

THE PIPER



APRIL 17, 2022

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Christ
is
Risen!



TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

EASTER

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:15 am Easter Breakfast

10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen

5:30 pm Bells

5:45 pm Zumba

7:30 Zoom Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Soup Pickup

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

5:45 pm Zumba

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 am - Noon Outdoor Workday

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion
YouTube Worship Service Recorded

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Linda Leslie, the Brownson Family

TLC FRIENDS

Rita Shetler, Burnell & Doris Reichart, PJ Brady, Nancy Dana, Aaron, Hugh, Kerry, Fred, Amber, the Ukrainian people, Tricia Herald, Lynne Sanders

After next week all TLC Friends names will be removed.

LAST WEEK FOR SOUPS!!

Soups for Wednesday April 20th

for pickup between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm

Beef Stew with Bacon (DF)

Chicken Barley Soup (DF/GF)

Savory Sausage, Veggie & Gnocchi Soup (DF)

(DF-Dairy Free/GF-Gluten Free)



Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12



Another Outdoor Work Day
will be held on
Saturday, April 23rd
from 8:00 am to Noon

This time the focus will be on weeding,
pruning and mulching flower beds, etc.

Thank you to all who came and helped this past
Saturday. Much was accomplished and all
looks great. If you couldn't come last Saturday,
or came and would like to help again, please
put Saturday, April 23rd on your calendar.



Thanks again to all who helped Saturday, April 9th.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Cameron Porter	3
John Owens	3
Cleo Campbell	4
Erik Orient	4
Rylan Wenrich	5
James Cowan	6
Ava Topper	8
Madeline Baney	9
Isabella Poehner	9
Jenny Wenrich	9
Keith Smith	11
John Waters	11
Anya Brownson	13
Gwen Garbarino	14
Brooke Myers	15
McKenna Stout	17
Elaine Burn	24
Tionni Wenrich	26
Jacob Piper	27
Jean Ross	28
Kristen Terrill	30



Easter Sunday there will be an
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 am after
the 9:15 am Easter Breakfast

Please remember to bring your
own basket or container to
collect the eggs.

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From the Pastor's Desk

April 17, 2022

Dear Beloved of God,

In an article entitled "The Fallacy of Keeping Up," Rick Lawrence, the Executive Director of Vibrant Faith comments on Maintaining a Focus on the Soul:

Several years ago, futurist, theologian, and ministry prophet Dr. Leonard Sweet told me that "keeping up" can be an insidious distraction from focusing on what really matters in ministry. Yes, for example, young people have a "native" relationship with technology and spend huge chunks of their day looking at a screen. But in the latest research report from our friends at Springtide Research [springtideresearch.org], "only 10 percent of young people say they found joy in virtual religious gatherings during the pandemic. The growing hypothesis that young people will engage in their spirituality and faith communities more as these opportunities becoming increasingly virtual does not find support in Springtide's data." Two-thirds of the young people in Springtide's research (67%) disagree (half of them strongly disagreeing) that "a totally online religious/spiritual community could meet all my spiritual needs." The most popular pandemic practice that young people say they'd like to keep doing is "cooking more" (39% support), and the least-popular practice—one they can't wait to abandon—is "virtual church services" (only 6% support).

It may be years before we know the full extent of how the COVID-19 pandemic has influenced daily life for people of all ages.

Of course, the Easter Season reminds us that life is not fair, safe or even just. Life is life and people are people—sinful, broken, selfish! "We are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves" as the confession in the Lutheran Book of Worship notes. The amazing part of the Easter Message for me is that it's into this broken world God comes in the form of the son, Jesus of Nazareth. He comes to submit to the brokenness of this world as the one and only way of overcoming it—not just for himself but for all of us as well!

As St. Luke writes:

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. (24:5-9)

As Rick Lawrence notes above, people are interested in relationships which the pandemic has severely limited. Perhaps it's no wonder since we and all of this world were created by a God of relationships—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One image of the Trinity is that of a dance as the number 3 in the Scripture is a number for action as well as completion. God is an active God, desperately in love with creation and will, as we celebrate on Easter, go to any length to rescue us from our sins that we might be in relationship with God! Talk about Amazing Grace!

Interesting what the current research is showing us about our young people: "After two years of pandemic restrictions and the relational damage inflicted by a divided culture, people—especially young people—are craving high-touch, soul-filling environments." And this is precisely what Easter establishes for communities of faith like us here at Trinity!

Easter Blessings to you and all those with whom you are in relationship—especially Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior!

In his love,

Pastor Ron

Happy Easter

Alleluia!

CHRIST IS RISEN

Easter 2022

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

We say those words with gusto on Easter Sunday. For weeks in Lent we have been refraining from using the word alleluia and have been focused on repentance and mending our sinful ways. When we get to Easter Sunday, we are more than ready to shout, Alleluia! and celebrate with joy the risen life of Jesus.

When we finally get to Easter, I always enjoy the hymn *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* (ELW 364). I don't know if it's the catchy tune or the words that have meant so much to me. It is one of those hymns that could have you tapping your foot—yes, even in church! Perhaps that is part of the reason I love the hymn. Too often, we find ourselves being stoic or reserved in church. We seem to forget the true joy of the story we have been invited into.

The refrain of the hymn says: “Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!”

Friends, Jesus IS living—in you and in me. That is a reason to celebrate. I pray you will find endless joy in the great love poured out for you on the cross; and that your celebration of that love is contagious.

May your celebration of Easter joy last throughout the year.

Alleluia!

+Bishop Paula



OUT OF THE COLD WISH LIST

We have a bin in the narthex for OOTC donations.

OUR SHELTER WISH LIST:

Food/Paper Products

- Grab and go snacks that are individually wrapped (granola bars, cracker packs, nuts, fruit packs, etc)
- Paper plates and cups
- Drink mixes for making lemonade, iced tea, etc.

Clothing

- Winter Jackets
- Gloves
- Insulated Socks
- Beanies

Cleaning Supplies/Toiletries

- Hand soap
- Disinfectant wipes
- Razors and toiletries
- Gift Cards

Gift cards to local grocery in denominations of \$25 or \$50

- Gift Cards to local restaurants in (\$25 and below)

"Pie in the sky" wish list:

- Bike Locks for Shelter Bikes
- Portable Phone Chargers
- Phone Charger Cables
- Bus Tokens
- Rolls of quarters for laundry