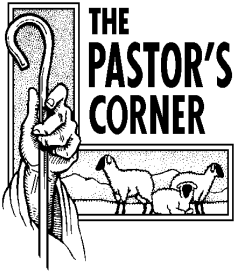


# Trinity Tidings

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**March 11th - Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
**March 18th - Church Voter's Meeting**



Though God slay me,  
I will hope in Him

This may sound kind of strange but it comes from the Old Testament, a person named Job who was stricken with many pains, loss of family and property:

(Job 13:15 ESV) Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face. How many of us will still put our hope in a person who was responsible for our death.

What is Job getting at? Job knew that even if he would die because of the many afflictions, he would still put his hope in God. What Job knew was that he would even argue his case with God face to face. You may think, what good is that, Job is already dead, he lost. Actually, because of Job's faith, this passage does give Job and us a great deal of hope. While we may be dead from this physical life that we know, we are not spiritually dead. Job knew and trusted in the resurrection of he dead. He knew that if he died, he would still be able to argue his case before God. Ultimately this means that Job would be with God in heaven.

We may still think that Job had lost his mind, but he didn't. Even if all our "earthly" things are taken away, we still have the gift of God's promises. For Job that was more important than all that he had, even his own physical life.

Job wasn't the only one. Paul had his troubles. Notice Paul's response: (2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV) So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass

me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

In the midst of hardship and trial, God says my grace is sufficient for you. This may be true from God's perspective but is it true from ours. What happens when life becomes very uncomfortable, even painful, and even unbearable?

Martin Luther notes, "Therefore God sends wrestlings, trials, and struggles in order that from day to day we may understand and cling to the promises of God more clearly and certainly....Therefore they must be disciplined, in order that they may retain faith, hope, and the expectation of the promises. And it is precisely this that edifies and consoles us, when we see that the patriarchs and the prophets were like us, that they were tried by weakness, by doubt, and almost by despair and the loss of faith." LW 5:255

That is what happen to Job, Paul, even us. So we do not give up on God, but instead continue to place our trust in Him. Remember God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus came to save us. God may allows these things into our lives, but to draw us closer to the promises of Christ. God wants all people to be saved, He doesn't want anyone to fall away. God allows what we would call painful, and disturbing as a means of reminding us what is truly important, our faith and trust in God's

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promises of forgiveness and salvation. Paul reminds us in (1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV) “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

Even though this passage notes temptation, it more importantly notes that God helps you so that you may be able to endure.

God isn't providing the quick and easy fix, but He is the answer. That answer maybe that we lose all things and even our life, our physical life. Which doesn't sound good until we realize that the answer is to be with Him for eternal life. So we keep our trust and faith in Jesus, the Christ, even though our lives may not be what we want, even during the hard times, we have a loving God who will be with us and will eventually take us to be with Him in eternal life.

We will be celebrating the “Resurrection of the Dead” as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ for the forgiveness of our sins on Easter (April 8th).



**Soup Suppers** will be served before Lenten Services, beginning Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-7pm. The Divine Service starts at 7pm.

**Reserve your tickets now** for the Kane County Cougar's Game! Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm. Trinity Brass Quartet will be performing the National Anthem. Ticket cost is \$8.75. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Lemon at Sharon.Lemon@gmail.com.

The next **Fundability** order is due on Friday, March 9th for school families and Sunday, March 11th for congregation members. Please use the most current order forms (March, 2007) which are available in the school office and Narthex. Orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday, March 14th at the school. April's Fundability order will not be placed until after Easter. Be sure to stock up on all your gift card needs when you order in March.

Don't forget, Kohl's gift cards can be used to pay your Kohl's charge, in person, at the store. If you shop at Jewel or Dominick's why not consider purchasing gift cards to pay for those purchases so you can earn tuition credit or help the school earn money at the same time?

Thanks so much for supporting this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Bruce @ 293-4571

**Attention all Confirmed Youth or soon to be Confirmed, including college students.** There is an opportunity for you to attend the “For You” Higher Things Conference this summer. The conference will be held at Ridecrest, NC July 31-August 3, 2007. What to Expect: Higher Things conferences are packed with excellent teaching from God's Word, outstanding Christ-centered worship, loads of fun, and lots of opportunities to make new friends from all over the country - even from outside the country! Higher Things “Dares to be Lutheran”, meaning that we do not hide our uncompromising emphasis on God's Word. In fact, youth tell us again and again that they love Higher Things conferences because they learn so much about their Savior and the Christian faith. Please see Pastor Balla or visit: [www.ForYou2007.org](http://www.ForYou2007.org) for more details.

# From the School

Greetings, from Trinity Lutheran School. The school year is progressing nicely. The children are making friends, learning many new concepts, hearing about God on a daily basis, and growing in all areas of development. Our goal for the children is to prepare them for the future and we provide many opportunities which we feel provide a well rounded and complete education.

March finds us celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week with other Lutheran schools nationwide. The theme during March 4-10 is "Lutheran Schools: A Great Place to Grow", Transforming Lives-2 Corinthians 3:18. Trinity will begin our special celebration by inviting all the school children to sing at the 10:30 a.m. church service on Sunday, March 4. We hope all our families will be able to join us for this special event. During the school week the whole school will participate together in the following activities: Sing-along of favorite songs, Movie Day, Special Wednesday Morning Worship with Pastor Balla, Sharing Snack time, and a Sock Hop.

Lutheran Schools are the best place for your child to grow in all areas of development. Help us share this message with other families in the surrounding communities. We appreciate the trust you have shown us by enrolling your child at our center. Tell others, so they too can experience all that we offer!

## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL BEGINNING IN MARCH

We will begin to enroll children from ages 2-12 years in the month of March. We offer many varied programs such as: Preschool for 3-5 years, Mom's Day Out for 2's, Kindergarten (part & full day), Preschool with Daycare (full & part time), and After school care for 5-12 year olds. The preceding programs are just the fall choices that we offer. We also have Summer Camps for ages 3-12 years old. Summer Kids' Club Day Camp plans include: swimming, yoga, games, sports, music, arts/crafts, special events, and field trips. Field trips and special events may include: SciTech museum, mini golf, DuPage Children's Museum, County fair, ceramic creations, and walks to a pizza shop or bakery.

We offer a super sibling rate in the summer and flexible hours in the summer and fall from hourly to daily. Children from 2 years to 6 year olds learn and enjoy within our warm and safe Christian setting, taught by qualified and dedicated teachers.

We are looking for a part time teacher for our After School Program. The hours are from 2:30pm to 6:00pm. Also, this individual will be needed for District 33 half days off and full days off.

\*\*\*Watch for the grand opening of our new room for our current after school care program. Coming soon!

### **Important Dates:**

Feb. 27-March 13: Annual Spring Fundraiser Begins  
March 1: Fireman Lee visits  
March 4-12: National Lutheran Schools Week  
March 4: School Children sing at church (10:30 a.m. worship service)  
March 13: Fundraiser Orders Due  
March 16 & 22: Vision and Hearing Screening  
March 26-30: Spring Break begins (No kindergarten/preschool/MDO).  
DAYCARE OPEN  
April 3: Fundraiser Delivered  
April 6: Good Friday -Center Closed  
April 9: Fundraiser Monies Due

**Trinity's Sunday School** is looking for substitute teachers for Sunday School. This just requires 1 hour a week. The lesson plan is already in place. If you are interested in being a substitute Sunday School Teacher, please contact Kathy Bartels, Brenda Behrends or Heather Gruebel.

Please help us save what's needed for Campbell Labels. The label fronts can no longer be used. We need the bar codes and symbols next to them (see below). Thank you for helping us to use all our labels!



**Here's your chance to help our school!** Enter the Game Plan for Good Health Sweepstakes for your chance to win 1,000,000 bonus points for our school through the Campbell's Labels for Education™ program. Visit [GamePlan4Health.com](http://GamePlan4Health.com) to enter.

**Prayers and (e)mail for Katherine Hollen.** The recent news notes that the U.S. is sending another Air-Craft Carrier into the Persian Gulf. This carrier is carrying a member of Trinity. So please keep Katherine in your prayers. Also if you wish to send her a card or an email you may do so at the following address:

SK3 Hollen, Katherine  
 Box #55  
 USS John C. Stennis CVN74  
 FPO AP 96615-2874

Email: [katherine.hollen@cvn74.navy.mil](mailto:katherine.hollen@cvn74.navy.mil)

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

Barbara & Ronald Keller	3/08/1985
Darlene & Thomas Staddler	3/15/1986
Dian & Michael Cracraft	3/19/1983
Karla & William Bruce	3/21/1992
Elayne & Daniel Matejka	3/23/2003
Carolyn & Glenn Hansen	3/25/1979
Andrea & Nathan Gustafson	3/26/2006
Darcy & Santo Lee	3/29/2003



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH

Luella Danda	1
Paul Cavanaugh	1
Dorthea Rakow	1
Dennis Weaver	2
Patricia Thieda	4
Mona Malay	6
Kathleen Perkis	6
Glen Fry	8
Morgan Schar	8
Jeni Siekmann	8
Deryl Deringer	9
Aaron Hollen	9
Benjamin Cavanaugh	9
John Jensen	10
Harold Blenkle, Jr.	13
Luella Lazarz	13
Verna Newsom	15
Daniel Garcia	17
Michael Bicchinella	19
Daniel Rakow	19
Kari Schmidt	25
Jason Wiedow	30
Roberta Gregory	31

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Annette Cavanaugh	1
Lawrence Burton	3
Shirley Rolseth	8
Heather Coakley	8
Glenn Hansen	9
Logan Bruce	9
Heather Greubel	11
Jessica Schmidt	12
Kimberly Cracraft	15
Dorthea Rakow	22
Jazmyn Behrends	26
Jeni Siekmann	27
Sean Pautler	31

# Assistant Schedule for March 2007

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
MARCH 3 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
MARCH 4 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Carl & Dee Mennecke	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
MARCH 4 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Weaver	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Logan Bruce		Judy Leeseberg Karla Bruce
MARCH 7 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes			
MARCH 10 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
MARCH 11 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
MARCH 11 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Mark Beutke	Dennis Weaver Jeff Gregory	Mark Beutke	Amber Matejka		Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
MARCH 14 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Doug Schmidt			
MARCH 17 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
MARCH 18 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Dan Rakow		
MARCH 18 Communion	10:30 a.m.	John Pautler	Doug Schmidt	Nancy Planek	Jonathan Bartels	Little Lambs & Hosanna Choir	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
MARCH 21 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Nancy Planek			
MARCH 24 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Mike Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
MARCH 25 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
MARCH 25 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Doug Schmidt Jeff Gregory	Doug Schmidt	Jonathan Bartels	Joyful Noise	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
MARCH 28 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Dennis Weaver	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Nancy Planek			

# MARCH 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 4:30-5PM LL Choir 6:45-7:15 PM HC 7:30pm Joyful Noise 7:00pm Elders Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>4</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>7</b> 9:00am Worship 6PM Soup Supper 7PM Divine Service	<b>8</b> 4:30-5PM LL Choir 6:45-7:15 PM HC 7:30pm Joyful Noise 6:00pm School Board Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
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<b>18</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Church Voters Meeting	<b>19</b> LWML Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>21</b> 9:00am Worship 6PM Soup Supper 7PM Divine Service	<b>22</b> 11:00am WC Terrace 4:30-5PM LL Choir 6:45-7:15 PM HC 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
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