



TRINITY LUTHERAN
 4560 Glendale Avenue
 Toledo, OH 43614

May 2011 **NEWSLETTER**



Confirmation Sunday is May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. – God Bless our Confirmands

Join us for worship each Sunday
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS the 20TH OF THE MONTH AT 5:00 PM!
MOVING? Please let us know your new address! Thank you.



*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran is sharing Jesus Christ
 through worship, education, and fellowship.*



Website: www.trinitylutheran.org

Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays
 Monday Worship at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion on First and Third Mondays
 Contemporary Worship on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion on Second and Fourth Sundays

Adult Bible Class and Kingdom Quest at 9:15 a.m.

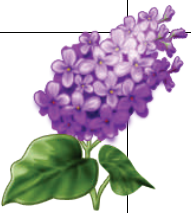
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Traditional Worship Services are Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings
Contemporary Worship is at 10:45 in the gym
Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the traditional services and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the contemporary service

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> Worship Services 9:00 Praise Team Rehearsal 9:15 Bible Classes & Sunday School and VIP Class 4:30 1 Corinthians Study 7:00 Men's Basketball</p>	<p>2 9:00 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Trinity</p>	<p>3 7:00 High School Youth Bible Study at Voormans</p>	<p>4 6:30 am Women's Prayer 8:35 am Chapel 10:00 1 Corinthians Bible Study</p>	<p>5 9:00 Quilting 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:30—2:30 Trinity Lutheran School Plant Sale</p>
<p>8 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Mothers' Day Worship Services 9:00 Praise Team Rehearsal. 9:15 Bible Classes & Sunday School and VIP Class TLS Plant Sale Concludes 4:30 1 Corinthians Study 7:00 Men's Basketball</p>	<p>9 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>10 1:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 All Boards Meet in Sanctuary 8:00 Council Meets</p>	<p>11 6:30 am Women's Prayer 8:35 am Chapel 10:00 1 Corinthians Bible Study 7:00 Kindergarten Program (gym)</p>	<p>12 1:00 Ding-A-Lings at Trinity! in Luther Room 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 Field Day at TLS TLS Muffins for Moms</p>	<p>14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 8:00 Trustee Work Day</p>
					<p>8:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Impact Youth Lock-in</p>	
<p>15 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Worship Services 9:00 Praise Team Rehearsal 9:15 Bible Classes & Sunday School and VIP Class 4:30 1 Corinthians Study 7:00 Men's Basketball</p>	<p>16 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>17 1:00 Friendship Circle Game Day 7:00 High School Youth Bible Study at Voormans'</p>	<p>18 6:30 am Women's Prayer 8:35 am Chapel 10:00 1 Corinthians Bible Study</p>	<p>19 9:00 Quilting 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 6:30 Confirmation Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 5:00 Blind Ministry 6:00 Code Red</p>
<p>22 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 10:30 CONFIRMATION Worship Services 9:00 Praise Team Rehearsal 9:15 Bible Classes & Sunday School and VIP Class 4:30 1 Corinthians Bible Study</p>	<p>23 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>24 TLS 8th Grade Trip 7:00 High School Youth Bible Study at Voormans'</p>	<p>25 6:30 am Women's Prayer 8:35 am Chapel 10:00 1 Corinthians Bible Study</p>	<p>26 9:00 Quilting</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Worship Services 9:00 Praise Team Rehearsal 9:15 Bible Classes & Sunday School and VIP Class 4:30 1 Corinthians Bible Study 7:00 Men's Basketball</p>	<p>30 MEMORIAL DAY Offices Closed 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>31 6:30 TLS Athletic Banquet (gym) 7:00 High School Youth Bible Study at Voormans'</p>				



May Newsletter

Pastor Carr's Page

God's Draft Choices

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Celebrate the Joy!



Two of the most highly watched sporting events on television are not when teams or athletes are competing against each other; rather they involve the drafting of players for the National Football League (NFL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams. For many hours, fans of professional sports will watch intently to see whom their favorite teams will draft.

Most of us won't be drafted by professional football or basketball teams, but, as Christians, we receive a greater calling. We, in essence, are God's draft choices. ***"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"*** (John 15:16). God has made us a part of His team. We are not chosen by God because we are successful in our careers, great athletes, or wealthy. God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. ***"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are"*** (1 Corinthians 1:27-28).

Through faith, we understand that we are among the foolish and weak through whom God carries on His life-saving work. ***"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"*** (2 Corinthians 4:7). God entrusts us—clay jars—with this treasure—the Gospel. Even though we are frail and unworthy of our tasks, God has chosen us to carry His message of love to the world. As humble people of faith, we are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He transforms and molds us. ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God

who does the drafting and the changing. Through faith, we will stay on God's team, and we will bear the fruit that He calls us to bear.

The professional athletes who are drafted are expected to perform. They are paid large sums of money to do very athletic things. As God's chosen people, we may not receive large compensation, but our benefits are out of this world! Therefore, we are eager to use our lives and resources in God's service for His glory. Paul wrote, ***"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"*** (Ephesians 2:10).

What a privilege it is to be part of and serve on God's winning team!

Praising God to be in Service with you,
Pastor Carr

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A Message from Pastor Voorman . . .

Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

In this next month of May there is much to get excited about. The weather is *finally* beginning to change and to warm. The sun is once again making an appearance after months of hibernation. The flowers begin to peak through the ground and trees, bushes and plants everywhere are beginning to bloom with color. Everywhere we look life is springing back into action. What a perfect picture from nature for us, a picture that continually reminds us of that resurrection we so recently celebrated on Easter Sunday! It feels like the very creation of God is bursting forth in the joy of what Christ has done.

So often we can leave Easter in our rearview mirror. Far too often we allow the celebration to remain in the past and we fail to see the continuous joy that this message brings to our life. In Scripture there were two disciples of Jesus who were in danger of leaving the Easter joy behind them. In Luke chapter 24 you can read about these two disciples and their journey on the road to Emmaus. This account holds great hope and joy for us as we continue to bask in the Easter message of that empty tomb.

Looking to God's Word we find that these two followers of Christ are walking along, on that first Easter Sunday, and talking about the events that have occurred. Sadly, they have missed the great news and are stuck in the past. On Palm Sunday these disciples thought Jesus was their Savior and was coming to crush the Romans for them. But instead He had died and they were left with shattered and crushed hopes.

How often do we too feel like these disciples? As we journey through life we so often get stuck in the past, looking backwards. We so often have our hopes and dreams dashed. Just when we thought things were going to go one way, they went the other. So what do you do when your hopes and dreams are shattered and left in ruins? Where do you turn? How do you cope?

For those two disciples on the road, Jesus came into their lives. As these men are walking along Jesus, "drew near and went with them." It's a beautiful picture of what Christ does for us. We don't go seeking Him out, but instead the resurrected Lord draws near and goes with us. As He traveled along with the confused disciples, Jesus opened up the Scriptures to them and revealed that everything in God's Word points to Him. The entire message is about this one, this Savior, who died for the world and rose again. Though the disciples wanted a Savior from the Romans, they got something so much greater. They got a Savior from sin and eternal death. They got a Savior who won a complete victory and then gave it to them! That is the Savior that you have, the Savior who has conquered sin, death

and the devil *for you*.

And...the story doesn't end quite yet. When these disciples convince Jesus to remain with them, their eyes are finally opened. Luke tells us that they don't even see who Jesus is until He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them. In this moment their eyes are opened, their Savior is present with them in this bread even though He disappears from their eyes. Walking along our own roads in our confusion Christ comes along side us; and He also opens the Scriptures to us, He also takes bread and gives it to us! Gathered together here at Trinity we are assured that the risen Savior is present with us as we partake of that bread together. Even though our hopes and dreams may be dashed from time to time, Christ comes along side us, into our lives and He assures us of His resurrection and His victory. This month of May don't leave Easter behind. Come and share in the victory over death that Christ offers you! Come and see your Savior in the Scriptures. Come and see Him present with us in the bread that He offers.

Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Joy in Christ, ***Pastor Voorman***

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Members Received

Transferred from Other Lutheran

Gwyn Smith from Epiphany
 Cathy Kunz from Epiphany
 Lisa Lang, Erica Herrick & Richard Lang
 from St. Lucas
 Charles & Nancy Nuding from Epiphany
 Michael & Linda Meier from Epiphany
 Ron & Yvonne Hawkins from Epiphany
 Daniel & Sandra Rathge from Epiphany
 Dr. & Mrs. Charles (Deb) Fahncke, Elizabeth
 & Michael from Epiphany

Transferred from LCMC

Gloria Goatley from St. Paul, Maumee

Baptism

Abigail Eileen Weber on April 3rd
 Kevin Daniel Brubaker on April 17th

Members Removed

Transferred to LCMS Churches

Jeanette Weillnau to Bethlehem, Saginaw,
 MI

Pastor Nate, Erin and Josiah to Immanuel,
 Memphis, TN

Members Removed to Join Unknown Churches

Eric, Brandi, Gabriella & Jacob
 Benington

Rob, Michelle, Heidi and Gretchen
 Gasser

Memorials

A Memorial has been donated to the Digital Sign Fund in memory of **George Meyer** by Miriam Meyer.

Edna Greenbaum has also donated a Memorial in loving memory of her husband to the Digital Sign Fund.

William Zahs has donated a Memorial to the Blind Ministry in memory of **Joanne Guttman**, Lynn Massey's sister.

Dick & Leora Stainbrook have also donated a Memorial in memory of **Joanne Guttman** to the Capital Improvement Fund.

SPECIAL PROGRAM!!



On Thursday, May 12th, at 1:00 p.m., the Ding-A-Lings are coming to Trinity!

Are you ready to be entertained with a lively music show? Then join us in the Luther Room at 1:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, May 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the Luther Room. We look forward to all our members attending and bringing their latest "creation" with them! We have completed many shawls, and they are being

well received. Thank you notes have been coming in and people seem to appreciate the gift! **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A LOVING, CHRISTIAN HUG?**

Please contact Helen Kieswetter (419-382-5926 or e-mail at hkieswetter29@ameritech.net) and let her know. Could be someone who is ill or someone living alone and lonesome.



STEWARDS OF GOD’S BLESSINGS

What Can We Give Him??

Jesus has promised “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.”

That first Easter no one had ever seen a resurrection, and did not fully understand their Savior’s words. From Biblical accounts we learn that a group of the women saw Him die on the cross (Matt. 27:55). They were there to “give back” to the Giver all they had to give—their presence and their care for His needs. Some of the women went to the tomb to anoint the Savior’s body on Easter morning. Earthquakes did not deter them (Matt. 27:51), corpses, alive and walking around (Matt. 27:52) didn’t

frighten them, and Roman soldiers did not deter them (Matt. 27:65-66). They were at the Cross—they were at the Tomb.

What a lesson we can learn from these women! The gift of our presence—the gift of our compassion—these are the gifts acceptable to our Savior.

We, who are on the other side of the Tomb, daily experience to the full the gifts of our Redeemer. Unlike the brave women at the Cross, we have the benefit of knowing the end of the story, and the end is Victory! In response to the all-encompassing love of the Savior, we give ourselves, to be used and to serve as He chooses.

CHURCH FINANCES GENERAL FUND March 31, 2011

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
General	\$73,201	\$220,690
School Income	\$42,615	\$125,578
Other Income	\$ 146	\$ 389
Total	\$115,961	\$346,658
Expenses		
Salaries—Benefits	\$84,213	\$264,447
Operations	\$25,054	\$ 82,016
Total	\$109,267	\$346,463
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 6,694	\$ 195

Capital Improvement Fund as of 3/31/2011

Funds Available: \$60,855

CONFIRMATION DAY COMMUNION AND CHANGE OF FORMAT FOR 10:45 COMMUNION; AND ELDER POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

During their April meeting, the Elders have voted to change the format for 10:45 Communion.

Thirty people at a time will now be escorted to the Altar to receive communion. Members are asked to follow the direction of the ushers in attending communion. Children who are not confirmed are invited to the Altar, but parents are asked to have them stand in front of them so that the Elders are aware of who is not confirmed. Please bear with us as we make this important change.

Communion day change. On May 22 (Confirmation Day), communion will be held during the 10:30 service, and since all three Pastors will be at the 10:30 service for Confirmation, Communion for the 10:45 service will be moved to May 29th. We will have a guest preacher at 10:45 on May 22nd.

Please make note of these important changes in our format here at Trinity; and thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Elder Position Announcement. Mr. Marvin Schumm (Trinity’s Elder for Sector 6) has asked to be replaced for the remainder of his current term. Please welcome Mr. Bob Norton who has agreed to become our Elder for this Sector; and was voted to serve by Council at their last meeting. During our last elections, Mr. Norton was the next highest vote getter in the Elder category. He will serve the duration of Marv’s term. Our thanks and best wishes to Marv Schumm for his willing service over the years.



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

GAME DAY will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at 1 PM in the Luther Room.

All are invited - we always have a great time, and light refreshments will be served.



We are looking for pinochle and euchre players. Dominoes will also be available.

TLS NEWS AND NOTES

Purchasing plants this spring? Why not help the 8th grade Trinity Lutheran School students with their class trip by purchasing your bedding and vegetable plants and hanging baskets here at Trinity? The lovely plants are from Larry Ohlman's Greenhouse and will be on sale at Trinity on Saturday, May 7th, just in time for Mother's Day gift-giving. The time of the sale is 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The flower sale will continue on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 8th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Say "I love you" to your special gal and help our 8th grade students earn their class trip.



TLS Registration Fees. Don't forget! Registration fees are due in the office by June 1st!

8th Grade Class Trip. Trinity's 8th graders will be leaving for their class trip on Tuesday, May 24th.

Kindergarten Program. On May 11th at 7:00 in Trinity's gym, Trinity's current and 2011-2012 Kindergarteners are invited to a program.

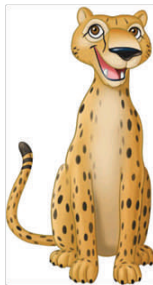
Athletic Banquet. On May 31st beginning at 6:30 p.m., a dessert banquet will be held in the gym.

May Chapel Offerings. May's offerings will benefit the girl's orphanage in Guatemala. This orphanage takes in girls who are abused, abandoned and neglected and strives to raise them in a Christian atmosphere. Many of these girls have gone on to high school and college through efforts in the United States. We need and appreciate your support in worship and offerings. Thank you!



VBS— "IT'S A JUNGLE IN HERE!!"

It's a jungle in here at Big Jungle Adventure. Kids take a Faith Journey with Jesus as they learn how God protects and guides them throughout their lives. Registration will be open for age 3 through having completed 4th grade who will attend VBS from Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 from 9 am-12 noon. Kids meet friends,



explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. For more information, contact Julie Paulsen 419-893-2354 or Lena Zieber 419-381-2621.



TRINITY GOLF LEAGUE FORMING



We are in the process of putting together a Trinity Lutheran Golf League that would get together for fun and fellowship. As of this printing we are looking at White Pines Golf Course in Swanton, Ohio but we need to know how many would be interested

before we can commit to a league or course.

Please contact Derek Dierks at 419-367-5485 or email him at trinity-golff@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Author Unknown

Please join us on Sunday, May 8th when Trinity will celebrate Mother's Day during our worship services. A small Mother's Day appreciation gift will be given to each mother and grandmother.




Worship Servants – May, 2011

Date	8:00	10:30	10:45	Monday Evening
Communion Assistants				
5/1	Randy Sroczyński	Dave Prediger John Burchfield		5/2 Joel Behrman
5/8			Jerry Francis Derek Dierks	
5/15	Derek Dierks	Gary Paulsen Chad Lowry		5/16 Joel Behrman
5/22 – 10:30 Confirmation	John Burchfield			
5/29			Scott McDonald Brian Cunningham	
Acolytes				
5/1	M. Tucker, J. Hutt C. Williams, J. Jernas	M. Deal, K. Rondeau A. Phounsavath, E. Wilkie		5/2 M. Kujawa
5/8	N. Randolph, M. LaChapelle H. Jackman, D. Bowen	D. Miller, C. Krix, L. Dangler K. Johnson		5/9 A. Hayes
5/15	E. Paulsen, B. Kollmorgen B. Kuhlman, E. Vincent	K. Glore, S. Rettig, H. Rettig K. Kinsel		5/16 K. Fink
5/22	R. Jaquay-Williams, L. Hodak B. Stacy, K. Fannin	CONFIRMATION: R. Randolph K. LaChapelle, L. Stainbrook, M. Beck		
5/29	K. Zieber, M. Behrman J. Ryan, A. Cole	J. Treadaway, S. Petty, A. Poole J. Diegel		MEMORIAL DAY
Usher Teams			Altar Guild	
	Rick Kranz, Captain Jim Bates Bill Yarnell Ken Kuhlman Gary Riley Jerry Thomas	Jim Malohn, Captain Matthew Malohn Dean Eubank Dave Kinsel Doug Ackerman Bill Routson	Tom Sink, Captain Scott McDonald Phil Snyder Rob Yambert Henry Schaadt	
	Greeters		Welcome Center	
	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30
5/01	Keith & Debbie Trettin	Rick & Theresa Day	Dorothy Landskroener and Betty Panning	Marylin Hodak
5/08	Dale & Barb Bockbrader	Dan & Patti Stainbrook	Melissa Kisandi	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
5/15	Phil & Lillian Keller	David & Jill Kinsel	Leo Knox	Marylin Hodak
5/22	Dave & Maureen Judy	Marv & Lois Schumm	Leonard & Alicejean Harvey	Jack & Kay Hoefflin
5/29	Don & Kay Scott	Dick & Leora Stainbrook	Leonard & Alicejean Harvey	Bob Norton

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to those members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month—God's blessings to all of you. If you find that we have omitted your name from the lists below, or would like to not be listed in the future, please contact the church office. Thank you!



May Birthdays

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| 1. Renee Falkenberg
Donovan Green
Emily Linenkugel
Bradley Moenter
Nicole Semro
Kristy Snyder | 12. Donald Falkenberg
Shellie Falkenberg
Lowell Martin, Jr. | 24. Stacey Diegel
Mark Leimkuehler
Chip Walker | 4. Larry & Teresa Beebe
Todd & Nicki Ruswinkle |
| 2. Megan Evans
Anna Glore
Emily Nixon | 13. Sarah Mikolajczak
Emily Momany
Don Rettig, Jr. | 25. Doug Ackerman
Elizabeth Dzenis
Amelia Fairchild
Jeanne Hockley
Joshua Neal
Conner Steude
Melissa Tolson | 7. Arthur & Pam Garn
8. Dave & Moe Judy
Tom & Linda Plageman
Richard & Carol Woidke |
| 3. Wes Linenkugel
Susan Stambaugh | 14. Bonnie Kranz | 26. Megan Cunningham
Lisa Kay Meyer
Alfred Obst | 11. Bruce & Irene Stickroth
David & Carla Vassar |
| 4. Myron Deviney
Gloria Goatley
Julie Schlagheck
Darlene Scholl
Whitney Stine
Derek Wendling | 15. Constanze Beard
Mary Bohnsack
Jeff Hutchins
Stacie Shively
Joshua Stainbrook
Richard Stainbrook II | 27. Charles Bodi
John Krix
Steven Stainbrook
Bailey West | 12. Frank & Holly Dismuke
Frank & Marilyn Shirley, Sr.
13. Tom & Cindy Janowiecki |
| 5. Makenzie Kujawa
Sara Vaughn | 16. Lee Bates
Lynne Higgins-
Armstrong
Fred Scholl | 28. John Cabacum
Mike Costa
Jim Hays
Hailey Mallendick | 14. Bob & Wynette Stainbrook
15. Jim & Polly Malohn
17. Ed & Heather Luttko |
| 6. Lindsey Ahleman
Lillian DuShane
Alton Liebnau
Randi Quackenbush
Dean Tucker
Kyla Wenberg
Daniel Williams | 17. Michele Johnson
Kelli Krix
Gary Meldrum
Mary Morris | 29. Joyce Mueller | 18. Martina & Bruce Benton
20. Randy & Candy Huner
Brian & Krista Shirley |
| 7. Jordyn Beery
Mason Fields
Tyler Mueller | 18. Gay Kranz | 30. Bob Deeter
Lindsay Gietz
Norma Hall
Matt Janowiecki | 22. Jeff & Brenda Beery
23. Lana & David Glore
Allen & Jody Moenter |
| 8. Mike Gibson
Charline Kucera
Rachel Washer | 19. Willard Burmester
Susan LaChapelle
Laura Stainbrook
Kelsey Steude | 31. June Davis
Janet Mitchell
Barb Pinter
Denise Soper | 24. Brian & Sue Leimkuehler
26. Sheila & Randy Hayes
Michael & Christy Lorton
William & Tamara Morse |
| 9. Kristen Schoen
Jack Meyer | 20. Diane Routson |  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u>
<u>Anniversaries</u></p> | 27. Dorothy & Norbert Falbo
Richard & Gay Kranz
Allan & Catherine Ward |
| 10. Lina Hazle
Joshua Heebsh
Buck Liebich | 21. Andrew Briars
Catherine Carr
Nicole Repass
Catherine Scott
Diane Thober | | 1. Denise & Keith Soper |
| 11. Nancy Borders
Alexandria Hubaker
Don Knox
Tina Stine | 22. Dale Bockbrader
Mack Collins
Abigail Leach
Brian Shirley
Melinda Stainbrook
Becky Wollenweber | 2. Henry & Leona Bahler
Michael & Sharon Whalen | |
| | 23. Schafer Heyrman
Alexandrea Zieber | 3. Richard Benner & Janice
Bender-Benner | |

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
MITES and MISSIONS

LWML MISSION GRANTS GOAL for 2009-2011: We have received the final report for Mites to fund grants in this biennium. As of March 31, 2011 a total of \$1,778,273.40 was received toward the goal of \$1,825,000, a shortage of \$46,726.64 or 97 percent. We praise God for Blessings received and that the majority of grants are able to be funded. The remaining unpaid balances on the grants will be paid as funds become available. It is therefore very important that we continue to place our coins and quiet money into our Mite Box and bring them to church regularly, so that the remaining national grants, Ohio District grants and the new mission grant goal to be chosen at the 2011 LWML Convention, June 23-26, 2011, in Peoria, IL will receive funding. Your prayers are also important for all of the grant recipients. Below is information on one of the LWML grants.

April Mites received here at Trinity totaled \$116.25. Of each dollar donated to the LWML, 75 cents remains in the Ohio District to fund Ohio District mission grants and 25 cents will help fund the national mission grants. The next LWML Mite Sunday at Trinity is May 15th. Remember the LWML mission grants with your **prayers** and your **MITES!**

NATIVE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS for STUDENTS ENROLLED in
ETHNIC IMMIGRANT INSTITUTE of THEOLOGY (EIIT)

More than 97 percent of Native Americans do not know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. They do not yet know that Jesus Christ loves them and wants them to be with Him forever. Many more workers are needed to bring this Good News to Native Americans and other ethnic groups in the United States.

Native American men and women are being trained as full-time pastors, deaconesses, and other ministers through the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) to work among the people who do not know our Savior. EIIT is described as "a distance-education pastoral and deaconess training program for immigrants" and is sponsored by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and LCMS World Mission. Many students work full-time secular jobs and serve in their individual pastoral and diaconal ministries while enrolled in the program and are mentored by their local pastor.

EIIT trained Native American men are now serving as pastors in their communities, bringing the love of Jesus to people of every tribe and nation. This grant will provide travel costs and other learning fees for the Native students who are required to be at the seminary campus for one week of intensive training and seminars. Because of this grant, more called workers will be available to work in the harvest field in which God has placed them.

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The **LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY**, spring issue's theme is "Taking a Stand—Sharing my Faith". The cover story is about Phyllis Wallace, the woman behind the "Woman to Woman" radio program sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries/Lutheran Laymen's League. Included in this issue are Bible studies, news from LWML societies and other inspirational and informational articles. News from the Ohio District is in the Ohio District Edition (ODE). Pick up a Quarterly and the ODE in the narthex or at the welcome center in the gym.

TRINITY LWML ADOPTS A SEMINARIAN. The LWML is honored to be able to adopt a Seminary student at Concordia Theological Seminary. His name is Brian Flamme. Brian and wife, Jennifer, have a son, Jason, who was born February 23, 2011. Brian is a second year student and will receive his vicarage assignment on May 2, 2011. His home church is Concordia Lutheran Church, Greenwood, IN where his father is pastor. We hope to have Brian and family visit us after Easter. The LWML is in the process of planning activities to help support Brian and his family and we will let you know of future developments. Please pray for Brian, his family and all seminarians as they prepare for the ministry.

A NOTE FROM TRINITY'S LWML PRESIDENT: Hello, my name is June Davis and I am the newly elected president of Trinity's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (yes, the Mite Box group). I have been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for several years and decided to get more involved with something for women in the church. I think this was God nudging me. The 2010 LWML Convention just happened to be in the development stages and help was needed, more of God's plan. After lots of prayers and me finally listening, I jumped in. The convention went off great with God's help, many wonderful women and a lot of prayers. The position of President opened up here at Trinity, (more of God's plan) and I decided after more prayers, that I should do this. It has been a prayerful and glorious fellowship with other ladies of our church and area Lutheran churches. We are doing and planning (with God's help and guidance), wonderful things like adopting a seminarian. If you feel God is nudging you to do more and enjoy fellowship, come join us.

Your Sister in Christ, *June Davis*



Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution.

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PHILIPPINES – MAY 1-15 *The LCMS began work in the Philippines in 1946. The Lutheran Church in the Philippines became an LCMS partner church in 1971. In the mid-1980s, LCMS missionaries began pioneer work among the Tagakaulo people on Mindanao. Several Tagakaulo congregations have been planted and leaders trained.*

Remember God's work in the Philippines as you pray:

1. for the members and leaders of The Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP) as they make preparations for a National Convention this coming October.

2. with thanksgiving for the 100 participants who attended the second annual LCP National Lay Leaders' Theological Training held in Baguio City.

3. that God would bless the ministry of the LCP's 90 congregations, 46 mission stations, 33 pastors and nearly 20,000 members.

4. for Concordia Children's Services (CCS), a partner ministry of the LCP, as it finds a new and appropriate facility to relocate the orphanage and street children program, and for Executive Director Beth Caces and the 18 employees at CCS. May their hearts be daily filled with love and compassion for the children that God has placed in their care.

5. for Rev. Teodorico L. Taran, Jr. and Rev. Abel Villos, professors at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City—that they may have continued strength and wisdom as they teach the eight young men currently attending the seminary. May God also bring forward more young men to serve as pastors within the LCP.

6. for the Community Health Education/Evangelism (CHE) program—may it be a powerful and productive tool for outreach within the mountain villages and provinces throughout the Philippines.

7. for Rev. Todd Roeske, as he continues to serve the Tagakaulo people in the mountains of southern Mindanao Island during shorter visits throughout the year. Ask the Lord to continue to guide and bless the leaders of the Tagakaulo

Lutheran Church of Christ in the Philippines in their ministry and pray that the members of the 15 congregations would grow in faith and community.

8. for GEO missionary Sean P. Harlow, serving as the assistant to LCP President Rev. James Cerdeñola, as he helps to develop human care and evangelism programs within the LCP.

9. for Deling Balunsat, who has served as office administrator for the LCMS in Manila for 27 years. May the Lord bless her as she continues to serve the Lord and the LCMS.

10. for the youth of the Lutheran Church of Guam as they prepare for a week of service to the children at the CCS orphanage and Gloria Dei Lutheran School in Manila—may all involved be blessed by this service experience.

11. for the young people from Cebu, Leyte and Visaya islands who participated in Camp Mizpah this past spring—may their faith continue to grow.

12. for the youth preparing for the 14th annual Sports Fest in Pangasinan this month. Pray that it would be an encouraging and uplifting time for the 250-plus participants.

13. for LCMS members and missionaries that contribute their time and talents to help support the LCP, including Michelle Cagnin, Ted Engelbrecht, John Fehrmann, Tom Grunow, Carl Hanson, Rebecca Hillibrand, Megan Kincaid, Bob McAmis, John Mehl, Steve Oliver, John Plagens, Klemet Preus, Todd Roeske, Marty Schmidt, Ed Strohschein, Mike Wade and Walt Winters. May the Lord bless their efforts and use them to strengthen Gospel witness in the Philippines.

14. for the 20 LCMS Philippines alumni missionaries and their spouses and the 17 Philippine adult "missionary kids" who will be attending the LCMS Philippine Missionary Alumni Reunion in Estes Park, Colo., July 12-15, with thanksgiving for their service to the Philippines and blessing during their time together.

15. for the hundreds of LCP members, mostly women, who work in other countries to support their families in locations throughout the world. May God continue to grant them spiritual support blessings during their absence from family and home congregations.

Former missionaries among the Tagakaulo people return for short-term teaching.



Involvement Ideas



- Learn more about mission work in the Philippines on the LCMS World Mission website at www.lcmsworldmission.org/asia.
- View mission photos of the Philippines at <http://picasaweb.google.com/lcmsworldmission/PhilippinesSportsFest2010>.
- Meet LCMS missionaries serving around the world—search the prayer card database at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards.
- Learn more about LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces at www.lcmsworldmission.org/armedforces.
- Consider creative ways that your congregation can celebrate LCMS Armed Forces Sunday, which falls on May 22 this year.



A student attending Gloria Dei Lutheran School



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MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES – MAY 16-31 *LCMS chaplains have served in the United States Armed Forces since the early years of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s history. LCMS Armed Forces Sunday, on May 22, provides an opportunity for LCMS congregations to honor veterans and the LCMS chaplains who serve among veterans, current military, and their families.*

Remember LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces as you pray:

16. for the 71 Army, Navy and Air Force chaplains currently on active duty, and the 88 chaplains serving in the Army Reserve and National Guard forces. All LCMS military chaplains are pastors endorsed by the LCMS to serve in the chaplain corps of our nation’s Armed Forces, providing spiritual support and worship opportunities for military personnel and their families.

17. for the 88 LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, approximately 17 of whom have been mobilized stateside or overseas this past year from their parish work to extended active duty assignments. Please pray for those deployed, their families and their home parishes as they deal with trying challenges and long separations.

18. for our Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve chaplains who are deployed or mobilized overseas in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Italy, Japan and Germany. Reserve chaplains are standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the career chaplains and military troops.

19. for Operation Barnabas, which has expanded. Originally designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized, it now seeks to also assist veterans and their families during deployment and in returning from deployment back to the community.

20. for Chaplain Mike Moreno, who serves as the director of Operation Barnabas. Mike travels extensively conducting face-to-face meetings and seminars to assist churches in outreach to military members and their families. Ask the Lord to grant him safe travel, wisdom as he leads the Operation Barnabas initiative and Christ-centered love for the people affected by their loved ones’ military service.

21. for the Operation Barnabas counselors who are serving in 30 of the Synod’s 35 districts. These counselors are pastors with military experience who

are now beginning a new phase to establish “Operation Barnabas chapters” in key congregations to assist veterans in the community.

22. for LCMS members and congregations as they celebrate LCMS Armed Forces Sunday today. Give thanks for the faithful support of many LCMS members and congregations in writing to chaplains and others who serve in the military.

23. for the 25 LCMS Veterans Administration chaplains, as they provide care to our military veterans. The VA system cares for the injured military veterans from every era. Now they are meeting injured veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who bring suffer physical and emotional scars.

24. for those who suffer from battle stress, which leaves lasting psychological damage. The term now used to describe ailments is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Both military base communities and the VA healthcare system offer care programs for returning soldiers. Pray that our returning veterans might find healing and renewal so that they can reintegrate their lives, renew their marriages and family ties and get back to their jobs successfully.

25. for the Chaplain candidate programs at both LCMS seminaries. Seminarians who feel an interest in military ministry can apply after one term of seminary work. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to those considering military ministry, and lift up the candidate program coordinators at the two LCMS seminaries, Prof. David Wollenburg at St. Louis and Prof. Daniel Gard at Ft. Wayne.

26. for the MAF committee, a group of retired chaplains and military officers who review policies, consider applications for chaplaincy positions, and discuss current issues affecting chaplains and military personnel. Pray

for our MAF chairman, retired Lt. Gen. Merle Freitag, the MAF director, Chaplain Mark Schreiber, and the MAF committee as they work to undergird and expand our church’s outreach to Lutheran men and women in the Armed Forces.

27. for LCMS districts as they consider the invitation to create chapters—pray for the Lord to provide the necessary time and talents for this effort through His people in various districts.

28. for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) chaplains who serve in a volunteer capacity throughout the nation. The LCMS has 26 CAP chaplains who are endorsed to provide guidance, moral leadership and character development training for CAP student units. Pray for those who are also “on call” for search and rescue operations and crisis response support.

29. for the four full-time LCMS prison chaplains—Russell Helbig in Williamsburg, S.C.; Scott Kirchoff in Manchester, Ky.; K. Lynn Stroud in Bryan, Texas; and Ryan Willis in Ft. Worth, Texas—as they minister among prison inmates and staff workers in carefully guarded and highly regulated federal institutions. Please pray for strength and continued faithful ministry as these four chaplains serve in a challenging setting where people often feel hopeless and forgotten.

30. for the Ministry-by-Mail program. Each quarter, nearly 6,000 mailings are sent to military personnel, bringing Portals of Prayer along with an encouraging brochure titled, “So Help Me God,” which includes stories from chaplains in the field. Please pray that this literature ministry will continue to be a blessing for many years.

31. for the staff of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, Mark Schreiber, Eric Erkinen, Mike Moreno and Nancy Rowley, who work tirelessly to support the LCMS chaplains and coordinate the many aspects of MAF.

Missionary Birthdays

Missionary prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards.

- May 1** Ed Strohschein, Hong Kong
- May 2** Sarah Weider, Southeast Asia
- May 4** Deborah Aarhus, South Korea
- May 9** Todd Roeske, Philippines
- May 11** Michael Rodewald, South Africa
- May 15** Delaine Baker, South Korea; Matthew Heise, Georgia
- May 16** Rita Flohrs, Germany
- May 18** Sandi Eisold, Peru; Rose Krause, Latvia; Kalia Lo, Cambodia
- May 19** Jerry Markin, Southeast Asia
- May 20** Karen Roemer, Germany
- May 21** Jacqueline Noel Engelbrecht, Southeast Asia
- May 26** David Bickel, South Korea
- May 27** Donna Meyer, Southeast Asia
- May 30** Steve Kosberg, South Korea

Military Chaplains with Birthdays in May: Chaplain Marc DiConti, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Chaplain Donald Ehrke, Fort Hood, Texas; Chaplain Matthew Franke, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain Timothy Sowers, Germany; Chaplain Charles Varsogea, England

