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April 2024 Newsletter

Blessed Sleep

Our brother in Christ, Ron Wietbrock, fell asleep in Jesus on March 7th, with Christian services and burial on March 11th.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." - Revelation 14:13

Holy Baptism

Jack David Sanders, son of Ryan and Kristen Sanders, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 24th. Sponsors for Jack are Keith Sanders and Kelsey Pattee.

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
-Matthew 19:14*

VBS Planning Meeting

"Digging into the Apostles' Creed" is the title of this year's VBS set for June 9-13 in the evenings. We will hold our first VBS planning meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Positions to fill include: teachers, group leaders, craft helpers, snack helpers, games, kitchen crew to serve and clean up from dinner (they will not cook the meals,) and youth to assist with groups. All who would like to volunteer in any capacity, including youth, should attend this planning meeting. If you want to be a part of it and cannot attend, please call Kristi Heinz at 773-420-6499 or Laurie Marx at 219-696-4614.

Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be a Bible study, a short devotion, a business meeting, and light refreshments. We will be making our final arrangements for the prayer breakfast.

Adult Choir Practices

The Adult Choir will meet for practices on Thursday, April 4th & 11th at 7:00 p.m. April 11th will be the final practice before they recess for summer.

Men's Fellowship Meetings Resume

The Men's Fellowship Group will resume on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All men of the congregation are invited to join this weekly time of fellowship and study.

Sisters of Mercy Meeting and Quilting Sessions

-Sisters of Mercy has scheduled an evening meeting on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Education building to work on Mother's Day and Father's Day cards.

-Quilting sessions are planned for Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. and on Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m. Though these are hosted by Sisters of Mercy, everyone is welcome to help work on the quilts which will be donated. Bring a pair of scissors and large eyed needles if you have them.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study Resumes

Women's Wednesday Bible Study will begin meeting again on April 10th at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings, and all women are welcome to attend this study led by Pastor Heinz.

Blood Drive

The Parish Nurses will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, April 13th from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish hall at the church. To schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to <redcrossblood.org> and use the sponsor code "Trinitylowell". There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

LWML Spring Rally at Trinity

Our church will be hosting this year's Spring Prayer Breakfast for the Hammond Zone LWML. This is open to **ALL women** of our congregation. It will be Wednesday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. There will be a breakfast, a prayer service by Pastor Heinz, and a business meeting. We should be done by noon. For more information, there is an invitation on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Susan Stadt (219-844-6176) or the church office (219-696-9338) by April 14th if you plan to attend so we have enough food. There will be an ingathering for Phil's Friends. Items needed include lotion (5 oz. fragrance free), hats (knitted, crocheted or baseball), fuzzy socks (women's only), biotene (6 oz. or smaller), decks of playing cards, gift cards, lip balm, puzzle books, single toothbrushes, tissue packs, journals (5 x 7, not spiral bound), and blankets. All items need to be new and unused because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems. You do not need to attend the breakfast to donate; there is a bin in the parish hall for donated items.

Women's Book Club

Women's Book Club will meet on Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room of the education building. We will be discussing "All Things New" by Lynn Austin. Jackie S. is in charge of snacks and will lead the discussion.

Maker's Night

Maker's Night will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All crafters and those working on projects are invited to bring their supplies and enjoy some fellowship while they create.

Church Directories

Each family is eligible to get a copy of our new church directory. If you have not yet received your copy and would like to have one, contact the church secretary at 219-696-9338 or <office@trinitylowell.com>

2024 High School/College Graduates

Sisters of Mercy would like to acknowledge our members who will be graduating from high school or college this year. If you have a family member graduating in 2024, please contact the church secretary at <office@trinitylowell.com> or 219-696-9338.

Phil's Friends

The item of the month for April will journals/small notebooks. For those who like to shop for bargains, the May item will be new decks of cards, and the June item will be lip balm. They can be put in the box in the parish hall at any time. Also, don't forget to color cards and leave them in the box in the parish hall.

April 2024 - Calendar

Birthdays

4/1 Dick Gross
4/2 Sharon Schlueter
4/5 Linda Miley, David Bode, April Skwartz
4/7 Jade Marx
4/9 Chuck Breitenfeldt
4/10 Sarah Blane, Jason Raby
4/11 Brandi Fitzwater, Vernon Fitzwater, Owen Scherette
4/12 Mackenzie Burrigh
4/13 Virginia Barrus, Samuel Swart, Amanda White
4/17 Mandy Henry, Lynne Fischer, Minnie Marx
4/19 Sally Bennett, Alesia Harding, Emma Heinz
4/21 Lisa Wietbrock, Kevin Smith, Isaiah Sickinger, Jax Haberlin, Jaime Arnold
4/22 Macayla Bank, Brian Barnes
4/23 Terry Graegin, Patricia Williams, Elliot Stonebraker
4/25 Steve Swarens
4/26 Christina Bakker, Brice Burge, Hailey Slager, Hillary Slager
4/28 Amanda Schultz
4/29 Laurel Arnold, Benjamin Heinz

Anniversaries

4/4 Rich & Hannah Brewer
4/14 Ed & Pat Patz

Events

4/2, 16 Food Pantry 10am – Noon
4/2 VBS Planning Meeting 7pm
Dartball All Star Game at Highland 7pm
4/3 Elders Meeting 7pm
4/4, 11, 18, 25 Healthy Lifestyle Meeting 9am
4/4 Sisters of Mercy Quilting 10am
Ladies Aid 1pm
4/4, 11 Adult Choir Practice 7pm
4/8 Sisters of Mercy Meeting 7pm
4/8, 15, 22, 29 Men's Fellowship Meeting 7pm
4/10, 24 Women's Bible Study 10am
4/17 LWML Spring Breakfast 9am
4/18 Sisters of Mercy Quilting 1pm
4/22 Women's Book Club 7pm
4/24 Maker's Night 7pm

Worship & Sunday Classes

Sunday Divine Service 8am & 10:30am
Sunday School 9:25am
Family Bible Study 9:30am