

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

We will be celebrating Easter this month, the resurrection of our Lord from the grave. Jesus also resurrected Lazarus from the grave. I hope that all of you find Jesus' resurrection of Lazarus from the dead to be encouraging. You are encouraged to realize that Jesus will also raise you from the dead.

But there is more to Christ's resurrection than raising you from the dead, as important as that is. Jesus' resurrection affects you not only your death, but every day of your life. Why? Through the miracle of Baptism, Jesus has united you to His resurrection. Martin Luther explains how Baptism unites us with Jesus' resurrection: "What does baptism signify? It signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil and, again, a new man daily comes forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever. (*Luther's Small Catechism*, Part III, section IV).

God makes you aware of Christ's resurrection at work in you, not only as an important end-of-life hope, but for strength to live **NOW!** God desires that "the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of His inheritance of the saints" (Ephesians 1:18-20). So as you arise each day and sit in the edge of your bed, struggling to open your physical eyes, ask God to open your spiritual eyes also. Why? So that throughout the day you may understand Christ's resurrection power **AT WORK IN YOU!**

The next time you read stories of Jesus raising the dead, as He raised Lazarus, praise God for His authority over death and for assuring you that, "united" to Him and His resurrection in your Baptism, you also will rise from the dead. Never forget: Jesus' resurrection is not only for the end of your life. Jesus' resurrection is for you **NOW!** Each day, as He wraps you in His gift of faith, God continues to give you Christ's resurrection power to overcome all frustrations, fear, guilt, and the tricks of the devil. "In all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). May you all continue to have a most blessed Easter!!!!

Pastor Jaster

EASTER will be celebrated here at Trinity in the following ways:

THREE LENTEN SERVICES will be held here on
March 30th - "Enlist" - Gideon's call.

April 6th - "Invest" - Jeremiah buys a field in war time.

April 13th - "Finish" - Solomon can't finish what he started. .

Plan on putting yourself before the cross

during these last three weeks of Lent. Take a good look at yourself, then repent. If you do this you will have a most joyful Easter.

SOUP SUPPERS are always a part of our observance of Lent. These Suppers give us an opportunity to fellowship together. The last three Soup suppers will be provided by these individuals:

Mar. 30th Dean & Sharol Kleinschmidt
David & Joy Johnson

Mar. 30th Miriam Davis
Brenda Fishell

April 6th Alan & Travis Hoppes
Ron & Lynette Webber

April 13th Jane Anderson
Joy & Dave Johnson

A TENABRAE SERVICE will be held on Good Friday, April 22nd, at 7:30 in the evening. Note this change in time to 7:30 p.m.; we are doing this so it will be somewhat dark at the end of the Service. A Tenabrae Service gives us an opportunity to meditate on the seven last Words Christ spoke on the cross. This is a very inspiring Service with a rather dramatic closing. All of you are urged to attend this Service, invite your friends to attend with you.

AN EASTER BREAKFAST will be held on Easter Day, April 24th, from 8:00 in the morning until 9:30 in the morning. The ladies of Trinity will be putting this Breakfast on; but they need donations of different items. Please contact Diana Thompson, if you are willing to help with this Breakfast. They will be no cost for this Breakfast, but donations are always appreciated. Invite your friends to attend.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held at 9:00 in the morning on Easter Day. We need donations of Easter candy, and plastic Easter Eggs in which to put our treats. We also need several Easter Baskets to be given out to kids that find a secret message, so please donate these baskets. We need chocolate candy such as eggs or bunnies. If you will be donating, these items must be at Church no later than April 20th, the Wednesday before Easter. We will be putting these items together on April 21st, a Thursday, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

AN EASTER SERVICE OF JOY will be held at 10:00 in the morning on Easter Sunday, April 24th. This is a powerful Service with special music and a very exciting message. Please invite your friends to come and celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the grave.

EASTER LILIES add so much to the beauty of the Church. You are urged to place an Easter Lily in our Church on Easter morning. Please put your name on your lily so you can pick it up after the Service. Let's really fill our Church with many Easter Lilies this year.

A CHOIR also adds so much to our Service on Easter Day. We are asking some more of our members to join our Choir for Easter this year. The Choir rehearses at 5:30 in the evening on Mar. 30th, and on Apr. 6th & 13th. On April 19th, the Choir will be rehearses at 7:00 in the evening. You are urged to add your voice to our Choir this Easter season.

A SEDER MEAL will be held at the Presbyterian Church on April 19th, from 5:30 to 8:30 in the evening. This Meal is the same meal the Children of Israel participated in at the Passover. A Jewish Rabbi will be taking all those who attend through the Seder Meal. There is a cost, Adults \$15.00, Students \$10.00 and Children \$5.00.

NEW MEMBERS will be received at Trinity on the second Sunday in April, the 10th, in our Worship Service. If anyone is interested in joining Trinity, then please let Pastor know. We always have the new people come forward so the congregation can get to know our new people; they also make a profession of their faith. Old members are also encouraged to renew their faith; so if you are interested in doing this, then join the group on April 10th.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of March are

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
2/27	41	\$ 803.00
3/6	55	1,405.00
3/9	28	224.00
3/13	49	1,420.00
3/16	27	119.00
3/20	53	808.00
Avg. Sun. Attend: 49		Total: \$ 4,779.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of March was 58 each Sunday. We went down by 9 each Sunday this year. Our Lenten attendance for the first two weeks last year was 28 each Wednesday. We went down by 1 each Wednesday this year. Our attendance is decreasing every month, I really don't understand why this is happening. Our income during the month of March last year was \$5,797.00; our income this year was \$1,018.00 less than last year. This is a bad trend we are getting into, less attendance and less income. I encourage all of you to pray about this matter. We are thinking about calling a minister, and our income is going down.

A THRIVENT SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP

will be held on April 2nd, a Saturday, at 11:00 in the morning at Tonaquint Park in St. George, Utah. This affair is for all people who have invested with Thrivent. It is a great opportunity to be informed about new programs that Thrivent is offering. It is also a time to get to know more Lutherans who are in Southern Utah. If you need directions on how to get to this Park, then please check the map in our Fellowship Hall. Let's have a good attendance at this event, Pastor and Millie will be attending, so please join us.

LWMLMEETING will be held on April 16th, a Saturday, at 10:00 in the morning. All of the ladies are urged to attend this Meeting. The LWML is a group of women

who are interested in carrying out mission projects at home and overseas. So please attend this important Meeting.

THE TEA LADIES will gather together on April 29th, a Friday, at 1:00 in the afternoon in the home of Diana Thompson. All women are urged to attend this Gathering. There will be devotions, planning activities, and refreshments. If you need directions, then please talk with Diana about this matter.

MAIL BOXES OR SLOTS for the membership is a project the Elders would like to get going. This project entails building slots to put items in for the members of Trinity. The Elders are looking for someone to construct such a project, and to give an estimate how much this would cost. They are thinking about building 50 slots, or mail boxes in the entry way or the Fellowship Hall. If you have any input into this project, then please talk with one of the Elders, John Tews, Carl Dahlia, or Dave Johnson.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

A POEM BY JILL DILLARD

Ode to a rabbit
 Or is it a hare?
 It's work, work, work,
 Doesn't anybody care?
 Hiding eggs, coloring eggs,
 It's just not fair.
 Hey, rabbit, don't complain,
 We know it's true.
 Has anyone heard
 Of rabbit stew?

A THOUGHT BY CARL DAHLIA

There ain't nuthin that'll test your faith like a long sermon on a pretty Sunday.

AN ARTICLE BY SHAROL KLEINSCHMIDT

A SPIRITUAL PARTY

Someone close to me described our Lenten Soup-Suppers & Services as a spiritual party. That seems an unusual description for what is and always has been a somber time leading toward Good Friday and Easter. But, when you think about it, we are gathering together with fellow believers to remember what Christ has done for us! I know of one person who drives 100 miles round trip to be a part of this event each Wednesday. Many of us live much closer.

We are remembering how Christ knew what was coming. He followed His Father's wishes and because of that we are free to celebrate and rejoice!

We have the assurance we will join Him in Heaven when our earthly life is over. That is the greatest reason for having a "Spiritual Party" I can think of.

(Your Invitation)

Host: GOD Reason: SALVATION
Co-ordinator: PASTOR JASTER
Address: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time: 6 PM - SOUP SUPPER
7 PM - WORSHIP
EACH WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER

A THOUGHT BY AUDREY

Say "Good Morning Lord" instead of "Good Lord it's morning."

A FLORIDA COURT MAKES A DECISION:

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After

listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honour, How can you possible dismiss this case?"

The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "but you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

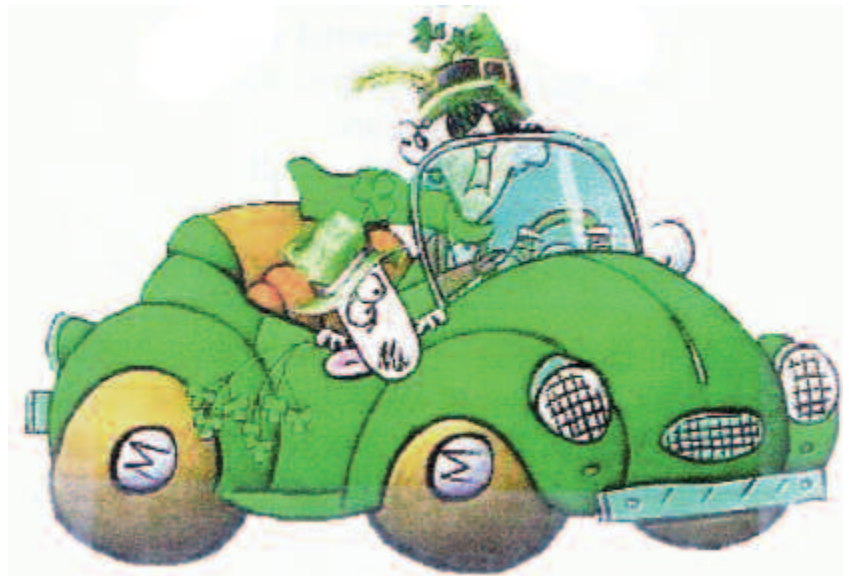
The lawyer said, "Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "the calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.'

Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

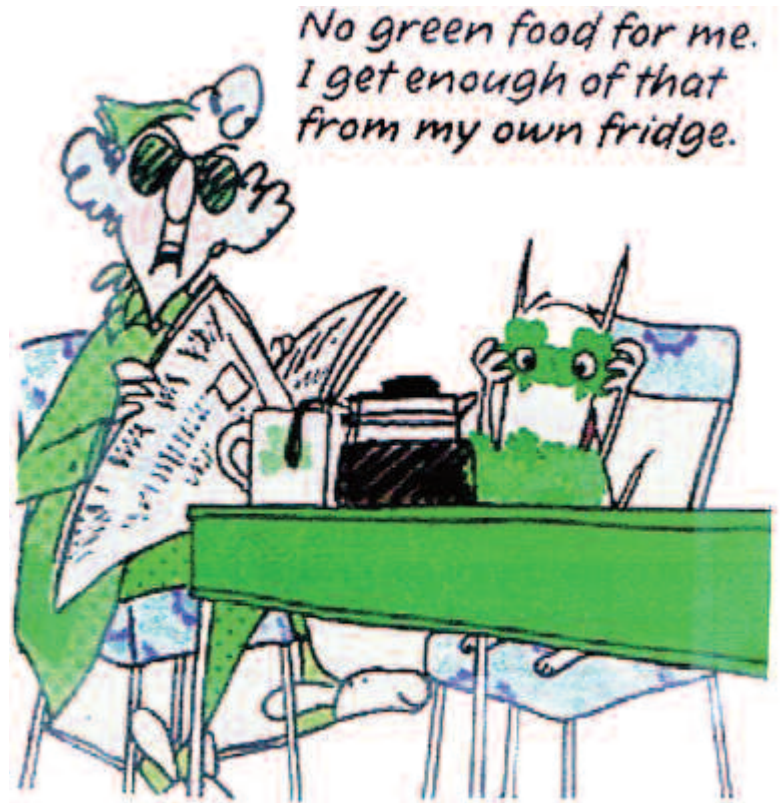
Court is adjourned"; you gotta love a judge that knows his scripture!

**May the wind at your back
not be the result
of the corned beef and cabbage
you had for lunch.**



A WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on May 5th, a Thursday, at 8:00 in the morning at the Heritage Center. This Day of Prayer is being sponsored by the Inter-Faith Group. It will start at 8:00 in the morning, and it will be finished at the very latest at 9:30 in the morning. Dixie Levitt and Pastor Jaster are planning this event. A continental breakfast will be served at no charge to anyone. The ladies of the Cook Book will provide this breakfast. Michael Benson, the President of SUU, will be the guest speaker. A number of people will be offering prayers about many things that concern us. All of you are urged to set aside an hour and half to come to this World Day of Prayer. The theme for this event is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." We will conclude this event by singing that famous hymn.

THE STAIN GLASS PANELS in the windows on the west side of our Church add so much to the beauty of our congregation. Some people have suggested it would be nice if we could get one more Panel for the fifth window. If you are interested in making a donation for this panel, then please let Pastor or Alan Hoppes know. It might be nice to get more Panels for the east side of our Church as well, but that may be in the future.



YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps with a hammer.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.