



# the Trinity Trumpet

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The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

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Forgive me, but sometimes I read things that I just have to share with the congregation (or, at least those who bother to read the newsletter). Pastor Adam Koontz's outstanding article in the March Lutheran Witness is one of those things. The article is titled, "Quiet Despair and Its Remedies."

Pastor Koontz begins the article with these words that express what so many of us have thought or are thinking. He writes:

*A sadness pervades the Christian church in our country. We seem to hear what sounds like the trumpet of retreat. All sense that the church's high-water mark was somewhere in the past, and the future is dark and unsure.*

But Pastor Koontz doesn't allow us to wallow in our longing for the past, our despair over the present, and our fear of the future. He makes five points—points that I will share with you now, along with a brief comment he makes about each point.

**Point #1: Christ is the Head of the Church.**

*"At the head of every single Christian congregation is a living, triumphant Victor and King...Only He is the conqueror, so only His Word and His will have the say in our lives and in our churches."*

**Point #2: The Head (Christ) is our hope.**

*"The more we focus on our uncertainties and fears, the more power they have over us...We know that God's Son is working all things together for our good. The future is an unfolding of Christ's plan and ends with His triumphant return, to which we look forward with love and hope."*

**Point #3: Our Head (Christ) has a bright future.**

*"Despair is only possible between Good Friday's darkness and Easter's brilliant light...Our quiet despair is always our forgetfulness of His resurrection and our refusal to see how it changes everything. Since death is behind Him, the whole future is open to Him. And His future is bright."*

**Point #4: His bright future is ours too.**

*"Since He is risen, we have not been joined to a body of death, destined to perish, bound to fade away...Christ's church moves always from life to life, alive in Him now and headed for life everlasting."*

**Point #5: Despair is not your master; Christ is your Lord.**

*"Christ is not only Lord of the past, reigning over black-and-white photographs of large confirmation classes or happy baptismal parties in churches now closed. Christ is also Lord today and now and always. Think of who in your area needs the hope He brings today...Act on what is always true: He is alive, and heaven is open to all believers in His promise. Our despair is rooted in our forgetfulness of His victorious life; our joy and hope are rooted in our remembrance of this conquering hero...In Him, we more than conquer."*

Pastor Koontz's words remind me of two other statements. One by God in Romans 8, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." The other by Herman Sasse, "...the future of the Church is the future of Jesus Christ. Amen." Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

### A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Herman Sasse, a faithful Lutheran pastor and theologian in 20<sup>th</sup> century Germany, captures what Easter is all about. He writes:

*Not "Jesus lives" but "Jesus is risen" is the real Easter message of the New Testament. Something happened, God did something, something never heard of, something unique...The essential content and heart of Easter is that "Jesus is risen."*

To which we say, "He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!"

### IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY

<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	Stories from Acts
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursday, 9:30 a.m.	Romans

### OFFICIAL ACTS FOR MARCH

Transfers In: Bill & Joe Umphenour, from Trinity, Urbana, IL, 3/14  
Transfers Out: Jeremy, Evan, Liam & Audrey Parish, to Grace, Lafayette, IN, 3/14  
Calls: 33 (11 HC)

### BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)

- \$70.00 was given in support of our unbudgeted mission projects. Thank you for your gifts and offerings.
- During Sunday school on April 14, Keith Logan, Executive Director of Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program, will speak to us. He will tell us about the origin of Trinity Hope and the good work it is doing and that we are supporting with our Sunday school and school chapel offerings for the remainder of the school year.
- No, Sunday, April 28, is NOT a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday! But we are going to act as though it is. That means—hot breakfast before Sunday school, Q&A with Pastor in Bible class, the Trinity Sunday school and day school students are singing, and a door offering for the Haack Fund will be collected after the service.

### SCHOOL MUSINGS

-Parents, bring your children! Students, invite your parents and grandparents! Sunday, April 28, is a "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday." Read the "Bullets from BOPE" section of the newsletter above for more details. Just come and enjoy a wonderful morning together eating and learning, singing and worshipping.

-Thank you to all the members of our school and church family who are displaying Trinity Lutheran School's yard signs. Leave them up, but don't mow them over.



-Take time to enjoy the student artwork that's on display in the cafeteria and the parish hallway. Look at the pictures! Read the words! Think about what the pictures and words communicate. You'll not only have fun, you'll be fed.

### **MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICE**

Lent is over. Easter is here. That means the midweek Divine Service is back. We will meet on Wednesdays, April 3 and 17, for the Divine Service, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel area.

### **EASTER EVENING PRAYER**

The choirs of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne are combining forces for an Easter Choral Evening Prayer Service. While the service will be conducted at Kramer Chapel in Fort Wayne, you are invited to participate in the service here, in Trinity's cafeteria. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. (IL time)—please arrive early. Copies of the service folder will be available for you to use. It should be a wonderful service filled with the proclamation and praise of our risen Lord Jesus.

### **WCC IMPACT CELEBRATION**

The Women's Care Clinic is hosting its annual Impact Celebration. This is one of their major annual fundraisers. You are invited to participate and to support the work of the WCC as they seek to save unborn lives and serve young families. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, April 26, and will be held at CrossRoads Christian Church, 3613 North Vermilion Street.

The order and schedule of events is:

- 5:30 p.m. Doors open
- 6:00 p.m. Heavy appetizers served
- 7:00 p.m. Program begins
- 8:00 p.m. Evening concludes

While there is no cost to attend, there is the expectation of a gift to support the WCC's work. Let Pastor Tibben or the church office know if you are interested ASAP since the deadline to RSVP is Thursday, April 7.

**TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ to our members, our community, our world, and to the next generation.

**THE VALUES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE:** Strong Biblical preaching and teaching; our Lutheran heritage; fellowship in faith and love toward one another; bringing Christ's mercy in Word and deed to the community; and our Lutheran day school.

**TUNE INTO THE RADIO BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY** on WITY, 980 AM or 99.5 FM and listen to The Lutheran Hour at 10:00 a.m. and Trinity's church service at 10:30 a.m. You may also listen to Trinity's service again at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

**WORSHIP ANEW** celebrates the new life all believers have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. View every program at [www.WorshipAnew.org](http://www.WorshipAnew.org) or tune in Sunday mornings on channel 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m., channel 50 CW at 8:00 a.m., or channel 2 WTWO Terre Haute at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

**PRAY FOR THESE TRINITY MEMBERS:** Don Lewis; Greg Makos; Zack Martin; Dwight & Connie Marxman; Kari McBride & children, Seth & Megan; George & Connie McCloud; Megan McCloud; Kellie Messmore & daughter, Kylie; Mary Meyer; Jan Mielke; Katie Mikel; Leslie Miller; Arianna Miller; Michael & Liz Million; Terry & Carol Mitchell; Barbara Moews; Ami Moody; Brenda Moore; Patrick Mossholder; Sabrina Moulton & daughters, Hannah & Alexia; Amy Mourer; Brian Mourer & daughters, Maddaylyn & Amara; David Mourer & daughter, Morgan; Jonathon Mourer & daughter, Lydia; Terry & Gwen Mourer; Abby Muehl; Adam & Cassidy Muehl & children, Charlotte, Benjamin, & Daniel; Alex Muehl; Paul Muehl; Phil & Susan Muehl

### **BETHANY BARKS**

Recently, while inventorying supplies for Bethany, we noted she needed some medications, specialty food, and more business cards. You likely have all seen and had one of Bethany's business cards. Research showed that we have given out 10,000 of these cards! Not only does it contain her picture, but her Bible verse. That means we have given out 10,000 Bible references also. In case you do not know or forgot, her verse is **James 1:27**. Please read it, it describes what we do with Bethany. Reminder: **April 30<sup>th</sup>** is the Danville Gardens/Bethany fundraiser. Come out 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and purchase your spring gardening needs.

### **SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN APRIL:**

Altar Guild: Linda Pollert, Pat Hubner and Diana Gernand

#### Sound People:

April 7 - Laura Hutchison  
April 14 - Dave Tobeck/Bob Hubner  
April 21 - Teresa Parish  
April 28 - Chris Kienast

#### Usher Captains:

April 7 - Jerry Jochim  
April 14 - Doug Hubner/Dave Tobeck  
April 21 - Cliff Peak/Terry Mourer  
April 28 - Mike Klepp

#### Communion Assistants

April 7 - Brian Parke & Mark Hamm  
April 14 - Terry Mourer & Phil Muehl  
April 21 - Mark Gale & Brad Pollert  
April 28 - Brian Parke & Mike Westfall

**THE DEADLINE** for submissions for the May newsletter is Friday, April 19, 3:30 p.m.



**LWML-EUNICE NEWS (information for ALL women in the congregation)**

Eunice invites all ladies of the congregation to the dessert meeting on Thursday, April 11, at 12:30 p.m. Please join us for dessert and Christian fellowship.

**Mites -**

The April Prayer Calendar is included in this mailing. Mites are collected the first Sunday of each month at either entrance, then sent to LWML-Central Illinois District for distribution to the various mission grants, both for our District as well as for National. For more information, view these websites – [www.lwml-cid.org](http://www.lwml-cid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

# Easter Blessings



**BEGINNING MAY 2024** Trinity will no longer mail a printed copy of the newsletter. It will be available online at our website [trinitylutherandanvilleil.com](http://trinitylutherandanvilleil.com) or you may email us at [trinitylutheranchurch824@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheranchurch824@gmail.com) and request to have the newsletter emailed to you.

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

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### *Whose Is It Anyway?*

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are *his*: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership *to you*? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since *you* belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.



# APRIL

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*This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings.*

*Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For us to be "fools for Christ" (1 Cor 4:10).
2. For LWML Mission Grant #8.
3. For the LWML Michigan District.
4. For Eritrea, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
5. For your pastor and his family. Send them a thank you note.
6. For the opportunity to pay it forward at a drive through today.
7. For the country of Estonia.
8. For the many blessings in your life.
9. Praise the Lord for having Easter in our hearts every day.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Gospel Outreach.
11. For those who work in the harvest field.
12. For immigrants.
13. For LWML Mission Grant # 9.
14. For the opportunity to invite a friend to dinner and pray how you can bless them.
15. For your LWML group.
16. Praise God for our founding fathers and a godly heritage.
17. For your own district grants and mite goal.
18. For the homeless in your community.
19. For the country of Finland.
20. For our national LCMS President and Board of Directors.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #10.
22. For Gods' wonderful creation of the earth.
23. For the LWML Indiana District.
24. For the country of France.
25. For delivery people. Thank them and give them a sweet treat.
26. For law enforcement officers. Thank them when you see them.
27. For the country of Ghana.
28. For people who are in school to be pastors and church workers.
29. For being able to be still before the Lord and know that He is God.
30. For the country of Guatemala.







# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 TLS No School	2 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting  6:15 Adult Instruction	3 8:30 TLS Chapel  6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	4 9:30 Bible Class  5:15 Yoga	5 Rummage Sale 4:00 p.m.	6 Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m.
7 Easter 2 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr. Confirmation	8	9 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting  6:15 Adult Instruction	10 8:30 TLS Chapel	11 9:30 Bible Class 12:30 Eunice  5:15 Yoga 6:00 Elders	12 TLS No School	13
14 Easter 3 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr. Confirmation 11:00 Comfort Dog meeting 3:00 Seminary Easter Choral Service	15  <b>CID SPRING PASTORS CONFERENCE</b>	16 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 5:30 TLS Fun Night	17 8:30 TLS Chapel  6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	18 9:30 Bible Class  5:00 TLS Board 5:15 Yoga	19	20
21 Easter 4 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr. Confirmation	22	23 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting  6:15 Adult Instruction	24 8:30 TLS Chapel 10:30 Word at the Villas  6:00 Council	25 9:30 Bible Class  2:00 TLS@ Danville Gardens 5:15 Yoga	26	27
28 Easter 5/Anniversary 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE	29	30 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 2:00 Bethany@ Danville Gardens  6:15 Adult Instruction				