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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
December 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

If you're weary of end-of-year requests and of all else that's gone on in 2020, we get it. The pandemic has upended life as we knew it.

At the same time, there are things that Trinity members should know. We've listed seven as succinctly as we can, so please take a look.

1

**Reach out if you need a pastor.** Your health and welfare are important to us. Are you doing well? Or not? Who knew we'd be apart this long? If you need us, or if you know someone who does, tell us. We three pastors are calling every household, but don't wait if you need us sooner.

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**Worship.** Your faith is more critical than ever, so keep it strong with worship. Come Sundays in person at 11 am or Saturdays at 5 pm—masks and social distancing required.\* Not comfortable in person? Tune in to our live service on Sundays at 9:30 am, or watch it any time after.

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**Don't stop giving.** Money is a sensitive topic, but we have to ask. Your offerings give us income to operate. They keep lights on, office equipment running, preachers preaching, music flowing, and staff working so ministries thrive for members, the community, and beyond.

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**Know that offerings are down during the pandemic.** No surprise, right? In-person services couldn't re-start until September. Attendance is limited to ensure social distancing. It's easy to stop giving when you're not attending, so sign up for e-giving. Or if you're going through your own hardships, we understand. Please give as you are able.

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**We've cut our budget while doing more.** We've added livestream worship, drive-up communion, and social media events like pastor check-ins, our Friday prayer service, and more. Faith Formation and Youth Ministry have online options. We bring you music in new ways. We hold meetings via Zoom. Even if you don't always see us, we are hard at work.

*\*Check our website for pandemic-related changes to our Saturday/Sunday in-person worship.*

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**What about Christmas?** We will not give up. Can't have an in-person *Christmas at Trinity* concert? So instead we'll do it online LIVE Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 pm. A children's Christmas Eve pageant? We'll record one so you can see it online. For Christmas Eve services, we're still working out plans, so keep checking our website.

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**We're moving forward with building improvements.** When we do return to "normal," you'll see significant changes because of your support for our capital appeal, *Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future*, with its priorities of safety, security, and hospitality. Check our website for updates.

**Respond**

**Please respond by using the enclosed envelope.** Three ways you can help: Fill out a 2021 estimate of giving. Commit to our capital improvement project. Reduce this year's pandemic-caused shortfall.

Thank you for considering this request. We pray that 2021 will bring less uncertainty. We wish we could share hugs and see big smiles all around. But until that happens, reach out if you or a member known to you needs pastoral care. Do not hesitate. You are loved.

Yours in Christ,



Jack Horner



John Brock



Liz Frey

**P.S. Keep this letter handy so you know how to reach a pastor:**

- Call the office at 717-737-8635.
- If you reach a recording, don't hang up! Press 1 to leave a message for the pastor on call. Speak clearly; a pastor will call you back shortly.
- If not urgent, you can also reach a particular pastor's phone or voicemail directly by calling 717-737-9921 and dialing the pastor's extension.
  - ✓ For Pastor Horner, dial ext. 225
  - ✓ For Pastor Brock, dial ext. 226
  - ✓ For Pastor Frey, dial ext. 243