



JUNE, Anno Domini 2020

Come, Holy Spirit; kindle in us the fire of Your love!

Beloved of God in our Lord Jesus Christ,

We transition to this summer thirsting for normalcy. These past months have been anything but normal. So much that we ordinarily do in public has been halted or changed. Being urged to stay at home and to social distance when out isn't normal. Be instructed that most of what we do in public may put ourselves or others at risk is not routine. Closing "*non-essential*" businesses, schools and churches is radical; so is keeping family members or clergy from visiting hospitalized dear ones. Christians stopped congregating for worship and most all else; with that, encouraging each other in the faith in person was severely inhibited. Curtailed personal interacting has hurt many, especially our seniors and youth. The world hardly seems a better place right now as some stage protests over government overreach. Others protest over a senseless death, and still others riot and loot stores, damaging property in cities and some small towns. Can any good come out all this?

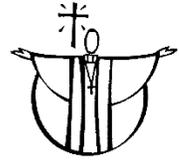
Dietrich Schlichtmann made a poignant observation in a recent conversation: our world is undergoing a paradigm change. I agree. Life these days has changed. We creatures of habit chafe under changes to our routines, struggling to figure out what a new normal may be. *Still, one constant remains*: our faithful, ever-gracious, always wise and loving God! God never changes; He's been with us through every change we've faced; He is and will remain with us, just as He promises. As we re-open our churches for Worship Services at St. John on Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m. and at Trinity on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m., our God-in-three-persons awaits. For those attending AND those who stay at home due to ongoing health concerns, Jesus beckons: "***Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls***" Matthew 11:28-29. He who bore our sin to death on a cross, then rose to new life on the Third Day, readies us for everlasting life in heaven even as He gives us His aid and strength in a scary world.

The world is a mess now; Jesus said it would be in the Last Days. Yet He has us in His care, who said: "***Lo, I am with you always!***" Matthew 28:20b. God invites us all to be blessed of Him, saying: "***the Lord has waited to be gracious to you and now exalts Himself to show you mercy. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him***" Isaiah 30:18, for He who comes to us comes for our good!

Rejoicing to live in Jesus, our ever-present, living Lord! Pastor Kramp



**Returning to Worship in the Sanctuary –
What health safety protocols will be followed?
Read the guidance below for advised practices.**



I was glad when they said to me, “*Let us go to the house of the Lord.*” – Ps. 122:1

Surfaces that are touched, including pews, communion rails, door handles and bathroom counters will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each Service.

Please limit direct physical contact with those beyond your household.

Please refrain from handshakes and hugging.

Hand sanitizers will be available in the narthex.

As you enter the sanctuary, please take a bulletin with printed Order of Service.
(*We will not use the hymnals for the time being, as they are difficult to clean.*)

Offering plates will not be passed. They are placed at the back of the sanctuary.

Seating will be in every other pew. Please sit with your household in one pew.

Please do your best to maintain six feet social distancing from other households.

Worshippers may wear masks over the mouth and nose though not mandatory.

Children should remain in their pews with family during children’s messages.

Pastor (and assisting Elder) will make use of hand sanitizer and wear masks for distribution of the Lord’s Supper (*2nd, 4th weeks of the month*). Please practice social distancing at the communion rail (*except with your household’s members*).

Weather permitting, outside doors will be opened as Services conclude so as to avoid many hands touching exterior door handles.

There will be no official greeters, but freely and warmly greet others at a distance.

<p>We need teams of 2-4 each week to clean pews, door handles and counters after Services. Supplies are on hand. Please tell Pastor if you will help.</p>
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Weekly Services will be recorded Sunday mornings at St. John and posted later on Sunday afternoons for viewing by those unable to attend in person.

Our Weekly Worship Services are being aired on Facebook & Youtube:

Tune in to Services broadcast online from the sanctuary at St. John, Hillsboro, on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/> or on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLPIyYS8NIJFJW2gbMEIa3Q>.

Also on the church Facebook page: church news updates & announcements.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONS

Issues, Etc. syndicated radio talk show and podcasts feature expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ, all hosted by LC-MS Pastor Todd Wilken. Tune to various programs via their website: <https://www.issuesetc.org/>

KFUO Radio shares Christ via chapel services, Bible studies, talk programs and sacred music. Programs on demand at <https://www.KFUO.org> or **@KFUOradio** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. A study of Romans: “*The Righteousness of God for You*,” is on Sharper Iron, weekdays at 8 a.m. CT. Thy Strong Word, weekdays at 11 a.m. CT, provides a study on Revelation. Daily Chapel is M-F at 10:00 a.m. CT.

The LCMS offers devotions M-F at 9 a.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/> Archived video devotions by Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, First V-P Rev. Peter Lange, and LCMS Director of Worship, the Rev. Sean Daenzer are also at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR_hYiKXw



RECEPTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Christ instituted His holy Supper for His disciples’ comfort and strengthening in Christian faith, and in body and soul. We will again offer the Lord’s Supper in Divine Services the Second and Fourth weeks of the month. **St. John and Trinity members who remain at home with various health concerns, yet wish to receive the Lord’s Supper, please call Pastor Kramp at: (701) 430-7117. Pastor will gladly make arrangements with you to receive the Lord’s Supper.**

Church Offerings –

If coming to church for worship, offerings may be placed in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If underlying health conditions keep you away, you may mail in your offerings. **Offerings for Trinity** should be addressed as follows: Attention Treasurer, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 128th Ave. SE, Hope ND 58046. **Offerings for St. John** may be mailed to the attention of Financial Secretary, Nicole Haffely, at: St. John Lutheran Church, PO Box 99, Hillsboro, ND 58045. Or drop off your offering in an envelope to Nicole’s attention at the drive-up window of Goose River Bank, Hillsboro.



**Class
of 2020**

Congratulations, 2020 high school graduates:
Avery Rotvold, Tristan Manthey, David Steinke.
We applaud **Annika Rotvold**, Summa Cum Laude graduate, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences and Psychology from NDSU.

We join your families in thanking God for each one of you, and in praise of your achievements. Our gracious Lord bless each of you in your future endeavors.

Special Confirmation Services will be held at St. John and Trinity in the near future. Dates and times are to be determined, contingent on consultation with each of the families of our Confirmands. These will be announced in advance.

Trinity LWML –

Ladies of Trinity, keep an eye out for announcements of future meetings.



St. John LWML

Although it seems like ages since we last met, the good news is that we will hold the regularly scheduled **June 13th** LWML meeting! A few adaptations to note: The meeting will begin at 9:30 am; there will be no coffee or brunch snack at this time. Please wear a mask if that makes you more comfortable. The tables will be arranged so we can sit appropriately distanced. Please bring your own Bibles and the Spring Quarterly.

The Summer Quarterlies have arrived and are available for you to pick up at your convenience.

The quilts will be displayed on a rotating basis from June 7th – June 21st and only placed on the “choir” pews at the front of the church to reduce undue handling. **If you wish to purchase a quilt please speak to Kathy Hanson or Sharon Schlichtmann.**

If you have a child who will be attending camp (for example – Shepherd’s Hill) the LWML will pay for ¼ of the registration.

Kathy Hanson, LWML President

St. John Treasurer’s Report for April 2020

General Fund	April	Jan - April
Receipts*	\$16,033.95	\$34,074.75
Expenses	\$ 8,054.76	\$34,264.30
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 7,979.19	(\$189.55)

*Includes PPP Loan



Funeral at St. John

Dianne Marie Schlichtmann

B: 3/16/1951

D: 5/22/2020

F: 5/28/2020

June Birthdays

- 2 Kevin Grothmann
- 3 Shannon Elbert
- 4 Sharon Kroeplin
- 6 Cody Rage
- 8 Julie Ellingson
- 8 Susan Lemley
- 8 Barry Grothmann
- 8 Kevin Meyer
- 9 Melissa Kolrud
- 10 Doris Bakken
- 15 Ruth Johnson
- 17 Joshua Manthey
- 21 June Schlichtmann
- 23 Kathy Cuthbertson
- 23 Roman Salander
- 24 Jeremy Brendemuhl
- 25 Sawyer Manthey
- 26 Eleanor Stromberg
- 29 Thomas Johnson
- 30 Matthew Meyer
- 30 Cassidy Mueller

June Anniversaries

- 9 Don & Kathy Hanson
- 11 Raphael & Nicole Gietzen
- 12 Elliot & Lisa Rotvold
- 15 Ray & Sharon Schlichtmann
- 19 Jerry & Kim Hashbarger
- 21 Kelly & Kim Salander
- 22 Paul & Melissa Kozojed
- 22 Harold & Alice McDonald
- 23 Clark & Susan Lemley
- 25 Lee & June Schlichtmann
- 28 Brian & Jan Bohnsack
- 29 Pastor & Ginger Kramp

"MAIN STREET LIVING" JUNE UPDATE

Have you been viewing the "*This Is The Life*" programs with MSL Divine Services on Sundays? As LCMS President Harrison states in introducing these, "*though recorded in the 1960's and 70's, the subject matter is still very relevant!*" These critically acclaimed dramas still do a wonderful job of "*bringing Christ to the nations!*"

While many congregations are again assembling in person, many within our viewing area are still staying home. This is an excellent time to invite friends and neighbors to tune to *Main Street Living* on TV or the internet! In addition to broadcasts each Sunday morning, you can view all archived programs at any time at: www.mainstreetliving.com, clicking on the link identified as "North (Fargo)."

Thanks for your much-needed financial support! Send Checks to "*Main Street Living North*," 821 5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103. Or donate by Credit Card or PayPal on the website. God's blessing in Christ! –

Ken Koehler, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.

June 7th: Rev. Jared Nies, St. John's Lutheran Church, Corliss, MN, presents the message: "*In the beginning, God ... Who is That?*" based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a. The *This Is The Life* program is: "*Give and Take*."

June 14: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, has the message: "*What Jesus Sees in Us*," based on Matthew 9:35-10:20. In *This Is The Life's*: "*No Tears for Bill*."

June 21: Rev. Eli Voigt, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bagley, MN, gives the message: "*God of Joy*," based on Hebrews 12:2. *This Is The Life* presents: "*Two Weeks to Eternity*."

June 28: Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND & St. John's Lutheran Church, Belford, ND, presents the message: "*The Cost of Peace*," based on Matthew 10:34-42. *This Is The Life* program is: "*The House of Sand*."

"**MAIN STREET LIVING**," a locally-produced TV program, includes a 30-minute worship service led by pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, and a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program, usually "*This Is The Life*." Programs are aired Sundays at 9 a.m. on FOX station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead. Or view MSLN programs at: www.mainstreetliving.com, clicking on "North (Fargo)."

The Mystery of the Trinity

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:13-15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15



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TRUTH	FATHER	RECEIVE	KNOWN	GUIDE
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GLORIFY	COMES	TRUTH	HEARS	TELL