

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nothing makes sense in life or faith....

...without a clear and true understanding of Easter.

Easter is the central pivotal point in all of history, the past, present and the future! When God the Father and God the Holy Spirit raised God the Son from the dead it was their stamp of approval that Jesus's sacrifice paid the penalty for your sins and mine as well as for all who would accept His offer of forgiveness and allow our sins to be placed on Jesus so that Jesus's righteousness would be applied to us. Jesus traded His righteousness for our sin and the Father approved and accepted the trade.

In reality, the Father, Son and Spirit planned for this before they even created anything. They knew that creating us with real freedom to decide whether to follow obediently or to make our own selfish decisions would result in our fall from who they wanted us to be. They knew that Adam and Eve would sin and bring the curse of disobedience upon the whole human race. This would separate us from God and produce lives that would fully deserve eternal separation from Him, His love, His grace, and His blessings. We would choose hell rather than choose God.

The Trinity's plan from the beginning was to then substitute our sin for God's righteousness, in order to pay our account in full. This would require Jesus to suffer the death of separation from the Father. This was no easy thing for Jesus. Jesus set his heart to carry through but He also feared the cost to Himself that saving us from permanent and eternal separation from the Father would require. The physical pain would be nothing compared to the pain on the cross of the Father turning away from Jesus as Jesus cried out "MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME!" Through all eternity past, Jesus and the Father had never been separated. In the garden Jesus begged the Father to provide an easier way, but as we know, there was no other way for a good God to love us sinful people.

So Jesus took our sin upon Himself and gave His righteousness to each of us. We are now forgiven for all our sins and will fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit forever.

Easter is the one Holy Day that may not seem to make sense to us but gives us HOPE for everything. This is no small thing. It will take us a lifetime of study and prayer to even get a hint of its significance. We cheat ourselves out of much of God's love and blessing when we live as if Confirmation was our graduation from Sunday School and we no longer need to study who God is and what He has done for us. We suffer when we don't make the most important event in history and our most important relationship a lifetime of study. We cannot love a God we do not know. We cannot appreciate what we do not care enough to intensely and continuously study.

Make the study of God and the event of Easter your lifetime passion and you will be blessed!

Phyllis Kasper's 90th Birthday
party/open house in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 21st 3:00-6:00 pm

Daily Bible Readings

April 1, 2018

Easter

Su Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 16
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

M Exodus 12:14-27
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Tu Exodus 12:28-39
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20

W Exodus 12:40-51
1 Corinthians 15:29-41
Matthew 28:1-16

Th Exodus 13:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 28:16-20

F Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12

Sa Exodus 13:17-14:4
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
Mark 12:18-27

April 8, 2018

Su Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 148
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

M Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12
John 14:(1-7) 8-17

Tu Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25
John 14:18-31

W Exodus 15:22-16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 15:1-11

Th Exodus 16:10-22
1 Peter 2:11-3:12
John 15:12-27

F Exodus 16:23-36
1 Peter 3:13-4:6
John 16:1-15

Sa Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19
John 16:16-33

April 15, 2018

Su Acts 3:11-21
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-49

M Exodus 18:13-27
1 Peter 5:1-14
Matthew(1:1-17) 3:1-6

Tu Exodus 19:1-6
Colossians 1:1-14
Matthew 3:7-12

W Exodus 19:16-25
Colossians 1:15-23
Matthew 3:13-17

Th Exodus 20:1-21
Colossians 1:24-2:7
Matthew 4:1-11

F Exodus 24:1-18
Colossians 2:8-23
Matthew 4:12-17

Sa Exodus 25:1-22
Colossians 3:1-17
Matthew 4:18-25

April 22, 2018

Su Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 23
I John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

M Exodus 32:1-20
Colossians 3:18-4:6 (7-18)
Matthew 5:1-10

Tu Exodus 32:21-34
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 5:11-16

W Exodus 33:1-32
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:17-20

Th Exodus 34:1-17
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Matthew 5:21-26

F Exodus 34:18-35
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 5:27-37

Sa Exodus 40:18-38
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48

April 29, 2018

Su Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 150
I John 4:1-11
John 15:1-8

M Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Happy Birthday

April 1	Buck Winterhoff
April 2	Abigail Carper
April 6	Marc Ray
April 7	Lynzee Meyer
April 11	Donna Downing
April 16	Nancy Ream
April 19	Pam Thompson
April 21	Phyllis Kasper
April 22	Wyatt Smith
April 23	Betty Thompson
April 24	John Hawkins
April 27	John Schilke
April 29	Austin Smith
	Noah Johnson
April 30	Sandy Schilke

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

April 8, 1989
Darlene & Mike Johnson

April 28, 2016
Luktan & Doug Nave

PRAYER LIST

Also remember to pray for our entire church family.

Shut -ins/Home bound:	Marge Dunbar	Nancy Ream	
Terry Brown	Harry Feucht	Joe Scarberry	
Bob Carney	Carl Gravenkemper	Reeva Voigt	
Nancy DeWitt	Dorothy Haughey		
Rylee Adams	Andy Frye	Kramer	JD Shope
Dwayne Ainsworth	Fran Garrett	Sarah & Pastor	Betty Thompson
Jack Cornelison	Beverly Herrig	Kramer	Isaac W
Rosa Starr Cusack	Tom Ioia	Rosina McClelland	
Amy Finley	Kathy & Larry Jones	Bob McGinnis	Family of
Allison Fry	Kenneth & Mary	Bruce McSurdy	Terry Wagle

RAINBOW TABLE

Trinity will partner with Zion to host the Rainbow Table **every Friday in April**. We meet at St. John's starting at 9:00 am to wrap silverware, pack lunch bags, prepare food, serve food, carry trays, clean tables and a variety of other duties. We are usually finished around 1:00 pm. and would like to have some new faces to help us with this service to the less fortunate. If you'd like more information, please indicate such on your attendance sheet.

ADULT NIGHT OUT

Adult Night Out will be held at **6:00 pm.** on **April 28st** at Ann & Tony's.

BOX TOPS FOR OESTERLEN

Box Tops for education - Oesterlen Services for Youth gets \$.10 for each 'Box Top for Education' label that they receive. You can turn box tops into the church office to be forwarded to them.

UCP - Labels for Education They also collect the UCP - Labels for Education from Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti O, V8, V8 Splash, V8 Fusion, and Swanson.

PLEASE CALL US

We only staff the office on Monday through Wednesday mornings.

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