



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND SCHOOL**
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

NEWSLETTER

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Easter Breakfast

**Easter Morning – Sunday, April 24, 2011
Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.**

The Jr. High Youth (youth group for grades 6 to 8) will be serving you! A Free Will Donation is requested.

Menu

Scrambled Eggs with Ham
Scrambled Eggs
Baked Goods
Coffee
Juice
Milk

Great Fellowship!

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.

A donation list is at the reception desk in the atrium.

From Your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

In the past few weeks we have had two wonderful examples of loving relationships. One involved people in our congregation, and the other involved people who spent time in our building. Here are the stories.

About a month ago we had a woman contact Trinity Cares about some financial needs. She was in an apartment she couldn't afford and needed some help with rent. We were unable to return the call because as we found out later, she was in the hospital. By the time we had reconnected, she told us she was being evicted and just didn't know what to do. This dear woman had a physical disability that that prevented her from being able to work.

After numerous phone calls, we arranged for some men from Trinity (thank you, Hans and Tom) and some men from the Bakery House (thank you, Fred, John, Justin, Philip, and James) to load a truck donated (thank you Mike) and take her household items to a donated storage unit (thank you Ron) until she can make arrangements for other housing. I also found out that one of her friends had grown up at Trinity and was providing a place for her to stay for now. This was a great opportunity for Trinity and Bakery House to demonstrate the love of Christ to someone in great need.

The second story is about a group of college students from the University of Louisville. They were members of an interfaith co-op and were taking the week of Spring break to do service projects in Northwest Indiana. Thirteen college students and five adult leaders arrived at Trinity on Sunday afternoon. They needed a place to stay overnight for five nights, and had contacted us to stay with us during their stay. Our staff worked hard to make this possible and one staff member laundered towels each night for the eighteen people (thank you Sue). The group was very appreciative of the opportunity to stay in our gym and use our locker room showers and bath rooms. Although we didn't get to see much of them because they were busy working, we were very much aware of their presence in our building and in our community.

The love that was shown in these situations was not something that originated in man. It is something that has come from God. John reminds us,

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
(1 John 3:16)

Loving relationships is based on the events of Good Friday, when Jesus willingly offered His life as a sacrifice for our sins. The loving relationships we have with each other originate from the One who gave Himself for us. As we draw near to Good Friday, we see the ultimate loving relationship. Then we see the final victory, with the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We now are raised from our death from sins to love one another as Christ has loved us.

I rejoice in these two stories and in many other stories of loving relationships here at Trinity. Keep up God's good work being done through you!

Worship Services- April

Apr. 2-4 Fourth Weekend In Lent- Blindness and Darkness

The man born blind was set free from darkness first by the healing of his eyes and then by the cleansing of his heart.

****Apr. 6 Wednesday Lenten Midweek Worship (2:00 & 7:00 p.m.)**

Soup Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

The Savior's side was pierced by the spear and the flow of water and blood remind us of our baptism and of the Lord's Supper.

Apr. 9-11 Fifth Weekend In Lent-Resurrection

The valley of dry bones was brought to life by the word of God. Lazarus was also brought to life by the word of Christ. God's word raises us from the dead!

****Apr. 13 Wed. Lenten Midweek Worship (2:00 & 7:00 p.m.)**

Soup Supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

His bones were unbroken in death in fulfillment of the prophecy of the Old Testament.

Apr. 16-18 Palm Sunday Weekend- The Passion of Christ

The final week of His life began with a triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but would end outside the city with His terrible death on the cross. This weekend's services will remember the passion account of Christ and His death on the cross.



Apr. 21 Maundy Thursday 2 & 7 p.m.

His precious blood is given to us in the Last Supper of Jesus Christ.

Apr. 22 Good Friday 2:00 p.m. service-

The light going out from His eyes.

7:00 p.m. service-The last words of the wounded Savior and the service of darkness.

Apr. 23 Easter Vigil- 6:30 p.m.

We wait for deliverance.

In our baptism, we are delivered from our sins. We live with the anticipation of our day of resurrection as we wait for the day of Jesus' resurrection.

Apr. 24 Easter Sunday His Wounded Body Is Alive!

6:30 a.m. Son-rise Service.

(Easter Breakfast from 8:00-8:50 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Service

We serve a risen Savior and we rejoice that He is alive!

Apr. 25 Easter Monday (6:30 p.m.)

Each time we worship is a time to rejoice in the risen Savior!

Apr. 30-May 1 2nd Weekend Of Easter

The message of the resurrection was the message of hope proclaimed by Peter on the day of Pentecost. The fear experienced by the disciples after His death was overcome by the appearance of the risen Christ. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Easterday

The Principal Connection ...

“More Love to Thee, O Christ!”

“Jesus is the kindness of God.” Titus 3:4

Have you ever read the quote by **Ralph Waldo Emerson**, “**You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late**”? When I read that the other day I started thinking about our lives as Christians and the kindness we are shown by Jesus. Then it reminded me that **we need to demonstrate that kindness to others.**

The hallmark of being a Christian is love. Jesus told the disciples that by this all men know you are my disciples. The word for love in action is kindness. Kindness is love in action. It is not a feeling. It is something you do.

When I was a teacher I asked the students to **tell me the meaning of loving-kindness.** A little boy jumped up and said, “Well, if I was hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread and peanut butter that would be a kindness. But if they put a little jam on it, that would be loving-kindness.”

How is Jesus kind to me? The obvious is through his suffering, death and resurrection. But He understands my weakness. (Hebrews 4:15-16) He tells me the truth. (John 8:32) He forgives my sins. (Romans 3:23-24) He affirms my worth. (Psalm 139:16-17)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Christians were known by their kind spirit instead of a judgmental spirit? This is the way we want our children to be remembered. We want them to realize that when they are kind it is because of the kindness Jesus showed to them. We want them reaching out to others in loving-kindness. During National Lutheran Schools Week we divided up into family groups. When I see the big ones do things for the little ones just because they are acting out that kindness I can see the love. What can we share with people to the ends of the earth? We can show them our kindness! **What a blessing to be kind!**

We have had 120 children sent to the Principal's office for being good this year! What a joy to see the smiling faces as they leave my office.

Students of the Month for March 2011 are Kaylee Jensen and Danielle Johnson.

Congratulations go out to **these two students who have been selected by their teachers to receive this award!** They get a certificate, a letter, and their picture posted outside the Principal's Office. Stop by and see their smiling faces!

A Night of Abundant Blessings was a wonderful event for our church and school! The fellowship was tremendous! The dinner was excellent! The money we took in was a real blessing. Thank you one and all for your tremendous prayers, contributions and support of our school!

Friday March 18, 2001 we passed the latest hurdle in the renewal of our accreditation with National Lutheran Schools Accreditation agency (NLSA). Our Self-Study is complete. Our School Improvement Plan is finished and accepted by the Steering Committee, the Faculty, the Day School Board, and the Parish Planning Council. **April 19-20 we will host a team of distinguished educators who will inspect our school and make a recommendation for us to be re-accredited.** This is the tool the State of Indiana uses to accredit us also. Many hours have gone into the preparation of the documents. Thanks to all who have participated in this process! We are so blessed to have so many volunteers who sacrificed of their time to make this a success! May the Lord continue to bless and keep Trinity Lutheran School and our children in His tender care!

Congratulations to Glenn Hecht and Zack Lambert for making the Boy's Baseball team at Crown Point. We are so very proud of all our graduates. If you have any news to share about our graduates accomplishments please call Mr. Schultz to let him know! We don't want to miss anyone!

We thank the Lord in heaven above for the wonderful way you have supported our school. **Thanks for your prayers and your generous gifts of money!** We are so blessed to have you with us! We give thanks for our parents who value their child's spiritual development and share in partnership with us!

John E. Schultz

From the Executive Director ...

At the top of the New York Times business best-seller list last week was Tell to Win: Connect, Persuade and Triumph with the Hidden Power of Story, by Peter Guber. This book describes the power of a good story to connect with people. Whether your goal is to teach, encourage, or persuade, a good story is often the most effective way to engage listeners.

Of course, Christians know there's nothing new about this technique – Jesus' parables are a great example of story-telling in action. So as part of our 2010-2011 ministry focus on Loving Relationships, Trinity's leadership would like to employ a little story-telling of our own. We believe Loving Relationships is one of Trinity's strengths and provides a healthy base for further growth. But strengthening Loving Relationships at Trinity isn't about starting a new program. Rather, it's more about developing a mindset of people being more friendly, outward focused, and sensitive to others in need. We're sure this is happening every day here at Trinity, but we don't always know the "whom, what, when, where, and how". Therefore, to help us all better appreciate the many examples of love in action at our church and school and to encourage this Christ-like behavior even more, we are asking you to tell your stories for sharing with everyone.

Here's an example. A number of years back, my wife, Nancy, had back surgery involving spinal fusion and disc replacement. Recovery from this type of surgery is slow, and Nancy spent the first three weeks confined to bed. When she came home from the hospital, I was trying to figure out how to care for Nancy and our two little boys, knowing that I eventually had to get back to running my small business in Chicago. Family members helped out as one might expect, but what really surprised us was the unsolicited outpouring of support from Trinity. Between the ladies from the Tuesday morning Bible study group and the mothers of the girl's basketball team that Nancy coached, we had multicourse, home-cooked meals brought to our house every day for about four weeks! The food was delicious, but the greater gift was the unexpected love we felt from our Trinity family.

If you have a "love story" – big or small – you're willing to share, please contact Susan Magruder (magruder@trinitycp.org, 663-1578, ext. 337) or Pastor Easterday (easterdayd@trinitycp.org, 663-1578, ext. 303). I look forward to hearing your stories.

Greg Forsythe

From the Contemporary Worship and Youth Director. . .

The Little Things

There is a book that saves me over and over again. It saves me from my hunger. It saves me from being dirty. It saves me from shame. David Joachim's, "Man With A Can And A Plan", contains 50 recipes for guys; guys that cling to Campbell's like is a life raft in a stormy sea and Ramen like college isn't over. I love this book, but 50 different recipes doesn't impress too many people, especially these 50. I have ventured out to the next circle of the culinary arts, I bought a cook book that actually has ingredient sizes, ingredients that made me unsure of starting my shopping in the produce aisle or the noodle section (a free pop for someone who can tell me what type of food a Molinara is, Marilyn gets a head start). There was one specific recipe for Chicken Fried Rice. Now, I have had Chicken Fried Rice many times, never made it, but have eaten it many times. I had no clue that it called for 2 eggs (or at least this recipe did), OR, that you use Red Curry (a teaspoon to be exact). It made all the difference. You couldn't see either very well and, given the amount of rice and chicken, you would have hardly known it was there. It's the little things. It's the little things we do as a congregation.

The praying, the participating once a month, the extra phone call of motivation, love, or encouragement, it's saying hello to someone you haven't talked to on a Sunday or during the week. I encourage you to circle one of these on your list and give it a whirl, you might not see it, and many may not even noticed it happened, but someone will be able to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

Here are some "little things"...and some "big things" in ministry in regards to youth ministry and contemporary ministry at Trinity.

Youth

Soup Suppers through Lent. Come, participate in eating, donate a soup, donate some cash that will benefit youth missions, First Step Saturday projects, and our Six:Ten program. (both members and those who are learning of Jesus for the first time). Call Brandon at extension 338 for information.

Contemporary Service

Donate a commitment to support our Sunday Ministry We always LOVE new help. Whether you are a novice, rookie, professional, young, or old, we would love to teach the Sound Board, Media Shout, Communion help, leading music, disassembling the "tabernacle". By all means, contact Brandon or any member of the Contemporary Worship Task Force to learn how you can rise up and take on a specific role in our worship. Task Force members are Tina Gardiner, Erica Stephen, Andrew Knapp, Todd Pflughoeft, Nona Rowland, and Cathy Stinson.

First Steps

Feel free to donate breakfast items, pray for our experiences, be apart of our action team, or make us mindful of a project in our community to show the love of Jesus.

Thank God for the Church! A people that can work together to show the love of Christ.

Be The Church, Together.

Brandon Grelle

Trinity's Handyman Ministry

Trinity's Handyman Ministry is still active and providing home repairs and maintenance services for members of Trinity and the community. This ministry's mission is to provide smaller size home repair and maintenance services. This ministry has assisted others with such projects as installing handicap ramps and railings, repairing gutters, change electrical fixtures, assembled furniture, lighting hot water heaters, and installed a ceiling fans. This mission focuses on assisting:

- widows/widowers
- seniors
- single moms
- disabled
- those who can not afford professional services
- families who have a head of household member serving in our military.

There are currently nine (9) members of Trinity who have volunteered to perform small repairs and fix ups in and around homes. These volunteers will provide the labor with the homeowner picking up the cost for the materials.

To request assistance or for further information, contact Dennis Mills at 613-5034. Dennis is the contact person for Trinity's Handyman Ministry. No job is too small. Please call and let us evaluate your problem. We will then let you know if we are able to help.

Trinity School News

PTL would like to remind the Trinity Community of 5 programs that can greatly help our school in many ways. These programs take little effort on our part, and can provide our school needed supplies and funds:

- 1) Box Tops for Education,
- 2) Campbells soup labels,
- 3) Market day,
- 4) Scrip,
- 5) Newspaper recycling.

The recycling bins are located in the parking lot at the southeast corner of the school. The remaining programs are located in the atrium.



Its Vacation Bible School time again, mark your calendars for June 13-17 2011. Volunteers are needed for teachers, aides, snacks, crafts, and much more. VBS welcomes children from 3yrs. old (must be potty trained)

through those who have completed the 5th grade. Attention 6th graders and up you can now be a volunteer, so come and volunteer and share your love of Jesus! Parents complete and return your child's registration form located in the atrium today. Please contact Kerri Wilkes 690-1415 or bwilkes98@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

"Come and Go Wild on a Faith Journey with Jesus."
Blessings

Kerri Wilkes, Vacation Bible School Director

Happy Anniversary!

4/5	Ron & Nicole Leighty
4/7	Charles & Bernice Anderson, Anthony & Vierlyn Sirico
4/8	Larry & Kathleen Berda, Dennis & Ilse Lunkes, James & Susan Bova, Eric & Venissa Ivasiecko, Joe & Crissy Alliss
4/11	Gary & Kay Rasmussen, Bob & Chris Pavot
4/12	Jack & Doris Rentner
4/13	Doug & Robin Luebcke, Ron & Cathie Morris
4/15	Fred & Bobbi Kujawski, Carl & Sandy Sapper
4/17	Chuck & Judy Alliss
4/20	Dale & Cheryl Trump, Rich & Kathy Mueller, Peter & Amy Dyba
4/21	Eric & Beverly Neff, David & Lupe DeChene, Ryan & Leslee Wiater
4/24	Rich & Connie Rainey
4/26	Dave & Amy Zimmerman
4/27	John & Linda Swanson, Shawn & Brenda Ebert
4/29	Michael & Janice Doherty

Happy Birthday!

4/1	Lois Uhter, Willi Paul, Brooke Knapp
4/2	Norma Lindzy, Jene Lintz
4/3	Les Luebcke, Carissa Totleben
4/4	Matthew Rydberg
4/5	Elaine Edwards, James Nowoc, Daniel Angulo, Alyssa Kregel
4/6	Evelyn Fronek, Christi Oosterhoff, Katelyn Coy
4/7	Dawn Stovall, Elizabeth & Gabriel Haberling, Olivia Stojkovich
4/8	James Bova, Jacilyn Shepard, Melissa Koedyker, Abigail Morantz
4/9	Erica Bautista
4/10	James Fuehrmeyer, Sherry Malone, Rosemary Gutesha, Lori Hult, Alex McCormick
4/11	Thomas McPheron, Scott Wilson, Kerri Wilkes, Jason Best
4/12	Andrea Cole, John Rosenwinkel, Brayden Schopieray
4/13	Stephanie Hildebrandt, Julie Savich, Tim Holzhauer
4/14	Richard Borsits, Megan Thompson
4/15	Bryan Boettger, Kate Keller
4/16	Jim LaDuke, Linnette Ramey, Stephanie Korte, Natalie Klingberg
4/17	Chuck Sauerma, Mark Vicari, Kristin Wielert, Ashlyn Stiener
4/18	DJ Ivanyo, Ben Hickel
4/19	Gretchen Pace, Bethany Komaskinski
4/20	Doug Cozart, Ed Klingberg Jr, Jesse Coomer, Nikkol McCord, Zofia Bielawski
4/21	Pastor Thoeke, Carol Minich, Barbara Orelup, Mary Sutcliffe, Jon Kozlowski, Austin Jackson, Kaylee Guritz
4/22	Ray Hurtubise, Paul Feder, Donald Obert, Tim Gardiner, Derek Vajda, Angela Woldt
4/23	Sophia Genovese
4/24	Janice Doherty, Aaron Gardiner, Miranda DeHaan, Zachary Stefanovich
4/25	Helmi Paul, Helen Sauerma, Todd Johnson, Amy Dyba, Sarah Schultz, Rachel Griffin, William Nowakowski
4/26	Harold Chubbs, Kathy O'Day, Kathy Bunde
4/27	Bud Bowman, Bill Heiser, Don Carnahan, Darlene Coomer, David Esala
4/28	Ruth Baum
4/29	Amy Coy, Joseph Pollitt, Brendan Ballou, Luke Wilkes
4/30	Terry Chelap, Paul Wendt, Trevor Ivanyo

Weddings

Congratulations and God's blessings to Allyson Ketcher and Philip Augustyn who were joined in holy matrimony on March 5th.

Baptisms

Three children were received into the family of God through holy baptism during the month of March. They are:

Memphis Richard Miller, son of Angela and Richard Miller. Sponsors for Memphis are Ian & Rita Lucas.

Kenneth Howard Abels, son of Ken & Stephanie Abels. Sponsors for Kenny are Kendra & James Tustison.

Corey James Reinholtz, son of Charles & Theresa Reinholtz. Sponsors for Corey are June Gregory and Jon Hyman.

New Members

On March 20th we welcomed several new members into our Trinity family. They are: Elizabeth Ferry, Samuel & Stephanie Fies, David & Misty Knestrict and children Reece & Graham, Greg Madouros, Rosemarie Nelson and daughter Tori, Ted Sayger, and Michelle Sheetz and children Daniel & Lucas. We pray that the Lord will bless them and our ministry together in Him.



Wednesday, April 20th
for article submission to the May newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to

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