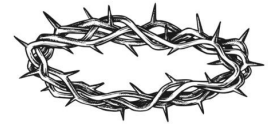


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April Fools for Christ



The Lamplighter

This year, Easter Sunday falls early in April. And, of course, April Fool’s Day marks the beginning of this month. These two events have more in common than we might think. On Easter Monday, and, in later centuries, the Sunday after Easter, some Christians have celebrated “Holy Humor.” That is a custom rooted in the idea that God played a spectacular practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. It may have been inspired by the famous Easter midnight sermon of John Chrysostom (344-407 A.D.)—his name means “golden-mouthed” -- who described a vision of Christ confronting the devil and laughing at him. Laughing at evil is the last thing that evildoers want or expect.

Perhaps the women who brought spices felt they had been foolish to trust Jesus, as they grimly headed to the tomb for their last act of love for the man who had been their hope for new life. People had thought Jesus was a fool for heading to Jerusalem – even when he was told that powerful folks there were actively plotting to kill him. People had thought Jesus was a fool for allowing himself to be arrested, for not defending himself before Pilate, for not using his divine power to call on an army of angels to overthrow his tormenters. Later, the miserable grieving followers of Jesus thought the women were on a fool’s errand when they told the disciples about seeing the empty tomb, when they shared the amazing message that Jesus was alive. Fear seems to us to be so sensible, and moving from fear to faith can feel so foolish.

It is of course quite possible to be just plain foolish – not “fools for Christ.” Judas was foolish to betray Jesus. Did he think he could take matters into his own hands and set Jesus up to act against his enemies? Pilate was foolish to think that he could actually wash his hands of his involvement in killing Jesus. The religious authorities were foolish to think that they could actually silence Jesus forever. Peter was foolish to think that nothing could shake his unwavering loyalty to Jesus.

The Apostle Paul referred to himself and the early Christians as "fools for Christ's sake." In the first chapter of I Corinthians, he writes, “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.”

Such blessed topsy-turvy foolishness: the last shall be made first; the rejected stone becomes the cornerstone; those who wish to become great must serve; the lost will be found; the small will become great. When we are weak, God’s strength can shine through us.

Is it foolish to hope for change that promotes truth and peace and healing? Is it foolish to trust that God will make a difference in a world so relentlessly drenched in blood? Is it foolish to think that the greatest strength comes not from force and fear, but from vulnerability and authenticity for the sake of honoring God as we serve in solidarity with our neighbor? Is it foolish to trust that what unites us in Christ is stronger than any of our differences?

God had the last laugh over death, after all. We can be April Fools for Christ because of the most amazing thing of all –the Easter tomb is empty. Our Lord promises to meet us and lead us where we live and work, no matter what. Christ is Risen, indeed.

Pastor Karen Husby





THANK YOU TO THE FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Lay assistants: Pete Gustafson, Carol Hawn, Gordon Afdahl, Gayle Bland

Recording/sound engineers: Adam & Jody Pomfret; Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller.

Altar Care: Suzi Bloomer, Sue Gosse, Jody Pomfret, Pat McIntyre, Denise Taylor, Donna Gustafson

Communion Bread: Sandy Teeters, Eli Moffett, Carol Hawn, Donna Gustafson

Ushers: Tina Teeters, Miranda Schoffstall, Gordon & Linda Afdahl, Bob & Denise Taylor, Marv & Barb Mericle.

- Council Items Due** - 4/13 @ 9:30a
- Council Meeting** - Mon. 4/17 @ 7p
- Mutual Ministry Virtual Mtg.** - Tue. 4/18 @ 5:30p
- Newsletter Items Due** - 4/20 @ 9:30a



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 4/1 Harry English | 4/13 Kim Schoffstall |
| 4/3 Tom Yeagley | 4/21 Eli Moffett |
| 4/4 Don Johnson | 4/28 Eve Rodenberger |
| 4/5 Tim Seitz | 4/29 Suzi Bloomer |
| 4/7 James Rodenberger | 4/30 Mallory Pendergast |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 5/2 Elizabeth Eichmiller | 5/19 Robert Taylor |
| 5/3 Jean Lapp | 5/20 Cynthia Olmi |
| 5/3 Linda Ross | 5/25 Lori Essig |
| 5/7 Amy Essig | 5/27 Robbie Baber |
| 5/8 Bill Strecker | 5/29 Barbara Mericle |
| 5/14 Sara Johnson | 5/31 Avery Mathis |
| 5/17 Sam Gumm | |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/11 Lynn & Angie Branz



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5/2 John & Rudie Butler | 5/19 Jim & Linda Ross |
| 5/3 Larry & Carol Hawn | 5/31 Randy & Gayle Bland |
| 5/14 Greg & Lori Essig | |

VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL



Counters for April: Darrel & Sue Gosse

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lay Assistant</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
4/2/23	Sue Gosse	John & Kim Schoffstall	Jody Pomfret (set-up/clean-up) Kim Schoffstall (bread)
4/06/23	Eli Moffett	John Neuenschwander & Tina Teeters	Jody Pomfret (set-up/clean-up) Jody Pomfret (bread)
4/07/23	John Neuenschwander	Bob & Denise Taylor	<i>No Communion</i>
4/09/23	Patricia McIntyre	Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller	Denise Taylor (set-up/clean-up) Denise Taylor (bread)
4/16/23	Linda Afdahl	Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller	Jody Pomfret/Pat McIntyre (set-up/clean-up) Sandy Teeters (bread)
4/23/23	John McIntyre	Gordon & Linda Afdahl	Suzi Bloomer/Sue Gosse (set-up/clean-up) Carol Hawn (bread)
4/30/23	Gordon Afdahl	Suzi Bloomer & Tina Teeters	Denise Taylor (set-up/clean-up) Denise Taylor (bread)

Sisters of Providence: Upcoming Events

Faith and the Arts: Saturday, April 1st 9a-12p; Foley Room, PSCC

Join us as we explore how faith can be solidified and amplified using works of visual arts, drama, and poetry. A presentation will be followed by an open discussion.

Presented by Dr. Arthur Feinsod, Indiana State University retired professor.

Cost: \$25/session. Includes materials and refreshments.

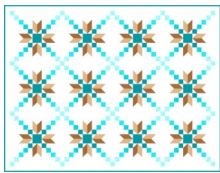
Register by March 30th for April 1st session. Future sessions: May 20th and June 3rd.



Easter Brunch: Sunday, April 9th; O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall, PSCC

Bring the family for a special Easter Sunday brunch prepared by Bon Appetit featuring smoked salmon, ham, herb encrusted roast beef, and more. Brunch prices and seating times are at BrunchSistersofProvidence.org.

Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service at the Woods: Tuesday, April 11th 7-8p; Church of the Immaculate Conception



The **quitting group** will meet Sat., April 8th at 9am in the fellowship hall. Quilts are made for both LWR and Union Layettes. Experience required: being able to tie knots in your shoelaces.



Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle is gathering on 4/19 @ 10am in the library.



FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:

First Friday Cards: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have things work out perfectly? We do, too. We imagine the perfect hand of cards. For the game we play, we wonder if it would be all 2's and 3's or would it be all cards the same suit? We wonder if it would be better to have mostly face cards, or mostly middle of the pack cards? We wonder if it would be better to have all trump or no trump? And we are in awe when a single 2 of hearts wins a trick simply cause it is the only heart played. However, we are not perfect and our cards are never near perfect. So, we just plod along and hope we win a few hands more than we lose. It is always a wonder. Come wonder with us on First Friday cards in April celebrated on the Last Friday of March, March 31. 6 pm. Bring food! See you there.



Summer is coming! Plan time for camp!



Brochures available in the narthex.

Men's Breakfast at Cackleberries.
Tuesday 4/11 & 4/25 @ 8:30am.



TRINITY WOMEN

Trinity Women will meet **Wednesday, April 12, at 7 pm** in the fellowship hall.



SEEKING RECYCLE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are still needed to sign up for the rest of 2023 to collect the church's recycling materials! Sign-up in the narthex.



I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

Tuesday Zoom Bible Study 11:30-12:30 COME as you ARE!

Topical Bible study using the book, *102 Fascinating Bible Studies*, written by a Baptist pastor, Preston A. Taylor. The unusual thing about this study is that each of the 102 chapters stand alone. There are 102 topics arranged in alphabetical order. Each chapter contains ten Bible passages with questions related to the topic.

We read the Bible passages and discuss the questions. We usually spend two meetings on each chapter. Talk to Johnny Neuenschwander who sets up the Zoom meetings. He will send you a link and reminder. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If viewing the pdf while you are online, you can click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9142075889?pwd=VkU5R3BydFMzMzZOZzgyS3kvdjFzdz09>



Amber McNamara Houston
P. K. Johnson
Don, Keith, & Larry Johnson
Cheryl Johnson



James Rodenberger
Sherry Tacker
Ray Bloomer
Mark Fouts



We extend our gratitude to those who have helped to provide music for our 10 am worship services in March.

Our musicians: Patricia and John McIntyre who on March 5th sang a beautiful anthem composed by John; the Trinity Ringers who provided prelude and offertory music on March 12th; the Trinity Choir who provided the offertory anthem on March 19th, and John Moon who provided prelude music on March 19th playing his own composition for viola and organ and on March 26th provided offertory music playing violin.

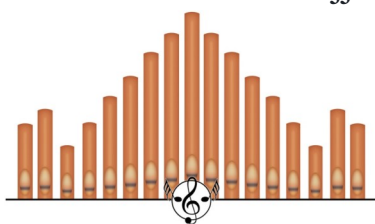
Our corps of cantors: Charles Parks, Patricia McIntyre, John McIntyre, Bill Strecker, Elizabeth Eichmiller, and John Neuenschwander.

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Service soloists: Bill Strecker, John McIntyre and Patricia McIntyre.

Our Parish Administrator Jennifer Black for providing all our printed and online worship materials, keeping us informed of our schedule of activities and performing many unseen but necessary tasks.

And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, her guidance of our congregation, her meaningful messages and her pastoral care. We are blessed to have her leadership of Trinity during these challenging times.

Are you looking to add some JOY to your life? Eastertide (or the end of Lent) is a great time to join the choir! Be renewed and energized singing ALLELUIA and sharing the joy of Jesus’s resurrection. **Everyone is welcome.** New voices are always needed and appreciated. We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm.** If you have any questions please speak with our music director Sara Johnson or any choir member. You can speak with her following worship on Sunday mornings or reach her by phone at (812)360-0897 or email at sarajjohnson72@yahoo.com.



Have you heard our new M P Rathke tracker pipe organ yet? If not, you should be hearing it soon! Opus 13 is nearing completion.

OUR 2023 ORGAN FUND UPDATE

The Organ Committee launched its pledge drive nearly four years ago – Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. **We truly appreciate all gifts received to date, which has exceeded our expectations.** God has blessed Trinity Lutheran Church in this effort to enhance our worship and praise.

Financial Summary:

Estimated total cost (\$132,113 paid to date*)	\$160,000
Cash gifts received through February 28, 2023	(153,305)
Outstanding pledges	<u>(3,173)</u>
Current estimated unfunded cost	<u>\$3,522</u>

* Most of the remaining estimated cost of \$27,887 is expected to be paid in March with the balance to be paid in subsequent months after the final “voicing” of the organ.

Sincerely,
The Organ Committee



Bottle Cap Collection

We are collecting bottle caps for Reach Services in Terre Haute. Info on what is accepted is located in the narthex. We look forward to collecting caps and lids & building more benches! For more information, contact Elizabeth Eichmiller @ 812-698-3365 or ebrochin95gmail.com)

Pastor's Discretionary Fund assists with individuals in need of assistance, primarily utility needs by working with the Salvation Army. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated. *Mark your offering envelope to donate.*

TRINITY BLESSING BOX

Many vulnerable people are served through this ministry. And several people come to the box every week. Please consider donating by adding to the baskets in the NARTHEX!

What is needed?

- ◆ **Hygiene items:** Shampoo, combs, brushes, toilet paper, feminine care products, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, razors, hand soap, dish soap, hand sanitizer, baby supplies.
- ◆ **NON-perishable SAFE items (NOT expired).** Best if cans have pull rings: vegetables, beans, rice, cereals, condiments, dried fruit, canned meat, pasta, peanut butter, and crackers .
- ◆ Consider the **SEASON.**
- ◆ **Not acceptable:** Produce, damaged cans or boxes, dairy.

Special thanks to the monthly coordinators who have helped to stock the box: January: Pomfret; February: Eichmiller, March: Schoffstall



DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP!!

Sign-up for 2023 is located in the narthex.

2023 PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	71.68
February	36.45
March	55.93
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
2023 Total:	164.06



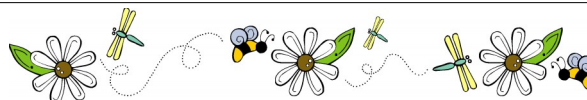
Equals 16,406 cups of milk for needy children!!

Mowing sponsors for 2023!

Help the church pay for lawn mowing. Volunteer to sponsor mowing for one or more months during the 2023 season.



Sign-up is in the narthex.



5TH SUNDAY LUNCHEON IS COMING!

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH THERE WILL BE A LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. STAY FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, AND FOOD. BRING A DISH FOR ALL TO SHARE!



HOPEFULLY, TRINITY’S NEW PIPE ORGAN WILL BEGIN ITS USE BY EASTER SUNDAY – OR PERHAPS BY PALM SUNDAY!!

LOOK AT TRINITY’S WEBSITE, “NEW PIPE ORGAN” PAGE:
[HTTPS://TRINITYTERREHAUTE.ORG/NEW-PIPE-ORGAN.HTML](https://trinityterrehaute.org/new-pipe-organ.html)

TRINITY COMMUNICATIONS TEAM
 DARREL GOSSE



**OUR NEW PIPE ORGAN
 IS HERE!**

The initial fine tuning will be completed soon! Hopefully, by Easter Sunday!



For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:14)

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would not be grace. (Romans 11:6)



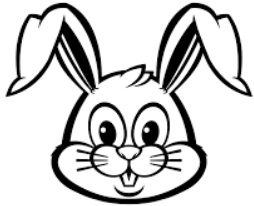
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Operating Budget Summary at February 28, 2023						
	2023			2022	% of Budget	2021
	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual		Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$24,759.44	17.3%	\$ 142,869.00	\$26,695.99	19.3%	\$138,622.11
Expenses for budgeted items	\$26,392.30	16.3%	\$ 161,824.00	\$21,149.11	15.0%	\$140,952.90
Revenues over/(under) expenses	(\$1,632.86)		\$ (18,955.00)	\$5,546.88		(\$2,330.79)

At February 28, 2023, unified giving and other revenues were \$1,936.55 lower than the previous year, and were \$947.94 higher than budget for the year. Expenses were \$578.37 lower than budget for the year, but year to date expenses exceed revenues by \$1,632.86. Please note that there is a budgeted deficit of \$18,955.

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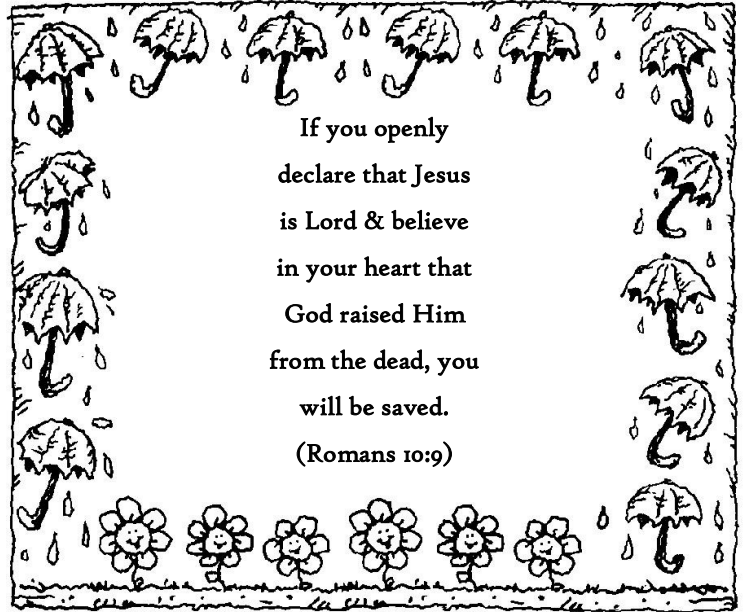
PRAISE THE LORD!



April's Joke!

Why did the Easter egg hide?

It was a little chicken!!



If you openly
declare that Jesus
is Lord & believe
in your heart that
God raised Him
from the dead, you
will be saved.
(Romans 10:9)

PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

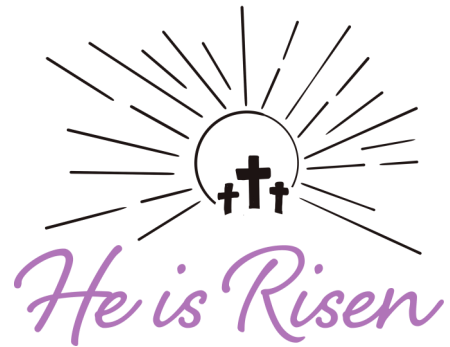
Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. HEAV | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE | 7. ES |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE |
| 4. ONGUE | 9. A |
| 5. PIRI | 10. IND |



"When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁵ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV



Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

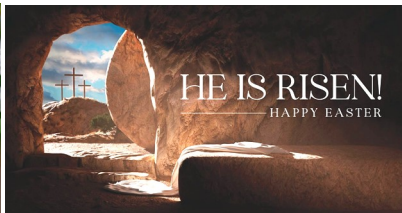
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Harry English</i>
2  Palm Sunday 9a Adult Sunday School 10a Worship	3 <i>Tom Yeagley</i>	4 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	5  Passover 5p Handbells 6:15p Choir	6  Maundy Thursday 7p Worship	7  Good Friday 7p Worship <i>James Rodenberger</i>	8 9a Quilting
9  Easter Sunday 9a Adult Sunday School 10a Worship	10	11 8:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	12 No Handbells 6:15p Choir 7p Trinity Women	13 9:30a Council Items Due <i>Kim Schoffstall</i>	14	15
16 9a Adult Sunday School 10a Worship	17 7p Council Meeting	18 Holocaust Remembrance 11:30a Zoom Bible Study 5:30p Mutual Ministry mtg.	19 10a Ruth Circle 5p Handbells 6:15p Choir	20 9:30a Newsletter Items Due	21 <i>Eli Moffett</i>	22 
23 9a Adult Sunday School 10a Worship	24	25 8:30a Men's Breakfast 11:30a Zoom Bible Study	26 5p Handbells 6:15p Choir	27	28 <i>Eve Rodenberger</i>	29 <i>Suzi Bloomer</i>

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30 **Penny Power**
9a Adult Sunday School
10a Worship
Mallory Pendergast



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Hours: M-F 9:30a-1:30p





MISSION STATEMENT:

Believing in Christ, we
GATHER, GROW and GO
with the good news of
His love, compassion and forgiveness.

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TLC website: <https://trinityterrehaute.org>

Office Hours:

Mon-Thur: 9:00a-12:00p

Contact Hours for the church office: 10:00a-12:00p

Sunday Services

10a IN-PERSON &
ONLINE SERVICE



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCu1siDnnzqBNsnQM1xAH-Sw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu1siDnnzqBNsnQM1xAH-Sw)

TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming family of believers in the triune God; we believe we are called to live out our faith by serving others and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Accompanying Guiding Principles

- We are committed to a triune God who governs our lives: God the Father, Jesus Christ—his Son our Lord, and the Holy Spirit.
- We acknowledge our spiritual weaknesses and accept our forgiveness as sinners redeemed by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection; it is by God's grace that we are saved.
- We praise God, pray for his help in our lives and seek a strong sustaining relationship with Him.
- We pursue the expression of Jesus Christ's teaching in our lives, supporting each other, and inviting all to join with us.
- We strive to be a community of believers, helping and supporting, within the congregation and in the broader community; we believe that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

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