



Trinity Tidings

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

These acclamations highlight the Easter season for us. However, why can't we carry this joy and excitement with us throughout the year? We can! There is nothing stopping us to share in the resurrection daily as we proclaim the good news to all we encounter.



During Lent this year we looked at those things that drew us away from God. The things that we needed to let go of that separated us and distracted us from God and the gospel message. I have prayed over all of these and for each and everyone of you this past season of Lent and I continue to pray that you will continue to let go of those things that are not of God. I have also prayed over those practices that you would hope to cultivate, and I pray that you continue to be fruitful in cultivating those practices that draw you closer to one another and ultimately closer to God.

As we cultivate new practices that enrichen our relationship with Christ, we ourselves begin to be transformed. The disciples experienced a transformation themselves when they encountered the empty tomb and began to fully understand the words that Jesus had spoken before his death. In this transformation comes a **New Creation**. May you be created anew this season of Easter as you continue to cultivate a deep loving relationship with Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Alex



Communal Coffee continues...

Join Pastor Alex on Mondays from 10am-noon at Tim Horton's. It's a great time to share any ideas or thoughts you may have, and a great chance to get to know him better.

Family Fun Day

All are invited to attend a fun event at Family Fun and Skate, 1080 Wadhams Rd., Kimball, MI on May 19th. It is the end of the year celebration for our confirmation students, but we would also like to open it up to anyone else from the congregation to join in the fun. Admission is \$8 and skate rental is \$3 - \$4 (depending on what kind you rent). If you would like to attend please sign up on the welcome spinner in the Fellowship Hall so that we can get an approximate count.



Caring for our Home



We should be caring for the church just as we care for our homes. We have many groups that use our building on a regular basis and that means we have to stay up on cleaning. The Church Council

made the decision at the end of last year to clean the church in-house. If you have an hour to give please come and help. If you would like to help more and need a way to get into the church please let the office know. There is a checklist of daily/weekly/monthly cleaning chores posted on the property board. Take a look and see what you could help with and then sign off on the checklist.

Adopt-a-Garden

Do you have a green thumb? Maybe you are great at pulling weeds. Please sign up to adopt-a-garden by the property board in the Fellowship Hall.



Thank You



- To everyone that helped during spring cleaning following church on April 7! A lot got accomplished and the church looked great for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- Mark Zink, for getting an accurate picture of the church finances.
- To everyone that helped in some form in worship during Holy Week! All of the services went well thanks to their help.
- Worship and Music Team for creating a great theme for Lent and decorating the sanctuary.
- A big thank you for supporting the Confirmation Class program at the Easter Breakfast. Students and families who put it on, and to Richard for bringing in his homemade syrup and Pastor Alex who secured the Thrivent gift card to pay for supplies! We counted 56 attending and made \$393.00 in donations.

Graduation Sunday

This year we will be celebrating our high school and college graduates during our June 2 worship service. If you have a graduate this year, please contact the church office to let us know and we will get you an information sheet to fill out with all of the details.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!





From April 9th Council Meeting

1. Mark went over financial reports. Getting a better view on the P&L statements. He met with Adam Walsh, CPA a few weeks ago and discussed financial reporting. They both suggest holding on the audit until end of this year to have more accurate numbers. Council agreed.
2. Discussed Weight Watchers increasing their payment to \$75 on their own. We are waiting to send letter.
3. Discussed setting up volunteers for janitorial work. Theresa put together a sign-up sheet and will hang it in church.
4. Discussed how well spring cleaning went!
5. Discussed still looking for 2 volunteers for synod assembly which is 5/17-5/18 in Clarkston.
6. Don discussed patio fundraiser. We are up to \$500 in funds. Our goal is \$2,000.

Bike Ministry



Will begin in May on Mondays at 6 pm.

This is the 4th season for our ministry of collecting donated bikes, fixing them up and donating them to kids and adults who need them.

You can help out in the following ways:

- Join us on Monday nights at 6 pm at the parsonage garage to help clean up and fix bikes. (No experience necessary)
- Donate used bikes
- Let us know of kids or adults in need of bikes.

This has been a very satisfying ministry resulting in Trinity giving away over 300 bikes. Contact Becky Stuart with any questions.

Endowment Fund Grants

Endowment Fund Applications are available for \$500 grant Applications are Due Sunday, June 2, 2019



The Trinity Endowment Fund is set up to provide grants of up to 5% of the total amount in the endowment account. This year, we will be distributing \$500. The money can go to programs in the following areas:

- Mission and Outreach
- Education
- Youth Ministries
- Capital Improvements

Please see Pastor Alex Steward or Becky Stuart to get an application.



An Evening of Sacred Music and Prayer with E. Louis Canter, OEF

Friday, May 24 at 7:00 pm

All are invited for an evening of wonderful music and prayer led by E. Louis Canter, OEF. He has served many churches in the area and is currently leading a ministry in Orlando, Florida. He will share music that he has composed which praises God. What a wonderful message for this Easter Season! Any questions, please contact Pastor Alex.



"A Journey of a Loving Life"

Stephanie Graham

Please Join us for Stephanie's Senior Recital on Saturday, May 18th @ 2:00 At Trinity Lutheran Church featuring collaborative pianist, Chad Baker. Stephanie has studied music with Dean Lynn Roseberry at Capital University Conservatory of Music. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music, Communications and Theatre. Come enjoy pieces from Mozart, Sondheim, Schwartz and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Join us for the reception to follow of desserts and refreshments. All are welcome to enjoy "The Journey of a Loving Life". We want to thank everyone for their support and hope you will come and enjoy Stephanie's recital.

May Scripture Readings

May 5Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 12Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 19Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 26Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29



May Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour Schedule



Flowers:

May 5 – for Ken Hutchin's Birthday
May 12 – In honor of all the Mother's
May 19 – Open, please sign up
May 26 – Melissa Daugherty for
Drew's Birthday

Coffee Hour

May 5 – Open
May 12 – Open
May 19 – Open
May 26 – Dan & Melissa Daugherty for
our 13 years marriage



May 3 – Melissa Graham
May 5 – Amber Gross
May 6 – Ken Hutchins
May 11 – Kathleen Carkuff
May 11 – Mel Hawke
May 12 – Connie Engelhard
May 12 – Kylie Williams
May 14 – Mary Small
May 15 – Evelyn Carkuff
May 16 – Melissa Daugherty
May 18 – Ross Stuart
May 25 – Dolores Bertossi
May 27 – Henry Schutt
May 31 – Drew Daugherty