



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Trinity Congregation,

I wanted to thank you dearly for the love & support you've shown me. I especially thank you for taking a vested interest in my education. Your scholarship & the loving generosity that support it are just another way God has blessed me. May He continue to shine through you in all you do!

*In Christ's amazing love,
Sarah L. Schultz*

From Your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Commissioned for Mission!

Dreaming of a better future. There are times in life when this is something many of us do. The Cubs are looking to a new year in baseball. Area high school basketball teams are looking to next year to "win it all." Even in the church we continue to dream of a better future, of a hope fulfilled, of a future with Christ in heaven.

The missional church understands this in proclaiming Jesus Christ. Our theme for this year reminds us we are called to do great things for an anticipated better future. We spend forty days during Lent getting prepared for a better future. The preparation leads us to Jesus and the cross of Calvary. That precious sacrificial gift given on the cross now means we have the hope of heaven. It also brings with it a better future- a day of resurrection!

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we receive that promise of a better future at our baptism.

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. (Romans 6:3-5)

One of my joys in preaching is sharing this message with families whose loved ones have departed to be with Jesus. It brings great hope to people to know that death is not the end, and that a better future is to be found in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That resurrection now becomes ours! The missional church understands the importance of this proclamation of a risen Savior!

One of my favorite hymns speaks clearly of this better future.

**But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia! (LSB 677, vs. 7)**

April is our time to proclaim this message of Jesus and His resurrection as a missional church! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Easterday

Worship Services- April

- **Apr. 1 (Midweek 6) 2 & 7 p.m.
Herod: The King who couldn't kill Jesus
- Apr. 4-6 (Palm Sunday Weekend)
King of Kings: A humble coronation
- **Apr. 9 (Maundy Thursday) 2 & 7 p.m.
King of Kings: Condemned to die
- **Apr. 10 (Good Friday) 2 & 7 p.m.
King of Kings: Life through death
- Apr. 11 (Easter Vigil) 6:30 p.m.
Israel: Chased by a king (Pharaoh)
- Apr. 12 (Easter Sunday) 6:30, 9:00, 9:15, & 10:45 a.m.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
- Note: The Easter Contemporary Service will be held at 9:15 a.m. (previously publicized as 8:15) to allow people to have breakfast before worship.**
- Apr. 18-20 2nd Weekend of Easter-
Consecrated Stewards- Week 1: The gift of treasures
- Apr. 25-27 3rd Weekend of Easter
Consecrated Stewards- Week 2: The gift of time
- May 2-4 4th Weekend of Easter
Consecrated Stewards- Week 3: The gift of commitment
- May 9-11 5th Weekend of Easter
Consecrated Stewards- Week 4:
Consecration weekend
- May 16-18 6th Weekend of Easter
Confirmation Weekend

Consecrated Stewards

Beginning the weekend of **April 18-20**, we will begin a four week series focusing on Consecrated Stewards. We rejoice that a number of you responded to last year's Consecrated Stewards focus. God blesses us with many gifts of time, talents, and treasures to use for his glory. This year you will have another opportunity to reflect on how God has blessed you and how he has called you to do "good works prepared in advance for you to do." (Ephesians 2:10) In preparation for Consecrated Stewards, I am looking for people who might like to share their stewardship faith story during those weeks. Please call me at the church office if you are willing to help.

Pastor Easterday

From the Executive Director ...

April brings Easter and with it our response to the free gift of salvation. Trinity will have at least 2 special ways to respond.

Look In – As a congregation we will focus for 4 weeks on Consecrated Stewards, Part 2. This church and Bible Study focus will help us evaluate again ways for individuals to use those resources which God has given to us. Our work is also beginning on our annual financial plan (Budget) that will be presented at the June Congregational meeting. Please pray for God's blessing and wisdom in the difficult decisions we face.

Look Out- Our community needs to see how our faith can impact our lives. Our Easter Lord has valuable answers for today's problems. One way has to do with money and other possessions. Another way is in the relationships we have, especially marriage. On Saturday April 18th, we will be showing the feature length movie "Fireproof." You will hear a lot about this movie but we would like to use this night, not only to build our marriages, but to help you reach others and tell them how God's answers are timeless and just what we need today. Our hope is that many of those who come to the movie will come back to Trinity in the following weeks, since we will be using the Bible Study time as a place for a bible based discussion on Marriage and Faith.

Please support our effort to look in and look out as Easter Christians by making a commitment to be in one of the Bible Studies, especially for 4 weeks after Easter. And bring a friend or neighbor.

Rob Gardiner

Board of Communications

The Board of Communication Services continues to spread the message of God's word by informing the greater community about activities at Trinity Church and School through available media resources, and looks to members to keep us informed as to what should be promoted and published.

NEW CHURCH LOGO

The board undertook an assignment to redesign the church logo. The new design is that of a Celtic Cross, which has been a part of our church worship services for several years, and we added the Dove of Peace. We will show the new logo and have more information for you next time.

CHURCH SERVICES ON THE WEB

For the convenience of shut-ins and for members who wish to listen to a repeat, the Sunday Morning worship service is available for listening on the home page of the Trinity Church website: www.trinitycp.org. The worship service folder is also available for members to follow the service

CHURCH ARCHIVES

There is a real need to sort through and file the historic church archives. The board needs some volunteers to take on this very important task. Should you be interested in helping us, please call Dennis Hodges at 887-1351.

NEWSLETTER

Do you read the Trinity Lutheran Church & School newsletter? What do you like or do not like about it? The board wants to know. The board will publish a survey next month that asks these questions. Your input is very important to the way the church communicates its message and ministry through the newsletter. Thank you!

The board of Communication Services wants to wish all members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church a very blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Board of Church Properties

Things have slowed down compared to the activity we had over the winter. We have focused on some smaller jobs lately. We are updating our 'wish list' for future reference.

As we enter the warmer weather we can say another big 'thank you' to our snow shoveling volunteers. These are the guys who get up extra early on snowy Sundays to make sure our sidewalks are clean and safe when we get to church. You may not think too much about this, but, picture what things would be like if we came to church and there was snow covering all of the sidewalks. Thanks to Fred Rosenwinkel and sons, Pat and Brady Schuster and Jon and Adam Kozlowski for taking care of this.

Our other volunteer crew is warming up and getting ready to start caring for the mowing tasks. Another important task that takes many hours to keep up with. Bob and Jim take pride in the job they do, and it shows.

Gary Diekelmann

Board of Children and Youth

The Board of Children and Youth have begun planning for the 4th of July float. We will be looking for volunteers to help with construction and to walk in the parade. We will be asking for denotations of water. More details will come. The Sunday school will be offering a new experience for the children on Palm Sunday. The children will be able to take a Journey to the Cross. This journey will lead them to several different stations where they will hear different parts of the Passion Story. The Board is excited about the Call of Brandon Grelle and is looking forward to meeting with him. We pray for God's guidance and direction as he prayerfully considers his Call.

Brenda Dean

Board of Mission & Outreach

Hugs-all-around:

The volunteers of Trip #3 to Biloxi would like to thank the congregation for their generosity during the Free-Will offering campaign prior to our trip. The money that was given paid for all the gas and the remainder was applied to the cost of the vans. Trinity's volunteers were involved in scaffold construction, floor decking, stud and joist removal/replacement, laying laminate flooring and ceramic tile, and pulling electrical wiring in an entire home. As you can see by the latest picture on the Biloxi picture display in the Atrium the group leader was sunning himself on the beach while the crew was working. "You can run ladies, but you can't hide." Thanks again Trinity for your generosity. The volunteers were blessed with your support. Great church! Great crew!

Mission Work "requests"

(Local) I have had many of you stating that you can't travel.... i.e. Biloxi, but you would be willing to roll your sleeves up locally. These opportunities exist such as Trinity's "Handyman Ministry" and the Gary LCMS Church organization known as "Umbrella of Hope." Another and a new opportunity for outreach support is with Kathy O'Day's organization known as Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana. I will share information with you on all of the above as information is made available to me.

(Travel) Quite a few of you have asked me and shown an interest on rehab work in Appalachia. Apparently there were a couple of TV programs depicting the despair in Southeastern Kentucky and the surrounding area. (N.E. Tenn. & W. VA.) I'm in contact with two churches that support this area with volunteer workers. I was told of one "big-time" need....Christian youth (Jr. High & H.S. age groups) to introduce Bible Studies, VBS and youth groups to their un-churched/lost youth. More to come on this at a later date.

Jim Radford

A message from the Discipleship Board:

Join us for popcorn and a movie..... **Fireproof** will be shown on **April 18th at 7:30 pm** in the gym. Please join us for this movie event that will **inspire** and **challenge** you. A bible study class, based on the movie, will begin the following Sunday, April 19th. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for more details. Any questions, please email Amy Dyba at adyba@comcast.net.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Morning – **Sunday, April 12**

Church Fellowship Hall – 8:00 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. &

School Cafeteria (south end) – 8:35 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Menu
Scrambled Eggs with Ham
Scrambled Eggs
Baked Goods
Coffee
Juice
Milk

Great Fellowship!

The Faith Defenders (youth group for grades 6 to 8) will be serving you!

A Free Will Donation is requested.

Funds raised will help junior high youth attend YouthQuake – a Jr. High Youth Gathering and other ministry programs as we seek to grow in our discipleship, following Jesus as Lord and Savior

Funds are used to help offset spiritual growth opportunities for our youth.

Thank You for Your Support!

Marriage Check Up

Ever heard of preventative maintenance on a car? Ever done a tune-up on the lawn mower in preparation for spring? Pastor Kipp will be offering a "Marriage Check Up" seminar on Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m. to Noon or on Tuesday, April 28th from 7 p.m. to 10p.m.

Whether you have been married a year, five years or over twenty years, this is a great time for a marriage check up. We will be covering the following topics:

Role Relationship	Conflict Resolution
Understanding Personalities	Listening
Communication	Life Changes

Participants will receive a wealth of information and use some tools to learn how to strengthen their marriage. **THE COST IS FREE!**

To ensure enough materials for the "Marriage Check Up", RSVP to the church office at 663-1578 or with Pastor Kipp on ext. 304.

Pastor Kipp

Trinity Cares

Easter Baskets

This is our final plea for donations for the Easter baskets we will be putting together for needy individuals and families within our congregation and community. Palm Sunday will be the **last** collection date. After that, we will be putting the baskets together and delivering them. We need any canned or boxed food items your family enjoys as well as personal hygiene and paper products. Please place your donations in the wooden box in the church Narthex. We are also accepting monetary donations that will allow us to purchase fresh milk and bread for each of the recipients.

If you would like to refer an individual or family to receive a basket, please call Trinity Cares and leave the pertinent information on voice mail (663-1578 ext 501)

Ours is a generous and compassionate congregation. We extend our deep thanks ahead of time for the caring we know you will express.

Youth News

9th – 12th Grade:

Coming Schedule....

- 3/29 Painting Night in Youth Room @ 6:30 p.m.
Confirmand Retreat Planning in Youth Room @ 7:30 p.m.
- 4/5 Only One Thing...Atrium....6:30 p.m.
Confirmand Retreat Planning #2 in Atrium, @ 7:30 p.m.
- 4/12 Easter! Family Day!
- 4/19 Ice Cream and Cereal Party @ 6:30 p.m. @ Les & Brooke Nack's
Bring Ice Cream & Cereal
- 4/26 Youth Band – Main rehearsal for Confirmand Retreat @ 5:45 in Youth Room
KHKO @ 6:30 in Youth Room
Confirmand Retreat Planning #3, if needed @ 8:00 in Youth Room
- 5/3 Only One Thing...Atrium....6:30 p.m.
Confirmand Retreat Planning #4, if needed in Atrium @ 7:30 p.m.
- 5/8-5/10 **CONFIRMAND RETREAT! We need YOU!**
- 5/17 Confirmation Sunday.....Congratulate the Confirmands...
- 5/24 Memorial Day! Family Day! (*There are rumors of an informal cook-out....*)
- 5/31 KHKO @ 6:30 in the Youth Room – Good-bye to Seniors begins....Welcome new Confirmands!
- 6/7 Only One Thing...Atrium....6:30 p.m.all **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!
- 6/14 KHKO @ 6:30 in the Youth Room – Farewell to Seniors continues....all **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!

- 6/21 Father's Day Party...bring your dad...yes, yours, not your neighbor's...and we will have some fun! 6:30 @ the Nack's. Plan for the outdoors! (Can anyone say, "Capture the Flag?")all **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!
- 6/28 KHKO @ 6:30 in the Youth Roomall **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!
- 7/5 AJ Good-bye Party (aka Only One Thing...Atrium....6:30 p.m.all **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!)
- 7/12 KHKO @ 6:30 in the Youth Roomall **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!
- 7/19 Planning Meeting & ?????? @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Nack's
- 7/26 KHKO @ 6:30 in the Youth Roomall **new** 9th graders...this is the place to be!
- 7/31 – 8/2 Combined Camping Trip — Details soon (Dunes...we think)

6th - 8th Grade:

Coming Schedule....

- 4/7 YouthQuake Pre-gathering meeting – for all going to YouthQuake – 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room
- 4/8 B.A.S.I.C. (**B**rothers and **S**isters in **C**hrist) @ 3:45 p.m. in the Youth Room
- 4/11 Easter Breakfast Set-up/Preparation Time @ 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & Cafeteria
- 4/12 Easter Breakfast @ 6:45 a.m. (There is an earlier shift) to 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall kitchen & Cafeteria
- 4/17-19 **YOUTHQUAKE** – Some room still available! Talk to Paul ASAP
- 4/22 B.A.S.I.C. (**B**rothers and **S**isters in **C**hrist) @ 3:45 p.m. in the Youth Room
- 5/8-5/10 Confirmand Retreat for 8th Graders!
- 5/13 B.A.S.I.C. (**B**rothers and **S**isters in **C**hrist) @ 3:45 p.m. in the Youth Room
- 5/27 B.A.S.I.C. (**B**rothers and **S**isters in **C**hrist) @ 3:45 p.m. in the Youth Room
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Confirmand Retreat

Registration materials for the Confirmand Retreat are now out! Pick up your copy & get it turned in today! Copies at the Reception Desk or in the Youth Room.

Camping Trip teaser

A jr. & sr. high camping trip is being planned for the weekend of July 31 – August 2nd. Advance sign-ups will be required. Watch for registration stuff soon.....

School News

Scrip: Easter is coming. Don't forget to order your Scrip cards in advance. Be aware that Scrip will not be available the week of April 6 – 10 due to a scheduled inventory. Thanks for your continued support of this program.

Book Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We are blessed with a supportive church and school, as well as an amazing group of volunteers. Because of you, we were able to make this year's event a huge success! Our Book Fair sold \$5,180.00 worth of books.

In addition, we would like to express our appreciation for your support of the "One for Books Program" (yellow box). We were able to raise \$52.25, one nickel at a time. This money will bring more books into our library and directly benefit our students as well as helping children within our communities. Scholastic will now match the "One for Books" dollars we have raised with a donation of books to the following three non-profit programs devoted to improving reading skills among children: *The Kids in Distressed Situations*, *The National Center for Family Literacy* as well as the *Toys for Tots Program*.

Again, thank you for generously supporting our Book Fair and the group of volunteers who helped make it successful!!

Happy Anniversary!

4/5	Ron & Nicole Leighty
4/7	Bud & Bernice Anderson
4/8	Larry & Kathleen Berda, Dennis & Ilse Lunkes, James & Susan Bova, Eric & Venissa Ivasiecko, Joe & Crissy Alliss
4/11	Gary & Kay Rasmussen, Robert & Christine Pavot
4/12	Jack & Doris Rentner, Michael & Cathy Ventura
4/13	Doug & Robin Luebcke, Ron & Cathy Morris
4/15	Fred & Bobbi Kujawski, Carl & Sandy Sapper
4/17	Chuck & Judy Alliss,
4/20	Dale & Cheryl Trump, Richard & Kathy Mueller, Eric & Lisa Engel, Peter & Amy Dyba
4/21	Eric & Beverly Neff, Jason & Leslee Wiater
4/24	Richard & Connie Rainey
4/26	David & Amy Zimmerman
4/27	John & Linda Swanson, Shawn & Brenda Ebert

Happy Birthday!

4/1	Lois Uhter, Willi Paul
4/2	Norma Lindzy
4/3	Les Luebcke, Julie McClintic, Carrissa Totleben
4/4	Matthew Rydberg
4/5	Elaine Edwards, Daniel Angulo, Ryan Angerman, Alyssa Kregel
4/6	Evelyn Fronek, Christi Oosterhoff, Katelyn Coy
4/7	Paul Dahlman, Dawn Stovall, David Foster, Christopher DeArmond, Elizabeth Haberling, Gabriel Haberling, Olivia Stojkovich
4/8	James Bova, Melissa Koedyker, Robert Pearson
4/9	Erica Buatista
4/10	James Fuehrmeyer, Sherry Malone, Rosemary Gutesha, Lori Hult, Alex McCormick, Kyle Myers
4/11	Thomas McPheron, Scott Wilson, Kerri Wilkes, Jason Best, Ryan Knopp
4/12	Ryan Witham, John Rosenwinkel, Andrea Cole
4/13	Stephanie Hildebrandt, Julie Savich, Timothy Holzhauer, Jo Constable
4/14	Richard Borsits, Megan Coulter
4/15	Bryan Boettger, Jami Knopf, Kate Keller, Olivia Foster
4/16	James LaDuke, Marilou Jovanoski, Linnette Ramey, Natalie Klingberg
4/17	Mae Reeder, Chuck Sauerman, Lori Ehrenheft, Mark Vicari, Carolyn Murdoch, Kristin Wielert, Ashlyn Stiener
4/18	D.J. Ivanyo, Joshua Hrapek
4/19	Gretchen Pace, Bethany Komaskinski
4/20	Doug Cozart, Ed Klingberg Jr., Jesse Coomer, Nikkol McCord, Andrew Monix, Abigail Foster, Zofia Bielawski
4/21	Lothar Thoelke, Carol Minich, Barbara Orelup, Mary Sutcliffe, Jon Kozlowski, Austin Jackson, Kaylee Guritz
4/22	Paul Feder, Donald Obert, Tim Gardiner, Derek Vajda, Angela Woldt
4/23	Sophia Genovese
4/24	Robin Leslie, Aaron Gardiner, Zachary Stefanovich
4/25	Helmi Paul, Helen Sauerman, Todd Johnson, Amy Dyba, Sarah Schultz, William Nowakowski
4/26	Harold Chubbs, Kathy O'Day, Kathy Bunde, Elisha Sacha
4/27	Bud Bowman, Bill Heiser, Don Carnahan, Darlene Coomer, David Esala
4/28	Ruth Baum
4/29	Amy Coy, Joseph Pollitt, Luke Wilkes
4/30	Terry Chelap, Paul Wendt, Trevor Ivanyo

Baptisms

Gary Jr., Lee, Nathan, and Abigail Nava received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 28th. They are the great grandchildren of Ken Homeier

Funerals

Kenneth E. Stoltenberg, Jr., son of Mary Lou Stoltenberg, was called home to be with the Lord on February 20th. His funeral was February 25th.

Jean Black was called to her eternal rest on March 24th. Her funeral was March 28th, in Columbia City, IN.



Thursday, April 23rd for article submission to the May newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to newsletter@trinitycp.org.

Bible Study

Education News



Our study continues...

Adult Bible Study

Current classes conclude Sunday April 5th

Easter Sunday April 12th – no Adult Bible Study

April 19th – May 10th 9:25 a.m. every Sunday
Consecrated Stewards – Fellowship Hall

April 19th -- A bible study class, based on the movie Fireproof, will begin. -- Gymnasium

May 17th – The congregation is invited to be present for our confirmands Sharing of the Faith at 9:25 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Rite of Confirmation follows in the 10:45 worship service.

Confirmation Class Schedule:

Grade 5 –

April 5 – May 10 (no meeting April 12) – Peacemaker in Cafeteria A with Mrs. Miller

Grade 6 –

April 5 – May 10 (no meeting April 12 & special April 19) – A Foretaste of the Feast to Come continues in Cafeteria B with Pastor Easterday & others

Grade 7 –

April 5 – May 10 (no meeting April 12 & special April 19) – Confession & Absolution in room 104 with Pastor Kipp

Grade 8 –

April 5 – Finish the Stoles in room 103 with Judy Duffala

April 12 – no meeting

April 19 – special for those not at YouthQuake with Pastor Kipp in Cafeteria B

April 26 & May 3 – Sharing the Faith in room 103 with Judy Duffala

May 8 -10 – Confirmand Retreat

Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8

May 17 – Sharing the Faith

Beginning May 24....

Grades 5, 6 & 7

Junior High Bible Study

Grade 8

Sr. High Bible Study

Mission Connections ...

News from the Groths

Excerpts from the March 2009 newsletter:

The meeting with the senator goes well. It looks like the container project may be a go!! You thank God for fellow Christians and the places God puts them to serve Him - (government or church). Then your Christian friend has a request. "Please could we go to see a new mission area? We really need someone to teach there. These are "baby" Christians. Could you please just look at some spots where we could do some teaching?" "Of course," we say, and we're off on a bumpy, dusty "road." At the first place we meet a Christian leader who is working to spread the Gospel to people in a wide area. He and his wife are excited about the possibility of more Christian teaching. On to another spot. The building roof is caving in, the pump is broken, the generator is limping, and we all decide it is a perfect spot to hold a workshop. We head down the road and our troubled Christian friend tells us about his travel along this road. "Every week when my helper and I travel this road we pray. We know that all along this road people have **NEVER** heard the name of Jesus. That small road over there leads to a village of over five hundred homes; none of the people who live there know about Jesus. We ask God where we should go. We stop and meet with people. Now there are cell groups beginning." Our Christian friend continues, "It takes time for sharing and caring. Sometimes I think I should go off and just have a quiet life, but then what would be the purpose of living?"

(The complete newsletter is posted on the Missions board in the Atrium.)

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“Worship for Shut-Ins”

This 30-minute Lutheran television program provides shut-ins and short-term hospitalized children, adults, and seniors, a weekly worship service that includes Hymns, Scripture, Creed, Sermon, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction, with opening and closing comments from our host, Don Luepke. “Worship for Shut-Ins” can be seen on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on **Cable TV TLN (Total Living Network)**.

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