

EMT Report to Voters
July 2020

As we look back on the last few months of what's been happening at First Trinity, COVID-19 has been a game changer. There was a distinct shift in ministry as we were forced into a new way of thinking and being the Church in the world. What follows is a timeline of major events and ministry opportunities that happened in the previous four months.

- March 12
 - Our Middle School retreat scheduled for March 13-15 is officially canceled by the organizers.
- March 15
 - Our first full online worship service as both Sunday services were streamed online.
- March 16
 - The preschool closes for in-person classes and online teaching begins.
 - The first episode of Goodnight with Sue and Zanmi goes live on YouTube.
- March 20
 - We host our first episode of "Chatting with Chuck" where people can get updates about our ministry and ask Pastor Chuck questions.
- March 22
 - All worship services move to online only. The Saturday service is suspended.
 - FT Kids Sunday School begins livestreaming on YouTube at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Cross.
 - Youth Sunday School classes begin on Zoom and other video platforms.
- March 23
 - Church staff moves to work from home.
- April 5-12
 - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services only available online.
 - The Journey through Good Friday is canceled.
- April 20
 - Group Workcamps notifies us that our High School Workcamp trip has been canceled.
- April 22
 - Connect-4 Groups officially start as people begin gathering online to study God's Word.
- May 17
 - Adult Bible Study resumes on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. via Zoom.
- June 7
 - Church staff can return to the office with new social distancing guidelines in place.
- June 9
 - First COVID Task Force meeting is held to begin plans for reopening.
- June 17
 - First outdoor worship service is held in the playground lot.
- June 21
 - In-person worship resumes on Sunday mornings with new social distancing and health guidelines.