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"Diverse in Backgrounds, United in Faith"

Friends,

As I write this the week following Easter Sunday, I am reflecting on what a wonderfully worshipful time we had together! It was so uplifting to see so many already familiar faces praising God together – there aren't many things as joyful as a full sanctuary singing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" It's enough to make you sad on Monday morning that Easter has come and gone so quickly.

But wait! There's good news! In the life of the church, we get to celebrate a full 50 days of Easter – that means the last Sunday of Easter goes all the way through June 1st! We have more time to celebrate Easter than we do either Lent or Christmas, which are both only 40 days. Why? Because, my friends, the life-giving, life-changing truth of Resurrection isn't just about one day. The 50 days of Easter is an invitation to examine how the Living God changes our lives, our outlooks, our interactions. It's reassurance that, despite the brokenness of our world, God is faithfully working toward the redemption of the whole world. It's an opportunity to celebrate a fantastic truth: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

We have a lot of life-giving kinds of things happening in the church during these 50 days. We'll celebrate mothers and fathers, have a day dedicated to strawberries, welcome new visitors and new ideas, care for each other in need, and join each other in worship in praise. Come, enjoy together the reality of being Easter People – alive, active, intentional, and full of praise. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Elizabeth

WE GRIEVE WITH THOSE WHO GRIEVE . . .

Trinity sends its sympathy to the Berry family following the death of David's uncle, Charles Long, who died on Monday April 14.

Our sympathies and prayers go to Susan Matthews and her family upon the death of her dear father, Vince Arslanian. His services were held at Speaks Suburban on Tuesday, April 22.

THANK YOU . . .

Many thanks for the endless kindnesses you have extended to by family and me over the years.

Trinity was a place my father, George Barth, loved dearly.

The service and meal following were just what we all needed..

Love, Kelly

THANK YOU . . .

Your kind expressions of sympathy by calls, visits, cards, and messages in the passing of my father, Vincent Arslanian, last week are sincerely appreciated by me and my family. It is such a comfort to have your support and understanding during this difficult time. We feel blessed to have had Dad in our lives as long as we did, and are grateful that we were able to gather family together to be with him before he passed.

Sincerely,
Susan Matthews and family

From the Women's Morning Circle . . .

Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes. We have already collected 1402 for 2014. Please keep saving!

From the Sew & So's . . .

The sewing group needs used bed sheets to use as filling for their quilts. If you have extra to donate, they would be so grateful.

2014 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Trinity will again be paying our assigned per capita assessment in 2014 by asking members of the congregation to donate their own \$32.95 per active member. This will help to ease our budget.

T.I.G.E.R.s' Corner

May 4: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
May 11: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
May 18: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s
May 25: 6:15 p.m. - T.I.G.E.R.'s

T.I.G.E.R.'s questions call
Becky Layman at 830-4066.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

- May 4:** David & Lucy Berry
Kevin Berry
Megan Berry
- May 11:** Troy Berry
Charlie Blackwell
Crystal Brock
- May 18:** Terry, Vickie, & Candice Brock
Charles & Frances Buck
Marilyn Burkett
- May 25:** Barbara Burnett
Steve & Sally Burns
Beverly Campbell
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Sunday, June 1, 3-5pm

Come and bring your friends to enjoy fresh strawberries and all kinds of delicious strawberry desserts.

Sign up sheets will be available beginning in May. Any questions, please contact Jan Privett, 419-9405.



CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS

We will be collecting items to help struggling mothers. See the list below for ideas and consider donating one or more items to be given to the Salvation Army.

Items Needed

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| Combs | Emery Boards |
| Deodorant | Kleenex |
| Q-Tips | Nail Clippers |
| Dental Floss | Cotton Balls |
| Hair Shampoo & Conditioner | |
| Soft Bristle Hair Brushes | |
| Women's Socks & Underwear | |
| Regular Pads & Tampons | |
| Nail Polish & Remover | |

There will be a tub in the entryway to collect these items.

Please bring them by Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. Thanks for your help.

Any questions, please call Jan Privett at 419-9405

Computer Users:

Please bring in your printer cartridges when you come to church. There is a box to place them in by the Session members mailbox.

Questions—See Sondra Tivis

ALUMINUM COLLECTION

For several years this congregation has recycled aluminum cans. Proceeds are given to help our youth activities expenses. This has yielded \$200 - \$300 a year.

There have been some clarifications from the buyer. they **only** want beverage cans, clean, dry, & empty. The current price is 58 cents per pound.

- NO** pet food cans.
- NO** foil or pie pans
- NO** paper of any kind
- NO** plastic except the sack

Put them in the black box in our parking lot.

At special times we could benefit from collecting old aluminum cookware, aluminum guttering, and old aluminum storm windows.



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| May | 4 | Julie Wildscheutz |
| | 7 | John Chapman |
| | 8 | Grant Allen |
| | 10 | Gale Martin |
| | 11 | Cheryl Rose |
| | 14 | Emmalyn Ellis |
| | | Diane Norman |
| | 19 | Rick Norman |
| | 30 | Erick Shireman |



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| May | 6 | Michael & Kerry Ellis |
| | 13 | Paul & Mirian Carr |
| | 25 | Scott & Susan Matthews |



***On the first Day of the Week
"The people came together..."***

Worship Services:

Apr. 6.....	84
Apr. 13.....	103
Apr. 20.....	133
Apr. 27.....	61

"and the people gave . . . "

Apr. 6.....	\$4,133.94
Apr. 13.....	2,354.95
Apr. 20.....	4,163.25
Apr. 27.....	<u>1,727.53</u>
Total.....	\$ 12,379.67

Thanks to everyone who donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing. A total of \$495.00 was donated. The amount of \$58.19 came from the fishes. Thanks for your generous support of this special offering.

Budget information: (as of January, 2014)

Weekly Bgt. Requirement	\$ 2,823.96
Apr. Average Weekly Giving.....	\$3,094.91

A heartfelt thank you to those who have so lovingly and generously contributed to Trinity's memorial funds:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Davis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt and SonRise service and breakfast. I hope all had a joyous Easter.

As we start to wind down the school year a few dates to keep in mind:

- Last day of Sunday School will be May 18th and we will recognize our teachers for the 2013- 2014 school year at morning worship.
- Vacation Bible School will be June 29-July 3 and we will again join in with the group of churches on the square. More information will be coming about this wonderful experience our kids have every year, but wanted it to get on your calendars.
- Rally Day will be September 7th and classes will resume September 14.

In case you are wanting something to do this summer - that is, enjoy Fireworks at the K. Those dates are: May 2, 16, June 6, 20, 27, July 11, 25 and August 8 & 29. These are Friday nights and are following each Royals game. My family have watched from 40 highway and Blue Ridge area and have had great luck watching.

In Christ,
Lucy Berry





Graduation

This year Trinity has 3 young men graduating from college.

- Michael Norman from Longview Community College in Lee's Summit
- Steve Gordon from Missouri State University in Springfield
- Joe Gordon who graduated in December from Missouri Science and Technology in Rolla.

Please join us in wishing these young men much success as they start the next chapter of their lives.

