

# Trinity Times

From Peggy's Pen

It was March 15, 2020 – we announced that for two weeks we'd be worshipping online. Two weeks turned into until Mother's Day, to let's get through all the summer tourist events. And then, we saw a major rise in cases, friends and loved ones testing positive. Some having mild cases, while others were hospitalized. There were those who didn't survive, and those who are still experiencing side-effects months after contracting the virus. The US has hit a grim milestone of 500,000 lives lost to Covid-19. While cases overall continue to decrease, let us take a moment to remember, to honor, and recognize all that has happened in this last year – either from Covid-19, or because of other situations or circumstances that have occurred.

Our understanding of "normal" has shifted.

Here we are in the season of Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, refinement, and recovery. Lent is a season of shifting of our norms. To let go of unhealthy habits that can create roadblocks and speed bumps in our faith. To seek forgiveness from those we've harmed or wronged, including God. To offer forgiveness to those who have harmed or wronged us. To focus on healthier habits and building a healthier relationship with God and others.

There are some norms that we miss greatly and want to return too – and there are other norms that through this last year we are thankful have shifted.

How does your faith shift and create your norms? What role does it play?

Our faith can't be part of a routine or something we do, or a consumer product about what "I get out of it." Our faith should be about following Jesus. Having our lives shaped and transformed – and our norms set by Jesus.

During this last year – God was still at work. Jesus was still present. The Spirit was still empowering. The "normal" ways we were able to encounter our Triune God shifted. Our Triune God is the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Our faith is about discovering more about who God is and who God is calling us to be and how we are called to live, act, and speak each day because we know God.

Friends, I am grateful for how you are connecting with us here at Trinity UMC. Whether that's on-site, via Facebook, the website, or KDSJ 980 AM, I pray that you will continue to allow God to shape you, work with in you, guide you during this season of repentance, reflection, refinement, and recovery – and may God continue to shift your norms to be more like the kingdom of God.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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## Covid - 19 Updates

February 18, 2021

We will continue to offer worship on-site in our sanctuary, via Facebook live, and KDSJ 980 AM.

Here are the modifications that we are making to do our best to provide the safest in-person to the best of our abilities.

- 1) Please wear masks at all times.
- 2) The ushers will record your name as you enter the building to be able to keep track of those who are in attendance that day. For visitors we will also ask for their contact information
- 3) Pews will be marked for available seating and the ushers will help guide you, we will be seating front to back, and dismissing back to front.
- 4) We will continue to offer worship to the online community and via the radio on KDSJ 980 AM
- 5) Here are the modifications to the sanctuary:
  - a) All song books, paper, and pens/pencils have been removed
  - b) Pew cushions would be removed from the sanctuary – if you want to bring your own pillow to sit on, you may
- 6) Here are the modifications that will happen for worship, with masks being worn
  - a) Call to worship would be done with pastor and liturgist
  - b) 2 songs, singing the 1st verse only, singing softly
  - c) Lord's prayer will be shared in a normal to quiet voice
  - d) No passing the peace, plates, or bulletins
  - e) The cry room and kids busy bags will not be available
  - f) Children's moment will take place, kids will remain with their family (no coming forward) – Sunday School for children will not be happening at this time
  - g) Worship would be approximately 30-40 minutes
  - h) Communion elements will be prepackaged
  - i) Offering and loose change would be collected at the back of the sanctuary
  - j) Joys and Concerns will not be shared at the beginning of worship - will need to be texted or written down ahead of time
  - k) No fellowship time in the CMC following worship, and no lingering in the sanctuary following worship – if you would like to have conversations outside following worship, you may

We are striving to provide authentic, Spirit-filled, God centered worship. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions of how we can improve worship – please let us know. Thank you for your continued prayers and connections.

## TUMC Administrative Council and Finance Meeting Minutes

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council/Finance meeting was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m., via ZOOM. Members present: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, Sue Holloway, Syd DeVries, Shelli DeVries, Terri Keene, Jacque Fuller, Brian Hanson, Cindy McNeill, Bob McNeill, Jane LaFollette, Becky Kosters and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

There were no changes to the agenda. Terri Keene moved/ Sue Holloway seconded to **approve the January 28, 2021 with the following changes: the van we received from the Spearfish United Methodist Church is a 2000 instead of 2004; change the word “of” to the word “on” in Meals on Wheels. Motion carried.**

The Financial Statements were reviewed. Sue Holloway moved/Brian Hanson seconded to **approve the Financial Reports** as printed. **Motion carried.** Sue reported the Finance Committee will be visiting online with the Methodist Foundation to pursue information on the church's investment accounts.

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported the church is now the “proud owner” of a 2000 Ford van that the Spearfish United Methodist Church gave to us. Plans are in place to put together a log book to keep track of each trip and also a general policy with guidelines on the use of the van. The cost of remodeling the Wesley Room and Nursery Room project is being studied. The trustees want to upgrade the security system in the church and CMC and are in the process of getting costs for this project. In the future they will also be looking at changing the locks on the doors.

Pastor Peggy reported the church started regathering in the sanctuary yesterday, Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Peggy informed the Council she will wear a mask during the worship services but will not wear a mask when she preaches the sermon. The youth will meet next week and are excited about their new space. Pastor Peggy noted the District Superintendent will be attending the Palm Sunday worship service. If all the plans fall into place on Palm Sunday, Lillian will be baptized. She noted that Dale and Renee Larson have approached her that they have a wand they can use in our sanctuary to sanitize the pews. There will be no cost for this service as they are donating their services for churches in the area. Pastor Peggy reported the Dakotas Strategy Team will be sending out a survey to all churches in our conference to be filled out by church leadership. The purpose of this survey is about what resources could be shared within the conference if/when there is some sort of denominational split based on the decisions of General Conference. General Conference is the global meeting of the United Methodist Church which happens every 4 years, and was postponed in 2020 due to Covid, and is scheduled to happen in August/September of 2021. The consensus of our Administrative Council is to have the members of the Administrative Council individually fill out the survey. The PDF online survey will be sent to Pastor Peggy who will distribute to members of the Admin Council around the week of February 22. On March 4<sup>th</sup> the council will meet to discuss the survey, and if there are any questions they have on the survey, clarifications will be made. After that meeting, members will send their completed survey to Syd DeVries by March 12<sup>th</sup> who will tabulate the results of the surveys, share the results to the administrative council and then submit the survey online for the Dakotas Strategy Team.

Jane LaFollette, Worship Committee, noted she and Tammy Gilbery are taking turns playing at the Sunday worship services.

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Shelli DeVries, Christian Ed Chair, informed the Council she has not met with her committee.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care, reported Valentine cards were sent to church members who are shut-in or in a nursing home/assisted living.

Sue Holloway, Missions, noted our church will be doing Meals on Wheels the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Adopt-A-Platoon program is going well and currently volunteers are signing Easter cards to send out to troops who are serving our country.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, was happy to report 14 applications have been received for the custodial position that was recently advertised. "This coming week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, interviews will be taking place for approximately 10 applicants for the custodial position."

Discussion was held on Covid-19 and the reopening of the church. The CDC requirements will be followed.

The next Finance/ Administrative Council meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

## **Holy Week Services & Events**

### **Palm/Passion Sunday Worship**

Sunday, March 28 at 9 a.m.

On-Site Worship, Facebook Live, and KDSJ 980 AM

### **Holy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 1

On-Site Worship and Facebook Live at 7 p.m.

\*Possibly on KDSJ 980 AM as well

### **Community Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

825 W Main Street

Lead, SD

\*Maybe being offered via Facebook Live at "Ministerial for Lead-Deadwood"

<https://www.facebook.com/LDMinisterial>

### **Easter Sunday Celebrations on April 4**

**7 a.m.** On-Site Worship and Facebook Live

**9 a.m.** - On-Site Worship, Facebook Live, and KDSJ 980 AM



**The Power of Prayer  
Break Through Prayer Meetings**

We will gather on **Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

We will gather in the sanctuary for our time of prayer. We ask that you use the front door and please let Pastor Peggy know if you're planning on attending. We also, ask that you wear a mask.

We begin with sharing any God sightings or God-insights that we have felt God has placed on our hearts. We share about how we can be in prayer for our church and the ministries of our church. In addition to this, we will be prayer walking the sanctuary, CMC, and surrounding outside areas.

We hope you will continue to join us for our 1:11 (p.m. or a.m.) prayer!

**God of us all, help us to be the church that is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by faithfully serving, teaching, and connecting to all through the light and love of Christ. Amen**

Thank you for joining us in this important ministry of breakthrough prayer!

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:**

March 3 Connie Hyde  
March 5 Anna Campbell  
March 8 Shelli DeVries  
March 11 Kayden Berglund  
March 12 Michael Darling  
March 12 Vickie Hauge  
March 16 Betty Bender  
March 16 Ardeth Waisanen  
March 17 David Palmer  
March 20 Margie Stofflet  
March 21 Sid Goss  
March 24 Harold Bender  
March 27 Chloe Berglund  
March 30 Dick Tinker  
March 31 Faunille Cummings

**Anniversaries:**

March 26 Debbie and Hank Toppins

**Missions Report**

Meals on Wheels: Our next month starts on Easter Sunday, April 4th so we have the month of March free. We still need more people to help for 2 hours, for 1 day every 6 weeks or as available. We don't have enough people to cover the 7 days without someone/partners having to do 2 days. This is especially important if anyone is unable to help. Please call Sue at 920-7788.

Adopt-A-Platoon: By the time you read this newsletter, 138 cards from here plus cards being sent from 2 snowbirds will be sent to our deployed service people for Easter. As you have read in this newsletter, we have made a difference in a lot of lives. Cards are provided to you or you can buy them. You write a short note of thanks and encouragement, address the envelope and return them to me to have a letter inserted and mailed. We owe these people so much for their sacrifices as many of you have. This project gives us the opportunity to pay back and pay it forward so we can help keep their vessels filled with love, appreciation and honor. Call Sue to volunteer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Holloway

## Board of Trustees Meeting February 18, 2021

Bob opened the meeting. Present was Bob McNeill, Jim Wolff, John Hauge, Wayne Holdcroft, Lee Ann Paananen, and Pastor Peggy Hanson

Peggy offered the opening prayer.

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> needs to be changed to Jan. 28 in last minutes. Jim moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mike second and approved by vote.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Van – the title for the van is at the office. It needs to be taken to the county and pay the registration. Bob will talk to the admin board and see who needs to sign the title. Front end is fixed. We need to keep a log on repairs, oil changes, uses. Lee Ann will create a log book. Jim will do research on covers for the van. If someone has a spare garage or shelter to house the van, we would appreciate it. Ground rules for operation.
2. Driver has to be over 25, must have their own insurance, no cell phones while driving, 2 drivers for any event, oil must be checked, must be for church events or activities only. Lee Ann will create a list with John's help.
3. Nursery in the Wesley Room – Jim picked up samples of paint for the nursery, hallway and family space. Hope to create a budget for the new space before the next meeting. Paint around the mirror in the hallway, memorials need updating, frame around the cross, and need a new TV for the nursery so the service can be watched from there. 14 feet 2 inches is the width of the room. The divider is 14 feet wide and 6 feet high. Peggy will call Haggertys about wiring the television.
4. Plowing in the parking lot: Cars in the lot continue to be a problem. Bob suggested that office staff call the cars in the lot and have the cars moved before the plowing is done, unless we have an unexpected snow and staff is not in the office.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Finance asked if we could stop accrual on this account. Jim moved to suspend the accrual of \$300 per month for the rest of the year to help pay apportionments and other church needs. Second by John, approved by vote.
2. Cameras are needed to replace the ones that we have. We also need a new wireless router or extenders. Wayne suggested Orbi wireless router. Wayne will put together a cost analysis for new cameras

Bob closed the meeting with the Breakthrough prayer.  
Next meeting will be March 18, 2021.

Secretary: Lee Ann Paananen

## Trinity UMW News

“It’s a loan, not a donation.”

When Norma Harris passed away in the fall of 2012 her family donated Norma’s collection of holiday decorations and kitchen items to Trinity United Methodist Women. All the items were sold at that year’s UMW Fall Festival and we collected \$144. It was decided in 2013 to use that money to participate in Kiva. Kiva is an international nonprofit with a mission to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive by crowdfunding loans.

This is how it works: borrowers complete an application with a total loan request. Lenders from around the world lend in \$25 increments until the loan is fully funded. The borrower agrees to a date to fully repay the loan. In the last 16 years 3.8 million borrowers from 77 countries have received loans from 1.9 million lenders (our UMW group is one of those lenders). In total, \$1.54 billion in loans have been funded with a repayment rate of 96.1%.

The initial \$144 from Norma Harris’s donation has been lent, repaid, and lent again in \$25 increments for a total of 33 loans. We have supported women in 17 countries. That initial \$144 has become \$875 in loans (with low interest rates) to women around the world. We have donated \$1.32 per \$25 loan to Kiva to cover the cost servicing the loans.

Through Kiva’s work, students can pay for tuition, woman can start businesses and improve their farm production and families can afford needed emergency care. I have enjoyed being the administrator of Trinity UMW’s portfolio and each loan request details the life story of women dealing with extremes such as poverty and war. It is both humbling and encouraging to read their stories.

Below is Ines Virginia from Ecuador. Her loan was used to purchase materials to make bricks in the small brick factory she and her husband run. Her loan was 100% repaid. Learn more about Kiva at [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org).



100% repaid!

Repaid  
[Ines Virginia](#)  
Bricks  
Ecuador

Submitted by Bonnie Brooking

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

No Sunday School or Bible Studies are being offered due to the continued recommendations to social distance regarding to Covid 19. We looking forward to resuming Bible Studies and Christian Education Opportunities in the near future.

## Please send Easter Cards to Our Congregation

Harold and Betty Bender  
122 Wall St.  
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch  
Serenity Corner Assisted Living  
19566 Old Belle Rd.  
Spearfish SD 57783

Jean Dyer  
Edgewood Vista  
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt. 159  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Yvonne Foreman  
Box 165  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Sandra Hansen  
Golden Ridge Regional Senior Care  
200 Montana Ave. #116  
Lead, SD 57754

Doris Adamson  
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Judy Hink  
806 Upper Addie St  
Lead SD 57754

Orin Aldrich  
321 Addie  
Lead SD 57754

Barbara Harvey  
1233 Silver Brook Ln  
Spearfish SD 57783

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200 Montana Ave #104  
Lead, SD 57754

Dorothy Berry  
West Hills Village  
255 Texas Street Apt. 142  
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# MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Kiwanis	2 PEO Chapter L 1 p.m. (CMC)	3 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	4 Ad Council at 6:30 via Zoom	5	6 Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30
7 Worship In Person at 9 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent	8 Finance Meeting at 7 p.m via Zoom Kiwanis	9	10 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	11	12	13
14 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</b> Worship In Person at 9 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent	15 Kiwanis	16	17 No Youth Group	18 Community Blood Drive (CMC) <b>Meeting Night</b>	19	20
21 Worship In Person at 9 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent	22 Kiwanis	23	24 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	25	26	27
28 Worship In Person at 9 a.m. Palm Sunday	29 Kiwanis	30	31 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	1 Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.	2 Community Good Friday at Shepherd of the Hills at 7 p.m.	3

## Post Prom!



Lead-Deadwood High School (LDHS) Prom and Post Prom Committee needs help! This year the junior students and parents are responsible for the prom, dance, and post prom. They are responsible for funding and facilitating all three events - because of Covid. Also because of Covid, the post prom committee is not able to host their typical fundraisers to help create the amazing event that will be prom and post prom. What is post prom you ask? It's a safe, fun, and fantastic event that occurs following the prom. There's food, fun activities, music, and prizes and more! The major need is for financial support to help facilitate these three events, and they are also seeking contributions of gift certificates and prizes. If you're interested and able to contribute to post prom – please make donations to “LDHS Class of 2022”, and prizes and gift certificates can be

dropped off at the office. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Morris at 605-206-0286 or Holly Heisinger at 605-591-9437 or email her at [ldhspostprom@gmail.com](mailto:ldhspostprom@gmail.com). Your support of our high school youth is greatly appreciated!

## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Interested in attending camp, either as an individual or an adult? Have questions of sending your child(ren) to camp? Pastor Peggy would love to help! She is (as are many others) passionate about camp and believe it to be important to each participant's personal and spiritual formation! We want as many folks to go to camp. The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, and have made the financial commitment of providing a 50% scholarship of the early bird registration cost. There are also additional scholarships available.

Please note that many of our camps do have limits on how many campers they can have – so please register early and there will be some different protocols and expectations in place because of Covid.

Check out [dakcamps.org](http://dakcamps.org) for all of the camp opportunities!

**Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 30, 2021**  
**Contact Pastor Peggy for the camp code**

you have any questions please contact Pastor Peggy.



## Contact Information for Pastor Peggy Hanson

Pastor Peggy is currently not holding “coffee shop hours,” but is in the office. She will continue to honor the Sabbath on Fridays. And you can reach her at 562-505-6363 or 605-223-1222 or [mstempson@iliff.edu](mailto:mstempson@iliff.edu)

Thank you

## Staying Connected!

### **Text Messages:**

Want to receive text messages with updates? Reminders? And inclement weather?

Click here: [remind.com/join/leadtumc](http://remind.com/join/leadtumc)

Or text @leadtumc to 81010 (standard text messaging rates may apply)

### **Facebook:**

\*For those who are interested, and not yet sure how to watch Facebook – go to <https://www.facebook.com/LeadTUMC/>

\*You do not have to be on Facebook to watch worship – our page is public and so you can watch it from your internet browser.

\*If you are on Facebook, please make sure to “like” the page and then tune it at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning for worship

\*We have been recording our worship services from the sanctuary to include music and more participation, and help be back within our building.

\*All Facebook videos are then posted to our website within 24 hours.

### **Online Giving:**

Your continued generosity to the ministries and mission of Trinity United Methodist Church. You are able to go to [www.leadtumc.com](http://www.leadtumc.com) and click on “Online Giving”. Or if you would prefer, you can still mail in or drop off your contribution at the office, at **7 S Main Street**. (Please note the church office address, our offices are no longer at 111 S Main Street)

### **Radio:**

We will be streaming our services live on the radio as well at the same time we are having our Facebook live service! Check out KDSJ 980 AM station. *If you'd be interested in sponsoring a broadcast, the cost is \$25 each Sunday.*

### **Worship Kits:**

Worship Kits will continue, and if you would like to receive a worship kit and were not previously on our list, please let the church office know, and we will either email or mail them to you.

### **Weekly Emails:**

Would you be interested in receiving a weekly email that will share the calendar of events, upcoming events, etc? Because we won't have bulletins in worship, we are exploring having this as an option. If this is something you'd like, please let the office know. Thank You!

### **Zoom Fellowship:**

Would you be interested in participating in a Zoom fellowship time? Grab your coffee/tea/water/lemonade, and your favorite snack, and join us following worship for a time of fellowship and catching up. We are exploring offering this on Sunday mornings after worship from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (except on the first Sunday of the month). Please let the office know if this is something you'd like to join and we'll send you the Zoom link. And if you have any questions about Zoom, or connecting to Zoom, we would be happy to help and do a test run with you.

### **Video Messages:**

We're exploring creating video messages of greeting, faith sharing, and more as part of worship and to share with one another. Would you be interested in creating a video message? Do you or someone you know have the gift of video editing? Please contact the office and let us know!

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Please come and join us for our Holy Week Services  
as we rejoice, cry, mourn, and then celebrate the  
RESURRECTED CHRIST**

