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Trinity Tidings

"Caring, Loving, and Serving ALL God's People"

EASTER EGG HUNT 2015

Thanks to the many who stuffed candy in eggs and who helped out with the Trinity Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th.







May/June 2015

Pass It On



You can change the world. It's true! I know it's hard to believe

when people say things like that to you, but it is really true! You can change the world! I was reading the second lesson for the fourth Sunday of Easter from 1 John 3 from "The Message"...The Bible in contemporary language and it tells us how we can change the world: "This is how we have come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear."

That sounds like we have already failed to change the world, doesn't it? But thankfully there's more...so let me skip a few verses and get to the end of the chapter before you stop reading "Pastor's Page for May." *"Again this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us; by the Spirit he gave us."*

You can change the world...GOD THROUGH YOU, can change the world.



I remember going to church camp when I was a child and the first song we learned to sing went something like this: "It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it. You spread his love to everyone. You want to pass it on."

I'm curious, who was the person or people that lit a fire in your life. Who are the people whose spark of faith...*the fire in them*....encouraged your faith? I think about my parents and the spark of faith they gave me. I think about the people in the congregation where I grew up and all the people I have met in six different congregations over the past 35 years. I think about you...the people of Trinity Lutheran Church, Union

City, Ohio. There are so many people who have passed the spark of faith onto me. Who was it for you?

You can change the world! "This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us..." and then if you read just a little further into 1 John to chapter 4 it tell us how to change the world... "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God...and God's love was revealed among us in this way; God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much we also ought to love one another."

In a large city here in the States, the school system has initiated a program that sends teachers into hospitals to tutor children who will be there for extended stays. One day one of the volunteer teachers was called upon to visit a hospitalized child and work with him on his nouns and adverbs. The teacher walked into the room to discover that this young boy had been badly burned over most of his body and was in a great deal of pain. She was deeply moved by what he was going through and found it very difficult to focus on the task at hand. And when she left she felt she hadn't properly done her job.

The next day she received a call from the nurse who asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" The teacher assumed she had done something wrong and began to apologize. But the nurse interrupted and said, "No, no. You don't understand. We've been worried about that little boy. But ever since yesterday his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back and looks as if he's decided to live."



Two weeks later the young boy explained that he had completely give up hope until that teacher came to visit him. At that moment everything changed. He said, "It suddenly hit me that they wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a dying boy, would they?"

That's why Jesus came. To make hope a possibility. To show us that no matter what life throws our way, He, not the circumstances of life, will have the final word. He endured the cross to make hope a reality. And when that hope captures our minds, we discover a new passion for living...and a new determination to make the most out of the gift of each day....to be so secure and confident in the love of God that we use our lives to change the world.

I hope you will join me in prayer thanking God for our mothers, teachers, friends and all those people who created that spark of faith so that we could walk in God's light and love. **Pass it on!**

Pastor Gill W. Krouse

Thanks to all who shared the love of Christ through donations in April for the family of Jason Amspaugh & Ronnie Weirkamp who had a house fire last month. Let us continue to lift this local



family up and pray that God would continue to make a way for them, bless their lives and provide for their every need. Blessings to all who supported them.



VOLUNTEERS needed!!!! Summer Sunday School sign up on the bulletin board!

Summer Sunday School will take place on Sunday, May 24 through Sunday, Sept 13th

TWO VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EACH SUNDAY – Materials will be provided which include: a story from the Children's bible, a game, playground time and a snack and that's it – no prep work needed!

BACK TO SCHOOL BOOST PROGRAM

Trinity's Mission team is now collecting Kleenex Boxes and monetary donations for their **Back to School program**. Drop tissue boxes off in the library. We will be collecting tissue boxes and monetary donations now till June. Thanks for helping our children prepare for their school year and ease the burden for the parents.



Trinity Wishes to THANK all of our "Gathering" Teachers this year for serving! Join us on Sunday, May 17th to celebrate them.

Dana & Devida Abel Tony & Tanda Abel Brandy Green Jamy Hanes Jim & Amy Hanes Joni Pechie Rob & Leslie Loesch Nancy Threewits

Diane Nealeigh Teresa Tillman Ron & AmyRichards Kent & Lynn James Daryl & Mary Riffle Jessica Gower Allen & Jennifer Wilcox



Sheila Scholl Jessica Riffle Kelly Krug Mackenzie Neeley Gabe Loesch

Thank You to Angie Neeley for being our Children Church Superintendent. We appreciate all your time and work.



Congratulations to Jamy (Hanes) and Zachary Friend on their upcoming nuptials.

June 6, 2015

Jamy is the daughter of Jim & Amy Hanes and a member of TLC. May God bless your gift of marriage Jamy and Zachary and may the Lord's favor shine upon you both as you seek HIM.

Kids – Check out the Summer Camp events over the next few months. Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald and Lake Luther offer several camp experiences as well as day camps. The Summer Camp book is on the table in the Narthex.





A MOTHER'S LOVE - AUTHOR UNKNOWN

There are times when only a mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappoints and calm all of our fears.There are times when only a mother's love can share the joy we feel

when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day. For a

mother's heart and a mother's faith, and a mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the angels, and sent from God above.



To the beloved people of God at Trinity, Your generous gift to us on Palm Sunday is greatly appreciated. A new Weber grill has now found a home on York Lane in Troy. Along with the cooking accessories and cookbook, we now have all the equipment

needed to enjoy grilling outdoors. Thank you for making this dream of summertime enjoyment a reality. All the chef needs now is practice! *Pastor Gill and Susie*



2015/2016 Catechism Class

The Gathering Team will be planning a Catechism class for the Fall school year. The Catechism Class will be a ONE year class which will work through our *Here We Stand* materials. Parents, talk with someone from the Gathering team to sign your teen up for the class. *ALSO*, our

gathering team is looking for a volunteer(s) who would be willing to help with the classes. If you are interested please contact the church office or a Gathering Team member (Angie Neeley, Tanda Abel, Amy Hanes and Pastor Krouse)! Thanks for your support of our youth and commitment to teaching them the WORD of GOD.

Graduation/Teacher Recognition Sunday, May 17th

Join us for a time of celebration as we recognize our high school & college graduates as well as our Sunday School Gathering Staff!

We will be recognizing the accomplishments of High School Graduate Christy Mote and Ronda Oliver from Sinclair College

(It will be our Last Day for "The Gathering" classes as well)





Christy Mote will be graduating from Union City

Jr.-Sr. High School. Christy's plans for the fall will be attending the Pathway to Purdue Program through Ivy Tech Community College and Purdue University. She plans to major in Agricultural Education. Congratulations Christy and God's

blessings on your educational goals this year.





Ronda Oliver will be graduating from Sinclair College on May 3 with an Associate Degree in dental hygiene. Blessings to you in your future career Ronda!

"Place Just For Dad" Happy Father's Day

We may not shower him with praise - Nor mention his name in song, and sometimes it seems that we forget the joy he spreads as he goes along, but it doesn't mean that we don't know the wonderful role that he has had.



And away down deep in every heart there's a place that is just for Dad...

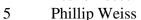


MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 James Merry
- 2 **Hudson Hopkins**
- 3 Joseph Hanes
- 4 Caden Hanes
- 5 **Ronald Bailey**
- 8 Ruth Decker Allison Gower
- 9 Romilda Bruss
- 10 **Betty Coppess**
- 11 Harley Hanes
- 13 Debby Gower
- 16 Lindsay Zicht
- 17 Rob Loesch Christy Mote Marsha Thornburg
- 18 Judith Abel
- 20 Kevin Stoner

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tony Abel
- 3 Scott Thompson Marcia Tibbetts
- 4 Leslie Loesch



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- Trisha Gelhaus
- **Bradley Strausbaugh**
- 9 **Ron Richards**
- 12 Andy Abel Kara Jessup
- 13 Darrell Gower
- 15 Ronda Oliver
- 16 Krista Antrobus Hally
- 17 **Daniel Boettger**
- 18 Andrew Riffle
- 19 Elizabeth Whittington
- 20 Steve Puterbaugh



- 21 Carol Wasson
- 23 Norma Abel
- 27 **Deborah** Collins
- 28 Kirstin Jessup

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- John & Shauna Hopkins 1
- 3 William & Roxanne Stocksdale
- 5 Doug & Kim Longfellow
- 10 Rusty & Ronda Oliver
- Mustafa & Tiffany Aly 11
- 31 Don & Jean Longfellow

- 21 Alexandria Read
- 23 Kyle Gower Isaac Oswalt
- 25 **Keegen Weiss**
- 26 Ralph Scholl Matthew Whittington
- 28 Jim Bretz Deborah Mendenhall
- 29 Doug Curtner

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Dale & Trish Gelhaus
- 16 Richard & Marlene Hines
- 25 Brock & Eva Abel Haskle & Judy Howard
- David & Cheryl Tillman 26
- 29 Leo & Pam Kramer



Monday, June 29th

Sandwiches - Baked Beans

- Cheesy Potatoes Salads - Ice Cream — Desserts

4:30pm to 7:30pm

Open to the Public – Please Join Us and Invite your friends and neighbors

All proceeds go to: Youth for the National Youth Gatherings

Need your help:

- Sign up sheets are posted for: <u>Making ice cream</u> – <u>Helping-Sunday, June 29th, set-up</u> Monday am to make items, Monday pm to help at the social & cleanup <u>Desserts</u> - need lots& lots of desserts -- cakes, pies, cookies, brownies (things to go with ice cream) <u>Salads</u> - potato, macaroni or any kind other salads <u>Other</u> - See sign-up sheet - in order to save on expenses there are other items that we are asking to be donated
 - Cream Social
 - Due to everyone's busy schedule, we will be making all other items at the church on day of the Social or Sunday before. (Ice Cream items needed Friday, June 26, 9:00 pm)

The past years have been very successful - we usually serve between 250-350 people. We appreciate any help you can give us and thank you for your support!

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Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped with various events with the recent church festivals and events. We appreciate your time and talents.



Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School Sun., July 12-15 6:30 – 8 pm



Campers of all ages will learn that God gives them the wisdom and the courage to step out in faith as Jesus works through them—whether they're at school, playing with friends, or helping out at home. Let's get excited for a camping adventure

that makes a lasting impact on kids as the VBS days are filled with.... Tree-mendous Opening & Closing, Treetop Storytelling Big Timber Bible Challenge, Wilderness Crafts, Splash 'n Dash

Games & Campfire Snacks!



PARENTS - Don't fret about dinner each night – TLC will provide a meal from 6:00 – 6:30 pm before VBS starts.

JOIN US as we start out with a VBS COOKOUT

Sun, July 12th

5:30-7:30

Volunteers are always welcomed!! Contact Diane Nealeigh and Tanda Abel for more information.





JUNE 5-7, 2015 IK Synod Assembly Breathe, Spirit, Breathe

28th Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly Indianapolis, IN

Our delegates are *Jim and* Anna Hufford who will be

attending and representing Trinity. We will be excited to hear back from the Hufford's on their IK Synod Assembly experiences and find out what's happening in our IK Synod. This year's speaker will be Dr. Peterson.



Dr. Chervl M. Peterson, keynote speaker Dr. Peterson is a Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH

ELCA Youth Gathering

July 15-19, 2015 in Detroit

The ELCA Youth Gathering for high school-age youth takes place every three years and is about faith formation, worship, study, fellowship, service and play.



United

It is an opportunity for youth to engage with peers from across the States and the world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ. Some of our local youth along with leaders will be attending the Gathering held July 15-19, 2015, in Detroit, Mich.

The Gathering is a five-day event that begins on a Wednesday evening and ends with a service of communion the following Sunday morning. The opening night sets the stage for the days ahead in which young people may have an encounter with Jesus that

energizes their faith and helps them discover their call to serve in the world — locally and globally.

Blessings to our Youth and Youth Leaders who are attending the Youth Gathering. Join us on Sunday, July 14th as we have a special time in our service to bless our group on their journey to the Youth Gathering.