

## Women's Tuesday Bible Study

I am well aware of the perks of gracefully growing older and do not hide my smile as the Jewel cashier asks if I need help transporting groceries to the car or when the young driver motions me on as I walk in front of his car slowly moving to the "other side" or on senior discount days when just a brief look is enough – and so it goes.

After similar kindnesses which take place more frequently now, I am happy to recall past times and bring to date formative years when Bible stories, promises, covenants, hymn sings never varied, were never embellished, remained unabridged and were constant, consistent and much loved.

Where is she going with this, you ask...relate with me and agree or disagree as I work into our Tuesday Bible Study focus for this month. We will naturally center our studies on Lent, Passover, Trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Rather than look for a "new spin" on these happenings I am, once again, eager to relate the Easter Story as found in the New Testament with visual foundations enhanced by the Day of Discovery Team Mark DeHaan and Jimmy DeYoung as they follow Jesus during His fateful then joyful days.

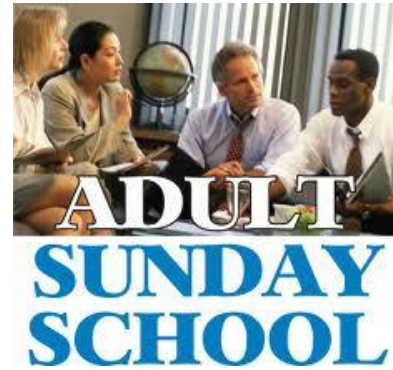
Two and possibly several more reasons for leaning rather heavily on my outlook influence my mind set.

1. My viewing of a 1958 Billy Graham Crusade message on Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN – religious station) on the Easter Story never varied from the gospel message and even five decades later remained strong, necessary and appealing. Graham's sermon and thoughts were not same-old, same-old but new, meaningful, vital and exciting.
2. Our closing worship hymn on March 20, I Love To Tell the Story, words and music written a century ago but today and tomorrow – it is what it is! No new spins or twists.

So this month every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room grow old with us for the best is yet to be.

*"And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long."*

Barbara Johnson



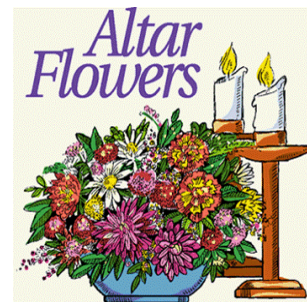
## Adult Sunday School

Please join us at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings in the Fireside Room! Dr. Richard Carlson, North Park Theological Seminary, will be leading the Adult Sunday School class in April. His class will be Roots – Part II (a look at the civil rights movement from a personal experience).



## Envelope for Memorial Easter Flowers

Just a reminder that your envelopes for memorial Easter flowers are due by Palm Sunday, April 17. There are additional envelopes available on the table in the narthex.

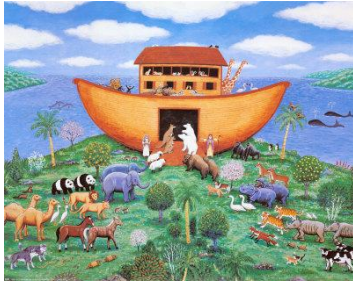


## Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers for 2011 can be found on the table in the narthex. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one please sign up or contact the church office. The cost is \$40 and you are encouraged to take the flowers following the morning worship service.

## Church Chuckle

The baptismal repairs have been postponed for a week because Rev. Cromwell has been feeling under the water.



## Noah's Ark Preschool

We have had so much fun this month celebrating with Dr. Seuss. Every year educators honor his birthday in the month of March. He would have been 98 years old. We are practicing rhyming words and there is no better person than Seuss himself! The kids just love his books! They enjoyed Go Dog Go. We are starting to introduce sight words, so that was an excellent book to use for the word "go." We really enjoyed Green Eggs and Ham and the story line. For those of you who are not familiar with the story, Sam tries to get one of the characters to eat green eggs and ham. He tries everywhere (a boat with a goat, a house with a mouse). You get the idea. He tries everywhere and finally he gives up and tries them and surprises himself! He LIKES them! He will eat them at all the places he suggested. Well, I made scrambled eggs and ham. I showed them to the kids before I added the green food coloring. I just barely added a bit of food coloring. My kids who are good eaters ate them with no problem at all! The kids who are a bit picky, decided they were not going to try them, even though they saw their true colors.

I asked what was the lesson of this book. I was trying to get them to understand that they should try new foods or maybe try foods that they don't enjoy. So I asked who doesn't like liver and onions, lima beans or broccoli? They all tell me that they LIKE them! They were too funny. At least that is what they said!

We had the children make Dr. Seuss' red and white tall hats. I took their pictures holding a pretend green egg and they stood next to the picture of green ham that was posted on the wall. Please, look for their pictures on our preschool classroom doors. They turned out absolutely adorable.

Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday, was celebrated in the preschool. The children were able to choose the color of beads that they wanted. Purple beads mean justice, green stands for faith and gold suggests power. After their beads were on, we worked on their masks. Again, they had the same color choice. They used feathers, sequins and beads to decorate their masks. Once they were dry we put them on long sticks. We had jazz music on and had our own parade. We looked at books and saw all the fancy costumes the people in Trinidad wore in their parades. Some people had such fancy and complicated costumes that the person who wears it, has wheels to help support it! All this is in preparation for the beginning of Lent. We talked about how this is the time when we can be helping others.

We also had a visit from Lucky the Leprechaun. He surprised us with a green cake and gold coins for everyone!

How could someone so small leave us a cake that was so green and big? That really stumped them.

We broke for spring vacation from March 18 - 25. We have packed away all of our winter decorations. Our classroom is definitely taking on a spring look. Now we just need the weather to cooperate. We have made our March lions and have definitely felt the winds of March. We are hoping to make our gentle lambs and feel the warm winds of spring. Look for us hopping down the bunny trail!

Sue Kapala, Preschool Director



## Come Sing With Us!

All of us are blessed by music in worship and those who participate in making music are doubly blessed. Come join us to make music.

Rehearsals will be:

April 10, 17 and 24 at 10:20 A.M.

We will sing on:

April 17 (Palm Sunday)

April 24 (Easter Sunday).

Talk to Carol Raines if you have any questions.



## Trustees Host Spring Work Day

With Easter just around the corner, the Trustees are looking for volunteers to help with our Annual Spring Cleanup inside and outside Trinity on Saturday, April 16, at 9 A.M.

Specific project areas will be assigned. Bring a bucket and a couple of rags. We'll supply the cleaning supplies and water! We should be done by 12. Coffee and...will be provided. See Lorraine Weszely for more information.



## Getting to Know New Members

Pamella Romano was born and raised in Chicago. She attended Prosser Career Academy, Gage Park High School and Morraine Valley Community College.

Pam and her husband Mike live in Hometown. Pam was employed for more than 14 years in health care. She enjoys movies, reading books and spending time with her family and friends. She works out 3-4 times a week at the gym and also enjoys computer games.

Someone she would love to meet would be John Mellencamp (musician and singer). When asked what her most memorable life event was, she answered, "The wedding to my husband Michael and the births of our two children."

Pam started attending Trinity with her son Rich and his wife Tracy. She enjoyed the message and the activities the church offered. She felt at home. Her favorite church memory was the day she became a member of Trinity. Her favorite hymn is *Amazing Grace*.

Pam has helped out (even before joining!) with prep for our Family Nights along with her son, Rich.

## Pryme Tymers

On Thursday, April 14, Pryme Tymers will meet at 11 A.M. to enjoy "Memories of a Broadway Hooper". Straight from "Dancing with the Stars" circa 1940, George Zima will present movie clips of famous Broadway dancers, including Astaire & Rogers. The entrée is ham.

On Thursday, April 28, we will experience a little country guitar music and learn how it influenced the 50's Rock and Roll sound. Jerry Vernon and the Dune Country Band will treat us to a "Hee-Haw", "Rock-a Billy", "Twist & Shout" time! The entrée is chop suey.

Reservations are required and need to be made no later than the Friday before we meet. The fee for the program and lunch is \$6. Remember to bring your items for the Salvation Army food pantry as well.

## Helping Together We Cope

On Sunday, April 3, we will bring tuna and peanut butter to help Together We Cope, a homeless prevention agency in Tinley Park. Please remember to place your items in the narthex. Start searching for bargains on canned soups for our May 1 collection.

## Pacesetters – Save The Date!

Members of Pacesetters will meet in Peterson Hall at noon on Sunday, April 17. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. Dr. Troy Martin will share a devotional, "Jesus On The Road Again - A Journey Experience".

Please plan to attend. Reserve with Tom & Barb Dorl, JoAnn & Vern Bergwall, Barbara Johnson or Linnea Wimpenny.

Barbara and Tom Dorl, Chairs

## Missing Coat

Did you take the wrong coat on Sunday, March 6? Ladies, check your winter coats.

Missing: Woman's black wool mid-length coat without fur or adornments.

Was last seen: Hanging on coat rack on west side of building outside the Sunday school rooms.

The label inside the coat that was left has CMJ marked on it. You may have Julie Przybylowski's coat! She would really like to have her coat back and is hoping you would like yours as well.

## Commit to Knit

This Lent, "Commit to Knit!" is the spiritual practice of volunteers for Christmas at Sea.

Instead of giving up things like coffee, chocolate or even liver, it is suggested you might take on a new routine - knitting.

The Seamen's Church Institute is looking for new knitters. It's a chance to focus and create like Trinity's knitters have been doing for nine years.

It's a chance to do something relaxing while helping the men and women who crew ships around the world.

Trinity's small group has mailed 1,446 items to Christmas at Sea and patterns are available in the office. All you have to do is provide the minutes to knit.

Some knitters find it's impossible to worry while creating. Knitting is meditation. Turn a single strand of yarn into beauty. You may find yourself transformed.

Paige Sato, manager of Christmas at Sea headquarters in New York, said to imagine the yarn as a timeline connecting present knitters to those who have gone before and also to seafarers past and present.

A note from David Splaine, chief engineer of the Sealand Meteor, said his ship was in Gdansk, Poland, at Christmas and the temperature was near freezing.

"The knitted hats and scarves are being well used," Splaine said. "I personally received a Christmas at Sea knitted hat and scarf almost 20 years ago and still wear it at home. It brings me a warm memory every time I put it on."



## Harbor Point Ministries Presents:

On Sunday, April 10, at 5 P.M. you are invited to the Hinsdale Covenant Church, Hinsdale, IL for a time of fellowship, fun, food (finger food, punch and coffee), inspiration from Mark & Terri Reed, information updates on Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point, and opportunity to support the work of our camps. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers during the program. For more information contact [daukerhpm@gmail.com](mailto:daukerhpm@gmail.com) or 262-745-6021.

## Passport to Sweden

Greetings from "Sweden" in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. I am with my daughter, Joan, attending an Elderhostel (now Road Scholar) at Covenant Harbor. We are learning all about our Swedish heritage and being here at camp has brought back many special memories through the years.

I was first here in 1947 and stayed at the old mansion and helped my dad and men from Trinity Church build the lodge/dining room. The big mansion burned down in 1957. We are staying at the Geneva Bay Centre, a lovely retreat center. There are also several new buildings that have been added recently--a gym and activity center and other places to stay.

Rather quiet now but by summer, camp will be packed with kids. We found out that camp has 1,100 feet of lakeshore that has a value of \$38,000 per foot. (WOW) The food has been excellent with many Swedish dishes, served three times a day plus beverages and treats.

Weather has been nice, all the snow is gone but the lake is still frozen with many ice fishermen. We have over 40 in our group and Dr. Charles Peterson from North Park University is leading the program. His wife gave a lovely piano concert featuring Swedish composers and we have enjoyed some Swedish films and lively discussions on politics, culture, immigration to the United States (1 million Swedes out of 4 million left Sweden from 1846-1946 approx. including my parents in the early 1900's) etc.

Wishing you a happy spring -- Arnie Rodstrom

## Harbor Work Day - May 14!

Join Covenanters from around the conference on a work day at Covenant Harbor on Saturday, May 14. To register, call 262-248-3600.

Help get ready for summer camp. Pick up a paint brush, plant some flowers - every little bit helps. You are invited to stay over for free. Overnight accommodations, childcare and meals will be provided.

Work begins at 9 A.M. on Saturday and continues, with breaks, until around 4 P.M. You can also go on Friday

afternoon and work for a few hours as well. Here is a list of chores:

Painting - walls, doors, doorframes, chair railing, bathroom dividers, window frames and more.

Cleaning - wash curtains, shower curtains, vents, mattresses, kick plates, clean out fireplaces, clean carpets and furniture, power wash the exterior.

Gardening - weeding, raking and cleaning up.

Construction - drywall repairs, deck repair, replace door latches and stops, duct work repair, cut new vent in shower doors, screen repair, caulking and more.

## Thought to Ponder

Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything.

Rev. Billy Graham



## Save the Date!

On Saturday, April 23, at 1 P.M., the Children's Theatre of Western Springs will present *Lyle the Crocodile*, based on the books *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* and *The House on East 88<sup>th</sup> Street* by Bernard Waber, adapted by Kevin Kling. Cost is \$3 per adult, \$1 per child.

Invite your family and friends to attend and join us in Peterson Hall for a fun filled afternoon.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rummage Sale

It's time to start your spring cleaning! Hang on to those items and clothes you plan to part with and donate them to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rummage Sale. Watch for more info in the coming months. **The date has been set for May 20-21. Your donated items will be accepted at church starting on Monday, May 16.**

## Kidz Korner

**Jeremy Schroeder** received his Bear Rank at the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. **Connor West** reached the Tiger Rank.

**Anakin Schroeder** reached the Tenderfoot Rank in Boy Scouts which he received at the Green and Gold Banquet.

**Cody Hanson** was pictured with the Oak Lawn Community High School boys bowling team in the Southwest News-Herald. The team recently hosted its end-of-the-year fund-raiser at Palos Lanes.

**Andrew Byland** was on the varsity bowling squad as a sophomore at Richards High School this past season. He finished the year with a 208 average and was selected by the coaches MVP! Congratulations Andrew.

**Elizabeth Byland** wrote a scene for her school play at Sward School and will be starring in the play on May 18.

**Jenna Przybylowski** will be inducted into the Leon Chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society which notes her accomplishments taking advanced Spanish. **Joey Przybylowski** was promoted to Webelos 1. **Thaddeus Przybylowski** was promoted to Webelos 2.

**Lucy Panush** loves to color and draw and this is a new interest of hers that she loves to do every day! She is using markers (mess free of course) and crayons. She can count to 12 and loves to dance!

**Mikey Devine** wanted to give his baby cousin a sticker for going to the doctor. He set it out on the counter for when she returned! However several hours passed and she went home and as Mikey was getting ready for bed he realized he had forgotten to give her the sticker. He came out of his bedroom and said very seriously, "Dear Jesus I forgot to give Zoe her sticker for going to the doctor!"

**Steven McShane's** team scored first place among the Seventh Grade Math Competition.

**Chris McShane** will be graduating on May 7, from Eastern Illinois University.

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We will be highlighting our church youth in this section. Let the church office know by the newsletter deadline what your kids have been up to!

## You Took My Parking Space!

This should wake us up. One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place..."

## The Jelly Bean Prayer

**Red** is for the blood He gave.  
**Green** is for the grass He made.  
**Yellow** is for the sun so bright.  
**Orange** is for the edge of night.  
**Black** is for the sins we made.  
**White** is for the grace He gave.  
**Purple** is for His hour of sorrow.  
**Pink** is for a new tomorrow.  
A handful of jelly beans,  
colorful and sweet is a prayer,  
a promise, a loved one's treat!

**Happy Easter! He Is Risen!**

# **Deadline for May Messenger is Sunday, April 10**

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