

# MAY

## Trinity News



### Christ in Work nominees for April!

The congregational celebration of Easter with our congregational lunch and annual egg hunt was a huge success **thanks to the many volunteers that helped to make it happen!** **Emilee Vega, Mandy Janecek, Melissa Smith, Cassie Adcock, and Lucas Johnson** helped to make sure that the Easter bunny stopped at our church and hid the Easter eggs, while James Adcock and JP Vega took care of cooking the hot dogs for everyone. It was a special day of fellowship and Easter celebration, helping to make special memories with our church family.



## Who Is to Be Hospitable?

- Elders (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8)
- Widows (1 Tim. 5:10)
- All Christians (Mt. 25:35,40; Rom. 12:13; 1 Pet. 4:9; Heb. 13:2)
- No one is exempt from showing hospitality!
- Note: The work of hospitality is the work of the individual, not the local church (Acts 2:46; 1 Cor. 11:22,34)

**Listen with your heart. VISIT A SICK FRIEND.**  
Clean a neighbour's walk. **Offer a hug.**  
Give an unexpected gift. Make a new friend.  
Pickup litter. **Say "hello".** *Open a door.*  
**Plant a tree.** *Help carrying a load.* Share a snack. *Cheer up a friend.* Thank a teacher or mentor. *Read to a young child.* Lend a hand.  
**Do a kind act daily. Leave a thank you note.** Offer your seat. *Cycle courteously.*  
**Be tolerant. LET ANOTHER GO FIRST.** *Bake cookies to share. Give a compliment.* Help a student make friends. Donate your gently used items. *Respect others.* **Give a balloon away. LEND A PENCIL.**



# The VISTA<sup>lite</sup>

## DWELLING IN... JEREMIAH 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are reading this in your congregational newsletter, your voting members and those of other synod congregations are preparing for the Synod Assembly on May 4-6. I am convinced that they covet your prayers this year.

Along with electing many leaders in the synod, approving a budget, and celebrating the offering which supports Fund for Leaders (scholarships for seminarians), this assembly will be electing a new bishop. I trust that they have read about each of the potential nominees for the Bishop's election on the assembly website and that you have as well.

Having served in the Office of Bishop almost eighteen years, I can testify to both the weight and the joy of this calling. It is an honor to serve in this

position, a testimony of peers and partners in ministry recognizing one's gifts for this Office. As I have been humbled to serve in this capacity, I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead this assembly to choose the right person for its next bishop.

So, what can you do while your voting members are at the assembly? First, remember them in prayer, so that in all things they will have wisdom. Second, invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit for all assembly decisions, particularly that of electing a new bishop. Third, let your Sunday worship be a local celebration of all those gathered at assembly. It is a symbol of our unity in Christ.

As always, I remember you in prayer.

Peace,

Bishop Ray Tiemann

### MORE CONGREGATIONS IN THE MISSIONAL RIVER

In March and April, the Missional River was flowing! Ten congregations assembled at Ebenezer in Maxwell; three of them have been in this process for a year; seven were just beginning. Then, in April, we headed to the Valley for our second learning seminar with three congregations who are in the middle of listening in their congregation and who will soon foray into their neighborhoods to investigate where God might be at work. These congregations are learning new skills and behaviors to equip them to be the church in the 21st century. Want



to learn more? Contact Pastor Sue Briner in the synod office, or Pastor Greg Gaskamp, current chair of our Mission Team.

### NEW CONGREGATION!



The people of Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in San Antonio voted to become a congregation of the ELCA. A Dios sea la Gloria! They will be accepted as a new congregation at the 2018 Synod Assembly.



### INSTALLATION

Welcome Pastor Andrew Dietzel to St. Martin's and the Capital South Conference!



**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**MAY**



- 6**            **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*  
John 15:9-17  
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 13**            **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
John 17:6-19  
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
Mother's Day  
First Communion Sunday
- 20**            **Day of Pentecost**  
*Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord*  
John 15:26-27; 16:4-15  
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 27**            **The Holy Trinity**  
*Mothering God, you gave me birth*  
John 3:1-17  
8:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary



**Special Prayer:**

Diana and Danny Bitterly for good interviews this week for counselor jobs this summer  
Continued prayers for Pastor Jim and Marie to receive favorable news from the call committee in San Antonio

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Stephen Motal



**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Jim	Kelly Jordan
Roland Armstrong	Keith Kann
Mae Baecker	Todd Kelm
La Sher Bartay	Linda Kickendahl
Mario Bedillo	Kathy Matthews
Linda Berger	Max Mayer
Danny Bitterly	Suzanne Mayfield
Floyd Boedeker	Debbie McClanahan
Carol Bosland	Michael McClanahan
Beverly Jan Burnett	Paul McGee
Russell Cain	Cole Ohrt
Dale Climer	Scarlet O'Neil
Genny Cody	Bryan Redding
Mendy Dierlam	Craig Sauer
David Drost	Doug Schaefer
Dana Durham	Wade Shumbera
Jack Edwards	Donna Shedd
Mary Foerster	Lynda Smart
Linda & Chelsea Garcia	Shirley Spies
Manetta & Melvin Hairell	Billy Stange
Bob Hoad	Wilma Stoever
Danny Hoad	Carol Thacker
Gloria Hofer	Ann Thomas
Leonora Homeier	Kelly Thomas
Valrene Horelka	Lynda Torrey
Gloria Ideus	Kay Villa
	Marcy Worsham



**FUNERALS**

- **Raymond Ledwig**—Gretchen and Marvin Sturm and family and friends on his death.
- **Farrell Heller**—Marilyn and Melvin Scherer Jr. and family and friends on his death.

## New Ventures in Bible Reading

**May**

**2018**

1	Tuesday	Leviticus 18--19
2	Wednesday	Leviticus 20--21
3	Thursday	Leviticus 22-23
4	Friday	Leviticus 24--25
5	Saturday	Leviticus 26--27
6	Sunday	Psalms 94
7	Monday	Hebrews 1--2
8	Tuesday	Hebrews 3:1---4:13
9	Wednesday	Hebrews 4:14---7:27
10	Thursday	Hebrews 8--9
11	Friday	Hebrews 10--11
12	Saturday	Hebrews 12--13
13	Sunday	Psalms 95
14	Monday	Hosea 1--2
15	Tuesday	Hosea 3--4
16	Wednesday	Hosea 5--7
17	Thursday	Hosea 8--10
18	Friday	Hosea 11:1--11
19	Saturday	Hosea 11:12---14:9
20	Sunday	Psalms 96
21	Monday	Matthew 1--2
22	Tuesday	Matthew 3:1---4:22
23	Wednesday	Matthew 4:23---7:29
24	Thursday	Matthew 8:1---9:34
25	Friday	Matthew 9:35---10:42
26	Saturday	Matthew 11--13
27	Sunday	Psalms 97
28	Monday	Matthew 14:1---16:12
29	Tuesday	Matthew 16:13---18:35
30	Wednesday	Matthew 19--21
31	Thursday	Matthew 22--23



# Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry

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## VCAM MONTHLY UPDATE

April 2018  
(March 2018 Services)



### Services Provided for March 2018:

- Households Served – 911**
- Food Boxes – 804**
- Basic Needs – 756**
- Clothing – 333**
- Home Delivery - 4**
- Homeless – 19**
- Financial Assistance – 22**
- \*First-Time VCAM Households Served - 38**

### HELLO ALL –

Here is quick rundown as a refresher to all of the free services that VCAM provides to clients on a once a month basis:

- Groceries** - Food Pantry for shopping based on family size
- Clothing** - Family Closet open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & each VCAM Saturday!
- Financial Assistance** - past due amounts on water & natural gas utility bills, non-narcotic prescription medications, gasoline vouchers for out of town medical appointments

**\*VCAM does not provide payment assistance for electricity bills or rent.**

Please check out the website at: [www.vcamvictoria.org](http://www.vcamvictoria.org) or the VCAM Facebook page, also for a list of services provided or other VCAM Saturday! dates in the coming months.

VCAM is the largest food pantry in the surrounding counties area serviced by the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. Our services cover the Victoria County community. We do have a list of other food pantries serviced by the FBGC and their days of operations. We also have a list of other agencies that provide financial assistance. Dial 211 for the best resource of services offered in other areas.

VCAM is currently accepting clothing donations; focusing on summer clothing for the coming months. Your support is always valued and much needed.  
God bless...*Marc*

For more information on our services or volunteer opportunities, call (361) 572-0048, send an e-mail to [victoria.vcam@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.vcam@gmail.com), or stop by VCAM at 108 North Liberty.

*"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."*

4-11-2018

Dear friends at Trinity,

Letting you know we are back at home in Minnesota. Quite a welcome waiting for us—5 to 6 inches of solid ice on our double wide driveway and walkway to our front door! All doors froze shut. Side door to house was OK, so we could get in the house.

Temperatures were in the upper 20's.—freezing! Had to park our camper on street and carry all perishables across ice packed-driveway—very cold at this time as it was late at night.

Slowly getting life settled to a sort of normalcy, taking it one day at a time.

We are missing all of your friendly smiles and warm welcomes.

We thank God for leading us to you for our worship while in Victoria.

Jay is having problems with his short term memory, very frustrating for us both. Praying we will be able to come back this fall.

Love to all  
Jay and Jan

Thank you for the monthly church news bulletin!

P.S. Their address in Minnesota is  
Jan and Jay Le Roux  
17 2nd St. N  
Sabin, Minnesota 565-4005



**YOGA WITH TERRI will continue to be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Luther Hall until the end of May.** Free and open to the public. Terri has a limited supply of mats, blocks etc. Babysitting provided. Come check it out!!!

## TRINITY SUNDAY SHOWCASE

**MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Talents of our Trinity Family @both 8:00 and 10:30 Worship

What Talents would you like to share?

Song

Poetry

Drama

Dance

Instruments

?

Please sign up with Leah

At

361.649.6045 or email: [leah.matocha@gmail.com](mailto:leah.matocha@gmail.com)

**Don't Hide Your Talent  
Under a Bushel Basket**

**NO!**

**LET IT SHINE!**



## HOPKINS NEWS

To show our support for the students of Hopkins Elementary as they prepare to take the STAAR tests, Trinity will be providing popcorn, pickles, and water on May 11th.

Hopkins is also in need of the following manipulatives for their Math Centers:

Foam dice  
Foam dominoes  
Place value blocks  
Place value dice  
Rubber money stamps  
Shape stamps  
Play money

If you would be able to help deliver the STAAR snacks to the school on April 9th and May 11th or would like to donate manipulatives or money to help purchase the manipulatives, please contact Laura Schulz by email at [lauraaschulz61@gmail.com](mailto:lauraaschulz61@gmail.com) or call or text [361-649-4833](tel:361-649-4833).

We will be preparing and delivering meals to the Hopkins Staff the last Fridays of April and May. Hotdogs will be prepared in April and hamburgers in May. Please let Laura Schulz know if you can help with the meals and delivery.

### Sunday School News

#### Mark Your Calendars-

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Congregational Group Activity (Paint the Church- Canvas Painting)

#### Vacation Bible School- Mark Your Calendars

VBS is scheduled July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>. Come be Rescued by Jesus as we take the kids through Shipwrecked by Group.

Volunteers are needed. Let Melissa Smith know if you can help that week. Call or text at 361-648-9304 or email at [melissareicheksmith@gmail.com](mailto:melissareicheksmith@gmail.com).



Hey Trinity! Let's celebrate our Graduates! We will do so on Trinity Sunday, May 27, at both services. Please let the church office know who is graduating from high school or college as soon as possible!!!

These are the names we have so far:

Kenneth Groll  
Tyler Johnson  
Savannah Kitchens  
Emily Rodriguez  
Natalyn Wheeler  
Danny Bitterly  
Trenton Little  
Kara Thomas--college  
Justin Thomas--college

To add another name call 361-573-4725 [staff@trinityvictoria.net](mailto:staff@trinityvictoria.net)  
or email [maryannep@suddenlink.net](mailto:maryannep@suddenlink.net).



Our Blessings are on Their Way Around the World! All of our gathering and preparing for Lutheran World Relief was hugely successful again this year! On Wednesday, April 4, we transported our items to TLU

in Seguin. From there, they will travel to the national warehouse and then be distributed to the most needy around the world. Our Trinity family contributed 264 quilts, 114 school kits, 3 fabric kits, and 128 pounds of soap! We also provided \$400 for shipping beyond TLU! In addition, we gave 26 quilts and 54 school kits to local neighbors after Hurricane Harvey. Our gifts of quilts and kits provide comfort and hope to people displaced by conflict or natural disasters and to those living in extreme illness or poverty. These items are greatly treasured and appreciated. Thank You from around the world for supporting this vital ministry!

Thank you for the cards, prayers and concerns on the death of Raymond P. Ledwig from the family of Raymond P. Ledwig. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Gretchen Sturm



I want to thank the ladies for helping me crochet the prayer shawls for the convention. Barbara Stubbs took 27 and Anna Rippamonti to 4 to Nordheim. So we made 31 in all.

Participants who crocheted:

Chris Ripamonti	Jo Ann Yeary
Martha Sims	Shirley Joslyn
Linda Otto	Alice Reha

God Bless Alice Reha



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church:  
Thank you for so generously allowing our partners at World Renew to use your parlor from April 3-16. The Veterans Long Term Recovery Group is working diligently to rebuild our community, and your help with this will be invaluable!

Sincerely -  
Cathy Vance  
Heather Linnelle  
Lane Johnson  
Cindy Staley  
The LTRC Executive Comm.  
Mark Longmire  
Michael Petersen  
(Adele) Wallace

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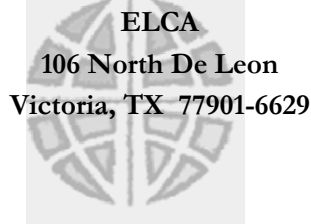
Sincerely -  
Rae May Vait  
Adm. Assist.

*Happy Mothers Day*  
 May 13th

# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 9:30 Mary-Martha 5:30 Fellowship Welcome 5:00 Grace Mtg., LH	<b>2</b> 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:30 7th Grade Conf 6:30 1st Comm 7:00 Choir	<b>3</b> 8:00 Walkers 5:30 Worship & Music Team	<b>4 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  2018 SWT SYNOD —San Marcos MAY 4-6	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:30 Worship HC, Sanctuary 9:15 Sunday School	<b>7</b> 6:00 Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 2:00 Quarterly WELCA meeting Thankoffering Service	<b>9</b> 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 6:30 1st Commun 7:00 Choir	<b>10</b> 8:00 Walkers  Pictures—Choir Room →	<b>11</b> 6:30 1st Communion Dinner, LH  →	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:00 Worship HC Chapel 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, HC, Sanctuary <b>1st Communion</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Piano Recital, Chapel 5-8 Grace Retreat, LH Pam vacation May 11th-18th	<b>15</b> 6:30 Men's Group 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing 6:30 Congr. Council May 11th-18th	<b>16 NOON</b> <b>Wednesday Friends</b> 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:00 BSA District Popcorn Mtg. 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation	<b>17</b> 8:00 Walkers 9:00 Parlor/Chapel People of Hope Deanery-Pr. Hassell	<b>18</b>  Pam vacation May 11th-18th	<b>19</b> D. Steen, LH Reserved  →
<b>20</b> Day of Pentecost <b>JAJ</b> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship HC Sanctuary 9:15 Sunday School <b>WEAR RED</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 Ruth Circle  Pictures—Choir Room →	<b>22</b> 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 11:30 Plates of Love	<b>23</b> 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation	<b>24</b> 8:00 Walkers	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Holy Trinity 8:00 Worship HC, Sanctuary 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary	<b>28 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  	<b>29</b> 8:00 Walkers 9:30 Sewing Day 11:30 Plates of Love	<b>30</b> 5:30 Yoga, LH 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation	<b>31</b> 8:00 Walkers	Pastor Barney pastorbarney@trinityvictoria.net Kara Hairell-Speed karahairell@gmail.com Office staff@trinityvictoria.net 361-573-4725	

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**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**  
 Waylon Kern, Arlen Buchhorn,  
 Tawnia Groll

**MONTHLY SERVERS**  
**MAY**

**ALTAR GUILD**  
 8:00 Janice Bittlebrun  
 10:30 Roland & JoAnn Albrecht

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR TIME & DATE ON THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.**

	<b>6th</b>	<b>13th Mothers Day</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>8:00</b>				
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kolby Beyer	Carley Kruppa	Alisa Garcia	Lane Rodriguez
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Kickendahl Hayden Hindley	Donna and Richard Appelt	Shanna Mikulenska	Gary and Meredith Golden
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Kickendahl Hayden Hindley	Diana Tuch	Tommy Beyer Family	Pat and Gerald Klinkerman
<b>Readers</b>	Frances Hitchcock	Donna Appelt	Pat Rickman	Diana Tuch
<b>10:30</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gavin Stubbs Seth Schulz	Ryan Waters Dalton Johnson	Maddie Mc Brayer Jessie Mc Brayer	Sammy Talley
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Smith Family	Mc Brayer Family	Brzozowske Family	Craig Sauer Family
<b>Greeters</b>	James Adcock Family	Mc Brayer Family	Brzozowske Family	Bo Neill Family
<b>Readers</b>	Kaylen Smith	Tammy Tally	Rhonda Brzozowske	Pam Orsak