

### March

#### Ushers

Matt Mateer – Captain  
Tom Klutcharch  
Tracy Hood  
Rich Hood

#### Greeters

1 Barb Bailey, Marlene Hardesty  
8 Gary, Linda & Paul Kozak  
15 Edna Garcia, Barbara Johnson  
22 John & Lorraine Weszely  
29 Judy & Ariel Kurzweil

#### Nursery

1 Kari Devine, Pam Polcar  
8 Ginny Almer, Carol Byland  
15 Kristen Starr, Cathy Gardner  
22 Heidi Weszely, Kellie Lee  
29 Jen Davies, Julie Carbray

#### Counters

Richard Swanson  
Priscilla Swanson  
Gloria Vitro

#### Birthdays

2 Barbara Eustace  
2 Arabella Khan  
8 Richard Erickson  
10 Arnold Almer  
11 William Anderson  
11 Brooklyn Raines  
13 Heidi Weszely  
15 Robert "Bud" Jaderholm  
15 Char Dunk Sladek  
21 Lois Carlson  
22 David Sladek  
22 Ariel Kurzweil  
22 Tracy Hood  
30 Charlene Sandberg

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

# *The Messenger* March 2015

## Over the Pastor's Shoulder

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>34</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Mark 8:34,35

How many of you are familiar with the name Clarence Jordan? No, he is no relation to Michael Jordan. Clarence Jordan was one of the great preachers of the church who not only talked about the Gospel but lived it every day of his life. Jordan bought a farm in rural Georgia and invited others – both black and white – to join him in a Christian communal venture. Though frequently harassed by the Klan, Jordan's community persisted.

Jordan said it was one thing for him to endure such threats, but quite another thing to ask his young family to bear threats as well. One day, his little daughter came in from school crying. "What's wrong?" he asked.

"Daddy, some of the kids are mean. Bob Speck, when he sees me coming down the hall, comes up and knocks me down. He says ugly words to me too."

Jordan's heart went out to his little daughter. "Honey, you've got long fingernails, why don't you scratch his eyes out?"

And she said, "Well, I thought about that, but I heard you say in your sermon that Jesus said we're supposed to love our enemies. So I thought I shouldn't scratch his eyes out." He said, "Well, I'll tell you what I'm going to do: tomorrow I'll go to school and I'm going to ask Jesus to excuse me from being a Christian for about 15 minutes while I beat the daylights out of that Bob Speck."

"Daddy you can't do that."

"Why not?", Jordan asked.

His little daughter replied, "You can't be excused from being a Christian for 15 minutes."

It is still Lent, but soon, very soon, we will be celebrating Easter. Lent's focus is upon the cross. Easter reminds us that the Gospel's story doesn't end on the cross. Jesus has defeated death and returned to us, commissioned us, breathed His Holy Spirit upon us to do His holy work. We can't be excused from following Him for 15 minutes. He is with us now in life, in death, and life beyond death for all time.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Jim*

### LOOKING AHEAD

Join us for a great adventure later this month. We have plans (March 27 and 28) to go knocking on doors in the neighborhoods near and around the church. We'll be handing out flyers about our church; inviting people to come and join us for worship. We'll also be asking them if they have any prayer concerns that they would like us to offer up in our service on Sunday morning. I am certain this will be a great way for our neighbors to learn a little bit about us; but maybe even more importantly, it will be a great way for us to learn a little bit about our neighbors. Begin praying for this weekend, now. Watch your bulletin for more details concerning this event.

Join us for  
SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Adult Sunday School**

Dr. Jenny DeVivo will be our teacher once again during March. Her subject will be the book of Job. Come join us in the Fireside Room at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday morning.

so many is poor. Paul Carlson Program, and World Vision are helping in so many ways but it is still hard to watch especially so many children suffer with malnutrition and malaria when we can help. We are helping but people come to the hospital too late.

Education is still a huge need and we're trying to help the church focus on education through their different ministries, the schools, churches, hospitals and Agricultural Centers.

Please continue to pray for us to have strength, wisdom and daily the desire to share God's love and Word.

Sheryl and Paul Noren

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**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.



**Tuesday Women's Bible Study**



I take this month to summarize our deeper understanding of what the future is going to hold for both saint and sinner in coming days – for our time is not God's time.

The unconcerned or "not yet's" are foolish to let another day go by and, on the other hand, the ready and "in the know" now joyfully expect full participation in His guaranteed planned purpose.

Again, two sides of the same coin. God is not our co-pilot nor does He have a Plan B. He is not open to our suggestions/excuses but works with us every step guiding in straight forward language. He does not muddy the waters by looking for that needle in the haystack or beating around the bush, but lays it "on the line" if we are not too hard-nosed or busy to listen. And listening, we recognize every Tuesday morning, means a willingness to read, envision, participate and share in studies which bring us closer to our personal God as He strengthens and builds upon His design and plan for us. We are Christians under construction and as our thinking goes, so goes our entire being.

Please think upon these promises and claims and act! Read as God and Son address saint and sinner:



Pastor Jim and Charlene,  
The P.R.I.D.E. School administration, staff and I would like to thank you for allowing our students the opportunity for some volunteer experience at your senior luncheon.

Everyone was so welcoming to us and patient when explaining our routine at the event. It's clear you are all very passionate about the services you provide your parishioners and community members, and we recognize the chance you took when offering our students this beneficial opportunity. They all had a great time, as did I as an educator, to see them interact with church staff and members, as well as, efficiently complete the tasks asked of them. We look forward to volunteering at Trinity real soon!

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Grinsteiner

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Dear Friends,

What a huge blessing Trinity Covenant Church fellowship has been to us over many, many years! Paul and I have been missionaries in Africa for over 35 years and you have been a big part of our outreach in ministries to thousands of people! God is good! God is faithful! Thank you for your gifts of support and special Christmas and other gifts.

Our work in Congo is going well --- but it is hard and slow. The church is strong and continues to grow which is a huge encouragement, however, the economic situation and health of

1. For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
2. Come to me with a teachable spirit, eager to be changed.
3. Begin your journey of profound reliance on me – it is a faith-walk taken one step at a time.
4. I am with you and for you. When you decide on a course of action that is in line with my will, nothing on earth can stop you.
5. I will not show you what is on the road ahead, but, I will thoroughly equip you for the journey. My abiding presence is the best road map available.

6. I have lovingly planned every inch of your way. Together we can make it.

7. You have been called to take "a road less traveled". Everything you need has its counterpart in me.

8. When you arrive at a choice-point, I will show you which direction to go.

9. A quick glance at me is all you need to make the right choice.

10. My kingdom is not about earning and deserving – it's about believing and receiving.

11. Nothing escapes my notice. What I search for is an awakened soul that thrills to the joy of my presence. I created you for this.

12. Be willing to go out on a limb with me. It is the safest place to be. As long as you stay close to me, I will protect you.

13. I am preparing you for what is on the road ahead, just around the bend. Walk with me. Enjoy the adventure.

14. Now – right now – grant us the faith to get out of the boat!

Our March base of action continues to build upon God's promises and claims concerning the joys of preparing for our next journey while celebrating our relationship with God, Christ and Holy Spirit now – as we look to living in light of Heaven.

Trinity Fireside Room  
9:30 – 10:45 A.M. every Tuesday

Barbara Johnson

- 2) Exhibit enough passion to weather all the obstacles and see things through to the finish line.
- 3) Determine what your product will cost, what you can sell it for and to whom.
- 4) Create a simple business plan by envisioning what your business will look like once it is successful and then make a "to-do" list to make the dream a reality.
- 5) Get help in formulating a business plan from experts in the field or from mentors such as SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) volunteers who are experienced business executives and entrepreneurs who volunteer their time to help others start a business.
- 6) Build a great team with positive people who are willing to learn, eager to try and somehow find the solution to anything they don't already know.
- 7) Maintain enough savings to pay your bills and general living expenses for up to two years while building the business.

Solomon seems to offer the best guidance. *"Desire without knowledge is not good---how much more will hasty feet miss the way!"* Proverbs 19:2 (NIV) and *"Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life."* Proverbs 19:20 (NLT)

Denise Krueger

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The next Career Connections meeting on March 9, at 7 P.M., in the Fireside Room, will present the topic "30 Things Never to Say in an Interview."

## Career Connections



Hobbies are activities one does for pleasure and relaxation during leisure time. Work, on the other hand, is an activity one must do to earn a living. Now if only we could have a *mashup*, i.e., a contemporary slang term meaning a hybrid of both concepts. Wouldn't it be great to earn a living doing what you love to do?

Such was the topic of our February 2015 meeting during which Dennis Parney presented *"Turning a Hobby Into a Career."* There are varied stories of individuals who have successfully turned their hobby into a lucrative career.

Turning a hobby into a money-making venture requires forethought, patience and prayer. Thoughts to consider before jumping ahead as given by Shark Tank experts:

- 1) Your business idea must answer a need in the marketplace.

### THOUGHT TO PONDER

People don't care what we know until they know we care.

## Pacesetters Need Your Help



We will be going through old church photos and we need help from our church family in identifying members and friends in those photos. There are boxes of pictures that have been stashed away for years at the church. Any photos that can't be identified will be destroyed.

The Pacesetters are sponsoring a luncheon after church on March 15 for the occasion. Please RSVP by March 8 to Pat Petersen or Jim and Carol Strickland if you will be attending.

## Pryme Tymers

March programs will present:

**March 12, 11 A.M.**

Entrée: Mostaccioli with Sausage

Program: Versatile Entertainer – Sandi Haynes. Go back to the days of sing-a-longs and lively Irish music with Sandi. Wear



your best **GREEN** outfit and leprechaun hat. Irish eyes will definitely be smiling...and yours, too! Make your reservation by Friday, March 6.

**March 26, 11A.M.**

Entrée: Ham

Program: "Songs of the Sacraments" with Kim Tenney. Ending our Lenten season, we will feature Kim Tenney, the wedding soloist at the Wayside Chapel in Palos Park, highlighting songs of the church sacraments, i.e., baptism, marriage, etc. Make your reservation by Friday, March 20.

The cost per meeting is \$7. Be sure to bring at least one canned good for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The need for donations is always great.

## Manna Express

Trinity is once again offering gift cards through Manna Express. Order forms are available in the church office. All Manna orders are due by March 15. The delivery date will be March 22.

## Covenant Women Project

Pastor Kari Lindholm-Johnson will be doing "Craft-devotional" worship at our Covenant Women Spring Celebration on Saturday, March 14, at New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton. We are in need of empty Half & Half containers or milk jugs, 14 oz., to complete this project. If you normally use these products, we would appreciate these containers. See Lorraine Weszely. Our goal is 25 containers.

## Miriam Circle Program



All ladies are invited to attend our Miriam Circle program on Tuesday, March 24, at 11 A.M. after Bible study. Our program will present Joan Vidlak

who will reflect on the "History of Aprons". This is just a fun program and you are encouraged to bring a friend; more information to come. A light lunch will be served, followed by a short business meeting.

Lorraine Weszely/Pat Klutcharch

## CHIC 2015 Fundraiser People-To-People Auction



Join us March 8 at noon for this fundraiser that will help send our high school students to CHIC, a once in a lifetime event to come together with Evangelical Covenant Church high schoolers from across the country to worship, learn, and play together! You might be interested to know that we've already recruited a world-renown auctioneer: Charlene Sandberg! Enjoy a light meal of ham sandwiches and simple sides before we bid on items including:

- Top of the line golf bag: Chuck Lellos
- 2, August 2015 Bears pre-season game tickets (date TBD): Rich Swanson
- Visit from "Santa": Dave & Arlene Sladek
- 2, 30 min. Reading tutoring sessions (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Kelly Ford
- Hand knitted items: Carol Byland
- 30 lb box of back ribs, 15 lb box of pork tender, 2 hams for Easter: Thomas Dori
- 10 doz. Christmas cookies, 2 doz. candy; delivered 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December: Pat Klutcharch
- Professional Resume w/Cover Letter: Denise Krueger/Dawn Ferrell
- Baby afghans ( girl already made) and one large afghan: Marcia Lellos
- Crocheted baby blanket & matching booties: Karen McShane
- Basket of snacks/treats: Carol Strickland
- Home-grown vegetables at summer's harvest: John & Lorraine Weszely
- Boat ride on Lake Michigan: Mike & Jennifer Davies
- Cookies and candy: Grace Persson
- Hand tailored fleece tie blankets; Friday night babysitting: Kari Devine
- Fudge and homemade apple pie: Pat Anderson
- Fresh flowers bouquets in the fall: Tom & Diane Panush
- Birthday and special occasion cakes: Denise Sullivan
- Steak cookout for up to six on the pastor's patio: Sandbergs
- 4 loaves of cardamom bread baked to order: Charlene Sandberg
- 2 hours of help around the house: Thad Przybylowski/Megan McShane
- Hand embroidered dish towels: Jeff Blust
- 1 snow removal & 1 lawn mowing: Phil Cavallone
- 2 scenic airplane rides: Gary Kozak
- Blackhawks vs. Wild, April 7, 7:30 PM (2 tickets) at the UC: Pat Lee/Pastor Jim

Bring yourself and a friend. RSVP to the church office by March 4 if you can attend to support this worthy cause!

## All Church Clean Up

The Trustees have set up Saturday, March 21, 9 A.M., for our annual spring cleaning. Lunch will be provided.



Areas of Cleaning:

1. Peterson Hall and Fireside Room
2. Kitchen
3. Game Room and Sunday School Room (ages 6-10)
4. Nursery
5. Prayer Room, Choir Room, rear hallway area
6. Sanctuary, Overflow Room, Balcony

Cleaning involves washing furniture and cabinets, and vacuuming upholstery, dusting venetian blinds. No heavy lifting needed.

Please select an area, bring a friend, bucket and rags and you are set to go.

If you are unavailable on the 21<sup>st</sup>, you can arrange a different day and time with your group. Please contact Lorraine Weszely, Trustee Chair, for details.

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## ESO Concert / Carnival of the Animals

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra presents "Carnival of the Animals" concert, at 3 P.M. on Sunday, March 15. The family concert is brought to life with narration from First Folio Theater Company and the graceful members of the Elmhurst Dance Theater troupe of DuPage Dance Academy. Prior to the concert you can participate in the instrument "petting zoo" from 1:45 to 2:45 P.M. that offers a hands-on opportunity to try the different instruments of the orchestra. Details and sign-up flyer to come.

## Youth Events

### Month of March

- March 1: 2-5 P.M. Interactions - Schaumburg Water Works  
6-8 P.M. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group
- March 8: 12 P.M. CHIC 2015 Fundraiser – People to People Auction, Peterson Hall
- March 8: Summer Camp Registration due
- March 18: 6-7:30 P.M. Minute to Win it Games

### Family Nights

- April 15: Pie eating contest
- May 20: End of Year Picnic

## Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Melissa and Matt Panush on the birth of their daughter, Clara Serene, who was born on February 17, 2015, at 12:50 P.M., 8 pounds, 8 ounces, 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Serene Rademaker and Tom and Diane Panush.



### Church Chuckle:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference will include meals.

## And While We're Thinking of CHIC...

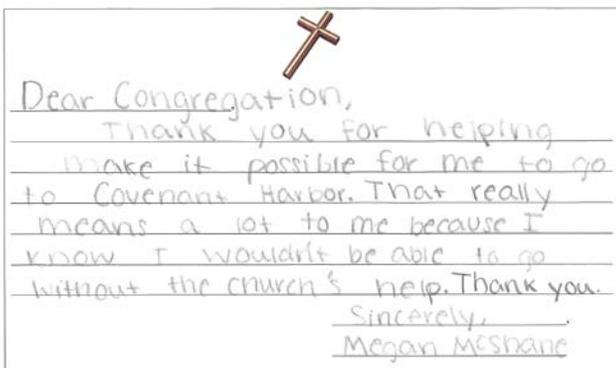
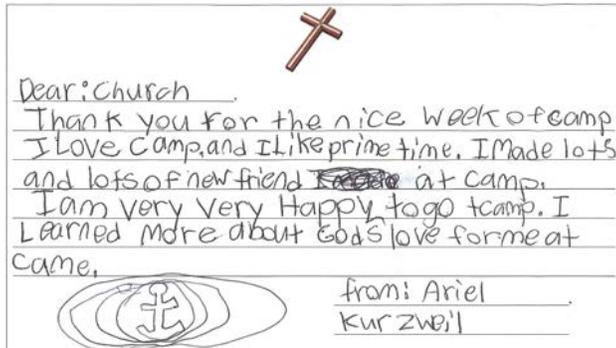
We are all very excited for CHIC and its fundraisers by now. At the time of my writing this, the People to People Auction is weeks away, by the time you read this, it will be only a few days away. Sending our students to CHIC has been a major investment for Trinity and I'm sure we will all see the benefits in the lives of our students.



But this is hardly new for Trinity. We have a long history of supporting our students and sending them on meaningful trips for the sake of their discipleship. Believe it or not, the C.E. Board and our camp correspondents are already looking forward to fundraisers to help out with offsetting some of the costs of camp. And while those plans are in the works for April and beyond, it is important for us to stop for a moment and reflect.

In our long history of sending kids to camp, there are a lot of stories to be told and a lot of lives that are impacted. So, for the past work that we've done, I am going to defer the rest of this month's newsletter to the kids that we've already sent to camp and what they'd like to say to us.

Thanks, Kids!



Daylight Savings Time  
Begins March 8 –  
Move Clocks Ahead One Hour

Happy

Spring Begins  
March 20

Spring!

*"If people did not love one another, I really don't see what use there would be in having any spring."*

– **Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables***

Pastor Zach

# March 2015

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	<i>Happy Spring!</i> 20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## On-going Ministry

### Sunday Mornings (Sept. 7, 2014 – May 24, 2015)

- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
- 9:30 AM Senior High Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Confirmation
- 10:30 AM Kingdom Kids for ages 2-11, Nursery for Infants
- 10:45 AM Worship

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

Career Connections - Monday, March 9, 7 PM

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

Pryme Tymers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 11 AM

## Notes:

- 1: Confirmation #23  
KICY Sunday
  - 3: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)  
Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)
  - 7: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)  
VASA Meeting, Fireside Room (11 AM)
  - 8: Confirmation #24  
CHIC 2015 Fundraiser - People to People Auction,  
Peterson Hall (12 PM)  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins/Move clocks ahead one hour**
  - 9: Career Connections (7 PM)
  - 10: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)  
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)  
Trustees and CE Board meetings (7 PM)
  - 12: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)
  - 15: Confirmation #25  
Pacesetters Lunch (12 PM)  
**Manna orders due**  
**Articles for April Messenger due**
  - 17: **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)
  - 18: Family Night – Minute to Win It Game (6–7:30 PM)
  - 19: Church Board meeting (7 PM)
  - 20: *Spring Begins*
  - 22: No Confirmation  
SKF meeting, Fireside Room (2 PM)  
Manna orders delivery date
  - 24: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)  
Miriam Circle Program and Luncheon, Peterson Hall (11 AM)
  - 26: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)
  - 27: Noah's Ark Donuts with Dad, Peterson Hall (11 AM-12 PM)
  - 27 – 28: Neighborhood Visitation
  - 29: Confirmation #26
  - 31: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)
- VBS is July 27-31** and we need your pocket protectors and slide rulers ready for SonSpark Labs where the kids will be working on the equation: GP4<sup>U</sup>=J (God's Plan 4U-Jesus).



# March Newsletter 2015

For the month of March the children will focus on...



## Dates to Remember

Thursday, March 12 & Friday, March 13  
~ Reading to the Preschoolers  
(Parent Volunteers)

Happy St. Patrick's Day  
~Tuesday, March 17

Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20  
~Reading to the Preschoolers  
(Church Volunteer)

Friday, March 27  
~Donuts with Dad  
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)

## Upcoming Events-Please mark your calendars!

Spring Break  
Friday, April 3 – Friday, April 10  
School resumes on April 13

Picture Day  
Friday, April 24

Mother's Day Tea  
Friday, May 1  
10:45-12:00

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Monday, May 11  
No School

Preschool Graduation Celebration  
*All students participate in graduation*  
Friday, May 29



Colors- Green & Yellow  
Shapes- Diamond & Square  
Science- Making Green play dough  
~Dr. Seuss  
~Easter



## Early Bird Registration:

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. If you register your child during the month of March and April you will receive 10% of your child's monthly tuition for the 2015-2016 school year. Please see Mrs. Palazzolo for information.

## **A note of Thanks!**

Thank you....

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

~Pastor Zach for sharing his wonderful stories.

~to our room helpers during our Valentine's Day Party. We truly appreciate all of your help!

~to all of our wonderful bakers and families for supporting our Jump Zone Fundraiser! We had a blast!

Mrs. Palazzolo's class will focus on  
Letters Yy, Pp, Zz, Xx & Qq  
and numbers 0-15

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier's class will focus on  
letters Pp, Qq & Rr  
and numbers 0-13

A NOTE FROM...

Mrs. Palazzolo

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Let's hope that spring is almost here! It has been quite a winter!

During the next few months, preschool will be a very busy place! We have many fun family gatherings coming up! Please mark your calendars.

During the month of March, we will focus on the letters Yy, Pp, Zz, Xx and Qq. At the end of March, we will have covered the entire alphabet! For the rest of the school year, beginning in April, our Pre-K children will be working on a letter a day as a review of what we have learned this year.

At home please continue to work on letter recognition & sounds; this will help with reading readiness and please continue to work on number recognition 0-20+. Also, please continue to work on printing the alphabet and numbers, with reminding your child to print from the top to the bottom. The children have been doing a wonderful job with number recognition and alphabet sounds.

Parent Conferences are coming up in May, but if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me!

Thank you,

Mrs. Palazzolo



A NOTE FROM...

Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It hardly seems that seven months of preschool have already passed! The time has gone by so quickly.

Spring is hopefully on its way! It is difficult to believe that spring is on its way with all of this cold weather we are still having! Before long we will begin to see the buds on the trees and the flowers blooming.

For the month of March, we will focus on the letters Pp, Qq & Rr and reviewing the letters Aa - Oo. We are working on number concepts 1-13 and will be able to count 1 to 25.

Please continue to review these letters and numbers at home with your child.

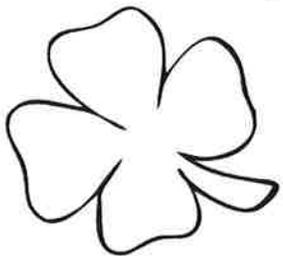
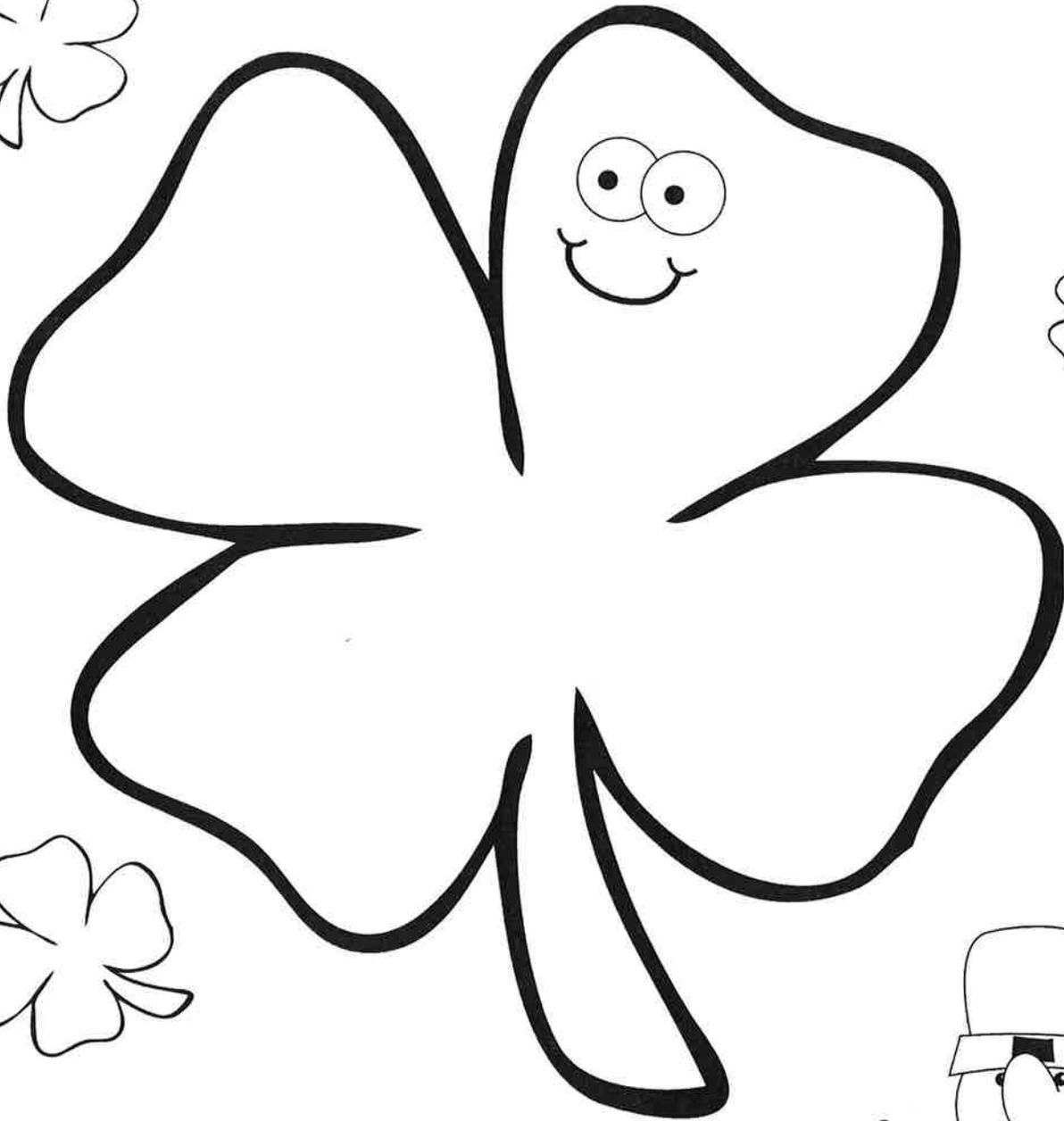
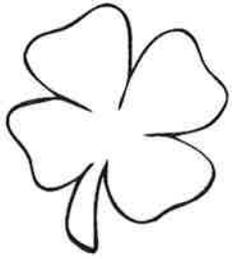
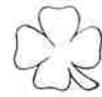
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amanda and Mrs. Dryier

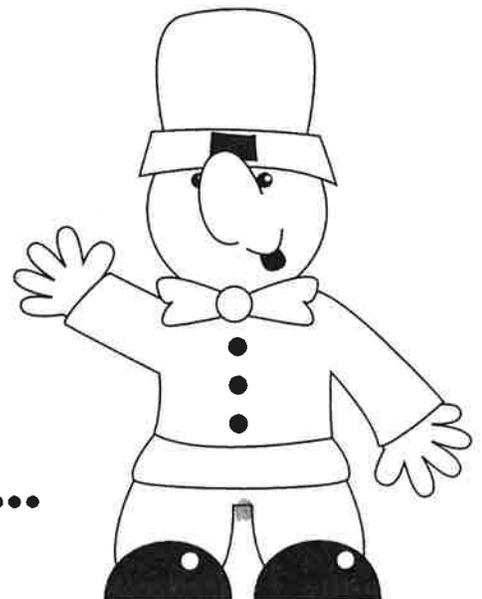


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**Green, green, I see green!**

**If I were a Leprechaun, I would...**



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**Articles for April Messenger are  
due March 15**