

Newsletter of
**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
COVENANT CHURCH**

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March

Ushers

Matt Mateer – Captain
Jon-Anders Mateer
Jay Hanson
Emmanuel Ajide

Greeters

4 Pat Anderson, Gloria Vitro
11 Gary & Linda Kozak, Paul
18 Mike & Jen Davies, Jake, Moira, Aven
25 John & Lorraine Weszely

Nursery

4 Heidi Weszely
11 Pam Polcar, Madeline Ford
18 Carol Byland, Elizabeth Byland
25 Lorraine Weszely, Shannon Lee

Counters

Paula Cassady
Kelly Bradbury
John Weszely

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 2018

Sharing "Argentine Mate" with Pastor Mark

- In light of the difficult nature of life, we sometimes forget our roots.
- In light of recent tragic events, we sometimes forget who made our world, and who is still in control.
- In light of the despair we see, and our inability to "fix" things, we sometimes forget that our Lord is the most powerful being in the universe.

I believe those three statements stem from our own lack. We want to "fix" what is wrong both in our personal lives, our extended family relationships, our day-to-day living, and the travails of our fallen world. We want to do this fixing with our own strength. We come by this admirable confidence; dare I say a false confidence, due to our pride. It is pride in our ability to provide for our families. It is pride that we are "all that, and a bag of chips," in our jobs! We are the proverbial "cat's meow!" No one is quite as gifted as we are!

Do not misunderstand my comments. It is good to be a self-starter. It is good to be a take charge person. To be a person with "stick-to-it-ness" and indefatigable stamina! BUT, when we think we have reached our pinnacle of prowess on our own;

- 1- It is to deny the part that our mentors and educators have had in our lives.
- 2- It is to deny what our parents have done in our lives.
- 3- It is to deny our siblings their rightful place in our success, or in our exploits.
- 4- It is to deny the participation of friends and colleagues in our shared life paths.

And the sad fact is that sometimes the LAST one we think of to have anything to do with us, is our Father in heaven. He is the one who formed us and knew us in the womb. (Jeremiah 1:5) He is the one who has walked with us all our lives! His Son, Jesus, redeemed us from the pit (hell). Jesus sets a new course of vitality and joy. Jesus brings whole new meaning to our existence. AND He leaves us the Holy Spirit in order that we might never be alone, (Deuteronomy 31:6, Hebrews 13:5b) in order that we can feel the presence of the Triune God every day of our earthly lives. We go to this proverbial well, and get our sustenance. This is truly our rootedness. This is our key in success, harmony with others, our vision and passion in ministry and the ability to "fix" things. (Hebrews 13:6) Above all, our key to JOY in life is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a joy that we can all have!

Beloved of Trinity Covenant in Oak Lawn: For 2018...Let's get: "Back to Basics!" Let's fall in love with Jesus all over again! Suddenly, I feel the familiar refrain of Ralph Carmichael's song of 1964 wafting into my consciousness:

Till by faith I met Him face to face
And I felt the wonder of His grace,
Then I knew that He was more than just
A God who didn't care
Who lived a way up there and
Now He walks beside me day by day,
Ever watching o'er me lest I stray,
Helping me to find the narrow way,
He's Everything to me.

God Be Praise!
Pastor Mark



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.



Youth Group Corner

On Sunday, March 18, from 3-5 P.M., mark your calendar for the next Youth Group event (ages K through 6th Grade). Look for details to come in upcoming bulletins, or on Trinity's website: www.trinitycovoaklawn.org.

Save the dates for Youth Group meetings from now until summer on the following Sundays from 3-5 P.M.:

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

Adult Sunday School



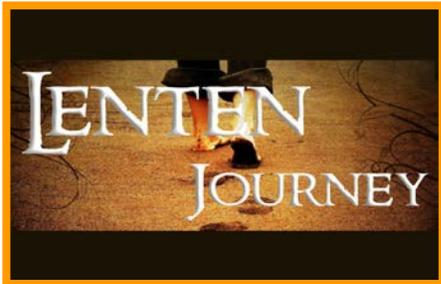
Dr. Troy Martin will be returning to teach our March class. His topic will be on "Law and Emotion in the Bible and Our Society". Join us for this interesting topic and discussion at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room.

Family Event

All are welcome for a time of fellowship, organ music and pizza! Beggar's Pizza (formerly known as Pizza & Pipes), 3524 Ridge Road, Lansing, IL 60438.

Request a song and sing-a-long!
Friday, March 9, 7 P.M.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 7 to Kellie Lee 773-979-3597 or email: pgLKL99@comcast.net.



Lenten Journey

Pastor Mark's new class takes a look deeper into a centering prayer life, a contemplative life, if you will. The class starts with a light meal at 6 P.M. on Wednesday evenings followed by class from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. The Lenten Journey will run through March 28.

Pastor Mark explains, "I feel that this time of year perfectly pairs Lent with a contemplative and meditative prayer life. As we look at the three-pronged life: 1) **Outward** extension of the Gospel, 2) Going outward, **Together** as a body, and 3) The **Inward** Journey, this 6 week class focuses on the inward reflection. Do not be afraid of this journey! Do not think that you cannot be silent and reflective before the Lord! This will bring you closer to Jesus and you will love it! Hope to see you there."

To RSVP for the meal and class, please call the church office at 708-422-5111.



**Join Pastor Mark for
Maundy Thursday Service
March 29, 7 P.M. Fireside Room**

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, altho tipping heavily for our benefit, is planned as we walk together with Him as lead. Yes, our study these months is Rediscovering Jesus – and 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 and message is enough to carry us for now and eternity – so, if you're still with me let me re-direct my usual format of summarizing and/or previewing our current study with thoughts in keeping with this most holy season of the Christian calendar. Jesus does not stand alone. He is The Trinity, The Triune God, the Three in One. We are involved in a more personal relationship with God–Jesus 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 reassured as past, present and future principles of living in keeping with God's will.

- ❖ Praising God – Jesus 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 pardon without admission.
- ❖ Our mission is to plant the seed. God-Jesus will then take over. God-Jesus will allow no increase without man's involvement.
- ❖ We must remember to turn from free-will, stop talking and listen for God's-Jesus' 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.
- ❖ Lean on Him, partner with Him, depend on Him, accept His offer – get to know Him personally not just of Him. Our study is inclusive – God, Jesus, Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Join us – we've His on-going story to tell to the nations!

Trinity – Fireside Room 9:30 AM – 10:45

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!

Ps. 71:18

Pryme Tymers

Join us for our March programs:

Thursday, March 8, 11 A.M

Program: *Jennifer Silks - the Irish Fiddler and Strolling Violinist.* In celebration of St. Patrick's - "Jennifer's Blarney" will entertain with an interactive and fun Irish program bringing a song, a joke and a jig. A raffle prize for a Lucky Leprechaun will be drawn. **WEAR GREEN!**

Entrée: Ham



Thursday, March 22, 11 A.M.

Program: *The Wise Guys.* A fun musical duo brings their humor to today's program.

Entree: Chicken

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.

Maple Fest 2018

Maple Fest is an annual family-friendly event where you can spend a spring day at camp and support Day Camp Scholarships at the same time! Starting at 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 18, at Covenant Harbor you can enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast, take a maple syrup tour, and have fun at the many unique activities around camp.

This day could not happen without many volunteers serving pancakes, parking cars, greeting guests and more throughout the day. Are you willing to give of your time to help this great event? For details and to Sign Up to Volunteer at Maple Fest at covenantharbor.org - select volunteer shift(s) and location(s) that work best for you. (Please don't sign up kids under age 10, but instead email Brad Augustson with their name and age so we can be ready for your family to volunteer!)

Maple Fest is also a great chance to share camp with others. Invite your family and friends to join you in experiencing a day at Covenant Harbor together

We hope to see you on Sunday, March 18!

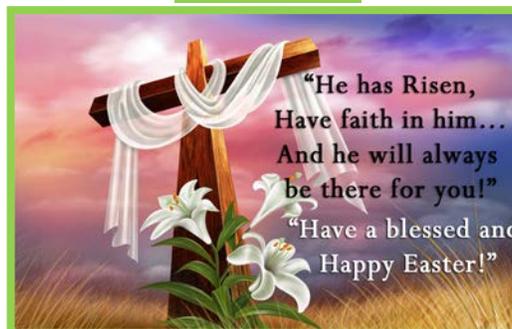


DON'T FORGET - SPRING FORWARD
ON MARCH 11



Saturday, March 17

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14	15	16	
18	19		21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	31

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:

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

7: Lenten Journey: Light supper (6 PM); Class (6:30-8 PM)

8: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

9: Family Event–Beggar's Pizza, 3524 Ridge Rd, Lansing, (7 PM)

11: **Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward**

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

14: Lenten Journey: Light supper (6 PM); Class (6:30-8 PM)

16: Noah's Ark Preschool – Easter Bunny (9:30 AM)

17: **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

18: Youth Group, Peterson Hall (3-5 PM)
Articles for April Messenger due

20: **1st Day of Spring**
Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

21: Lenten Journey: Light supper (6 PM); Class (6:30-8 PM)

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

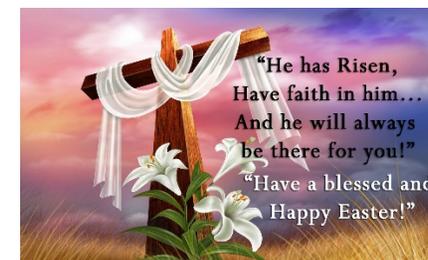
25: **Palm Sunday**

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

28: Lenten Journey: Light supper (6 PM); Class (6:30-8 PM)

29: Maundy Thursday Service, Fireside Room (7 PM)

Easter Sunday, April 1





March News



Picture Day Friday March 2nd

Turn in Chocolate Forms ASAP

Reminders

**Easter Bunny Visits
Preschool! March 16th
Attendance only for kids
that are coming to the
field trip 9:30 A.M.**

A Peek at Our Weeks:

**NO SCHOOL MARCH 5TH Pulaski Day
Dr. Seuss Week 6th-9th
St. Patrick's Day 12th -16th
Easter Crafts 19th-22nd
Spring Break March 23rd-
April 2nd**

Upcoming Events:

Parents day at preschool Friday April 20th info coming soon!

Dr. Seuss Week: Tuesday-Crazy Sock Day, Wednesday-Wacky Wednesday, Thursday- Crazy Hat Day. Friday- Inside Out Day

Little Room News

**Letters Rr.Ss,Tt and Review
Numbers 8 & 9**

**We will continue Shapes and Colors
Throughout the year!**

Colors: Green and Orange

**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 Zz,Xx,Qq
Numbers 24,25,26**

**Colors- Yellow, Green, and Blue
Working on high frequency words**

The, In, To, My, and Me

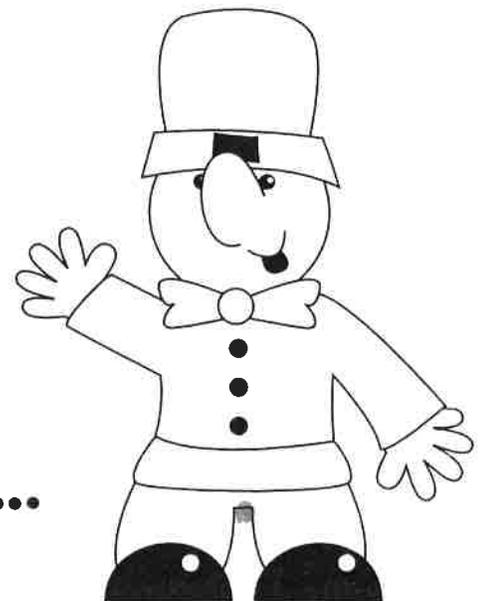
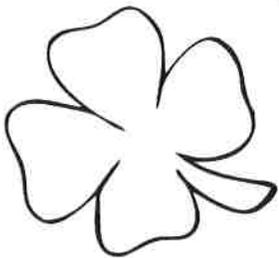
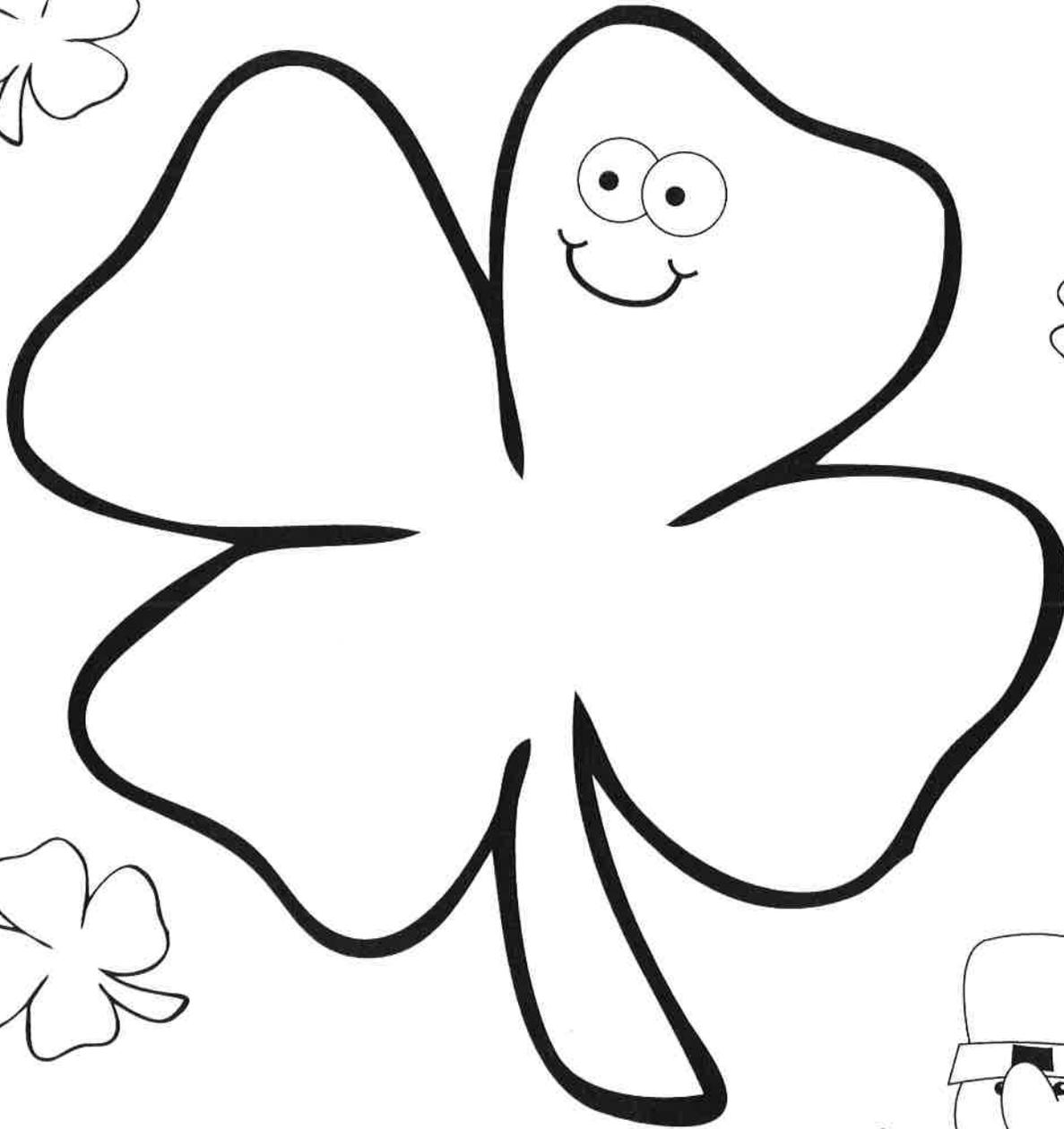
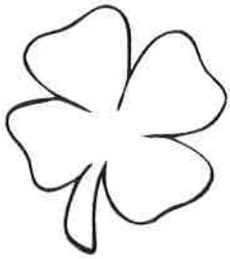
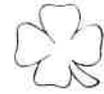
Review of numbers

More or less

Mrs. M

Mrs. Wojcik

March



Green, green, I see green!

If I were a Leprechaun, I would...



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