

Newsletter of
**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
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The Messenger February 2018

Sharing “Argentine Mate” with Pastor Mark

As I sip at my Argentine Mate tea these days.... I find I am musing about a variety of subjects. We always wax nostalgic as we reminisce about the passing years, in this case 2017. Sometimes we reflect on numerous years past as we figuratively, and actually, “toast in” the New Year. Happy 2018 everyone! We remember our personal year, but also in this particular year, we remember those blessed saints who graced our lives and have now gone to reside in a glorious heavenly home.

I would hope that we can remember these loved ones and add them to the great cloud of witnesses as referred to in the “heroes of the faith” found in Hebrews 11. Chapter 12 begins with the eternal; *therefore* and *raison d’entendre*, for the faith chapter which precedes it:

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” [NAS]

My prayer for all of us is that as we make our New Year’s resolutions, we would go beyond weight loss, exercise, better financial management, and personal goals. My prayer is that we would be motivated to emulate these saints who emulated even our own Jesus Christ, AND strive to approach the throne of grace. Oh, that we might walk daily in the steps of Jesus and follow what is near and dear to His heart!

Each of our lives has a purpose. Let us align ourselves with the divine purpose for our lives. Once again dear church, I wish you a Happy New 2018 which will end with us all looking back and feeling that we have made beautiful progress toward this end! That we might be able to echo and join in the refrain:

“And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of His glory and grace.”

All Praise to King Jesus,

Pastor Mark

February

Ushers

Brian Crotty – Captain
Justin Lee
Carol Byland
Kristine Schroeder

Greeters

4 Matt & Melissa Panush
11 Dave & Arlene Sladek
18 Margie Morrissey, Kay Shannon
25 Desiree Hall, Rita Grijalva

Nursery

4 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil
11 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz
18 Jennifer Davies, Desiree Hall
25 Pam Romano, Kari Devine

Counters

Dave Sladek
Kelly Lee
Matt Panush

Birthdays

5 Pete Raines
5 Grace Viner
5 Shirley Jaeger
5 Geoffrey Panush
6 Cheryl Johnson
8 William Hutchinson
9 Shannon Lee
9 Arline Mueller
12 Linda Kozak
14 Alyssa Devine
15 Elsie Koler
15 Thaddeus Przybylowski, III
17 MaryJean Anderson
17 Danielle Khan
17 Clara Serene Panush
19 John Snow
21 Robin Jones
22 Mikey Devine
24 Donna Swanberg
25 Barbara Johnson
29 Patricia Klutcharch

Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or honor 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.



Adult Sunday School

We welcome back Dr. Carol Noren who is teaching the February Adult Class and her topic is four familiar biblical narratives with a slightly different perspective: not exactly feminist, but taking a closer look at overlooked aspects of stories featuring women. The February 4 class: (Genesis 2 & 3) All About Eve: Blaming the Woman; February 11: (Exodus 1) Subversive Women Save the Day; February 18: (Ruth) What's A Woman Without a Man? and February 25: (Luke 10:38-42) Sister Acts: Cooperation or Competition?

Join us at 11:30 in the Fireside Room to explore these narratives, it's guaranteed to be interesting.

Attention!

Jr. High and High Schoolers

Jr. High and Higher Schoolers (7th grade and up to 12th grade) are invited to an afternoon of fun and games on Sunday, February 4, at 12:15 P.M. at the Lee's house, 3901 W. 108th Place, Chicago. We'll start the afternoon with a pizza lunch and movie (Resurrection of Gavin Stone) followed by Carpetball Tournament.

Hope you can join us for this social event! If you have any questions, please see Kellie Lee or contact the church office 708-422-5111.

Annual Reports

Please prepare your Annual Report and send to the church office by Sunday, February 11. Please send via email to office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or drop in the box on the table in the church office. Thank you.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

With Sympathy

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Linda and Gary Kozak and Cheryl Johnson on the death of their mother Britta M. Johnson who entered the life eternal on Friday, January 26, 2018. A memorial service was held at Trinity Church on Wednesday, January 31. Peace be to Britta's memory.

As a church family, we extend our deepest sympathy to William Schenold and family on the death of his wife, Gayle L. McElhinney Schenold who entered the life eternal on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Gayle and her parents, Lillian and Richard McElhinney, and her brothers Kerry and Christopher, were members and attended Trinity Church during the 1960's - '70s. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 3 at 1 P.M., at Trinity Covenant Church. Peace be to Gayle's memory.

Thank You

Dear Trinity Family,

I'd like to thank everyone for your prayers and beautiful cards during my recent illness and surgery. Your concern and thoughtfulness were sincerely appreciated.



Gloria Vitro

**ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS
MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
11:15 A.M.
PETERSON HALL**



Youth Group Corner

On Sunday, February 11, from 3-5 P.M., come join the Youth Group (ages K through 6th Grade for an afternoon of fun in Peterson Hall. There will be music, activities, snacks and games such as Pin the Arrow on Cupid, Valentine's Day Bingo and an Indoor Snowball Fight! Snacks will be served. Parents do not need to stay.

To RSVP, please email the church at office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or call the church office at 708-422-5111.

Also, Youth Group will be meeting regularly from now until summer on the following Sundays from 3-5 P.M.:

- March 11
- April 8
- April 22
- May 20
- June 10



February is Heart Month

Palos Hospital is offering FREE classes during February "Heart Month":

Thursday, February 1, 6:30-7:30 P.M. – Don't skip a beat! New developments in atrial fibrillation. Presented by cardiologist Martin Burke, DO.

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 PM. – Dietary actions for heart health. A registered dietitian will share recommendations to help you make smart choices to benefit your heart and overall health.

Thursday, February 22, 6:30-7:30 P.M.
For your heart's sake: strategies to reduce stress. The class will be led by Palos Behavioral Health professionals John Brogan, LCSW and Janet Laforte, RN.

Register for any of the above classes at: paloshealth.com/classes-events.

Camp Registration

Reminder - Early bird registration for Summer Camp is due Sunday, February 25 (a \$35 discount!) See Kellie Lee for information.

Covenant Point Men's Retreat 2018

7pm Friday, March 2 - 10am Sunday, March 4

Invite some friends out for a weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument), snowshoeing, cross country skiing on our groomed ski trails, sauna and polar bear dip, or just card games and conversations in the dining hall. We are excited to announce that this year's speaker will be Danny Martinez, new Superintendent of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church! This retreat typically fills up, so if you plan on attending please register soon*. We're excited for you to join us!

Full Retreat: \$140 (\$120 Earlybird)

Fri Night - Sat Dinner: \$120 (\$100 Earlybird)

Sat Only (No Lodging): \$80 (\$70 Earlybird)

Full Retreat, Commuter (No Lodging): \$100 (\$90 Earlybird)

Pastor Rate, Full Retreat: \$70

Pastor Rate, Saturday Evening Departure: \$60

***Earlybird Discount applies if registered or postmarked by February 16, 2018.**

Covenant Point Bible Camp,

358 W. Hagerman Lake Rd.,

Iron River, MI 49935,

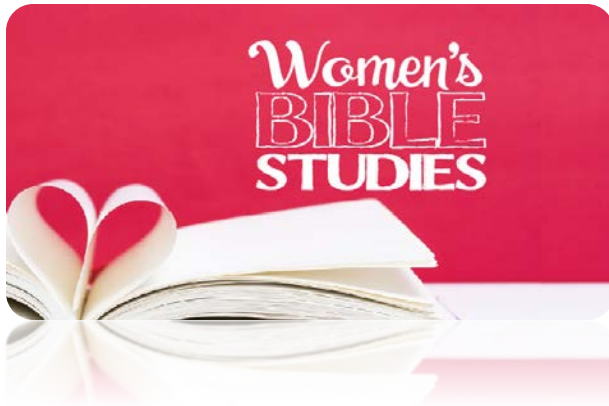
www.cpbpc.com/retreats,

registrar@cpbc.com, 906-265-2117.

New Email:

Edna Garcia
ednalgarcia@yahoo.com





Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Anticipation is high and expectation noteworthy as we continue our winter study – Rediscover Jesus.

We receive “the gift that keeps on giving” as we wear His message of this past holiday season, and all seasons, so freely given.

In past years our relationships have grown as we are deeply aware of who this Jesus is. Altho we are prone not ever to be totally satisfied and given to seeking more on this subject, we adhere to the time tested truism, “the biggest risk of all is standing still”. So we now move into areas concerning this Jesus as we rediscover Him – yes, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow but, hopefully, we are not the same. Thank God!

The message from Jesus is this, “My Kingdom is not about earning and deserving; it's about believing and receiving.” Simple, straight forward, uncomplicated, right on, attainable, doable, necessary - a claim. Jesus continues, “My pleasure in giving and your pleasure in receiving flow together in joyous harmony.” What a mountain top claim! A free gift given in His timing to all who respond and are willing to accept His richest gift – salvation. Not to be earned nor deserved but a gift which opens up eternity and gives glimpses of Glory - a promise and guarantee.

As we recognize and celebrate His coming to us as God's Son, Son of Man, let us treasure His boundless storehouse of blessings and gifts – new every morning for our benefit.

1. “Your needs and My riches are a perfect fit.”
2. “My glorious riches are a more-than-adequate supply.”
3. “Together we can make it.”
4. “I know the plans I have for you, and they are good.”
5. “Receive today's gift gratefully and find Me.”
6. “I freely offer abundant life to everyone who turns to Me.”
7. “I do my greatest works through people with grateful, trusting hearts.”
8. “I am a God who gives and gives and gives.”
9. “I am with you and for you – always.”
10. “Receive my gifts, my abundance, living by faith, not by sight.”

In summary – a point for a continuing friendship with mentoring action. Paul and Muriel Everts continue close relationships with many of us since being our “interim” years ago. Challenges of time have increased effort and new life style but not enthusiasm for God's timeless message. As always – another good foundation lesson, - a keeper, “God speaks to those who take time to listen; and He listens to those who take time to pray.” Thanks Muriel – Thanks God!

Tuesdays – 9:30 – 10:45
Fireside Room – Bakery, Study, Fellowship
with lunch – always.

Barbara Johnson

Pryme Tymers

Join us for our February programs:

Thursday, February 8, 11 A.M

Program: We welcome *Rick Pickren and his Songs of Love* program in celebration of **Valentine's Day**. **RED** is the suggested color of the day!

Entrée: Roast Pork Loin



Thursday, February 22, 11 A.M.

Program: *Ron Eckburg's* inspiring and encouraging program will entertain us with Songs of Faith.

Entree: Turkey Breast

Make your reservation by the *Friday BEFORE* the program. The cost per meeting is \$7. Remember to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry as there is always a great need.

Plows Council On Aging - Respite Services for Family Caregivers

The Respite Program coordinated by PLOWS (Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth), offers caregivers the opportunity to take time for themselves while their loved one is cared for by a licensed and insured professional. Respite service is available seven days a week.



Trained homemakers are available to provide care in your home for your loved one. Respite homemakers are given clear instructions on duties while the caregiver is away. The program provides supervision, companion care, basic personal care assistance and meal preparation. No medical care is provided and medications cannot be administered.

Respite service is a federal program funded under the Older American's Act. A contribution is suggested for the cost of respite, however, service is not denied due to an inability to contribute to the program. To learn more about Respite Services, please contact PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Three Little Words

One Sunday as I sat in church waiting for the service to begin, I looked about at the different types of people and their various expressions. I suspected some were concerned about their appearance, others were wondering if the Sanctuary would be too warm, and others just kept on talking, almost unaware as to why they had entered the House of the Lord. Still, several sat prayerfully, awaiting the tones of the organ.

There came to mind "three little words": IDOL Worshipers, concerned with material things; IDLE Worshipers, with minds straying away from purpose of worship; and IDEAL Worshipers who were prayerfully worshipping God in Spirit and in truth.

I asked myself, "What kind of worshiper am I?"

Author Unknown



February 2018

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| 18 |  19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | |
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On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K-6th Grade

11:15 AM Confirmation, Sr. High

11:30 AM Adult Sunday School

(childcare will be provided for parents who want to attend Sunday School)

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon – Fri, 9 AM – 12 PM

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

Pryme Tymers – 2nd and 4th Thursday, 11 AM

Notes:

2: Groundhog Day

4: Jr. High & High Schoolers - Pizza, movie, carpetball tournament at the Lee's house (12:15 PM)

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

8: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

11: Annual Reports Due
Youth Group, Peterson Hall (3-5 PM)

13: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)
Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)

14: Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day

18: **Articles for March Messenger due**

19: President's Day

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

22: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)
Church Board meeting (7 PM)

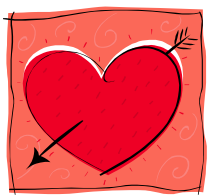
25: Annual Church Business Meeting, Peterson Hall (11:15 AM)
Early Bird Camp Registration due today

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

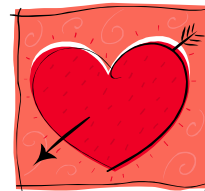
Looking Ahead -

March 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins





Noah's Ark Preschool February News



Picture day will be March 2!. This includes Cap & Gown Pics for Pre-K kids.

There are NO retakes!

Please make sure you attend!!!

Reminders:

No School Feb 19th

Please send in \$5.00 per student for our Valentines class party and craft by February 1st and 2nd

Thank you!

A Peek at Our Weeks

Feb 1-14

Valentines day crafts

Feb 20-23 Dino week

Feb 26-March 2 Teddy bear week

Please have your child bring their fav stuffed toy to school!!!!

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 19th

Upcoming Events

February 13th and 14th Will be our Valentine's Day class parties. Please send in enough cards or treats to Share with your child's class! To make passing these out easier please write To: Friend From: your child's name. Thanks!

Little Room News

Letters Pp, Qq, Rr and Review
Numbers 7&8

We will continue Shapes and Colors
Throughout the year!

Color: Red and Pink

Please help your child learn to hold a pencil

Feel Free to Contact Me at Any time!

Ms. Amanda -708-969-3481

Mrs. Dryier

Mrs. Theo

Big Room News

Letters Kk, Vv, Ww, Yy
Numbers 19&20

Color- Pink and Gray

Working on high frequency words

The, In, To, My, and Me

Review of numbers

More or less

Mrs. M

Mrs. Wojcik

**Our ONSITE fieldtrip will be March 16th 2018 at 9:30 AM. You must RSVP to attend.
MORE INFO coming soon**

2018 Usher Schedule

If you are unable to serve as usher for part or all of your appointed month, please find someone to replace you.
Thank you.

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| <u>February</u> | <u>August</u> |
| Brian Crotty – Captain Justin Lee Carol Byland Kristine Schroeder | Clarence Rosengren – Captain Rita Grijalva Grace Viner Phil Cavallone |
| <u>March</u> | <u>September</u> |
| Matt Mateer – Captain Jon-Anders Mateer Jay Hanson Emmanuel Ajide | Jay Hanson – Captain Diana Eigenbauer Matt Panush Melissa Panush |
| <u>April</u> | <u>October</u> |
| Phil Cavallone – Captain Chuck Havel Kelly Bradbury Tom Klutcharch | Greg Goetz – Captain Janice Goetz John Gorney Joyce Gorney |
| <u>May</u> | <u>November</u> |
| Mel Mueller - Captain Tom Dorl Shannon Lee Ken Dorl | Kellie Lee – Captain Justin Lee Rita Grijalva Cathy Gardner |
| <u>June</u> | <u>December</u> |
| Dave Sladek – Captain Ron Henney Bill Hutchinson Sandy Hutchinson | John Weszely – Captain Lorraine Weszely Jay Hanson Marcia Lellos |
| <u>July</u> | <u>January 2019</u> |
| Pam Romano – Captain Cathy Gardner Brian Crotty Diana Eigenbauer | Rich Swanson – Captain Priscilla Swanson Chuck Havel Pam Polcar |

2018 Greeters Schedule

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| <p>FEBRUARY 4 Matt & Melissa Panush 11 Dave & Arlene Sladek 18 Margie Morrissey, Kay Shannon 25 Desiree Hall, Rita Grijalva</p> | <p>AUGUST 5 Marcia Lellos, Margie Morrissey 12 Jay & Dawn Hanson, Cody, Rebecca 19 Greg & Janice Goetz, Kendra, Cameron 26 Diana Eigenbauer, Lois Flaws</p> |
| <p>MARCH 4 Pat Anderson, Gloria Vitro 11 Gary & Linda Kozak, Paul 18 Mike & Jen Davies, Jake, Moira, Aven 25 John & Lorraine Weszely</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 2 Dorothy Karner, Brian Crotty 9 Harry & Grace Persson 16 Lois Flaws, Virginia Fulton 23 Bill & Sandy Hutchinson 30 Rita Grijalva, Kristine Schroeder</p> |
| <p>APRIL 1 Steve & Kelly Bradbury, Madelyn & Allyson Ford 8 Richard & Priscilla Swanson 15 Grace Viner, Barb Bailey 22 Pam Polcar, Margie Morrissey 29 Joel & Nancy Mondry</p> | <p>OCTOBER 7 Paula Cassady, Ginny Almer 14 Matt & Barbara Mateer 21 Brian & Danielle Khan 28 Tom & Barbara Dori</p> |
| <p>MAY 6 Pat Petersen, Cathy Gardner 13 The McShane Family 20 Matt & Melissa Panush, Dominic, Clara 27 Gloria Vitro, Carol Latimer</p> | <p>NOVEMBER 4 Pam Romano, Heidi Weszely 11 Chuck & Marcia Lellos 18 John & Joyce Gorney 25 Margie Morrissey, Desiree Hall</p> |
| <p>JUNE 3 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil 10 Emmanuel & Elizabeth Ajide, Esther, Joseph 17 Bud & Lois Jaderholm 24 Phil & Lori Cavallone</p> | <p>DECEMBER 2 Mel & Arline Mueller 9 Clarence & Dolores Rosengren 16 Jim & Carol Strickland 23 Pat & Kellie Lee, Shannon, Justin 30 Chuck & Marcia Lellos</p> |
| <p>JULY 1 Bruce & Char Sladek 8 Barbara Johnson, Edna Garcia 15 Kristine Schroeder, Anakin, Jeremy 22 Chuck Havel, Pam Polcar 29 Kari Devine, Michael, Cody</p> | <p>JANUARY 2019 6 Diana Eigenbauer, Kevin McGrath 13 Tom & Pat Klutcharch 20 Brian & Danielle Khan 27 Marcia Lellos, Margie Morrissey</p> |

Dear Greeters:

The following is the Greeters Schedule for 2018. If for any reason you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, and let the Church Office know of any changes so we may update our information for the newsletter. If you are unable to find someone to fill your place, please contact Margie Morrissey and she will try to assist you with securing a replacement. Thank you for your help with this important service to our Church.

NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULE 2018

Dear Nursery Room Helpers:

Following is the Crib Room Schedule for 2018. If for any reason you are unable to serve during your assigned time, **you are responsible to find your own replacement.** Please let Heidi Weszely know of the change, since we want to print the correct name in the Church Messenger. Thank you for your help with this important service to the children of our church.

CHURCH 10 A.M. - 11 A. M.

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| <p><u>FEBRUARY</u> 4 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil 11 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz 18 Jennifer Davies, Desiree Hall 25 Pam Romano, Kari Devine</p> | |
| <p><u>MARCH</u> 4 Heidi Weszely 11 Pam Polcar, Madeline Ford 18 Carol Byland, Elizabeth Byland 25 Lorraine Weszely, Shannon Lee</p> | |
| <p><u>APRIL</u> 1 Diana Eigenbauer, Grace Persson 8 Heidi Weszely 15 Rita Grijalva, Cathy Gardner 22 Melissa Panush, 29 Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos</p> | |
| <p><u>MAY</u> 6 Sandy Hutchinson, Christine Schroeder 13 Matt Panush, Shannon Lee (Mother's Day) 20 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz 27 Heidi Weszely</p> | |
| <p><u>JUNE</u> 3 Melissa Panush 10 Grace Persson, Carol Strickland 17 Heidi Weszely 24 Jennifer Davies</p> | |
| <p><u>JULY</u> 1 Cathy Gardner 8 Christine Schroeder 15 Lorraine Weszely 22 Heidi Weszely 29 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil</p> | |

2018 Counter Schedule

If you are unable to serve as counter for part or all of your appointed month, please find someone to replace you.
Thank you.

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| <u>February</u> Dave Sladek Kelly Lee Matt Panush | <u>August</u> Kristine Schroeder Sandy Hutchinson Lois Flaws |
| <u>March</u> Paula Cassady Kelly Bradbury John Weszely | <u>September</u> Lorraine Weszely Paula Cassady Pam Romano |
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Director – Noah's Ark Preschool

Karen Christakos

Secretary

Joe Michalowicz

Custodian

Articles for the
March  Messenger
are due February 18