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Lifeline Partnership Winter 2020 Newsletter



Hope

Whether you are a religious person or not, you can probably understand how Christmas is a season of hope. A baby is born. Anything is possible. The future holds promise.

It is with cautious hope that we experience the Christmas season this year and it is with cautious hope that we look toward starting a new year.

The three pictures above sum up much of the year for us at Lifeline. Rev. Tom Knoll put up this sign about worship at First Trinity, where we are based, in March. No one expected that 10 months later we would still be practicing social distancing and wearing masks away from home. Lifeline now owns its own zoom account and that has become one of the major ways we connect with our participants and the larger Lifeline community. Vaccines for Covid-19 are now starting to be available. Our hope is that we will be able to come together in person some time in the next year.

Whatever the new year brings, we are grateful to you for being part of this community and we are grateful for all the support you have shown us in this challenging time.



Christmas Sing A Long

So many new things this year. Not only does Lifeline now have its own zoom account but we have also created a you-tube channel.

If you were unable to join us for our Christmas sing a long you can

still catch the program there. Just follow this [link](#) or search for Lifeline Partnership on you tube

The program was ASL interpreted and we had a lot of fun. We talked about favorite songs, the Christmas story and what gifts we might have coming our way.

If you are looking for Christmas music to enjoy on Christmas eve, we hope you will check it out.



We've Been Learning

The Christmas Sing a long was our third attempt on zoom. The first time, for our virtual Harvest Festival, it did not occur to us to record it. The second time, for a program focused on Thanksgiving, we recorded it but somehow the ASL interpreter did not make it onto the screen. The third time we were successful at including her and we learned how to put a video on you tube. Next will be learning how to use zoom, you tube and Facebook all at the same time. Look for a learning curve there as well :}.

We had been somewhat reluctant to go with the on line options, since so many of our folks do not have easy access to technology. But we realized we could at least reach some folks that way, if not everybody. We also have been able to reach folks through a mail program we have been calling Lifeline @ Home. Through regular mailings we have sent out crafts and games and stories and other

activities. We have gotten positive feedback on this and plan to continue until the need to do this ends.

If you would like to be on the list to receive a Lifeline @ Home packet regularly, please email Pastor Susanne at Lifeline@FirstTrinityDC.org.

If you have other ideas about how we can stay in touch and stay a community, let us know that as well.



Seeing Ourselves On Line Program January 16 at 2pm

We are very excited about our program for January. Its called "Seeing Ourselves" and will focus on books, stories, art and other media where people with disabilities are included.

So often, people with disabilities are excluded and not considered to be a part of "society." They are often overlooked as characters in

TV shows and in movies and books.

But because of fierce advocacy on the part of people with disabilities more and more we are starting to be included. Join us January 16 at 2pm as four folks share with us something creative where folks with disabilities are included.

This event will be on zoom and the information to connect is below in the 2021 calendar section. If you can't make on the 16th, we hope you will take a look when you are able. The event will be posted on our you tube channel - just search for Lifeline Partnership on you tube and take a look. The event will include ASL interpretation.



Farewell to Pastor Tom

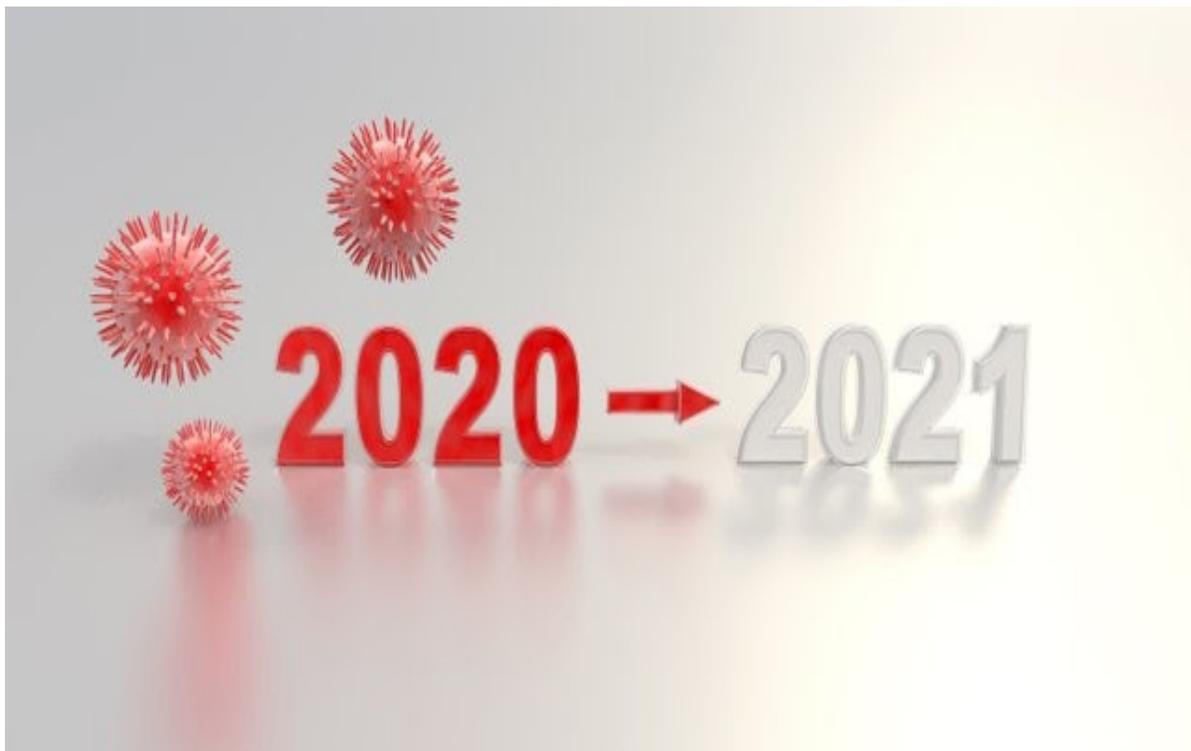
We sadly say goodbye to one of our biggest supporters. The Rev. Tom Knoll will be retiring as the pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church at the end of this month.

We are glad he will continue on the board but we expect him to

take a much smaller role in his retirement.

He was invaluable to Lifeline in so many way, always willing to help out with things both big and small. He will be missed but we are excited to hear about where God will lead him in the next part of his journey serving Christ.

I chose this picture because it is such a good metaphor for what Lifeline is. Regina is an adult with a developmental disability who has been part of both the First Trinity and Lifeline communities for decades. No one quite remembers how she found us but she knows she belongs in both these communities. Here she is surrounded by friends. Everyone is having a good time with her but they also all have her back. That is Lifeline.



On to Next Year

We've planned for six months of on-line programs and will adjust as we know more in the months ahead. We are excited about what we have in store for you. We will also continue with Lifeline @ Home.

Jan 16 Seeing Ourselves – 4 stories where folks with disabilities are part of the picture

Feb 13 [Black History Month celebration](#) – we will take a look at music that originated in African American culture

Mar 13 [Developmental Disabilities Month Celebration and Awards](#)

Apr 10 [Lets Dance](#) –teach and teach others your best moves

May 15 [Almost Summer Celebration](#) – join us for a fun celebration

Jun 19 [Game Day](#)– lets have some fun playing games

Jul 17 [If I could go anywhere](#) – discussion about places to travel with people who have been there

All events start at 2pm

All these events will be via zoom and will be posted on our you-tube channel.
Look for changes to events on our website

Here is the zoom information

ZOOM DIRECTIONS:

Meeting ID: 652 991 9463

Passcode for ON-LINE: j4Vbfe

Passcode for PHONE ONLY: 616493

- To connect using your computer's web browser go to this [link](#) or go to [zoom.us](#), click "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting ID and online passcode.

- To connect by phone call 301-715-8592 and enter meeting ID and phone only passcode.

- OR download the Zoom app for your phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play, tap "Join Meeting", enter the meeting ID and password

Lifeline has many ways you can give.

Here are two:

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You can also make a contribution by sending a check, payable to "Lifeline Partnership," to our mailing address at the bottom of the newsletter.



Lifeline Partnership provides spiritual and social programs for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. We seek to build community and a sense of belonging for those who are often marginalized because of their disability.

We encourage you to forward this email to any any persons who may be interested in our programs.

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First Trinity Lutheran Church

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501 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(at the corner of 4th and E Streets, NW)

We are one half block from the Judiciary Square Metro

The parking lot at the corner of 4th and E
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