

Trinity Torch



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Easter 2018

During Lent I had the opportunity to preach on Lydia, the well-known businesswoman from Philippi. Although we are not exactly sure, it appears that since she was named after the town in which she was from, she may have been a slave (it was a practice that slaves would be named after the town in which they were purchased). Perhaps she fell in love with and married her owner, the one who also owned a purple dye and textile trade business. Upon his death, it appears that Lydia inherited the entire business, and it grew and prospered under her leadership.

Lydia was a convert to Judaism. On a Sabbath day, she and other women gathered at a river for prayer and worship. Since there was no Synagogue in that area, Paul, moved by the Spirit of God to go to Philippi to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus, searched for the place where people may be worshipping. He found Lydia and the others. God opened Lydia's heart to receive the Gospel and she was baptized.

The Gospel of Jesus, the message of His life, death, and resurrection, changed Lydia's life. It helped Paul as well. Lydia, a wealthy merchant, opened her home to Paul and Silas and provided for their physical needs, while they were in Philippi preaching and teaching. Lydia's life changed. The resurrection of Jesus was a blessing to her. Her sins were forgiven and she was given New Life and a New Hope for eternity. And just as she was blessed, she became a blessing for Paul.

The resurrection of Jesus changes hearts and minds. Instead of living for ourselves, we begin to see the needs of others around us and we have the Christian, Holy Spirit driven desire to help. Because of the resurrection, Paul helped bring the Gospel to far away places. Because of the resurrection, Lydia helped Paul fulfill his mission. Both were serving the One True God with thanksgiving. How has the resurrection changed your life? Where are you a blessing to others? Pray and ask God to show you how can serve, share, or help with the sharing of the Gospel at church, in your community, or in the world. Together we can proclaim the Good News of Jesus, the only message of eternal love and hope for our world.

Pastor Bob

From the Ladies Aid



Blessings for the Month of April from the Ladies Aid!

Twenty ladies attended our March meeting and enjoyed making a fun filled evening celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Sue Voelz opened our meeting with a devotion which was enjoyed by everyone! We enjoyed snacks provided by Judy Gustafson, Barbara Rossi, and Marilyn Todd. Lots of delicious St. Patrick's themed goodies were served including shamrock cookies, green tortilla roll ups, Irish soda bread, Rueben dip, and much more! We had a great meeting and discussed plans for the remainder of the first part of the year.

Our Spring Rummage Sale is tentatively scheduled for May. It will be held in the lower church hall. We will let you know when we will be receiving donations. Please do not drop anything off before an announcement is made. Special thanks to Marilyn Todd for coordinating the sale with the Ladies Aid!

Our April meeting will take place on Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. We will have our meeting in the lower church hall, discuss our upcoming Holiday Market, and other plans for the Fall of 2018!

Reminder: JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST - NO MEETING

On November 10, 2018, we will host our Third Annual Holiday Market. Mark your calendars for a fun filled morning/early afternoon of holiday shopping and a delicious lunch in our lower church hall from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you, or someone you know, would like to sell their items at a table, please contact Sheri Abernathy 708-987-8768 as soon as possible. We only have twenty tables and once they are filled you will be put on a waiting list.

Again, please consider joining us for one, all, or some of the events. We really do have a lot of fun!

Just a reminder....we are looking for ladies and gentlemen who like to be added to our list of cooks and bakers for our Funeral Luncheons and/or Project Compassion. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Sheri Abernathy 708-987-8768. Thank you in advance for your help!

Happy Spring!!



Maundy Thursday
March 29
10am & 7pm

Good Friday
March 30
10am & 7pm

Saturday Easter Vigil
March 31
6:30pm

Easter Sunday
April 1
6:30am, 8:30am &
11am
with HC at all services

J.O.Y. Club

Join us on **Thursday, April 15 at 11:30 a.m.** Please bring your favorite dish.

Please bring a \$3.00 gift for Crazy Bunco. Contact Joyce Tomes at 630-257-2927 if you have questions.



What's Up at Walther

Do you know of families looking for a quality, Christian education for their high school student? Walther Christian Academy's next placement test date is Friday, April 13th. There will also be an opportunity to shadow a current student that day. Contact [Alma Calleros@walther.com](mailto:Alma.Calleros@walther.com) or 708-344-0404 ext. 245 to register or to set up an individual visit.



Walther Drama Presents....Godspell! Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. Walther Christian Academy Theater (otherwise known as the multi-purpose room). Tickets will be available at the door.



The 2018 disaster response has begun! Do you know anyone who would like to become certified or do you need a refresher? Now is the time to be prepared for responding to disasters.

Lutheran Church Charities has two more **Basic LERT trainings** scheduled for Spring 2018.

Please note this current schedule and save the date for the training you are interested in. If you know someone who would be a good addition to your LERT Team, encourage them to register and attend. The registration cost for new LERT volunteers will be \$35.00 and for LERT team members attending this course to update your ID, the registration cost is only \$10.00. We ask that you wear your ID and bring your manual with you if have attended before. Registration will be from 8:00 – 8:30 am followed by training from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm.



Saturday, April 7, 2018

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1190 N. Hicks Road
Palatine, IL 60067
Click [HERE](#) to register

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (LaFox)
40W605 IL Route 38
Elburn, IL 60119
Click [HERE](#) to register

Lutheran Church Charities will also be offering **Basic Chainsaw Training with Workday at Walcamp**. Training and lodging details with registration link will be forthcoming next week.

April 27 & 28, 2018

Walcamp Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center
32653 5 Points Road
Kingston, IL 60145

Thank you for your willingness to learn and serve in disaster response!

LCC Disaster Response Team

Save the Date

Trinity Church & School's 8th Annual Golf Outing

Date: Friday, August 17

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Shotgun Start Fee: \$150 per Player—Includes lunch and Dinner

Place: Ruffled Feathers Golf Course, Scramble Format—On Course Games



K-LOVE Crisis Response Training

We wanted to make you aware of great opportunities for upcoming trainings that will be useful in responding to disasters or crises.

K-LOVE CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING is once again being offered in the Chicago area on July 17-20, 2018 at:

Willow Creek Community Church
67 Algonquin Road
Barrington, IL 60014

They will be offering five FREE 2 day classes (8:00 am- 5:00 pm):

- Understanding Suicide 7/17 – 7/18
- Spiritual & Psychological First Aid 7/17 – 7/18
- Individual & Group Crisis Intervention 7/17 – 7/19
- Stress, Compassion Fatigue & Resiliency 7/19 – 7/20
- Grief Following Trauma 7/19 – 7/20

[CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the K-Love link to read the description of classes, dates and to complete your registration.

Registration has just opened and these classes tend to fill quickly. If you are interested in attending, please register as soon as possible. Please let us know if you are planning on attending. If enough people register, we will make plans to meet on site.

We hope that you will consider taking advantage of this excellent additional training opportunity.

Library Update

This month we are featuring books donated to the library.

“Where Courage Calls” by Jeanette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan tells of a young woman leaving the comforts of her home in Toronto, Canada to accept a teaching position in the rugged foothills of western Canada. She resolves to bravely face any challenges that come her way. Conditions are worse than she feared in this coal mining area. Read of her “adventures” during her year’s stay and the relationships she builds.

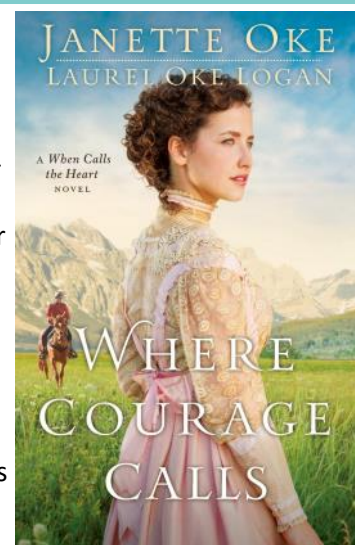
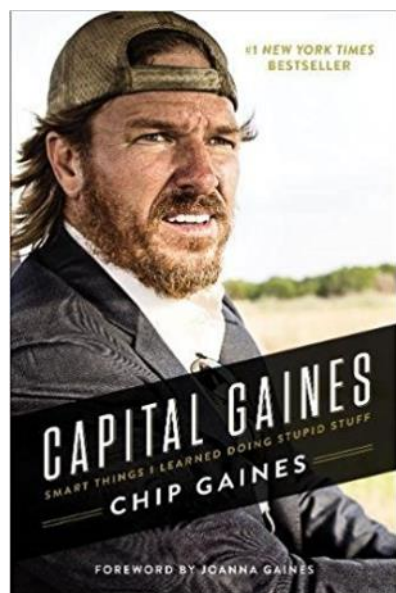
“The Amish Groom” is by Mindy Starns Clark & Susan Meissner. We have a good selection of books about Amish life in Pennsylvania, but this story is written from a young man’s point of view. Tyler Anderson is torn between two worlds. Born to an ex-Amish mother

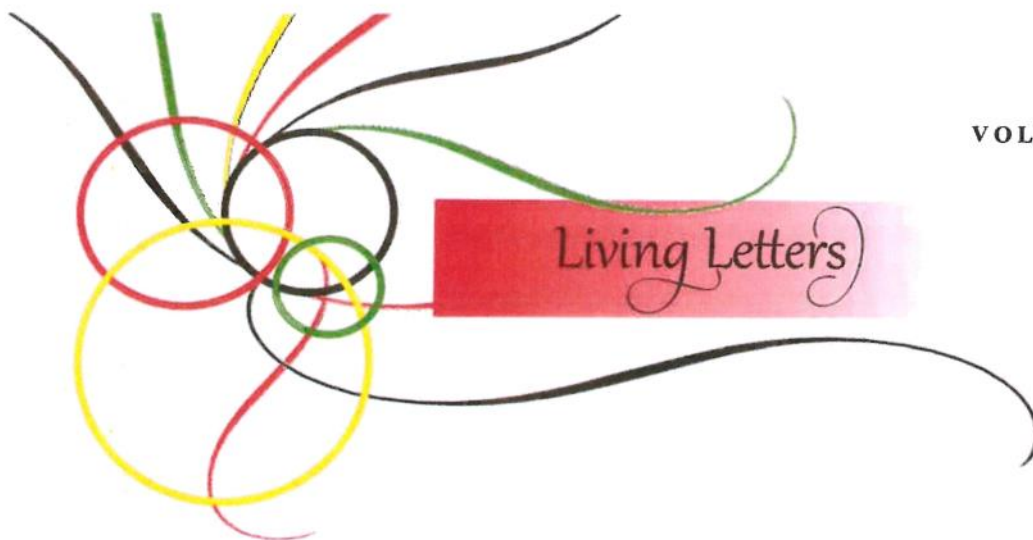
and an English father, he is raised as a military kid until his mom passes away and his dad places him in the care of his Amish grandparents. Now 23, Tyler knows it’s time to commit to the Amish church for good. Still he hesitates, unsure if he’ll ever truly belong. Perhaps a visit with his father’s second family in California will help.

“Capital Gaines”, by Chip Gaines, is living proof of how one’s fearless dedication and love for both business and family can redefine modern success. With his unrelenting spirit as both an entrepreneur and a trailblazer, and the boldness to go all-in, time and time again, he serves as a fitting poster child for entrepreneurs and risk takers the world over. Here is the honest (and often humorous) account of Chip’s personal journey in both business and in life. Consider this his personal playbook. There’s a chance you’re going to find something you need in here too.

This autobiography and two fictional life stories are light, enjoyable reading.

Elaine Rall, Library Representative





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2 Corinthians 3

Dear friends and family,

Prayer, it is something that is simple. It doesn't have to be complex. There is no length requirement for what makes a "good prayer". I was reminded of this last year as I went to visit a man whom I view as a grandfather due to his calm, thoughtful, wise, and experienced demeanor. He is one of my favorite people to visit with, and I always enjoy going to greet him in the evening.

He asked me one time if my language teacher was teaching me how to pray in Komba. I responded by saying, "No, but he does pray in Komba before each of our classes." "Why not? You don't need to use many words to pray. You can just pray 'Help.' or 'Thank you!' It would be good if you learned how to pray in Komba."

I was emotionally moved by his remarks. They were all spot on target. I sat there with the dark night sky surrounding us as we sat in silence. I gave God thanks for this man's wisdom, his encouragement, and his reminder for me to keep in perspective what things are important to know and learn.

People tend to think of missionaries as "super Christians". Somehow, because we accept the call to live abroad in another culture, country, and sometimes language, there is a perception that we must be "more holy" than those who remain in their home culture and that we "have it all together". NEWS FLASH: I'm not a super Christian. I'm not more holy. I am a sinful human being who has been baptized and made new through faith that God has placed within me. I still make plenty of mistakes here on the mission field. I am constantly reminded of my need for Him as I live here, and many times those reminders come through people I am surrounded by here.

As I sat in darkness, I was reminded of simple truths: we can always pray and we should always pray. We prayed that evening before I left and I was asked to pray in Komba. It was short, a few words, because that was all I knew. But it was still prayer and God still heard me.

I gradually began to pray in Komba with my language teacher from time to time during class. The year went on, and I began to learn more about various Komba expressions that are used in prayer. I still need help speaking words and forming sentences correctly as we pray, but it is something that I enjoy when I meet with my language teacher. I also ask him questions as he prays, so that I better understand what he is saying.

Several months ago, while I was visiting with my "grandfather", he asked me if I was praying with the mission compound guards. "No." "Why not? Can't they help you learn how to pray in Komba?" Again, I sat amazed and shocked under the dark night sky. Here is a man that God has placed in my life for me to learn from and be mentored by.

Overview of The beginning of 2018

February: Linguistic and exegetical work in Gbintiri. Continued language learning with my teacher.
March: Consultant checking
April-July: Working in the office.



January 2018

Photo Credit: Josh Wagner





Two Komba literacy day events were in December. They cultivate local pride and involvement in the translation work (Left). The Christmas convention was a blessing. This is dancing after one of the offerings (Right).

Prayer Requests

- For the translation team as we consultant check the book of Genesis in March.
- For the drafting of 1 Samuel, 2 Kings, and 1 Chronicles.
- Thanksgiving for the people God places in our lives near and far and for how He uses them to direct us back to Him.
- For energy and rest with the hottest months of the year approaching.
- How may I pray for you? Please let me know so that I may be praying for you!

Contributions:

Lutheran Bible Translators
PO Box 789
Concordia, MO 64020

Checks should be written to
Lutheran Bible
Translators with
Ersland Ministry
on the memo line.
You can also give
online at LBT.org



It was a marvelous idea, and I began praying with the guards. It does not always happen, but I am trying to create a routine. It not only strengthens my language skills, but also provides spiritual strength for us praying. It is a reminder for us to give thanks to our Creator for all that He gives us and to ask for His help.

During a recent language class, I realized that even these simple prayers could and should be used in my conversations with not just Christians I am around, but also with those who are not Christians. Yes, I have been praying for non-believers here, and even in English with some, but to stumble my way through Komba? I have not tried it and I am now asking myself "Why not?" Prayer is an amazing gift from God for many reasons. One of those reasons is that it reveals God to be personal and always present. He doesn't have to be contacted through other spirits nor is He somewhere distant and angered if we do not face a certain direction as we pray. God is with us and hears our prayers, even simple prayers that I stumble through in another language.

As I said, I am no "super Christian". I have come here and I have done much work for which I am called. Yet, I am also imperfect and in need of reminders for how I need God's help and how I can share Christ's love with those around me. Don't we all need that reminder, no matter where we live?

With the months ahead, please join me in prayer of thanksgiving for the life that God has given each of us. Let us pray for His help in our vocations, for His wisdom and guidance, and for the reminder that we need to continue to pray and give Him thanks. We will be consultant checking Genesis in March. The books of 1 Samuel, 2 Kings, and 1 Chronicles are being drafted now. I am researching these books as I continue to meet with my language teacher and live in Komba land.

*Ti Baa wan be paab, che a yinl li be kasi, che a naamin foon, che a bam
nja dulinya nan yaan, ke naah naan paab man ni. Sei ti dinan a jiir. Jien ti bir
ki per ta. Ke ti mu kaah jien per ti pondam man ni. Ki laa liin ti ki koon libiginlin
ni, amaa wee ki nyan ti titoonbirdaan a koon.*

Matiu 6:9-13

Confident in Christ,
Michael Ersland

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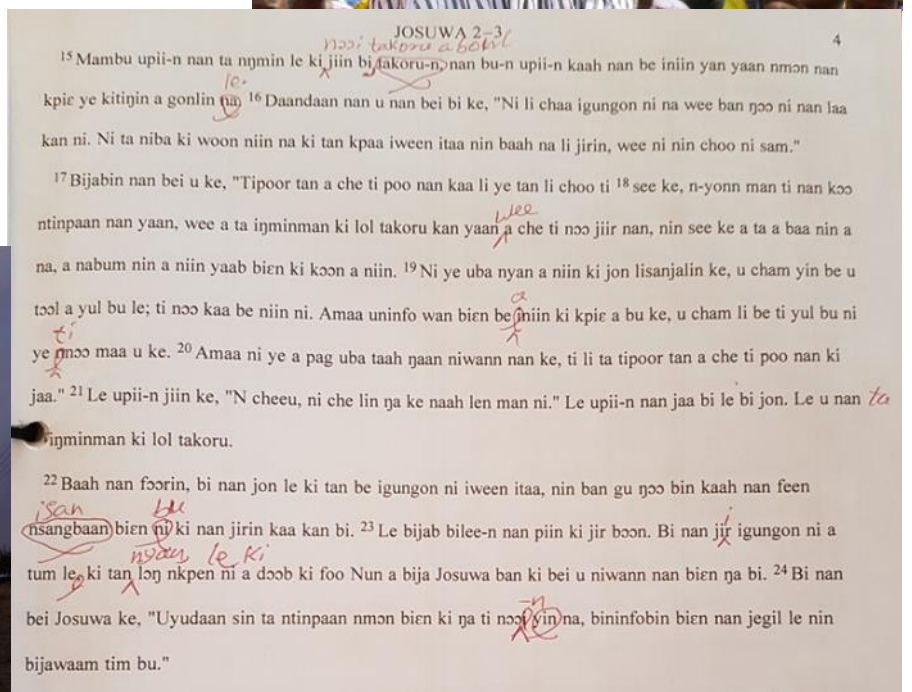
Michael Ersland - Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary

- Michael observed a tablet workshop in November to observe and learn possible ways that tablet technology can be incorporated into the work of LBT. (Top)
- There were two Komba literacy day events in December. These events encouraged community engagement with the translation project and Komba literacy. Here, a chief is encouraging children to learn to read and write in Komba. (Bottom)
- The Komba New Testament Scripture app was released during these events.



- The Christmas convention was a joyous time of celebrating Christ's birth as the Word of God was proclaimed (Left).
- The translation team finished team checking the book of Genesis and entered reviewers' proof reading remarks for the books of Genesis and Joshua. They are meeting with a translation consultant to check these books and then the books will undergo more revisions (Center).

- It is reaching the peak of hot season, and any clouds are a beautiful relief. This is a recent sunset here on the mission grounds (Right).



Principal's Page

**PROVERBS 3:5-6 "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT."**

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus!

Next week is a very BIG week for the church. It is a BIG week for most churches. Next week is Holy Week! During Holy Week, we are reminded of the tremendous sacrifice that our Lord made to pay for our sins. The week is a journey through the many different trials and tribulations that Jesus endured on his journey to the cross to take our sins away.

Trinity has many opportunities to celebrate and worship during that week with us. Those opportunities begin on Saturday, March 24, with the Easter Egg Hunt and special Science presentation for the children. The 7th and 8th grade class will lead the school through a chapel on Wednesday. Finally, Pastor Bob will have worship opportunities for you throughout the end of the week leading to Easter. Please see the worship schedule for details, as the church has a wonderful schedule planned. Plan to stay with us on Easter Sunday and have some breakfast as well! We hope that you and your family will join us for many of these opportunities!

Have a wonderful week and remember...He is risen...

In His Service,
Andy DeWitt



Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule

April 2018 - Please check over the many Bible Classes and TLC Bible Groups available throughout the week. All nine Bible Studies continue this month. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext. 6. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Adult Group is held in the Church Library. This study will be the Answers in Genesis curriculum.

Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, "You Make Me Crazy".

Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 currently meets in the church basement.

High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room. C.S. Lewis "Screwtape Letters"

Tuesday Evening

Join us as we begin the study "Intrepid Heroes of Faith" in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class meets weekly and is facilitated by Rob Grady.

Wednesday Morning

Men's Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688), we will continue a study of Hebrews.

Wednesday Morning TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet April 11 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library. The Bible Class is led by Rob Grady (708-839-1200 ext. 6). We are continuing our study of Romans.

Thursday Afternoon

Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688).

Thursday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets the second and fourth Thursday (April 12 and 26). The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775).

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in member homes (April 13 and 27), and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937).



Honduras Mission Trip



Join us as we travel once again to Honduras June 19-27, 2018.

We are planning on building a new school in a village close to San Pedro Su-

la. The cost for the mission trip this year is \$1,300.

A golf outing is planned for June 6 at Orchard Valley, and a January information meeting is expected - keep watching for an announcement. For more information, please see Pastor Bob Geaschel or Mr. Tom Bruns.

Trinity school is looking for Alumni updates. Have you (or your child) chosen a career, or a college? Are you participating in a club or playing a sport? We are interested in hearing from you!

Please send the information to Michele Geaschel at trinitylutheranschool@comcast.net.



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS....YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

Thanks to everyone who stayed after the morning Lenten services and those who are enjoying our Lenten Soup and Sandwich lunches during the six weeks during Lent. We have been averaging twenty men and women every Wednesday and have enjoyed delicious soup, grilled cheese, dessert, and coffee. More importantly, we had great fellowship and have been building new relationships! Thank you to all that volunteered your cooking and baking talents for us!

The Youth and their families hope you will join us for this year's Annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 1st. This event has been a part of Trinity's Easter morning services for many years, and we are happy to serve again this year! The menu consists of pancakes off the griddle, piping hot sausages, homemade muffins and coffee cakes, fresh fruit, bagels and cream cheese, and a variety of juices, milk, and coffee. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship on Easter Sunday! Tickets will be available the morning of the breakfast. In conjunction with the Easter Breakfast we will be holding our Easter Bake Sale.



PLANT SALE order forms are now available in the Narthex. The date of the Plant Sale is May 12. Pick up time is 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. There are a wide variety of plants available once again for you to purchase. Plants are pre-ordered so you must place an order by April 16. We only have a small amount of plants leftover for purchase the day of the sale. This is one of three fundraisers the youth has each year to help pay for their trips. These trips include the National Youth Gathering, Winter Retreat Weekend, and the Mission Trips. If you have any questions regarding the sale, see Rob Grady. If you would like an order form e-mailed to you, we can do that too!

Vacation Bible School is around the corner and will take place on June 11-15. We meet every day that week from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. The theme is "Shipwrecked". Many of our youth help during this week. If youth are willing to serve they need to sign up with Mr. Grady. We always appreciate the youth taking time from their busy summer to serve at Trinity! Parents are also invited to help during this week. We can use help any day you can offer! We thank God for our Youth and adults who donate their time during this week of service. We have been averaging 150 children from our community over the past several years! What a wonderful outreach!!

Commitment forms for the Junior and High School Youth who will be attending the Mission Trips are available online. If you have questions, see Mr. Grady. Information was discussed at the Parent's Meeting in March. If you were not there, and plan to go on the trip, SEE MR. GRADY today! The date of the Middle School Mission Trip is July 22-27, 2018. The date of the High School Trip is July 7-14, 2018. Thirty adults and youth are signed up for these trips! We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the trips and serve those less fortunate.

Remember Youth Bible Class on Sunday morning in the Youth Room. Bible class is held every week and begins at 9:45 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Easter Blessings!

The Board of Youth Ministry

Music News

ALL THE EARTH WITH JOY IS SOUNDING: CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! HE, THE GREATER JONAH, BOUNDING FROM THE GRAVE, HIS THREE-DAY BED, WINS THE PRIZE: DEATH'S DEMISE--SONGS OF TRIUMPH FILL THE SKIES.
CHRIST, THE DEVIL'S MIGHT UNWINDING, LEAVES BEHIND HIS BORROWED TOMB. STRONGER HE, THE STRONG MAN BINDING. TAKES, DISARMS HIS HOUSE OF DOOM; IN THE ROUT CASTING OUT POWERS OF DARKNESS, SIN, AND DOUBT. (LSB 462; ST. 1 & 2)

What a great Easter victory text by Stephen Starke (b. 1953) and wed to a fantastic tune by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)! Jesus Christ, the final winner over sin, death, and the power of the devil! Stephen uses the metaphors of the grave as HIS three-day bed, and borrowed tomb to illustrate how very temporary the grave was for our Lord. When we sing this hymn in church, keep in mind this glorious text! As we, in the music department, put the final touches on our Easter Day offerings, may God bless the efforts of our musicians as we sing, once again, ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!



I have a few "left-over" Reformation factoids to share with you in this issue and in issues to come: Here's one: The Book of Concord or "Concordia" (1580) contains documents that explain what Lutherans believe. It includes three creeds of the ancient church and Reformation writings such as Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord.

HERE IS THE MUSIC SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2018:

Sunday, April 1 - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY - 6:30 & 8:30am - Bell & Sanctuary Choirs

Sunday, April 8 - The Second Sunday of Easter - 8:30am - Soloist/Instrumentalist

Sunday, April 15 - The Third Sunday of Easter - 8:30am - Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, April 22 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8:30am - Bell Choir

Sunday, April 29 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter - 8:30am - Sanctuary Choir

**JESUS, AUTHOR OF SALVATION, SHARED IN OUR HUMANITY;
CROWNED WITH RADIANT EXALTATION, NOW HE SHARES HIS VICTORY!
FROM HIS FACE SHINES THE GRACE MEANT FOR ALL OUR FALLEN RACE.**

**PRAISE THE LORD, HIS REIGN COMMENCES, REIGN OF LIFE AND LIBERTY--
PASCHAL LAMB, FOR OUR OFFENSES, SLAIN AND RAISED TO SET US FREE!
EVERMORE BOW BEFORE CHRIST, THE LORD OF LIFE ADORE! (LSB 462; ST. 3 & 4)**

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Howard J. Eggert, Director of Liturgical Music, Organist, Pianist, and Choir Director

Evangelism

Have you ever used the app, "looking for recommendations"? It can be a useful tool among friends and colleagues looking for help with finding their way through unfamiliar situations. We often don't hesitate for even a moment to help others by recommending a doctor or dentist, a car repair shop, restaurant, or any other service that we know and trust. Simply put, we are "one who has personal knowledge of something", that we are being asked to share. So, what if we did this for Jesus? For our church, for our school? In our "Everyone His Witness" class, we learned the Greek verb for witnessing, *martyreo*, simply means "to speak well of, commend, speak respect, or vouch for" something. Now think back – how many stories do you have of Jesus walking beside you in your lowest valley or most joyful celebration? Thank Jesus now and share that Good News with a friend!



Are you thankful for our pastors, church family, or our church and school teachers and other leaders? How has God used them to make an impact in your life? Witnessing at first sounds challenging, but it can be as simple as sharing a story with a family member, coworker, or neighbor about what God has done for you and extending that love, in word and deed, to others in gratitude for what Christ has done for us. What pure joy!

Pray about how God can use YOU to witness and give it a try. It may be as simple as taking the time for a meal or coffee together, to visit and pray, to stop over to visit someone who is sick, lend a helping hand with watching kids, household chores, a grocery or doctor visit run for a shut in, giving a respite break to a caretaker with aging parents, or just visiting with someone lonely, struggling or shut in to encourage them to get out of the house for a worship service, weekly Bible study or other fellowship activity.

Or maybe you know someone carrying a weighty burden that speaking with our faithful pastor, might make the healing difference in their life. Don't delay.

We learned that mercy ministry is often a great bridge to share the love of Christ. Simple acts of coming alongside someone in their time of need allows us to serve the Lord with gladness and love our neighbor.

Maybe you brought a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member for Easter service and they are interested in returning to worship with our Trinity family again, or maybe you didn't have a chance yet to invite someone. Friendship Sunday is coming to Trinity on April 29th. See the weekly announcements for more details.



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April Birthdays

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| 1 Kevin Bruns
Lorraine Buczko
Jaylon Link | 14 Thomas Haigh
James Mahoney | | |
| 2 Owen Lund
Magen Storc
Morgan Storc | 15 Thomas Bruns
Paul Stutz | | |
| 4 Paul Wunglueck | 16 Aryanna Elizondo
David Ernst
Edward Mersch | | |
| 5 Colleen Collins
Isaiah Elizondo
Robert Peterson | Cindy Owen
Daniel Vie
Nicholas Villarreal | | |
| 6 Craig Conoboy
Carter Lund
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HC = Holy Communion; BC = Bible Class; BP = Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 6:30am Sunrise Worship HC 7:30am-10:30am Easter Breakfast 8:30am Worship HC 11:00am Cont. Worship HC	2 Easter Monday No School/Offices Closed 7:00pm Altar Guild (CL) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	3 No School/Offices Closed	4 6:30am Mens BC (CL)	5 2:00pm Family Life Board (CR) 6:30pm Golf Outing (CL) 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	6 No School/Offices Closed	7 8:30am Trustees 10:00am Wielebnicki Memorial 12:00pm Wielebnicki Luncheon(TFH) 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
Easter Break – No School / School Office Closed						
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp. HC 11:00am Parish Ed (CL) 6:00pm Evangelism Workshop(CL) 6:30pm Open Youth Room (YR)	9 6:30pm Brd of Ed (SL) 6:30pm Elders (CR) 6:30pm Ladies Aid (TFH) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	10 11:15am St. Matthew Soup Kitchen (OP) 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm TLC (CR)	11 6:30am Mens BC (CL) 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:45pm Pub. School Conf. 7/8 th (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (Ch)	12 6:30pm Step-Up Night – PS-2 nd 6:45pm TLC Wendte (CR) 7:30pm Praise Band	13 7:00pm TLC Gustafson (OP)	14 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
15 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Cont. Worship 6:00pm Evangelism Workshop(CL)	16 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	17 12:00pm TORCH DEADLINE 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm TLC (CR)	18 6:30am Mens BC (CL) 4:45pm Pub. School Conf. 7/8 th (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (Ch)	19 11:30pm JOY Club (TFH) 12:00pm TORCH deadline 4:30pm Stewardship (CL) 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	20	21 8:30am Trustees 6:30pm Celebration Service HC – <i>Baptism Lund</i>
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Contemp. HC 6:00pm Evangelism Workshop(CL) 6:30pm Open Youth Room (YR)	23 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	24 7:00pm Basketball (G) 7:00pm TLC (CR)	25 St. Mark, Evangelist 6:30am Mens BC (CL) 10:30am TLC (CL) 4:45pm Pub. School Conf. 7/8 th (CL) 6:30pm Bell Choir (N) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (Ch)	26 6:45pm TLC Wendte (CR) 7:30pm Praise Band (Ch)	27 7:00pm TLC Gustafson (OP)	28 8:30am Trustees 11:00am Conf. Practice 6:30pm Celebration Service HC
29 Friendship Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am BC & SS 11:00am Cont. Worship	30 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)		Altar Guild: Ruth Hess Dorothy Supeter Nancy Alex Lisa Haak	Ushers: 8:30 – Group 4 11:00 – Group 2	Meeting areas: <i>(shown in parenthesis)</i> Ch = Church CR = School Conference Room CL = Church Library TFH = Trinity Fellowship Hall	G = School Gym SK = School Kitchen CK = TFH Kitchen SL = School Library N = Narthex YR = Youth Room OP = Off Premises