

# VINEYARD



**APRIL 2017**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)  
AND SCHOOL  
WINFIELD, KANSAS**

## **LUTHERAN HOUR PROGRAM GUIDE**

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### **April 2017**

April 2

#### **"Freedom in the Spirit"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be.

(Romans 8:1-11)

April 9

#### **"Humble Strength for Eternal Salvation"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not to set up an earthly kingdom but to overcome sin and death--for us.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

April 16

#### **"Empty Tomb Hope!"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

The assurance of Christ's resurrection turns wonder into reality and gives us an eternal hope.

(Matthew 28:1-10)

April 23

#### **"A Living Hope for a 'Dead as Doornails' World"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

No matter how hard the world tries to shake our joy and faith, we have an inheritance in Christ that can never be taken away.

(1 Peter 1:3-9)

April 30

#### **"Unadulterated Fact"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The early believers knew two things to be true: Jesus performed miraculous works and He rose from the dead.

(Acts 2:22-25)



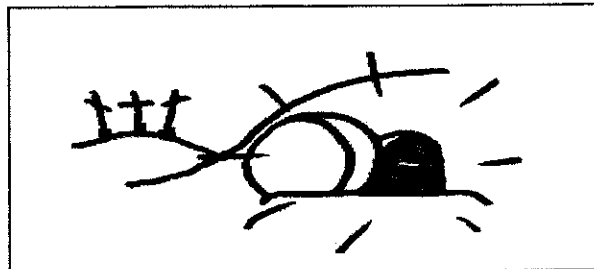
I was sorting through a stack of old magazines recently and came across an issue of REMINISCE that I just had to page through again. The front cover showed several children dressed in their Easter Sunday finery. The girls had on new spring dresses and the boys had on new suits, shirts, and ties. Everyone had on new shoes. The accompanying pictures and captions were the recollections of men and women who were nostalgic over the special memories they had of new Easter clothes when they were children.

I joined them in a trip down memory lane. I remember how Mom would set out the new outfits the night before. The crisp, clean garments still had all of the "new" about them. The shoes had that new leather smell. We would get up extra early on Easter morning because there would be a basket of surprises at the foot of the bed that had to be examined and tasted. Then the rush to get dressed and off to the Sunrise Service would commence. Every lace, bow and ribbon would be perfect and every hair neatly combed in place. The warnings not to get dirty or go near any chocolate would be issued. With military discipline our parents marched us to the car and off we went down the county road to town and church.

Together with all the other families and children, we would parade onto the church lawn just as the sun rose. The pastor would talk and we would sing and shout, "He Is Risen," in the cool dawn of a new day. It all felt so clean, and new and filled with wonder.

By lunch time our crisp, clean new clothes would be showing the first signs of wear. Ties were off and shirttails were out. Dresses would be smudged and crinkled. New shoes would have their first scuff marks. We would be anxious to get back to our Easter baskets and into clothes you could play in.

We celebrate a risen and living Savior each Sunday. Easter is God's ongoing message that everything is new and clean and fresh between us. He is raised and we know that He clothes us with grace and blessing and forgiveness again and again.



“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” Romans 6:3-5 (ESV)

“Then one of the elders addressed me saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Revelation 7:13-14 (ESV)

God’s truth, in Christ risen, does not wear out or grow old. The Easter message is new and fresh each day.

*Blessings in His Name,  
Pastor Hathaway*



#### **APRIL LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday April 5, 2017—Obedience**  
Lenten Meal 5:30-6:30pm—Proceeds to Trinity Love Fund  
Lenten Worship 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**  
Palm Sunday Worship 9:00am  
Youth assisting with the service

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**  
Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion 7:00pm

**Friday April 14, 2017**  
Good Friday Worship 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**  
Easter Sunrise w/Communion 7:00am  
Easter Breakfast 8:00am  
Easter Worship w/Communion 9:00am  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am



**CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS**

Come to the Bell Ringer Workshop on April 1, 2017 from 9 AM to 12 PM Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 600 North Greenwich in Wichita, KS. This workshop will feature Dr. John Behnke, a former Professor of Music at St. John's College and nationally recognized composer of Organ and Hand Bell Music. The cost is only \$15 and it includes music and a snack. You do need to bring your own bell(s) however. Please R.S.V.P. to the following phone number 316-648-5201.

**A LENTEN FESTIVAL**

On Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. John Behnke will be presenting an organ concert entitled "A Lenten Hymn Festival." This will also be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich, Wichita. There is no charge for this concert.

**EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary Easter morning in memory of a loved one or for blessings received, please sign the list in the church office and leave \$7 to pay for the lily. Following the Easter service, be sure to pick your lily up and take it home to plant in your garden. Thank you.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

Come for Easter breakfast between the Sunrise Service and late Easter Worship. Egg Casseroles, biscuits & gravy and apple dumplings will be on the menu. A freewill offering will be taken for Eagles Nest. This agency offers educational opportunities, job training, assistance to battered women and single moms, help to those who have lost their homes etc.

**ITALIAN DINNER**

Come one, come all, to the annual Italian dinner sponsored by the Trinity youth on Sunday, April 2 following Bible class at 11:30 a.m. The menu is spaghetti, salad, bread dessert, drink. The cost is \$7.00. Enjoy a good meal & fellowship!

**THANK YOU!**

Trinity School PTL, students, teachers and staff would like to Thank You for your support of our BBQ Bash Dinner and Silent Auction. Thanks to your donations of auction items and your attendance at the dinner and auction we were able to raise over \$4500 to support our school. The money will be used to purchase much needed playground equipment and other school supplies. We appreciate your support of our school and hope to make this an annual event!

**BIKE RODEO**

Trinity School and PTL invite all children to come to their Bike Safety Rodeo on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The Winfield Police Dept. will be here to inspect bikes and teach bike safety and traffic rules. We will have an obstacle course set up to practice what you learn. There will be prizes and free grilled hots with trimmings for supper. Bring your bikes and be sure to bring your helmets for this fun event. This a family event, no charge, paid for by Thrivent For Lutherans.

**SURVEYS**

If you still have a church survey to turn in, we are still collecting them.

**KITCHEN SHOWER**

We thank those who have already contributed to the kitchen shower. Please check our list of things still needed to see if you can help us fill the list of things needed. Still on our wish list....

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| Cutting mats                                   | small hand mixer   |
| paring knives                                  | pie servers        |
| vegetable peelers                              | pizza cutter       |
| Good broom                                     | nylon scubers      |
| lg. serving bowls                              | frying pan screens |
| electric knife                                 |                    |
| small vacuum for windowsills, etc.             |                    |
| plastic table covers in rolls – white & colors |                    |

THANKS FOR YOUR GIFTS!



## A Note from the Deacon

At the St. John's College Alumni Association, we receive what is called the "Lutheran Witness Supplements." That is the short paper found in the center of the Lutheran Witness you receive. Here in the KS District, it contains news of happenings in the KS District of the LCMS. But at the Alumni Office we receive the supplements from all 35 of the Districts of the LCMS because we use those to find out what alumni in the other Districts are doing. Just recently we received the March issues of these supplements and as I was going through them, one stood out to me. This was the message of Rev. Barrie Henke, President of the OK District of the LCMS. Pastor Henke of course is an alumnus of SJC. His message to me and to all members of the OK District was "The Freedom of Forgiveness." It was such a meaningful message that I thought it was worth sharing with each of you as members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Here is President Henke's message:

*"Lent began on Ash Wednesday which was on March 1. It begins the 40 penitential days of Lent, a time for considering more intently our sins that took Jesus to the cross of Calvary. However, what we do during Lent is somewhat an extended version of what we as Lutherans do each Sunday - we acknowledge our sins, we confess them and we receive absolution. What a wonderful blessing this is for us!*

*Few Christians in other church bodies share in such a blessing. Just think - we acknowledge our sins in thought, word and deed; we repent of them; we rely totally upon the forgiving grace of Christ; and we hear the words as though they are coming from the mouth of Jesus Himself - "I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!" Such an action and such words should bring an inexpressible joy to our hearts. But do they?*

*Too often we play the "dead fish" game. As we confess our sins - "our dead fish" - we allow the words of absolution to bury our dead fish, but then we do not leave them buried. We go back and dig them up. We see how rotten they are and in doing so those "dead fish" sins of ours come back to haunt us. You can be assured that as we go back to the burial site of our "dead fish" sins, the devil is handing us the shovel to dig!*

*Whenever we keep going back to the "dead fish" that were buried in confession and absolution, we are diminishing the power of the forgiving grace of Jesus Christ. We are also frustrating the Holy Spirit as He works to instill within us the desire to leave the dead fish buried! You see, when we with a repentant heart receive the gracious word of forgiveness, then we are empowered to leave those dead fish sins and forever walk away from their burial site. This is the freedom of forgiveness. It is seizing the promise made by God through Jeremiah:*

*"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" Jer. 31:34*

*That new covenant promise was sealed to us by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, if God forgives our sins and forgets them, it is imperative that we, empowered by the Holy Spirit, receive His forgiveness and forget where we have buried our "dead fish" sins!*

*As we receive the power of Christ's forgiveness and consciously grasp its impact on our life, namely to forgive as we have been forgiven, we are free to live in the abundant joy that Jesus desires for us to have. It changes our attitude toward others, our congregation, our pastor, but especially toward ourselves. An elderly man in my congregation remarked that if he had been the only sinner in the world, Jesus would still have come to die for him! It demonstrates how special we are in the eyes of God!*

*Jesus wants us to live in the freedom and joy of forgiveness, because as we do, we reach out with that forgiveness to others. So my friends, if you are bothered with some "dead fish" from your past, leave them buried. Remember, you are forgiven! And when Jesus forgives, "dead fish" stay buried!"*

So during the next service at Trinity Lutheran when we confess our sins and Pastor Hathaway pronounces the absolution, remember what President Henke said about freedom and the joy of forgiveness. Remember your "dead fish" should remain buried. I look forward to making confession with each of you each every Sunday morning and I know my "dead fish" WILL remain buried because I have the freedom and joy of forgiveness from God as a result of what my Lord and Savior did by dyeing on the cross and rising on that first Easter morning.

Blessings always

Deacon Larry Junker

**LWML News & Notes**  
**TREASURES in JARS of CLAY**  
**Isaiah 64:8**

Please join us for **monthly for Bible studies** based on Isaiah 64:8. We invite you to find a time that works for you:

**Joanna Circle** – meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2 pm, Gayle Walker, Chairman

April 20 at 2pm in Church Overflow—**Note meeting date change**  
Rosalie-Hostess, Sara-Bible Study Leader

**Ruth Circle** – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 pm, Michelle Schoon, Chairman

Apr 17 at 7 pm at 1118 E 8 Ave  
Becky & Kate-Hostesses

**Esther Circle** – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9 am, Diane Okeson, Chairman

Apr 18 at 9 am at 16214 US Hwy 160 (Linda Kindt)  
Ann-Co-Hostess, Diane-Bible Study Leader

You are invited to join us for the following events:

Apr 1 Spring Zone Rally and Prayer Service at Grace, Wichita

Sign up sheet is on the LWML Bulletin Board

Apr 27 Busy Bee Quilting

Apr 30 Mite Box Sunday

**AN EASTER JOURNEY**

I stood before the bloodstained cross  
And there I knelt and cried:  
My Savior suffered on this cross  
And for my sins he died.

I stood before the open tomb  
And there I knelt and prayed:  
An angel said that I should go  
And never be afraid.

I stood before the heavenly throne  
And there I knelt in shame,  
But Jesus opened wide his arms  
And called me by my name.  
(L.L. Miller)

Living and Serving our Lord and Savior  
with (JOY and) GLADNESS!  
Katie Wilson, Pres (Apr, 2017)

COMMON COLD AND ALLERGIES



This time of year it seems everyone is blowing their nose. The wind and budding trees may play a part. The students at Trinity have had their share of illnesses this past month. But often it's hard to say if it is a common cold or allergy. Is all that coughing and sneezing from a cold or hay fever?

**What Are Colds and Allergies?** They have different causes. You get a cold when a tiny living thing called a virus gets into your body. There are hundreds of different types that can get you sick.

Once a cold virus gets inside you, your immune system, the body's defense against germs, launches a counter-attack. It's this response that brings on the classic symptoms like a cough or stuffed up nose.

The viruses that cause colds are contagious. You can pick them up when someone who's infected sneezes, coughs or shakes hands with you. After a couple of weeks, at the most, your immune system fights off the illness and you should stop having symptoms.

Allergies are different. They're caused by an overactive immune system. For some reason, your body mistakes harmless things, such as dust or pollen, for germs and attacks them. When that happens, your body releases chemicals such as histamine, just as it does when fighting a cold. This can cause a swelling in the passageways of your nose, and you'll start sneezing and coughing.

Unlike colds, allergies aren't contagious, though some people may inherit a tendency to get them.

**Differences Between Colds and Allergies**

Take stock of your symptoms and how long they last to help you decide what's causing your trouble.



Characteristic	Cold	Allergy
How Long It Lasts	3-14 days	Days to months – as long as you're in contact with the allergy trigger
When It Happens	Most often in the winter, but possible at any time	Any time of the year – although the appearance of some allergy triggers are seasonal
When It Starts	Symptoms take a few days to appear after infection with the virus	Symptoms can begin immediately after contact with allergy triggers
Symptom	Cold	Allergy
Cough	Often	Sometimes
Aches	Sometimes	Never
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fever	Rarely	Never
Itchy, watery eyes	Rarely	Often
Sore throat	Often	Sometimes
Runny or stuffy nose	Often	Often



# A LIGHT IN THE FOREST



Feb/March 2017

Dear Friends,

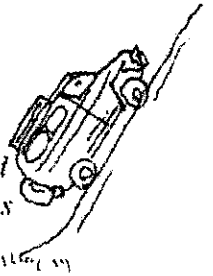
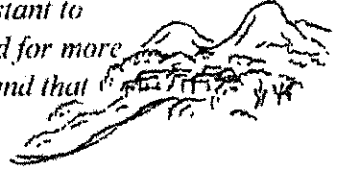
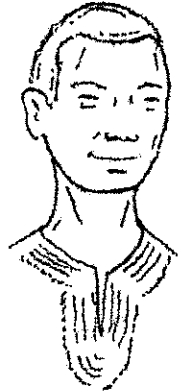
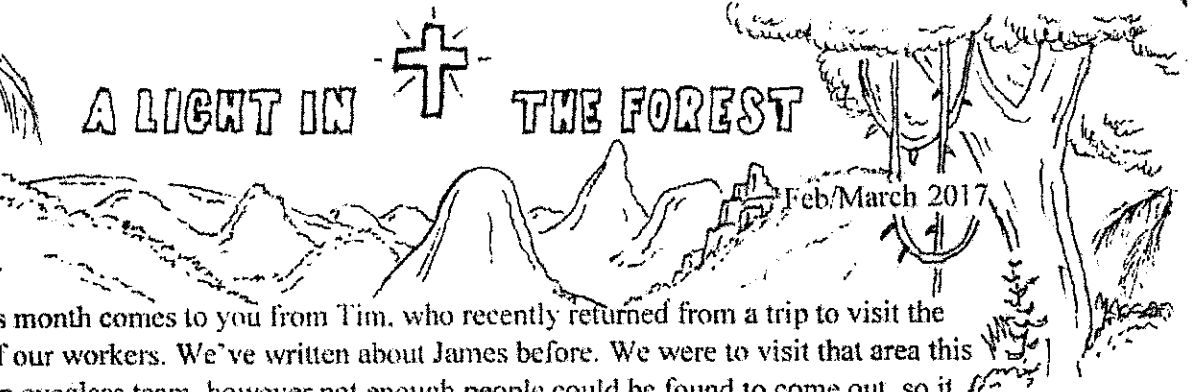
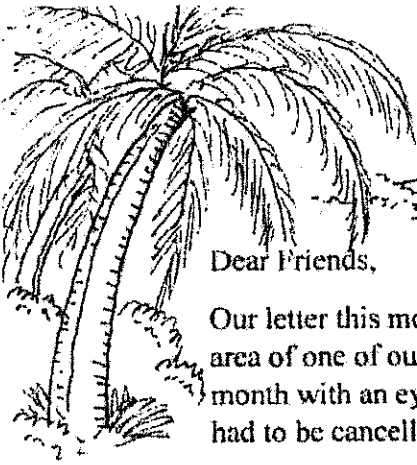
Our letter this month comes to you from Tim, who recently returned from a trip to visit the area of one of our workers. We've written about James before. We were to visit that area this month with an eyeglass team, however not enough people could be found to come out, so it had to be cancelled. Tim went to encourage the people there as well as James. He writes:

*This month I took some time and headed south to spend a couple days with one of our workers who works with the Kuranko people in the Forest Region. We have talked about James before in these letters. He is the Kuranko refugee from Sierra Leone who became a Lutheran in the camps and stayed to reach his people here in Guinea with the Gospel. We did some teaching there last rainy season, but I promised that I would return in dry season to go around and visit some of the places where he is working. It was a fun experience. The region where he works in the south near the Sierra Leone boarder is very different from Siguiri here. It is very dry and savannah-like here, grassy, and the trees are generally fewer and short. Down there it is often thick forest with tall trees and variously shaped mountains and hills jutting up in sometimes weird shapes that make you think that maybe King Kong is going to show up in at some point.*

*James is doing a great job. You can see the people respect him, and he is earning a hearing for the Gospel. I was happy when he told me that the resistance, which had been quite strong in the early going, was fading. The voices of imams and such were growing quieter as he has gained respect. As we said earlier, this area had once been evangelized a long time ago, and many people apparently accepted Jesus, but the evangelizers left and never returned, so the new Christians were embarrassed and went back to Islam and became kind of resistant to Christian groups. But now that James has moved in his family and has been around for more than a year now, people told me again and again about how they appreciate him, and that now they are beginning to believe that Christianity has come to the region to stay.*

*We visited a number of places. We even were in the remote hill top town where James first arrived in Guinea and registered as a refugee when he fled the war in Sierra Leone. But I want to talk about one village in particular. I will call it Yeledougou. As I said, the area is remote and hilly, difficult to get into, far from the main roads and close to the Sierra Leone boarder. We actually had visited this village once before. We came on motorcycles because, while they had worked on building a road, we were not sure the car could make it. This time we decided to try. James loaded the car with a couple Christian leaders from other towns and a small choir with a drum. They definitely had been working on the road again, but sometimes it seemed like we were going straight down into rice swamps or trying to go straight up the side of mountains. I was very relieved when we pulled into town, but I was also kind of surprised by the wild jubilation that seemed to greet our arrival. Turns out that after working on their road for two years, ours was the first vehicle to ever reach their village.*

*James had told me that I didn't need to speak on Islam. He said that while almost everyone in the area considers themselves to be a Muslim, way back here the Imams don't even know how*





to read the Quran or anything about it. He said Juju and traditional religion were really what we needed to deal with. That night, at our gathering, I spoke, and then James spoke for a long time after me. I wasn't sure if the timing was right but he called for people to commit to Jesus, and about fifteen people came forward and we prayed. Later that night, the chief spoke to the group, and said that from now on the village should be done with traditional religions. People should either become Christian or Muslim, one or the other, and they should leave the Juju.

The next morning our group from the car set off to another remote village on foot. We moved fast, and the up and down trails were exhausting, but a number of kids went too, and I could not believe the way they keep right up with the group, even when I was dying. They were even running ahead, and then running back. We had a good meeting at the village there too. When we got back to Yeledougou, the elders met with us again. They told us they had met together, and there were many more than the few from last night that were going to become Christians. In fact they told us that they were quite certain that very soon over ninety percent would be Christians. It was pretty heady stuff. It was the highlight of a great few days.

Here's another episode in my ongoing adventures with the neighborhood kids here in Siguiri. I was just down the road from my house, and no one really seemed to be out and about. Suddenly a little kid appeared and started running to me. He wasn't a whole lot more than a toddler, and I am still not sure if he talks yet. He ran up to me with his arms stretched up. At first I thought that maybe he wanted me to pick him up, but as he stood in front of me that didn't seem to be what he wanted. I bent down to him and he raised up on his tiptoes and pulled the hat off my head, then he squatted down and looked up at me. Suddenly I knew what he wanted. The kids that I often pray with around here noted the way I usually take off my hat when I pray. Now they always make sure I take it off before I start. So, first things first. This guy wanted my hat off, and now he was ready to pray. So I squatted down and said a short prayer that I am pretty certain he did not understand, but when I finished, he popped up with a big smile on his face, and off he went. Now this was no big breakthrough, and the guy probably didn't even know that this was any more than a game, but I found it quite heartwarming none the less. Maybe the sign of many wonderful things that will someday be coming here. And as Paul says, whether false motives or true, Christ is being preached! For this we rejoice.

God continues to move and we continue to follow. We've had some openings for possible volunteers at our clinic which is exciting. We hope to get out into the villages soon with medical as well as dental help. Please pray that when God's Spirit opens doors, we see them and are ready to blast through!! Lord, give us spiritual eyes (hopefully clearer than these old physical ones!!) Thank you, as always, for your love and support!

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For the work of Tim and Beth Heiney

Maranatha!

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