

# TRINITY TIDINGS



## **APRIL 2017**

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#### **The Cost of Our Salvation**

Lententide and especially Holy Week is a challenging and difficult time in the Church Year for faithful Christians; but it's not because we have to attend all of the extra Church

services. Our Lenten journey is difficult because the Word of the Lord reminds us of the cause of the *innocent* suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It's painful and difficult because we're faced with the inescapable reason and the stark reality of *why* our Savior had to walk this terrible road – the innocent Lamb of God had to suffer and die for *our* sins. God's Word reminds us of the true price or cost of our sins – "*The wages of sin is death*" (Rom. 6:23). Jesus willingly died so that we could have eternal life through faith in Him. It was our sins which wounded our Lord and Savior.

Our Savior's innocent suffering and death *atoned* for the sins of the world; that sacrifice was the price that our heavenly Father said was sufficient payment. This incredible sacrifice means that through faith in Christ, we will never have to experience the eternal suffering, punishment, and abandonment that our sins deserved – Christ Jesus paid the price necessary to redeem us from our sins. Where Lent has once again focused our attention upon our sinfulness and Christ's suffering, Easter is all about the *reason* for Christ's willingness to suffer on our behalf. Easter is all about the willingness of the Father to sacrifice His only-begotten Son to be the ultimate sacrifice as payment for the sins of the world. It was all because of God's love! "*Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification*" (Rom. 4:25).

The Holy Spirit working through God's unchanging Word of truth creates contrition and sorrow over our many sins, moving us humbly bow before Him, to confess our sins, moving us to true and heartfelt repentance. And the gift of faith that we have been given receives the blessings and benefits of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. So Jesus victorious Easter message for God's redeemed children is, "*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die*" (John 11:25-26).

As we prepare for that joyous celebration of the resurrection remember the tremendous, the

indescribable, and the incomprehensible love that our heavenly Father has for us – sending His only begotten Son to live and die for us. We give thanks and praise to the Triune God; to the Father for accepting His Son's sacrifice on our behalf and we give thanks and praise to the Son for *willingly* humbling Himself in the incarnation (becoming man), perfectly fulfilling the Law for us, preaching and teaching His Word of truth, and finally dying to pay for our sins and rising for our justification. And we are truly grateful that it doesn't end there, but that He promises to continue to be with us in His Word and Sacraments until He returns again. And finally, we give



thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit for revealing all of this known to us, and enabling us to believe the Good News so that we might have reason to rejoice this Easter! God's blessings to each of you as you celebrate His glorious resurrection!

+ The Lord be with you + With Christ's Peace, Pastor Shaw



#### "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

by: Sigismund von Birken 1646

Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy Passion; With your Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How you died for those, O god, Who with thorns had crowned you.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your Passion; But its cause to me make known And its termination. For I also and my sin Brought your deep affliction; This the shameful cause has been Of your crucifixion.

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let your cross my fear disarm, Peace and pardon give me. Grant that I may trust in you And your holy Passion; If his Son forgives anew, God must have compassion.

Jesus, Lord, my heart renew, Let me bear my crosses, Learning humbleness from you, Peace despite my losses. May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heaven above Sing your praise forever.

Hymn # 440

## THE VEILING OF THE CHURCH



The special season of Lent finds many churches using special lines to cover various elements in the church. Some churches veil pictures, statues, crosses, crucifixes, and other objects during Lent as a special custom which serves as a visual reminder of the solemnity and penitential mood of the season. These cloths are called *Lenten Veils*. These are usually made of unbleached linen, although sheer fabric in purple and black are used. The black veil is used for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday liturgical settings. Purple is used from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday.



Pastor Shaw will be assisting Rev. Phillip Young conduct the service for the observance of the Easter Vigil this year at Redeemer Lutheran Church located at 800 Bellevue Road, Nashville, TN 37221, on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

#### Lenten Meditations from Luther's Catechisms

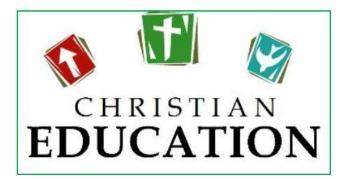
Wednesday - March 29<sup>th</sup> - Noon & 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mid-week 5 "We Are Forgiven" John 20:19-23

Wednesday - April 5<sup>th</sup> - Noon & 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mid-week 6 "The Holiest Supper" Matthew 26:26-28

Thursday - April 13<sup>th</sup> - Noon & 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday "The Night He Was Betrayed" 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Fríday - Apríl 14<sup>th</sup> - Noon & 7:00 p.m. Good Fríday "It Is Finished" John 19:30

Easter Sunday - April 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m. The Resurrection of Our Lord "Don't Seek the Living Among the Dead" Luke 24:1-6a



Greetings from Christian Education!

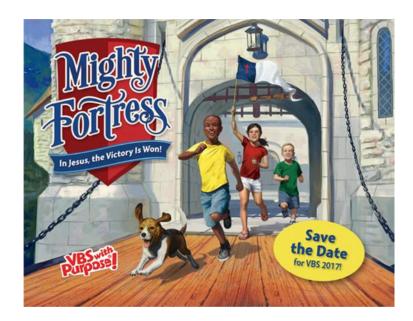
The students will be learning about Holy Week events and Jesus death and resurrection over the next month. It is a good reminder for the children what Easter is all about and not just candy.

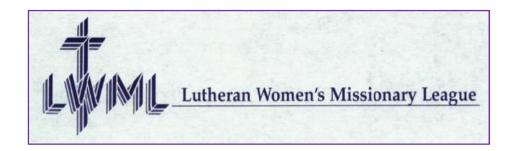
Please mark **June 24<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for **VBS.** We will be doing the "Mighty Fortress" theme in celebration of Martin Luther's Reformation.

Thank you to whom ever gave paper towel holders and fabric for our crafts. We do appreciate this very much.

In this day of technology, please encourage your children to turn off these devices in church and in Sunday School. They are here to learn about the Lord. These devices can be distracting to others around them. Please ask your children what Pastor's sermon was about and what they learned in Sunday School.

Jennifer Loftis





The Middle Tennessee Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League Spring 2017 Prayer Service will be held on Saturday, April 29, at Concordia Lutheran in Nashville.

The meeting will begin with refreshments and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Matins Prayer Service led by Pastor Eric Phillips. Ellen Koester, CEO of Lutheran Services in Tennessee, will be the speaker during the business meeting using the theme, "Healing, Health, and Hope". The meeting will conclude at noon with a meal provided by Concordia LWML members.

We carpool from the church so consider attending.

There are some blanks on the cookie list which is posted outside the kitchen on the LWML board. All volunteers are appreciated.

Rosalie



www.lhm.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. LHM's flagship program, **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs weekly on more than 1,600 stations. For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

Here are the area radio stations that broadcast The Lutheran Hour:

The Lutheran Hour					
<b>Station</b>	City, State	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Band</b>	<u>Day</u>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
WNKJ	Dickson, TN	98.9	FM	Sun	9:00 PM
WNRZ	Dickson, TN	91.5	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
WECV	Gallatin, TN	93.9	FM	Sun	9:00 AM
KAWZ	Nashville, TN	105.5	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WCRT	Nashville, TN	1160	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WECV	Nashville, TN	89.1	FM	Sun	8:00 AM
WNAH	Nashville, TN	1360	AM	Sun	4:00 PM
WSM	Nashville, TN	650	AM	Sun	8:00 AM



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (13 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **12-1-2016** and **2-28-2017** have contributed to your **\$122.19** total donation.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

Thank you, Community Rewards Staff



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Since Trinity became a member of the Kroger Community Rewards in September 2016, we have earned a total of \$243.08. Thank you to those of you who are participating in this program.

If you would like to join the other 13 Trinity members who are participating, just follow the instructions below:

- Go to Kroger.com and click on the "Community" tab.
- Choose "Kroger Community Rewards" in the drop down box.
- Choose the orange "Apply Now" box.
- Choose the "Do you already have an account? <u>Click here</u> to sign in" area.
- This will take you to a page that says, "Find your Organization"
- Type in "Trinity Lutheran Church" or our organization number 35411.
- There are 3 'Trinity Lutheran" churches that show up. Be sure to click on the correct one.
- We are listed as Trinity Lutheran Church #35411, 720 Lock 4 Rd., Gallatin, TN 37066.

It's just that easy! Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy. All you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!



**Our Fellowship Committee** will be hosting an **Easter Morning Breakfast** from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. **Tentative Menu:** Hard boiled colored eggs Breakfast casserole French toast casserole Zucchini pie Gravy for biscuits Quiche Danishes, Fruit We need volunteers to bring: Orange and Apple Juice, Milk, Biscuits, Hash Brown casseroles, and another Breakfast Casserole Please call or see Debbie Scott to volunteer.



Our annual Spring Church Work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 8. Please mark your calendars and clear your schedule so you can come and help "clean up" and "spruce up" our church building inside and out.

See James Hygrell for more details



Thanks to all of you who volunteer to keep our church building and lot in good shape.

We depend on members, like you, to volunteer to clean the church building. There is a 'sign-up' sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to choose a week(s) to clean the church building.

AND...Spring is here so that means....

## **IT'S MOWING TIME AGAIN!**

We will need volunteers to mow. Look for a sign-up sheet to appear soon. See James Hygrell for more information.



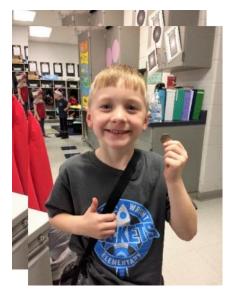


## **NEWS FROM TRINITY/HOPE**

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities. Trinity/HOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

## Just One Quarter

Trinity/HOPE is a ministry that feeds hungry children in Christian schools throughout Haiti. Although we feed over 22,500 meals each day, we can never forget that each individual child is incredibly special and can be impacted by just one quarter. It's so cool when God uses the love of a child to teach us how to make a difference. This little guy is Connor and below is a conversation he had with his teacher last week (who we'll call Ms. S. and who volunteers regularly with Trinity/HOPE)



Connor: Hi, Ms. S.

Ms. S.: Good morning Connor!
Connor: My mom told me that you help that island...
Ms. S: (confused, not knowing what he was talking about)
Connor: You know, the island and they get food from you. You work with the group that brings food to the island.
Ms. S: Oh! You mean Haiti?
Connor: Yeah that's it. You know things.

Then Connor reached into his pocket and pulled out a quarter. **Connor**: I don't need ice cream today Ms. S. Can you send this to the island?

Wow. Connor, THANK YOU for making the personal sacrifice to feed a hungry child in Haiti. You make Jesus (and all of us) smile!



## You shop. Amazon gives.

- Did you know that you can donate to Trinity/ HOPE when you shop at Amazon?
- You shop. **Amazon gives.**
- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible **AmazonSmile** purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- **AmazonSmile** is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- So support Trinity/HOPE by choosing them as your charitable organization and start your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**

## Henrietta Church Mouse's Page

Henrietta Church Mouse Here!

"Happy April" and "Happy Birthday" to ME! Nope, I'm not foolin' you! My birthday is on April 1st! I will be having Cheesecake at my birthday party! Yummy!

Easter is Sunday, April 16, the day to celebrate our risen Lord! I want to wish everyone a "Happy Easter."

He is risen! Alleluia!!!!

UNTIL NEXT TIME.....

Henrietta Church Mouse in Residence!



(Henrietta's birthday is April 1st. If you would like to send her a birthday card, her box number is 125.)



## WE THANK GOD FOR THESE **CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL**



- Keri Buttrey
- 1 Henrietta Mouse
- 2 Gabriel Alvarado
- 7 Rosalie Replogle
- 9 Jessica Owen
- **Betty Clinard** 10
- Jeremy Owen 11
- Willie King 12
- **Don Ferguson** 15
- 20 **Bill Pfingsten**
- Al Mann 25
- 26 Adam Card
- 26 Melissa Cheatham



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

- Sandra & Greg Nienaber 5
- Norman & Carol Kraemer (2012) 9
- Doug & Kaia Howard (2008) 12
- Ken & Stacy Shaw (1985) 19



## **SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2017**

PASTOR Kenneth B. Shaw

## <u>ELDER</u>

**Clyde Schroeder** 

**OFFERING COUNTERS** 

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD Stacy Shaw

## **GREETERS**

Rosalie Replogle & Debra Scott

## **USHERS**

Chris Loftis & Tim Hartley - Center Aisle Rick & Zach Halliburton - Side Aisles

## **ACOLYTES**

April 2 – Kristina Levan April 9 – Elena Alvarado April 16 – Isadora Hygrell April 23 – Brandon Levan April 30 – Paige Smith

#### **VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE**

March 26 - April 1 - Gramse April 2 – 8 April 9 – 15 April 16 – 22 April 23 – 29 April 30 – May 6 – Marilyn Hartley