

Newsletter of  
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# The Messenger

May 2018

## Sharing "Argentine Mate" with Pastor Mark "Keeping Our Priorities Straight"

As many of you know...my life's theme passage is: Luke 4:17-21... A portion of it (18-19) reads:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

This is the passage of Jesus sharing in the temple from Isaiah 61. As He tells them that HE is the one who fulfills this scripture; the people were amazed and they spoke well of Him.

So this is always reverberating in my head...move forward to just this last Sunday, April the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. I am driving into church and the Lord prompts me...I feel that He says... "You should do an Altar Call this Sunday."

Uh, ok...

Now my initial reaction, since I am new to this congregation is; how often have you done this in the past? A lot, or sometimes, or seldom, or hardly ever? I was not sure. What WAS in my head was the fact that I did not wish to be the impediment or the weak link in the steps by which someone in our congregation, whether a member, regular attender, or a visitor, might have an encounter with the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Some churches do make an opportunity to accept Christ every single Sunday. Others feel that is overkill. I remember, as I stated on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a church like that when I was in Jr. High. I felt sorry for the pastor and thought I should go forward just so that he was not standing there all alone! My own father told me that I should not do that because I was throwing into doubt my initial decision for Christ that I had made years before. It was a good lesson in my assurance of salvation at an early age!

Then the thought flows and progresses and it is just this: we should be about our Lord's business...this is part of the ministering to the whole person, which is what is being addressed in the Isaiah and Lukan texts. We look at the physical needs and respond however we can...we look at oppression and try to eradicate it... then we take a stab at declaring the Glory of God and the year of the Lord's favor. Part of this is to also bring spiritual everlasting salvation to people!

Jesus, at the age of 12, says in Luke 2:49 that he must be in His Father's house and about his father's business...this is it! It is of import that we do everything possible to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. So, in the worship service on Sunday, we make the invitation and two of our number indicate a decision for Christ!!! I am crying tears of joy! This is what it is all about...this is glorious...this brings glory to the Lord. These dear ones will be with us for eternity! Praise God! And this is just the start...eternity does not start when we die...it starts once we are reborn...born again if you will. We must embark on a journey of trust and obedience to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We begin a life of discipleship and we are all involved in this...both on a personal level and as a member of a team that helps teach and disciple others!

Yes! We are a team. We are all involved in this transformation of souls. Let's lose control and let God have it all. When He prompts us... Let's DO it!!!

When one soul comes to Christ, all the angels in heaven rejoice and celebrate! Let's celebrate with them!

*Celebrating with all of you!*  
*Pastor Mark*

### May

#### **Ushers**

Mel Mueller - Captain  
Tom Dorl  
Shannon Lee  
Ken Dorl

#### **Greeters**

6 Pat Petersen, Cathy Gardner  
13 The McShane Family  
20 Matt & Melissa Panush, Dominic, Clara  
27 Gloria Vitro, Carol Latimer

#### **Nursery**

6 Sandy Hutchinson, Kristine Schroeder  
13 Matt Panush, Shannon Lee  
(Mother's Day)  
20 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz  
27 Heidi Weszely

#### **Counters**

Greg Goetz  
Brian Crotty  
Phil Cavallone

#### **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  
15 Desiree Hall  
16 Lorraine Sorensen  
24 Paul Kozak  
24 Joyce Olson  
25 Denise Sullivan  
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.

## 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.



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MAY 6

**Confirmand**  
Maddie Ford

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Students**  
Ariel Kurzweil  
Brooklyn Raines  
Satta Raines

## Adult Sunday School

Elizabeth Pierre, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at North Park Seminary, will be leading our Adult class on May 13 and 20. Elizabeth was featured in The Covenant Companion's March-April 2018 issue writing on "When trauma gets personal".

Here is a brief description of the class:



### God is near the Broken Hearted:

Mental Illness is a reality for many in our country, our world, in our churches. Depression, anxiety, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder(PTSD) are just a few that keep many isolated and afraid. We'll look into scripture about what God has to say about this. God cares and God is near.

Elizabeth will share what we can do to help survivors, a very timely topic for this age.

This will be the first time Elizabeth will be teaching here so give her a warm welcome and attend her class. Join us in the Fireside Room at 11:30 A.M.

## Mother's Day - May 13

### M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" IS FOR THE MILLION THINGS SHE GAVE ME,  
"O" MEANS ONLY THAT SHE'S GROWING OLD,  
"T" IS FOR THE TEARS SHE SHED TO SAVE ME,  
"H" IS FOR HER HEART OF PUREST GOLD;  
"E" IS FOR HER EYES, WITH LOVE-LIGHT SHINING,  
"R" MEANS RIGHT, AND RIGHT SHE'LL ALWAYS BE,  
PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER, THEY SPELL  
"MOTHER,"  
A WORD THAT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.

HOWARD JOHNSON (C. 1915)



## With Sympathy

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Priscilla and Rich Swanson on the death of Priscilla's sister Dorothy Stima who entered the life eternal on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at home in Lake Stevens, Washintgon. A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 14 in Monroe, Washington. Peace be to Dorothy's memory.



## Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful lily delivered to me at Easter. I appreciate all your cards and concern. I am feeling much better now and doing very well.

Joyce Olson

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Dear Trinity family,

Thank you for your cards, thoughts and prayers for my brother Dennis Ryan.

Marcia Lellos

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Priscilla and Richard Swanson wish to thank the "Trinity Family" for all their prayers, cards and concern for Priscilla's sister Dorothy. We greatly appreciated the beautiful plant sent for the service.

## Beverly Breast Cancer Walk

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, join the thousands of supporters of the Little Company of Mary Hospital's Comprehensive Breast Health Center in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk (BBCW). Since 2000 the BBCW has raised more than \$5.5 million to support the Center and impacted the lives of thousands of breast cancer survivors.



All are welcome to this community event held at Ridge Park, 9625 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago. Schedule of Events: 7 AM Registration/T-shirt pickup, 7:45 AM Program Begins, 8 AM Walk Begins. To register, donate and get more information: [www.beverlybreastcancerwalk.org](http://www.beverlybreastcancerwalk.org).

## Congratulations to our Graduates



Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents and best wishes to the graduating students from the class of 2018:

**Allison Cavallone**, daughter of Phil and Lori

Cavallone, granddaughter of Bud and the late Lois Jaderholm, will graduate from Ball State in Muncie, IN on May 5.

**Maddie Ford**, daughter of Kelly and Steve Bradbury, is graduating from Prairie Jr High and will attend Shepard High School in the fall.

**Chris Lellos**, grandson of Marcia and Chuck Lellos, will graduate 8<sup>th</sup> grade and attend Lemont High School.

**Lauryn Lellos**, granddaughter of Marcia and Chuck Lellos, will graduate from Lemont High School and attend college at the University of Nevada.

**Megan McShane**, daughter of Karen and Bill McShane, is graduating from Manteno High School and will attend Michigan State University in the fall with a major in Nursing and Pre-Med.

**Emma Mueller**, granddaughter of Mel & Arline Mueller, will be graduating from North Park University this month. Emma has been a very busy young girl, playing in the Concert Band and also the Orchestra. During the summer she has worked up at Covenant Harbor. She has spent a semester studying in Germany and also in Brazil. Her degree was in International Business. During her senior year she had an internship working with women and young girls who have been involved in domestic violence. After graduation and starting the later part of June, Emma will be working in the Peace Corps in the Philippines.

**Arthur Raines**, son of Susie Raines and grandson of Pete and Carol Raines, will graduate from Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn in May. He will attend Dartmouth College in the Fall.

## Great Expectations!

Best wishes to Katie and Andrew Kreft who are expecting their first child in October. Katie is the daughter of Nancy and Joel Mondry.



## Happy Parent's Days

Noah's Ark Preschool celebrated the preschool's families with a Parent's Day gathering in Peterson Hall on Friday, April 20. The parents made crafts with their children, put together



puzzles and enjoyed delicious treats of donuts, cookies and pretzels. All the families enjoyed a fun and memorable morning together. Thank you to the teachers for a successful event.

## Pryme Tymers

Join us for our May programs:

**Thursday, May 10, 11 A.M**

Program: Kym Frankovelgia – Songs from Movies and Broadway. Kym will entertain us with a lively performance of hit songs from movies and Broadway.

Entrée: Ham



**Thursday, May 24, 11 A.M.**

Program: Sandie Haynes. Sandie is returning to the Pryme Tymers stage with songs of Patriotism so be sure to wear your **RED, WHITE AND BLUE!**



Entrée: 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.



## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

During these five Tuesdays in May we look to a change of menu. We will process a continuing plan of responsibility and broader understanding enlisting spiritual teachings given through word and application of recognized theologians.

We will address a potpourri of adaptabilities considered a "must do list" relevant to spiritual growth.

Our Autumn/Winter study, although not realized at the time, was an introduction to our recognized pattern of sharing the Good News Gospel but now with a different approach. The winter soil was being readied for this lush time of blooming awakening God's claim of being All powerful, All present and All knowing.

Spiritual passages will substantiate statements of application. No smoke and mirrors, excuses, apologies accepted – why? His message is practical, truthful, never changing, an open invitation – and much more!

Our Tuesdays will often begin with a question and/or statement or story always allowing for discussion. Each message or topic will assure us why we continue to faithfully welcome this time of corporate listening and sharing with plus factors of fellowship.

Our application of the Jesus message is what being connected is all about. Join us each study morning and expect that something good is about to happen. In just one hour plus we offer a bundle – blessings, promises, guarantees, surprises and a huge welcome for everlasting life continuing our heaven on earth – walk with Him.

Experience God in this "bucket" list.

Find yourself in this "every person" list.

Listen and rejoice in the new or rediscover the old – whatever – greet Jesus and delight in His company.

He plans the morning with us and for us.

Trinity – Fireside Room

9:30 – 10:45

Always lunch

Questions – Statements – Reasons for action:

What do you want to be remembered for?

1. Adversity – Burden or Bridge
2. Are you a follower of Jesus?
3. The seven habits of the Godly life
4. God acts on our behalf
5. Do you know this man called Jesus?
6. Thanksgiving every day
7. The dark moments in our lives
8. Fight your battles on your knees
9. The unreasonable will of God
10. Getting ahead of God
11. The consequences of disobedience
12. Are you planning without God?
13. The Bible – more than a book
14. The priority of prayer
15. Listening to God
16. Decisions
17. What is your image of God?
18. What convictions do you hold?
19. How to stay useful throughout life
20. A warning against drifting
21. Where is God on your schedule?
22. I am saved, now what?
23. Being an encourager



## The month of June

Looking ahead as we fast forward:

Always believe that something good is about to happen. As a group of serious believers we forward to June anticipating as Patricia Petersen shares a high interest four week study based upon The Measure of a Church.

Respond to Pat's interest, effort and encouragement by acknowledging good will happen. It's a promise!



### New Address

Diane (Dee) Manthey  
Smith Cross  
10501 Emilie Lane, #2107  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
708-428-6599

### Happy Campers

Please keep our Trinity Campers in your prayers as they head to camp this summer:

<u>Covenant Point</u>		
Elijah and Maurice	Raines	June 17-23
Elijah, Maurice and Satta	Raines	July 8-14
Brooklyn, Elijah and Satta	Raines	July 15-21
Peter and Carol	Raines Family	July 22-28
Susan	Raines Family	July 22-28
Angela	Fratto Family	July 22-28
Elijah and Satta	Raines	Aug. 5-11



### Covenant Harbor

Justin and Shannon	Lee	June 24-July 7
Allyson and Maddie	Ford	July 1-7
Ariel G.	Kurzweil	July 1-7

Please also keep *Megan McShane* in your prayers this summer. For the third year in a row, Megan will be working at Covenant Harbor as a camp counselor. She'll start on June 3 through mid-August and return home for one week before heading off to college at Michigan State University. Let's all give Megan our support.

### Thank you from Affordable Recovery Housing

On Sunday, May 20, John DunLeavy, Director of the shelter that Trinity has been donating clothing and toiletries, will bring a group of 40 residents to attend our church service at 10 A.M. The director is planning to present us with a picture of the residents and testimonies of appreciation for all we are doing.

There will be an opportunity to meet these residents in Peterson Hall following the service. Please plan to join us.

Note: Our regular Adult Sunday School class will meet as usual in the Fireside Room after worship.



Please join us in celebration  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*Sandy and Bill Hutchinson*  
Sunday, June 3 after worship  
Peterson Hall

Refreshments and cake will be served

### Memorial Day - May 28



### Serving Committee May 2018 through April 2019

Please be sure check this issue for the new Serving Committee list that starts May 2018 through April 2019. For your convenience, the new list is also posted in the kitchen and there are extra copies in the office.

**Noah's Ark Preschool  
Graduation  
Wednesday, May 30 10 A.M.**

**CHIC  
July 15 - 20  
Knoxville, Tennessee**

**SAVE THE DATES  
VBS is just around the corner  
July 30 - August 3**

# Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church

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To: Serving Committee Members

Please post the newly formed Serving Committee list from May 2018 to April 2019 on your refrigerator or wherever else you post important lists. The names of the co-chairs for each of the committees appear with a star.

Co-chairs will be notified 2 weeks prior to the event which committee will be serving. It will be the co-chairs' responsibility to contact the other members of their committee. Chairs will also be responsible for letting the church custodian know of your set-up needs. **If any member on the list cannot serve on the committee event , they are responsible to find someone to take their place.**

Each committee will be asked to serve at one and no more than two events over the course of a calendar year.

## **Checklist for Serving Committee**

1. Someone must have a church key to open & close church.
2. If Corelle dishes are used, must use dishwasher. Directions on dishwasher.
3. Screens in sinks are to be used at ALL TIMES.
4. Make sure dishwasher is turned off, all ovens and burners are off, refrigerator & freezer doors closed, church lights and fans off, and all church doors are locked when leaving.

If a problem develops please contact Joe(custodian) or a trustee.

Please note a copy of the Serving Committees is on the other side of this sheet.

Thank you to all committees!

**SERVING COMMITTEES MAY 1, 2018 to APRIL 2019**

**CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE – MAY 6, 2018**

(Cake and coffee)

**Carol & Jim Byland\***

**Jim & Carol Strickland\***

Matt & Melissa Panush

Dave & Arlene Sladek

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM –  
DECEMBER 2018**

(Cookies)

**Kelly & Steve Bradbury\***

**Pat Petersen\***

Kellie & Pat Lee

Priscilla & Richard Swanson

Phil & Lori Cavallone

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPER – AUGUST 2, 2018**

**John & Lorraine Weszely\***

**Kay Shannon\***

Bill & Karen McShane

Jen & Mike Davies

Dawn & Jay Hanson

Chuck Havel & Pam Polcar

Heidi Weszely

Kristine Schroeder

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – DECEMBER 2018**

(Chi Tung)

**Pat & Tom Klutcharch\***

**Marcia & Chuck Lellos\***

Carol & Pete Raines

Susie Raines

Cathy Gardner

Kevin McGrath

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

(Chicken/Pot Luck?)

**Linda & Gary Kozak\***

**Nancy & Joel Mondry\***

Sandra & Bill Hutchinson

Royce & Donna Swanberg

Judy Kurzweil

Greg & Janice Goetz

John & Joyce Gorney

**SUBSTITUTES**

Laura Suddoth

Pam Romano

# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27		29	30	31		

## On-going Ministry

### Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

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

11:15 AM 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 11 AM

## Notes:

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

6: **Confirmation Sunday**

**Note:** No Youth Group or Adult Sunday School

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

10: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

13: *Happy Mother's Day*

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

17: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

20: Articles for June Messenger due

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

24: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

28: **Memorial Day**

30: Noah's Ark Preschool Graduation (10 AM)

31: Noah's Ark Preschool summer break begins  
(school resumes Tuesday, September 4)

## New this year:

Noah's Ark Preschool will start Summer Camp the weeks of June 18, 25, July 9, 16, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 12 PM. To register, contact Ms. Amanda at 708-969-3481.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 30 – AUGUST 3**





# May News



**GRADUATION May 30th**

## Reminders

Summer Camp Info Coming soon!

Please make Sure ALL early registration papers are in!

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Wear your fav football team

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Wear your fav baseball team

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** - Wear your fav basketball team

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Wear your fav sport day!

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Wear a sports hat!

## A Peek at Our Weeks

**May 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May Flowers**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Bugs**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Week**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Practice**

## Upcoming Events

**GRADUATION!!!!!!**

All forms must be turned into Ms. Amanda

This is a catered EVENT

Please be creative! Be a SUPERHERO!!!

## Ms. Amanda

Letters- W,X,Y,Z

Numbers 9&10

Continue shapes and colors

Colors Green and Pink

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Ms. Amanda

708-969-3481

**Have a Great summer!**

**NO SCHOOL**

**MAY 28<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Graduation**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> Summer Break Begins**

This may be strange but, oh, how true !

Isn't it strange how a 20-dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you 're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but.... we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but... they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

IT'S STRANGE ISN'T IT?

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**Reverend Mark Westlind**

*Interim Pastor*

**Stuart Seale**

*Director of Music and Worship, Pianist*

**Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male**

*Organists*

**Amanda Fulton**

*Director – Noah's Ark Preschool*

**Karen Christakos**

*Secretary*

**Joe Michalowicz**

*Custodian*

Articles for the  
June Messenger  
are due May 13