

April

Ushers

Dennis Parney – Captain
David Abimbola
Priscilla Swanson
Richard Swanson

Greeters

6 Kelly, Madelyn & Allyson Ford
13 Matt & Melissa Panush, Margie Morrissey
20 The McShanes
27 Phil, Lori & Allison Cavallone

Nursery

6 Sharon Parney, Diana Eigenbauer
13 Kelly Ford, Michelle West
20 Rita Grijalva, Elizabeth Byland
27 Melissa Panush, Denise Sullivan

Counters

Tom Dorl
Dave Sladek
Jay Hanson

Birthdays

2 Sandra Hutchinson
3 Svea Agner
3 Mary Faith West
6 Patricia Johnson
7 Barbara Bailey
8 Arturo Grijalva
9 Thomas Eustace, Jr.
11 Jim Howell
11 Karen Curry
13 Christina Palazzolo
14 Laura McShane
16 Lucy Anne Panush
17 Allyson Ford
18 Joyce Hodo
20 Janice Goetz
21 Cody Hanson
21 Bob Karlson
27 Susan Raines

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know so that it will be listed in the future.

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

"God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

"And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives".

Blue Hymnal 744

Gaithers

Winston Churchill once said, "History can be a great teacher. Yet most of the time, we simply get up, brush ourselves off, and learn nothing at all."

Is that the way we've treated Easter? Here's God's greatest reversal of history, the total dissolution of our march toward death, God's great triumph over sin and death, and what do we do? We get up, we brush ourselves off, and continue our lives as if nothing of anything "earth-shaking significance" has happened.

But the empty tomb changes everything. No tabloid will ever print the startling news that the mummified body of Jesus of Nazareth has been discovered outside the walls of Jerusalem. Christians have no carefully embalmed body enclosed in a glass case to worship. Thank God, we have an empty tomb.

The significance of the empty tomb cannot be overstated. The message of the empty tomb is that life for us does not stop when death comes. Death is not a dead end but a new beginning. And eternal life which may be ours now, by faith in Christ, is not interrupted when we breathe our last breath in this world, for we live on and on.

There is no death to those who entered into fellowship with Him who emerged from the tomb. Because the resurrection is true, it is the most significant thing in our world today. Bringing the resurrected Christ into our lives, individual and national, is the only hope for making a better world. "Because I live, you shall live also."

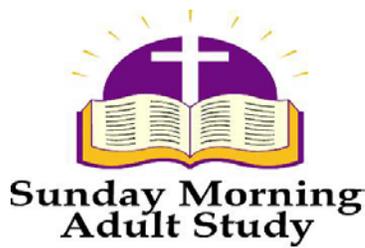
That's the message of Easter.

Dear God,

Help us if we ever take such "earth-shaking" for granted. May we never be bashful in sharing the message of Easter with others. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jim





Dr. Carol Noren from North Park Theological Seminary will lead our class during the month of April in a study of the current Lectionary Texts. Come join us at 9:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room for Adult Sunday School classes and also enjoy Dr. Noren's homemade cookies!



Many thanks for the prayers, cards and kind gestures during my knee replacement surgery and rehab. They warmed my heart and are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Diane Panush

Salvation Army Food Pantry

Did you know that 326 pounds of canned goods were donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in January and 340 pounds were donated in February? This is a result of the combined effort of Trinity Church and Pryme Tymers' members. Thank you for your abundant donations to all of those in desperate need of your generosity and kindness.

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<i>Holy Week</i>		
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday	10:45 A.M. Worship
Wed., April 16	Lenten Study	7:30 P.M.
Thurs., April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 P.M.
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday	10:45 A.M. Worship

THOUGHT TO PONDER

Rejoice in the glory and sweetness of the season.



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Reading my Messenger articles these several years you may have recognized a basic format that keeps thoughts relevant as I share what our studies are about.

Every Tuesday morning our thoughts are about God and us. This grand, visible partnership, although tipping heavily for our benefit, is planned as we walk together with Him as lead.

We measure our time in proportion with His intent as He always manages to unexpectedly "kick-start" our lesson. Is this because He knows us so well as to answer our need before we know it ourselves? Our dependence on His leadership is enough to carry us for the entire week – so, if you're still with me, let me redirect my usual format of summarizing and/or previewing our current study with thoughts in keeping with this most holy season of the Christian calendar.

We are involved in a more personal relationship with God – not only knowing of Him but knowing Him on all levels of our moment by moment walk 24/7.

These thoughts, statements, truisms have been revered, accepted and abided by – always treasured as past, present and future principles of living in keeping with God's will.

- ❖ Praising God must be foremost in our thoughts and prayers.
- ❖ We must be grateful for and respond as we are recipients of His praises. We praise, and He gives right back.
- ❖ We are to be mindful of temptation and ask to be cleansed from within. The Holy Spirit, who resides within us, will not work with a soiled vessel. No pardons without admission.
- ❖ Our mission is to plant the seed. God will then take over. God will allow no increase without man's involvement.
- ❖ We must remember to turn from free-will, stop talking and listen for God's will, instruction, guidance and discipline.
- ❖ We must boldly ask for needed answers, not desires or wants. He will bend down, listen and act in keeping with His will. He wants only the best for us.
- ❖ His power which controls the three heavens and raises the dead is available to us 24/7. Ask and receive – His storehouse is full.
- ❖ Join us – we've His on-going story to tell to the nations!
Trinity - Fireside Room - 9:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

Barbara Johnson

P.S. I have been young and now I am old.
And in all my years I have never seen
the Lord forsake a man who loves him!

Psalm 71:18

Career Connections



We have all waited for the phone to ring at one time or another whether it was waiting for the doctor to return your call, waiting to be asked out for a date, waiting to hear that loved one has reached his destination, or, for those who are job searching, waiting for the phone interview or better yet, THE call with a job offer. Waiting for the phone to ring conjures up images of sitting by the phone, jiggling the receiver, making sure there is a dial-tone to insure the phone is working or in this modern age, carrying your cell phone wherever you go so that you don't miss the call!

The moderator for the evening of our last meeting on March 10 was Don Goodman, Certified Executive Resume Writer. Don is a triple-certified nationally recognized expert resume writer, career management coach and job search strategist having graduated from the Wharton School of Business and Stanford University's Executive Program. *"Resume Writing Secrets and How to Get the Phone to Ring"* was the title of Don's webinar to the group. Don's easy style revealed some of the tricks of the trade, such as:

- The new objective – just state the position title.
- Your value proposition must come across quickly.
- Provide proof statements. Facts not fluff.
- Competencies that help with keyword density.

A recruiter or employer may *start* reading a resume, but not everyone *continues* reading it unless you can solve their problem and tell them how you would do it that distinguishes you from all the others, thereby establishing a reason for the phone to ring.

Thanks to Dennis Parney for searching out and providing us with the extraordinary material presented by Goodman.

Everyday life presents itself with various kinds of problems to solve and we would do well to seek the advice and counsel from whom God supplies to us. *"Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed."* Proverbs 15:22 (MSG)

Denise Krueger

---- A sampling of thank-you notes ----

Denise,

I am continually flattered by the encouragement you give, the dedication, concern and unaltered commitment that you and your team constantly give out to us who are trying to reinvent ourselves and find our way in our unemployment debacle. It gets difficult for us, but you keep constantly pouring hope into the evaporating content within our vessels. I thank you, Dawn, Dennis, Tom and Frank. God bless you.

Stephen

The next Career Connections will be April 14, 2014, at 7 P.M., "Dream Your Way to Success".

Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor or remember someone on a given special date, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.



Together We Cope
Retiring Offering
April 6



Spring Cleaning

The time is near. Are you ready? Do you have your rags and buckets ready?

Will you be here Saturday, April 12, at 9 A.M. for the all-church spring cleaning day? We hope to have a crowd! The more hands the more work gets done. Thank you in advance for helping!

Trustee Board



Tech Tip

Did you know that, if your cell phone rings when you don't want it to, you can press the volume buttons on the side of the phone to silence the ring? Generally, this can be done without removing the phone from your pocket.

New Website

The new website is now up and running at <http://www.trinitycovoaklawn.org>. Some sections are still under construction. As we move forward, please let the office know of any corrections or suggestions you may have.

Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale this year will be on Friday, June 20, 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. and Saturday, June 21, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. Please mark your calendars now and start going through your things and decide what you can donate to this wonderful cause. The proceeds from this year's sale will go towards Missions.



Church Chuckle

One particular 4-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Pryme Tymers

Our April meetings are as follows:

Thursday, April 10, at 11 A.M.

Entrée: Ham

Program: All God's People. Join Doreen DeBoer, founder of "All God's People", as she and her staff present an award-winning video featured on Windy City Live, (Ch. 7 – ABC), Bringing the Love of Christ to Chicago's Homeless. Make your reservation by Friday, April 4.



Thursday, April 24, 11 A.M.

Entrée: Stuffed Chicken

Program: Evergreen Park Community High School "Unaccompanied Minors". The acappella chorus from EPCHS, that presented the Madrigal Singers in December, will present a vocal twist to some of your classic favorites. Make your reservation by Friday, April 18.

The cost per meeting is \$6. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The need continues to be great.

Consider this: You have Aunt Grace's china set that you have had in storage for 30 years. Are you ever going to use it? Why not donate this or other items that you just seem to hang on to but never use? We want your sewing/craft items, i.e., unfinished projects, knitting supplies, sewing patterns, notions. We want your purses, shoes, books, jewelry. Too many sheet sets and towels in your linen closet? Donate them! Furniture: end tables, lamps, chairs, just to name a few. Small kitchen appliances: blenders, coffee pots, mixers, pots and pans. What about those tools you never use that are in the basement or garage? You know if you haven't used it in the last five years you probably don't need to keep it. I have a friend who has a sign in her home that reads, "Simplify, Simplify, Simplify".

Donating to our rummage sale is a great way to do just that and declutter your home. Watch for more information in upcoming church bulletins. We will be collecting your items the week of the sale. Pickup for larger items can be arranged. Volunteers for that week and the days of the sale will be needed, too! So, come help and have fun with this great project. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tracy Hood at 708-529-3272 or tracyhood717@yahoo.com.

South Suburban Pads

Please consider volunteering your time to serve at a PADS Homeless Shelter during their Emergency Shelter Season which operates between October 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014.

PADS is in urgent need of volunteers to staff the shelters and volunteer cook teams to provide meals for the guests. Four hours, once each month, is all it takes to help keep these shelters open. Please contact Dawn Thrasher, Community Resource Coordinator, at 708-754-4357, ext. 107 or dawn@sspads.org to register for volunteer opportunities. Training is provided every second Saturday:

9:30 A.M., Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 667 W. 8th Street, Chicago Heights.

2 P.M., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank.



Summer Already

At the time I'm writing this, there's still snow on the ground. Given the sort of winter we've had, I'd give it a 50/50 shot that we'll still have snow or get another snowfall before May. Be that as it may, I am still dwelling on summer because it's already time to plan for Vacation Bible School. Last year we had an average of 78 students every day and had approximately 35 volunteers to staff the VBS. This, year, I'd like to have even more helpers to prepare for even more students.

This year, our theme will be Gospel Light's SonTreasure Island; running in the mornings from July 14-18. We always need people! We have multiple stations that require adult leadership and teenager's assistance. Crafts, games, snacks, and skits are just a few of the ways that adults and teenagers can get involved.

So, if you are considering a way to spend your vacation this summer, make yourself known- we'd be glad to have you! If you know some teenagers that are looking for community service hours, please get them into contact with me so we can go through the interview process.

Also, direct children and parents that might like to be a part this year to our website (www.trinitycovoaklawn.org), where we've already posted some information and will continue to update in May.

Pastor Zach

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Month of April

April 13 - Children's Ministry Night 4-5 P.M.
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 6-8 P.M.

April 27- Children's Ministry Night 4-5 P.M.
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 6-8 P.M.

NOTE: NO YOUTH GROUP ON APRIL 6 OR 20

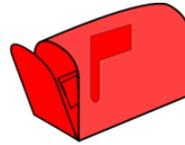


Congratulations!

Proud Great Grandmother Barb Bailey is happy to announce the birth of her second great grandchild, David Alan Brandenburg. Baby David was born on March 27, 2014, at 8:23 A.M., weighing in at 7 lbs., 5 oz. Congratulations to Barb and her family.

Covenant Companion and Home Altar

The renewal or new subscription is due by April 13. If you have not done so, please remit a check for \$22 to cover the costs of these periodicals. Write "Companion" on the memo line. However, if you wish to cancel your subscription, please notify the office before April 13.



**PLEASE NOTE THE
NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER**

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864-371-3228

Mildred Andreason
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Gibson City, IL 60936

SAVE THE DATES

July 14 - 18, 2014
Vacation Bible School
Gospel Light's SunTreasure Island

May Messenger Articles are due
April 20



Noah's Ark Preschool

April 2014 Newsletter



For the month of April the children will focus on...
Colors- Pink, Yellow, Purple
Shapes- Oval
Math- Counting Fun
Science- Signs of spring

Dates to Remember

Donuts with Dad/Grandpa
Friday, April 4
10:30-12:00



Happy Easter
Sunday, April 20

Spring Break
Monday, April 14 – Monday, April 21
School resumes on April 22

Picture Day
Wednesday, April 23

Spring Fundraiser
More information to come

When April comes, I pack my gear
So I'll be ready when showers appear.
I love to splash in puddles all day.
Just like a duck, out at play.
Sometimes I look up in the sky
And spot a rainbow, way up high.
What a special time of year
When chicks, bunnies and eggs appear!

~Jean Warren



Upcoming Events- Please mark your calendars!

Mother's Day Tea
Friday, May 2
10:30-12:00

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, May 5
No School

Memorial Day
Monday, May 26
No school

Last Day of Preschool & Graduation Celebration
*All students participate in graduation-
More Information to come!*
Friday, May 30
9:45-12:00

A note of Thanks!

Thank you....

~to our wonderful readers who have shared their time, reading to our preschoolers.

~Pastor Zach for sharing your wonderful stories! Thank your for teaching us about what the best treasure of all is...each one of us, family and friends.

~to our families who have donated the many helpful items which are used on a daily basis in our classrooms. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Onesto's class will review letters A-P, number recognition 0-20 and counting 1-100.

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier's class will focus on letters Ss - Tt and review past letters Aa - Rr and numbers 0-14.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

April showers are here and what a great time to spend indoors with your family. Make time each week to play a board game or have your child teach you a new game, such as Simon Says or I Spy; which we play in the classroom often.

April also brings in a review of the entire alphabet. Each day, the children will focus on a letter, beginning with the letter Aa. The vowels and consonants are taking on new meaning as the children are putting them together to form blends and words. A good foundation is being established that will prepare the children for Kindergarten!

The Dolch Pre-Primer and Primer sight words have been sent home as well. These are words your child will begin to learn in Kindergarten. Please help your child focus on one or two words a week. Reviewing daily is a great way to help your child become prepared for reading and Kindergarten.

At home, please continue to work on letter sounds and recognition, number recognition 0-20 and counting 1-100. Please continue to practice printing daily with reminding your child to print from top to bottom.

Parent Conferences are around the corner, but if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact us!

Thank you,

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Onesto



Dear Parents/Guardians,

April Showers bring May flowers! Let's hope the rain does not want to compete with our snowfall we had for this year! Always make the most of those rainy days inside with finger-painting, playing inside games or playing with Clay.

In the month of April the children will focus on the letters Ss and Tt and continue to work on the previous letters learned, Aa-Rr for review. We are also focusing on number concepts 1-14 and counting all the way to 30! Each child is doing a great job!

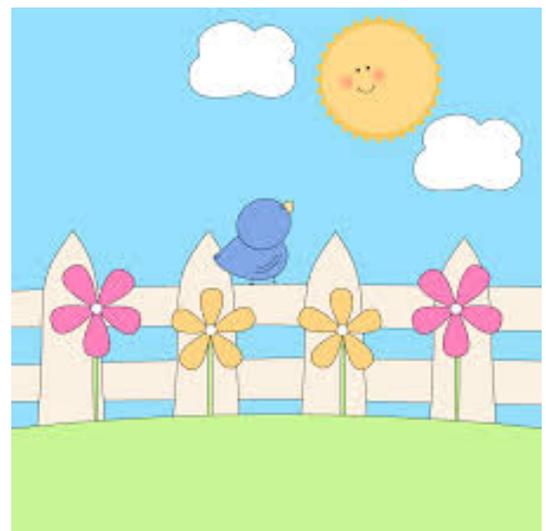
During circle time we continue to review the shapes, colors, counting and our calendar. Please encourage your child to tell you about their day; by asking them what month it is or what the day of the week it is.

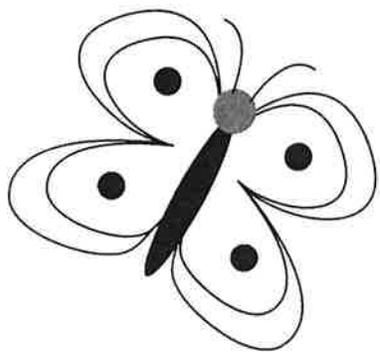
If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at any time.

Happy Spring!

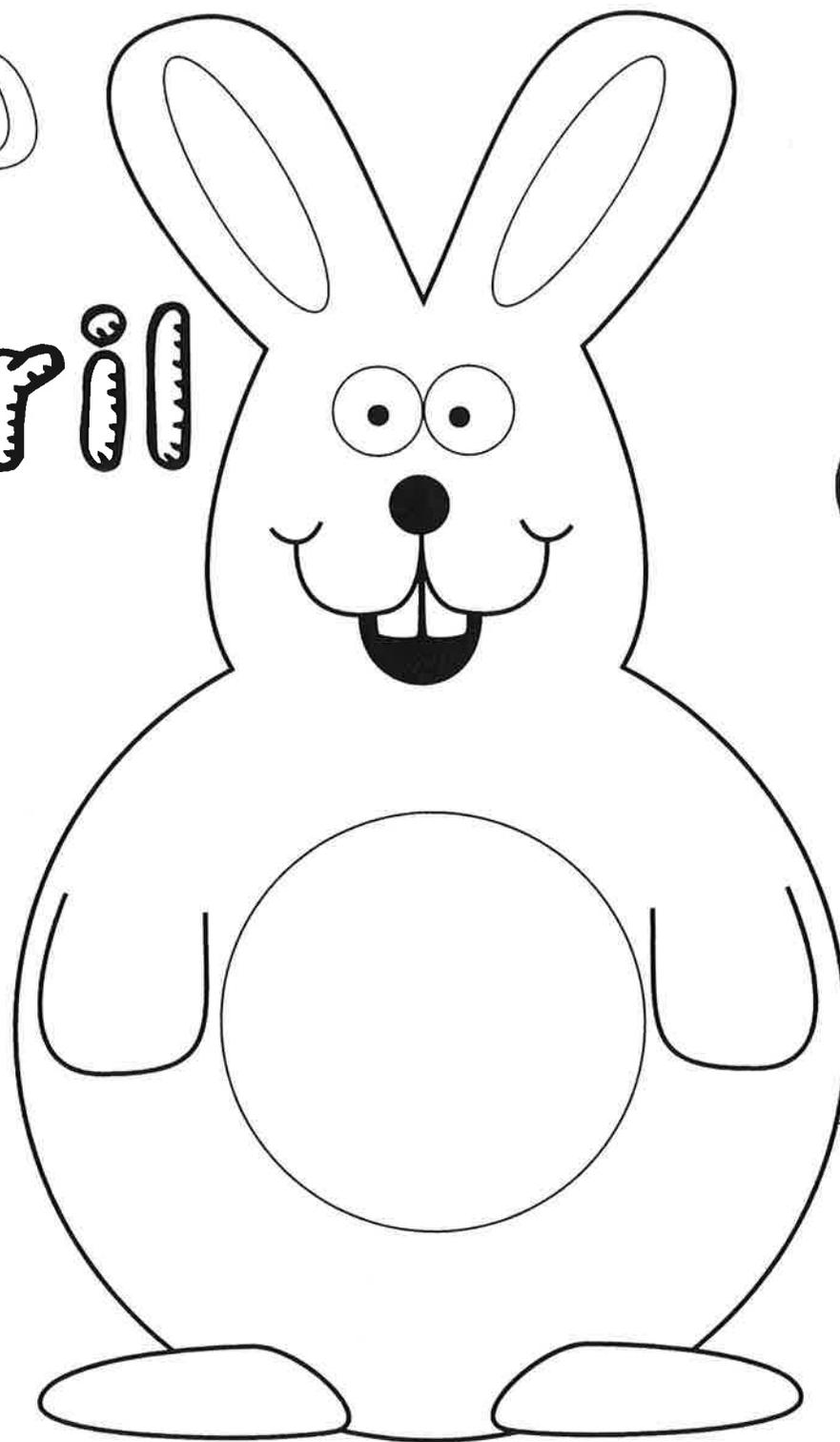
Sincerely,

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier





April



Bunnies like to hop, hop, hop!
In the springtime I can see...



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April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings (September 8, 2013 – May 31, 2014)
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School; 9:30 AM Confirmation,
 10:00 AM Choir Practice; 10:30 Kingdom Kids for ages 2-11,
 Nursery for Infants; 10:45 AM Worship

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon–Fri, 9 AM–12 P.M.

Career Connections–Monday, April 14, 7 PM

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, 9:30 AM

Pryme Tymers – 2nd & 4th Thursday (Sept-June), 11 AM

Lenten Study Series April 2, 9, and 16, 7:30 PM

Notes:

1: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
 Ronald McDonald House Dinner (4:30 PM)

2: Trinity ladies – kitchen cleaning (9 AM)

4: Noah's Ark – Donuts with Dad, Peterson Hall (10:30 AM – 12 PM)

5: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)

6: Together We Cope Retiring Offering
 NOTE: NO YOUTH GROUP

8: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
 Deacons Meeting (6:30 PM)
 Trustees Meeting (7 PM)
 CE Meeting (7 PM)

10: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

11: Cleaning of Peterson Hall (11 AM)
 Boiler Inspection

12: All-church Work Day - Spring Cleaning (9 AM)

13: Palm Sunday
 Children's Ministry Night (4-5 PM)
 Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-8 PM)

14: Career Connections (7 PM)

14 - 21: Noah's Ark Spring Break

15: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

16: Family Night of Fun and Games (6-7:30 PM)

17: Maundy Thursday, Service and Communion (7:30 PM)

20: EASTER
 NOTE: NO YOUTH GROUP

22: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

23: Noah's Ark Picture Day

24: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

25: Cleaning of Peterson Hall (11 AM)

27: Confirmation Rehearsal
 SKF Meeting, Fireside Room (3 PM)
 Children's Ministry Night (4-5 PM)
 Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (6-8 PM)

29: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)



Easter Flower Memorials

It has been a long-standing tradition at Trinity to adorn the chancel area on Easter Sunday with lilies. In recent years we have been adding a variety of spring blooms (depending on what is available) to the display. You may pre-order today by filling out the form below. Envelopes are also available on the table in the narthex.

Please join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a donation towards these flowers and a memorial to someone you love. The deadline to order is Palm Sunday, April 13. You are invited to take your flowers with you following the Easter Sunday service or indicate on the envelope to have your flowers given to a shut-in.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXACTLY

In memory of deceased:_____

Given by:_____

I want to take my flower_____ **OR**

I want to donate my flowers to be taken to a shut-in._____

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