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Trinity Trumpet

April 2014 Newsletter

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Rising *with* Him

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring is arriving with all the force of God who created it. The dead are made new. Long dormant limbs and bulbs shoot up new growth with blooms all fragrant and beautiful to see. Life begins anew for many of God's creatures, some pleasant (butterflies) and some bad (ticks and mosquitoes). We humans also feel a renewed vigor in life as the daylight hours get longer and warm weather brings us outdoors more. It's finally time for us to get out of the indoor confines we fled to for warmth and burst into the warming life outside. Our dear Savior, Jesus Christ, burst from the tomb that could not hold him that first Easter. He paid a dear price to win us away from the clutches of the devil and sin, giving up his very life for us. Three days he spent without life in the tomb – yet his body did not see decay like the leaves dropped in the fall. He rose from the tomb, renewed with a spiritual body that reminds us of the body we believers will rise to have on Judgment Day. Victory is in his rising, reminding us a little of the victory spring declares over the cold of winter. Humans certainly lived in the cold of our sin for thousands of years awaiting the Savior. Now that he has come, we have come into the warm, loving possession of Jesus. We have Jesus' comforting presence through the Holy Spirit. And our souls will never be cold again. Our souls will always bask in the warmth of Jesus on the throne of heaven.

In these warming days of spring and longer hours of light, may we rise with Him, thoughtfully remembering the lasting power of our souls never to die. Our souls live today with heaven's glory all ready to spring forth at the last day. He has risen! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

And he said to them, "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 (ESV)

MINISTRY NEWS

Evangelism

We will be having an Evangelism Training Class on Friday, April 25th at 6 pm. We would like to invite everyone to attend this training.

Denise Hosay

Fellowship

We will be having a continental breakfast at the church following the Sunrise Easter services.

Christina Wacker

Youth

No special activities planned.

Loretta Meyer

LWML

Monthly meeting will be Sat., April 19th at 9 am in the Hyatt Room. We are selling "Hankie Angels" for our Missions fundraiser. These were made by the ladies in LWML. They are $5 each and are located in the narthex. Please get with Loretta, Denise, Christina or Teresa if you are interested in purchasing. We will also have booth at the Baby Fair April 12th. We have a free carnival game for children and share information about Trinity Lutheran.

Loretta Meyer

Social Ministries

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

We have assisted 4 families from our food pantry this month.

Teresa Dove

Disc Golf

Will be holding mini-tournaments every Saturday. The start time will be 10 a.m., and the third Saturday of each month will be a doubles mini-tournament in which veterans are encouraged to bring novice players as partners.

News on Unpaid Bills

We the church, are behind on our bills, somewhat due to missing one Sunday worship in December, January and February plus a few more Sundays like March 2 when only 11 braved the ice to attend church. The total behind at the end of February was $3,758.68. As of Wednesday, March 26, we have received $1,200 in special gifts from members and other churches to help. Three more churches are working toward providing us assistance pending their boards' approvals. Finally, the OK District of the LCMS is looking at ways to help.

Easter Events/Services

Sunday April 13th	Palm Sunday
Mon. April 14th—Sat., April19th	Holy Week Men's Breakfasts (See Calendar for scheduled churches)
Thurs., April 17th	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal at Clayton Satellite Church 6:30 pm
Fri., April 18th	Good Friday Services 7:30 pm
Sun., April 20th	Easter Sunday
	Sunrise Services at Krebs Park 7:00 am
	Continental Breakfast following Sunrise service
	Regular Easter Holy Communion Service 10:30
	Clayton Service w/meal 6:00 pm

Plan Now for Maundy Thursday Seder Service

To foster greater oneness, our McAlester worship community will have a joint Seder service at the Trinity Clayton Mission/Satellite location on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm. The experience of doing worship in a 'house church' setting to observe a Seder style service is a truly unique opportunity that merits special consideration. We need to plan for how many will travel to Sardis Lake to participate in the meal. It takes a lot of preparation to do this service so please sign up promptly on the posted sheet. We are trying to arrange for loan of a church van so that many of us could go without having to drive separately. Let Pastor know if you have a connection for a loaner van.

Jesus and the Easter Bunny by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Ask your average heathen youngster what Easter is all about and he'll tell you about the Easter bunny, and finding Easter baskets filled with that annoying grass that seems to stick to household furnishings long after Easter is past. And those pastel foil-covered, football things that are a sorry excuse for real chocolate. And, of course, there are Easter eggs to dye and jelly beans — you've got to have jelly beans. Black beans are best.

"And mommy, that's what Easter is."

"Oh, Jason, how cute." How sad! Most children today don't know beans about what Easter really means.

Why don't you tell the story of Jesus to your children or grandchildren this Easter? Tell them about the man who is God's Son, who came to show people the love God has for them. Tell them how evil people murdered him by nailing him to a cross. Tell them how Jesus was buried in a rock-hewn tomb. Let them hear how the Roman soldiers were powerless the morning of that third day when the stone rolled away and Jesus walked forth alive.

Tell your children that because of Jesus, even though people may die, they will not stay dead. That they can live forever with Jesus, and even their bodies will be raised from the dead just like Jesus' body was.

Now I'm sure that Jesus loves bunnies — he made them. And probably chocolate, too. But don't you think he gets a little impatient with parents and grandparents who exalt a rabbit over the Savior? And on his own special Day, too?

How about it? Will you tell them the real story this year? Maybe even take them to church where they'll hear the story told by experienced Sunday school teachers? Sure, buy some jelly beans and a wad of that clingy grass for their baskets. But don't suppress the real, fascinating truth of Jesus' triumph over death.

After all, those same children are trying day by day to make sense of the death and life they see around them. They have real hopes and real fears and a destiny unfolding. They deserve a real "Jesus Easter" this year.

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A Broken Chrysalis by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

My wife, Jean, and I lived next door to each other for ten years before we were married. My sophomore interest in high school biology had sparked a live caterpillar collection. Their home was a shoe box, covered with screen wire. When I went on vacation, Jean fed them faithfully with leaves from her willow tree. She hated it.

Finally the caterpillars stopped their incessant crawling and chewing, attached their tails firmly to a stick and lay still, sheathed with a shiny leather-like case. For weeks they seemed to be dead, unmoving in their tiny gray wrappings. I removed the screen and waited.

One by one, the gray cases began to twist and turn violently, and suddenly split open. A beautiful butterfly emerged. It stood for hours gently moving its wings, pumping fluids into them to extend them fully. Then the butterfly soared gracefully away on the breezes of summer, leaving nothing behind but a broken chrysalis to indicate its former bondage.

The chrysalis and butsuggest the empty grave-clothes of our risen Lord. When Peter and John heard the news that the Lord's body was gone from the garden tomb, they ran all the way from their lodging. Peter entered the tomb and "he saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen" (John 20:6-7, NIV). testimony that the corpse they had once shrouded had now emerged in life.

The bondage of death is broken. Christ is risen!

We can face tomorrow with the assurance that Jesus is in fact alive to help us, to guide us, to give us hope for the future. And since He is living, our problems are not insolvable. The broken chrysalis of His grave-clothes proclaims that Christ is Victor even over death. Because He lives, nothing is impossible.

Dates to Remember

BIRTHDAYS

1st Zachariah Edward
4th Kevin Lopez
24th Lisa Bruggeman
26th Misty Suter
Barbara Scott
27th Tessa Hamilton
28th Mark Brueggeman
29th Peggy Gleichman
Sarah Steidley
30th Kathy Collins

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

8th Sarah Brueggeman
Zach Edwards, Jr.
9th Kevin, Niesa, April, & Brandon Lopez
22nd Rick Curtis
Sheila Curtis
Michelle McGee
26th Peggy Gleichman
Jonathan Ezell
30th Roberta Lopez

ANNIVERSARIES

6th Buster & Sharon Hurd

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the Month
Celebration of Easter

Volunteers for the Month

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Harold Dunlop

GREETER
Denise Hosay

ALTAR GUILD
Denise Hosay

USHERS CAPTAIN
Clyde Pigg

Praise God for all our dedicated volunteers that help make our services run smoothly.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Clayton Bible Study Tues., April 1st at 6:30 pm
Pigg Cell Group Thurs., April 3rd & 17th 7 pm
Lutheranism Perspective Class Tues., April 8th & 22nd 7 pm
Sunday Bible Class 9:30 am
Jr. Confirmation every Wednesday at 6 pm (except April 30th)

Trinity Prayer Warriors

We have formed a new prayer chain. If you know of someone that is in need of prayer whether it is a sickness, dying or just needs prayers contact anyone on the list and they will start the prayer chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, please get with Denise. Below are the volunteers that have signed up.

Pastor	918-916-4469
Denise Hosay	539-832-7623
Darlys Hutten	918-423-7760
Loretta Meyer	918-916-4471
Glenn Hosay	918-832-7623
Teresa Dove	918-297-2991
Don Gleichman	918-426-4511
Ed Hile	918-334-5357

LORD, we implore you to hear our prayers:

ONGOING CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

For Healing

Winfred Boriak (Pastor's uncle), **Deanna Bostick** (friend of Teresa Dove), **Melissa Burdick**, **Delsa Curtis** (Rick Curtis' mother), **Debbie Galler** (Pastor Glenn's cousin), **Freda Gleichman** (Don Gleichman's sister-in-law), **Chad Hobbs** (Jade Burdick's cousin), **Denise Hosay, Tanesha Gibson** (friend of Velva Jacobson), **Kelly Jundt** (Glenn Hosay's cousin), **Ed Monizoes** (Denise Hosay's cousin), **Irene Meyer** (Pastor Glenn's mother), **Laura Moore** (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), **Carol Roberts** (Misty Robert's aunt), **Ester Valenta** (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law) **Janel Wynn** (friend of Connie Loman & Teresa Dove)

Thanksgiving

Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Special Needs

Olivia Dodson (Mandy Loman's cousin) leukemia, **Steve Phipps** recovering from leg stint surgery, **Travis Goodnight** (Teresa Dove & Connie Loman's friend) bedfast & starting new medical trial, **Robert Yoast** in rehab and needing a kidney transplant, **Billie Moore** (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's mother) pinched nerve in lower back, **Braden Page** (acquaintance of Denise & Glenn Hosay) with sinus cancer, **William Anderton** (Denise Hosay's brother-in-law) lung cancer, **Aaron Wolfrey** (Mandy Loman's cousin) on liver transplant list, **Charlene Francis** (Peggy Gleichman's niece) cancer, **Gary Jundt** (Glenn Hosay's cousin) terminal cancer

In Hospice Care

Lyle Drews (Doris Blake's brother)

For Strength

Brenda Phipps, **Lee "Chucky" Moore family**, **Denise Hosay**, **Peggy Gleichman family**, **Vic Jundt** (Glenn Hosay's cousin), **John Peasha Jr.**

Serving in/with the Military

Wesley Blake (Doris Blake's grandson) **David & Courtney Guidry** (Teresa & Gary Dove's grandchildren), **Cole Jackson** (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's cousin), **Andy Starry** (Mary Starry's son), **Robert Starry** (Mary Starry's grandson) going to Jordan, **Canaan & Alivia Potter** (Viola Potter's granddaughter), **Teddy Stevens** (Audrey Brown's brother)

For Transformation

That we are feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit to keep inviting the lost to church so that God might save them and equip his kingdom workers at Trinity as evangelists.

Prayer Focus for the Month of April

Seminarians & Vicars Receiving Divine Calls & All Calling Congregations

Please contact the office when a name can be removed or changed to another category

Shared Blessings is Home to ...

Shared Blessings
Changing our Community with Compassion

The Clothing Store at Shared Blessings

- Our clothing store is open 5 days a week (Mondays from 3-6 pm / Tuesday-Friday 9 am – 1 pm).
- We ask for a $2 donation per person and you can shop once a month.
- Shoppers receive up to 4 outfits, 2 pairs of shoes and other misc items.

Food For Families
A Ministry of Shared Blessings

- Individuals and Families are able to receive a box of food once a month from Shared Blessings.
- Photo ID and proof of residency are required.
- Food is distributed Monday-Friday from 9 am til 5 p.m.

Nutrition Club
Ending Weekend Hunger In The Lives Of Children
A Ministry Of Shared Blessings

- Nutrition Club is a food program for elementary school age children. Through the schools, we provide bags of food to children every Friday to help over the weekend.
- Presently we provide food to over 600 kids at 18 different schools.
- If your child needs to be enrolled in the program, please talk with his/her teacher.

Pittsburg County
Habitat for Humanity®

- Habitat for Humanity builds new homes for selected families that cannot qualify for conventional loans.
- Applicants must qualify and once chosen, must attend classes, help with volunteer days, etc.
- Application classes happen frequently
- Call 918-423-7525 for more information

Rebuilding Together
Kiamichi Country

- Rebuilding Together provides no cost home repair to low income ***homeowners***.
- There are many low income ***homeowners*** whose homes have deteriorated and are now unsafe or at time unlivable. Rebuilding Together helps makes critical repairs at no cost to owner.
- You can download an application at www.rebuildingtogetherkiamichicountry.org or by visiting Shared Blessings.

Shared Blessings is a 501 c 3 non-profit ministry that is committed to meeting critical needs in people's lives through the partnership of compassionate people across our community.

Shared Blessings / 1558 S. Main Street / McAlester, OK 74501
www.sharedblessings.tv / 918-423-8624

The Lutheran Hour and Christian Radio Stations

Instead of the same old radio station and music, why not try Christian music!

The Lutheran Hour on KNED	1150 AM	Sunday Sermon at 9 am
KJRMLP, McAlester	93.3 FM	Christian music mix
KLOVE, McAlester, KTKL, Stigler	88.5 FM	Contemporary music
BOT radio	95.1 FM	Sermons and talk

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ALTAR GUILD & GREETER
Denise Hosay

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Clayton Bible Study 6:30 pm	2 Pastor on Eufaula shut-in visits Jr. Confirmation 6 pm	3 Pigg Cell 7 pm	4	5 Pastor's day off
6 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Holy Communion	7 Pastor's day off	8 Lutheran Perspective Class 7	9 Jr. Confirmation 6 pm Youth Night 7:30 pm Lenten Service 7:30	10	11	12 Pastor's day off Baby Fair at Expo
13 Palm Sunday Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Council meeting Passion Sunday Video & orship at Yanush 3—9 pm	14 1st Christian 7 am Pastor's day off	15 HOLY 1st United Methodist 7 am	16 WEEK All Saints 7 am Jr. Confirmation 6 pm Youth Night 7:30 pm	17 MEN'S St. John's Catholic 7 am Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Service at Clayton 6:30 pm Pigg Cell 7 pm	18 BREAKFASTS 1st Presbyterian 7 am Good Friday Service 7:30 pm	19 1st Baptist 8 am Pastor's day off LWML meeting 9 am
20 Easter Sunrise Service at Krebs Park 7 am Continental Breakfast Regular Worship 10:30 am	21 Pastor's day off	22 Pastor at Circuit meeting In Tulsa Lutheran Perspective Class 7 pm	23 Jr. Confirmation 6 pm Youth Night 7:30 pm	24 Men's Prayer Group at Sallisaw 6:30 pm	25 Evangelism Training Class 6 pm	26 Pastor's day off
27 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am Clayton Worship 6 pm	28 Pastor's day off	29	30 Exorcism speaker 6 pm			

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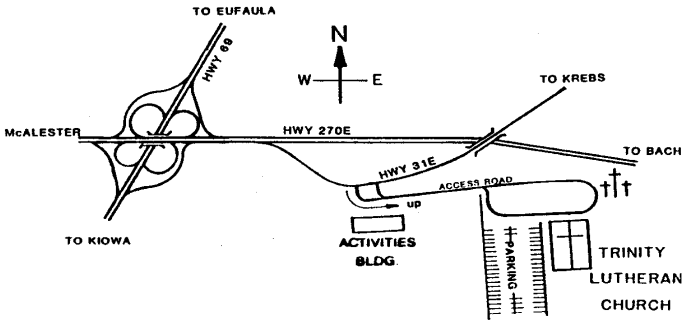

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