**Update: April 15, 2020**

**From Pastor Mark Kvale**

Hello Trinity,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Last evening was the first meeting of Trinity’s Church Council since we paused all of our ‘in-person’ meetings and gathering in response to the novel corona virus pandemic. We met via “Zoom,” which, I dare say, was new to many of us. Dear friends of Trinity, please know that our council was hard at it, being the responsible leaders they are, and are working diligently to serve us and Jesus in all we do. Thank you, leaders!

Here are some items for our Wednesday update:

You can find all of our worships for this past week on our website. www.tlcsparta.org.

**Bulletins for Sunday’s worship are available on our website, and in the resource box located outside of Trinity’s front door.**

**Worship:** this coming Sunday will be streamed live at 9 am on our Facebook group page, and will be recorded and made available on our website (www.tlcsparta.org)

**Morning Prayer:** We have been gathering for Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am on Trinity’s Zoom Meeting. If you would like to join us, please email Pastor Mark (pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com) and he will send you an invitation. We would love to see you!

**Prayer Concerns:**

We pray for Roger Thorson, who is in the hospital in La Crosse

We continue to pray for Lisa Engh and family at the death of Lisa’s mother.

We pray for Ron and Karen Wall and family at the death of Ron’s mother last night.

“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on her.”

We pray for all those who provide medical care.

We pray for those who are ill, both with Covid-19 and with other illnesses.

We pray for those who are lonely and having a hard time.

We pray for those who have been laid off, furloughed, or who have lost jobs.

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Mark (608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com)

**Bible studies:** If you are interested in being part of an online bible study, please email Pastor Mark (pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com). He is planning on a study of the book of Acts.

**Sunday School at Home!**

While we are not able to be at our building for Sunday School, here is a great resource for our children and families to keep learning about Jesus. Sparkhouse Publishing is providing a free resource for Sunday School at home. Please check out this website:

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/?utm_content=126079066&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-128544820522453&fbclid=IwAR0a0m_ytZngd_T__IkfcmDAOYMeSd5jCxP_0HL6ikb16jC6vPbWEq2R9HU>

**Help Available!**

The Bread Basket Ecumenical Food Pantry, located at 114 N. Water St. in Sparta, is open from 10 am to Noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and again on Tuesday Evenings from 5-7 pm. **All with a need for food are welcome!** With the current covid19 issues, only workers are allowed into the pantry at this time. Those needing food are asked to fill out a form which is on a cart outside the pantry door. This forms lets the workers know what type of perishable items each family needs. (All non-perishable items have been pre-packed). The pantry workers will fill the order and bring the items out. **If you know people who are in need of food but can’t get to the pantry, please let Pastor Mark know!**

A prayer for us today:

*O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other’s burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts’ longings for the healing of our world. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, amen.*

In the love of Jesus

Pastor Mark