

APRIL - 2011
† Easter Life †

Christ is risen!

“He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

That’s how we say it on Easter day. Easter is our day to celebrate! Easter is our day to rejoice and shout alleluias – even if we Lutherans are shy about shouting in church! For us Christians, Easter is our day!

Early that first Easter morning, three women came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. Expecting to find a dead man, *“entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.”* (Mark 16:5) They got a message straight from an angel: *“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him”* (Mark 16:6)

Easter is all about life. Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* What an about-face from Good Friday’s death. Everything that sin does was done to Jesus when He hung on that cross. All that sin has done in us, and to us was on Him on that cross. All the sin that is lived out in our thoughts, words, and actions was on Him when He hung on that cross. He was guilty with it. He suffered for it. He died for it. Now He is alive again! There has been a resurrection! There is a “Yes!” and “Amen!” to what happened on that cross!

AND look what happened to sin! Jesus absorbed it, paid for it, and overcome it in His death and resurrection. St. Paul

says it this way: *“He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”* (Romans 4:25)

The cross and the resurrection mean that now there is life after sin. Life is great after sin! You are justified. That means God says you are not guilty. You are right with God. You are at peace with God! You are no longer hell-bound. You are heaven-bound! You are alive in Christ, and Christ is alive in you. Your sins are no longer unto death. You can repent – *“If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9)

It is all about Life – Easter Life! The crucified Jesus is alive again. You are alive in Him and He is alive in you! He enables us to live, truly live!

Resurrection has already begun! We who are joined to Him in Baptism (Rom. 6:3-11) are next! We go through death and burial as Jesus did. And until the great last day, we are with Him! But resurrection is coming! Physical death is temporary. We will live again, in our bodies, at the resurrection of the dead on the Last Day! It won’t be long! Your name, and the name of all who believe in Him, are written in heaven!

Easter life! Life after sin -- Life after physical death -- Life in the Risen Christ! It is all about life now and more life to come!

A blessed Easter to all!

Pastor Bert

ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION RECOGNITION DINNER

Sunday, April 10th, following Divine Service

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 17th, 10:00 a.m. Divine Service
(8:45 a.m. – pictures and rehearsal)

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING will be Sunday, May 1st, following the Divine Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Hour is 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

We invite children, youth and adults to join us for the study of God’s Word.

In April our *GROWING IN CHRIST* Sunday

School lessons will be

“Jesus Heals a Blind Man”

“John Raises Lazarus”

“The Passion of Christ” and

“The Resurrection of Jesus”.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH WILL BE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION.

The food collected will be given to the Nokomis Food Pantry.

All members of Trinity are welcome to bring food for this collection.

The items may be placed in the Narthex.

† Trinity Board of Education will be giving a donation of up to \$50 to the Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ (O AFC) in the months of March, June, September and December. The Sunday School will also continue the DeLoach Ministry Project and the Food Pantry Collections. †



EASTER LILIES may be brought to help beautify the church for the Easter celebration. Please place them downstairs in the kitchen **by Sat., April 23rd** (remember to put your name on them). The Lilies can be picked up after Easter Sunday or may be left to place on the altar for the following Sundays. Thank you!

TALENTS FOR THE KING 2011 WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 17TH.

Would you like to share a particular talent that God has blessed you with!?!)

Please call Marlene Brummet (563-7228),

Pastor Eickhoff (563-2718),

Heath Houck (556-8175) or

Dan Easterday (563-7118) if you are interested in participating in this year’s

TALENTS FOR THE KING.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity Vacation Bible School

will be June 6th – 10th.

The theme is

SPACE STATION SALVATION.

A teacher is needed for the Nursery Class, First Grade and Fourth Grade. Helpers are also needed in the various classes. If you can help in any way, please call

Marlene Brummet 563-7228, Vickie Detmers 563-7667 or Pastor Eickhoff 563-2718.

Please keep VBS 2011 in your prayers

A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING for Teachers and Helpers will be Wednesday, May 11th at 7 p.m.

CHOIR NOTES

Senior Choir is preparing music for Sunday Divine Services, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Choir practices in April will be Tues., April 5th and 12th and Wed., April 20th. More singers are always welcome.

**CONGREGATIONAL COVERED
DISH DINNER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, following Worship
Everyone is invited to the *Confirmation
Recognition Dinner.*

Table service, spaghetti, drinks,
and cake are provided.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

**You are encouraged to attend and
congratulate our confirmands!!**

Hosted by TFC and Thrivent



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 17th.

Our 2011 Confirmands are:

MARCUS ZACHERY CHAUSSE

CARMEN MARIE HUDDLESTON

KACEY LAWRENCE JOHNSON

ALEXIS RAE MCDOWELL

*God Bless our confirmands
on this milestone in their spiritual life!*

WALK FOR LIFE "Hope Lives Here"

begins at 9:30 on Saturday, April 9th at
Litchfield's Echlin Park (corner of S. Illinois &
E. Water St.) Living Alternatives (a pregnancy
resource center) invites you to join in the 19th
annual Walk For Life. Breakfast will be
provided. You can preregister online at
www.hopeforafuture.com
or call 217-324-3373.

Bring a friend or bring the whole family. If
you are interested in collecting pledges please
use the form on the bulletin board in the back
of church. Hope to see many of you there!

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



JESUS, PETER, AND ME
Midweek Lenten Series



(We gather for the Divine Service at 7:00 pm on
Wednesday evening, *unless otherwise noted!*)

† **Midweek Lent V April 6**

"It's All about the Company You Keep"
John 18:18

† **Midweek Lent VI April 13**

"It's All about Denial" *Luke 22:54-62*

† **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH**

the Sunday School will take part in the Palm
Processional and sing for the
10:00 a.m. Divine Service.

JOIN US HOLY WEEK

† **Maundy Thursday Thurs, April 21**

"It's All about Cleansing" *John 13:1-15*

† **Good Friday Friday, April 22**

"It's All about Death" *Acts 2:22-24, 37-38*

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24

† Easter Sunrise/Breakfast -- 6:30 a.m.
at Trinity

† **THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS** –
during Sunday School Hour

All are invited to hear God's Word, sing and
decorate the cross with flowers!
Plan now to attend, bring a friend and please
bring live flowers to place on the cross.

† **Easter Morning Worship – 10:00 a.m.**

"It's All about Life" *Mark 16: 1-7*

Christ has risen! Alleluia!

Happy Birthday

APRIL

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| 07 Mary Ann Johnson | 18 Brayden Sabol |
| Gavin Vincent | 19 Gary Harston |
| 08 Drew Detmers | 20 Harold Ruppert |
| 09 Bill Kroeger | Mariah Brown |
| 11 Wayne Kroeger | Robert Carlock |
| Jerry Crow | 21 Brian |
| 12 Beulah Peifer | Burdzilauskas |
| 13 Erika Clark | 25 Donna Janssen |
| 14 Brandon Hargrave | 26 Hayden Brownback |
| Terry Hinton | 27 Jean Ann Johnson |
| Cathy Patton | 29 Haley Brown |
| 15 Mervin Dammerman | Austin McDowell |
| Eric Sanders | Scott Stokes |
| 16 Iva Jones | |
| 17 Theola Broers | |
| Kelcie Flowers | |
| Angela Matthews | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

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| 03 Craig and Rachele Reincke (7 th) |
| 09 Scott and Cheri Herpstreith (17 th) |
| 11 JJ and Erin Sabol (13 th) |
| 16 Howard and Kim Brown (23 rd) |
| 23 Eugene and Mary Ann Johnson (56 th) |
| Morris and Jane Johnson (28 th) |
| 25 Orlan and Donna Janssen (57 th) |
| 27 Frank and Sharon Sanders (43 rd) |

**Please let the church office (563-2718)
know if there are any additions or
corrections to the Birthdays and
Anniversaries! Thank you!**

MONTHLY MAILER information for the
May, 2011 Mailer should be turned in
by April 19th!!