

Newsletter of
**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
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The Messenger

April 2018

Sharing “Argentine Mate” with Pastor Mark

“Counting the Cost”

Lenten Reflection into Easter and beyond....

Our Lenten Journey led us through the 40 days of Lent and readied us for Holy week. We rounded out the last week of March and entered into Holy Week. This year, the very first day of April was Easter. In case you wonder about the fluctuations of Easter every year, it is due to the ties to the Jewish Passover which was also tied to the lunar calendar due to harvests. The key to remember is that Easter falls on the Sunday after the first full moon after the 21st of March each year. You may wonder why Christmas is always the SAME day each year. It is because there was no exact date recorded for the birth of Jesus. There were at least 8 possible dates listed for years. Finally, it was linked to the pagan festival of the sun. The early church leaders felt that there was no incongruence due to switching their praise of the sun to the creator of that same sun! It seems to have been a successful time honored date since there are nowhere near the 1.2 billion followers of Christ within the sun worshipping circles today!

Enough of trivia, although it can be quite informative! I want to return to the Easter theme. It seems fair since we prepare for it for some 40 days and then it is past in a single week. Easter is viewed as the most significant Christian Holy Day of the year. It is truly the redemption of all mankind. Without it, there is no remission of sins. Without it we cannot eliminate blood sacrifices for our salvation. Jesus paid the price of His own blood sacrifice once and for all. Glory to His name for that!

The part that I would like to scrutinize a bit more is the anguish and agony our Lord went through on His way to Calvary. Have you ever wondered, reflected, maybe even pondered why our Lord Jesus is called, “Man of Sorrows?” Even at the gates of Jerusalem on the Palm Sunday of His triumphal entry, He has just finished weeping over Jerusalem. He proceeds to wrestle and weep and even perspires blood. This is true anguish and the depths of despair. His heart is broken. Those He loves flee from Him. Those He loves scourge Him, whip Him, belittle Him, spit upon Him, and even crucify and kill Him. Yes, this is true because He loves and continues to love EVERYONE; those who follow Him and those who do not. It is in His nature. He cannot deny Himself. We all are His children. This kind of unconditional love is found but once in a lifetime; to be sure, once in all of eternity. No one has unconditional love like this except for God. And, it came at great cost to Him.

April

Ushers

Phil Cavallone – Captain
Chuck Havel
Kelly Bradbury
Tom Klutcharch

Greeters

1 Steve & Kelly Bradbury, Madelyn
and Allyson Ford
8 Richard & Priscilla Swanson
15 Grace Viner, Barb Bailey
22 Pam Polcar, Margie Morrisey
29 Joel & Nancy Mondry

Nursery

1 Diana Eigenbauer, Grace Persson
8 Heidi Wieszely
15 Rita Grijalva, Cathy Gardner
22 Melissa Panush,
29 Pat Klutcharch, Marcia Lellos

Counters

Jay Hanson
Carol Byland
Lois Flaws

Birthdays

2 Sandra Hutchinson
3 Svea Agner
3 Mary Faith West
7 Barbara Bailey
8 Arturo Grijalva
9 Thomas Eustace, Jr.
11 Jim Howell
11 Karen Curry
13 Christina Palazzolo
14 Laura McShane
16 Lucy Anne Panush
17 Allyson Ford
18 Joyce Hodo
20 Janice Goetz
21 Cody Hanson
21 Bob Karlson
27 Susan Raines

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

Let's live this year as if we have just found out about this wonderful unconditional love. Let's renew our commitment to Him. Let's realize the truth in one of the most incredible truths of the Bible:

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have ETERNAL life.
(John 3:16 NIV)*

May we be encouraged that the cost of our own discipleship can never match what Jesus went through for us. He has made our yoke easy and our burden light. May we desire the ultimate in victorious living for everyone whom we encounter. I pray for all of us and our boldness to share the greatest story ever told to the whole world.

*In the name of Jesus!
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.



With Sympathy

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Lois Jaderholm who entered the life eternal on Friday, March 16. Lois was the wife of Robert "Bud" Jaderholm and the mother of Lori Cavallone. Services were held on Tuesday, March 20 at Colonial Chapel in Orland Park. Peace be to Lois' memory.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to Marcia Lellos' family on the death of her brother Dennis Ryan, who entered the life eternal on Tuesday, March 13 in Sioux City, Iowa. Services were held on Saturday, March 17 in Iowa. Peace be to Dennis' memory



Thank You

Thank you, dear friends, for the prayers, calls and cards which meant a lot to me during the injury to my leg. It is healing well and I will be finished with therapy soon.

Bruce Sladek

Thank you to all the volunteers for hosting the Lenten suppers for Pastor Mark's 5-week Lenten Journey class. Thank you also to the clean-up and kitchen group for all your help.



Adult Sunday School

On April 8 and 15 Mary Chase-Ziolek, Professor of Health Ministries and Nursing at North Park University and Seminary, will be here teaching on "Faith and Food" and how the food we eat each day connects us intimately with others, creation and God. The class will explore dimensions of faith and food, looking at hospitality, stewardship and justice. This is Mary's first time teaching at Trinity so if you haven't attended the Adult Class before try to join us in welcoming her. This topic may be a first for the Adult Class so don't miss it!

On April 22 Greg Goetz will be back teaching our class and more information will be shared later on his topic.

April 29 we will welcome back Deborah Penny, Associate Director of Contextual and Life Long Learning, North Park Seminary, who will share her experiences co-teaching at Statesville. The article in the Covenant Companion about the writings of inmates and the class she taught is a glimpse into the lives of those incarcerated. Be sure to attend!

Again, join us for what promises to be a very interesting month of subjects and teachers. The class meets in the Fireside Room at 11:30 and goes until 12:15-12:30.

Trinity Update

We now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Or if you just don't want to think about writing out a check each week, consider contributing through Online Giving. The process works much like other websites that automatically debit from your checking or savings account. You can also use a credit or debit card. Matt and I have both established accounts and are now set up for automatic debit each week. You can also make one time donations if you don't want to have a reoccurring debit. If you're unsure about the process or have questions, please talk to me. If you're ready to give it a try, you can access our online giving portal here <http://www.covchurchgiving.com/c-1237-trinity-evangelical-covenant-church-oak-lawn-il.aspx>.

Grace and Peace,
Melissa Panush
Church Chair

Member Highlights

Nate Van Der Male recently obtained his mortgage broker license and is now working with Mortgages for America (www.mortgagesforamerica.org) providing home loan origination services. If you are looking to apply for a loan or refinance your existing home loan, please contact Nate at (815) 228-5101. Nate is a dear friend of Trinity's. He graciously assisted with Trinity's financial audit this year, and has been an integral part of our music worship team for many years. As a thank you to Nate, please consider sharing his information with anyone you know who may be in need of his services.



Youth Group Corner

The Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, April 8 from 3-5 P.M. and have a baseball opening day theme. We'll be playing Home Run Derby and other baseball themed games and activities. We will also meet on April 22 – activities TBD. RSVP to the church office at www.trinitycovoaklawn.org or 708-422-5111.

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

May 20
June 10

Pryme Tymers

Join us for our April programs:

Thursday, April 12, 11 A.M

Program: Musichorale – Songs from their Concert and More!

We welcome again the Musichorale Choir singing excerpts from their Spring concert. Invite a friend or two.

Entrée: Beef Stew



Thursday, April 26, 11 A.M.

Program: Maureen Christine – Songs of Encouragement and Faith. A natural storyteller with a melodious, expressive voice. Relax and enjoy Maureen's interpretations of "great American" standards, romantic ballads and jazz classics.

Entrée: Roast Pork

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.



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study



This month we continue to meet Spring head-on with renewed anticipation as we welcome this time for rediscovering the day by day meanings of the greatest story ever told.

It is no secret what our Tuesday group is actively about. We ponder three very necessary questions giving rise to seeking old and newly discovered truths about Jesus:

1. "Who do people say that I am?"
2. "Who do you say that I am?"
3. "Who do I say that you are?"

We are thankful for Jesus-God revealing Himself to us. His answers are limitless bursting with joys, treasures, an invitation, challenges, newness, obligations, privileges, responsibilities, acceptance, renewal. Boundless – yes!

What a perfect time to further this quest as the earth and all God's creation prepare for renewal giving His children His plan of action set forth for life eternal – new life!

It is no secret what the Three Persons can do, will do, and lovingly does. The time is always right so the time is now. While enjoying the delights God is planning for this April the invitation is ready and open as we look into why he does and continues to do all of "this" for us.

Explore how His message set in motion an impossible set of events never to be followed. He lives. His message lives and is active. His claims are the beginning of a journey that will carry us throughout our lifetime and to life anew.

Find yourself this day in the Gospels walking, talking, and listening to Jesus-God as he is ever present and anxious to welcome you at the Eastern Gate when, once again, renewal will be the exciting new beginning as promised.

As I look to Spring and the future I recall a favorite quotation written in the pages of one of those books I can't offer re-salers yet. As time, events and renewal have given new meaning to this older child of The King I view this quotation as holding dual meaning:

"If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft,
And from thy slender store two loaves alone to thee are left,
Sell one and with the dole
Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul."

Come to the storehouse to buy and receive.

Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:45 Fireside Room Trinity
Bakery-fellowship-study-sharing-and always lunch.

Barbara Johnson



Congratulations Brooklyn Raines!

Thanks for inviting me to teach the class again this year. I always enjoy coming to Trinity and hope your annual business meeting went well.

Carol Noren

New Email

Pat Anderson has a new email address:

cliffandpata@gmail.com



New Phone Number

Linnea Wimpenny
1-651-493-1780

LOCAL SPORTS NEWS
March 2018
Oak Lawn Player on Roster for Tour in Spain

US Club Soccer—a prominent member of the U.S. Soccer Federation and the leading organization developing soccer clubs across America—announced members of the 2018 id² National Selection International Tour will travel to Spain, March 22-April 3, for a multi-faceted experience highlighted by participation in the 18th annual Mediterranean International Cup (MIC).
Brooklyn Raines of Oak Lawn, midfielder with Inter FC, is among the 17 other hand-picked players from around the nation.

The MIC takes place on the northeast coast of Spain at the Costa Brava, featuring the best clubs and national academy teams in the world. In its 17-year history, top teams like Brazil National Selection, FC Barcelona, FC Inter Milan, Liverpool FC, Manchester United, Mexico National Selection and Real Madrid CF have all competed. Lionel Messi, Neymar Jr., Gerard Piqué and other world-renowned stars have taken the MIC pitch.

The id² National Selection earned the top spot in Group L, drawing the following opponents for the initial group stage:

- Trendsetter Hawks FA (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Racing Sarriá CF (Spain)
- Club Daniel Carnevali (Canary Islands)

Recipe for Vanilla Crack

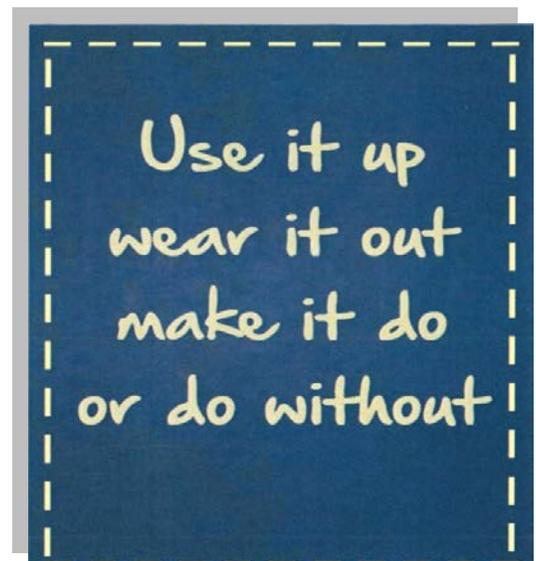


After a February Adult Sunday School class, someone in the class asked me for the recipe for Vanilla Crack, the saltine-based cookie I brought. I'm sending it to the church office in hopes that one way or another it will get to the person(s) who wanted it.

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 t. vanilla extract
- 1/4 t. cinnamon (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts, salted or unsalted saltines

Preheat oven to 350. Line a jelly-roll pan with aluminum foil and grease it. Arrange saltines in rows without any overlap. Put butter, sugar, (optional cinnamon) and vanilla in a saucepan and boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour the resulting syrup over the saltines, and then sprinkle on the nuts. If the nuts were unsalted, sprinkle salt on top of it all. Bake for ten minutes, and let it cool before separating the saltines.

Ginny Almer makes a version with graham crackers instead of saltines, and she uses brown sugar. You may want to check with her.



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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:

1: *Happy Easter*

Note: No Confirmation, Youth Group, Adult Sunday School

3: Noah's Ark Preschool return from Spring break (9 AM)

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

Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)

5: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

8: Youth Group, Peterson Hall (3-5 PM)

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

Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)

Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)

12: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

15: **Articles for April Messenger due**

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

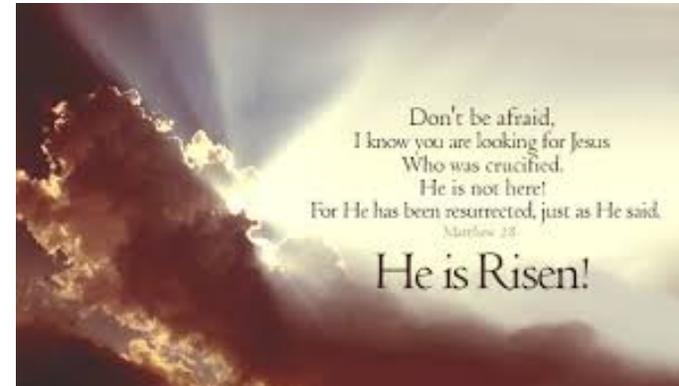
20: Noah's Ark Parents' Day (10:45 AM)

22: Youth Group, Peterson Hall (3-5 PM)

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

26: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)

26 - 28: Celebration 2018 (Central Conference Annual Meeting),
Glen Ellyn Covenant Church





April News



Preschool Graduation Is May 30th

Reminders

Friday April 20th

Parents Day at Preschool

This year we decided to combine
Fathers Day and Mothers Day
here at preschool!
Please send in \$10.00 for the
party and gifts! ASAP

A Peek at Our Weeks

April 3rd-6th- Colors Week

April 9th-12th Farm Animals

April 16th-20th Rainbows

April 23rd-April 27th April

Showers

April 30th- May 4th May Flowers

Upcoming Events

Spring Break Friday March 22nd - April 2nd

Colors Week

April 3rd Wear RED, April 4th Wear BLUE,

April 5th Wear Yellow, April 6th Wear Green.

Little Room News

Letters Uu, Vv, Ww and Review
Numbers 9 & 10

We will continue Shapes and Colors
Throughout the year!

Colors: Purple 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 Qq & Blending Sounds
Review Numbers

Colors- Yellow

Working on high frequency words

The, In, To, My, and Me

Letter Review

More or less

Mrs. M

Mrs. Wojcik

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May Messenger
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