



# Triangles

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THE LION HAS  
ROARED —  
WHO WILL NOT  
FEAR?  
THE LORD GOD  
HAS SPOKEN —  
WHO CAN BUT  
PROPHESY?  
(AMOS 3:8)

## Easter Faith is a Tree of Life for Eternity

Trees play a significant role throughout the Bible. One of the more significant and the first mention of trees is the tree of the knowledge of

good and evil that God planted in the center of the Garden of Eden. The fall of man occurred because Adam and Eve failed to follow God's command and ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. By eating, they gained the knowledge of good and evil and became separated from God. A tree led to the downfall of man and another tree, the tree of the cross, led to his salvation.

How interesting it is that the English District has chosen to have a tree, the sycamore tree, as the centerpiece of its logo while the tree upon which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died is a part of the centerpiece we Christians call Easter. As the cross represents our new life of salvation, the sycamore tree represents the life of the English District that began 100 years ago.

The sycamore tree was chosen because its growth symbolizes the growth and development of the District with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The Synod sprang from a strong parent stem of Christian faith, the original German Synod of Missouri, which is symbolized by the stout trunk of the tree. The merging of the German Synod with the English Lutheran Conference of Missouri (now the English District) to form The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is symbolized by the two trunks growing up out of the parent stem and then the intertwining of the branches in the crowns of both trees. Additionally, the sycamore tree symbolizes the mission focus of the District. At the time the tree was chosen to be part of the District logo, sycamore trees grew in every part of the United States where there were "Missouri" congregations.

The anniversary celebration that the District is planning and will formally commemorate on May 15th is important, but not as important as the anniversary that Christians celebrate every Easter Sunday. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over death and our deliverance from the curse of the law. His resurrection is the promise of eternal life in heaven to all who believe in Him. It signifies the end of the separation between man and God after Adam and Eve fell into sin.

A strong faith and belief in our Savior's suffering, death and resurrection is necessary for our salvation. This is long-range planning for the future at its finest. What could possibly be more important than the assurance that at the end of our earthly life we will be spending eternity in heaven with our God?

Join in the celebration of Easter and 100 years of celebrating God's blessings as we continue to serve, connect and grow.

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## Trinity Christian Nursery School's News April 2011

~**TCNS Registration** is well on it way and construction for our preschool expansion is coming!!!! If you know anyone that has a 2, 3, or 4 year old, spread the word about registration!!! It is a very exciting time for us. For more information about our school please visit [www.trinitylutheranvp.com](http://www.trinitylutheranvp.com) or call 630-833-1080.

~**About TCNS:** TCNS is an early childhood program. Our classes include twos, threes, and fours. The children at TCNS learn about God's love. They have weekly chapel, which provides them opportunities to sing, pray, acolyte, interact with Pastor, Mary, and learn the meanings of the stain glass windows in the church. In class, the children learn skills to give them a head start in preparing them for Kindergarten and life. We provide the children with hands on learning activities to teach them religion, math, reading, and writing. We still have a few spots open if you would like to join us for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration for the up coming year is underway.

~**Visitors:** Mr Erik Grant, from Trinity Music Center, will be coming in to sing and dance with the kids a few times this month. He will be featuring popular Christian songs, such as "Our God is an Awesome God."

~We all sing! Last month the children did a wonderful job singing and reciting the Lord's Prayer. Our last singing performance will be on May 1st, in honor of the Easter Season.

~ **Our Second Annual Trike-a-thon:** For the past 2 years we have done a Trike-a-thon to raise money for young children that go to St. Jude Hospital. The families that go to St. Jude have children with cancer. The bills that these families face are huge. That is where we come in. Our students will seek out pledges for the big day. Our goal is that everyone will donate at least \$1. Last year we raised \$1231! This bought a little girl a day of chemotherapy and blood tests. If you would like to pledge a child, please give me a call at 630-833-1080. We will start the event at 9:30 and go until 10:30ish on April 13th and 14th. A portion of the parking lot will be closed for this event. If it rains, we will setup the event inside in the large gym. Mr. Erik Grant, from The Trinity Music Center will be providing live music to cheer us on. Pledges will be due on April 19th.

~**Donations:** TCNS is expanding to a full time school by the fall of 2011, so we are always looking for donations. We are looking for gently used kid's books, old Halloween costumes, and gently used toys. (Please no fast food toys.) We are also looking for your old digital cameras. Our goal is to have a camera for every classroom. We will give donation letters to anyone that would like to use them as a write off. Thank you to everyone who has donated toys so far!

~**Service opportunities:** Due to our upcoming expansion, we will be looking for volunteers to help paint, setup classrooms, move items out of the lower level, and build toys and shelves. If you would like to help out with either opportunities, please contact Heather Grant at 630-833-1080. A time frame for when volunteers will be needed is coming soon; it is looking like the end of July. This project is great for Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and anyone else that is wanting to donate time. Our current Two's Class was set up by a local Girl Scout from our church. They did a beautiful job!

**God's Blessing to all! Heather Grant, TCNS Director**

### Pastor

Rev. Robert A. Rogers

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Roger Pittelko

*Asst. to the Pastor*

Mary Stahlke  
*Kantor*

Judy Bruschuk  
*Youth Director*

Debbie Johnson  
*Parish Nurse*

Margaret Cotterill  
*Secretary*

### Lay Leaders

Dave Heuser  
*Executive Director*

Jeff Blankensop  
*Asst. Executive Director*

Warren Sheridan  
*Treasurer*

Sue Lotter  
*Dir. of Christian Ed.*

Scott Golz  
*Dir. of Church Property*

Jerry Graunke  
*Dir. of Evangelism*

Diane Bruschuk  
*Dir. of Human Care*

Steve Gehrt  
*Dir. of Lay Ministry*

Carol Boettger  
*Dir. of Parish Fellowship*

Matt Thompson  
*Dir. of Stewardship*

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*Dir. of Youth Ministry*

Jill Kelly  
*TCNS Chair*

Heather Grant  
*Dir. of Trinity Christian Preschool*

Jenn Ellsworth  
*Public Relations Dir.*

Kathy Golz  
*Housekeeping*

Marilyn Felz  
*Altar Guild President*

Darla Batjes  
*Dorcas Guild President*

Mary Rinda  
*LWML President*

Erik Grant  
*Director of TMC*

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? JESUS IS THE ANSWER

Board for Evangelism Newsletter: April 2111

A very talented magician once performed a magic trick where he held up an item so that the whole audience could see it. But after a few waves of his hands and some special words, the item disappeared. It was gone! To some, especially, small children, this might seem frightening. They might think, "What power does this man have that he is able to make things vanish!"

It wouldn't surprise us then to learn that the women who went to the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter were frightened by what they did not see. As they went to anoint the body of Jesus, they fully expected to find his body lying in the grave. I'm sure they thought, "Could this be some sort of trick?"

But we know it was no trick. It was a miracle. Jesus, the Son of God, had truly risen from the dead. In doing so, He did what He had promised He would do before He was killed. In rising from the dead, He not only showed His power over death but He proved that everything else He had said and done in His life was true. Do you know what else? Jesus once said that because He has defeated death, we, His brothers and sisters, will live forever with Him in heaven (John 11:25-26).

Just imagine! This is a gift we don't deserve because of our many infractions against God's Law (the 10 commandments). Yet Jesus, true God and man, tells us that we will live forever with Him, and that his is a gift brought to us through faith in Him, In fact, the very reason Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life and then died on the cross was to secure our entrance in heaven! Jesus is our Savior! Alleluia!

Please worship with us EVERY Sunday and remember to join us for the Lenten services as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Oh by the way, please bring a friend!

"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified." Matthew 28:5

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 1-Susan Arquette, Howard Ehlers, Debra Musa, 2-Nicole Cook, Christianna Guido, Aidan Weiner, 5-Debra Furlong, Kady Tyree, 6-Courtney Grote, 7-Bert Denner, Sandra Lopez, Karen Matthews, 9-John Cox, Daniel Johnson, Annalisa Kunde, 10- Paul Esposito, Jr., 11-SandraNicole Lopez 12-Gary Johnson, Lee Seeger 13-Andrew Apuzzo, Anthony Apuzzo, Katelin Magnuson, Grace Finke, Jack Speers, Connor Speers, 14-April Carroll, Connie Graham, Kristi Macholl, Monica Matthews, Sarah Stahlke, 15-Kim Campagan, Bryan Dale, Lowell Pals 16-William Peiler, 17-Grace Cox, Shirley Reese, 18-John Johnson, Casey Tessler, 19-Zac Cochran, Pam Jaras, Matthew Pansera, 20-Gary Buehre, Gregory Bukowski 21-Kelly Wysoglad 23-Ron Boettger, Derek Bruschuk, Julie Cochran, 24-Brian Swane, Mike Torrence 25-Nicole Pennacchio, 6- Bonnie Kleinfall, Elizabeth Klewitz, 27- Michael Meissner 30-Sylvia Rabe, Katherine Wysoglad.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 3-William & Debra Furlong, 5-Micahel & Cathy Oswald, 9-Joe & Michelle Korman, 10-Dave & Debbie Barry 14-Dave & Judy Bruschuk, 16-Rich & Diane Lussow, 19-Mike & Bonnie Nguyen, 21-David & Jamie Jones, 22-Erwin & Grace Finke, Bill & Chris Bennin, 27-Robert & Sylvia Rabe, John & Bonnie Cox.

**Music...****Stations of the Cross**

On Good Friday, April 22, the Jubilate Choir will sing Stations of the Cross at the 7:00 pm worship service. This cantata is a multi-movement work that highlights the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion and death. The congregation will be invited to participate by singing the hymn "Were You There?" at the end of the cantata. The composer Lani Smith, trained at the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, is an organist, choir director, and music editor, who worked for many years with Lorenz Publishing Co.

For centuries, pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem stopped at locations ("stations") in the city that were believed to be sites related to Jesus' death. Since traveling to Jerusalem was not possible for most people, this practice was taken up in other cities, with pilgrims viewing images of the scenes (e.g., sculpture, paintings, engravings, stained glass, outdoor shrines) rather than the sites themselves. The city of Bologna, Italy took the concept even further and built several churches, each dedicated to a station of the cross; this project extended from the 5th to the 17th centuries.

While eight of the stations are based on scripture, another six originated in scriptural inferences or legend. Sometimes Jesus' resurrection is included as a fifteenth station. In the cantata Stations of the Cross, the following seven stations are described, each accompanied by a hymn:

Jesus is Condemned      Mark 15:1-15      "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Jesus Takes Up His Cross      John 19:16-17      "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Simon of Cyrene Carries the Cross      Mark 15:21      "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Jesus Meets the Jerusalem Women      Luke 23:27-31      "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments      Matthew 27:33-36      "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Jesus is Crucified and Dies      Mark 15:24-39      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb      John 20:38-42      "Were You There?"

**BOHEMAIN CRYSTAL RESTAURANT** - Seniors will be going to the Bohemain Crystal Restaurant on Wednesday, April 6. We will be leaving the church at 11:10. The all-inclusive price for a 3-meat family style meal is \$14.50 per person. Please contact Karen Baker at 630-530-2161 for reservations.

## Memorials

In Loving Memory of Joe Alessi  
given by: Mrs. Marion Alessi

In Loving Memory of Hugo & Ida Eiler  
given by: Mrs. Irene Dodge

In Loving Memory of Marie Kuba  
given by: Mrs. Doris Swailes  
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Sheridan  
Mrs. Mary Rinda

In Loving Memory of Pam Russo  
given by: Dorcas Guild  
Mrs. Mary Rinda  
Jim Van Ewyk

## **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...**

*Soup Supper Cooks*, for providing delicious meals during Lent.

*Soup Supper Organizers*, for shopping, planning and working the Lent dinners.

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### **The Deadline is ...**

The 18<sup>th</sup> of April for the May Tri-angles Newsletter. Please send any information or articles to Jenn Ellsworth at 134 E. Jackson in Villa Park, 60181, drop in the Church mail box marked Newsletter or e-mail me at [jennart64@comcast.net](mailto:jennart64@comcast.net).

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### **Attention Ladies of Trinity...**

BRIDAL FASHION SHOW! Dorcas Guild is having a bridal fashion show on Sunday, May 1. If you have a wedding dress that you would be willing to have modeled or displayed, we would like to include it in the show! You can choose your own model such as a daughter, granddaughter, niece or yourself! Young ladies from our youth group will also model. Please contact Judy Buehre (630-279-0696) if you have a dress for the fashion show. Also if you have a wedding cake topper, we would like to display those as well.

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**VOTERS MEETING ELECTIONS** - The following Director and board positions will be elected at the June Voters meeting, Tuesday, June 21st at 7:30 p.m.; Executive Director, Treasurer, Board of Evangelism, Board of Parish Fellowship, Board of Human Care, and Board of Youth. Please submit the names of members who should be considered for one of these board positions to a member of the nominating committee; Warren Sheridan, Carol Boettger, Mike Ticaric, vDiana Bruschuk, or Dave Heuser.

## February 2011 Financial Comparison

Income	2011	2010	Diff.
Basket	1,274	930	+317
Unified Envelope	46,487	45,386	+1,051
Special Envelopes	993	3,043	-2,050
Debt Retirement	6,274	7,127	-853
Budget Income	54,951	56,486	-1,535
Non-Budget Income	550	779	-229
Income	55,501	57,265	-1,764
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budgeted Expenses	64,787	64,678	+109
Non-budgeted Expenses	207	243	-36
Total Expenses	64,994	64,921	+73
General Operating Fund	2,375	-7,647	10,022

Our income is down \$1,7645 over last year, due to Lent starting in February last year.

General Operating Fund is \$2,375 vs -7,647 from last year, which is due to our good December and gave us a good start in 2011.

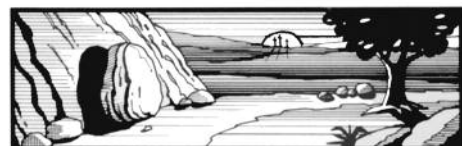
Should you have any questions on this financial comparison, please contact me, Warren Sheridan, Treasurer.

## Adopt-a-Student Financial Report – 2011

Income	816.00
Pending Payment	-452
Sent to St. Louis	-364
Fund Balance	\$0.00

## New Computer/Phone System Fund (\$29,000 approved by 11/07 Voter's Meeting) (\$2,500 approved by 11/08 Voter's Meeting)

<u>Expenses-Computer</u>	
Dell Marketing L. P.	8,705.32
CDW	9,689.67
Chris Saunders - Software	239.30
M.R. Keith & Associates	6,392.57
Testa Audio Video	405.00
<u>Expenses-Phone</u>	
Phone	4,964.00
Total Expenses	30,395.86
<u>Income</u>	
Donation by Members	1,000.00
Net Amount Spent	29,395.86
Beginning Balance	\$31,500.00
Total Expenses	29,395.86
Fund Balance (2/28/09)	\$2,104.14



# EASTER



“Celebrating God with Music & Art”

To everything – turn, turn, turn. There is a season – turn, turn, turn...  
The Byrds or the Book of Ecclesiastes?

TMC is changing with the seasons. Along with summer comes new chances to join in our private music lessons or join an ensemble. This summer’s music ensembles will be the top picks from Rolling Stone’s top 100 songs of all time and popular contemporary worship songs. These ensembles will be for guitars, drums, singers, woodwinds, brass, and string instruments. Registration will be available at [www.tmcnow.com](http://www.tmcnow.com) in April.

The Acoustic Circle concerts are in full swing. Thanks to the talented performers and dedicated audience we have raised over \$200 to donate toward Feed My Starving Children. Our goal is to donate \$700 by June. This would feed 2 families of 4 for an entire year. Please feel free to bring a friend and enjoy the acoustic sounds from the Acoustic Circle April 6th and 20th.

Erik Grant

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**Confirmation  
Class**



**Congratulations to our  
2011 Confirmation Class**

**Confirmation  
Class**



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|--------------------|--|
| Dante Apuzzo       | 22W354, Irving Park, Road Roselle, IL 60172  |
| Abigail Blankensop | 739 South Yale, VillaPark, IL 60181          |
| Zak Devermann      | 2301 Halsted Ln., Aurora, IL 60503           |
| Alex Dickmann      | 155 S. Richards Court, Addison, IL 60101     |
| Molly Frobel       | 360 N. LaLonde, Lombard, IL 60148            |
| Bret Golz          | 717 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181      |
| Ashley Grote       | 344 W. View, Lombard, IL 60148               |
| Danny Head         | 115 W. Park Blvd., Villa Park, IL 60181      |
| Cassandra Heaney   | 32 S. Euclid, Villa Park, IL 60181           |
| Thomas Price       | 9 S. Lodge Lane, Lombard, IL 60148           |
| Noah Scofield      | 4905 Cross Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515   |
| Rachel Stahlke     | 7730 W. Monroe St., Forest Park, IL 60130    |
| QuenZn Stubbs      | 735 N .Emroy, Elmhurst, IL 60126             |
| Amanda Wolf        | 1330 S. Stewart Ave., Lombard, IL 60148      |
| Kelli Wysoglad     | 221 N. Third Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181      |
| Dina Bonacci       | 1313A S. Rebecca Rd., #101 Lombard, IL 60148 |

# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>7:15</b> Christa Ed	<b>4</b> 1:00 - Alt-Prize 6:00 - Boxing 6:15 - ESL	<b>5</b> 4:00 - 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 - Boxing 6:30 - Dinner 8:00 - Alt, Doro	<b>6</b> 10:00 - Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 5:00-Chimes 6:15-College, ESL 7:00 - Supper <b>7:00</b> Worship 8:00 Accumbio Circle	<b>7</b> 4:00 - 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 - Boxing, TOFS 7:00 - Bella, Corvill 8:00 - Choir	<b>8</b> 5:30 - Girls Night Out	<b>9</b> <b>4:30</b> - Worship
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<b>17</b> Palm Sunday <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>7:15</b> Christa Ed <b>8:30</b> -Confirmation	<b>18</b> 1:00 - Alt-Prize 6:00 - Boxing 6:15 - ESL 7:00 - Thivent	<b>19</b> 4:00 - 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 - Boxing 7:00 Lay Ministry 8:00 - Alt, Doro	<b>20</b> 10:00 - Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 5:00-Chimes 6:15-College, ESL 6:30 - Big House 8:00 Accumbio Circle	<b>21</b> Maundy Thursday 4:00-9:00 TCM Music 6:30 - Boxing, TOFS <b>7:00</b> - Worship 8:00 - Choir	<b>22</b> Good Friday <b>16:00</b> - Worship <b>7:00</b> - Worship	<b>23</b> <b>10</b> Worship
<b>24</b> EASTER <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>7:15</b> Christa Ed	<b>25</b> 1:00 - Alt-Prize 6:00 - Boxing 6:15 - ESL	<b>26</b> 4:00 - 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:00 - Boxing 8:00 - Alt, Doro	<b>27</b> 10:00 - Bible Class 4-9:00 TCM Music 5:00-Chimes 6:15-College, ESL 6:30 - Big House	<b>28</b> 4:00 - 9:00 TMC Music Lessons 6:30 - Boxing, TOFS 7:00 - Bella, Corvill 8:00 - Choir	<b>29</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	<b>30</b> <b>4:30</b> - Worship Wedding 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip