

MARCH - 2011

† It's All About JESUS – for YOU! †

It was during the presidency of Jimmy Carter that the government tried to reinstate the registration for the draft. (Yes, I'm showing my age when I say I can remember that time!) I remember the newspaper articles (no internet then!) and especially a picture of a young student at some Ivy League school back East. What I remember is the sign he was carrying. It simply said, "Nothing is worth dying for." Judging from the crowd around him in the picture, it looked like many shared his opinion.

As a child of God, I am most thankful that Jesus did NOT share that student's political philosophy. Following His Father's plan, Jesus believed that we (you!) were worth dying for. Jesus believed that saving the souls of humanity from eternal destruction and damnation was a perfect reason to sacrifice Himself.

Wednesday, March 9, begins the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The 40 days of Lent are a marvelous opportunity for us to journey with Jesus on His path to literally die for us, in our place! This year we will walk with Jesus, in Peter's shoes, during these six weeks of Lent. We'll see in Peter's words and deeds a picture of ourselves, of our sin, of our need for true repentance (being truly sorry for our sin and receiving our Savior's forgiveness!).

Each and every week we will be blessed in this journey – not because we will

again see our sin – because we won't stop there! We're going to move on to the cross!

It is at the cross where we see not only our sin and it's great cost – our Savior's entire life and agonizing death – BUT ESPECIALLY HIS GREAT LOVE THAT FORGIVES YOUR (OUR) SIN BY THAT DEATH!!

It is very easy, and not only during Lent, to become so 'impressed' by our sins and failings; to become overwhelmed by our lack of goodness, that we get stuck in a paralyzing guilt; a guilt that leads to introspection, of focusing only on me, and becomes an idol and form of pride – a 'woe is me, my sin is so great' kind of thing. INSTEAD OF TURNING TO HIM WHO LOVES AND FORGIVES !!

Join us this Lenten season and see, once again or for the very first time, the amazing love of God in Jesus! Join us as we focus on Him and His forgiving and transforming powerful love. A love that went all the way to the cross and death – FOR YOU!! Join us and see that the Father's plan is truly accomplished, in Jesus, for you, for today, and tomorrow, and forever. And join us this Lenten season to see that death could not hold Jesus, that He truly rose from the dead for you and all people!

Lent, and indeed every Sunday or Wednesday or Saturday, is all about Jesus – for YOU!

The peace of the Lord be with you!

 **Pastor Bert** 

ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Sunday's, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 5:30pm

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, March 20th, 11:30am-1pm
(set-up on Sat., March 19th at 9am)

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, March 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL 6:00 PM

The LWML is hosting a FREE WILL OFFERING Soup and Sandwich Meal Wednesday, March 9th, at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship and food before our Ash Wednesday Worship (7pm)!!

DON'T FORGET!!! Day Light Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th. Remember to "spring forward" BEFORE Sunday morning!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Trinity VBS will be June 6th – 10th.

The theme will be
SPACE STATION SALVATION.

As planning continues for this week of sharing God's love, please keep VBS 2011 in your prayers.

MONTHLY MAILER information for the April, 2011 Mailer should be turned in by March 21ST!!

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 March our GROWING IN CHRIST

Sunday School lessons will be

"The Transfiguration"

"The Temptation of Jesus"

"Jesus Teaches Nicodemus" and

"Jesus and the Samaritan Woman."

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL SING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD FOR THE 7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE.

More information will be forthcoming.

LOOKING AHEAD:

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH the Sunday School will take part in the Palm Processional and sing for the 10:00 a.m. Divine Service.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, during Sunday School Hour, we will have *THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS.*

Everyone is invited to attend this time of hearing God's Word, singing and decorating the cross with flowers.

CHOIR NOTES

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

Choir Practices in March will be

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd and

TUESDAYS, March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

More singers are always welcome!

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 20th
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Menu includes:

Spaghetti
Salad
Breadsticks
Dessert
Drinks

Free will offering

Proceeds will go to various Charities
and Church Projects

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Sponsored by Trinity Fellowship Club

**SET UP FOR THE SPAGHETTI
DINNER WILL BE SATURDAY,
MARCH 19TH AT 9:00 A.M.**

ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville
will be hosting an Ongoing Ambassadors For
Christ weekend March 11-13.

This free, weekend event begins at 7 PM for
all mature Jr. High youth through adults.

Contact Nathan Ruppert at 217-827-1777 for
information or travel connections.

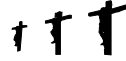
LENTEN FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Wed., March 9th – LWML
(Soup/Sandwich Meal at 6pm)
Wed., March 16th – Trinity Fellowship Club
Wed., March 23rd – Bd. of Elders/Finance Bd
Wed., March 30th – Bd. of Trustees/ Bd of
Ed.
Wed., April 6th – Thrivent
Wed., April 13th – LWML
Thurs., April 21st – Trinity Fellowship Club



Jesus, Peter, and Me

Midweek Lenten Series



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

† **Ash Wednesday March 9**

"It's All about Pride"

Matthew 26:30-35

† **Midweek Lent II March 16**

"It's All about Complacency"

Matthew 26:26-46

† **Midweek Lent III March 23**

"It's All about Misunderstanding"

John 18:1-11

† **Midweek Lent IV March 30**

"It's All about Distant Discipleship"

Matthew 26:57-

58

† **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

† **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

† **Flowering of the Cross – 8:45 am**

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

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

Happy Birthday

MARCH

01 Dorothy Ruppert	16 Sandra Charnisky
Krayton Reincke	Pixie Sparks
02 Morgan Leigh	17 Mary Beth Hilt
Ian Flowers	Ashley Hubbard
05 Aaron Brown	Lankston Brummet
Brad Cassidy	Michael Stevens
Blake Whitehead	18 Benjamin McNeill
06 Brian Harston	Earl Bauer
07 Darold Johnson	19 Haley Thornton
Joann Johnson	20 Lennella Johnson
Nicholas Jones	Tracey Hubbard
Jeffrey Sanders	21 Kay Lee
08 Daniel Wise	22 Aries Thornton
Addison Glenn	Betty Wallace
12 Shawn McNeill	24 Heather Thompson
14 Angela Keagy	Jessica Dawson
15 Marc Hubbard	28 Charlee Pittman
Phoebe Kates	29 Sean Paul
	30 Marlene Brummet

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- 11 Kelly and Julee Johnson (16th)
- 19 Larry and Sharon Huddleston (18th)
- 26 Darold and Lou Johnson (29th)
- 30 Chris and Alice Johnson (62nd)
- 31 Terry and Cindy Meiners (32nd)

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