

## Semi Annual Voters Meeting Pastor's Report May 16, 2021

## In a year of unsettling change, we know what never changes: we are in this place and time to Make Jesus Known to all

Ministry at Trinity has gone through some changes this past year. COVID has altered the way we communicate, the way we fellowship, and even the way we worship. Many of us would have never imagined worshipping with the whole family while sitting in the living room watching the tv or computer screen. Thanks be to God that He never changes! Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That simple truth should bring us



**Reopening** — When we reopened the Sanctuary June 1, protocols called for being socially distanced and masked. But worship is still worship!



A Little Different! — With COVID restrictions forcing Trinity to close its doors to in-person worship from late March through June 1, Pastors Heimsoth and Potts came up with new ways to reach people. Here, they are shown in the Trinity Cemetery recording Easter Sunrise service 2020 so everyone could watch and participate from home.

great comfort at time when everything seems to always be changing. Ministry at Trinity still remains all about Making Jesus Known. That is the heart of what we are about as a church. In worship, we Make Jesus Known by celebrating in the gifts of forgiveness and life he gives through the Word and in the Sacraments. In the ministry of the school, we Make Jesus Known by teaching about Him to our students, not just at religion time but throughout the day. As members of the body of Christ, we are Making Jesus Known when we lift up our members in prayer, cook dinner for a family member recovering from surgery, stand up with and encourage a brother or sister who is struggling. We are blessed to have a place to gather in worship, but it is in worship that we are refreshed and renewed so that we can go out to

share the message of hope we have in Jesus. At Trinity we are all about Making Jesus Known.

This year also saw a major staff change, as Pastor Heimsoth took a Call to serve at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School in Eastpointe, MI. It has been hard not having him here to lead, to care, and to encourage us. We are however, very thankful that God is still using him to serve the church elsewhere. I have been blessed to be Called here to Trinity to serve as the Senior Pastor and as of May 9, I have accepted that call. We are looking forward to the work that God is going to be doing at Trinity!

Pastor Daniel Potts

## Homebound ministry at Trinity

The last year has been challenging. Visits were limited by restrictions and members' comfort level. March through July saw only a handful of calls each month. Since August, we are nearly back to normal. At present we have 28 members I regularly visit and the list can change as needed. Nursing home visits still are restricted by the facilities. If you would like a visit including Communion, just called the Church Office at 242-2308.

Pastor Dennis Mann

## Children's Corner

We long to see the Sanctuary filled with children again — worshipping, singing, or helping as junior ushers and greeters. Here are some of the upcoming plans:

**Children's Message** – We are wanting to reincorporate children's messages back into worship. So please be looking for the opportunity to have your kids and grandkids come up front to talk with Pastor during worship.

**Kids Kingdom** — We are planning to relaunch our Kids Kingdom ministry this summer. This includes staffing the nursery during the 10:30 service, and having a children's centric time during the 10:30 service as well. Tiffany Seibert is excited to be leading this ministry again.

**VBS** — We are excited to be partnering with Grace Lutheran and Holy Ghost to be doing a tri-church Vacation Bible School program. It will take place Aug 8— Aug 12. Grace will be hosting it. Tiffany Seibert has been working very hard with members



We look forward to this again! — Pre-pandemic, kids filled the aisle to watch Finn Bondy getting baptized.

from the other churches to put on a great event. But, obviously, it takes more volunteers to create the right atmosphere, teach and guide, feed and organize, if the week is to be a success. Please consider if this is something you can have fun doing. We'd love to have you there! Contact Tiffany at 652-2926.

Playground — We have been dreaming about updating our playground for many years. With more than 200 students on campus it gets lots of use. Some of the equipment was broken and has been removed or can't be used; some is considered obsolete under today's guidelines. All this underscores our excitement that fundraising has been going on and a committee has been pulled together to begin the transformation. One major opportunity to raise money for the playground is the Heritage Patio bricks. Your message on a brick includes funds for the playground. If you would like to order bricks or simply make a donation to playground equipment or infrastructure, you can start by contacting the School Office at 241-1160.