

From the
Pastor's
Desk

Trinity Trumpet

September 2020

Why Do We Count?

This is an interesting question. One interpretation of this title has to do with the fact that everyone wants to count for something. Everyone wants to be loved and appreciated.

Another way of interpreting this question is by asking the question, "Why does church attendance matter?" Why does the church keep attendance records? Why do we count?

We can usually tell when we have visitors in church and I hope we're aware of them and greet them! But it's harder these days, isn't it, when everyone is wearing masks? We have also been having visitors visit our online worship services every week. Many of them are from out-of-state.

When COVID-19 hit and we stopped attending in person, we stopped taking attendance. Even when most of us came back, it seemed unimportant to take attendance, since many were still attending online or traveling on summer trips. But now that Fall coming and school is starting up again, we are once again taking attendance at church. Not only in person, but also online. When you worship online, you can record your attendance at: TrinityKalispell.org/attendance

One woman has been worshipping with us from the Black Hills of South Dakota. This woman has a chronic health condition that has prevented her from attending church in person for years. She writes: "I 'signed' the attendance thing online. :) It was the first time I've filled one out in 12 years. I actually cried. LOL. It felt good to be 'counted,' to be acknowledged, you know? I am going to try to watch every week now."

We all want to know that we matter to others. What's most important to know is that **we matter to God**. Taking attendance is not about counting numbers, but about showing that people COUNT to us and they COUNT to God. God made us. He gave His life so that we can be forgiven and live with Him forever. God LOVES us!

Hebrews 13:17 says, "Your leaders...are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an acCOUNT. Let them do this with joy."

We are to be acCOUNTable to each other because we COUNT to God.

You so valuable to God that He even COUNTs the hairs on your head. "Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered." Luke 12:7a

You are so very important to God! And you are important to us!

We look forward to COUNTing you as part of our fellowship, whether you are in person or online! You matter to us! And even better — You matter to GOD!

Pastor Kevin Bueltmann (BILTman)



Let's FALL Back into Our Regular Routines

We will have our annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 13 from 8:30-10:30am and Sunday School and Bible classes will be starting September 20. Let's get back to normal!

Ministry Fair Information



Our annual Ministry Fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 13 between the two Sunday services. If you would like a table to represent your Board, Committee, Bible Study or Group, you must let Jeff Carlson know by email, text or phone **by September 10**. Tables will be ready Friday evening.

Since the Ministry Fair will run between the two services, if you're coming to the second service, please come early and check out everything Trinity has to offer!



Outdoor Camp Services to Continue

Normally our outdoor worship services at our camp end after Labor Day, but there have been requests to have it continue longer because of COVID-19 concerns. So, we plan to keep it going for another month or two, at a NEW time (1:00 pm) starting September 13.

Installations and Commissionings and Dedications — Oh, My!



On Sunday, September 13 we will have the installation of our new Trinity Lutheran School teacher, Sarah Groeling, a blessing of all of our teachers and child care workers and the dedication of the paintings in the narthex, etc.

8th Grade Confirmation Classes

Our 2020/2021 confirmation classes will be starting in September on Wednesdays and Sundays. More details will be coming soon. There will be a brief orientation meeting (with pizza) for parents and eighth graders on Sunday, September 13, 11:45 am-12:15 pm. Contact the church office at 257-5683 or trinity@trinitykalisPELL.org to make sure your eighth grader is on the list.



Please join us for our third annual Dinner by the Dock Sunday, September 13 — 6 pm — Online

This will be a 45-minute session on Zoom with many other supporters of camp. All the information for joining the Zoom meeting will be on the camp website on Sunday, September 13.

Altar Guild Meetings Resuming Monday, September 14



Altar Guild meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September-May, 10:30-11:30 am in Room A of the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have new members join us! Our duties include setting up for communion and cleaning up afterward, as well as decorating the church for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Contacts: Mickey Hutton 756-1750 or Barb Robbins at 257-4414

New Member Classes Starting September 20



You are invited to our upcoming ten-week spiritual growth class for those who want to better understand Lutheran Christian doctrine and/or become a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a great chance to ask questions about the Bible and to meet others who may be new to our church! There is no cost to attend unless you want to keep your catechism book (recommended) for \$20. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 starting September 20 in the Fellowship Hall.

Trinity Lutheran School News

Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. God is good and we feel blessed to be able to serve our students and families.

Our teachers returned on August 17 to begin preparing for the return of our students. They participated in a training session for the TADS Educate which we will be using as our new grading program. We will no longer be using Infinite Campus. They also had training for our new reading curriculum from Savvas learning. The curriculum is called, "My View" in grades kindergarten through five and "My Perspective" for grades six through eight. This is a comprehensive curriculum that includes grammar, spelling and writing. We are looking forward to diving deeper into this. Along with the training, we also had food, fellowship and fun! It is definitely good to have the copy machine buzzing and teachers chatting in the hallways.

Teachers this year are:

Mrs. MacGregor	Pre-kindergarten
Mrs. Holste	Pre-kindergarten assistant
Mrs. Junk	Kindergarten
TBD	Kindergarten assistant
Miss Renken	1st grade
Mrs. Rehbein	2nd grade
Mrs. Schwartz	3rd grade
Miss Groeling	4th grade
Miss Hoy	5th grade and middle school PE
Ms. Edlund	6th grade homeroom and middle school language arts
Mrs. Burns	7th grade homeroom and middle school math
Mr. Holladay	8th grade homeroom and middle school science
Mr. Rehbein	Music director (band, choir and classroom music)
Mrs. Heuscher	PE and resource teacher
Mrs. Maestas	Computer, library, and recess supervisor
Mrs. Bennett	Rocket math facilitator, Families In Touch and tutor
Mrs. Goodpaster	Secretary
Mrs. Hagemeyer	Secretary

We are blessed to have this extraordinary staff.

First Day of School

The first day of school is going to feel a little different this year compared to years past. Unfortunately, this year the parents will not be allowed to come past the foyer. Please know that this is not how we would want to start our year, but it is a compromise we are willing to make in order to have limited mask wearing and to stay open.

When you come to school for your orientation time, I would encourage you to take those first days of school photos, check out the classroom and learn the start of school procedures.

Our hope is that if we hold tightly to the "not open to the public" policy in the beginning, then later we will be able to open back up and loosen these restrictions.

Parents coming into the foyer will be required to wear a mask. If you are not comfortable wearing a mask we would encourage you to say good-bye to your student at the door.

We feel we have been called to love the children at Trinity, so in your absence please know that we will be there for your children.

Magazine Subscriptions

Do any of you receive magazines at your home for your children? We would like to have Ranger Rick, Highlights, National Geographic for Kids, Sports Illustrated for Kids and Brio for teen girls. When your child is finished reading their magazine would you like to donate it to TLS? Would you like to donate a subscription specifically for Trinity students in the library? Please contact the school office for more information.

Substitute Teachers

Are you a trained teacher and interested in being on our sub list? If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. White at LauraWhite@Trinityed.org

We are also looking for substitute teacher assistants. A teaching certificate is not required to be a teacher assistant substitute. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. White at the above email address.

LWML - Connecting Women Notes and News

WHO IS A MISSIONARY? ME! I am a missionary. Sent by Christ's command, I share the Gospel message!

At the LWML organizing convention in 1942 in Chicago, the delegates chose the name Lutheran Women's Missionary League over the name Lutheran Women's League. They noted that "missionary referred to the individual member, who would be encouraged and enable to win and hold souls for the Master." We see from the very beginning of LWML that missionaries are not just "them", they are "us"! The LWML has been sharing the love of Christ with faithful mite giving and service to others. LWML missions around the world are supported by Mighty Mites...Pennies, nickels, dimes.

This month we focus on the following National Mission grant:

DIGITAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT — Lutherans For Life — \$30,000

The mission of Lutherans For Life (LFL) is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Life issues, such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and physician-assisted suicide, are not political or personal choices, but matters of the heart that affect people, neighbors, loved ones, and family. They offer opportunities for us to demonstrate how God's loving grace gives immeasurable importance to every human being, no matter their age, appearance, or ability.

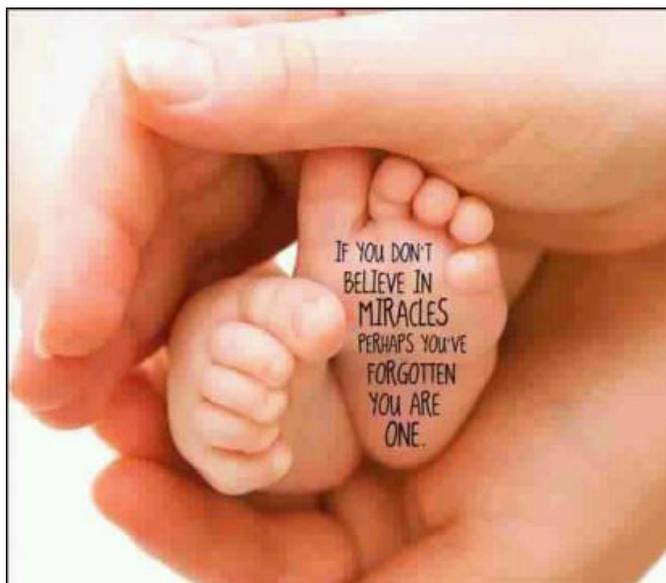
One way to equip those making life decisions is through the development of digital media materials. Almost 89% of the people in the United States use the internet, and 77% have a social media profile. Digital avenues like the internet, smartphones, and social media offer an open mission field to connect to people, particularly the younger generations before they face such life issues. Current online conversations surrounding life issues regularly become volatile, most of all for Christian advocates of life's sanctity since our values and perspectives run counter both to fallen human nature and prevailing public opinion.

LFL believes our Savior is calling them into this arena to share the truth in love. They need to translate their life-giving message into this 21st century language. The Digital Media Development grant funds will assist in creating a collection of infographics, memes, shareable video clips, webinars, and podcasts. These tools have the unique ability not only to proclaim, but also to portray and put into motion, how God's power and presence makes human lives worthy — especially to the least and the weakest among us. LFL envisions that this digital media initiative will serve as a visual witness, while virtual conversation will enable Lutheran individuals and congregations to engage people using social networks such as YouTube, Facebook, iTunes, and Instagram.

LWML's support and partnership through this \$30,000 grant will make it possible for LFL to help people treat life issues — and the souls facing them — with courage and compassion. For more information on the work of LFL, check out the Lutherans For Life website: lutheransforlife.org.

Shareable video clips and graphics like this can communicate a powerfully life-affirming Gospel message directly into the desktops, living rooms, pockets, ears, and eyes of 21st century neighbors struggling with life issues.

Heavenly Father, look with love on Your servants as they seek to serve You by sharing a life-giving message with those who need to hear it. Guide the workers at Lutherans For Life as they update and create new materials with a message of life. Bless the mites used to provide the funds for this labor of love. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Family Life Ministry

Where have the last few months gone? This has been a strange season in each our lives and also in the history of the world. As we look ahead to the fall season of 2020, I have heard many people wondering what the “new normal” might look like...

Typically, the fall is a time we have favorite activities we are looking forward to: football season, back to school preparations, change of weather from long warm days to cooler evenings, beautiful color changes, and making holiday plans. We can expect that some of the changes we will still likely experience in some of the traditional ways, while others we can expect to experience significant and unknown changes, which can allow for many fears to arise.

In II Timothy 1, Paul was writing to encourage those he had been separated from while he was in prison. He was writing to encourage the people to remember the Good News they had been taught and expressed how he was missing them in their suffering as well. **II Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline”.**

One of the greatest challenges I have heard from people is despite our current circumstances to not become overcome with fear. But how do we remain hopeful and feel like we have what Paul referred to in the above verses, “God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love and self-discipline”? How do we abide in His power, love, and self-discipline daily?

I confess it has been challenging for me to set goals for the fall season of family life ministry as I wonder about all the unknowns for the end of 2020. I wonder if I plan studies of meeting together, will it just fall through? Will we be welcoming a new pastor and his family or will we return to the call process in the middle of a pandemic? Will the students of Trinity return to school, but only later to return to remote home learning?

In August, I attended the Global Leadership Summit via simulcast with 70,000 other ministry leaders from around the world. I listened with hope to receive encouragement from others as to adjusting to new circumstances and new ways of doing ministry. During this event, the challenge proposed for the end of 2020 to thousands of church ministry leaders was:

+ Go forward and step past our fears

+ Our God has chosen and called me (each of us) to be courageous to live out His will by using the gifts He has given us

My encouragement to you this month as we finish out 2020 is to lean into your fears, recognize them and even name them through confession to God. We can repent of our mistrust in our Creator and trust He is working all things together for good. So, as we lean into our fears, we may just find that this is some of God’s greatest invitations and opportunities to step forward in faith.

Yes my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Psalm 62:5

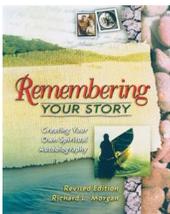
Shannon Ritter, Family Life Ministry

Remembering Your Story: Creating Your Own Spiritual Autobiography

By Richard L. Morgan

Come! You are invited to join with a small group on a pilgrimage. An opportunity to share your stories and leave something for your family regarding your journey of faith. Join us this fall on Thursdays between 12:30-2:00 pm to identify and reflect “stories of our life” for ten weeks starting September 24th.

Foundation Principles of a Spiritual Autobiography



Every life is a unique, invaluable story.

God speaks to us in our stories.

Connecting our stories with God’s story is the work of the Spirit.

Painful memories can be healed through stories.

Remembering our stories creates community and the future.

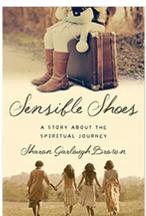
Faith stories are the legacy we leave.

Stories create meaning...at any age.

This gathering will be limited to the first ten to 12 people to sign up. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to coming to this group. We will plan to gather on this adventure together each week in a safe manner following safety guidelines. Questions? Contact the facilitator, Shannon Ritter at 257-5683 or sritter@trinitykalispell.org. Sign up in the church office. Materials cost: \$15.

Join a “Sensible Shoes” Spiritual Pilgrimage with Others Wanting to Draw Near to the Heart of God

Beginning September 22 — Tuesdays (every other week) — 8:45-10:30 am



Sharon Garlough Brown tells the moving story of four strangers as they embark together on a journey of spiritual formation. You’re invited to join these four women as they reluctantly arrive at a retreat center and find themselves drawn out of their separate stories of isolation and struggle and into a collective journey of spiritual practice, mutual support and personal revelation. Along the way, readers will be taken into a new understanding of key spiritual practices and find tangible support for the deeper life with God. To travel this journey with others, you will find a group study guide and book club resources: sensibleshoesclub.com. Cost of book and study guide approximately \$25. Seats are limited. Be sure to sign up in the church office, 257-5683 or email the facilitator, Shannon Ritter

Life Notes from Lutherans for Life

Meeting and Potluck

Everyone is invited to the Lutherans for Life meeting and potluck on Sunday, September 13 at Trinity. Bring a potluck dish to share. The meeting will be at 5:30 pm with the potluck at 6:00. For information, call Linda Jackson at 756-8344.

Silent Auction

Coming up on the SAME SUNDAY as the Trinity MINISTRY FAIR, September 13, there will ALSO be a SILENT AUCTION of items for "Lutheran's for Life". Our tables will be set up in the narthex for your viewing and bidding pleasure. Thank you for supporting our important endeavors. Questions? Please call Kristie Adney at 752-6048.

Lutherans for Life Rummage Sale

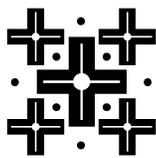
Come and shop at the annual Lutherans for Life Rummage Sale on Friday, September 25 from 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday, September 26 from 8 am to 3:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty Street. Prices are low and there will be a \$2/bag sale on Saturday beginning at noon. Donations can be brought to Faith Church on Thursday, September 24 between 10 am and 7 pm. If you can help with the sale or for more information, call Kristie Adney, 752-6048. Proceeds benefit Hope Pregnancy Ministries, provide pro-life materials for churches and fund other projects.

Life Chain

This annual event is sponsored by Flathead Pro-Life and will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 2 to 3 pm at the intersection of Highways 93 and 2 (Main and Idaho Streets). Everyone is invited to come and pray for an end to legalized abortion and that life will be held sacred in our country from conception to natural death.

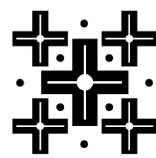
Pro-Life Signs

If you would like a pro-life sign on your fence or in your yard, contact Linda Jackson, 756-8344. You can choose from several designs with either a 3'x5' or 4'x8' sign. Lutherans for Life will put it up for you.



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Rodger & Lorraine Jones
from *Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*
Columbia Falls, Montana



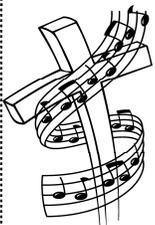
Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, September 21 — 1-6 pm — Fellowship Hall
Sign up at the Welcome Center or at redcrossblood.org



Piano Needs a New Home

The school has given the church a newer piano for the Fellowship Hall, so the Thimble Club has agreed that it is time to find a new home for the one they graciously gave the church years ago. Anyone interested in having the older one may contact the church office at 257-5683 or trinity@trinitykalispell.org.

Thank You Joyful Noise



August 9 was the last day that Joyful Noise lead praise music for the 9:30 am worship service. We would like to thank Matt and Rylee Glimm, Molly and Raney Sutherland, Nolan and Neil Holste, and Aubrey Montaño for their dedicated service to our youth praise team over the last five years! Many in this group recently graduated and are moving on to the next season in their lives. We are blessed that a youth praise team will continue in the fall, with John Thorn helping and leading them! Thank you, Joyful Noise and God's blessings!

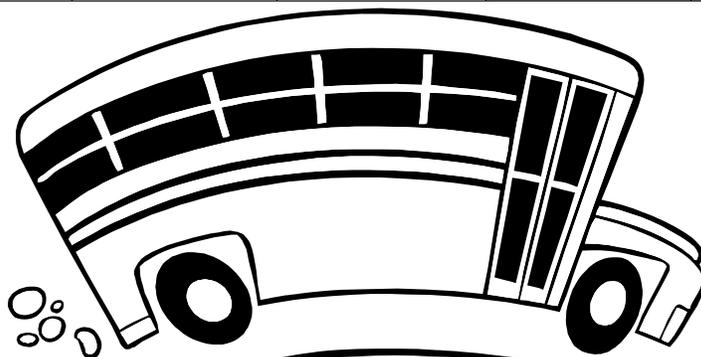


Phil & Heidi Portanova	9/1
Lee & Stephanie Oppel	9/2
Tyler & Makenna Just	9/4
Carl & Amy Glimm	9/5
Clark & Adele Krantz	9/6
Harvey & Cynthia Brock	9/7
Ed & Mary Brown	9/7
Gary & Linda Evans	9/7
Gary & Alana Goers	9/8
Reese & Joannie Hindman	9/9
Joseph & Lori Reiner	9/17
Daniel & Michele Bauer	9/19
Troy & Toni Modie	9/25
Karen & Mark Hardesty	9/28
Warren & Cynthia Dobler	9/29

Graham, Conor	9/1	Rasmussen, Shilo	9/9	Kerley, Rebecca	9/20
Noble, Sandy	9/1	Schwartz, Isabel	9/9	Schreck, Gerald (Jerry)	9/20
West, Leslie	9/1	Tretter, Molly	9/9	Tetrault, Connie	9/20
Elliott, Samuel	9/2	Brock, Harvey	9/10	Haugen, Cody	9/21
Kennedy, Joyce	9/2	Driear, Noah	9/10	Just, Makenna	9/21
Kienas, Sydney	9/2	Ward, Aliyeha	9/10	Portanova, Heidi	9/21
Modie, Jillian	9/2	Erie, Gene	9/11	Satterfield, Elise	9/21
Johnson, Audrey	9/3	Charles, John	9/12	Dean, Aven	9/22
Meerkatz, Sarah	9/3	Roberts, James	9/12	Kincel, Heidi	9/22
Pagel, Tracy	9/3	Young, Josh	9/12	Moore, Dillon	9/23
Schrade, Anita	9/3	O'Neal, Riley	9/13	Roberson, Cayden	9/23
Bennett, Irwin	9/4	West, Tammy	9/13	Halverson, Dan	9/24
Harrington, Christopher	9/4	Applekamp, Earl	9/14	Welty, Kevin	9/24
Robbins, Barbara	9/4	Dobler, Cynthia	9/14	Avery, Randy	9/25
Anderson, Kelli	9/5	Lang, David	9/14	Ortel Jr, Stanley	9/25
Schmidt, Rachel	9/5	Waugh, Mark	9/14	Parker, Judi	9/25
Storle, Cameron	9/5	Willis, Kameron	9/14	St. Pierre, Lynn	9/25
Ward, Trinity	9/5	Hall, Brandi	9/15	Witwer, Alexandra	9/25
Beard, Chastity	9/6	Hood, Shala	9/15	Bardwell, Cindy	9/26
Bueltmann, Kevin	9/6	Junk Jr., Raymond	9/15	Kouby, Hailey	9/26
Dedrick, Kyler	9/6	Vessar, Jillayne	9/15	LaSalle, Carrie	9/26
Kropp, Barbara	9/6	Croucher, Robert	9/16	Lunde, Ashley	9/26
Thorn, Lahna	9/6	Guier, Kortney	9/16	Sandry, Marcella	9/26
Hanson, Peyton	9/7	Long, Pam	9/16	Siderius, Shea	9/27
Wutke, Eric	9/7	Reiner, Joseph	9/16	Sturdevant, Harold	9/27
Young, Charlotte	9/7	Stratton, Jenny	9/16	Dalton, Grace	9/28
Wendt, Zoe	9/8	Bills, Kiden	9/17	Kroemer, Charissa	9/28
Anderson, Jaden	9/9	Albrecht, James	9/18	Corpron, Bailey	9/29
Bauer, Drake	9/9	Burger, John	9/18	Schuman, Mark	9/29
Boles, Joanne	9/9	Akane, Zachary	9/19	Grame, Clint	9/30
Bronson, Jared	9/9	Thatcher, Jack	9/19	Kikendall, Connie	9/30
Gifford, Rachael	9/9			Mumm, Tyone	9/30

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar – September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TLS 1st Day 8:20 am TLS Chapel 7 pm Board Mtgs.	2 2 pm FIT	3	4	5
6 8 am WORSHIP 9:30 am WRSHIP 11:15 am WRSHIP at Camp	7 Labor Day CCC Closed TLS No School 6 pm NO WORSHIP	8 6:30 pm BOD Mtg.	9 8:20 am TLS Chapel 2 pm FIT	10	11	12
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SEPTEMBER

Day of Outreach — September 13



"...You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 Right before Jesus ascended into heaven, He shared His plan for us. We don't keep the Good News of Jesus to ourselves — we share it with others! We can show God's love to the people near our church and school! On Sunday, September 13 the Board of Evangelism is looking for 20 families to pass out 15 invitations to the 300 neighbors near our church. We want to personally invite them to our Neighborhood Backyard BBQ. We will have invitations ready to go with maps of the block or street for you to go to. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

Trinity Neighborhood Backyard BBQ — September 19



The Board of Evangelism and the Board of Parish Fellowship are sponsoring a special neighborhood backyard BBQ at our church on Saturday, September 19, 11 am-3 pm. Besides our church members, we are also inviting all families who live between Highway 93, Highway 2, and Meridian Road. There will be free food, games, and live music. We will have inflatable activities and a mini-golf course.

We are doing this to show love to our neighbors and with the craziness of COVID-19, we also want our neighbors to have an excuse to get out and not be so isolated and spend time with others in the neighborhood. Your job as a member is to meet our neighbors and make them feel welcome! If you would like to help out the day of our event, please reach out to Kathy Minch at vistacourt2018@gmail.com.

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