

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect for the Day*

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**THE PRAYERS**

Faith in the promise of forgiveness. Luke Christopher Knipp, baptism. Marriage of Michael Sunley and Susan Curtis 4/25. Karen Friedrich called to Lutheran High School. Paul and Cathy Von De Bur, 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Family of Louise Pletcher, deceased.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Today:	<u>9:30-10:30 a.m.</u>	Church Library is Open
	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Men's Basketball - School
Mon:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Evangelism - School
	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Stewardship - School
Tue:	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>	Board of Elders - School
Wed:	<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	Chapel - School
	<u>12:10 p.m.</u>	<b>Service - Church</b>
Thu:	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	Quilters - School
Sat:	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<b>Communion Service - School</b>
Sun:	Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2009	
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

**GROWING IN WORSHIP BULLETINS** for children are available at the usher's stand.

	Sat:	Sun:	Wed:	Total:
At Worship Last Week:	<u>103</u>	<u>130</u> <u>308</u> <u>152</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>703</u>
Our offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:				<u>\$21,667.30</u>

**FLOWERS** are placed on the altar today by Paul and Cathy Von De Bur with gratitude to God for all His blessings as they celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Today in Sunday School**, we study “Jesus Reinstates Peter.” We are all like Peter in our words and actions, denying our Lord and weeping bitterly over what we have done. We are in need of the same comfort that Peter received—the comfort of sins forgiven and the assurance that even though we are faithless, Jesus will remain faithful. You might discuss, “*How did Peter express his sorrow and repentance? What specific directions did Jesus give to Peter?*”

### FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	98,906.09	703,413.29
Expenses	<u>102,377.37</u>	<u>835,498.64</u>
Over (Short)	(3,471.28)	(132,085.35)

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** – A new class began on Thursday night, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. The class meets at the school in the Science Room. This class examines the teaching of Scripture and is for those interested in what we teach as a church, or for those interested in membership. Of course those wishing to have a review are encouraged to join us. If you are in need of child care for the class, please notify Pastor Schnelle.

### Stewardship Corner

In I Corinthians 15, the Resurrection Chapter, the Apostle Paul writes, “*What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins . . . that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures . . .*” (1 Corinthians 15:3). Through Christ’s Resurrection, God assures us that we are forgiven and that we, too, will rise again. Surely this is the message of first importance that we as stewards of our Risen Lord and Savior will desire to pass on. Christ is risen!



**RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** in the 10:30 service this morning is Luke Christopher Knipp, infant son of Jason and Sarah Knipp. May God strengthen his parents as they oversee his spiritual growth.

**POTLUCK TO HONOR PASTOR GARVUE** - Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. when we celebrate Pastor Garvue's 45 years of ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The potluck will be held at the Parish Hall—please bring a dish to pass. (Last week we mistakenly indicated Laura Filter had reached 15 years of ministry, but actually she has 12 years of service – so we will have to wait a few more years to honor her for the 15 year milestone.)

**SUMMER SOFTBALL** – Trinity will have a men's team competing this year in the recreation league on Friday nights at Calvary. Any men 18 or older interested in playing slow-pitch softball should contact Jeff Read at 544-9074 or Scott Anderson at 498-8806 to get signed up. Games began April 17.

**TRINITY CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS:** Anyone interested in playing on the Co-ed team should contact Jim Fenton at 638-0332. There will be a meeting April 19, 2009 and I will know more then. We usually start two weeks after the meeting. Watch here for more info as it becomes available.

**STATE FARM CLASSIC PARKING VOLUNTEERS:** The State Farm Classic will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. I will not be sitting around the school and church much this year due to my schedule and I will be calling volunteers that worked last year. If anyone wishes to help, please call Jim Fenton at 638-0332 or e-mail at [jnotnef@unionplus.net](mailto:jnotnef@unionplus.net). The shifts will be 5 am-8 am, 8 am-12 pm and 12 pm-4 pm. Please call me with any questions.

**PRAYER PAGE REMINDER:** This tool has been generated by the Building Caring Relationships (BCR) in Christ group for Trinity members to use during their personal devotion time and to keep the congregation connected through prayer. The prayer page is prepared bi-weekly (purple one time, yellow the other, to help distinguish when a new one is available). The prayer page is on the bulletin table for the Saturday service and at each of the church exits for the Sunday services. Pick up your copy today!

**NOTICE** – Please take care not to “accidentally” drop a pencil into the rack holding the attendance cards. The pencils are difficult to remove, not counting the time it takes to check all of the card holders.

**SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND SUNDAY** – May 3 is the 2009 Central Illinois District Scholarship Endowment Fund Sunday. In today's worship folder is an envelope marked for Scholarship Sunday. Please take the envelope home with you and prayerfully consider how you can assist students from the Central Illinois District who are pursuing careers in full time church work. These young people are our future pastors and teachers. Will they always be there? Please do what you can to help.

**RUMMAGE SALE** – The Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2750 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, invites you to the Annual Ladies Aid Rummage sale to be held Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a \$2 Bag Sale on Saturday (4/25) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**GLUE STICK RECYCLING** – Add glue sticks to the list of recycling! Trinity will now participate in the Elmer's Glue Crew. Please drop off your empty bottles (#1 and #2) and glue sticks (glue sticks will not have a number). Bring any brands of glue containers to our little recycling center. It would be helpful if the glue containers are clean and free of glue. If you can't clean them please put them in the recycling anyway.

**CALL EXTENDED** – The Lutheran High School Board of Directors has extended a Divine Call to Miss Karen Friedrich (currently serving at Our Savior's in Springfield) to serve as an Art Teacher. Please keep Miss Friedrich in your prayers as she deliberates her Call to Lutheran High School.

*Dear Trinity Ladies Aid and Congregation,*

*Jenny, my granddaughters, and I are extremely grateful for the generosity shown to us through the donations given to the Ladies Aid Lenten supper. The money that was given will be of great help in paying bills that have resulted because of my cancer. It was so good to be at the supper and see those of you who were able to attend. God has blessed us so much through all of you and continues to do so every day.*

*Thank you,*

*Terry Suttill*

**LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST** can be heard every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on WLUJ, 89.7.

**TRINITY PTL** would like to thank everyone who purchased desserts and pies for the school fundraiser. We sold 90 desserts ... the most of any school in the area! We also earned some extra money for that event. We will be having another pie/dessert fund raiser in the FALL ... so be on the look out for information. PTL is thankful for a kind and generous congregation that supports our school, both past, present, and future.

**WORKDAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We will be planting the smaller annuals and perennials in the Brick Garden and mulching. Bring your trowel and wheelbarrow. Several other outside chores will be done including pruning, planting grass, and moving dirt. Several miscellaneous inside repairs will also be completed. Lunch will be provided and everyone is welcome.

**NEW BRICK GARDEN ORDER** – A new order for engraved bricks will be sent in July. If you would like to order a commemorative engraved brick, obtain an order form from the Parish Hall or the Church Narthex. Engraved Brick prices have gone up and will be as follows:

4" x 8" bricks are \$35 each with up to 3 lines of text

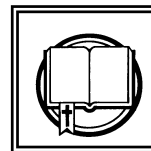
8" x 8" bricks are \$70 each with up to 6 lines of text

Each line of text may contain up to 20 characters (including spaces, periods, commas, etc.).

**MOWERS NEEDED** – Lawn mowing season is upon us again. Each year Trinity saves over \$1,000 by using volunteers to mow the school property. We plan to set up mowing teams of 2 – 4 people each, with each team mowing once a month. Mowing equipment is provided. If you are interested in joining a mowing team, contact Dave Booher, 622-3290, [booher@ie-consultants.com](mailto:booher@ie-consultants.com).

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

9:30-10:15 a.m.



**It's a Miracle!** – What miracles really are and the importance of miracles in the ministry of Jesus. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Radtke

**A Study of Exodus and the Torah** – At the center of this study is God's love for His people despite their sinfulness. Location: Science Room. Leader: Pastor Schnelle

**Victory over Sin, Death, and the Devil** – The purpose of the Book of Revelation is to give comfort to Christians at all times. Using LifeLight materials. Location: Parish Hall. Leader: Bill Denham

**Parenting** – Gain confidence and a clear plan for being a faith builder in the lives of your children. Location: Parish Room. Leader: Paul Benning

**High School Bible Class** – “What About?” Location: Youth Room. Leader: Katie Gilman

## WEEK DAY BIBLE CLASSES

### TUESDAYS:

**LADIES MORNING STUDY** meets in April at the home of Cathy Von De Bur, 65 Cinnamon Creek. For more information call 487-7846.

**SENIOR CITIZENS BIBLE CLASS** – Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., class at 10:00 a.m. Studying James. Parish Hall. Leader: Pastor Garvue

**LADIES AFTERNOON STUDY** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Loretta Rodenburg, 12 Turnberry.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**BIBLE AND BREAKFAST** will resume April 29 at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Studying I Kings. Leader: Pastor Radtke

**ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER ...** We believe that the Lord's table must be approached with sincere faith and full understanding. We believe that approaching the Lord's table is a declaration of unity of faith with this congregation. Thus, we ask anyone who has not made that declaration of faith or is not a confirmed member in good standing of a Missouri Synod congregation to please refrain from communing until you can be brought into full doctrinal fellowship with us.

## “THE GRACE TO BELIEVE GOD’S PROMISE OF EASTER”

John 20:19-31

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Radtke

***[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." [24] Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." [26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." [30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.***

- I. The good news of the resurrection changes us.
  - A. We are called to live in peace.
    - 1. Through forgiveness. (v. 19)
    - 2. Through Christ's victory. (v. 20)
  - B. We are a new creation.
    - 1. With the Holy Spirit. (v. 22)
    - 2. we are equipped with a mission. (v. 23)
  
- II. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the goal of our faith.
  - A. Doubt is defeated.
    - 1. It no longer confines us. (v. 25)
    - 2. We have reason to believe. (v. 27)
  - B. We share in the life Christ brings to us.
    - 1. Which is ours through faith. (v. 29)
    - 2. Which is guaranteed in His word. (v. 31)