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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

### Easter – The Lord is Risen!

Celebrate the Victory! Invite your Friends!

Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Sunrise Service, 8:30 & 11:00 Festival Services.

Easter is indeed a time of celebration. People are always looking for hope. We have it to share! Jesus Christ and him risen from the grave alive, gives us the one true hope. Why call it that? He is the one who secures us with everlasting peace which the world cannot give. So think about who to invite. Begin praying for that person(s). Most importantly, ask them to join you to...

Celebrate the Victory!

### Transforming Churches Network Weekend Consultation

We have been reading about it and it will be happening at the beginning of May. A team of folks will be coming in from the Transforming Churches Network. They will be here to conduct interviews with Church Staff, Church Council and members of the congregation.

**Why?** First, let us look at the broad picture of things.

#### What is happening in the LCMS?

- Most congregations do not baptize a single adult in a year.
- 80% of congregations have reached a plateau or are declining in annual worship attendance.
- As our congregations age each year, there are increasingly less available to take their places or to assume mantles of leadership.
- Less resources of manpower or dollars to effectively get our mission accomplished.

#### How do the above trends compare with Trinity?

- We have not baptized an adult in a couple of years.
- Our attendance has held its own over the last few years.
- It has been difficult at times to get folks to serve in some areas of ministry.
- Regarding giving, this is where Trinity definitely excels. That we can be thankful to God for such generous giving.

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## What can be done?

Congregations can and must be revitalized for Christ's mission to the world!

## What has been happening?

Data is now starting to come in among those LCMS congregations who have participated in TCN over the last two years.

- Growth in worship attendance is 11.8%
- Adult baptisms is 2, and adult confirmations 13 (well above the average LCMS congregation)
- 13 new leaders recruited and trained per congregation
- 12 "outreach events" conducted in the communities (where most had been none.)
- 10 new small groups started.

This is why we have asked TCN to come and see how they might help us identify strengths and areas of concern. The purpose is to help us carry out the mission of Christ's Church.

I ask you to begin keeping this process in your regular prayers for this next month. Pray for wisdom amongst the team, pray for safe travel for their arrival, pray that they might indeed discern what our strengths and areas of concern, and pray that they come up with the right prescriptions for us at Trinity that would generate all kinds of enthusiasm for serving in Christ's Church.

The TCN Team will be here Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Serving the Lord with you,  
Pastor Hopkins

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

"There are some plans for this coming year that will impact the mission of sharing the Good News at Trinity." ... words from Pastor Hopkins in the January 2011 newsletter. We've been busy preparing to make those plans a reality. Of course, he was referring to Transforming Churches Network (TCN), an organization that has been invited to Trinity to perform a weekend consultation May 6-8. Their purpose is to provide quality resources, training, and networking to assist congregations in becoming more effective in reaching their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

During this time, they'll interview church leaders, staff, and members so as to develop a report to the congregation identifying our strengths and areas of concern. They'll bring an objective perspective for assessing how our congregation can identify and implement targeted strategies that will aid in refocusing our outreach ministry. In preparation for their visit, considerable amounts of information and statistics were gathered, prepared, and provided to TCN to aid them during their visit. The byproduct of their weekend consultation will be a set of "prescriptions" designed to reinforce how Trinity can be more intentional in its community outreach. Trinity then has a period of time to decide whether or not to proceed with the prescriptions for change. It's an all or nothing affair. Either we agree to all the prescriptions and move into the next phase where we begin working with the district consultation team, establishing timelines for completion, or we go our separate ways. Stay tuned as this effort continues to develop.

God's Peace,  
Scott Idleman



## FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX



**Comment:**

Thank you to the couple who work so hard every week keeping our grounds in 'tip top shape'. What a wonderful way to share time and energy honoring our Father's House.

**Reply:**

This comment refers, of course, to Ed and Phyllis Nelson. I can whole heartedly second the above comment. What a ministry and what a blessing for Trinity! We love you guys, and we appreciate all you do!

It is also refreshing to get a response that positively recognizes one of the many good things that go on at Trinity. It is this kind of positive reinforcement we need to extend to all those involved in the Lord's work here.

**Comment:**

Thank you to the Board of Social Ministry for funding the new flooring in the gymnasium. Thank you to the Board of Property Management for organizing the contractor to do the work and for all the work needed prior to the installation of the floor. The gym looks terrific!

**Suggestion:**

I really enjoy the Matins service. Could we also have Morning Prayer service?

**Reply:**

So glad you enjoy the Matins Service. Your suggestion will be taken into consideration. Having varieties in our worship is important as well as how that variety is presented as in the recent musical addition of the Praise Band. This might be a possible addition to our worship life at Trinity. Thanks for your suggestion. (For those in the congregation who might not be aware, the service for Morning Prayer may be found on page 235 in the front part of the hymnal.)

**Question:**

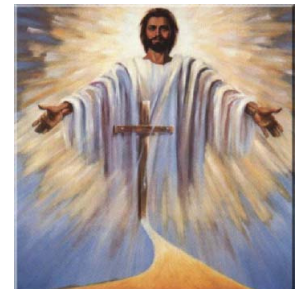
Will the Bell Choir be playing for Easter this year? I really missed hearing the bells this Christmas.

**Reply:**

The intent is for the Bell Choir to play this Easter. (Conflicting personal schedules have, at times, made Bell Choir rehearsals and plans a challenge.)

## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

April 24<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday this year. In the most correct way of speaking, these Sunday services are the conclusion of the worship which began at the evening service on Maundy-Thursday. It is there that our Lord provides us with Holy Communion, just as He did with the disciples on that evening two thousand years ago. The Trinity Easter Sunday celebration will begin with the Sunrise Service at 6:30 and continue with the 8:30 and 11:00 services.



As is our tradition we will share an Easter Breakfast in the Social Hall following the Sunrise Service. The breakfast will be prepared by Eva Galbreath and the kitchen crew. The breakfast will begin at 7:15. Please make plans to enjoy this wonderful meal and joyful fellowship.

With the busy family schedules on Easter Sunday, the Sunday School classes and Adult Bible Classes will not be held. They will be back in action on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## DID YOU KNOW?

From Karl Schumacher, Treasurer;

Did you know that Trinity has some generous members? In addition to the regular contributions we receive money for seminary students, The Living Vine, Old Savannah City Mission, LWML Mites, and additional principal reductions. The amount received range from \$75 per month (\$900 per year) to \$300 per month (about \$3,000 per year). These amounts do not include money received from the breakfasts.

Did you know that we have about \$163,000 in our savings and investments?

Did you know that some of this money is designated for special projects? We had \$60,000 being held for contingencies. We used about \$13,000 in 2010 for HVAC repairs. There are concerns about the roof and stucco that may require work in the future. These funds need to be available in case they are needed.

From the office;

Did you know the BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB has it's next meeting scheduled for Friday evening, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Read more about it in the article from the Board of Social Ministry.

## BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

In April the season of Lent ends and the season of Easter begins. Lent is a time for repentance and reflection. During Lent we have a lengthy opportunity to take a careful look at ourselves and realize that way too often we fall short of our Lord's expectations. We do what we should not be doing and we fail to do what we should be doing. This is true also for us as stewards. Rather than being generous in our use of time, talents and money we often selfishly use our lives and resources for ourselves rather than for God's purposes. God blesses us with all of life and life's resources so that we might be a blessing to others. Our old sin natures urge us to use all these things first for ourselves and then, if there is something left over, for others and God's purposes.



We recognize with St. Paul that ***“it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)*** We have been entrusted with all of life and life's resources (all owned by God) with the expectation that we will use them wisely and well. Way too often we fail to do what God expects. The good news is that when on Good Friday Jesus said ***“It is finished”*** He meant that with His holy life and sacrificial death He paid the full price our sins and guilt. So, when our past failures as God's stewards bother us, we can take those sins and shortcomings to our Lord in prayer, repent of them and receive the assurance that we are made right with God through the sacrifice of Jesus. Forgiveness is the best way to handle our past failures!

Easter brings us a breath of fresh air filled with joy and hope! As St. Paul wrote: ***“He [Jesus] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)*** That truth makes us into Easter people—people filled with joy and hope! Our memory of past shortcomings makes us feel guilty and ashamed. Easter replaces our failures and makes us into people of hope and hope is stronger than memory because ***“Hope in Christ does not disappoint us because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.” (Romans 5:5)***

On Easter we greet each other by saying that ***Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*** Because of Christ's Easter victory we have the sure hope that we are redeemed stewards who, in cooperation with and encouragement from our fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Dear fellow stewards, a happy Easter to you all!

Rick Mizell, Stewardship Chairman

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

April is a busy month for the Board. We have a lot to for which we are thankful. Last Sunday (March 20th), Pastor mentioned the act of baptism as one of our sacraments. Mark 1:1-8 is a powerful reminder of the importance of baptism and a strong reminder of being thankful for our Lord's Blessings.

### Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School Bible Classes will be changing. Bill Edwards will be teaching one class while Ted Schmidt will be repeating his Martin Luther class. Speaking of Martin Luther, here are some "did you know's?":

- Luther's translation of the Bible into the language of the people helped to foster the standardization of the German language?
- Luther was born in Eisleben, Germany?
- Luther's wife, Katharina van Bora, was one of 12 nuns he helped to escape from the Cistercian convent?

These are other interesting facts will be discussed in Ted's class. Come in and join us. We will highlight Bill's class in the church bulletin.

### Vacation Bible School

Save these dates for VBS! June 27th through July 1st! This is the last week in June and a time when all schools are out for the summer. We will be able to celebrate God's Work with the theme of "The Big Jungle Adventure"! The youth will be able to meet Bobo the Gorilla, Humphrey the Hippo, and Flash the Leopard. Like last year, Friday, July 1st will conclude VBS with a picnic to follow at the end of the session. We had a great time last year and promise to provide lots of learning and lots of fun during VBS!

### Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt program will be held the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The date is April 23, 2011. We will begin the program at 11:00 AM this year and provide a hot dog lunch for the children at the end of the egg hunt.

We are asking for help from the Congregation. We place hard candy in the eggs for the children; we are asking for donations of hard candy. Please do not donate chocolate this melts quickly in our hot April sun. You may leave the bags of hard candy with Rod Stephenson or at his desk in the Education Building. Thank you for your help!

Chris Garretson,  
Chairman, Bd. of Christian Education



## BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY



The Senior Youth just came back from the Florida-Georgia district youth gathering. The theme was "Images." We all were touched in some way from this amazing trip, had a blast, and miss the beautiful beach!! Thank you to all who supported and prayed for us on this trip. It was a great blessing!

The Senior Youth also had a lock-in in the past month. We painted our room with bright colors. It isn't completely finished, but it pretty much is good! So go check it out some time. We love it! We also did a servant event for the lock-in. The theme was "Servitude." Our youth went out to the mall and did a service from reading to kids on the floor of a store to buying someone's coffee. It was awesome just to hear the youth say that it felt good to do something for someone else.

Bible study is going great! We are now in the book of Judges after recently finishing the book of Revelation. Although it's a big transition going from the New Testament to the Old Testament, it's been awesome to look back and see some of the references used later in the New Testament books. If you want to join, all you have to do is: 1. Be in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and 2. Come on Monday nights at 7 at the Hopkins' house. I PROMISE! We always have soda and some form of a snack, usually consisting of pudding, cookies, chips, etc. Gotta love the junk food! So come join us! We would love to have you!! The Junior youth have started painting their room and should be finished soon with their lock-in that is coming up! Can't wait for that to get started!!

#### **PRAISE TEAM:**

The Trinity Praise Team is up and running and is loving sharing the amazingness of our Lord with the church. We continually practice and learn new songs while worshiping the Lord. Can't get any better than that! If anyone is interested, we are looking for a drummer. If you are interested, please email me at [r.anne.hopkins@gmail.com](mailto:r.anne.hopkins@gmail.com). We would LOVE to have you join the team! Thank you to you all for all the prayers and encouragement. The praise team can't wait to sing again with you in praising our awesome Lord and Savior!

In His Grip,  
Rachel Anne ☺

## **BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**



Work Day Saturday April 16, 9-12 L.O.L. I missed the newsletter last month due to unexpected travel, so there was no publicity, and therefore, no work day in March. The April work day is a week later than usual and we have a lot of outside work to do, weather permitting. We also need to do some work inside on the Activity Room and we need to clean out the attic and the Activity Room. Many unclaimed items in these areas may be discarded or sent to Goodwill, so please take some time and identify anything that should be kept. Work days are a great way to get to know some really great folks, come out and join in the fun and have some lunch to boot!

February Work Day There was a little smaller crowd than the previous few months; but still a very efficient and capable group. Unfortunately, I have lost my notes so I don't know who all attended. Sorry! In any case, thanks to all, you are a real blessing to Trinity.

Energy and Going Green We are going through the usual change of season's confusion with the thermostats as the weather goes from cool to warm to whatever. The thermostats in the new building are set up to run in the 'Auto' mode all the time. This mode keeps the control temperature within a 2° range, usually above 68° or below 70° during normal church use times. If it gets below the range, the heat kicks on, if it gets hot, the AC should take over. The tendency is to want to change the mode to "Heat" or "Cool" rather than adjust the temperatures to initiate a change. Use the "Set Time/temp" button on the lower left to select either the high setting or low setting, and then ramp the setting to the desired temperature. This is a temporary setting that resets later in the day. Also, do not use the "E-heat" or "Hold" options at anytime, these are very expensive and wasteful. Thanks!

You may have noticed something different when using the restrooms by the Sunday School desk. The switch has been replaced with a motion sensor that turns the light on upon entry, and off a few minutes after exiting. We will be putting this type of switch in all of the restrooms in the next few months.

I am still looking for some help to design a system to shutdown our hot water heaters for the Sanctuary and Ed building when the buildings are not being used. If you have some knowledge of controls and relays, let me know and see if we can find a way to keep these units off-line until needed.

Circle and Sign Project Bill Lutes developed a working design that was reviewed by Council. Once the design is finalized and the approximate costs are known, we will present the design to the congregation and look for some additional funding to compliment the Jack Lewis Memorial to complete the project.

Tile For The Activity Room The tile project bids were received and the work was completed a couple of weeks ago. The job quality was good and the time to install was way better than I had imagined. The contractor, Aldrich Construction Services did the work. If you need it, their contact information is: ACS - Aldrich Construction Services, 12502 Apache Avenue #19, Savannah, GA 31419; phone Joe Aldrich (912) 682-4085 and email [joeandgloaldrich@yahoo.com](mailto:joeandgloaldrich@yahoo.com).

Some damaged tiles were replaced as a part of this project. We also need to do some additional work on the trim and painting to complete the job. And, we need to get some equipment and games appropriate to make this area more of a draw for our members.

Insurance Utica/Bernard-Williams inspected our facility and the primary deficiency was that the fire extinguishers, alarm and suppression systems have not been inspected in a timely fashion. We also need to add 4-5 extinguishers at key locations. We are arranging for an inspection service to handle this issue.

Van Drivers One More Reminder We will need to pass the name and license information on van drivers to the new insurer. This needs to happen *before* you drive the van. We have signed up a number of folks, if you need to use the van and have not signed up, see Rod and get your name on the list.

Parking There have been some groups and individuals that have parked on the grassy areas of our campus. The grass is coming out of dormancy and we need to stay off of these areas. Please, respect our lawns! Thanks.

Miscellaneous The van double side door was sticking and has been repaired. The canopy lights have been out for a week or so. There was a problem with a loose connection (we think) on the relay that activates these lights. Thanks to the help of Jonathon the connection has been repaired and the lights should be operational. If you have some expertise or experience in the home décor design department, please contact me as we need to select some appropriately coordinated seating for the Narthex and improve the 'curb appeal' of the room.

Mike Fajen  
[mfajen@comcast.net](mailto:mfajen@comcast.net)  
236-3128 home, 224-3646 cell

## BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY

The board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. If you are interested in outreach and fellowship events at TLC please join us.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> we had our first **Book of the Month Club** meeting. We enjoyed a lively Study of the book of Ruth and then spent a pleasant evening of good food and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the home of Leann Grefski.** Rod Stephenson has promised us a timely look at the events from Christ's last Passover to the Cross. We expect this to be a great prelude to Holy Week. Again it will be a pot luck, and all are invited to attend.



Please keep the Food Pantry in mind. We are low on boxed and canned meals. Donations can be left in the shopping cart in the narthex.

Our guest speaker at March's meeting was from Lutheran Services of Georgia in the Atlanta region. His subject was the establishment of a refugee ministry here in Savannah. This type of work is already being done in DeKalb County and area churches have supported the efforts to provide homes, jobs and services to refugees fleeing war torn and oppressive countries. There are many ways in which local churches can be of assistance to this type of ministry and our group brainstormed about how we could be of help. In addition to donations of household items and preparation of living spaces we found that our affiliation with Goodwill Industries, via Steve Bellmoff may be a awesome link for the refugee ministry. We look forward to being part of this new outreach.

Our next major event will be the congregation picnic at New Ebenezer Retreat Center on July 16<sup>th</sup>. For those families who enjoy outdoor summertime activities we are again meeting at this family friendly facility to enjoy a BBQ lunch and outdoor amenities. More information will follow.

In his love  
Sharon Grefski

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

### A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Wait! You say; it is not time for Reformation Sunday. What is going on?

It is time to prepare for the annual National Day of Prayer, which is always held on the first Thursday of May, this year the 60<sup>th</sup> annual observance will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> with the theme of 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'. So, mark your calendar NOW, box that day in red. Decide what you will do to promote prayer on that day as well as at all times in our community.

Trinity will be one of many host congregations throughout America to open their doors for this observance. At 6 PM Pastor will hold a special prayer service.

Two special messages follow:

*Dear Friends,*

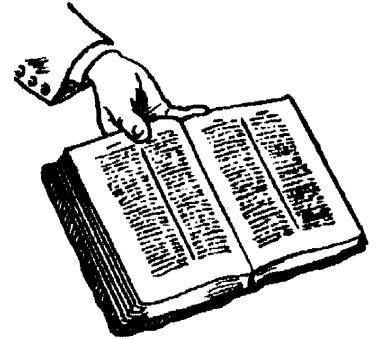
*The critical challenges facing America and the culture at large call for faithful, persevering intercession – not only on the National Day of Prayer, but throughout the year. As Martin Luther once said, “Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.” What comfort and encouragement are available in the assurance that our sovereign God is attuned to our pleas, that He waits to intervene on our behalf, and that He is “might to save” (Zephaniah 3:17) The theme we’ve chosen is A Mighty Fortress is Our God. This was inspired by Psalm 91:2 which states, “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” At this perilous and uncertain juncture in our country’s history, it is critical that we remain in prayer. The American people continue to be plagued with challenges that defy simple answers, and our hope lies in humbly seeking the Almighty’s guidance, protection, and blessing. Please join our Task Force in endeavoring to spark a revival of prayer throughout our country. There is no better time than this! It is the hope of America.*

*Sincerely, Mrs. James C. Dobson (Shirley)  
Chairman, NDP Task Force*

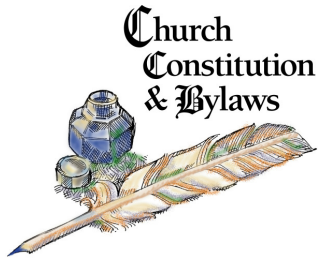
*“It is a different world than the one in which I grew up. Schools, courts, and communities are bitterly divided by an entrenched partisanship, both personal and political. Our national identity is as unsecured as our borders, and we can’t even agree as to who are our enemies. We happily embrace diversity in the name of tolerance, while scoffing at the very Judeo-Christian foundations on which our country was founded. Nothing is safe—not even the Pledge of Allegiance. During this time of great uncertainty and turmoil, we must enjoin our neighbors, coworkers, and friends to lay aside differences and come together for a day of prayer for our nation. Neither political nor partisan, the National Day of Prayer is a solemn occasion to seek the favor of Almighty God on behalf of the United States of America.”*

*Joni Eareckson Tada  
2011 Honorary Chairman*

In His Service,  
Lonna McEwen, Board of Evangelism  
927-4784 or [lonnam@bellsouth.net](mailto:lonnam@bellsouth.net)



## PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT



The following proposed amendment to Trinity Lutheran Church's By-Laws has been brought forward by Rod and Deb Stephenson. This notification is for your perusal and consideration. Discussion of this item will be made part of the agenda for the next Congregational Voters' Meeting in May. Church Council will set this date in their April Council meeting.

Pastor Hopkins

**Whereas** the CONSTITUTION of Trinity Lutheran Church states in Article VI, Section A, paragraph 1 "The congregation, through the voting members, shall have supreme power to administer and manage all its external and internal affairs."

**Therefore** be it proposed that the BY-LAWS of Trinity Lutheran Church, Inc., Savannah, GA shall be amended as follows:

By-Laws, Article VI, Section B, paragraph 2 – All regularly scheduled Church Council meetings shall be fully open to any and all Voting Members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Any Voting Member attending may address the Council only by prior arrangement, but needs no prior arrangement in order to attend, listen and note the proceedings. Voting Members of the congregation who are not duly elected members of the Church Council, but who are attending a Church Council meeting, do not have voting rights at the Church Council meeting. Should there be a topic in the area of personnel management or regarding a legal circumstance that requires confidentiality, the Church Council is permitted to extend a regularly scheduled meeting with a closed session. Any such closed session may only be convened following the conclusion of all regular business for that month's meeting. At the discretion of the Church Council it may also hold a closed meeting completely apart from the regularly scheduled monthly meeting for these issues of confidentiality, but any such closed meetings shall not replace a regularly scheduled, monthly, open meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Rod & Deb Stephenson

## LWML

The LWML Evening Guild will meet on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be at Jackie Deemer's house in Rincon. Please call for directions – 728-6280. Better still, gather at church by 5:15 PM on April 7<sup>th</sup> for a ride-share.



A light meal, with a Bible Study and then a brief business meeting will begin at 6 PM. All the ladies of the church are encouraged to attend.

As we move into spring, plan to attend our Spring Rally in Milledgeville on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Rally will be hosted by Hope Lutheran Church in Milledgeville. The theme is "Fill us with love – Inspire us to serve." Registration begins at 9:30 AM. The registration fee is \$10 – and cash is preferred. Gifts from the heart go to the Chard Wray Memorial Food Pantry. Call Jackie Deemer, Barbara Prieto or Helen Niedzielski to coordinate a ride and time of departure from Trinity. Please join us for a day of Bible study and fellowship and Holy Communion with your sisters in Christ in our LWML zone.

Also, mark your calendars for our end of the year banquet on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

In Christ,  
Barbara Prieto, President – Evening Guild

## THE DAY LILY CIRCLE/TRINITY LWML

Program: Bible Study  
Date: April 12, 2011  
Time 10:00 AM  
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church



The Day Lily Circle will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday April 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM. Ardell will be leading us in devotions and a Bible Study titled "Taking a Stand to Kneel". Bring your Lutheran Women's Quarterly (Spring 2011 edition) and your Bible. The study is featured on page 18 of the Quarterly.

Lunch will follow after our business meeting; "Pot Luck" Chicken Salad on crescents will be the main dish so please bring your favorite dish with you. Please plan to join us if you can come. Anyone needing a ride call: Helen Niedzielski (925-3394) Please bring mites and love offerings.

Pray for the LWML on Monday at noon. Remember the Trinity family in prayer with special concern for the sick, the shut-ins and those with special needs.

God's Blessings to all,  
Helen Niedzielski, President

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



We will be making quilts on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM and until 2:00 PM. Come and join in if you can. We love having everyone. At our last meeting there were 12 ladies, the largest group we've had in a long time. It was so great to see you all. We were busy making quilts for the Harbor House in Illinois; a place for family services, an emergency shelter.

We will be more ready with work for all, and we enjoy everyone's participation. Please come and join in. We are still collecting Campbell's labels for Bethesda in Watertown, Wisconsin. We are especially thankful for any items donated to help our project. We are grateful for all donations. We continue to pray for the sick and shut-ins and all who need prayer. We always remember the military men and women and their families in our prayers. We also pray for all our church and for all of it's members and families.

With love and prayers,  
The Quilting Committee

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## YOUNG AT HEART - OVER 50 GROUP

In March we met at the Olive Garden, with 19 people present. It was so great to have so many. It was a wonderful day in so many ways. The food was great, also the service. And the weather made it perfect.

So let's see if we can match that for April. April 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, at 11:00 AM. We will meet at the Exchange Restaurant at 6710 Waters. You will be called to remind you. So please come and bring your ideas for May. Everyone's ideas are welcome.



God Bless all of you,  
Ardell Hasenjaeger

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### THE BEST PORK TENDERLOIN

- 2 pork tenderloins
- 1 jar of mayonnaise
- 1 box (2 envelopes) of Lipton's Dry Onion Soup Mix
- 1 9X13" baking pan or dish

Set oven to 375<sup>0</sup> F

Pat tenderloins dry with a paper towel and place in the baking pan or dish. Coat both loins evenly with the mayonnaise, about 1/8" thick around the entire loin.

Empty the envelopes of soup mix on a cutting board and use a rolling pin or the back of a big spoon to crush up the soup mix as well as you can. Evenly sprinkle this crushed mix on top of the mayonnaise, around the entire outside of both loins.

Bake uncovered for about 35 to 45 minutes, or until the internal temperature is about 160<sup>0</sup> F, or according to USDA standards for cooking pork.

This feeds 5 to 6 people. The recipe may be halved for a smaller family.

Source: cooks.com (and recommended by your editor)

## WHERE OH WHERE HAVE THE DISH TOWELS GONE?

Oh where oh where can they be??

We are getting pretty low on dish towels in the kitchen. Look around and see if you may have some at home. We are also missing 4 long, white, linen tablecloths and 3 round white linen tablecloths. Sometimes they get mixed in with other linens you have and this is just a general reminder to check around your house and see if you have them.



Thank you for looking. Jackie Deemer

## PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Over 80 individuals and families have had their photos taken for our new photo directory. I am in the process of organizing the photos and collecting information for additional directory pages. The last day for taking photos is Sunday, April 10 (focus continues to be on groups).

The goal is to have the directory ready for the congregation the Sunday after our Voter's meeting.

Due to receiving a number of requests for purchasing photos, I have developed a basic fee schedule. I will need all orders by April 24 and will have the photos ready for pick up by the following Sunday. You can find order forms and photo proofs on the table in the Social Hall. Please include a check with your purchase request. Prices are as follows: 5x7 = \$6.00, 8x10 = \$10.00, family package: 4(4x6) -2(5x7) -1(8x10) = \$20.00, Digital file = \$10.00



working together with you,  
Deb Stephenson

## NURSERY

We NEED volunteers to help in the nursery. It is our hope to gather a group of eight to twelve volunteer attendants. You know the old saying, "many hands make light work." While the office searches for a

new, regular nursery attendant we need volunteers to help in this service to our worshippers. If you would be interested in helping on one or two Sundays a month, please contact Michelle.

## HOW MIGHTY THE MITE BOX



God has empowered your Mite Box contributions, together with those of your sisters (and brothers) in the faith from around the nation, to do marvelous things. The record for the 2009-2011 Biennium is wonderful. Have a look at some of the things the Mite Boxes have done in the biennium as of this past January.

Defray cost of shipping quilts by Lutheran World Relief	\$ 58108
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank Relocation	\$ 50000
The Carpenter's Hands – Youth Refurbish Homes – Florida	\$ 26000
Psalms 69:14 Project – Emergency Disaster Aid	\$ 25000
Digitalized Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program	\$ 36000
Ten Chapels, Transportation and Pastoral Training in Tanzania	\$ 25000
Body and Soul Care for Children in India	\$ 50000
LCMS Prison Ministry	\$ 50000
Lutheran Braille Workers	\$100000
Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism	\$100000
The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants	\$ 50000
Human Care and Pastoral Ministries – Larvia and Lithuania	\$ 43750
Mission Support to Dominican Disabled Children	\$ 50000
Native Leadership Scholarships	\$100000
Human Care Outreach in Kazakhstan	\$ 45000
International Student Ministries	\$ 30000
Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru	\$100000
Lighthouse of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission	\$ 75000

## WE GET LETTERS

The Grefski family expresses their heartfelt thanks for the awesome care our church family displayed for us at the untimely death of our son, Michael. Every card, every prayer, every hug, every meal were all so deeply appreciated. Folks from Savannah to Pennsylvania were witnesses to the help and love extended to us by our church family and they were stunned.

We are blessed to be part of the people of God at TLC.

Dear Trinity family,

Jennifer and I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls on the passing of my brother, Donald. We also thank the ladies in the choirs for the beautiful and delicious luncheon after the service, at Trinity. We also thank Pastor for his strength and caring in our time of need. What a wonderful church family!

In Christ,  
Marie Malfatti



## BIRTHDAYS FOR April

4/1 Ed Nuscher	4/16 John Arbogast
4/2 Natalie Baldwin, Michael Bennet, Pat Mascio	4/18 Debbie Dyal, Lois Holscher
4/3 Callan McDermott	4/19 Richard Page
4/4 Jon Garbisch, Lee Howard, Kathy Keller, Beth Love, Valentine Schmidt	4/21 Morgan Francisco, Gretchen Holmes
4/5 Sarah Bruno, Celine Mahler	4/22 Daniel McEwen
4/7 Chris Garretson	4/23 James Eckes, Paloma Schultz Valerie Waltz, Geoffrey Watkins
4/8 Madison Mataxas	4/25 Leslie Allen
4/10 Jan Arrington, Donald Austin	4/26 Evan Schumacher, Rebecca Watkins
4/14 Bruce Slade	4/27 Jonathan Foster
4/15 Mark Crofoot, Chad Grefski, Linda Guzman, Sammi Hanovich Kimberly Kerstein	4/28 Tracy Chance
	4/29 Lynette Messer
	4/30 Blake Chance, Robin Loper

We thank God for each and every person at Trinity who is celebrating his or her birthday this month and pray for the Lord's blessing upon each of them. This list is provided so friends may say a special prayer and acknowledge the birthday of loved ones. If you or someone you know at Trinity was not included in this listing, please contact Rod at the church office.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

### IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Average attendance per Sunday	215
Percentage of Baptized members attending	42%

### DESIGNATED GIFTS:

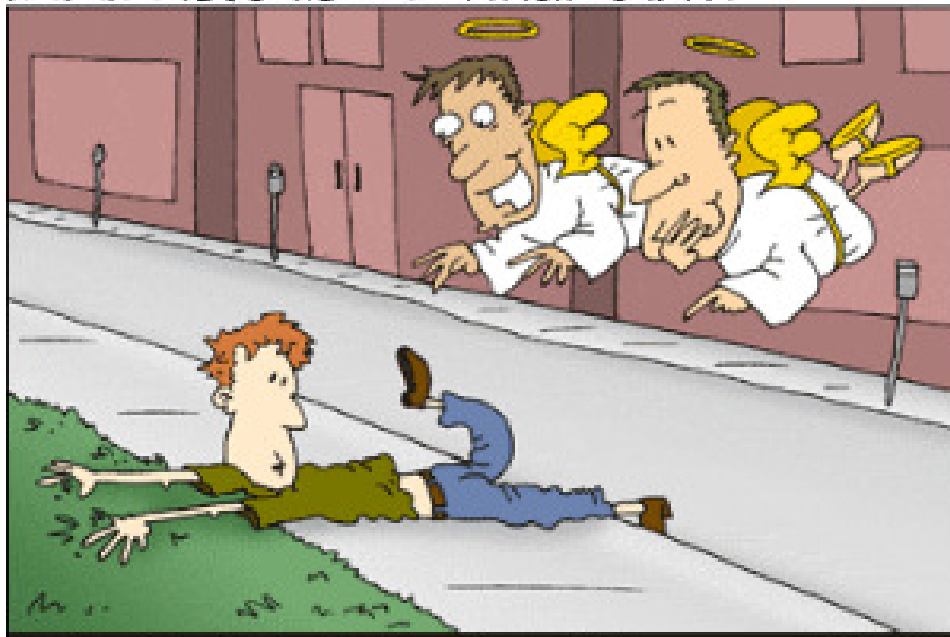
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	2854.00
Principle	250.00
Building Fund	5.00
The Living Vine	402.00
Old Savannah City Mission	75.00
Fan the Flames	75.00
So They May Hear	75.00
Maranatha Choir	20.00
Youth	55.00
Adopt a Seminary Student	80.00
Can Do	75.00
LWML	120.00
Trinity Cares	120.00
Joe Niedzielski Memorial	85.00
Michael Grefski Memorial	245.00
Rudy Lee Memorial	50.00
Donald Cook Memorial	20.00
Food Pantry	105.00
Nursery Attendant	25.00
Van	5.00
Easter Lilies	79.00

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as they reach out in word and deed with the good news of Jesus Christ.**

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Thanks to Emlen S. Garrett (See Hebrews 13:2)

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