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From Your Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

This may be one of the shortest newsletter articles I have ever written. The message is simple:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What a great message to share with the world! The Easter hymn that we sang just before the sermon says it well,

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

May we each continue to live the life of Easter Christians and may we tell it out abroad!

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Pastor Easterday

Worship Services- May

Apr. 30-May 1 2nd Weekend Of Easter
The resurrection story continues as we consider Thomas' confession of Jesus as Lord and God.

May 7-9 3rd Weekend Of Easter
We welcome Rev. Farrukh Khan of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach as our missionary speaker this weekend. Pastor Khan is a former Muslim reaching out to Muslims in the United States.

May 14-16 4th Weekend Of Easter
Join us for confirmation faith sharing at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday followed by confirmation at 10:45. We have 16 young men and ladies who have some great stories to share as they prepare to live out their life in faith even to death.

May 21-23 5th Weekend Of Easter
As Easter Christians, we are now called a chosen people!

May 28-30 6th Weekend Of Easter
As Easter Christians we are told to be prepared to give an answer to the hope we have!

June 4-6 Ascension Weekend
The time of Easter ends with the Ascension of Christ into heaven. We'll consider the questions, "What's He doing now?" and "What're we doing now?"

Pastor Easterday

The Principal Connection ... "More Love to Thee, O Christ!"

I know you all would have been proud to see how wonderfully the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) Visitation Team responded to the Self Study and School Improvement Plan. **Thank you Trinity for all the marvelous work you have done on our NLSA On-Going Improvement Plan.**

We have been approved by the Visitation Team to be accepted for reaccreditation by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod through NLSA. This must be approved by the Indiana District Accreditation Committee and finally by the National LCMS Accreditation Board. We will hear sometime in July about the final approval.

We thank the **Visiting Team of NLSA** Captain Merv Koehlinger from Concordia High School in Ft. Wayne, Sandy Price Principal from Trinity Lutheran School in Elkhart, Lynn Bremer Principal from Immanuel Lutheran School in Valparaiso, and Fred Weiss NLSA Consultant for their time and effort to put together the Visiting Team Report and for the recommendation for reaccreditation. Each of these people left work at home for 2 days to come inspect us and prepare the report.

We also thank our **Steering Committee members** Pastor David Easterday, Tim Gardiner, Rich Rainey, and Peter Dyba from the Day School Board, Lisa Hargreaves from the Parent Teacher League (PTL), Jim Hensley our church Treasurer, Jud Salmon Finance Committee Chairman, Guy Ramey from our Elders, Christine Miller and Karol Ketcher from our Faculty, and Lisa Cizmar our School Administrative Assistant for the incredible amount of time they spent in meetings, discussion, review, and casting the vision for our school.

We would like to thank all those who served on the Self Study Teams. **Mission and Vision Committee** Peter Dyba, Chairman, John Schultz, Pastor David Easterday, Rich Rainey, Tim Gardiner, Angie Jensen, Mary Lou Thompson, Patricia Hamilton, Linda Watland, Russ Bunde, and Ryan Stojkovich. **Relationships Committee** Brenda Dean and Terry Chelap Co-Chairs, Les Nack, and Deb Komaskinski. **Leadership Committee** Rich Rainey Chair, John Schultz, Mark Rayonec, Dan Matalin, Christine Dixon, Susan Buse, Melissa Mason. **Personnel Committee** Mary Lou Thompson, Linda Watland Co-Chairs, and Ruth Schultz. **Curriculum Committee** John Schultz Chairman, Terry Chelap, Carole Esala Jene Lintz, Karol Ketcher, Ruth Schultz, Melanie Johnson, Brenda Dean, Arron Lehman, Christine Miller, Laura Sauerman, and Casey Pflughoeft. **Instruction Committee** Sandy Rosenwinkel and Arron Lehman Co-Chairs, Kathy Rayonec, Lynn Matalin, Angie Jensen, Sandra Hnatusko, and Joyce Easterday. **Student Service Committee** Angie Jensen and Laura Sauerman Co Chairs, Lisa Cizmar, and Jesus Salas. **Health and Safety Committee** Patricia Hamilton and Jene Lintz Co Chairs, Lisa Cizmar, Laurie Pavlovick, and Pat Werner. **Facilities Committee** Tim Gardiner Chairman, Kendra Tustison, Gary Diekelmann, Gary Hammond, Karen Knapp, and Kim Merrell. **Finance Committee** Jim Hensley Chairman, Lisa Cizmar, Julie Miller, Casey Pflughoeft, and Angie Jensen. **Evaluation Committee** John Schultz Chairman, Peter Dyba, Tim Gardiner, Christine Miller, Karol Ketcher, Pastor David Easterday, Jim Hensley, Guy Ramey, Jud Salmon, Greg Forsythe, Lisa Cizmar and Lisa Hargreaves.

We also need to thank **our parents** who took time to interview with the NLSA Visitation Team. Thanks to Sue Buse, Tammy Gardin, Tina Gardiner, Tim Gardiner, Lisa Hargreaves, Angie Jensen, Brooke Nack, Chris Nasrallah, Pastor Bryan Reeves, Jesus Salas, Pastor Corey Wielert.

We must thank Mary Lou Thompson and Lisa Cizmar for planning the menu and getting the food to feed the Visitation Team. Thanks to Rich Rainey for providing rooms at the Extended Stay Motel for our out of town guests on the Visitation Team.

You can see what a blessing so many people have been to this process of our School Improvement. To those I may have missed I am sorry, but thanks to one and all for your support and prayers.

We have had 129 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 April 2011 are Clara Dobbins and Allison Gardin. 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!**

Congratulations go out to **Amy Fraikin** for making the Varsity track Team at Lowell High School. Amy is doing the discus and shot put. Congratulations go out to **LeAnn Powell and Amanda Manley** for making the cast in the performance of **The Sound of Music** at Covenant Christian High School in Demotte! Congratulations to **Morgan Boyd** for making the Varsity Cheerleading Team at Merrillville High School for next year. She also was a JV Cheerleader and made the Varsity Tennis team for this year! Congratulations go out to **Megan Dean and Makenzi Morris** who are on the varsity track team at Crown Point High School. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Gardiner and Alexis Fitzsimmons** who were chosen to be in the **"One Acts"** spring theater production at Crown Point High School. We also congratulate **Megan Dean** who has also been invited into membership in the National Honor Society. These extracurricular activities help to round out the excellent education our students receive. These are foundations we are proud to provide at Trinity through our sports, Fine Arts, and National Junior Honor Society programs. These excellent students are more examples of Trinity graduates making an impact at the high school level! 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 all have supported our school. **Thanks for your prayers and your financial resources!** 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 Contemporary Worship and Youth Director. . .

A special thanks to all who participated the Third Anniversary of the Contemporary Service. It was great to see the kids smiling faces during the balloon "drop" (even if some of the kids included those who have kids of their own). It was great to hear the congregation singing aloud songs that have held some sort of personal meaning. It was an honor to notice all those in the congregation who have been apart of growing such a service. All in all, thanks be to God for every ministry He decides to include us in! We currently are looking for volunteers for all positions as we are looking at the possibility of 11:00 a.m. worship. Please, do talk to Brandon Grelle as he would be able to connect you to the proper director who can assist you in training or openings for all service areas that allow for our service to reach, teach, and engage the congregation in the gymnasium.

Brandon Grelle

Board of Church Properties

By the time you read this your eyes should be adjusted to the new lighting on the altar area. We have been investigating the new lighting technologies. At this time we have some of the old incandescent bulbs, two halogen floods, two CFL (compact fluorescent) and two LED (light emitting diode) bulbs in use. We want to watch them and see how they perform. The goal was to bring the lighting level up to what it used to be and save energy/dollars with the new technology.

Also, we are closing in on a new set of lights for the Narthex. We are also trying to get back to the lighting levels we once had there.

We want to thank you for your continued contributions to the Building Fund. That fund will allow us to address some of the higher cost upgrades in our buildings. We are currently getting cost estimates on exterior door replacements and are considering carpet replacements in the Atrium Building. The Building Fund allows us to make these changes, as the fund allows, without involving the budget.

Gary Diekelmann

Board of Communications

Need for a Marketing Volunteer

This board is looking for some visionaries who just might have an interest in marketing the service of the Lord here at Trinity to both our members and the general public. This is a wonderful opportunity to sharpen your public relations and marketing skills. Should you be interested, please call Dennis Hodges at (219) 793-3370 or email, the.writer@comcast.net

Trinity Church and School Website

Our webmaster, Dan Torkleson reports that the Trinity Church and School website was visited by 7339 people during the month of March 2011. WOW! The website is truly an effective ministry here at Trinity. When was the last time you visited the website. Check it out at www.trinitycp.org

Church Directory

The Trinity Church directory is still available to any member by way of email. Please ask for it by sending your Email address to the.writer@comcast.net Hard copies are also available to those who ask for it.

Help us to spread the Good News

The Board of Communication Services is a team of Church volunteers who are assisting the ministries at Trinity to spread Good News to the community at large. Should your board or committee or task force have something to share with the community, please let us know by calling Dennis at 219-793-3370 or Email, the.writer@comcat.net Thank you!

Dennis Hodges

Board of Finance & Staff Management

Hello again everyone,

As the old saying goes I have some good news and some bad news. First let's talk about the positive things that are happening. We have Susan Magruder on board as our Development Director. She has been given the task of promoting our school by developing ways to improve our notoriety in the community.

She is launching a campaign through the Chamber of Commerce called Commerce 4Kids which is designed to involve local business in supporting the scholarship program at Trinity.

She is also working with the Communications Board to set up a marketing plan for the coming year to "get the word out" on all the good that happens at Trinity. Along with marketing she has submitted a grant request to the Crown Point Community Foundation and is seeking grant information from the Lilly Foundation. I would like to thank her for her efforts and encourage her to continue to move us forward.

Along with Susan's efforts we have received a \$10,000 donation to help in the promotion of our school. There was also a \$12,000 donation dedicated to the purchase of the Harmony software program that will give the staff and teachers, as well as parents, a better tool for communicating and record keeping. Another very successful "A Night of Abundant Blessing" raised approximately \$61000. So as you can see the Lord continues to Bless us here at Trinity.

But along with His blessings He continually challenges us to give to the best of our ability. We once again find ourselves severely challenged as we work on next year's budget. Without everyone opening their hearts as well as their wallets we will find it very difficult, if not impossible, to give the much deserved increases to our staff.

I hope we will all take the time to pray, not only that our situation improves, but also that we are being good stewards with all that the Lord blesses us with, giving back to Him in the same manner and with the same zeal that He gives to us.

May God bless you all.

Jud Salmon

Confirmand Retreat

Confirmand Retreat will take place at Camp LutherHaven May 6-8, 2011. Hopefully, if you are going you have registered by now. If not, contact DCE Wendt immediately. Thanks!

Child Protection Training

All volunteers and staff **working with children** (anyone under 18) must be Child Protection Policy certified. Certification for those over 18 includes: 1) filling out a Volunteer Application, 2) permitting a Limited Criminal History background check, and 3) attending a 45 min. to 1 hour training session. **[Note: sensitive issues concerning child abuse and it's prevention are presented in this training session.]** Youth, age 16-17 may attend this training. Not recommended for younger youth. Certification is normally good for 3 years.

Adult training sessions are scheduled for:

Sunday, May 1 – 2:45 p.m. – Cafeteria A
 Thursday, May 12 – 1:45 p.m. – Cafeteria A
 Monday, May 23 – 7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria A
 Sunday, June 5 – 2:45 p.m. – Cafeteria A
If needed, a training session will be held the

Sunday or Monday of VBS week.

Certification for those under 18 includes; 1) filling out a Teen Volunteer Application, and 2) attending a 45 min. – 1 hour training session for youth assisting with ministry programs. **[Note: this session is different from the adult version. It does not include the same explicit information about child abuse prevention.]**

Youth training sessions are scheduled for: [Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.]

Thursday, May 12 – 4:00 p.m. – Cafeteria A
 Sunday, June 5 – 4:15 p.m. – Cafeteria A
If needed, a training session will be held the

Sunday or Monday of VBS week.

Trinity Cares

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We offer you the first quarterly report in 2011 for the activity of Trinity Cares. Trinity Cares is the helping arm of our congregation designed to help Trinity's church and school families, and community residents in Cedar Lake, Crown Point, and Winfield (including both sides of LOFS) with short-term, one-time financial needs. In today's economic climate, many circumstances contribute to the necessity to reach out for help. 27 calls were received. Seven of these homes were outside our area of ministry service. These people were directed to other possible contacts as we were able.

By means of collecting information and a personal, face-to-face interview, our Trinity Cares teams have assisted 14 out of 20 families between January and the end of March, 2011 with a total amount of \$4,422.90 and many bags of groceries and paper/cleaning products. This number included 30 adults (12 of whom were disabled) and 19 children. In these meetings financial and spiritual needs were discussed, and the teams prayed with our clients. We also ask you to continue to pray for those in need.

Feel free to talk with any of our team members to find out more about this wonderful service we offer out of the rich and marvelous love that Christ Jesus extends to us. They are: Sharon Grelecki and Paul Wendt, Kathy O'Day and Mary Ann Greiner, Bill Campbell and Chuck Sauerman, along with Jim Greiner and Becky Bergner.

In Christ's Service, *Trinity Cares Members*

Come Dancing with the Stars Trinity Style

The Trinity gym is reserved for Ball Room Dancing Tuesday evenings through the summer **beginning June 7th through August 30th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** There will be a short lesson from 7:00-7:30 followed by open dancing from 7:30-8:30. Dances will include the basics in waltz, foxtrot, rumba, swing, hustle, mambo and tango. For more information contact Sandy Rosenwinkel at the school 663-1578 or Ken and Marianne Manning.

Bakery House

A new month is upon us and we continue to support our ministry at the Bakery House with new requests for May.

Just as happens in our houses, sometimes we are in need of unusual items. One of those at the Bakery House would be ant poison, as spring brings pests everywhere. Other items needed would be aluminum foil, wax paper, and paper napkins.

The generous ongoing donations from Trinity bless this ministry so much, and are appreciated by the residents. God bless you for your spirit of love.

Happy Anniversary!

5/2	Jon & Marilyn Kozlowski
5/3	Guy & Linnette Ramey
5/4	Mike & Becky DeVries
5/5	Jim & Pat Warner
5/6	Mark & Kathy Rayonec
5/11	Steve & Mardi Kalember
5/13	Steven & Cynthia Thurn
5/14	Russ & Kathy Bunde
5/16	Tom & Mary Parry, Richard & Angela Miller
5/17	Randy & Gina Kingston, Walter & Jill Woldt
5/18	Ed & Jill Klingberg
5/20	Mike & Jeanne Strunk, Rich & Michelle Nester
5/21	Roland & Marge Brauer
5/22	Terry & Cheryl Claus, Andrew & Karen Knapp
5/23	Mark & Nancy Speichert, Tom & Dawn Beamer
5/24	Craigory & Nancy Wise
5/25	Tim & Vickie Loeber, Joseph & Lisa Riffle
5/27	Brian & Roseann Dennis, Kris & Kate Keller
5/28	Fred & Adrienne Guenther, Bruno & Sandra Hnatusko
5/29	Chuck & Sharon Grelecki, Jonathan & Lisa Haas
5/31	Tim & Kristine Koelikamp

Happy Birthday!

5/1	Jamie Chubbs, Robin Luebcke, Alec Kalember
5/3	Debbie Hammond, Greg Johnson, Casey Taylor, Jennifer Fenstermaker, Ashley Nester, Jessica Nester
5/4	Zachary Lambert
5/5	Jennifer McCord, Zachary Puent, Misty Knestrict
5/6	James Gagan, Carl Froman, Kevin McCord, Faith Oosterhoff
5/7	Gary Hammond, Michelle Nester, Michael Kulak
5/8	Marianne Manning, Jeremy Cozart, Michael Strunk Jr., Landin Rosenthal
5/9	Roberta Kregel, Amanda Rosenthal, Adam Kozlowski
5/10	Anna Mae Kerr, Pam Sanders, Heather Stefanovich, Liz Maxwell
5/11	Shirley Fraikin, Mike Strunk Sr., Dawn Stephen, Paul Griesse Jr, Jake Borner
5/12	Gary Dienes, Tyler Doyle
5/13	Joseph Perry, Elizabeth Brown, Hope Zimmerman, Isaac Brzinski, Rowan Johnson, Chase & Chance Bielawski
5/14	Kenneth Abels
5/15	David O'Day
5/16	Nancy Forsythe, Lynn Matalin, Avery Maynard
5/18	Paul Watland, Sandy Henderlong, Jill Klingberg, Les Nack, Brooke Hoefling, Kaylee Jensen
5/19	Edwin Beatty, Angela Vicari, Mary Morantz
5/20	Phoenix Bergner, Claire Gagan, Brittany Hecht, Andy Manning, Carla Misner, Alexis Rayonec Daniel Smith, Evan Ballou
5/21	Connor Anderson, Laretta Angerman, Violet Boettger, Deborah Johnstone, Lindsey Crane,
5/22	Casey Yakimow
5/23	Eloise Bloede, Terry Claus, Owen Crum, Brian Giacomini, Cory Wielert
5/24	Darlene Reda
5/25	Ryan Smith, Joshua Goeringer
5/26	Amanda Alliss, Nathan Brown, Charles Hoefling, Carol Hubacek, Lydia Hughes
5/27	Paul Rowland, Amanda Wilson
5/28	Hertha Chubbs
5/29	Eugene Fiegle, Sandra Hnatusko, Dennis Mills, Vicki Stojkovich, Kenneth Barnes
5/31	Doug Bergner, Payton Matuska, Brian Brzinski



Monday, May 23, for article submission to the June newsletter. Articles may be dropped off at church or sent to

newsletter@trinitycp.org.

Bible Study



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study in May...

Most classes will meet May 1 & 8. All classes are invited to attend the **Sharing of the Faith** by our Confirmands on May 15th in the Sanctuary. Sunday School **will meet** that Sunday. Adult Bible study classes **will not meet** that week.

Some classes will continue May 22 & 29. Please consult the weekly Green Sheet announcements.

Watch the Green Sheets for special offerings for Adults on May 22 & 29.

Summer Adult Bible studies will begin Sunday, June 5th.

Summer Sunday School for children and youth will begin Sunday, June 5th.

Watch the Green Sheets and the June newsletter for specifics.

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