continue our study on Ephesians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians on September 9, 23, and 30. We usually meet the second and fourth Wednesday and any fifth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the church library.

Thursday Afternoon TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet on September 10 and 24 at 4:30 p.m. via Skype. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775). We are continuing a study on “Angels”.

Saturday Morning

Beginning on Saturday, September 12th we will gather every other week from 9 a.m. to explore excerpts from *Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose* by Jeffrey Leininger, Campus Pastor at Concordia University, Chicago.

In our quest to "have it all" in life, we might be overwhelmed or stressed, but God's Word speaks a better truth about how we are meant to live. Pastor Leininger gives readers **five key themes to focus on with these struggles and uncertainties, providing reassurance and guidance** while reminding us all that God does have a plan for our lives.

Ever wonder, what is my purpose in life? Has the Covid pandemic got you down or rethinking what really matters? If so, join us for this **six-week study on callings**.

Class will be facilitated by Lori Trinche and limited to 12 participants. We will meet in the church library. Please contact Lori at ltrinche@yahoo.com by September 5th if you are interested in participating.

No matter if you are a recent graduate, an adult that is feeling “stuck” or “bored” in their current vocation, someone that has recently lost their job, or a retiree wondering what is next, there is something **practical** here for you to take away!

Serving and fellowship opportunities will be available to interested participants on the alternating Saturdays. No class study on November 7th.

Caring Network Annual Banquet Update

I am writing to you with a save the date. October 22nd is the date for the annual Caring Network banquet held at the Drury Lane theater to help support the ministry efforts of those who assist moms in crisis pregnancy situations. The event last year had over 1200 people in attendance! The banquet always includes an excellent speaker, delicious dinner and a free will offering opportunity to support this life-saving ministry.



This year due to Covid-19, the banquet will be virtual, but we will be holding a “mini-banquet” at Trinity with a maximum of 12 guests. We'll have our own delicious boxed dinner in the church library at 6:30 p.m. with a free will offering and in-gathering opportunity for Caring Network and the Baby Bank. Then, we will listen in via Zoom to the speaker and ministry update which begins at 7 p.m. The speaker this year is Dr. David Jeremiah, a pastor, and the host of Turning Point Ministries. **Other congregations are holding their own Caring Network benefit event that evening and will also be joining in via Zoom.** More details to follow.

I hope dinner attendees and others unable to attend the banquet but interested in helping the moms, might bring new or gently used 0-3 month clothing for boys or girls, baby shampoo or baby lotion, a baby Bible (English or Spanish) or mom's encouraging devotional. These will be an in-gathering offering for the Calvary Lutheran Church Baby Bank which supports the Caring Network moms on an ongoing basis.

Covid-19 2020 has brought each of us unprecedented challenges and has been difficult on the moms that choose life for their babies. Abortion clinics remained open in Illinois when the Baby Bank was closed, like everything else at the start of the pandemic. Pastor Heller at our LCMS sister congregation in Wood Dale, made the decision to reopen after receiving several calls for assistance, but worried that he would get no volunteers to help. Over the spring and summer, **several of our own Trinity members have stepped up to help in volunteering with time, talents, and needed supplies which have all been a great blessing and uphold not only in word, but in sacrificial deed, the sanctity of human life.**

Please contact Lori Trinché at ltrinche@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending the Caring Network mini-banquet event at TLBR on October 22, 2020.

Thank You from Dolly Harding

God Bless America

Last Saturday something happened for video that it is hard to put in words, telling the congregation that were many of our wonderful caring youth along with several adults came to my house to help me. They worked so hard and even the neighbors were amazed how caring and

pleasant they were.

I'm so blessed to belong to Trinity and have Pastor Bob who

not only helped me Saturday but helped

me in many ways and

I lost my whole family

in the same 2 months.

Thanks again to all

who made this possible.

Dolly Harding





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"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat"

Rev. Robert Geaschel

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The love and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your loved ones. I consider it a privilege to be writing this thank-you note to you. Thank you for your generous donation of \$ 500 :- to help support St. Matthew's faith mission. We thank God almighty for the blessings we received by sharing Christ's love and compassion with the people of Chicago's Pilsen Community.

I will always pray for you and remember to always serve with love and compassion for the poor. I pray the Lord continues to bless your efforts to assist St. Matthew's self-supporting mission.

Sincerely,

We are so grateful to you for your support our ministry to continue serving people in need. May Our Lord continue blessing your daily ministry.

Rev. Cesar Sifuentes

Rev. Cesar Sifuentes, Pastor

Note to IRS: No goods or services were provided to the donor other than intangible religious benefits.

Human Care Ministry

We will be collecting non-perishable items and dry goods of St. Matthews Soup Kitchen. Suggested items can jars of Peanut Butter and Jellies, cans of Soup, noodle boxes, Mac n cheese boxes, canned vegetables, jars of spaghetti sauces, packaged cookies, paper towel and napkins, coffee cans for the ministry staff. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex.

During these challenging times, a phone call or note sent to anyone you know who are home-bound will make them smile.

Also, please say thanks to Pastor Bob, Principal DeWitt and the school and Church office staff who continually work to keep our Church and school running smoothly.

Also, give many thanks to the teachers who have additional challenges in providing student education this coming year.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Blessings to all.





August 6, 2020

Dear Partner in Ministry,

In spite of these uncertain and ever-changing times, Caring Network has persevered in serving women facing unexpected pregnancies in the DuPage County area - thanks to your continued faithful support. While our client services team went through various changes over the past few months - working remotely, offering virtual appointments, and wearing extensive PPE for safety, the gift of Saving Lives has been constant. We thank our Lord for providing His guidance and blessings on this ministry!

We recently received the uplifting and affirming news of the first baby born as a result of one woman's visit to our newest center in Darien: a beautiful baby girl named Everly! It was exactly one year ago we asked for funds to support our brand new Darien center which opened in August of last year. And now, we celebrate the birth of this baby, whose life is a direct result of your generosity! Everly's mom, Alex, who had just moved to the area and had no family support when she visited our center said it best when writing to thank us: *"I'm just over the moon in love with my tiny girl."*

God continues transforming hearts daily, blessing moms like Alex who are initially overwhelmed by their circumstances, but with the help of Caring Network and the services we provide, go on to make life saving choices.

Our work is never done, we need you now more than ever. In the midst of this ongoing virus as well as the uncertain economy, women at risk of choosing abortion need us even more. Thank you for standing with us in our efforts to *Reach More Women and Save More Lives*. We pray you will continue to partner with us this fall, as we further our life-saving work and face the ongoing unique challenges of our time.



Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kirt Wiggins".

Kirt Wiggins

Interim President

Rejoice with us as we celebrate the first anniversary of our Darien center - and our first baby born! Thank you for your partnership in making this possible.

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2020 Order Due Dates: *September 14* *October 12* *November 9* *December 7* *December 14*

Automotive	%	QTY	Total
AutoZone	8.0%		\$25
Shell	1.5%		\$25
Shell	1.5%		\$50
Shell	1.5%		\$100
Speedway	4.0%		\$25
Speedway	4.0%		\$50
Speedway	4.0%		\$100

Clothing	%	QTY	Total
American Eagle Outfitter	10.0%		\$25
Banana Republic	14.0%		\$25
Children's Place	12.0%		\$25
Gap	14.0%		\$25
Marshalls	7.0%		\$25
Old Navy	14.0%		\$25
T.J. Maxx	7.0%		\$25
T.J. Maxx	7.0%		\$100

Department Stores	%	QTY	Total
Bloomingdale's	12.0%		\$25
Kohls	4.0%		\$25
Kohls	4.0%		\$100
Macy's	10.0%		\$25
Macy's	10.0%		\$100
Target	2.5%		\$25
Target	2.5%		\$50
Target	2.5%		\$100
Walmart	2.5%		\$25
Walmart	2.5%		\$50
Walmart	2.5%		\$100

Entertainment	%	QTY	Total
AMC Theaters	8.0%		\$25
Chuck E. Cheese	8.0%		\$10
Marcus Theatres	8.0%		\$25

Grocery	%	QTY	Total
CVS Pharmacy	6.0%		\$25
Jewel	4.0%		\$25
Jewel	4.0%		\$50
Jewel	4.0%		\$100
Mariano's (IL only)	4.0%		\$25
Meijer (not AK or HI)	3.0%		\$25
Meijer (not AK or HI)	3.0%		\$50
Meijer (not AK or HI)	3.0%		\$100
Pete's Fresh Market	4.0%		\$20
Sam's Club	2.5%		\$25
Sam's Club	2.5%		\$100
Walgreens	5.0%		\$25
Walgreens	5.0%		\$100

Home Improvement	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware	4.0%		\$25
Lowes	4.0%		\$25
Menards	3.0%		\$25
Menards	3.0%		\$100
The Home Depot	4.0%		\$25
The Home Depot	4.0%		\$100

Pets	%	QTY	Total
Petsmart	5.0%		\$25

Restaurants	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's	8.0%		\$25
Arby's	8.0%		\$10
Bonefish Grill	10.0%		\$50
Buca di Beppo	8.0%		\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	8.0%		\$25
Buona Beef	8.0%		\$10
California Pizza Kitchen	8.0%		\$25
Carrabba's	10.0%		\$25
Cheesecake Factory	5.0%		\$25
Chili's/ Maggiano's	11.0%		\$25
Chipotle	10.0%		\$10
Chipotle	10.0%		\$25
Cold Stone Creamery	8.0%		\$10
Cracker Barrel	8.0%		\$10
Cracker Barrel	8.0%		\$25
Dunkin	3.0%		\$10
Dunkin	3.0%		\$25
IHOP	8.0%		\$10
Lou Malnati's	8.0%		\$10
Lettuce Entertain You	12.0%		\$25
Maggiano's/Chili's	11.0%		\$25
Noodles & Co.	8.0%		\$10
Olive Garden	9.0%		\$25
Outback Steakhouse	10.0%		\$25
P.F. Chang's	8.0%		\$25
Panera Bread	8.0%		\$10
Panera Bread	8.0%		\$25
Potbelly	8.0%		\$10
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Wendy's	6.5%		\$10
Wildfire	12.0%		\$25

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Bed, Bath, & Beyond	7.0%		\$25
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Best Buy	4.0%		\$25
Best Buy	4.0%		\$100
Binny's	3.0%		\$25
Brooks Brothers	16.0%		\$25
Build - A - Bear	8.0%		\$25
buybuyBaby	7.0%		\$25
Cabela's	10.0%		\$25
Claire's	9.0%		\$10
Comfort Suites	3.5%		\$50
Container Store	9.0%		\$25
Dick's Sporting Goods	8.0%		\$25
Discover Universal Gift	1.2%		\$50
Disney	3.0%		\$25
Disney	3.0%		\$100
Fannie May Candies	25.0%		\$10
GameStop	3.0%		\$25
Great Clips	8.0%		\$25
Hair Cuttery	8.0%		\$10
Hallmark	4.0%		\$25
HomeGoods	7.0%		\$25
Hotels.com	6.0%		\$100
iTunes	5.0%		\$15
iTunes	5.0%		\$25
Jos. A. Banks	10.0%		\$25
Michael's	4.0%		\$25
Nike	12.0%		\$25
Office Depot/Max	5.0%		\$25
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Staples	5.0%		\$25
Shutterfly	9.0%		\$25
Sephora	5.0%		\$25
Supercuts	8.0%		\$25
Ulta Beauty	4.0%		\$25
Vera Bradley	7.0%		\$50
Visa	1.3%		\$50
Visa	1.3%		\$100
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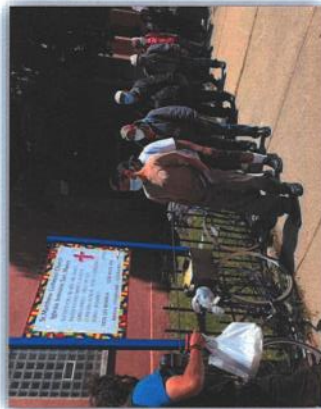


Be Joyful Always!

"... Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. " - Nehemiah 8:10

May the love, joy and the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

With much rejoice, we are sharing with you that we reopened our Soup Kitchen on Thursday May 21st, serving hot meals for takeout.



Individuals and Families in need line up to receive a take-out hot meal



Our volunteers help prep our to-go meals



Our fellow comers receiving their meals



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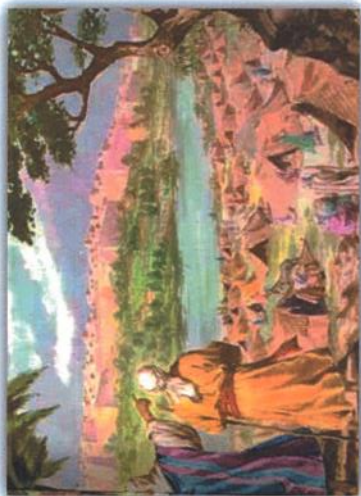


Reflections from Deaconess Elly

"God is our refuge and strength, our help in tribulations"
Psaln 46: 1

Dear brothers, sisters, and friends of Christ,

I have you each day in my prayers and give thanks to the Lord for each one of you. I have the privilege and joy of writing to you again while experiencing each day the protection and strength that comes from above. Especially these days, being comforted and empowered to comfort others by the Lord's mercy with which we have been comforted. Many things have happened along the way but the word of God did not come to a standstill. It ran hurriedly and urgently to strengthen our faith and fill us with hope and love. And thus growing in the work of the Lord for the blessing of our community and congregation. We move on, now we return to our house of prayer, St Matthew in Pilsen. Restoring our praise little by little, proclaiming his love and mercy. Our church reopens its doors so that many may know the way, the truth and the life, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. We will continue to stand firm for him in obedience to his divine command with your help and blessing. I am grateful for you being part of this great mission, to proclaim to the world his love of mercy and forgiveness. Isn't it wonderful?



[Portrayed: The promised land of Canaan]

May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts in Christ Jesus.



Your sister and friend Elly S

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“Live Generously”: Our Stewardship Theme for 2020

By Rev. Mark Bussert, Director of Stewardship

In some ways, the COVID 19 Pandemic has brought out the best in people – you’ve seen the signs in yards thanking healthcare and other essential workers, for example. Perhaps a shared sense of crisis brings people together and helps us realize, more than usual, how much we need and depend on others. Maybe we just don’t take things for granted like we used to.

The pandemic has brought out the best in Trinity members! When we canceled worship services in March – oh my gosh, just a few weeks before Easter!! – I advised Pastor Bob that we could see a 10-20% decrease in offerings. Instead, we are more than 5% ahead of where we expected to be in offering income! Many of you, our members, are already living out our theme for our fall Annual Stewardship Emphasis, “Live Generously.”

This theme is the third in a four-year series based on 1 Timothy 6:19, “take hold of the life that is truly life.” (Some of you may remember the 2018 theme, “Live Free,” and the 2019 theme, “Live Simply.”)

What does it mean to “live generously?” Understanding generosity begins with two questions: “Who is God?” and “Who am I?” A famous Bible verse, 1 John 4:8, says “God is Love.” That’s pretty simple, isn’t it? He is gracious, compassionate, forgiving. He is the supreme giver. “For God so loved the world that He GAVE...” (you can fill in the rest of John 3:16).

Who are we? We are His children, created in His image, called to model and display the kindness, mercy and generosity of our all-giving God. To “live generously” is to constantly learn to know God better, and to make it our effort every day to be like Him.

The Board of Stewardship prays that this stewardship emphasis will help you to do just that!

Youth News

Open Youth Room Schedule

Our Open Youth Room at the start of the school year will be like the past. We will usually meet on the second and fourth Sunday of each month unless there is a conflict with a holiday or another church event.

This year we will begin by meeting on the school side of Trinity. Weather permitting, we will stay outside as late as possible playing organized games and hanging out. We will have a time for a devotion, some announcements, and some snacks. All food will be individually wrapped. Face coverings will be required inside the building.

Each Open Youth Room will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

*The Lord is my **strength** and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7*

Bowling – September 19

Plans are being made for a social outing at Bowlero in Woodridge on Saturday, September 19. We would meet at Trinity at 5:00 p.m. and head out for dinner followed by two hours of bowling. We should return to Trinity around 9:30 p.m. The cost for this event will be \$20 and does not include any refreshments at the bowling alley.

Due to Covid, we will probably not be able to all sit at one big table where we go. The sign-up sheet is in the Youth Room, the Grade 7 Confirmation Room or by calling Mr. Grady at 708-990-5020. Friends are welcome to attend.



Sunday School and Youth Bible Class

Our Sunday School and Youth Bible Class will begin on Sunday, September 13, at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School will be in the church basement and the High School Youth Bible Class will meet in the school. Please bring your Bible.



“You have been told, O man and woman, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

- Micah 6:8

Covid Up Date – Stateville Prison Ministry

Many thanks to the churches and individuals who have continued to support Voice of Hope Behind the Wall throughout this time of Covid. Stateville Prison remains closed to non-essential personnel at this time, however, the ministry work continues! Thanks to prison staff working with me, I have continued teaching my class through the mail. Each week I send in new class assignments to the staff, they send them on to each of the different cell houses where the men live. The students have a week to complete the work and return it to staff who then send it back to me. In addition to class work, I continue with weekly mailings that include devotionals, prayers and reflective writings to Stateville and five Illinois prisons where inmates I previously worked with have transferred. The Illinois prison state system remains on quarantine lockdown status. The feedback I receive from the men has been tremendous. They are grateful and constantly tell me how much it means to them to receive both mailings and class work.

The situation at Stateville remains a fluid one, but as of this writing, the virus continues to move through the cell houses. Each day the Stateville public website for corrections gives daily up-dates of new infections and inmates in recovery. Stateville has been the hardest hit of the state prisons to date. One of the very first inmates infected who became seriously ill is a student of mine. I am happy to report he is recovering and doing well these days. As of this writing, I do not know when I will be on site again to minister in person, however in the meantime, I am grateful that God opened a door early on with mailings, class work and gracious prison staff who have enabled ministry to continue.

Here are a few remarks from some of the inmates regarding the work and mailings: “...words are not enough to express how grateful I am for all the encouragement and prayers you are sending our way...no matter what, I am in the hands of God. God knows all and that’s all that matters.”

“I thank the Lord for people such as yourself because by receiving these homework assignments I have something to do. It gives us something to look forward to and a sense of hope that takes our mind away from this COVID-19 situation. Thank you, you are in my prayers.”

“It is truly a gift hearing from you and knowing we are in your prayers. You are in mine as well.”

I am counting on your support to continue this vital ministry at Stateville Prison. I remain grateful that Ministry continues to happen by God's grace and prison staff who care. The men are responding and that is the greatest testimony of all that God remains alive and well behind the wall as the Church at large continues to assure and reassure these individuals that we support them through this time. **I will keep you posted and pray that you will continue to support this ministry.**

Thank You!

Peace +
Deaconess Lori Wilbert

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

DONATIONS

Your tax deductible donation will ensure that prison ministry and programs continue at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet.

Checks should be made out to:
NID Prison Ministry/Lori Wilbert

Send to the following address:
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If you have questions, call the district office at 708-449-3020. You may designate your donation for a particular item or to general expenses that will ensure this ministry continues into the future.



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Joseph DeWitt
Zachary Schwoebel | 15 | Edward Prendiville
Patricia Rediehs
Keira Wheeler |
| 2 | Steve Freese | 16 | Anna Beyer
Annabelle Fuller
Gabriella Vasquez |
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Terah Thomas | 17 | Susan Walters |
| 4 | Deb Hardtke | 18 | Brian Ernst
Bryan Taheri |
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild: Jan Baranek Spring Kneller Kim Valentino Mary Windzio	Ushers: 8:30am – Volunteers 11am – Volunteers	1 7:00pm Bible Study (CL)	2 4:30pm 6 th Public Confirmation (CL)	3 6:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Brd of Youth	4	5 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Divine Service
6 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC 11:00am Contemp Worship	7 Labor Day	8 7:00pm Bible Study (TFH) 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting	9 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:30pm 6 th Public Confirmation (CL)	10 4:30pm TLC Wendte (Skype) 6:30pm Praise Team	11	12 8:30am Trustees 9:00am Bible Study (CL) 6:30pm Divine Service
13 Stewardship I 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 10:45am Brd of Parish Ed 11:00am Contemp Worship 6:30pm Open Youth Room	14 6:30pm Elders (CR) 6:30pm Evening Devotion – Facebook Live	15 7:00pm Bible Study (CL) 7:00pm Bible Study (TFH)	16 4:30pm Public Conf. (CL) 7:00pm TLC Grady (Zoom)	17 12:00pm TORCH Deadline 6:30pm Praise Team	18	19 8:30am Trustees 5:00pm Youth Bowling 6:30pm Divine Service HC Polish School Starts
20 Stewardship II 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp HC 1-1:30pm Holy Communion (Ch)	21 6:30pm Evening Devotion – Facebook Live 7:00pm Church Council (CR)	22 7:00pm Bible Study (CL) 7:00pm Bible Study (TFH)	23 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:30pm Public Conf. (CL) 7:00pm TLC Grady (Zoom)	24 4:30pm TLC Wendte (Skype) 6:30pm Praise Team	25	26 8:30am Trustees 9:00am Bible Study (CL) 6:30pm Divine Service Polish School
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HC = Holy Communion; **BC** = Bible Class; **SS** = Sunday School

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