

May

Ushers

Phil Cavallone - Captain
Chuck Havel
Pam Polcar
Joyce Gorney

Greeters

3 Kristine Schroeder, Pat Petersen
10 Pam Romano, Rita Grijalva
17 Bill & Ginny Almer
24 Palazzolo Family
31 Gloria Vitro, Virginia Fulton

Nursery

3 Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos
10 Matt Panush, Geoff Panush (Mother's Day)
17 Sandy Hutchinson, Nancy Mondry
24 Pam Romano, Danielle Khan
31 Pat Petersen, Rita Grijalva

Counters

Jen Davies
Dennis Parney
Greg Goetz

Birthdays

1 Edie Fornell
1 Lisa Grijalva
3 Margie Morrissey
3 Doris Wallace
4 Pat Petersen
5 Gordon Engstrom
6 Megan McShane
8 Diana Eigenbauer
8 Dawn Ferrell
8 Robert Weszely
12 Amy Schwellenbach
15 Desiree Hall
16 Lorraine Sorensen
24 Paul Kozak
24 Joyce Olson
25 Denise Sullivan
27 Natalie Hjelmberg
28 Tom Sullivan
30 Laura Richerme

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

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

Did you know one of the reasons we're experimenting with flip-flopping the Sunday School and Worship times is so that we all might have the opportunity to worship together as a family? Another plus is that it allows us to model for our children the importance of Christian Formation. When we come home from church and ask them what they learned in Sunday School, they'll be able to ask us what did we learn in Sunday School. How cool is that? I hope and pray that you choose to participate not just in the 10 A.M. Worship, but also the 11:15 A.M. Sunday School. **Did you know** Rev. Dr. Carol Noren from North Park Theological Seminary will be teaching one of the Sunday School classes on the topic of the lectionary texts of the month during the month of May?

Did you know that Rich Hood will be offering a second adult option "Freedom: Breaking the Chains that Bind You"? Rich's class will be meeting in the overflow room following worship until May 24.

Did you know over 50 people participated in the Community Bible Reading Experience? I have heard positive comments from many of the participants. I'll be asking some of them to share their reading experience during our Sunday morning worship services.

Did you know that Confirmation Sunday is May 3? The Service of Confirmation will take place during the 10 A.M. worship hour. A reception will immediately follow the worship service. There will be no Sunday School on the 3rd.

Did you know Joe Przybylowski is the only Confirmand? Our two first-year students are Jeremy Schroeder and Shannon Lee. I've enjoyed teaching our young people the basic truths of the Christian faith. All three students are exceptionally bright. The future of the church is incredibly promising. Please remember our young people in your prayers.

Speaking of our young people, **did you know** that Ryan Jones, a student at North Park University, is currently working with our Youth Group on Sunday mornings and afternoons? Ryan is the son of Scott Jones, our former intern and associate pastor.

Did you know that Ryan will also be helping us out during the week of CHIC? He'll be traveling with our students along with Carol Byland to the University of Tennessee. Last time I checked, over 3,000 high schoolers from across the country have registered for CHIC. CHIC is always an unforgettable and transforming experience for our young people. Thank you again for your generous support through the People-To-People Auction. They wouldn't be going to CHIC without your help and support.

Did you know I will have met with North Park Theological Seminary Director of Interns by the time you read this? We are hopeful to have an intern on board to work with our young people and help me out in my work as a pastor – by August or September 2015. Pray that we find just the right intern for the work we are doing at Trinity.

Did you know we'll also be sending 13 students to Covenant Camps? **Did you know** that daily Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place July 27 through 31? This is two weeks later than usual. Please pay attention to your bulletin in the coming weeks as we'll be recruiting volunteers and materials – all necessary for a successful week of VBS.

Did you know the Pryme Tymers will be hosting their 6th Annual Fashion on May 14? The show will include items from Chico's in Orland Park and special formal outfits from your closet, all modeled by volunteers.

Did you know that the new custodian, Joe Michalowicz, started April 6? Be sure to stop by and say hello to Joe. He is a great guy.

Did you know due to a variety of reasons (including the weather), we failed to go door-to-door with our flyers about Trinity on Palm Sunday weekend? I'll admit that's disappointing, but Rich Hood has agreed to champion this cause and we're determined to start knocking on doors some time this month.

Did you know it's not too early to start collecting items for our upcoming Rummage Sale? The Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 26 and 27.

Did you know our pre-schoolers will be graduating the 29th of May? Our dear friend Christina has done a superb job once again. We already have 20 students registered for next year – the most we've ever had so early in the spring.

Did you know that I was recently asked to preach at Covenant Harbor on June 21? A Trinity picnic at the Harbor on Father's Day??? Something to think about.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jim

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Dr. Carol Noren from North Park Theological Seminary will be our month of May teacher. Her subject will be the lectionary texts of the month. **Come join us at our new time, 11:15 A.M.**, in the Fireside Room after the morning worship service.

THOUGHT TO PONDER

"If you have a garden and a library, you should have everything you need."

-Cicero

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. There are many dates available during the spring and summer months. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.



With Sympathy

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Mary and Raymond Almer. Ray entered the life eternal on March 25, 2015, in Florida. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 23, at Harbert Community Church, Harbert, Michigan, at 2 P.M. (EST).

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Ann Wehling who entered the life eternal on Friday, April 3, at the age of 95. Mary Ann was a former member of Trinity and the cousin of Clarence Rosengren. A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 15, at Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Orland Park.



Dear Trinity Church Members and Friends,

Thank you for the Easter lily in remembrance of my mother. The Easter lily signifies rebirth and new beginnings and is aptly fitting because my mother is realizing her new birth and new eternal life while I am experiencing a new season of life without her here on Earth but also in the joy and expectant hope that I will see her again someday. Thank you for the graciousness you have shown to me.



Denise Krueger

Dear Pastor Jim and Trinity friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter lily Pastor delivered to me. We had a nice visit and it was good hearing about all of you and the goings-on there. God bless you all.

Thanks again,
Lois Carlson

A Special Thank You!

Norman and I deeply appreciate the beautiful Easter lily from our Trinity Family, and thank Rhea and Gloria for bringing it to our home and the nice visit.

Easter Blessings to you all,

The Olsons

Thanks to the Deacons for the beautiful Easter lily I received. Thanks also to Pastor Sandberg for his welcome visit.

John Nordstrom

I would just like to say thanks for all your support while I had emergency hip replacement. I feel all of the prayers that I received is why I am doing so well. Also thanks to Pastor for the calls I received. Thanks again and hope to be back sometime in April after I get the doctor's okay.

Clarence Rosengren

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for my mother Carol Carbray. She is midway through her second course of chemotherapy and we have been encouraged by the success of her treatments, her strength and humor as she fights this battle. We feel your support and God's hand as we hold her up through this.

Many thanks again to you all for your continued support and prayers.

With appreciation, Julie Carbray and Family

Thank you Pastor Sandberg and Trinity friends for all your cards and prayers. I really appreciate it. And thank you for remembering my birthday. I love you all.

Joyce Hodo

Covenant Women – Save the Date

Covenant Women Fall Fellowship at Covenant Harbor – one weekend only from September 18 – 20. The cost to stay at the Geneva Bay Centre is \$210. For reservation forms please see Lorraine Weszely. Deadline to register is Sunday, May 24.

Church Chuckle

On a taxidermist's window:
"We really know our stuff."



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

We are allowed the privilege and opportunity to make choices every day as we work through every situation that makes our days. During this season of Pentecost, following the resurrection and ascension, we continue to be ever mindful of our choices based upon His choice to never leave us, to offer the gifts of salvation, forgiveness, trust, abiding love and eternal life to all who acknowledge Him and choose to live according to His will.

Peter's address to his audience resulted in a worldwide harvest of new believers – the first converts to Christianity.

When Jesus ascended to be with His Father He chose to give us The Holy Spirit to reside within us to enable our spiritual growth and continue His mission on Earth then and now!

It's all about choice – free will or God's will.

1. God allows us to make choices.
2. We can choose a narrow gate or a wide gate.
3. We can choose to build on rock or sand.
4. We can choose to be numbered among the sheep or goats.
5. We can choose to serve God or temporal riches.
6. We can choose eternal life or eternal punishment.

Jesus loves us enough to save us – His choice – But, yet does not command nor demand. He loves us enough to give us choice. The choice is ours – the time is now – to live the life he has designed us for and intricately planned for us **or** to continue chasing after the wind.

This story is a case-in-point.

In 1863 Edwin Thomas and his brother John Wilkes won great applause as actors who united their talents in the play about Julius Caesar.

John, who played the assassin in Julius Caesar was the same John who took the role of assassin in Ford's Theater in 1865 when he stole quietly into the box in the Washington Theater and fired the bullet that killed President Lincoln.

The last name of the brothers was Booth –

Edwin Thomas Booth

and

John Wilkes Booth

Edwin's shame drove him into retirement and he might have never returned to the stage had it not been for a twist of fate at a New Jersey train station.

While Edwin waited for his train a young boy, pressed by the crowd, lost his footing and fell between the platform and the slowly moving train. Without hesitation, Edwin grabbed the young boy, pulled him to safety and when all settled the young boy thanked his rescuer, the actor Edwin Thomas Booth.

Edwin did not recognize the young boy until a letter came thanking him stating the life he had saved was the child

of Lincoln – Robert Todd. The letter of thanks came from the Chief Secretary to General Ulysses S. Grant. How ironic – while one brother killed the president the other brother saved his son.

How does one explain – same parents – same profession – same passion – yet one chooses life – the other death.

God allows us to choose – today is the hour – now is the time.

Delight God with the assurance of following His will. We can do no less for ourselves and for Him.

Trinity - Fireside Room – Tuesdays – 9:30 A.M.

Barbara Johnson

Career Connections



As young children, our parents and teachers always said, “there’s no such thing as a stupid question.” In most instances this is true. We should never be afraid to ask a question or pretend we know the answer. Generally, if you don’t know the answer, chances are others around you also don’t know the answer but they too are afraid to ask.

There always seems to be an exception to the rule. The truth is there ARE some dumb and stupid questions or comments a candidate can ask on an interview. In order to alleviate a future embarrassment, “*Interview Rescue*” was the topic of our April 13 meeting presented by Frank Harris.

Lest you think the following scenarios are made up, rest assured they are not and were in a recent Reader’s Digest article. While they are somewhat humorous, they are also useful in highlighting the mistakes that candidates can make that can cost them the job.

REALLY?

- 1) Someone once blew her nose and lined up the used tissue on the table in front of her.
- 2) An individual applied for a customer-service job, and when asked what he might not like about the job, he said, “dealing with people”
- 3) Once an applicant’s friend came in during the interview and asked, “how much longer?”
- 4) Someone ate all the candy from the candy bowl while trying to answer questions.

- 5) Advertising is a tough business which may be why one prospective adman wrote a cover letter boasting, “I am getting to my goal, slowly but surely.”
- 6) A job applicant came in for an interview with a cockatoo on his shoulder.
- 7) There was the candidate who was clipping her fingernails during the interview.
- 8) During an interview, the candidate took a cell phone call and asked the interviewer to leave the office while they talked.

“Frivolous talk provokes a derisive smile; wise speech evokes nothing but respect.” Proverbs 14:3 (MSG)

Denise Krueger

The next Career Connections meeting is May 11, at 7 P.M., in the Fireside Room.

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Kelly Ford and Steve Bradbury who were married at Trinity on Sunday, April 12, 2015.

A Night with Frank Sinatra

Our Pacesetters group is hosting a Dinner/Concert on Saturday, May 9.

We plan to meet at 5 P.M. at the Country House Restaurant, 5400 W. 127th Street, Alsip, for dinner and then proceed to Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights to enjoy –

“A Tribute to Ol’ Blue Eyes and Youth Concerto Winner”
at 7:30 P.M.

Group ticket rate is \$12.00. If you’d like to join us, please reserve with John and Lorraine Weszely, 708-422-8529, by Sunday, May 3.

Golf for Kids – Save the Date

Plan now to join in the Antwan Williams Memorial Golf for Kids Classic on Monday, September 14, 2015. This year’s event will be held at Hawk’s View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. More details and registration will be available in early June at www.covenantharbor.org.

Enjoy a great day of golf with your friends while raising camp scholarships for at-risk kids.

Let's Do Lunch- Every Kid a Camper

Join us on Sunday, May 17, in Peterson Hall after worship service for Let's Do Lunch. Treat yourself to a taco bar, with tortillas, meat, all the toppings, salad and finish it all off with a dessert of brownies. All the kids going to camp will help setup, serve and clean up this event. The proceeds will help our campers experience Christ! A suggested donation is adults \$5, and kids \$3. Thank you for your support – it is truly appreciated. If you are able to join in, please call the church office at 708-422-5111 with your RSVP.



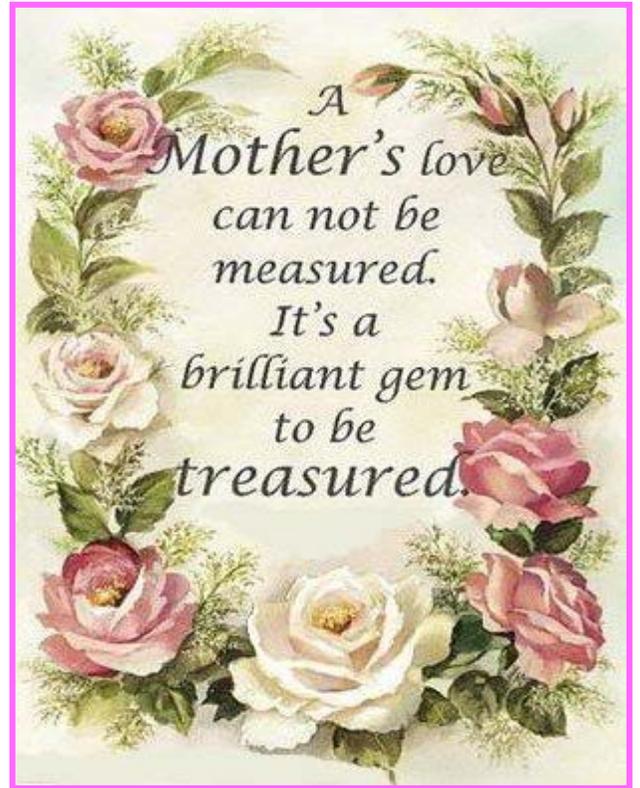
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Karen's home in Illinois is on the market: 9137 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park. If anyone is interested please contact her at the Arizona address or email.



Mary Almer
maryalmer@yahoo.com

Mother's Day is May 10



Pryme Tymers

Here are the programs for May:

May 14, 11 A.M.

Entrée: Beef Stew

Program: The Return of our Bevy of Beauties. The 6th Annual Fashion Show will include items from Chico's in Orland

Park and special formal outfits from your closet. Make your reservation by Friday, May 8.

May 28, 11A.M.

Entrée: Chicken

Program: The Musichorale – a Patriotic Special. Several members from the famous Musichorale will be present to entertain us...AND...honor ALL military families. God Bless America...Wear **Red, White and Blue!** Make your reservation by Friday, May 22.

The cost per meeting is \$7. Don't forget to bring your canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale this year will be on Friday, June 26, 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. and Saturday, June 27, 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 annual fundraiser for Trinity. Clean out all the rooms of your house: closets, drawers, attic, basement, garage areas. This is a great way to declutter your home. You'll be glad you did.

Look for additional information in the Sunday bulletins and next month's Messenger.



Month of May:

May 3	10:00 A.M.	Confirmation Sunday
May 3	6-8 P.M.	Jr./Sr. High Youth Group
May 10	6-8 P.M.	Jr./Sr. High Youth Group
May 17	12:00 P.M.	Let's Do Lunch – Taco Bar
May 20	6-7:30 P.M.	Family Night – End of Year Picnic

Thank you from our Trinity Campers:

Dear Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church,

I went to Covenant Harbor this summer. I had the best time! I played games on the big field, had Time Alone with GOD (TAG) time, swung on the giant tree swing, did the obstacle course and made many bracelets at craft time, my favorite activities are real faith and prime time sessions.

I learned that GOD loves me. I also learned that I can't knock down my wall of sin without God. I need GOD. Camp brought me closer to god by reading the bible, listening to camp messages, and singing the songs. I knew GOD was with me at camp. God is with me now.

Thank you for sending me to camp. I am a better Christian because of my camp experiences.

Love,

Shannon Lee



Dear Trinity church,
Thank you for helping to send me to camp. I had a blast, I stayed in lodge D with other church girls. I stayed for a week. One thing I did at camp was go on the high ropes course. Another thing I did was go to the waterfront. We also had tag time. It means time alone with god, we did it every day. I learned so much about

how much god loves me. I also learned what to thank god for when I pray. I had a lot of fun at camp. I hope I can go back there next year. My cousin will probably go with me next year. It will be a lot of fun.
Love, Maddie Ford.

Dear Trinity Evangelical Covenant church

I was lucky to be able to go to ^{Covenant} ~~Covenant~~ Harbor camp this summer. While at camp I did many fun things like going Bouncing Boating, jumping on the blob, ~~and~~ ^{and} water trampoline. ~~and~~ ^{and} skateboarding. My cabin and I also sang fun songs, went rock climbing and ran around on the big field at game times.

Camp brought me closer to God by becoming more comfortable with praying. We prayed a lot, I felt God then, and I still know that He is with me. I helped my friend decide to let Christ in his heart. Tears were in all of our eyes that night.

~~I~~ I learned how the world was made and how I came to be. I also learned that God loves me for who I am. Thank you for sending me to camp. I am a better Christian because of my time there.

God Loves me,
Justin Lee

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Confirmation Sunday 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings (Starting April 19, 2015)

- 10:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Nursery for Infants
- 11:15 AM Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:15 AM Confirmation

Noah's Ark Preschool - Mon-Fri, 9 AM – 12 PM
(Summer Break May 29 - September 7, 2015)

Career Connections - Monday, May 11, 7 PM

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

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

Notes:

1: Noah's Ark Mother's Day Tea, Peterson Hall (10 AM – 12 PM)

2: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)
VASA meeting, Fireside Room (11 AM)

3: **Confirmation Sunday**
Jr./Sr. Youth Group (6-8 PM)

5: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)
Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)

9: Osobu Graduation Party, Fireside Room (1-5 PM)
Pacesetters Dinner and Concert (5 PM)

10: **Happy Mother's Day**
Jr./Sr. Youth Group (6-8 PM)

11: Career Connections (7 PM)

12: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)
Trustees and CE Board meetings (7 PM)

14: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

17: Let's Do Lunch – Taco Bar, Peterson Hall (12 PM)
Articles for June Messenger due

19: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)

20: Family Night – End of Year Picnic (6-7:30 PM)

21: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

25: **Memorial Day** – Noah's Ark Closed

26: Women's Bible Study (9:30 AM)

28: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

29: Noah's Ark Preschool Last Day and Graduation (9:45 AM-12 PM)



Noah's Ark Preschool

May 2015 Newsletter



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

Colors- Review

Shapes- Review

Science-Flowers and Insects

Dates to Remember

Mother's Day Tea
Friday, May 1

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, May 11
No School

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25
No school



Last Day of Preschool & Graduation Celebration
All students participate in graduation-
Friday, May 29
9:45-12:00
More Info to Come



Great Expectations

It's time to say, "Good-bye."
Our year has come to an end.

I've made more cherished memories
and many more new friends.

I've watched your children learn and grow
and change from day to day.

I hope that all the things we've done
Have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories

We send them out the door,

With great hope and expectations

For what next year holds in store.

~By Maria Cuellar-Munson

Mrs. Palazzolo & Mrs. Wojcik's class will review letters Qq - Zz, number recognition 0-20 and counting 1-100.

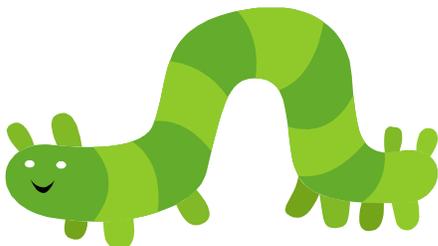
Ms. Amanda & Mrs. Dryier's class will focus on letters Ww - Zz and review past letters and numbers 0-20

A note of Thanks!

Thank you....

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

~to all of our families who have helped sell and purchase the World's Chocolate candy bars! We truly appreciate your generosity and support!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We cannot believe the end of the year is here! We are so proud of each one of the children. It has been a pleasure working with you and your children.

For the month of May, the children will have fun learning about flowers and the many different kinds of insects.

During the month of May, the children in Mrs. Palazzolo and Mrs. Wojcik's room will focus on letters Qq - Zz, review of the entire alphabet and number recognition 0-20 and counting 1-100.

At home, please continue daily with printing practice, letter recognition and sounds and counting.

During the month of May, Ms. Amanda and Mrs. Dryier's room will focus on letters, Ww- Zz and number 0-20. Please continue working on letter and number recognition at home as well.

A very important and special day is coming up for your child. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 29 from 9:45-12:00. Each child at Noah's Ark Preschool participates in graduation. During this month, the children will be preparing for graduation, making crafts and practicing the songs for graduation. More information to come.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Monday, May 11. There is no school. These conferences are optional. The sign-up sheet will be located in your child's classroom near the sign-in/out sheets.

Thank you,

Mrs. Palazzolo, Ms. Amanda, Mrs. Dryier and Mrs. Wojcik



A Note from the Director~

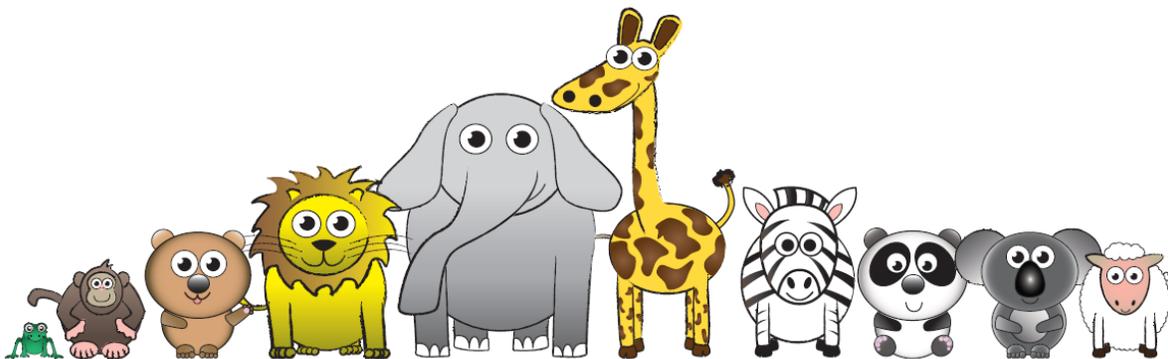
It has been a pleasure working with all the children and meeting their wonderful and supportive families. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's learning and their journey at Noah's Ark Preschool. Each child has made many accomplishments in his or her own way. I am proud of each and every one of them! I will miss every one of their energetic smiles.

I would also like to thank Pastor Jim Sandberg, Pastor Zach Lovig, Mrs. Karen, the members of Trinity Covenant Church, my teachers; Ms. Amanda, Mrs. Dryier, Mrs. Onesto, Mrs. Wojcik and our volunteer readers for all of their support and kindness.

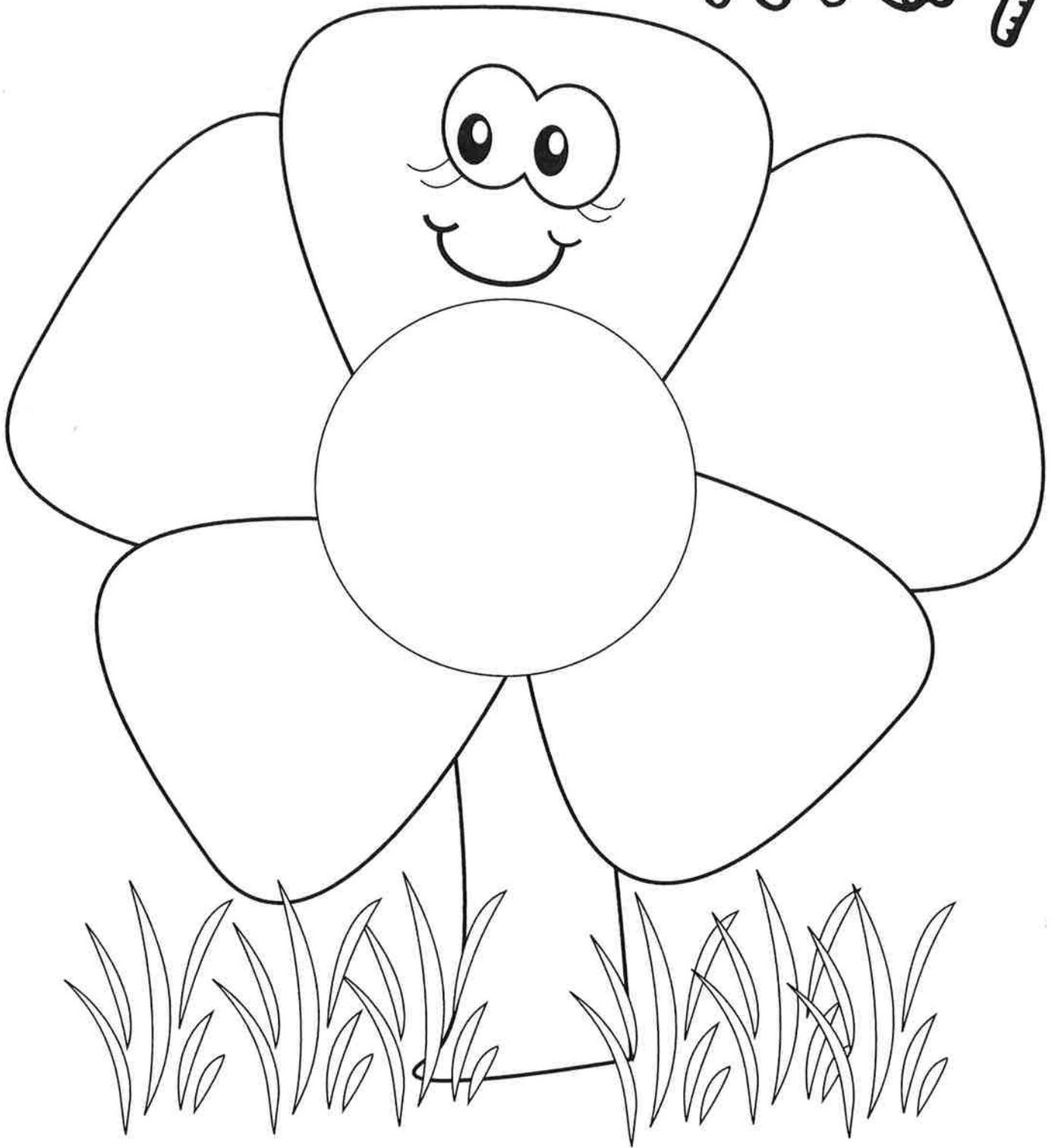
Thank you to all of the parents and families who have supported the preschool and also who have shared their time and talents in our classroom. You have helped make this school year very successful for all of us! God Bless.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

~Mrs. Palazzolo



May



Grow, grow, I am growing!
Now that I'm big I can...



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**Articles for the June
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