



Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

April, 2013

Prayer Requests:

- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche
- Anne Stark
- Myrna & Mack Rankin
- Beverly Ann Davis
- Tim Peterson – Marge Peterson 's son

Military in Action:

- Wesley Davis
- Matt Head—USMC
- John R. Hill—Air Force
- Matt Olson—USMC
- Franklin Barr—US Navy

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ:

By the time you receive this months' newsletter, we will have celebrated Easter where Jesus brought life to all people through his death and resurrection. In the short time since we celebrated Easter together, how has your life changed? Did something new begin or did we fall into the old ways and feelings as "tomb-dwellers"- remaining in the darkness of our souls without trying to escape into God's eternal light and life.

Well, take heart. Easter is still inside each and every one of us – God trying to make the impossible possible again. Let me share with you a personal witness from a person I ran across on the Internet:

Jesus entered our world through a door marked "No Entrance" and left through a door marked "No Exit." And for all who feel it is impossible to overcome the situations facing them – sickness, death, divorce, persecution, loneliness, despair, addictions – Jesus stands at the human door marked "No Way" and knocks.

--Peter Larson

I wonder what impossible situations you are facing this season. Relationship issues? Ministry issues? Parenting issues? Job? Finances? Spiritual burnout? Or any of those seemingly impossible situations mentioned by Peter Larson in the above quote? Whether they are minor or major, Jesus has an answer!

Even for those that seem impossible, God has an answer! Isn't that the real story of Easter? God did the impossible, to reconcile us with him! And he promises that he will do impossible things in us and through us.

Only a few years back, I was in one of those impossible situations, like the stone rolled in front of the tomb, a door was closed in my life that I thought would never be reopened. It was one of the darkest moments in my life. It was a time when I was confronted with some harsh realities of my life, a time of personal despair and for awhile I lost all hope.

Many of those treasured as close friends, deserted me. But by God's grace a few very special saints persevered with me and saw me through until the grace of God could bring a ray of hope to a new day, to a new chapter in my life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Lunch Bunch will meet at K-Bob's on April 1st at 11:45 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Please come for some great fellowship. They also have a prayer chain. If you have prayers, please call one of the following:

Linda Pike [327-4624]

Barbara Barr [325-3124]

Kathleen Lamb [327-1562]

The first of every month, we are collecting food for Daily Bread. You can get the large cans at Sam's Club and at Wal-Mart for less than \$5 sometimes.



We are still collecting motel necessities for the Family Crisis Center. Please put your donations in the silver bag in the large gathering room. The Family Crisis Center really appreciates the kindness of the Trinity family. Thank you from the Women's Bible Study. Motel amenities should be unopened.

Easter morning came to my life, and every day I am more amazed with the grace, the love, and the sacrifice Christ made to bring about resurrection and reconciliation, not only in my life, but in the life of every single sinner who will trust Him. And just when I find myself back in a locked room, like the disciples after the crucifixion, focused within instead of on the world outside, He suddenly appears and reminds me of the holes in His hands and feet and side – of the sacrifice He made for me. And he reminds me **HE IS ALIVE!**

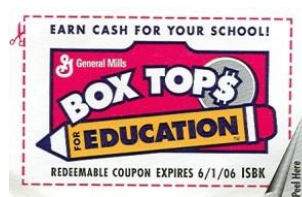
Not only is He alive, but He wants to live through me to bring His love to a world outside that desperately needs it. He asks me to put aside my doubts and simply trust and obey. He'll take care of everything else.

I wonder what it is that you consider impossible in your life. Easter reminds us that God makes a habit of doing the impossible.

Will you trust Him with the impossible in your life this Easter?

Easter always reminds us that "life" has the final word even when we face those moments of darkness that block the rays of God's eternal light.

Pastor Davis



Kathleen Lamb is collecting Box Tops for Education. If you have any, please bring them to church.



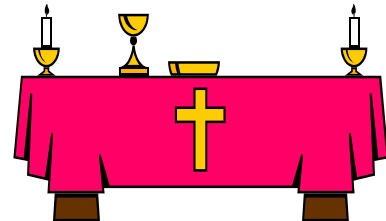
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

KRIS & GEORGE HEAD	5 TH
LARRY & LUANNE DAVIS	23 RD
KEVIN & DIANA SCHNEIDER	30 TH



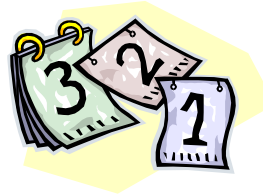
APRIL ALTAR GUILD

8:00 a.m.	Jan Mehl
10:30 a.m.	Linda Weiss



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AMAYA ANDERSON BROWN	3 RD
ROSE MARIE COLE	5 TH
JAROD PETERMAN	10 TH
CAROL FORMAN	16 TH
CAROLYN PENNEY	19 TH
APRIL GIBSON	25 TH
KALANI ALIGARBES	27 TH



Calendar of Events:

Apr. 1.....	K-Bob's Lunch, 11:45 am
Apr. 1.....	Church Council, 6:30 pm
Apr. 5.....	Women's Bible Study, 9 am
Apr. 19.....	Women's Bible Study, 9 am
Apr. 29.....	Worship & Music, 7:00 pm



Coffee Hour Host List:

7 th	8 a.m.	Tami Baker
	10:30 a.m.	Cindy VerHaar
14 th	8 a.m.	Joan Emrich
	10:30 a.m.	Becky Davis
21 st	8 a.m.	Doug Johnson
	10:30 a.m.	Jessica Doyle
28 th	8 a.m.	Linda Pike
	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Baker



Lector:

7 th	8:00	Lynaya Groth
	10:30	Terri Cross
14 th	8:00	Larrie Wright
	10:30	Terri Cross
21 st	8:00	Rose Marie Cole
	10:30	John Penney
28 th	8:00	John Penney
	10:30	Joan Peterman

Ushers/Greeters:

7 th	8:00	Tami Baker
	10:30	Joan Peterman
14 th	8:00	Reggie & Linda Crabtree
	10:30	Carol Sanchez & Shawna Cuevas
21 st	8:00	Knut & Jan Mehl
	10:30	Carol Sanchez & Shawna Cuevas
28 th	8:00	David & Linda Pike
	10:30	Joan Peterman

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister:

7 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	Sandy Samson
14 th	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	Luanne Davis
21 st	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	
28 th	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	



Thank you volunteers for serving
the Lord!

THRIVENT NEWS

Thrivent will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 18th at noon at TLC. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch and join us!



2013 Summer Camp at
Rainbow Trail!

RTLC's theme for 2013 is
"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Many programs available for youth groups, families, adult groups, etc. Check out the summer brochure in the Fellowship Hall. Call RTLC at 719-276-5233 or their website at www.rainbowtrail.org for more information.



Thrivent's "Join Hands" Day will be on May 11th. If you can help with yard work, household chores, etc. please contact Gary Rollstin, Carol Forman or Barbara Barr for more information.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Bruce Glade called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Devotions by Cindy VerHaar on Jeremiah 4:1-10.

Present were: Bruce Glade, Terri Cross, Carla Lich, Joan Emrich, Pastor Davis, Gary Rollstin, Rose Marie Cole, Jessica Doyle, Sarah Head and George Head and Cindy VerHaar. Marie Schumacher was excused.

Terri Cross motioned to accept Minutes; of the January 7, 2013 George Head seconded motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joan reported there are no unpaid bills. She said we are \$980.00 short in giving versus bills. Offering was good, over \$4,800.00. Youth made \$248.00 on sub sandwiches. Expenses were \$225.00 – total sales from sandwiches \$493.00. Some of the money went into Youth account and some for the malaria net fund. 96 sandwiches were made and only 6 left. Terri Cross made motion to accept Treasurer's Report; Jessica Doyle seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Property – Bruce has one estimate for carpet. Since then there has been much discussion. Suggestions were also made to put tile in entry way; second scenario to tile entire friendship hall and yet others to tile kitchen area. There are three options. Carpet is still on the agenda. We will look at available options and make it as durable as possible. Bruce stated we are still in the early planning stages. Had leaks in ceiling. Doug thinks we need to put flashing on roof to keep moisture away from former exterior wall.

Worship & Music – Ash Wednesday – 5 Lenten Services; they will have a little different twist; there will be dramatic readings. Soup suppers will be at 6:00 pm with services at 6:45 pm. Pastor may do some home services to do ashes on Ash Wednesday. March 11, 2013 is the next meeting.

Evangelism – Terri Cross has not been able to re-contact people. Information Center is at her house; she plans to refinish the center and return it to Church for use.

Youth – Sarah Head reported the malaria nets project is ongoing; they are working on Valentine Dinner. If there are not enough individuals signed up to break even, they will cancel. Sarah said they are working on getting other ideas.

Old Business:

Credit Card for Council – No one expressed any thoughts about this. Carla wants pre-paid card. Bruce doesn't want credit card for Church. Found fix for issue as of now. Tami wants credit card for Oriental Trading. Terri will order supplies and get reimbursed. No credit card was authorized for Oriental Trading.

Congregational Direction – Keep on agenda to come up with new ways to involve congregation; strive to communicate better with congregation. Use newsletter, email, etc. Lots of communication revenues are available out there. Potlucks may be a way to have better fellowship. We may want to look at summer picnic. Quarterly fellowship dinners were mentioned. How do we get other people to buy in to what Council suggests? We have taken convenience to a new level. Think about this and come back next month with some new ideas.

We need to think outside the box. Come with some outlandish things you don't expect Church to do and bring your ideas next month. Where are the rest of our Church members? Some ideas mentioned were to reserve park for church service during the summer; have church service outside in parking lot; ask Youth do a skit at church; and have some of the dancers in congregation do something.

New Business:

Servant of the Month – It was suggested that we recognize members serving on Council. Bruce made motion to recognize Gary Rollstin for years of service; George Head seconded; motion carried. Gary Rollstin will be recognized as servant of the month.

TLC Audit – Treasurer audit postponed until 2014.

Special Olympic Donation – Bruce would like to do letter stating we have chosen malaria nets instead of a donation to Special Olympics. Saving lives is more in tune to what we believe. Terri will respond to this request.

Project Graduation – Council chose not to participate in this.

New Bulletins – Terri played around with this; she did a couple of versions for changing the format of the bulletin. Carla made motion to use folded bulletin; seconded by George Head; motion carried...

Update on Carpet – already addressed above.

Synod Assembly – May 2-4, 2013 – Registration deadline is April 3rd. Delegates needed to go. Carla Lich expressed interest in going. Gary Rollstin also expressed an interest in attending.

Other New Business:

New Members – Doug Johnson is from Bread of Life Lutheran Church. Tara Kuehn and Braden and Breven Kuehn-Riesner taken in from Trinity Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM. Joyce Doggett and Pete Doggett taken in by affirmation of faith. Terri made motion to accept new members; Gary Rollstin seconded motion; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: We are heading into Lent. He will be attending a spiritual retreat from February 18-22, 2013. He will be in Boulder, CO February 23-25, 2013 helping his daughter, Andrea, with her new apartment. Reverend Art Meyer will cover services on February 24th, 2013.

Pictures – Thanks to Jan Mehl, Joan Emrich and Linda Pike for doing the picture directory.

Prayer: Ended with Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: Motion made by Cindy VerHaar; seconded by George Head; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7: 48 pm

Next meeting: **Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:30 pm**

Devotions: Jessica Doyle