

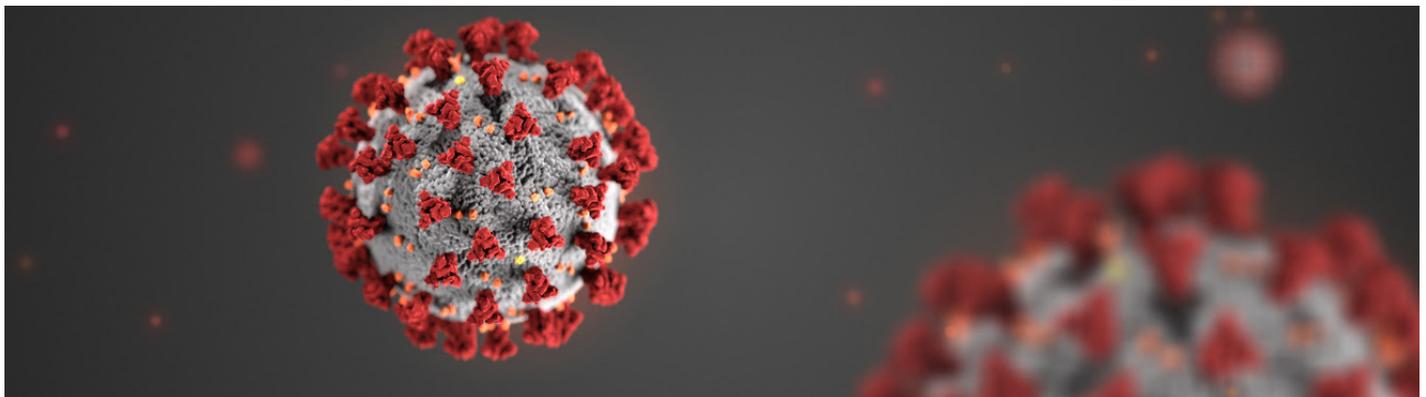


# Trinity Today

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## Restart Plans At Trinity Downtown



*So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. 1 Peter 1:13a MSG*

As you are aware, Governor Abbott announced his plan to gradually reopen businesses over the coming weeks and months. His plan appears carefully calibrated to balance the need for continued social distancing with the needs of workers to get back to their jobs. We are grateful for his leadership, and that he recognizes the positive roles churches play in our community and has honored our rights to freedom of religion granted under the Constitution.

Abbott's plan loosened the COVID-19 restrictions for businesses in phases. Phase I allows a business to bring customers into their premises up to 25% of their facility's capacity. Phase II increases that limit to 50%.

Regardless of what phase we're in, Governor Abbott was clear that we should all continue to be "on guard" against taking any steps that might worsen the COVID-19 epidemic. He specifically encouraged those over 65 years of age and those with underlying medical conditions to be very cautious in choosing any increase in social interaction. *Although his plan outlines a gradual decrease in the existing COVID-19 restrictions, it can be stopped or reversed if the epidemic gains ground.*

As a staff, we have been planning for the day the COVID restrictions will be loosened, and now is the time to take concrete steps. Our planning process for re-opening Trinity Downtown for worship, Bible study and other activities is guided by a number of assumptions, which I'd like to share with you.

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## **The health of our congregation, volunteers, staff and community remains paramount.**

The coronavirus is apparently easy to catch from person-to-person contact and individuals can be infectious without their knowledge. Most infections result in mild or moderate flu-like symptoms but can be much more serious for "at risk" individuals, including those over 65 and/or who have pre-existing health constraints. During the recent lock-down period, we learned one way we could truly love our neighbors was by staying away from them!

Minimizing each participant's exposure in compliance with CDC guidelines and the Governor's order will impact many aspects of our worship, including how we:

- Set appropriate limits on the number of attendees at each worship service. Do we turn away potential worshipers that exceed the limit? Should we conduct additional worship services to allow for increased distance between worshipers?
- Screen everyone who comes into the building for COVID-19 symptoms
- Partake of Communion and take the offering, and
- Maintain appropriate physical distancing while entering, worshiping and exiting.

Much planning is required. I met with an *ad hoc* team of congregants on May 4 to help us devise the wisest answers to these questions.

## **We've been overjoyed to learn that online worship and Bible study can be effective and positive.**

There's good news, even in the midst of an epidemic. Many churches across all denominations are reporting that their online attendance has significantly exceeded their on site attendance. That's certainly true at Trinity Downtown. Depending on the way "online attendance" is counted, we've experienced a 30%-80% increase in the number of people who are joining us in worship and hearing the Gospel. We've actually had many self-acknowledged "first time guests."

The same is true for our online Bible studies. During the last 4-5 weeks, our Adult Bible Study teachers have done an outstanding job in maintaining and building their classroom attendance.

Again, who would have imagined that would happen? God was just waiting for us to discover something He already knew. *So it is our intention to continue offering an option to attend online worship for the foreseeable future, and to invest in the appropriate technology to continue offering this as an option even after the COVID-19 crisis abates.*

## **We've been working much more closely with our sister LCMS churches.**

The COVID-19 restrictions have given us a real opportunity to work closely and cooperatively with our fellow LCMS churches in the Houston area. It's also increased the collaboration between churches of various denominations as we all grapple with similar issues and concerns.

## **So what are Trinity's current re-opening plans?**

We think it is wise to follow Governor Abbott's capacity guidelines. Although meant for businesses, they provide wise guardrails for churches, too. In thinking about the logistics of conducting worship services with a maximum capacity of 25% (or about 100 attendees, including pastors, staff, volunteers, choir, tech team, etc.) we concluded that conducting services during Phase I of the plan would be difficult, probably require adding additional worship opportunities and put an undue burden on our volunteers.

Assuming Phase II of the Governor's plan has been implemented, **our current plan is to target reopening Trinity Downtown for worship on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> (for the 5:00 pm Satellite Service) and at**

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**8:15 am and 10:50 am on Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.** This will allow us time to devise effective social distancing methods and double the number of worshipers allowed in any single worship service. This target date is consistent with what many of our sister LCMS churches are aiming at. Churches in other denominations have drawn the same conclusion; over 80 large Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Southern Baptist congregations in the Houston area have already publicly announced they will not begin meeting for worship until June.

Even after our worship activities restart, Adult Bible Study classes will continue meeting online through the end of June, along with our existing online Sunday School activities for children. We'll evaluate restarting face-to-face Bible study opportunities on a future date to be announced no later than June 30. Of course, we will continue to support online meetings of our various groups to continue God's work among us and to provide fellowship. And we'll need to work out the logistics of having on-site worship services and online Bible studies. Stay tuned for updates on all these details.

Other non-worship related meetings and activities on Trinity's campus during May and June will be evaluated on a case by case basis but these are expected to be minimal.

### **Prayer matters**

Please continue joining me in prayer for the health of our community, strength for our medical professionals and wisdom for our government leaders. There's MUCH to accomplish together as life returns to the "new normal". God has used the coronavirus epidemic to expose fears, relationship issues, and economic hurts, and is preparing the ground for His work to be accomplished. The coming months will provide us all an enhanced opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors. Let's stay mindful and prayerful.

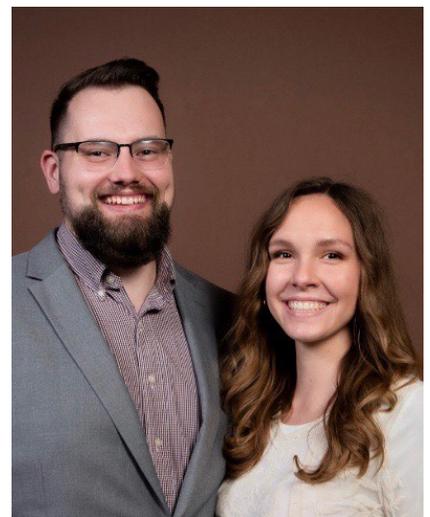
Your Pastor,  
  
Michael Dorn

## **Michael Winckler - Director of Youth Ministries**

This month, Trinity Downtown thanks God, with tremendous praise, for the two years we have been blessed by the ministry of Michael Winckler. Michael and his beloved bride Abby will leave Houston at the end of May, as Michael enrolls at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, to prepare for the pastoral ministry of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Michael, in his time among us, has painted a picture of what youth ministry can be here at Trinity Downtown. He has cast vision, implemented structures, worked passionately with our members of all ages and, most importantly, he has guided, mentored, disciplined, been in relationship with, and loved our church's youth. We are grateful to both Michael and Abby for their time among us and we eagerly wait to see how God is "messing" with them and what He has in store next.

Michael and Abby's last weekend with us will be on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31. Michael will be honored for his ministry and prayed for at all three worship services that weekend. A gift box will be available for Trinity members who wish to share a card or financial gift, in thanksgiving for Michael's ministry. Members may also send financial gifts and cards directly to the church (800 Houston Ave. Houston, TX 77007). All checks should be payable directly to Michael Winckler. Gifts collected after Michael and Abby move will be mailed to them in St. Louis.



# Call Committee Formed in Search for New Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

With Michael Winckler leaving Trinity Downtown at the end of the month to follow God's Calling and serve His church as a pastor, we find ourselves with a vacancy in an important ministry in our congregation. Accordingly, the Governing Board has established a Call Committee to seek a candidate to serve as the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. Vice Chairman of the congregation and Elder, Dan Krueger will chair the Call Committee, assisted by staff members Pastor Dorn and Matt Meier.

Making up the rest of the committee are:

- Josh Rodriguez (Governing Board member and Elder)
- Brooke Abby
- Joe Buenker
- Theron Jenkins
- Ruanne Kuhlmann
- John Menke
- Elizabeth Oliver
- Becky Richert
- Hunter Simonsen



The Call committee held its first virtual meeting on Thursday, April 30, to begin the process of considering candidates provided from both our Concordia University System as well as the Texas District of the LCMS. Members of Trinity are encouraged to submit candidate names for consideration by contacting Dan Krueger, Matt Meier, or Pastor Dorn. Names of candidates will be accepted through Friday, May 15.

## Sherri Schroeder Selected as One of Houston's Top 150 Nurses

Congratulations to Trinity member, Sherri Schroeder, for being selected to the Houston Chronicle's Top 150 Nurses list. Every year the Houston Chronicle celebrates nurses during Nurses' Week. Sherri has been a Registered Nurse for 35 years and has spent her entire career working the night shift at Houston Methodist in the Medical Center. She is a Certified Urology R.N. and member of SUNA (Society of Urological Nurses Association), long-term member of the Clinical Informatics, Technology and Innovation Council, has mentored numerous graduate nurses and serves as Shared Governance Chair of F12, a gynecology-urology floor.

Sherri also leads the Health Cabinet at Trinity and organizes the quarterly blood drives and annual Flu Vaccine Clinic. She helps when an emergency arises during church services or Trinity events and was instrumental in obtaining and now maintaining the emergency medical equipment and supplies.

She also participates in the Peace-Filled Quilters, Ladies Circle Ministries, Tuesday morning Women's Bible class, Pastor Paul Dorn's Sunday morning Bible class, and is a charter member of the Houston Lutheran Chorale.



# Facemasks Available for Congregation

A number of ladies from our congregation have been busy sewing washable cloth facemasks for friends and members of our congregation who need them. If you would like a facemask, please contact Stefanie Bowman at 713.224.0684 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make arrangements to get a facemask. Thank you, ladies, for using your talents to help others.



Masks sewn by Liz Gallmeier



Masks sewn by Betty Dorn



Masks sewn by Sherri and Pam Schroeder



Masks sewn by Mary Jane Rogers



Masks sewn by Gail Flaviani

# Online Bible Study Opportunities

Adult Bible Study classes will be meeting via video teleconference. To join a class, go to our website, [www.trinitydt.org](http://www.trinitydt.org), and click on Bible Study under the Connect tab. Click on the square labeled "Video Call Information" and a few minutes before the class is to begin, click on the link of the class you want to join.

*Study  
with us  
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## SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

### **Hope For Today**

Led by Jim Cleary

### **Hope in Captivity – A Study of Philippians**

Led by Pastor Aaron & Becky Richert

### **Life Today and Forever with Jesus**

Led by Pastor Paul Dorn

Come explore the witness of Matthew's gospel and discover how to walk with our Lord and Savior.

### **Praying—Meeting God in Daily Life**

Led by Bill Fischer's Team

### **What's Next?**

Led by Thomas DeVries

Many people want to make sense of our current situation. This class focuses on what is still to come and how to prepare ourselves and our community spiritually for What's Next.

## WEDNESDAYS

### **Waiting – A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust (Women's Study)**

Led by Jan Case

9:30 AM

### **Gideon (Women's Study)**

Led by Mary Oliver

6:30 PM

We are using a new study of Priscilla Shirer's book, Gideon. Through Gideon's story, we are studying how God provides His love and strength for us in spite of our weaknesses. We will learn how our weaknesses can be used by God for His purpose. An online study guide is available for \$5.00 at Lifeway.com. The printed study guide book is \$14.99 on Lifeway.com.

### **Virtual Midweek Spiritual Check-in**

Led by Jim Cleary

7:00 PM

## THURSDAYS

### **Sonrise Bible Study**

Led by Pastor Donald Black

7:30 AM

The class discusses the Scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. The class is open to men and women. For more information, contact Bill Fischer at 713.827.8664 or [bfisch@aol.com](mailto:bfisch@aol.com).

# Beautiful...and Terrible Things

God's Peace Trinity Downtown!

During this odd time in history we are universally experiencing with... well with the world. I have heard this same comment in different ways from many of you. Upon hearing the news of me pursuing the call into pastoral ministry responses have been as such "Selfishly I really hate to see you go, but I am excited for the church at large." This encouragement is twofold. Here is why.

Of all the words about the spiritual life, or simply life for that matter, that I have witnessed to be true in my almost but not quite 26 years now, these may be some of the truest. They come from the writer Frederick Buechner: Here is the world. Terrible and beautiful things will happen. Don't be afraid. While Buechner said "Here is the world," he could have just as easily said Here is your life, and maybe that's what he was really getting at, because while most of us find the world somewhat interesting, what most of us are most interested in is ourselves. Call it selfish if you will, I call it human.



Continue to be human, to be selfish for Trinity Downtown and the beloved youth who call this church home. Take diligence for their care, listen to their needs, support those who are already doing so. I can assure you staff, and lay leadership are already "selfishly" working to find someone to Call, to help guide and walk alongside y'all in this ever so important endeavor.

If I had to compress my feelings of what I would want to say into something that faithfully captures the essence of my departure, then it would be not the exact words but rather the spirit of Buechner's truth: Terrible and beautiful things will happen in life. Don't be afraid. It is a truth I have heard spoken during my time here at Trinity, and also a truth we have in the past and continue to this day to live in together.

While Buechner said "Don't be afraid," he could have just as easily said keep taking chances because that's what it means to stay alive and not let fear hamstring us. And I have witnessed this at Trinity, in the youth who courageously and earnestly live out their faith that is becoming less commonplace in our world. In the youth mentors and volunteers who take time to do the hard job of listening and learning about the youth to better build bridges that lead to Christ. The beauty of it is we continue to live in the freedom of the Gospel to be able to keep taking chances. Chances that I pray each of you continue to take, chances that lead you deeper into relationships with those around you and ultimately chances that lead you to Christ and the good news of His death and resurrection for you.

Terrible and beautiful things will happen, none of us get a pass. But also, and I believe Buechner was intentional in his word order, that beautiful is the last word in that phrase, that beautiful gets the final say, that somehow, in some way, the darkness cannot overcome the light, that after Ash Wednesday comes Easter.

Yes, let us continue to move forward and live into what is next for us. Abby and I will do the same. And while we hope not, but know better, that no doubt there will be terrible moments ahead, we're also betting on beautiful ones, for all of us. We've no idea what they will look like for y'all or for us, but we believe they'll be there. And yes, while Abby and I will be moving on, we have been a small part in the story of Trinity Downtown, and for that we are dearly thankful. Plus, of course, all of our stories are wrapped up in God's story, and that one ends beautifully ever after. And for that I am thankful, too.

There is no word in the Navajo language for goodbye. They say, translated, "Until I see you again." I've always loved that. So, until we see y'all again, we say this to y'all as we're also whispering it to ourselves: Don't be afraid.

Keep The Faith,  
Michael & Abby Winckler

# Finance Corner - May 1, 2020

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV*



Last December, who would have guessed our entire planet would be facing the effects of a pandemic. Of course, God was not surprised, and continues to actively work for the good of His Kingdom.

The COVID-19 pandemic has given Trinity Downtown the opportunity to reach out to our community through unexpected pathways, and to expand the reach of our ministry using our online platform.

I am thrilled to report that we have seen a number of joyful blessings during the COVID-19 restrictions. For example:

- Conservatively assuming each download of our online service only equates to one viewer, on average during the COVID-19 restrictions **we have experienced a 32% increase in worship attendance.**
- Our Easter festival worship service had 1,067 downloads, significantly more than the 895 that attended all four Easter services in 2019. Based on the online attendance cards, it would appear that for each download of a worship service, we reach an average of 1.4 individuals. Doing the math, that would imply **we had over 1,500 individuals who celebrated our Lord's resurrection with us on Easter.**
- Our online adult Bible studies have seen, on average, a 7% increase in online participation.
- **Through March, tithes and offerings were 10% above our budget, while expenses were in line with our projections.**
- In March and much of April, the sack lunch ministry experienced an increase in the number of those requesting food, and many **members and friends have scoured the eastern half of Texas for supplies** to keep the sack lunch ministry well-supplied!

Of course, challenges remain ahead, and there is MUCH to accomplish as life returns to the "new normal." God will continue to use COVID-19 to expose fears, relationship issues, and economic hurts, and is preparing the ground for His work to be accomplished. **Thank you for your faithful generosity in March and April.** Your stewardship will be even more important as we look forward to increased ministry needs in the coming months and years.

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**How to increase your giving to Trinity without spending any additional money.**

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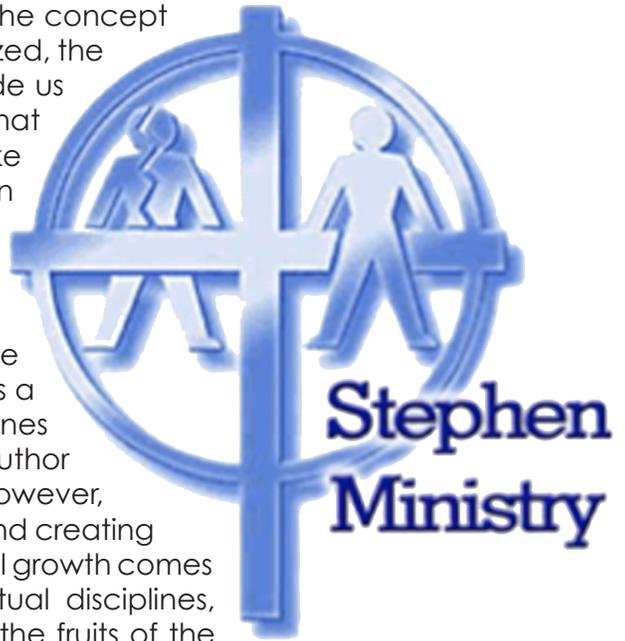
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# Setting Ourselves Up for Success

One of the most treasured insights from Martin Luther is the concept that we are simultaneously saints and sinners. Being baptized, the Holy Spirit lives in us, so we can feel the Spirit cringe inside us when the “sinner” shows up in our conduct or thoughts. That said, we know that simply “trying harder” to be more like Jesus is doomed to failure; we cannot change by our own effort. We need to do something else to “set ourselves up” for success!

In February 2020, the Stephen Ministers began studying a Christian discipleship classic by Richard Foster. The “Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth” is a spiritual guidebook explaining the twelve Spiritual Disciplines and how they can bring each of us closer to God. As the author says, “Farmers have no power to make the crops grow, however, they [the farmers] do the work of preparing the ground and creating conditions for the crops to grow.” In the same way, spiritual growth comes from the Lord, and by engaging in these classic spiritual disciplines, we help to create conditions where we can recognize the fruits of the spirit and help them thrive in our lives. One of the best ways to do that is participate in the spiritual “exercise program” of the classic spiritual disciplines like prayer, Bible study, solitude, submission and confession.



Given the recent COVID-19 restrictions, the Stephen Ministers have been forced to meet virtually. To that end, Krystle Marcis recorded two videos that highlight the disciplines of fasting, study, simplicity and solitude.

These videos really help us to understand how we can participate in God's work in our lives. We've uploaded them into Trinity Downtown's [YouTube Channel](#), and you can view them at your leisure. You can also go directly to the first video on fasting and Bible study [here](#), and get to the second video on simplicity and solitude [here](#).

Joining us for this study has no obligations to become a Stephen Minister - we just want to serve the members of Trinity by inviting you on this journey to spiritual growth and development. The sessions will be mostly independent of each other, so even if you can only view one of the studies, you will still gain something!

Stephen Ministers are commissioned members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of specialized training to equip them to provide Christ-focused, **highly confidential** care and prayer support to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge or simply going through a tough time.

During these stressful times, if you'd like to learn more about how our Stephen Ministry could provide a listening ear and caring heart for yourself, a loved one, friend, neighbor or co-worker (inside or outside our congregation) please speak with one of our pastors, or reach out to Ron Lacy at [rlacy@trinitydt.org](mailto:rlacy@trinitydt.org) or 713.229.2970.

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# LWML Texas District 2020 Convention Cancelled

With a heavy heart the Executive Committee (EC) of LWML Texas District has had to cancel physically gathering together in Corpus Christi for the 2020 convention. The virus that causes COVID-19 has required an executive order from Governor Abbott that outlines minimum standard health protocols. Based on those, we felt it was not safe or feasible for the convention to be held as planned. The EC thanks the Host Committee for working diligently to prepare for the convention. All of your efforts were to glorify God and nothing is wasted. Treasurer Kelly Bernhardt and Registrar Beth Franke will be expediting full refunds to all registrants. All reservations of hotel rooms at the Omni will be cancelled. You should receive an email from the Omni to confirm the cancellation.



*Joyfully* serve the Lord  
*Openly* confess the Gospel  
*Yearn* to grow in God's Word

The EC will continue working to restructure our plans to conduct business and possibly offer a virtual convention experience. Our business, including elections, will be conducted through electronic means (computer, smart phone or tablet).

The candidate biographies are on our website at <https://www.lwmltxdist.org/2020-lwml-candidate-bios>. The proposed mission grant descriptions and resolutions can be found at <https://www.lwmltxdist.org/mission-grants-proposals>. The mission grant video will be posted there soon. The proposed bylaw amendments can be found at <https://www.lwmltxdist.org/convention>. We will be sending out more information soon to the zone presidents as plans are completed.

Because it is difficult to reach every member of our district, we encourage those who receive this email to share the information with all LWML members.

Personally, I thank you for the many prayers and encouraging notes. Throughout this difficult process of waiting and praying for God's answer, I was reminded that He is my Hope and Anchor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [president@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:president@lwmltxdist.org).

*We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 6:19-20).*

Serving with JOY,  
Debbie Curry  
President  
LWML Texas District

## Ladies Circle Events for May Cancelled

The Ladies Circle will not meet at its usual date in early May and so the National Day of Prayer Service will also NOT be held at noon on May 7. However, you are encouraged to spend some extra time in prayer at home on that day for our church, our city, county, state, nation and world.

The celebration of our 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary will also not be held this month.

Members of the Ladies Circle Executive Board will be notified if an Executive Board meeting is rescheduled by phone or online.



# “Parenting Through Crisis and Transition: Family Emotional Health” Webinar

I pray that you are all well. I also pray that you all know how much we miss seeing all of you in person and we eagerly await the time when we can safely resume worshiping and meeting together. Please continue to let us know what we can do for you or how we can pray for you during these days.



I'd like to invite you to virtually attend an upcoming webinar entitled “Parenting Through Crisis and Transition: Family Emotional Health” webinar sponsored by Houston area LCMS churches that will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. through Zoom. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, teachers, educators, pastors, ministry leaders, and others to learn ways to disciple and lead the next generation through these stressful times. While focusing on the truth and grace of Jesus, we can address the reality of fear, stress and anxiety in our children, and ourselves, with honesty and vulnerability and learn helpful and encouraging ways to move forward. We'll also discuss the next steps we face, especially as we transition out of “stay at home.” **You must register to attend.**

To access the webinar, you will need to register. After you register you will receive the log-in information for the Zoom Webinar. If you don't have a Zoom account you will need to create one (there is a free-membership account available). Please let us know if you need assistance with getting yourself set up with a Zoom account.

- 1) Direct registration link: <https://gloriadei.wufoo.com/forms/q13gzgry1r7q65w/>
- 2) Event page on GDLC website: <https://www.gdlc.org/event/2020-05-17-parenting-through-crisis-and-transition-family-emotional-health-webinar/>

We pray that this webinar will be a blessing to you.

Peace in Christ,  
Matt Meier



God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

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*Minutes of the Governing Board are available to our  
members at the Welcome Center.*

# Keep Calm and Gather On: Mite Offering Options

During this unconventional and fearful time of disrupted lives, many are missing their LWML group or zone activities. It is important for us to remember there are still mite goals to be met. LWML is depending on our monthly 25% to continue funding the national mission goal. The LWML Texas District mission grants have been funded for 2018-20, but there will be new ones adopted this summer. With this uncertainty, our hope remains in Christ our anchor. One certainty is our work must continue – there is no shelter in place for the command go and tell given us by Jesus.



Societies and groups are encouraged to seek means of continuing to gather and submit mites monthly. Not all members utilize the mite box. For those who prefer giving a lump sum dollar amount at a meeting, please continue the habit. Grab a mug, place it in an obvious spot and fill it with those lump sum funds!

Mailing your offerings to your church? Mail a check to your society treasurer at the same time. Unconventional times call for unconventional actions. Who knows – the unconventional may work so well it becomes conventional?

Until such time as this pandemic no longer rules our lifestyles, the district is providing an additional temporary means of submitting mites. The Financial Secretary will now accept checks (no cash please) from individual society members. Please make checks payable to LWML Texas District. These checks can be mailed directly to her at the address below. Please include a note with your name, church and city, society name, your phone number and email address (if applicable). The offering will be credited to your society just as if it had flowed through the society's treasury. The contact information is necessary should there be a question regarding your offering. This method will cease once the so call "normal" returns.

Don't forget – the Joyful Response® program is also available. Through this method, you can authorize a bank withdrawal either monthly, quarterly or yearly through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. These contributions are also included in your society's biennium mite offering totals. The form is available from the financial secretary. The information remains with the Financial Secretary's files until you choose to cease the contributions. After the appropriate time, these files are destroyed as required by federal standards.

Financial Secretary information:  
Frances Molitor  
Financial Secretary, LWML Texas District  
PO Box 820  
Anderson, TX 77830

Remember – the checks are to be made payable to **"LWML Texas District"** and include information as to your church, church city, and society name.

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