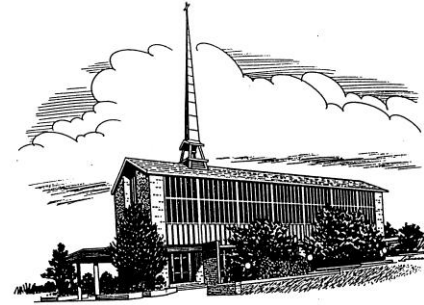


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[NOTE: The following is an excerpt from the pastoral newsletter from Pastor Rolf Preus to the congregations for July/August 2017.]

Fathers: God has made you the head of your home. Your wife didn't elect you and you didn't appoint yourself. This is God's doing. Moses' words to the fathers in Israel (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) and St. Paul's words to the fathers in the New Testament Church (Ephesians 6:4) are crystal clear. It is the father's job to teach God's Word to his children. Clearly, the mother assists in this task and if there is no father she does it by herself. But the Bible teaching is that the father of the home is the spiritual head of the home.

This might sound like a frightening prospect, but it is not. Children are a heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127:8). God gives us children to bless us (Genesis 1:28). There is no greater privilege in life than to bring God's gracious Word into the lives of our children. Check out Luther's Small Catechism. What does it say at the top of each of the six chief parts of Christian doctrine? It says: "As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household." The home is the most influential place in our lives. The school may teach our children things that conflict with our

Christian faith. It would be nice if we went to church every day, but we don't. The home is the place where we are grounded in God's Word.

God is our Father. We fathers do our duty as fathers as we imitate our Father in heaven. He gave. We give. He sacrificed his most precious treasure – his dearly beloved Son – for his church. We sacrifice our wants – whatever they are – for the benefit of our children. And the greatest benefit they can receive from us is God's Word – in the home and in church.

Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, grandmas and grandpas, bring the Word of God into the conversations in your homes. Those who are traveling this summer and are unable to be in church on Sunday morning, have church wherever you are. Read from the Bible, sing a hymn, confess the Creed, read a sermon, and pray the Lord's Prayer. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in buying a volume of my sermons on the Catechism. Jesus tells us that where two or three are gathered together in his name, he is there in the midst of them.

And finally, fathers and mothers need to remember, above all, that we live under the cross. This means we live sheltered by the forgiveness of sins Christ brings to us from his suffering. And we bear our cross. It's not easy to be a parent. At times it's a thankless calling. But God blesses all that we do for his children in his name. The cross of Christ's forgiveness makes our burdens light.

PRESCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who ordered popcorn from our fundraiser. Orders will arrive in April.

Pre-K graduation is Wednesday May 13 at 6:30 PM. We have 12 Pre-K graduates this year! Our last day of school is Friday May 15.

God's Blessings,
Breenna Smith, Director
Trinity Lutheran Preschool

GREETERS: We are in need of Greeters for April, October & December. Please consider helping before each church service. If you have any questions, please contact **KATHY BUMB**.

O SING TO THE LORD

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their milestone birthday/anniversary in FEBRUARY/MARCH

SHARON STEVENS – 94th

DON FEAGLEY – 91st

TERRY & GLENNA REININGA – 52nd

GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING

JEFF SENSMEIER & REBECCA MARVEL – MARCH 28

JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON

ARLENE HARTMAN – FEBRUARY 3

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex of the church. This is where you may sign up to put flowers by the altar during certain times of the year. The first person signing up for a particular date, selects the color and type of flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**, and the Altar Circle will take care of the ordering of the flowers and announcement in the bulletin of the significance of the flowers. When your month approaches that you selected, the member of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions?? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at (812) 477-4078 or cell (812)459-4078.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Thank you to the Boards of **STEWARDSHIP, ELDERS, OUTREACH, EDUCATION & PARISH FELLOWSHIP**, who provided the delicious meals before the Lenten Services.

Thank you to **HAZEL ENGLISH & LINDA RAE KORFF**, who cleaned the globes of the candelabras. And to **CHARLIE & KANDI JACKSON, LINDA RAE KORFF, & HAZEL ENGLISH**, who made a trip to St. Louis to get all the candelabras fixed and cleaned for this Easter Season.

OUR CONFIRMANDS
AUGUSTINE RICHARD GLOWINSKI
GEORGIA RUTH GLOWINSKI
LYDIA SUE CONNER

During the month of February/March, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **ROGER DENNIS, DON & MEVELYN FEAGLEY, TODD KORFF, RICHARD & MARY DENNIS, WAYNE & NEAL WATHEN, AL ARENDT, MARGE DAVID**(Envive-Good Samaritan), and **ALICE KECK**(Heritage room 145)

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Saturday, January 31.....11	
Sunday, February 1.....33	22
Saturday, February 7.....16	
Sunday, February 8.....52	25
Saturday, February 14.....15	
Sunday, February 15.....50	20
Ash Wednesday.....53	
Saturday, February 21.....7	
Sunday, February 22.....58	VOTER'S MEETING
Lent 1.....44	
Saturday, February 28.....10	
Sunday, March 1.....53	25
Lent 2.....36	
Saturday, March 7.....11	
Sunday, March 8.....45	30
Lent 3.....42	
Saturday, March 14.....10	
Sunday, March 15.....49	26
Lent 4.....42	
Saturday, March 21.....12	
Sunday, March 22.....66	24
Lent 5.....54	

WHAT'S COMING UP

NEW ADDRESSES: If you or someone you know from the church has a new address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thanks Trisha

CALENDAR IN THE OFFICE: There is a calendar in the office for all the events that are happening at the church this year. If you know when things are happening during the year, they need to be put on that calendar.

FOR SARAH'S AND ALL SARAH-ELIGIBLE LADIES: The Sarah Bible Class meets on Thursdays at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be Revelation. Fellowship, Coffee and Treats begin at 10:00 AM. All Ladies are invited to attend. Bring a Friend.

LLL MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY: All men of the congregation are invited to join in on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM in the parish hall for breakfast and Bible study. Invite your friends and neighbors.

TECH: Want to learn how to run the video and computer during the services? It is as easy as getting up in the morning. Anyone can do it. If you are interested in learning and would like to help during the services, let **ALAN LETTERMAN** know.

CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAM

We now live stream the Sunday church service on YouTube.
YouTube does not require an account to view.

The YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityLutheranDarmstadt>

LWML INGATHERING: The LWML Indiana District Convention will be held here in Evansville on June 26-28. We are collecting items for the Food Pantry. They need Peanut Butter, Rice, Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti Sauce and for Jacob's Village. They need AA and AAA batteries and puzzles. There is a box in the foyer for these items. Thanks for all your help.

ST PAUL'S QUILTERS: The quilters group at St Paul's is in need of used sheets for their mission quilts. They can use any size, any fabric, white, color or print, flat or fitted sheet. These are used for the back or middle layer of the quilts. If you have any clean used sheets that you are will to donate, please drop them off at the church office.



Can watch on DirectTV Channel 377 Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM

APRIL

April 3– Good Friday

Jesus' Death – Good News

Guest Pastor – Rev. Douglas Punke

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:3; Isaiah 53:5 Readings: Psalm 31; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30 Featured Choir: Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

April 5 - Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Is About Life!

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Sermon Text: Matthew 28:1-10 Readings: Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10
Featured Choirs: St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; LWML Indiana District Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dahlonega, Ga.

April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter

A Living Hope

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Readings: Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
Featured Choirs: St. John Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind; Indiana District LWML Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, Ga.

April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

Opened Eyes

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Sermon Text: Luke 24:35 Readings: Psalm 116:1-14; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35
Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: All Saints Lutheran Church, Blairsville, Ga.

April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Perfect Shepherd

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Sermon Text: John 10:1-10 Readings: Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10
Featured Choirs: LWML Indiana District Choir; Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind. Featured Art and Architecture: Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- | GREG DOWNES | | |
| 2- | SARA SAMFORD | 26- | LISA KECK |
| 4- | MEVELYN FEAGLEY | 27- | NANCY KORFF |
| 8- | MADELINE SIGHTS | 30- | KATHY BUMB
MARK SCHLUMPF |
| 10- | THEODORE GLOWINSKI
TRISHA LETTERMAN | | |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 5- | TIFFANY SCHULTZ
MAKENZIE SIGHTS | 22- | MELODY GANN |
| 7- | CRYSTAL KAHRE | 23- | SUSAN LAUGHBAUM
JANICE STONE |
| 11- | JARROD SIGHTS | 24- | VALERIE EBERHART
NEAL WATHEN |
| 12- | CHRISTA CASHEN | 25- | MARY DENNIS |
| 14- | KENDRA CONNER | 26- | CHARLES JACKSON
MIKE WATHEN |
| 15- | GEORGIA GLOWINSKI | | |
| 18- | RONALD KORFF - 90 | 28- | JANELLE CRADDOCK |