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## † Safe and Secure †

I ran across the following story about a university teacher who had died. She was a first-rate teacher, a Christian woman with a zest for life. A colleague tells the story --

Five years ago she was in her room alone when she heard a knock at the door. She went to the door and it was old Death. She locked the door and went to her doctor, and with some surgery and some therapy she was able, after a while, to return to her routine and her classes. She was doing great. We all embraced her and said, "Ha, ha, ha! You got him!"

Two years ago she was alone in her room and heard a knock at the door, and when she went to the door it was old Death again. She locked the door and rushed back to the doctor. There was more surgery and some chemotherapy and she came through it all. "Ha, ha!" we celebrated with her. "You got him again!"

A few months ago she heard a knock and went to the door again and it was old Death. She slammed the door and tried to lock it, but the lock had broken. So she called her family in Florida and she called her friends, and we all came and took turns leaning against the door. Once in a while we'd look out the window and that yellow-faced thing was still there, waiting. But we leaned against the door. One morning she said, 'Back away from the door,' and we backed away and it opened and there he stood. He reached down to get his poison darts – and he was embarrassed. Old Death was embarrassed because he found that in his left hand was Rest and in his right hand was Peace. Old Death was whipped, and he knew it, whipped by the one who is Himself the Door."

Because Jesus' tomb is empty, because He is alive, our eternity is secure in Him! And that security for eternity brightens our present! Why? Because eternity has it's beginning in the here and now!

We celebrate an empty tomb – a risen Savior! The empty tomb and resurrection gives full verification and meaning to our Lord's:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

John 14:1-3

This gives us the present and eternal perspective we need! We are safe and secure in Jesus! Our faith is not about learning how to live so that we may die. Plenty of other teachings can do that! The Christian message is really all about teaching us how to die so that we might live! It begins in death, the death of Jesus! And it ends in life – the triumph of God's one and only Son in His cross and resurrection! His triumph becomes our triumph! His passage from death to life makes our own possible!

Because He lives, we too will live! Satan took his best shot at Jesus – and failed! Sin, doubt, despair – you name it – tried to defeat Him and failed! You are truly safe and secure in Jesus, now and forever! A blessed Easter to you & yours!

*Pastor Bert*

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR 

### QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, following Divine Service

### ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### TFC NIGHT OUT

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

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### TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CLUB

All are invited to join TFC for a Night Out for dinner on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Chinatown Restaurant in Litchfield (by the Super WalMart).

We will meet at Church at 5:15pm for those wanting to carpool.

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### CHOIR NOTES

SPECIAL THANKS to the Senior Choir and Accompanist, Iva Jones, the Sunday School Choir and the Soloists and Duets for sharing God's Love through your music.

*"It is good to sing praise to our God."* Ps. 147: 1

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### TRINITY'S GARDEN OF LOVE

Once again this year we are asking those of you who plant gardens to plant a few extra plants for those who do not have gardens. As you harvest, please bring that portion of your abundance to the church basement to share with others. *"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55:10,11

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Hour (8:45 – 9:45 a.m.) gives Children, Youth and Adults the opportunity to "come and learn of Jesus" in our various classes. Trinity has classes for Nursery (3 years old) through Eighth Grade, a High School Class and an Adult Bible Class.

In May our GROWING IN CHRIST Sunday School lessons will be

*"God's Servant Stephen"*

*"Philip and the Ethiopian"*

*"The Conversion of Paul"*

*"Peter and Cornelius"* and

*"Peter's Escape from Prison"*.

SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, we will bring our offering for our Sunday School Mission Project, which is *THE MINISTRY OF DANNY & BECCA DeLOACH*.

Danny and Becca work in Bible Translation in Papua, New Guinea.

The offering we receive will be sent to Lutheran Bible Translators for their ministry.

SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, the Sunday School will sing for the 10:00 a.m. Divine Service.

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### TALENTS FOR THE KING

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will be Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

*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*.

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MONTHLY MAILER information for the June, 2011 Mailer is needed by May 20<sup>th</sup>!

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!**

**RECEIVING A MASTER'S DEGREE:**

Bonnie Brownback Rachelle McDowell

**COLLEGE GRADUATES:**

William Adkins  
Sarah Eickhoff  
Abbey Lee  
Alissa Meiners  
Shellie Meiners

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:**

Blake Bauer  
Hayden Brownback  
Lankston Brummet  
Sierra Dodson  
Meghan England  
Briar Fortkamp  
Dillon Johnson  
Cole Leigh  
Jennie Meiners  
David Wise

**JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATES:**

Marcus Chausse  
Carmen Huddleston  
Kacey Johnson  
Alexis McDowell

*Please notify Church office of any errors!*

*[Junior High Graduation is*

*Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.*

*High School Graduation is*

*Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.]*

YOU ARE INVITED to an Open House to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Robert and Marlene Brummet on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm to 5pm in the Trinity Church Basement

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Trinity delivers Meals on Wheels

May 9 - 13 and May 16 - 20.

Calls will be made to set up the schedule the week before.

**Space Station Salvation**

**TRINITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011**

June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

There will be classes for children (age 3 by June 10<sup>th</sup>) through Sixth Grade.

The theme for VBS will be *SPACE STATION SALVATION.*

The children will learn that: *“GOD MADE THE WORLD WITH HIS POWER AND WORDS”*

*“GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES”*

*“BABY JESUS BORN AT CHRISTMAS IS THE SAVIOR AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”*

*“JESUS LIVED, SUFFERED, DIED AND ROSE TO SAVE US”* and

*“BELIEVERS SHINE LIKE STARS BY LIVING FOR THE LORD, HELPING OTHERS AND SHARING HIS SAVING WORD”*

◆ Teachers are 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, or to pre-register your child(ren), please call

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

◆ The VBS Mission Project will be Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis.

**THERE WILL BE A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING FOR TEACHERS AND HELPERS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 P.M**

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!***

- 09 William and Lorraine Johnson (58<sup>th</sup>)
- 16 David and Orene Easterday (63<sup>rd</sup>)
- 20 Robert and Marlene Brummet (50<sup>th</sup>)
- 21 Jim and Shirley Sneddon (45<sup>th</sup>)
- John and Heather Vedder (6<sup>th</sup>)
- 22 Darrell and Betty Wallace (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 26 Curtis and Tammy Braye (30<sup>th</sup>)
- Bernard and Wilma Lou Clark (49<sup>th</sup>)
- 27 Lance and Tracey Hubbard (11<sup>th</sup>)

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

*Happy Birthday* 

**MAY**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Dakota McMillian | 19 Mindy Carroll     |
| 02 Carter Sabol     | Baylee Stevens       |
| 03 Hugh Cassidy     | 20 Heather Cachera   |
| Marilyn Goggans     | 21 Janet Ferrero     |
| Carol Hancock       | 22 Tyler Herpstreith |
| 04 Darla Pittman    | 23 Makynna Johnson   |
| Janice Meiners      | Morris Johnson       |
| 05 Sheryl Elam      | Corey Lee            |
| 06 Betty Bauer      | 24 Mitchell Brown    |
| 07 Tanya Engelman   | John Gasparich       |
| Marti Deluka        | 26 Tammy Braye       |
| 08 Brian Johnson    | Lou Johnson          |
| Sara Wood           | 27 Bri-Anne West     |
| Logan Vincent       | Kathleen Hargrave    |
| 11 William DeLuka   | Ryan McNeill         |
| 12 Jordan Flowers   | Kim Clemens          |
| Jim Tester          | 28 David Wise        |
| Natalie Brownback   | 29 Barb Herzog       |
| 13 Kaden Reynolds   | 30 Mary Ann Adden    |
| Cheri Herpstreith   | Kelly Johnson        |
| Kaden Clark         | Rick Meyer           |
| 15 Hayden Brown     | Ann Zimmerman        |
| Heather Johnson     | 31 Aaron Stevens     |
| 18 Sandra Flowers   | Brenda Tossi         |
|                     | Chris Allen          |