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## Trinity Tidings

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saints,

Greetings in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and coming Savior Jesus Christ!

When something stressful occur in our life the desire to move on is paramount. But it is not always easy to leave the past behind. Ask Jesus, who listened to two of His followers ruminate.

He could tell that they were deeply distressed because they were stuck in the past. For that reason they did not recognize the stranger to be their crucified friend. But why would they, when they could not even bring themselves to believe the witness of

the women.

They felt powerless to change what had happened and instead chose to recount for (the stranger), Jesus' crucifixion, the open tomb, and His missing body. Still they could not say what all of this meant, except express their upper disappointment: "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21).

The Emmaus disciples speak for us. Their body language says that it feels safe to withdraw or retreat when stuck. We seek safety in old habits or familiar places. Emmaus represents such places. Thus, these

disciples had no particular plan in mind.

It was only when Jesus broke bread with them that they recognized their travelling companion. Thereafter, they became His witnesses: "We have seen the Lord." Then, Jesus changed the course of their lives once again. At His ascension He commissioned them: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Like the Emmaus disciples, we do not merely recount the story of Jesus' life.

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**Our Mission:**  
**"Seeing God's**  
**Plan,**  
**Answering God's**  
**Call,**  
**Doing God's**  
**Work"**

## Pastor's Article Cont'd

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We are Easter people. We see through eyes of faith the risen Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior of the world.

Easter puts an end to being stuck. Easter is our beginning. From Emmaus, we move out into the world with the story about God's love for all people in Jesus Christ.

Sing with me the mission song of believers:

I love to tell the story of  
 unseen things above,  
 of Jesus and his glory,  
 of Jesus and his love.  
 I love to tell the story,  
 because I know 'tis true;  
 it satisfies my longings  
 as nothing else could do.

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story,  
 'Twill be my theme in glory,  
 To tell the old, old story  
 Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story,  
 'tis pleasant to repeat,  
 What seems each time I tell it  
 more wonderfully sweet;  
 I love to tell the story,  
 for some have never heard  
 The message of salvation  
 from God's own holy Word.

In Christ's service,  
 Pastor C



### 2017 Council Officers

Kathy Nevans  
*President*

Fred Hellman  
*Vice President*

Kris Riddell  
*Treasurer*

Diane Babbitt  
*Secretary*

Carolyn Tyler  
*Financial Secretary*

### Council Highlights

- ◆ Council looking into new rug/runner for Narthex for inclement weather.
- ◆ Easter breakfast made \$288.00 which will be used for School Supplies.
- ◆ On June 17, 2017 we will have a potluck honoring all fathers, families and the vacationing Pastor Tim Feiertag, eating around 5:00 p.m.

*Diane Babbitt, Council Secretary*

## Assisting Ministers

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- May 7 Jerry Nevans  
 May 14 Jackie Harvey  
 May 21 Bob Jones  
 May 28 Susan Marple

### Readers

- May 7 Chris Gannan  
 May 14 Richard Miller  
 May 21 Kathy Musson  
 May 28 Larry Gonnello

### Ushers

- May 7 Diane LaForte &  
 Theresa Tuttle  
 May 14 Kris Riddell &  
 Joyce McFadden  
 May 21 Diane Babbitt &  
 Jerry Nevans  
 May 28 Eleanor Kramer &  
 Anthony Saccardi

### Acolytes

- May 7 Christopher  
 May 14 Samuel  
 May 21 Nathanael  
 May 28 Christopher

## Message from President

Happy Spring,

What a thought provoking season of Lent, followed by a week of emotions from jubilation to compassions to sorrow and ending in true joy we have had at Blue Ridge Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor does an amazing job at making me remember, learn, and feel so many emotions during this part of the church year (as well as through the entire year). I think about Easter Sunday, feeling true jubilation in my heart and seeing others in the congregation experiencing the GOOD NEWS of Jesus' Resurrection and cannot help but realize that God is always present and that I need not fear for the future, no matter what is happening in this world. My goal is to do the best I can, however I can and with whatever tools and insight I might have to do God's work, where I have been planted.



Doing the best is what our family here at BRT did with our Lenten Offering of collecting paper and personal goods for MLM and REAP. THANK YOU to all who donated. We collected over \$1200.00 worth of diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, women's and men's personal toiletries as well as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and tooth paste, detergent, soap and many more items. MLM put out of Facebook this message, "What a great way to start the week! Thanks for the incredible delivery of diapers and personal items, Blue Ridge Trinity Lutheran Church-ELCA" And REAP was just as excited.

Have you ever thought about how many people it takes to do everything to keep our church up and running? Let me ask a few questions and see if you know the answers. Who takes care of getting supplies (plates, napkins, toilet paper, etc.) for our church? Who mows our lawn? Who teaches Sunday School? Who sets up communion? Who arranges for worship assistants? Who does the Tidings, writes, edits, publish, print and distribute?

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Who pays bills? Who takes care of our Website, Facebook and emails? Who represents you on Council? Who sends out cards to the sick, homebound, etc.? Who decorates the sanctuary? Who buys communion supplies? Who orders office supplies? Who has provided Treats on Sunday lately? Who selects music for our services? Who arranges for our serving at MLM both breakfast duty and pantry duty? Who is going to Synod convention this year? Who has given Temple Talks? Let me tell you the list could go on and on. Do you see where you fit it? Are you able to answer "Me" to any of the questions above? If you see where you would like to help, let me know and we will find somewhere you can help.

I want to give you a heads up for a special event in June. Pastor Tim Feiertag is coming back to the area for a vacation and we will be holding a potluck so that we can all visit with him about his calling in Everett, Washington. We will be having hamburgers and hotdogs on Saturday, June 17, meeting at 4 pm, eating around 5-5:30. Please plan on bringing a salad, vegetable or dessert to share and enjoy the fellowship and talking with Pastor Tim.

Lastly, I want to share with you about our Acts of Kindness that I asked you to fill out on the bulletin board. Some of the amazing acts included:

I gave and received hugs.                      Called friends.  
 Sent cheerful cards.                              Prayed for people.  
 Invited a friend to go on vacation.              Fed a homeless person.  
 Sat quietly with a friend.                      Listened with an open heart.  
 Helped a stranger with her groceries.              Made dinner for a neighbor.  
 Helped my mother cook and bake.              Helped Wagstaff family.  
 Attended a visitation of a classmate out of town.      Visited shut-ins.

I am sure that many of you did so much more than this just by what you do here at Blue Ridge Trinity. We are a very kind, compassionate and loving church. I am so grateful to everyone here that makes us who we are. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for your kindness, your giving, your serving and your love.

*Peace be with you all always,  
 Kathy Nevans*

# Lenten Offering 2017

Toilet Paper rolls	350
Paper towel rolls	43
Undergarments	376
Diapers	2456
Wipes	5484
Personal products	20 boxes
Table napkins	600
Laundry soap	4
Razors	104
Deodorant	21
Toothpaste	10
Shaving cream	4
Floss packages	4
Bar soap	44
Conditioner	12
Baby wash, etc	6
Dawn	2
Bath wash	2
Toothbrushes	40
Combs	10
Barrett's	1 package



THANK YOU ALL!

# Synod Assembly

2017 Theme

“Growing in Hope”

Central States Synod Assembly 2017 will be held on Thursday June 8–Saturday June 10, 2017 at Adam's Mark Hotel & Convention Center, 9103 E 39th St., Kansas City, MO.

## Poem

### Drinking From The Saucer

I've never made a fortune,  
 And I'll never make one now.  
 But it really doesn't matter,  
 'Cause I'm happy anyhow.  
 I go along my journey,  
 Reaping better than I've sowed  
 I'm drinking from the saucer,  
 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

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## Picnic

**On June 17, 2017** we will have a potluck honoring all fathers, families and the vacationing Pastor Tim Feiertag, eating around 5:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs, and drinks provided. Please bring a salad, veggie or dessert to share.



## TLCW

**May 16, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.** Regular Workday. Needed as always Best Choice UPC .

Candy Making on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

RAYTOWN CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet **Friday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.** at Ivanhoe United Church of Christ, 6512 Woodson Ave. Brunch provided. It's May Friendship Day and there will be an Auction.

Pat Welch

## Parish Nurse

Sing praises to the risen Lord! Hallelujah! Off we go into the month of May. Congratulations to those graduating as well as those going onto a new school year. I, also, look forward to summer to possibly see some of our college attendees. I did not get to talk to everyone on Easter Sunday and for that I am sorry. For those of you I got to hug, I thank you most greatly for getting me through this celebration. Love to all and see you soon. Love and thanks, also, from the family of Allison Box.

The website A Place for Mom has a list of 12 things you can do with your elder loved one this spring. 1.) choose a local park or nature trail for walks; 2.) Visit a Farmers' Market; 3.) partake in spring cleaning ( doesn't sound like fun to me, but they suggest getting a new spring wreath for your home); 4.) Go fishing (again ?); .5.) Enjoy tourist attractions; 6.) Eat outside at a restaurant; 7.) Visit a nursery,( especially I am adding Farrand Farms-- Keith, the owner is retiring on June 30th).; 8.) Go on a picnic; 9.) Buy or build a bird feeder; 10.) Watch the Food Network for new recipes; 11.) Plant a herb garden; 12.) Go to a show. There is so much information on their site; however, they also have a phone number--866-214-2918. I have already started checking these off. I saw some new places here in Kansas City. I, however, was with elderly friends like myself. So improvise or let me know if you try some other things.

May is National Physical Fitness Month and National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.

The Ascension of our Lord occurs this month. Psalm 47 and 93 are lifted up on my church year calendar.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 7 Wednesday MLM Summer Breakout

June Shepherds Center Flower Garden tour?

Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

*Linda Hokenson*

## Prayer Chain

Chris Green {Jenny Havermann's grandfather}, Karl Anderson {Tawanda's husband}, Dolly Darson {Samantha's mother}, Rachel Fleming {Home nurse of Megan Walsh}, Wanda Clemons, Martha Mitchel {Raymond Jones' sister}, Richard Miller, Chris Jones, Hollis Mundhenke, Les Tebbenkamp {Mary Burge's brother}, Mike Singh {Samantha's uncle}, Lucy Stillwell {Margaret Grote's mother}, Lisa Coan {Kathy Musson's friend}, Lois and Amy Chanslor {friends of Anne McCoy}, Deb and Larry Gonnello, Peggy Shoemaker, Rock Rickel {Susan's cousin}, Elden Grittman, Roy Javner {friend of Jerry Nevans}, Frances Smith, Rick Miller {Larry Moffitt's friend}, Bonnie Besch {Linda Gippner's sister-in-law}, Mary Kee, Vivian Moffitt, Norma Phillips, Cera Hawkins {Inge Howard's granddaughter}, Maureen Barnett Moore, Vitula Zimmerschied {Joyce McFadden's mother}, Bev Lavitt, Louise Latta {Linda Gippner's aunt}, Angela Beaman {Gonnello's daughter}, Jean Henderson, Pat Jones and Ruth Davis.



## Trinity Tidings

This is a monthly publication of Blue Ridge Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Articles or information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the Church Office **by the 20<sup>th</sup>** of each month. Space limitations may require editing of material.

## Church Schedule

### Sundays:

Adult SS - 8:00 a.m.

Youth SS - 8:30 a.m.

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

### URGENT NEED OF PASTORAL CARE CALL:

Office:

816-353-5446

Pastor:

816-785-4006

## Church Staff

Orin W. Cummings  
*Pastor*

Jackie Harvey  
*Choir Director*

Mary Burge  
*Organist*

Bob Harvey  
*Contemporary Worship*

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