

April 2012

Dear Friends of Trinity,

It matters what you believe. You will conduct yourself based on what you believe. Beliefs determine actions.

The women who went to the tomb of Jesus believed that his body would still be there. So they brought spices and ointments to give Jesus a proper burial. They did not believe the tomb would be empty.

Imagine their surprise when they arrived at the tomb! The stone covering the entrance was moved out of the way. When they went inside they did not find what they believed they would find. Instead they saw a man dressed in a white robe announcing that Jesus had risen. Everything happened that was contrary to what they actually believed. Obviously they had to change their beliefs.

It can be a frightening thing to do because the women ran from that tomb “trembling and bewildered”. Their world was just turned upside-down. But they became the most faithful followers of the resurrected Jesus. They underwent a change of belief.

On Easter Sunday, I will address the issue of beliefs. We all have them, and they do matter. It especially matters when beliefs pertain to God. It matters if our beliefs are in line with what’s taught in the Bible. I will tell you why on Easter Sunday. It will set you free!

There is enough joy with the Easter message for all of us. Let’s come together and share that joy. Let’s raise up our faith in the God who raises the dead and brings all things to life!

A very Happy and Blessed Easter to you all!

Pastor Hoag

April 2012 Newsletter

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

While we are technically still in Lent, we are rapidly approaching Easter, and certainly the weather seems to indicate that Spring has arrived (along with flowers, warmth, and... bugs!) There are lots of things happening around our congregation as we get ready to wrap up this "school" year, so here's hoping we captured them all.

Easter Egg Hunt

TRINITY SIXTH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Bring your kids, grandkids, camera, baskets and smiles to Trinity's 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Children 10 years or younger, please join us again this year on **Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** The hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.!!! Any questions, please see Doris Bay.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

As part of a Service Project for Confirmation Class, we are asking all confirmands to please bring in a bag or 2 of individually wrapped candy, toys, wrist bands, or other items that fit inside an egg, which will be used in the Easter Egg Hunt. PLEASE, NO CANDY CONTAINING NUTS DUE TO ALLERGIES!!! The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Do you need Service Hours? Help is needed to stuff the eggs before the Egg Hunt. If you can spare an hour, Pastor will sign your Service Hours sheet so you get credit. I also need helpers the morning of the Egg Hunt to hide the eggs. PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON THE DESK OUTSIDE THE GYM! THANKS!

TO THE TRINITY CONGREGATION – if anyone would like to donate plastic eggs and/or wrapped candy, small items that fit inside an egg, etc. for the Easter Egg Hunt; or juice or treats after the Egg Hunt, please leave your donations in the office on the counter by **April 1**. Any contributions are greatly appreciated!! The kids get thirsty after all that running around!! THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Women's League Meeting 4/24 @12:30

Pre-Civil War Quilts, Their Hidden Codes to the Freedom of Slaves
Through the Underground Railroad.

The program will begin at 1 pm in the sanctuary with refreshments following in the gym. The community has been invited, and we expect a large turnout for this event. Come and bring your quilting friends. (Admission is free). All the lovely ladies of Women's League are acting as the hostesses with the mostest.

Chancel News

April's meeting will be 4/2 at 6:30. Hostesses are Christine Stark and Jan Falk.

Chancel would like to thank all of the generous donors of Easter flowers. As of press time, the list was incomplete.

Choir News:

Our wonderful, tireless choir will be offering their gifts of song at the many special services throughout the month of April. They will be singing at the 8am service on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service, both services Easter morning, and at the 10:30 service on 4/29. Please join them, or, if you can't, certainly take a moment to thank them for their hard work.

Feed My Starving Children

By now, most of you are aware that Trinity is partnering with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Frankfort on this mission project. There is a poster with a bowl into which donations may be inserted in the same location the very successful Mugs for MorningStar resided. There are also some day-glo orange sign-up sheets where you can sign up for 2 hour shifts for packing meals OR you can visit our web site www.trinitynewlenox.org/missions . You can read more about this at www.fmssc.org , but registration is not open yet on that website. If you have further questions, please see Jeff McDonald.

MorningStar Serving Dates AND...

The dates for our MorningStar serving are April 2 and April 16 at 3:45. Sign up sheets are on the hall table. MorningStar also needs volunteers on Tuesday, April 3 for Easter Basket distribution from 8-11:30 am. Contact Jackie @ 815 722 5780 x 226 for more information.

Trinity Portable Crafting Group

Next meeting is 4/13 from 5-11. Cost is \$2 and a snack to pass. We will assemble the Confirmation banner and probably brainstorm VBS crafts as well.

Social Ministry

The Spring Luncheon for Ladies of All Ages, happening on Sunday, April 29th at 1:00 pm, has set the following corrected ticket prices:

Adults (13 and older) will be \$9

Children (4-12) will be \$5

Children (3 and under) are free

The final day to purchase tickets is April 22.

Please sign on the hall table for:

1. Table Captain- Information and instructions supplied
2. Male server – 12 will be needed throughout the meal
3. Donater of dessert cookies, brownies, bar cookies or any other finger food

We look forward to another enjoyable afternoon of fine Christian fellowship.

Easter Breakfast: Once again, head chefs Les DeCarlo and Ernie Falk, with their volunteer crew, will direct the preparation and serving of the annual Easter breakfast following the 7am Sunrise Service. Please Sign on the hall table to donate breakfast treats, which should be brought to the kitchen Saturday morning or before the early service.

Update on Virgil Switzer: As it stands right now there is a plea deal on the table that Virgil will be sentenced to 6 years in prison with credit for time served. If Virgil accepts the deal he will serve that sentence. If he turns down the deal his case will go to trial. Virgil is at a crossroads right now that will determine his future. Please keep him in your prayers, asking that the Lord will watch over and protect him and that God's wisdom will prevail. We will keep up the effort of communicating with him through cards and letters. Communication from the

congregation means so very much to him. Please continue to send him cards and letters. Address labels are on the table, along with the card to be signed. Virgil's next court date is in April.

St. Matthew's: Thanks to Bob Romadka & Ed Tatro for delivering rummage, food, and money to St. Matthew's in mid-March. They happily reported that the LCMS Mission Board has been assisting the church with Chicago-mandated renovations and repairs. Thanks to all Trinity members who donate to this important, charitable mission.

Looking for something? Or someone?

Check out one of our new pages: namely the Member Service page at <http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/member-services.html> If you'd like to be listed, please contact Jeff McDonald.

Another new page, which is being fed piece-meal in the bulletins, concerns the meaning of each of the windows. You can look at each window and get the story by going to this page: Trinity Windows page at <http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/trinity-windows.html>

Can you tell that we really LIKE our new website?????

As many of you know, the church was vandalized with graffiti. We were alerted to the fact by our neighbors to the east. While we were meeting with Serv-Pro, a gentleman came up in need of community service hours. His specialty was stone cleaning. Take a look at the full version of the newsletter on the website for what he has accomplished so far! When you drive past at night, the results are breathtaking. Combined with our windows facelift, oh my...

Sunday School

The cherubs are singing at 10:30 on Palm Sunday. The last day of Sunday School will be 5/20. This IS a change, please note it. There will not be Sunday School on Easter 4/8.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 31 Expressions 6 pm Lord's Table

April 1 Palm Sunday 8 am Choir Singing

10:30 am Children Singing

April 5 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Pilate visits; stripping of altar Choir Singing

April 6 Good Friday 10am Cross Walk begins at St Jude's; finishes here

7:30 Tenebrae service Choir singing

April 7 Expressions 6 pm Glorious Day

April 8 Easter Sunday 7 am Sunrise Service Choir singing

10:30 am service Choir singing

One Final Bow

For those of you who have had Mr. Charles Stark as a Choir Director, or had a child who had him as a choir director; Mr. Stark is retiring at the end of the year. This Lincoln-Way institution is directing the 90 voice Lincoln-Way Area Chorale on Sunday, April 29 at 3 pm at Lincoln-Way West in a concert entitled: "These are a Few of My Favorite Things/Songs." The selections are pieces that Mr. Stark wanted to conduct again. Tickets are available by calling 815 485 2307. Adults are \$12 and children and seniors are \$10.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Samantha Paulson	1	April Norton	19
Michael Wajchert, Jr.	1	John Buell	20
Linda Bleck	2	Daniel Leja	20
Nina Dyer	2	Jackson Remm	21
Halie Forsythe	2	Jacob Kocenko	22
Lia Krohe	2	Nicholas Sheffer	22
Roberta Jackman	3	Tyler Baggs	24
Scott Marz	3	Bill Dudeck	24
Faith Mierop	4	Karen Wendling	24
Cheryl Mork	4	Quinton Baxa	25
Tracy Bailey	5	Mackenzie Schultz	25
Zachary Prejna	5	Morgan Taylor	26
Carol Berkey	6	Susan Willenborg	26
Sean Leahy	6	Kyle Lerner	28
Jessica Leja	6	Connor Richards	28
Robert Puttkammer	6	Harold Schrank	28
Madeline Anderson	8	Marlen Bollman	29
Scott Baggs	8	Ryan Devine	29
Robert Beaudry	8	Charles Fleege	30
Ben Kaun	8	Ava Krol-Mudore	30
Weiland Torkelson	8	Mike Lyman	30
Philip Schafer	10	Matt Varju	30
Randy Varju	10		
Jim Welsh	11		
Pat Czerwinski	12		
Troy Kessel	13		
April Tatro	13		
Daniel Edens	14		
Scott Gardner	14		
Mark Nagel	14		
Barbara Backhus	15		
Amy Tatro	15		
Cristian Stuart	15		
Ryan McDonald	17		
Paul Moeller	17		
Noel Salazar	17		
Troy Schultz	17		
Scott Elmlund	18		
Bob Hodo	19		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Terry and Rita Larson	8
Mark and Kelli Simon	15
Brian and Lynn Pigney	24
Raymond and Deborah Koehler	25
Allan and Donna Brunmeier	30