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Tragedy to Triumph

"O.K. O.K. I know. I've just stole the name of a big event held each year by Heritage Nazarene Church. But, that is the title that came to mind when thinking about this newsletter. Partly because one of the big presenters this year was Daryl Strawberry who was one of my baseball heroes growing up as a New York Mets fan. Of course this was all before his post baseball problems and issues. He was a great ball player, so I was a big fan. Tom Sever is my all-time favorite ball player, who played for the Mets before going to the Cincinnati Reds. He helped the Mets win the World Series in 1969. Back then all the games were held during the day, and I somehow got sick that week, so was home and could watch all the games. Strange how life works, isn't it?

Where was I? Oh, yes, Tragedy to Triumph! This is really the theme for this Holy Week and Easter. We walk the road to the cross – following our Lord. And witness the Tragedy of Christ crucified. There is something we do as Lutherans which is not seen in all denominations (I don't know if this is a good thing or not). We are not afraid to enter into the struggle with our sin and failure before the Lord. We are not fearful of looking at our world in truth and in its entirety. The World we live in; the life you and I live – is not all glory, happiness and wonderfulness. You and I live in a world that, at times, consists of pain, struggle, loss, hardship, darkness and whatever other adjective we can use (Teachers, quickly is 'adjective' the proper word for those words I used? Text me with your reply). We cannot avoid this reality; we can't shy away from the truth. We must proclaim it – because this is the Tragedy our Lord faced. He took these realities to the cross. So, we focus on His suffering and pain and are not ashamed of doing so. Because Tragedy is not the end of the story or our life.

What comes next and what is TRULY the message to proclaim is the Triumph of the Resurrection of our Lord. Death and all it holds like: pain, struggle, loss, hardship, darkness and whatever – is defeated, destroyed, shattered (more adjectives?). The real word is the Triumph celebrated three days after Good Friday, after the loss of the cross. It is resurrection victory and the full and new life it grants us.

O.K. O.K. Let's be real. Life is still a struggle. But, it doesn't have to end that way. Belief and acceptance of the Triumphant Christ offers us from an empty tomb, is a powerful thing. A life changing and an eternal life granting thing for you and me..... and a whole lot of other people.

In Jesus' Name Amen



THE PRESCHOOL NEWS

The kids had fun with St. Patrick's Day activities; finding "gold" coins, becoming Leprechauns, eating Lucky Charms and learning how St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. I read somewhere that food pantries get a lot of donations around Thanksgiving and Christmas but that by March those supplies are depleted. Since then we have had the children bring in food items around St. Patrick's Day and we incorporate it into their Chapel lesson. This year they donated



over 100 items to the Emergency Clearing House! This is a simple, yet effective way to teach about giving to others. We focused on the story in Mark about the widow's offering. The widow gave all she had and we also talked about how Jesus gave all he had for us. The children have been learning about Jesus' life, death and resurrection through stories, songs and finger plays. On Monday we welcomed the families of our 4's and 5's classes for our annual Easter Celebration. The children helped prepare the food, sang some songs and we shared food and fellowship. The afternoon 4's and 5's sang at Brown Memorial and all the kids will have fun with Easter Egg Hunts before we enjoy some time off to celebrate the Easter holiday. The school will be closed March 24-28. Have a blessed Easter



CHILDREN'S



UPCOMING LESSONS:

March 27th -	No Sunday School - Easter
April 3rd -	Lesson: Buried, Risen, Meets Disciples
April 10th -	Lesson: Great Commission
April 17th -	Lesson: Ascension
April 24th -	Lesson: Holy Spirit
May 1st -	Lesson: Stephen & Saul
May 8th -	Lesson: Mother's Day
May 15th -	Last Regular Sunday School Session



Welcome to the World

WELCOME TO THE WORLD - CARSON TYLER KERENS

Born on March 1st. Parents, Bethany Kerens & Marcus Cox
Grandparents: Keith & Denise Kerens, Rocky & Lisa Cox
Great-grandmother: Becky Valentine

WELCOME TO THE WORLD - ROWEN CHRISTOPHER COOK

Born on March 11th. Parents: Stephanie & Branden Cook
Grandparents: Keith Connell, Alice Connell, Gary & Sherrie Cook
Great-grandparents: Emerson & Betty Connell, Elaine Cook, Dick & Marge Rader.

*The Gift of God has been delivered, the baby shall shine
your lives with love and joy. May God shower your little
heart with all his love and warmth.*

EVENTS THE REMAINDER OF MARCH

Wed.	23rd	7:00PM	Praise Team
Thur.	24th	11:00AM	Maundy Thursday Service - Parlor
		7:15PM	Maundy Thursday - Sanctuary
		8:30PM	HB/Choir
Fri	25th	6:30PM	MBA
		11:00AM	Good Friday Service - Parlor
		7:30PM	Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary
		7:30PM	AA
Sun	27th	6:00AM	Sunrise Service - Hargus Lake
		8:30-10:30AM	Breakfast - Noecker Hall
		8:15AM	Traditional Service
		10:30AM	Contemporary Service
Mon	28th	Church Office Closed	
		10:30AM	Bible Study
		6:30PM	Scouts
Tues	29th	5:30PM	BY EX ED
Wed	30th	12:10PM	Lent to Easter Community Worship at Trinity
		4:00PM	FTF

First Communion - We celebrate with the following young people and their families, as they rejoice in receiving the sacrament of God's Grace for the first time. Praise be to God:

*Lilyann Renee Dum
Brockton Thomas Eveland
Lawson Robert Eveland
Brooklynn Leigh Jarrell
Mia Elizabeth Reed
Bailey Caroline Reid
Blayton Alexander Reid
Mitchell Thomas Ruff
Joshua Donald Trapp
Brody Michael Williams*



That's right! Southern Ohio Synod congregations and individuals have the opportunity to be part of the Wittenberg Germany Commemoration of 500 years of the Reformation by planting a tree in the Luthergarden in Wittenberg Germany. Trees cost about 560 Euros.

If you are interested in contributing to the Southern Ohio Synod Tree, please send a check for any amount to the synod office by May 1, 2016. We will let you know when we hit the amount needed.

Make checks payable to: Southern Ohio Synod

Write 'Luthergarden Tree' in memo field.

Send checks to:
Southern Ohio Synod
300 S. 2nd Street
Columbus, OH 43215



Thank you to each and every one who have ordered Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We asked and you gave! A total of 118 pieces of Tulips, Hyacinth and Lilies will fill the sanctuary on Easter morning. May God Bless!



...to our
3/4 Century & Over Club

4/5	Martha Lindsay	4/6	Elizabeth Wolf
5/10	Harold Bowers	4/10	Gerald Bowers
4/13	Patricia Bartholomew	4/18	Betty Young
4/19	Carol Jacobs	4/20	Robert Cochrun
4/21	Marilyn Hammel	4/22	Don Hulse
4/23	Colleen Davis	4/23	Ernest Martin
4/24	Mary Clifton	4/25	Charles Dunkle
4/25	Bob Fausnaugh		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

To couples celebrating an anniversary with the number of years ending in "0" or "5" or over 45 years.

April 4th Carl & Ruth Rihl - 64 years

April 7th - Vaughn & Joyce Dresbach - 60 years

April 10th - Paul & Norma Marshall 61 years

April 22nd - Brian & Tiffany Eitel 10 years

CORRECTION!

In the last newsletter I listed that Trinity was searching for a Coordinator for the Bereavement Meals.

It should have read:

Meal Team Coordinator and Wernle Representative. If someone has questions please contact Pastor Kraus

IN MEMORY OF:

Pastor Mittermaier

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dresbach
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stant

Mr. Charles Picklesimer

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stant

Dudley Morris

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dresbach



**I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6**



Mark Sandy
Sarah & Tim Daniel
Judy Palm
Andrea Weller
Autumn Miller
Mike McFadden
Kathy Edstrom
John Prince
Braelynn Lee
Larry Roush
Tom Brown
Vera Seinhauser
Jane Stevenson
Marilyn Jeffers
Ed Jeffries
Adam Sharp
Dick Walters
Marjorie Bowers
Doris Young
Luther Ruff
Dorothy Cook
Joyce Kleingartner
Leah Kirk
Jim Davis
Beulah Temple

Neighborhood Family Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

Please remember our featured shut-ins April in your prayers and possibly sending them a 'thinking of you' card:

Don Ott

c/o Pickaway Manor
389 Clark Dr. Apt. 38
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Florence Perkins
327 East Mound Street
Circleville, Ohio 43113-1818

PRAYER REQUESTS please call 474-3151. You may also submit prayer requests through the website at www.trinitylutherancville.org. Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request, we value your privacy.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED.

Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Night
Alive!

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 10 & 17TH, 2016

• **5:00PM - EXTREME FAITH** (6th-8th graders)

• **6:00PM - CATECHISM** (7th and 8th grade students)

• **7:15PM - GADAC** (high school youth)

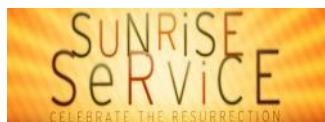


MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH - This special evening service, based on the Last Supper will also include first communion for students of the First Communion Class. The 11:00AM service will be in the parlor and the 7:15PM service will be held in the sanctuary.



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH- This poignant traditional Tenebrae Service, held at 7:30PM, allows us to more fully experience and appreciate Christ's sacrifice for us. A regular 11:00AM service will be held in the parlor.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH



Sunrise services will be held at Hargus Lake, at the shelter house, at 6:30AM. Coffee and doughnuts will be served following the service.

EASTER BREAKFAST



Will be served in Noecker Hall from 8:30-10:30AM. Special thanks to the catechism students and parents for making this possible. Sunday school classes are cancelled so that families may enjoy the breakfast

together.

EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICES



Please join us on Easter Sunday at 8:15AM for our Traditional Service and at 10:30AM for our Contemporary Service.

LENT THRU EASTER COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

The following churches will be hosting the Lent thru Easter Worship at 12:10pm followed by a light lunch. The lunch is free but they will be taking an offering for the Clothing Center.

March 23rd - Community UMC

March 25th - Good Friday Cross procession starting at 12 noon at the Pickaway County Court House and ending at Memorial Hall.

March 30th - Trinity Lutheran Church.

April

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 6:30AM MBA 7:30PM - AA	2
3 12:15PM Traditional 5:00PM SNA	4 10:30AM Bible Study 6:00PM Worship 6:30PM Scouts	5 5:30PM BY EX ED 6:00PM Admin Team	6 3:30PM FTF 7:00PM Praise Team	7 6:30/7:30PM HB/Choir	8 6:30AM MBA 7:30PM AA	9
10 5:00PM SNA	11 10:30AM Bible Study 6:00PM Stewardship 6:30PM Scouts 7:00PM Library Team	12 11:00AM Newsletter Folders 5:30PM BY EX Ed 6:00PM Council	13 10:15AM Martha Circle 4:00PM FTF 7:00PM Praise Team	14 9:30AM Dorcas Circle 6:30/7:30PM HB/Choir	15 6:30AM MBA 7:30PM AA	16
17 5:00PM SNA	18 10:30AM Bible Study 6:30PM Scouts	19 5:30PM BY EX ED 6:00PM Outreach	20 10- 4:00PM Red Cross 4:00 PM FTF 7:00PM Praise Team	21 7:00-8:00PM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE	22 6:30AM MBA 7:30PM AA	23
24 10:30AM Preschool Sunday	25 10:30AM Bible Study 6:30PM Scouts	26 11:00AM Newsletter Folder 5:30PM BY EX ED 6:00PM Education	27 4:00PM - FTF 7:00PM - Praise Team	28 6:30-7:30PM HB/Choir	29	30

SERVING IN APRIL

SERVING: Traditional Service 8:15AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS serve all month	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
4/3	Carl & Ruth Rihl	G. Montgomery	Doris Young	Chris Spring	Olivia Fausnaugh	Madalyn Fausnaugh	Jim River
4/10	Becky Roush	Shirley Rihl	Pat Beathard	Lynne Svetek	Mackenzie Miller	Nathan Chapman	Judy Roundhouse
4/17	Madeline Sanders	Greg White	Mary Easter	Justin Trapp	Ellie Hill	Riley Minor	Becky Roush
4/24	Mary Kay Temple		Karen Ewing	Patty Truex	Paige Kirby	Maraya Neff	

ALSO SERVING:

DATE	COMMUNION PREPARER	REFRESHMENTS	NURSERY 8:15am	NURSERY 9:25am	NURSERY 10:30am	ALTAR GUILD	BLOOD PRESSURE
4/3	serve all month		D & J Bothel	Erin Kirby	Stephanie List	serve all month	April 24th
4/10	Helen Burns		J & C Chapman	Kim Manson	Erin McKnight	Sally Arledge	Mike Geron
4/17	S. Thompson		Karen Ewing	Shelli Speakman	Beth & Autumn Miller	Karen Bullock	B. Valentine
4/24			Liza Guess	Barbara Crist	Heather Shesky		

SERVING: Contemporary Service 10:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	EASY WORSHIP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
4/3	Charley & Barb Gerhardt		Carolyn Seitz	Ted Wyant	Marci Wippel	serve all month
4/10	Sharon Justice		Diane Smith	Doris Young		Mike & Mary Ann
4/17	Paul & Norma Marshall		Shelli Speakman	Mark Fuhrhop		Debo
4/24	Speakman Family		Dick Walters	Jim River		

April 3rd- Traditional Service 12:15PM Assisting Minister - Patty Truex Ushers & Greeters Doris Young & Linda Kraus

Announcements from March council meeting:

The nominating committee is busy this month preparing a slate of nominees for the upcoming (May) election. Look for more information on each candidate in an April newsletter.

The financial review report was accepted by council from the 2015 year. Council thanks Helen Ruff, Dick Fisher, Sam Shapiro, and John Prince for their time and expertise.

Council approved \$4200 for a new projector and lens to replace one in the balcony.

Council approved \$1100 mission support for H2O mission ministers, Nate and Katie Dresbach.

Complete minutes from the March council meeting will appear in the next issue of the newsletter. Each of you are invited to the open council hour on Sunday, April 2, at 9:30 A.M.

Council wishes each Trinity member and families a blessed Easter!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Traditional Worship: 8:15am
Education Hour: 9:25-10:15am
Contemporary Worship: 10:30am



Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Gerhard W. Kraus
cell: 513 293-4841 prgerhard@earthlink.net
Preschool Director: Nancy Harrow
Youth & Family Ministries Director: Tim Stevenson
Children & Family Ministries Director: Marisha Eveland
Contemporary Worship Director: Liz Young
Organ/Keyboard: Diane Smith and Liz Young
Choir Accompanist: Erin Debo
Choir and Hand Bells Director: Larry Jeffers, Jr.
Administrative Associate: Billie Norris
Missionary: Rev. John S. Lunn
E-mail: roundtownlutheran@yahoo.com
Church Phone: 740-474-3151 Fax: 740-474-4268
Preschool Phone: 740-474-9870
Web Site: www.trinitylutherancville.org

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE , MARCH 9TH

11:00AM (25) 7:15PM (45) **TOTAL = 25**

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:15AM (75) 10:30AM (107) **TOTAL 182**

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE MARCH 16TH

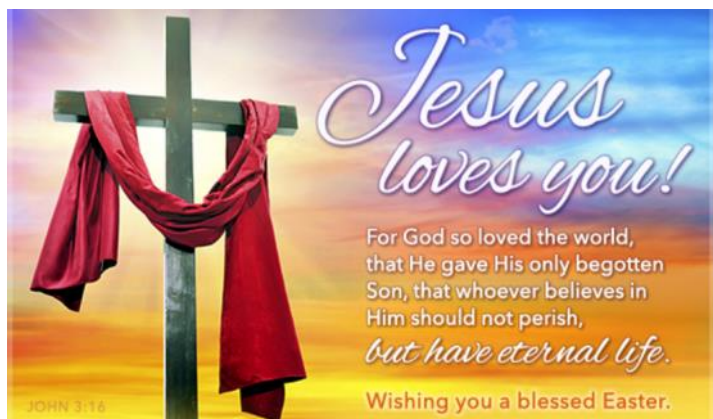
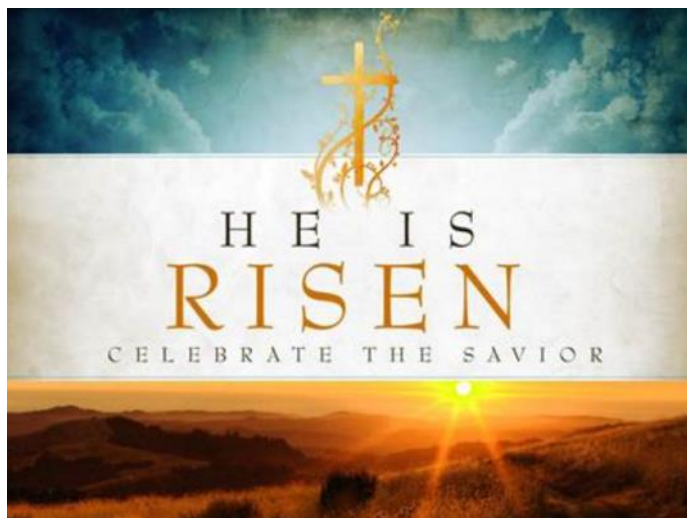
11:00AM (17) 7:15PM (53) **TOTAL 70**

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:15AM (127) 10:30AM (157) **TOTAL 284**

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AVAILABLE AT TRINITY

Dr. Nina Helene has been counseling individuals, couples and families for over 25 years and has provided counseling to Trinity members and Circleville area residents for 15 years. Dr. Helene holds her sessions at Trinity in a private, convenient location that protects client confidentiality. You may find out more about her practice and background and Cornerstone Family Services at <http://www.cstoneohio.org/>. Please call Dr. Helene at 614-906-6609 with questions or to schedule an appointment.



OUTREACH TEAM

WILL BE HONORING OUR COLLEGE AND MILITARY INDIVIDUALS.

We will need the names and the addresses for these individuals. Place this information in the church office Outreach mailbox.