

Special Interest
Articles:

- FROM THE
RECTOR 1
- FROM THE
SENIOR
WARDEN 4
- ALZHEIMER'S
SUPPORT
GROUP 8

Individual Highlights:

Book Club	2
West of 50	2
Summer Camp	3
About Our Parish	5
Opportunities	6-7
Serving Schedule	8
Garage Sale	8
Trinity Sunday	8
Pentecost	8

From the Rector

*Alleluia!
Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen,
indeed.
Alleluia!*

Happy Easter! We are still in the midst of the 50 Days of Easter. Our Community Garden is already sending up little shoots and leaves. The mama fox on the hillside is weaning her young. The cardinals and robins have built nests and are feeding babies.

At the same time, we mourn the loss of loved ones, the mother of Brenda Bergantz, who died in Pennsylvania on April 21, and long-time parishioner, Lois Hilderbrand, who had a stroke on Sunday evening, April 22. Lois was 91, our oldest active member. She died at St. Joseph Health Center on April 28. Funeral at Trinity, at 1:00 pm, May 5.

Our prayer book says, "In the midst of life, we are in death." And, in the midst of death, we are in life. We believe that Jesus Christ died and rose for us, and that he has conquered death. He has opened for us what we often call "the larger life."

At every Baptism, at every funeral, we light the Paschal candle, a symbol of Christ as the Light of the World. For all of Easter Season, we keep that candle lit for every service, and the colors on the altar for all the fifty days of Easter are white and gold.

For all of Easter, we read passages from the *Book of the Acts of the Apostles*. We see how the news spreads. The Church begins to do what Christ did—to heal, preach, and teach—and to run into the same responses from those around them: Awe and wonder, then frustration and anger grow against them.

Peter and John are arrested, freed, and arrested again. At the same time, conflict arises within the new Christian community. Some share everything in common; some lie and die as a result.

Widows begin to feel unfairly treated, so the Apostles choose seven men, lay hands on them to make them Deacons; they serve at the table and distribute alms. One of the Deacons, Stephen, is stoned to death.

The Early Church was not idyllic. The Apostles were human; as were all those brand new Christians; nobody then was perfect; nobody is perfect now.

The example of perfection is Jesus, who, unlike the rest of us, was fully human and fully divine. In his death and resurrection he gave us salvation and the forgiveness of sins. We are not stuck in our way of life. We don't have to carry grudges, or whine about the bad things that have happened to us over the years. We don't have to grovel or hide; we just have to recognize that we have the ability to take a new direction.

We can go back to school, as it were. We can repent, looking at ourselves with fresh eyes, with honesty, and without fear. We can talk to God about our failures, our sins of commission and our sins of omission—"those things we have done, and those things we have left undone." Jesus rose again to give us new life. We can see signs of it around us. Let us share in it and find joy. —TEW

*Trip to Holocaust
Museum Planned*

CONFIRMATION DAY
ON MAY 19, 11 AM
CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
ST. LOUIS



*Lindenwood
Students
help plant vegetables in
our Community Garden
to feed the hungry*

Random Book Club
May 3
2:00 pm



WEST OF 50 ACTIVITIES

We are planning a trip to the Holocaust Museum – date to be announced shortly.

There are also some other activities being planned so watch the Bulletins for further announcements.

Thank you Julie Cramer for organizing the trip to the Wine country Gardens for lunch along with a tour of the Daniel Boone House!



UTO INGATHERING MAY 20

How can we portray our thanks to God for our many blessings? Think about the use of your Blue UTO Mite box and the good works done with the collection of the UTO funds. Spring is here and it is time for the semi-annual ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO). Please note that the date has been set, Sunday, May 20, 2012, for the collection of this offering.

Envelopes for your use are available in the reception area and the Narthex, as well as supplies, literature and other information about the United Thank Offering.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We all met recently to plant cucumbers, tomatoes, bush beans, zucchini, bell peppers and basil. We received a very pleasant surprise when about 12 students from Lindenwood showed up with their Biology Professor to give us a hand in the planting. Thank you Gail Johnston for that pleasant and helpful surprise!

We now patiently wait for the seeds to grow and pray for a good crop so that we can feed those who are hungry. Thank you all for your interest in the garden and for the work and tender care you will give the plants! God Bless, Betty Bowen, Deacon

**RANDOM BOOK CLUB MEETS THURS MAY 3 AT 2pm
TO DISCUSS *BLESSINGS* BY ANNA QUINDLEN**

The story begins with a teenage couple driving out late at night to the Blessings estate and leaving a cardboard box there. With that incident the lives of all who live and work there are changed forever. Join us in Trinity's Library for a lively discussion of this compelling book.

Next Book: June 7: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larsen

The books to be read are available in paperback and at the St. Charles Public Library. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy our discussion. Catherine Cummings
314 630-6362
E-mail: cec_45@hotmail.com

Ministry of Healing

Ministry of Healing



MINISTRY OF HEALING

We read the 23rd Psalm in Church recently, and we are once again struck with those very comforting words, "The Lord is *my* Shepherd, *I shall not want.*" Even when we are going through those bad times in our lives, if we can just repeat, over and over again, the first few words of this Psalm, and learn to believe in them, we may be able to find

some comfort. When we go through our deepest darkest valley God watches over us and God cares for us all the time,

Will you come and let a Minister of Healing pray with you? That is why the Ministry of Healing was started, so that we could share Christ's Love with those who need comforting during their times of distress.

Someone (a Minister of Healing) is always ready to pray with you at the end of each Worship Service on Sunday mornings. Look for the person wearing a blue sash and standing near the altar rail after the service.

Summer Day Camp for St. Charles Children



Summer Day Camp
For
St. Charles
Children

Trinity will be sponsoring a Summer Day Camp for children in the City of St. Charles. The Camp will be held at Shelter #3 in the Bales Area of DuSable Park, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on every MONDAY & THURSDAY in JUNE.

Here is an opportunity to do mission in the community as we reach out to provide some fun for about 40 children in St. Charles. If you can:

- Volunteer on a day convenient to you;
- Help with crafts;
- Buy, prepare and deliver lunch on a day convenient to you; (Need 8 people)
- Donate supplies needed for the Camp
- Pray for the safety of the children while in our care, please let us know.

Items needed for the camp are:
Newspaper, magazines,

glue sticks, Beads, pencils, stickers, poster board (different colors), buttons, chalk, balls – football, softball, volley ball, bats, board games.

There will be a container at Church to receive these items, which we would like to have by - **Sunday, May 20th.**

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help with the lunches.

Let us make this a memorable time for some children during the long Summer Vacation.

Thank you for your help!

Deacon Betty Bowen

Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.



Remember To Save the Date FOR Our Next Fall Fundraiser



**TRINITY TEA PARTY
AND BOUTIQUE
SATURDAY
SEPT. 15, 2012**

We have started to plan for this Fun Event and we are already making things for the Boutique.

If you have some time on your hands and you would like to join us, we will be starting on a big project within the next few weeks.

Watch for dates in the bulletin.

Come join us as we work together, we will meet new people, produce, and have some FUN at the same time.

In the meantime, make a list of all your family and friends – give them the Save the Date- so you can invite them for an afternoon of delicious Tea and shop in our Boutique. Who knows, we may even be able to play a game of **Croquet!**

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY



Sydney Lauck

You mark a place in your journey of formation today. Celebrating this anniversary reminds us, challenges us, and encourages us, to follow Christ Jesus. God Bless you as you celebrate the anniversary of your baptism.

If you would like us to pray for you on the anniversary of your baptism, please let me know what month you were baptized and it will be included in the monthly Newsletter.

Betty Bowen, Deacon

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

“... our task in life is not to look away from the sin-scarred creation and dwell upon an ideal world, but to look for grace and redemption in the midst of the mess we’ve made.”

Gregory Wolfe, “Houses of Worship,”
Wall Street Journal

I can honestly admit that for the majority of the mediocre years that I have occupied space on this planet I have been a most devout “Christmas and Easter (C & E)” Christian. Made it to Church twice a year whether needed or not. Lent meant giving up something for which I never made it past Passion Sunday anyway. Holy Easter week meant thank goodness no more fish fries on Friday. Never did I have much introspection concerning the last days and hours of Jesus. I was, as the Wall Street Journal’s religion editor stated, “looking away from the sin scarred creation” and dwelling upon an ideal world albeit in oblivion.

And so, your Senior Warden for the first time entered Holy Week feeling compelled as a Vestry member to take

seriously the week’s religious calendar events and so participate in them.

I have never felt so absolutely depressed by the end of the events beginning on Maundy Thursday and ending at the completion of the Good Friday services. Observing the stripping of our altar was truly painful. Never much thought about it before. But to watch the items being carried away as the Church grew darker until all were in the dark was powerful.

I left thoroughly depressed.

The lingering depression was not relieved all during the Good Friday service. Entering the same church and seeing that same empty abandoned alter was not at all an uplifting experience. It was not joyful. It was nor heartwarming and I had to wonder to myself, “where in the heck have I been all these years.” Certainly it wasn’t because I had never read about these events. Certainly it wasn’t

because I had never been to an Easter service.

That altar. That barren stripped altar. Stripped by the good members of our congregation acting the role that symbolized the mob that called for Christ’s crucifixion. All this time I was dwelling upon the ideal, not looking for either grace or redemption in the midst of the mess I’ve made.

However, Easter Sunday did arrive. The altar was restored to its magnificence and although my previously depressed feelings were not completely eradicated, I did honestly have an inward belief that there was some semblance of hope in this imperfect world. Faith would seem to teach that our nostalgia is for an ideal we can only find after accepting and dealing with the brokenness of a fallen world.

Tom Kuypers,
Senior Warden

ABOUT OUR PARISH

May Birthday Wishes To:



Barbara Niedner	5/3
Sarah Wainwright	5/3
Ellen Wallace	5/4
Kayla Boswell	5/6
David Basanavicius	5/9
Nolan Hutson	5/10
John Nichols	5/11
Jane Lackey	5/11
Jessica Heupel	5/12
Wendy Grassmuck	5/14
Benjamin McCune	5/15
Benjamin Horning	5/17
Michelle Heupel	5/18
Tim Hill	5/20
Eileen Crain	5/22
Chelsea Darrow	5/23
Joan Wright	5/25
Mark Meyer	5/27
Barbara Ritter	5/28
Ann Mason	5/28
Jill Knickmeyer	5/28

May Anniversaries



James & Karen Darrow	5/3
Tim and Stephanie Hill	5/8
Kenneth & Georgia Braucksick	5/18
Charles & Teresa Hartman	5/18
Greg & Holli Bolte	5/22

Departed

Sally Rion, friend of Marilyn Stafford
Daryl Anderson, friend of Anne Ortwerth
 and many others
Lois Hilderbrand, longtime parishioner
Gwen McClure, mother of Brenda Bergantz

Thanksgivings

For the 50 Days of Easter!

Birthday Sayings

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.

Last week the candle factory burned down. Everyone just stood around and sang "Happy Birthday".

There is no cure for the common birthday...so just enjoy it!

Ministry hours – Mission in the World

MINISTRY HOURS

For the month of March 2012, **8 people** turned in their Sheets which showed **196 hours** had been volunteered.

Various organizations outside of Trinity Church benefited from the time and talent of these 8 people; and we are sure there are other people within the congregation

who are also volunteering but just have not reported to us.

Mission in the world?..... I would certainly say that this is being done by Trinity members.

God Bless, as we continue to share our gifts with others.

Deacon Betty Bowen



196 ministry hours were given in March to various organizations outside the church

Intercessory Prayers

Acutely Ill/Injured

<i>Mary Jane Wagner</i>	parishioner
<i>Delores Cropper</i>	friend of Ruth Eggers
<i>James Vogel</i>	father of Mark Vogel
<i>Jean Huffman</i>	by Gary McKiddy
<i>Lucille Booker</i>	by Gary McKiddy
<i>Rayshawn Brantley</i>	by Nancy Harris
<i>Lorri Grueber</i>	friend of Nancy Noel
<i>Dave Dowdy</i>	family of Jane Fisher
<i>Vicki Pohlman</i>	daughter of Peggy Unser
<i>Lori Allen</i>	co-worker of Jane Fisher
<i>Cindy Kelbassa</i>	family friend of Sydney Lauck
<i>Bertha Snook</i>	friend of Nancy Harris
<i>Rose Bates</i>	friend of Nancy Harris
<i>Kathy Smith</i>	parishioner
<i>LaVern Gaddy</i>	member of Bible Study Group



We pray for others as Christ prays and intercedes for us.

Chronic Illness/Situation

<i>Bill Quarterman</i>	brother-in-law of Ruby Quarterman
<i>Gloria and David Kehl</i>	mother and brother of Babs Kehl-Fairchild
<i>Brandon Madsen</i>	son of Regina Dowling
<i>Bob and Gerri</i>	friends of Catherine Cummings

Upcoming Opportunities

Adult Forum Special Study

“Walking in the Spirit”

The Festival of Pentecost

9:00 am, St. Hilda Room
June 10, 17 and 24

In Acts, we read about the disciples gathered in Jerusalem on Pentecost when there is a sound like a mighty wind and tongues of fire that come upon them. In this unusual way, the disciples received the Holy Spirit that had been promised by Jesus before He ascended. Peter began to preach repentance and forgiveness and the result was three thousand people were added to the Church that day

These new believers devoted themselves to spiritual growth through the Word and sacraments and as a result this community of faith engaged in prayer and fellowship while meeting continually in the temple courts and in their homes.

In this four week study, we will look at what Scripture says about Pentecost; we will look at the Spiritual Gifts; we will take an inventory to determine the Spiritual gifts we have received; and we will walk the Labyrinth to prayer and discern what God wants us to do with the gifts we have received.

We invite you to come and learn how the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

The Labyrinth



Lunch Bunch
Thursday,
May 26



SIGN UP TODAY!



Women's Retreat
The Beauty
of Wisdom
10 am to 2 pm

GRADUATES



**The Lunch Bunch
May 24**

The Lunch Bunch will be going to the Lustron House, 403 S. Sixth Street, at 11:30 am, Thursday, May 24. The cost is \$15 (prepaid) for a fixed meal (salad, main course, dessert, drink). The meat is pork medallions.

A lecture and tour follows the lunch. The Lustron House is a prefabricated, enameled steel house developed in the post-World War II era in response to the shortage of houses for returning GIs. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We must turn in a count by Monday, May 21, so the last day to sign up and pay is Sunday, May 20. Please make checks out to Judy Hodge.

**Prayer Circle
Meets on 4th Thursday**

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 am in the St. Hilda Room on the following Thursdays: May 24, June 28 any other fourth Thursday. Plan to join us as we study and discuss prayer along with praying for others. If you have a prayer request, please call Jan Peery, 636-209-5112,

**Alzheimer's
Support Group
To Meet May 29**

Members of Trinity Church are forming an Alzheimer's Support Group which is open to the community. On May 29, we will hear from a representative of the St. Louis Alzheimer's Association, who will explain to us what services they offer to support groups, families and Alzheimer patients. We will meet at 7 PM in the Parish Library. If you are interested, call Grace Nichols at 636-947-6399.

Women's Retreat – The Beauty of Wisdom

“The Beauty of Wisdom” Living a Fulfilled Life
Saturday, May 12
10 am to 2 pm

This retreat will be led by the Rev. Renita Lamkin of St. John AME Church. All women are invited to join us as we learn what it means to be a virtuous woman as described in Proverbs 31. We will learn how to apply God's truth to our own lives so that we may act in ways pleasing to God.

***Recognizing the Class
of 2012***

On Trinity Sunday, June 3, we will recognize all graduates—high school, college, technical or graduate school. We also want to include information—who, what, when, where, plans for future—in the June *Trinity Tidings*. Please call or e-mail the Church Office with details. Thank you

Men's Club to Meet

The Trinity Men's Club will meet on the third Saturday of each month at 8 am. The next meeting will be on May 19 in Parish Hall. All men are invited to join them for breakfast, fellowship and to discuss their projects.

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Old Men Eating Out meet on the second Saturday of the month on May 12 at 8:30 a.m. at J-J's Restaurant.

For more information, contact Bill Warren 314-220-0011, Tom Seaton 636-723-5698 or Bill Verhine 636-724-1043.

MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday in Easter**8am**

Eucharistic Minister

Keith Hazelwood

Usher: Bix Fisher

Acolyte: S/C: John Barnard

10:15am

Eucharistic Ministers

Jennifer Bax

Mark Vogel

Lector: Mike Nichols

Ushers: Bart Slatton & Gail Miller

Acolyte: S/C: Will Whistler-Brown

May 13, 2012**Sixth Sunday in Easter****8am**

Eucharistic Minister

Pat Willmering

Usher: Bob Sundermeyer

Acolyte: S/C: Mark Meyer

10:15am

Eucharistic Minister

Tom Kuypers

Carolyn Hackmen

Lector: Keith Dowling

Ushers: David & Debra Bricker

Acolytes: S/C: Connor Hebert

T: Peyton Hebert

T: Grace Hebert

May 20, 2012**Seventh Sunday in Easter****8am**

Eucharistic Minister

John Nichols

Usher: Pat Willmering

Acolyte: S/C: Nancy Noel

10:15am

Eucharistic Minister

Jon Murray

Avril Arthurton-Brudy

Lector: Regina Dowling

Ushers: Bill & Julie Cramer

Acolytes: S/C: Holly Murray

May 27, 2012**Pentecost****8am**

Eucharistic Minister

Bob Brown

Usher: Keith Dowling

Acolyte: S/C: Mark Meyer

10:15am

Eucharistic Minister

Mark Vogel

Jennifer Bax

Lector: David McCune

Ushers: Bob Horning & Jim Gigliotti

Acolytes: S/C: Ben McCune

T: Betsy McCune

T: Nancy Noel

June 3, 2012**Trinity Sunday****8am**

Eucharistic Minister

John Barnard

Usher: Bix Fisher

Acolyte: S/C: Nancy Noel

10:15am

Eucharistic Minister

Tom Kuypers

Carolyn Hackman

Lector: Sydney Lauck

Ushers: Bart Slatton & Gail Miller

Acolytes: S/C: Heather Braucksick

T: Kendra Braucksick

Please note: Acolytes need to be robed 15 minutes prior to the service.

If you find that you cannot serve, please find a replacement and notify the church office so the bulletin will reflect the change. Thank you.

Special Events

Trinity Episcopal Church
318 S. Duchesne Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301

PHONE
(636) 949-0160

FAX
(636) 949 0730

E-MAIL
trinityepiscopal318@yahoo.com

Editor: Deanna Miller
Production: Kathleen Mealman
Proof Reader: Betty Bowen

We're on the Web!

See us at
www.trinity-stcharles.org

and on Face Book
(through our website)



June 2 PRICELESS YARD SALE!!

8AM - 1PM

You've been asking—now you know! All that stuff you've sorted and boxed will find a new home June 2. Bring your nicely used items to sell at Trinity Church in our Gigantic Priceless Sale, and have fun, too!

We don't set a price on most things; we just accept what people are willing to give. It works out well for everyone. The people who come here find bargains; the Church receives some income; the donors have more space in their homes.

Whether or not you have things you would like to donate for sale, we could use your help that day, setting up, cleaning up, and talking with customers. We also sell baked goods, so if you would like to make cookies, breads, brownies, or something else, please do so and bring the goodies before 8 am on Saturday morning.

We hold the sale rain or shine. If it's raining, we set up under the eaves and in the Reception Area. If it's sunny, we're out on the lawn, near the street, where we can be seen easily, and people can park on the lot, hop out of their cars, and shop. This event is efficient, fun, and relatively painless. Let's Go!

Trinity Sunday

June 3

Trinity Sundaes
Grad Recognitions
Our Feast Day!

Trinity Sunday is the First Sunday after the Day of Pentecost, and the Feast Day of Trinity Church. Most churches are named for a saint or an event in the life of Jesus Christ.

We are named for a central doctrine of the Church, the mystery of God's presence and work in the world. We celebrate the Unity of God and joy in the diversity of God's people.

Day of Pentecost May 27



Wear Red!

Sunday, May 27, we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. On that day, we will read the story of Pentecost in the Book of Acts. A wind from God bursts open the locked doors of the disciples' hiding place, flames dance over their heads, and they rush, shouting and dancing, into the streets.

Red is the color of the day, red for the flames of inspiration and the power of grace. Red is also the color for the Rite of Confirmation, because of the power of the Holy Spirit. We will recognize those newly Confirmed. We will give thanks for our Sunday school, and particularly for Jennifer Bax, our primary class teacher.

Also on that day, we will read the short account in John's Gospel of Jesus' breathing the Spirit into the disciples on Easter night.

If you read a language other than English and would like to share in a collective reading of the Gospel on the Day of Pentecost at either service, please let Nancy Noel know right away.

Great works are
performed.....
not by strength.....
but by perseverance.

Samuel Johnson