

PENTECOST

On May, our church celebrated the festival of Pentecost with special music arranged for Divine Service IV from our organist, choir, bells, and musicians. At the close of the service, we decommissioned our pipe organ with a final postlude "Song of Celebration". We especially thank our director of music, Jeff Sensmeier, organist Kevin Ellerbusch, bell director, Paula Reininga, and conductor, Dana Meyer for all their music preparation in making this a grand celebration for our congregation to worship our Lord.

SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming 7th annual golf scramble sponsored by Evansville Lutheran School to support Christian education. The scramble will take place at Eagle Valley Golf Course on Saturday, June 9th. Our event will start with registration beginning at 7:30 am along with putting green competition. Shot gun start for the golf begins at 8:30 amending with lunch and awards. The people at Eagle Valley will provide lunch after the round of golf. The cost of your golf game includes: 18 holes on a great course, golf cart, a delicious lunch, beverage tickets and the chance to win prizes including a top price of \$10,000. **Register Now!** If you have any questions please contact me, Joe Mitchell, at 812-424-7252 or email me at jmitchell@elsone.org.

STEWARDSHIP: A Riddle for you, Courtesy of the Board of Stewardship:
What might a SALEMINK be? Is it furry? Does it come in assorted colors?
Is its price sometimes reduced? Where and when might you see one?
(answer to the last question: at church on October 21st) Therefore: SAVE THE DATE?

UPDATE ON TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Breenna Smith accepted our call and will officially begin September 4th. Her installation will be September 2nd.

Breenna and her husband Robbie will be arriving July 5th to start looking for a house to rent, and for a job for Robbie. They are leaving their son with her parents in Wisconsin, along with the dogs until they can find a place. Hopefully it will not take too long to do so.

There will be flyers and banners out during Darmstadt Day promoting the Preschool Opening in the Fall of 2019.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to all our graduates: **LILY WEAVER**(Ball State), **BAILEY SCHNUR**(UE), **RYAN SENSMEIER**(Gibson So), **JONATHAN TEMME**(Homeschool), & **XANDER NICHOLS**(Thompkins).
CONGRATULATIONS!

Cheers to the **HANDBELL CHOIR, CHOIR** and **ALL THE MUSICIANS** who played and sang during our service on Pentecost.

Cheers to **KEVIN ELLERBUSCH** for playing the organ one last time before the new organ is installed.

Cheers to the following couples:

Ivan & Helen Marie Wortmann, who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on May 14th.

Don & Mevelyn Feagley, who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on May 25th.

Ed & Wilma McCoy, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 25th.

If anyone has a thank you of appreciation, please let Trisha know and she will put them in the next newsletter.

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Charlie and I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits during our recent health crisis. We would also like to thank Pastor Temme for all his prayers and visits. May God bless you all.
Charlie and Sara Van Stone

Thank you for our church family and Pastor Temme for all the prayers, cards, gifts and support that you gave us during Jon's illness and death. We really appreciated it. God bless you all.
Al and Gloria Arendt



Formally Worship for Shut-ins
 Can be seen Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9
 Direct TV Channel 377 Sunday Mornings at 11:30 AM

June 3, 2018 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 81:1-10; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6
 “Treasure in Jars of Clay” - Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 - *Rev. William Mueller*

We all easily recognize our human weaknesses and limitations. Our health is fragile and frail – the clay pots, which are so easily broken, remind us of this frailty. But living and dwelling within us is a treasure beyond measure – a treasure that will impact every aspect of our life today and every moment of our future!

June 10, 2018 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 130; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Gospel: Mark 3:22-35
 “Out of the Depths” - Sermon Text: Psalm 130 - *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*

There are times when we feel burdened by a sin or sins that we have committed, overwhelmed with guilt. At such times we are to cry out to the Lord, pray to Him, for mercy. Psalm 130 tells us how God will respond, and why.

June 17, 2018 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 1; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Gospel: Mark 4:26-34
 “Living in a Tent” - Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

By their very nature tents are designed to be temporary housing. St. Paul reminds us that our body is an earthly tent, designed to be a temporary dwelling. There is a permanent dwelling for us. That is when we are at home with the Lord.

June 24, 2018 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 124; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
 “Who Is This?” - Sermon Text: Mark 4:35-41 - *Rev. Daniel Brege*

Who is this, asleep in the boat? It is Jesus, a man who gets tired and is even able to die...just like you and me. Who is this who calms the violent wind and sea? It is Jesus, the eternal Son of God who, by His death and resurrection, has come to still the tumultuous, all-destroying wind and sea of sin and death.

During the month of May, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **ELLJEAN NICHOLS, CHARLIE VANSTONE, KEN TEMME, TOM & DORIS TURPIN, AL ARENDT, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, RUTH MANS, ALTON REININGA, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, KERRY KECK, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA MILLER.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, May 5.....	14
Sunday, May 6.....	91
Saturday, May 12.....	10
Sunday, May 13.....	88
Saturday, May 19.....	6
Sunday, May 20.....	92

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	9	8	2
Adult Bible Classes	27	25	27
Music & Office	3	3	2
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WHAT'S COMING UP

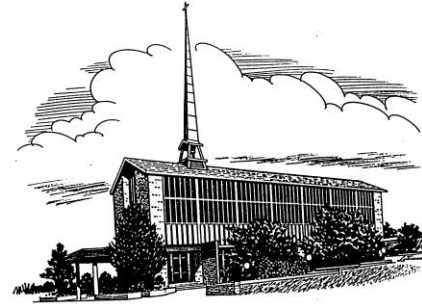
NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20th of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20th. You can also submit items by emailing them to: trisha@tldarm.org

SARAH BIBLE CLASS: On June 21st, beginning at 9:30 AM in the Christian Fellowship Room, the Sarah Bible Class is to join in “Calling Out the Elephant in the Room.” Coffee treats and fellowship available beginning at 9:00 AM. Please bring your Bibles and a friend and join in.

DARMSTADT DAY: Our congregation will be hosting Darmstadt Day as a community outreach event on Saturday, June 2, from 3-6 PM. We hope to reach our mission target of families with children and those working toward retirement by offering free food, fellowship, and fun with inflatables, games, car display, polka band, and a country store. Please join us in bringing our “Life Together” to our community.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DARMSTADT NEWSLETTER



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Formula of Concord, Article 9 - Christ's Descent into Hell

“ . . . was crucified, died, and was buried,
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again . . . ”

Wait a minute. What was that last line? “He descended into hell?” We say that line every time we confess the Apostles’ Creed. But when did that happen? I don’t remember anything about Christ descending into hell in the Gospel accounts of his death and resurrection. They buried him on Friday, rolled a stone in front of the tomb, posted a guard, and then on Sunday morning they find the tomb empty and Jesus risen from the dead. Why do we squeeze that line “He descended into hell,” in between his burial and his resurrection? Well, that truth isn’t revealed to us in the Gospel accounts, but it is revealed in the first Epistle of Peter.

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.” (1 Peter 3:18-20)

According to these verses, first Jesus died, then he was made alive by the Holy Spirit, and then he went to the spirits in prison, i.e. hell. The context following these verses speaks of Jesus’ resurrection and then his ascension into heaven. A more detailed chronology of the chain of events may be detailed as follows:

1. On the cross Jesus says “It is finished.” He tells his Father, “Into Your hands I commit my spirit,” and then he breathes his last. His soul separates from his body, and Jesus dies.
2. Jesus’ body is buried in the tomb on Friday afternoon.
3. Sometime between Friday evening and Sunday morning, the Holy Spirit makes Jesus alive. Jesus body and soul are reunited.

4. Jesus, in body and soul, as true man and true God, descends into hell to the spirits in prison.
5. Early on the third day, Sunday morning, Jesus rises from the dead. The angel rolls the stone away to show the tomb is empty.

But for what purpose did Jesus descend into hell and how does that help me? Did Jesus descend into hell to suffer punishment and torment in body and soul in the flames of hell? No. Jesus experienced all the suffering for our sins during his passion and upon the cross. He was experiencing hell, separation from God, when he cried out, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" When full atonement was made to God for our sins, Jesus then said, "It is finished." He didn't say, "I am finished," meaning I am dead, but "It is finished," meaning our debt of sin was fully paid.

Then why did Jesus descend into hell? The verses from Peter's epistle say, "to preach to the spirits in prison." As Jesus tells us in Matthew 25, hell was "prepared for the devil and his angels." But when man sinned, it also became the place of torment for the souls of unbelievers when they died, soon to be experienced in both soul and body on Judgment Day following the resurrection of the dead. Was Jesus preaching to these souls to convert them? No. "Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) Jesus descended into hell not to give lost souls a second chance, but to proclaim his victory over sin, death, and the devil. He stormed the gates of hell, Satan's home turf, and paraded through its streets in a victory march. He crushed the ancient adversary under his heel. He disarmed Satan of his power to accuse us for sins yet unpunished. "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." (Colossians 2:15) Christ's descent into hell was not part of his state of humiliation but part of his state of exaltation.

The assurance of Christ's conquest of hell is a source of courage for us in this life and in the hour of death. For neither death nor the devil nor hell below will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Temme

ALTON REININGA will be celebrating his **100th** birthday on June 28. His family is having an open house reception in his honor on June 24 from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. at North River Health Campus, 811 Baseline Rd. Evansville IN 47725. If you so incline to send a card just add Rm 502 to the address. God has blessed Alton with 100 years of Christian love and he is admired by all! Please join us in celebrating this century milestone with him and we ask you to not bring gifts.

Thanks, Terry, Alan, and Kathy

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- KIRK NICHOLS II
KEN TEMME | 17 CATHY DOWNES
JON MAASBERG |
| 2- JACKIE JACKSON
DEAN KAHRE | 18- TOM TURPIN |
| 7- CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN | 21- ELLJEAN NICHOLS |
| 9- JOSHUA KNEA
KIRK KUESTER | 22- SETH GANN |
| 10- DUSTIN MAASBERG
YVONNE MANS | 23- KAY HOFFHERR
XANDER NICHOLS
LINDA TEMME |
| 13- ARLENE HARTMAN
BRODY MAASBERG
LEVI MAASBERG | 24- MICHAEL HALL |
| 14- AL ARENDT | 26- AMBER NICHOLS |
| 15- HANAH WEAVER | 27- VIVIAN RUFF |
| 16- PARRIS RAMSEY
TARA SCHNUR | 28- ALTON REININGA (100)
TERRY REININGA |
| | 30- JOSEPH KNEA
PAUL SCHNUTE (93) |