

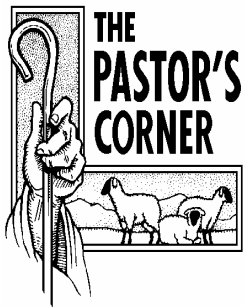
# Trinity Tidings

APRIL 2007: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pre-school, Childcare, Kindergarten 331 W. George St. West Chicago, IL 60185  
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## Special Services



April 5 7:00pm (Maundy Thursday)  
April 6 7:00pm (Good Friday)  
April 7 5:30pm (Easter Vigil)  
April 8 - 6:30am & 10:30am (Easter Sunday)  
Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am



## Body Image

Does this make me look fat? There is no safe way to answer that question. But yet the question is asked. Many are concerned about how they look. We know that first impressions are very important and we want to look our best. But how far do we take this body image of ours. We could spend thousands of dollars from whitening our smile, plastic surgery, diet pills, fitness centers, new clothes, to even the car that was made just for you.

I hesitate when someone asks me, "What will I look like in heaven?" The reason why is, I don't know how they perceive themselves. If they are one who is spending a great deal of time concern about body image, they may be disappointed in what the Bible does say about our future glorified body. So to answer the question, let us first take a look and someone who rises from the dead with a glorified body, Jesus who is the Christ.

On that first Easter morning the women went to the tomb but did not find the body of the Jesus. He had risen. When Mary does see Jesus, she is "clinging" onto Jesus. This gives us the point that Jesus is true man and true God. Still a man because He has a body to cling onto. Jesus is not a ghost. In the gospel of John, Jesus eats breakfast with His disciples. This notes that Jesus still eats. Thomas sees the nail marks in the hand of Jesus, noting the scars from the crucifixion. At the Transfiguration even, Jesus is on a mountain top with three disciples and Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. No one had to do introductions; hence the disciples knew who Moses and Elijah were even though they have never met them.

What is the bottom line to all of this? That in heaven, people will know us, we will have spiritual glorified bodies, but above all it doesn't matter what will look like. Jesus reminds us: (Matthew 6:25-26 ESV) "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Jesus is not concerned about your body image, but He is concerned about your spiritual image. Do you trust that eternal life is for those who believe the promises of God that Jesus rose from the dead for the forgiveness of your sins. It doesn't matter if we are tall, short, skinny, fat, or falling apart. God still loves us! It doesn't matter if we can run a marathon race, what matters is calling Jesus the Christ our Savior.

So let us put our faith and trust in the resurrection of the dead, that comes through our Savior Jesus the Christ. What will we look like in heaven above, I really don't know. I haven't been to heaven and back to tell you what it is like. I do know that through Jesus Christ there is a heaven, and He has been, "There and Back Again". So as we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection (Easter) let us put the correct emphasis on the fact that there is a Resurrection from the dead, and not worry about what we will look like when we get there. What really matters is that we are there!

Pastor Balla



**LADIES SALAD LUNCHEON - Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm – 2:30pm**

All ladies between 16 and 99 are invited to attend a ladies luncheon at Trinity West Chicago. Have you heard Bible stories and parables that you did not understand? Come and hear our speaker Vida Johnston, from Lutheran Church Charities, take you back in time and "Bring the Bible to Life". She is an experienced Bible study teacher, small group leader, seminar/retreat speaker and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine. Come and Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to hear the exciting way Vida shares events of the Bible.

**12:00pm** – Lunch: Variety of Salads & Homemade Breads. All the foods we love to eat!

**1:00pm** - Vida Johnston will take you back in time.

**2:15pm** – Homemade dessert will be served along with time for fellowship.

Cost: \$5.00 a donation to Lutheran Church Charities which will be matched by Thrivent Financial.

Please call Trinity Lutheran Church office, 231-1175, to let them know if you are coming. The donation can be paid at the door.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007** Uncover the truth about Jesus at *Quest for Truth* on June 25-29 from 9:00am - 12:00 pm. Kids ages 3-12 meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games and eat snacks. We expect a great response, so enroll your child today! To register, please call the church office at (630)231-1175.

**SPRING PRAISE SERVICE** Trinity's Joyful Noise choir is excited to announce a special *Spring Praise Service* on Sunday, May 20, in which favorite choral selections will be sung as part of the 10:30 am worship service. A potluck luncheon will follow, so please mark the date and plan to attend!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** We are still looking for someone to direct VBS this year. If you would like more information and are interested in volunteering for VBS, but could not attend the meeting you can contact Heather Greubel at (630) 898-3878 or Brenda Behrends at (630) 762-0335.



The next **Fundability** order is due on Friday, April 13th for school families and Sunday, April 15th for congregation members. Please use the most current order forms which are available in the school office and Narthex. Orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 18th, at the school. 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.



**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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL**

Clarence Hughes, Jr.	2
Bonnie Rosedale	3
Eunice Mackert	3
Robert Thieda	4
James Siekmann	4
Jenna Ciolino	7
Anna Fortelka	10
Rita Dauber	10
Jason Rosedale	11
Richard Kovarik	12
Susan Brown	12
Amy Thieda	13
Lindsay Bruce	13
Lawrence Kraus	14
Barbara Hughes	15
Wayne Gregory	16
Hailey Kellogg	20
Richard Rolseth	20
Scott Rolseth	22
Timothy Matejka	24
Debra Gregory	27

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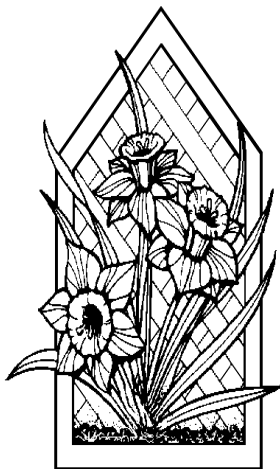


**Here's your chance to help our school!** Enter the Game Plan for Good Health Sweepstakes for your chance to win 1,000,000 bonus points for our school through the Campbell's Labels for Education™ program. Visit [GamePlan4Health.com](http://GamePlan4Health.com) to enter.

**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

### APRIL

Douglas & Lonna Schmidt	4/4/1981
Lucinda & Kenneth Klug	4/17/1971
Susan & Timothy Brown	4/21/1990
Suzanne & Mark Nitz	4/21/2001
Andrea & Aaron Rosedale	4/30/2000

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

John Jensen	1
Karen Swanson	1
Luella Danda	1
Jerome Planek	4
Daniel Greubel	6
Wilbert Withaeger	9
Daniel Rakow	11
Clark Weaver	11
Mona Malay	12
Bonnie Zahn	17
Richard Rolseth	19
Lynda Benes	22
Kevin Grobe	24
Clarence Hughes, Jr.	25

# **FROM THE SCHOOL**

## **THE BEAUTY IN NATURE**

*Ah! Spring is just around the corner. As I write this the sun is shining bright and the temperature is approaching 60 degrees. I can see the start of life in the grass turning green and trees beginning to bud.*

*Natural beauty can be seen everywhere. The white fluffy clouds, none are out today, float above the playground, a spider's web flutters in the gentle breeze as it is being woven. The flowers are beginning to push the earth aside so they can soar toward the sun.*

*The ground is drying out; it is time for short nature walks that give children a chance to observe the wonders of our natural world. At Trinity, we plan nature walks to listen for environmental sounds, look for insects and watch nature bloom into life. Sometimes, after a soft spring rain, we explore the puddles, possibly capturing a snowflake from the last spring snowfall, or playing with streamers on a strong windy day.*

*Soon, we will be catching fireflies and chasing butterflies, smelling honeysuckle, digging for worms and putting creepy crawly bugs into our bug box.*

*Through all these things we do to welcome spring, we learn more words for our vocabulary, maybe do some counting, and talk about how all these wondrous things happen. One discovery leads to another. Take for example the maple tree. We see it reawaken with the budding of new leaves, and then we talk about the sap that feeds the tree even about maple syrup. We watch the helicopter seeds twitter to the ground; actually they are maple seeds that will cause a new maple tree to row.*

*Think of the opportunity of spending a nice time exploring nature with your child. You can find out what he or she has learned and you can share things that you see and experience with him or her. And all this in a quiet peaceful meadow or forest preserve: or just walking around your backyard or neighborhood.*

## ***NEW NEWS AT TRINITY SCHOOL***

***Teacher Needed. ~ We are looking for an enthusiastic After School Teacher. Hours are 2:30 – 6pm daily and on District 33 days off, full time or on half days (11:15 to 6pm)***

## ***REGISTER NOW***

***The Doors are Open. We are accepting registration for our Summer Camp and our Fall Program (Childcare, Preschool, After School and Mom's Day Out).***

# Assistant Schedule for April 2007

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
MARCH 31 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
APRIL 1 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Dee & Carl Mennecke			
APRIL 1 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Doug Schmidt Jeff Gregory	Doug Schmidt	Jonathan Bartels		Judy Leeseberg Karla Bruce
APRIL 5 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Mark Beutke	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	
APRIL 6 Communion	7:00 p.m.	Wayne Matejka	Richard Rolseth Jeff Gregory	Lois Kovarik		Joyful Noise	
APRIL 7 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
APRIL 8 Communion	6:30 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Carl & Dee Mennecke	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Joyful Noise	
APRIL 8 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Doug Schmidt	Logan Bruce	Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
APRIL 14 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
APRIL 15 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Dan Rakow		
APRIL 15 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Mark Beutke	Dennis Weaver Jeff Gregory	Mark Beutke	Amber Matejka	Little Lambs & Hosanna Choir	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
APRIL 21 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
APRIL 22 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Joyful Noise	
APRIL 22 Communion	10:30 a.m.	John Pautler	Doug Schmidt	Nancy Planek	Jonathan Bartels		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
APRIL 28 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Mike Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
APRIL 29 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
APRIL 29 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Doug Schmidt Jeff Gregory	Doug Schmidt	Jonathan Bartels		Judy Leeseberg Karla Bruce

# APRIL 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am VBS Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>5</b> 4:30-5pm LL Choir 6:15-6:45pm HC 7:30pm Joyful Noise 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>8</b> 6:30 am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service Easter Breakfast 7:30am-9:00am	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Parish Planning Committee Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am DCC	<b>12</b> 4:30-5pm LL Choir 6:45-7:15pm HC 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>13</b> Fundability Due for School Families	<b>14</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>15</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service Fundability Due	<b>16</b> LWML Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am Worship Fundability Pick up	<b>19</b> 8:30 am Circuit Mtg at Winfield 7:00pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> LWML Spring Rally 8:30am - 11:30am 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>22</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>26</b> 11:00am WC Terrace 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>29</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service Ladies Luncheon 12:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor at General Pastor's Conference 7:00pm Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship Pastor at General Pastor's Conference			