

Six Ways In Person Worship is Better than Virtual

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Biggest Challenge to In Person Worship is: _____

Intentional Strategies

- Coffee and Community
- Center on Christ
- Canceled our LiveStream
- Consistent Excellence in Worship
- Connect Your Community to In Person Worship
- Carry Out Elders' Work

Random Thoughts About Posting Services or Livestreaming

- If you can't do this well, don't do it!
 - If you are going to post a service, make sure it is high enough quality. Three examples from our church body to avoid: 1. The church with dead silence during the hymns because the pastor turns off his microphone and there is no congregational microphone. 2. The church that should have dead silence because the only audio comes through the pastor's microphone and he can't carry a tune. 3. The church that can't keep a consistent volume level in the recording (hymns are super soft vs. the spoken word that is deafening).
- Sometimes less is more!
 - Potentially just posting the sermon or the readings/sermon does not allow the viewer to say, "I watch it online, and it's the same thing." No it isn't. Only 35% of the service is posted in a given week. You need to come in person to get everything!
- If you are going to post the entire service, consider posting everything!
 - If you are able to record the entire service at a high enough quality, consider including the text for congregational participation. If the goal of the recording is to allow for those not present to participate, enable them to participate.
- Do what you can to help your people see that online isn't wrong, it is just far from ideal!

Virtual Worship Is Like a
Virtual Honeymoon—
In Person is Better!

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Trinity Lutheran Church – Mail Box Ministry

Mail Box Ministry Goals

1. To apply the Word of God to our lost and straying members:
 - Mark 12:30-31 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” “Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”
 - 1 John 4:11 “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
2. Develop a sustained, actionable and long-term approach to address the spiritual well-being of our members.
3. Seek to express care and concern for the absent parishioner.
4. Make and maintain personal contact with straying members (eye-to-eye and heart-to-heart) as opposed to just “delivering stuff.”

Mail Box Ministry Action Plan

- Jerry Schnelle will come to church every Sunday after services and will go through all of the mailboxes looking for those boxes where there are Notes and News left for four weeks.
- Jerry will remove those Notes and News and fill out one of the attached letters.
- He will then inform Pastor Naumann and the assigned elder of the visits to be made.
- The assigned elder and pastor will deliver the materials some time before Thursday evening (our next worship opportunity).
- The elder will then seek to make a face-to-face contact with the member and express the fact that we missed them. If a face-to-face meeting with that member is not tenable, the elder may simply deposit the Bulletin, Notes and News, and letter in a bag and hang on the member’s front door (not in mailboxes).
- The elder will then fill out one of the MBM report forms and place it in Jerry Schnelle’s box.
- If a member has been absent for 12 consecutive weeks, the member’s box will be removed. Jerry Schnelle will fill out one of the summary forms and bring that to the next elders’ meeting. The member will be assigned to one of the elders and pastor and will be visited.

**Mail Box
Ministry
Timeline**

- A summary paragraph announcing the new program will be inserted in this month's Trinity newsletter stating:
- Elders Update: The Elders at Trinity are in the process of implementing a new mailbox ministry program. The purpose of this program is twofold. First, we hope to encourage our members to stay connected to Christ through Word and Sacrament. Secondly, we want to see if there is anything that we as a congregation can do to assist those members who haven't been able to regularly attend church (i.e. someone who is sick or whose job may have changed). We plan to accomplish these goals by making personal visits and delivering the information from the mailboxes (along with the service folder from the previous week) to those members who have not been at church for four consecutive weeks. May the Lord bless this new endeavor.
- Jerry Schnelle will make an "after service announcement" on a weekend in the near future explaining this new program.
- This program will start this next week. Each elder will be on a weekly rotation.



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Dear friend in Christ,

We've missed you at church services for the past several weeks. These items are being delivered to express the love and concern we share for our church family and to see if there is anything we as a congregation can do to assist you. Please contact one of the individuals listed below if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to having you back in the Lord's house!

In His service,

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Trinity Lutheran Church – Mail Box Ministry (MBM)

Member Household Name: _____

Date Bulletins/NN Delivered: _____ No. of Consecutive Deliveries (1, 2 or 3): _____

Time Delivered: _____

Delivery Method (please circle one):

- Personal delivery and contact made
- Left at address

Comments on your visit: _____

Elder Name: _____

Promptly complete slip after visit and place in Jerry Schnelle's box.
