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He is Risen!

*Holy Week
Worship
Schedule*

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They put **him** to
death
by hanging
him on a tree;
but **God**
raised him
on the third day.

Acts 10:39-40, NRSV

Pastor's COLUMN



*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.*

3rd Stanza of "Ah, Holy Jesus"

There's something about the end of Lent, when that cross seems to be looming on the horizon. It seems to hit me a little harder each year. It might be my struggle with seeing the brokenness, division, violence, and hurt in the world that never seems to go away. It might be knowing people that I love who have died, and remembering them. It might just simply be realizing that the answer to sin, evil, and death comes from nothing I can do, but has to come from outside of all of us.

And so, looming ahead, we see God's answer to all that is destructive, defiant, and deadly as we approach Holy Week. We see the cross upon which all the sins of the world, mine and yours, are placed on Jesus Christ.

This is how God chooses to save us: by becoming one with us and taking our place.

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity, and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.*

4th Stanza of "Ah, Holy Jesus"



This Lent has provided some incredible opportunities to pray together, to reflect on God's incredible generosity, and to offer ways to give of ourselves in response. But more than anything else, in Lent we follow Jesus as he goes to the cross, and exchanges our sin and death for his eternal and everlasting life. As Martin Luther said, "Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not."

As we close out this season of Lent and this time of prayer that we have embarked on together, let us always remember the One who receives our prayer. Let us remember the depths of pain and suffering, the willingness to bear our sin and death on the cross. And let us also remember the incredible promise begun there, where God's love and life prove that not even death can hold them.

April Worship Schedule

Apr 6	5:00pm	Communion Asst	Mary Gandolfo
		Reader	Mary Gandolfo
Apr 7	8:30am	Assisting Minister	Gordon Hengst
		Reader	Becky Sonnen
	11:00am	Assisting Minister	Rod Lleverino
		Reader	Dave Brinkman
Apr 13	5:00pm	Communion Asst	Mary Langenes
		Reader	Bobbie White
Apr 14	8:30am	Assisting Minister	Ken Weber
Palm Sun		Reader	Mary Langenes
	11:00am	Assisting Minister	Isabella Garcia
		Reader	Isaac Spreen
Apr 19	Noon	Readers: Jerry G, Mary G, Becky S, Debbie R, Jackie M, Ken W	
Good Fri	7:00pm	Readers: Rose-Marie S, Ken S, Dave A, Cody W, Marisol W, Faith C	
Apr 20	5:00pm	Assisting Minister	Marshall/Jana Gomez
Vigil		Readers: Mary G, Bobbie W, Kathy B, Barbara A, and Mary L	
Apr 21	7:00am	Assisting Minister	Walter Brown
Easter		Banner Readers: Leon H, Angie H, Jerry G, James F, 2 more needed	
	8:30am	Assisting Minister	Tom O'Berg
		Banner Readers: Mindy H, Gordon H, Rebecca M, Don B, Bob P, Lori O	
	11:00am	Assisting Minister	Debbie Roberts
		Banner Readers: Kaylie S, Dennis F, Brian K, 3 more needed	
Apr 27	5:00pm	Communion Asst	Mickey Sanders
		Reader	Barbara Abbott
Apr 28	8:30am	Assisting Minister	Rose-Marie Smith
		Reader	Amy Beierle
	11:00am	Assisting Minister	Maegan Lleverino
		Reader	Wilma Baumann

Click the Audio Icon
to listen to the
latest sermon.



This Month's Scripture Lessons

- Apr 7:** Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
- Apr 14:** Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14 - 23:56
- Apr 19:** Isaiah 53:3-12
Luke 23:32-38
Luke 23:39-45
John 19:23-27
Mark 15:23-36
John 19:28-29
John 19:30-37
Luke 23:44-56
- Apr 20:** Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a
Exodus 14:10-31 and 15:20-21
Isaiah 55:1-11
Daniel 3:1-29
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18
- Apr 21:** Readings from "A Banner Easter"
- Apr 28:** Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Altar Guild

Nancy Hendricks, Sharon
St. Clair, Debbie Roberts,
Bruce Kilhefner

Triumphant Ministry Teams



Servant Outreach

Amy Coronado

Project Foster Destiny: Our Lenten giving project this year was a HUGE success! Because



of your generosity, we were able to provide 16 children and their foster families with monthly boxes of fun family activities for the next 6 months. Thank you for helping us show these children that they are loved.

Boxes of Sunshine for College Students/Young Adults:



It's hard to believe, but finals time is just around the corner! This month, we will be sending care packages to our college students and young adults to let them know that we support them. Our theme for these boxes will be "A Little Box of Sunshine," and we need your help to make

them great! We will have boxes set up in the corner of the Narthex (in front of the office) where you can leave your donations any time from April 7 — 21. We will be putting the gift boxes together during Wednesday Nite Live on April 24, and we would love to have you join us!

Items needed (we are collecting 36 total of each item, but we would be happy with any donation, whether it's 1, 36, or anywhere in between):

- 3 12-count individual Classic Lays chips**
- 36 yellow/lemon hand soaps**
- 36 individual regular-size bags of Peanut M&Ms**
- 36 sticks of Carmex chapstick**
- 36 boxes of Country Time individual yellow lemonade drink packets**
- 3 12-count Nature Valley Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares**
- 9 4-count Velveeta shells & cheese microwaveable cups (yellow package)**

Finally, please let me know if you have a student or young adult who would love to receive a box of sunshine from us! If so, please email me the student's or young adult's name and address by April 8. Thank you so much!

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Evangelism

Nancy Molter

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. — 1 Cor 12:4 - 6

The Evangelism Ministry team has been focusing on how to make our church campus easier to navigate. We are planning for new signage inside church buildings and externally around the campus. We recently received a donation from Lee Linscombe of two signs for Heimer Hall and Nora's Garden. Lee used his considerable talents to craft the signs from reclaimed oak panels. They are beautiful and reflect his use of his God-given talents. We so appreciate his generosity.

We continue to develop eye-catching ads and info-articles for the Local and Northeast Herald digital edition papers. If you are looking for a way to use your artistic talents, let me know and we'll put them to work!



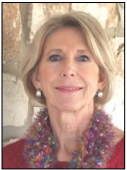
Ministry Support

Jerry Guebard

The Ministry Support team has reviewed the many designated funds to make sure that we know the purpose and intent of each one. Regarding the Mildred Morgan Education Fund, we now understand that the purpose of the fund is for continuing education of any of our rostered leaders. This does entail a broad range, but our agreement with the creators of the fund is that the Senior Pastor at TLC will be responsible for overseeing the use of the funds.

Future endeavors of this group will be to look at our Human Resources manual and review our insurance policy. If any TLC members want to be involved, we would like to get your expertise in these matters. Please contact me with any questions.

Triumphant Ministry Teams



Property and Resources

Jackie Mitchell

Let's spruce up the church grounds in time for Easter! Many hands make light work, so if you have some time to give to a work project here at Triumphant, please see the display in the Narthex or contact me.



Worship and Music

Ken Smith

This beautiful poem by Helen Steiner Rice (reprinted with permission) reveals the message of the grandeur of the season, reminds us of the promise we find in Jesus Christ, and tells how God blesses us through the enchanting beauty of the spring season.

Easter Reflections

With OUR EYES we see the beauty of Easter as the earth awakens once more...

With OUR EARS we hear the birds sing sweetly to tell us Spring again is here...

With OUR HANDS we pick the golden daffodils and the fragrant hyacinths...

But only with OUR HEARTS can we feel the MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE which redeems all men...

And only with OUR SOUL can we make our 'pilgrimage to God' and inherit His Easter Gift of eternal life.

The beauty of spring merged with the grace of God makes this poem a delightful read. Reading this beautiful composition again and again would take you closer to the real essence of the poem and allow you to experience the true grace of Our Lord.



Congregational Life

Renay Boyes

See page 11.



Discipleship

Aaron Theilengerdes



Stewardship

John Schultz

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Early Childhood Programs

Marilyn Winters

Registration for Preschool's 2019 - 2020 school year is currently in progress. Registration for MDO's summer session and the 2019 - 2020 school year begins on April 1. See page 8 for details.

Here at Triumphant, we are blessed to have a group of dedicated individuals who serve on our Early Childhood Programs board. The ECP Board oversees the operations of our Preschool and Mothers' Day Out programs. The board meets monthly to review financial results, address operational issues, and work to insure that these programs continue to serve as a vital ministry of Triumphant.

Our current board members are Pastor Aaron Richter, Vernell Theilengerdes, Kristin Miller, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Garcia, Sandy Arneson, Dennis Feuge, and Marilyn Winters.



Work is from God

Stewardship Lead: John Schultz

Dear Friend in Christ,

In his book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, author Stephen Covey describes Habit #2 as, “Begin With the End in Mind.” To do so means to start with a clear understanding of your destination so that the steps you take are always in the right direction.

Begin with the end in mind — it’s an interesting concept, but it did not start with Stephen Covey or any other human author. It began with God. Before the foundations of the world were prepared, before creation itself, God determined the means by which mankind would be redeemed. Through Christ’s death on Calvary, God would make available to people everywhere the gift of eternal life. And by Christ’s triumph over the grave on “Resurrection Sunday,” God guaranteed this life-changing power and eternal life to all who would reach out by faith and claim the wonderful gift of salvation through Christ.

That’s what we celebrate as we observe Easter. That’s what gives us fresh motivation and encouragement day by day. That’s what makes “Resurrection Sunday” a highlight of the entire church year. That’s what makes possible all that we do for Christ’s sake here at **Triumphant Lutheran Church**.

As we think about God’s love for us and all that He has provided for us through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with love and gratitude. ***In response to his provision and his love, would you consider giving a special gift from your heart — above and beyond your regular giving — to the Lord’s work here so that we might continue to spread the good news of the Gospel in the months ahead?*** Please give as God directs in your heart and life. And as you do so, may you have a fresh realization of the importance of your part in this ministry from day to day.

Thank you for prayerfully considering the Lord’s leading in your life concerning this opportunity and for responding in this way to his love and grace.



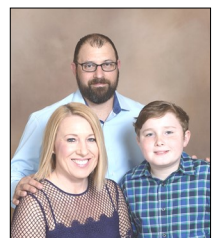
On February 23 and 24, several families joined our congregation here at Triumphant Lutheran Church. Hopefully, you have had the chance to introduce yourself. If not, be sure to do so the next time you see them at church.



Gayle Maltby and her daughter, **Caryn Maltby**, found us by visiting Triumphant with TLC members, Tom and Eva Potter. Gayle works for Texas State University in the IT Department and for Visiting Angels as a

caregiver. Caryn is a Junior at Texas State University. They enjoy camping. You can find them at either the Saturday service or the 11:00 Sunday service.

Jill Altman and her daughter, **Janelle Oberg**, come to us from Southlake, Texas. Jill is a sales associate for Five Star Senior Living at The Havens & The Laurels in Stone Oak. She enjoys decorating. Janelle is a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) at Sodalis Senior Living in Stone Oak. In her spare time, she likes crafting and beading. They prefer the Saturday service.



Casey and Kristen Lowe and their son, **Sterling Hensley**, have been attending at Triumphant since Christmas 2016 and decided to make it official! Casey and Kristen are both retired from the military. Kristen is now the

CEO at Post Acute Medical Hospital in San Antonio. She plays the piano and has occasionally played during the 8:30am service. Casey is quite handy around the church, helping with events and playing bass in the Praise Band, learning to play the bass guitar less than two months ago. He also enjoys racing cars as a hobby. Sterling is currently in the 5th grade. Look for them at the 11:00 service.

Does Prayer Make a Difference?

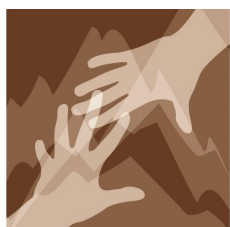
By Dennis Feuge

What's it like to be sick for a month? How do you deal with it? How does it affect your faith? How does it affect your whole outlook on life? Well, since being ill is what I've been doing for a bit over a month, certainly not a whole lot else, so I thought I would write about it.

For those of you that have been praying for me as I showed up on the prayer list for several weeks, thank you. What happened is, I went in for a fairly simple if somewhat unpleasant procedure to help with my breathing at night. Essentially, my left sinus was just closing up entirely at night, and sometimes my right sinus as well. This affected my breathing, which was affecting my sleep, and finally it was becoming a bit of a sense of humor test. Can't have that.

Hence, they did the procedure, which was supposed to have me pretty fixed up in about two weeks. At a bit past the one week point they removed some stents, said see you in a month, and all should be good. Well, not exactly. In a few days I was experiencing occasional chills, the pain level was increasing not decreasing, my nose was turning into a faucet that was mostly open, and my sense of well-being not to mention my sense of humor was definitely in a down cycle. At the 13 day point I called in first thing in the morning and said, "Hi, this is not going well, when **today** can you see me?"

Well, they did. Checked me out, quickly determined I had a staph infection, and more tests would be done to make sure I didn't have something really bad, like MRSA, etc. So, the good news was they knew what it was, at least in part, were expending major levels of doctorly use of multi-syllabic medical terms to assure me that it was "very unlikely" that I would have MRSA, etc., and that the meds they were prescribing would certainly be very efficacious for my condition. Well, uh huh. Having both my adult children in the medical field, and being fairly literate with the English language, I admit I was sitting there thinking that "only" a staph infection wasn't any too cute either. I will admit to a bit of pique, and to make that point I made them define each multi-syllabic medical term, and how it would be "efficacious." We all smiled.



REACH OUT TO
others

So, they loaded me up with heavy duty antibiotics and said see you in a couple of weeks unless things get worse. Well, whether it was the staph infection itself, the heavy duty meds, the combination of both, or the fact that I am now sort of old-er, I will admit the last 4-5 weeks have pretty much kicked me. That said, I am now improving but able to sleep in almost any position. Almost funny.

So, what is the actual point of this little diatribe? Do encouraging phone calls, texts, and emails make a difference? If we know a friend is down a bit, should we think, oh, they are probably getting so many calls and things they just want to rest, or should we take the time to do a little bit of something? I think you all know the answer.

Does prayer make a difference? Even quick little prayers? I say to you all, I could feel your prayers. I will admit I wasn't always feeling super, and I might even admit to a bit of aggravation. I mean, I'm minding my own business and this staph infection comes around to visit --- what the heck! But I also always felt calm (when I wasn't aggravated), wrapped up in something bigger than myself, and the literally dozens of calls, texts, etc., were much appreciated.

So, when somebody is on the prayer list, or you know they could use prayer or some sort of reminder they are part of a larger family, a church and faith family, maybe you want to keep in mind that little reaching out things do help.

Upcoming Events

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am

In the Library

Through April 7: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Mother's Day Out Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Begins Monday, April 1

9:00am — 2:00pm in Heimer Hall

We accept children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. Our primary goal is to provide a caring Christian environment. The children learn about Jesus and God's world, and they learn to work, play, and share with their peers.

Mother's Day Out sessions are held from 9:00am — 2:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the year. An annual non-refundable registration fee of \$40 will be needed to enroll, payable by check or through our [website](#). For more information, visit our church website or call Vernell Theilengerdes, MDO Director, at (210) 651-9090 ext. 3.

Lenten Services & Dinners

Wednesdays, April 3 & 10

Lenten Dinners at 5:45pm

April 3 — by Worship & Music

April 10 — by Altar Guild

Free-will donations accepted.



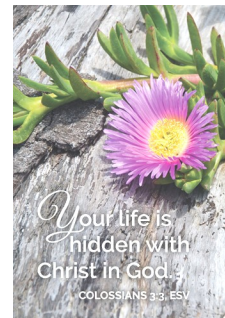
Lenten Meals

Lenten Services at 6:30pm

During our Lenten Services, we will be presenting "Hidden With Christ."

"Hidden With Christ" explores the Colossians passages on being "hidden with Christ in God" through readings, songs, and communion.

WNL 7pm — 8pm



Primetimers' Luncheon

Monday, April 8 at Noon

In the Fellowship Hall

Primetimers will celebrate Fiesta at this month's luncheon. Esperamos que pueda unirse a nosotros. Viva Fiesta!

Usher/Greeter Meeting

Sunday, April 7

10am in the Gathering Place

Pastor Aaron requests that all current ushers and greeters, plus anyone interested in serving as an usher or greeter, attend this meeting. Come meet with the teams from all three services, and hear Pastor's update on serving in these vital roles.

Family Retreat

April 12 - 14

At Slumber Falls Camp, New Braunfels

If you are registered, but still need to make payment, please [pay through the church website](#). The cost is \$40 per person for ages 12 and up, \$25 per person for ages 6 - 11, and FREE for kids under 6. The cost for Saturday-only attendance is \$15 per person for those aged 6 and up, and FREE for kids under age 6.

Upcoming Events

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14

Between services, come to the Fellowship Hall for the Lenten Prayer Challenge "Big Reveal." All those who accepted the challenge will be revealed!

Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper Performance

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm

Our actors' talents will be on display as they recreate the events of Jesus' final meal he shared with his Apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

Good Friday Tenebrae Services

Friday, April 19 at Noon and 7pm

The Tenebrae service is a quiet service of Scripture readings, prayer, and music, as candles and lights are slowly lowered into darkness to represent Christ's death. This year, we will hear the traditional seven last words of Christ as we meditate and pray on what God is willing to do for us.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 20 at 5:00pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service at 7am

Easter Breakfast from 7:45am - 10:30am

Easter Service at 8:30am

Easter Egg Hunt at 10am

Easter Service at 11am

He Is Risen!

TLC Offices Closed

Monday, April 22

The church offices will be closed in observance of the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

2018 Taxes Due

Monday, April 15

Remember to submit your 2018 Federal Taxes electronically or postmark your tax return by midnight on this date to avoid penalties. You should have received your Triumphant Lutheran tax statement, but if you need another copy, be sure to let us know as soon as possible.

Fiesta Weekend

April 27 - 28

Come dressed in your Fiesta best and worship with your church family as we celebrate Fiesta San Antonio!

Fiesta San Antonio began in 1891 as a parade to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. Today, it has evolved into a 10-day festival with a variety of parades and fundraising events designed to give back to the local community. The funds raised provide services to San Antonio-area citizens throughout the year.





Finally, the 40 days of fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline in preparation for Easter, the culmination of Lent, is almost over. Allelulia!!

There is a complete sense of wonder as we fully realize what Christ willingly did for each of us on the cross. He refused gall* to dull His pain in order to experience the pain at the ultimate level. This is completely opposite of what we want: strong pain meds. All our infirmities and sorrows were placed upon Him, who then brought us peace and healing. What seemed like a dead road for His followers at the cross, became a new beginning for us all.

We have all attended funeral services, and witnessed all the care given for the deceased body, yet at the close of the casket one can only trust God's Word, power, mercy, and promise. In the hours following Christ's time on the cross, Joseph of Arimathea took care of Christ's body. He went to Pilate for permission to retrieve Jesus' body, wrapped it in clean cloth, laid it in his new tomb – all done to honor He who had died.

Early Sunday morning, two women went to Jesus' tomb, expecting to see a place of death. They reflected on their loss and sense of defeat. However, they found much more. Our sin demanded Christ's death, but God raised Him to life. God's grace was more powerful than the consequences of our sin. Jesus claimed us as His own, and death is no longer the victor.

Grief, pain, and loss are common denominators in our human experience. Where is your pain? Your brokenness in life? As we deal with the challenges and struggles of daily life, we can find security and courage to live confidently in the midst of our trouble.

God can seem distant as we wrestle with our losses. Remember, however, that God knows what it is like to suffer our Good Fridays. Here on earth, we experience painful situations which leave us confused, depressed,

grieving, and disappointed. The Bible promises that God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain" (Rev 21:4). On Easter Sunday, we remember that nothing will ever separate us from the love that God and Jesus expressed for us on Good Friday. Even in our darkest hour, God cares for us.

In struggles, we can often find comfort and reassurance for ourselves in such verses as Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose," and Matthew 28:20b: "And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age." In the middle of the night, however, we can awake in terror, needing to be reassured that Christ lives and reigns. He knows exactly what we are going through and is going through it with us. We need to be reminded of our risen Lord most not when things are looking rosy, but when life seems most frightening.

Stephen Ministers carry His compassion and comfort to those in grief, helping them know they aren't alone. The Stephen Minister is present, as is Jesus, carrying our sorrows and weeping alongside. The load is lightened as the Stephen Minister deeply listens, cares for, encourages, and prays with and for the care receiver, making it possible to move forward and heal in His strength and understanding.

So, place all your pain on Jesus Christ. He is our reason for hope. Find refuge in Him.

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*Gall is wine mixed with (probably) myrrh which soldiers offered to Jesus to dull his pain.

Around the Church

Wanted: WNL Dinner Coordinator

Does your family look forward to Wednesday evenings when we have a meal together and catch up with friends before Wednesday Nite Live? Then you may be exactly who we are looking for! We are looking for someone to coordinate and plan the schedule of cooks and servers for WNL through the end of May — no cooking unless you just want to! [Send an email to Renay Boyes](#) or call her at (210) 651-9090 for more information.

Thank You from Jackie Mitchell

Thank you all for your prayers and concern for Don Schupp. He is home from the hospital and now beginning the journey of IV Antibiotics for the next six weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.

Creative Blessings

Creative Blessings meets each Tuesday from 6-8pm in the church library. Our main goal is to have prayer shawls for anyone in need of comfort. We have plenty of yarn to share with anyone who can use it. Assistance and materials will be given to anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet. If you have any questions or have a need for a prayer shawl, please call Sharon St.Clair at (210) 651-9090.

Synod Assembly

Registration is now open for this year's Synod Assembly which will be held on May 31—June 2 in Corpus Christi. The purpose of this year's event: "Gathered to be transformed and connected by God's grace through: Our common work (the business); Discipleship experiences; Sent, energized, inspired and equipped to engage in God's mission in the world."

Triumphant has room for one more male member and one youth to represent us at the assembly. If you are interested, please [send an email to Dennis Feuge, Council President](#).

Kitchenette Clean Up

After the 11am Service

- Apr 7** Fuller Family & Angela Etheridge
Apr 14 Neuzil Family
Apr 21 Aaron & Vernell Theilengerdes
Apr 28 Jerome & Wilma Baumann

Acolyte Schedule

8:30 Service

11:00 Service

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| Apr 7 | Jonathan B & Kendra H | Andrew H & Luke F |
| Apr 14 | Isabella G & Addy B | Sydney S & Micaela L |
| Apr 19 | Noon—OPEN | 7pm—OPEN |
| Apr 21 | Michael B & Kaitlyn C | Ciarra H & Nate F |
| Apr 28 | Ty B & Addy B | Sebastian L & Trey G |

Greeters

8:30 Service

11:00 Service

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| Apr 7 | The Schultzes | The Dentons |
| Apr 14 | The Sonnens & Jennifer M | The Feuges |
| Apr 21 | The Mattisons | Nancy T, Nancy P, & Nancy M |
| Apr 28 | Marty Dumpys | Ardyn C & Yvonne B |

Children's Chapel

8:30 Service

11:00 Service

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| Apr 7 | Brit St.Clair | Caryn Skaggs |
| Apr 14 | Kim Hinze | OPEN |
| Apr 21 | No Children's Chapel | |
| Apr 28 | Nancy Hendricks | Melanie Lleverino |

So give your people a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.
— 1 Kings 3:9a NIV

To discern is to separate or distinguish between. I have always been encouraged to make good choices and to choose the better way, not only for myself, but also for all the people around me. The last thing my mother would say to me as I would walk out the front door was this: “Do what is best for everybody

concerned.” Wow, talk about putting the pressure straight on my shoulders! She never used the word discern to describe my actions, but it is exactly what she meant. I think if we listen closely enough, we hear Jesus saying the same thing to us every time we encounter a new or uncomfortable situation, or maybe the rut of routine. Don’t be fooled by what is on the surface. Learn to look beyond what is initially visible.

The path of the righteous is level; O upright one, you make the way of the righteous smooth. — Isaiah 26:7NIV

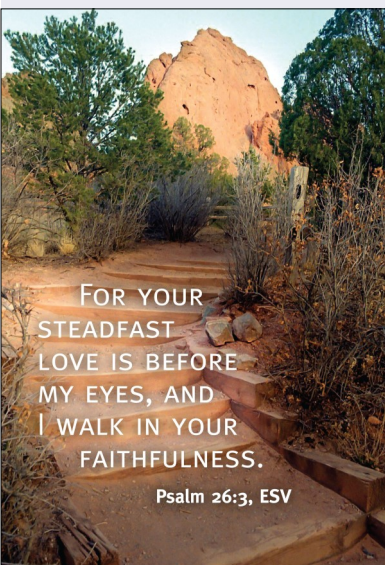
Learning to truly see what is in front of us is hard. We have to get past all of our preconceived notions and experiences. Just about the time we think we have all the answers, somebody changes the questions! But if we heed the words of the prophets, who are the basis for a lot of the teachings of Jesus, we can start to understand this idea of looking beyond the obvious. When we go on our own, make up our minds that we don’t need God’s input or think

we can tell God the best way to proceed, our path becomes rocky, steep, and sometimes impassable. Ever been there? I have, and I didn’t like having to admit that I should have listened!

You have made known to me the path of life; you fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. — Psalm 16:11 NIV

When we invite God through Jesus the Christ into our lives and truly let Him abide there, we are freed to live simply and quietly. Peace is not a distant hope, but a very real quality of our lives. It is not always easy, but oh so worth it!! God wants only the best for His children, so we have a Brother and Mentor in Jesus to fill in the gaps. And just like the little children that Jesus invited into His presence, He invites us every day to walk with Him in all our daily steps.

The Good Steward looks beyond the obvious, attempts to see the whole picture, and then listens for God’s voice to guide him/her in the way of righteousness. It may not always be the most popular path, but it is the right path. So my sisters and brothers, join me on the path. I pray that we can always and in all ways do the right thing for everybody concerned!



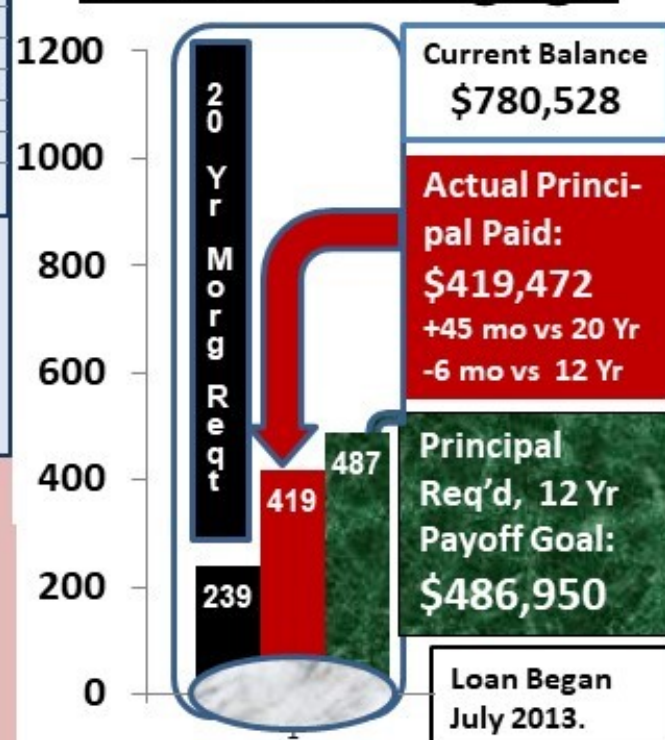
February 2019 Financials

KEY POINTS:

- ✦ **Bottom Line:** Total Net Income for **February** was less than breakeven, contributing to a net shortfall for the year of more than -\$10K. (See YTD Total Net Income bottom of page.)
- ✦ **General Offering.** The above shortfall for **February** can be attributed primarily to a shortfall in regular/General Offering giving of -\$3.4K.
- ✦ **Building Fund.** **February** Bldg Fund giving was slightly more than breakeven. We remain behind for the year approx -\$1.4K. Overall, we are 41 months ahead (45 months counting our reserve) on our 20 Yr Mortgage and \$162K interest saved so far toward our Bldg Fund desired 12 Yr Payoff Goal (would save \$266K int). See the larger mortgage chart.
- ✦ **Going Forward:** We encourage all members to adopt an annual plan for growth in giving for both General Operating and Bldg Fund. If you have not adopted a planned way to do this, we suggest using the Slow Growth method of increasing annual giving by \$2 per week, or approximately \$100 per year, also remembering that Bldg Fund (our mortgage) is a bit over 10% of our total budget. Let us continue to grow Triumphant's ministry by all of us working together to Grow In Christ to Serve Others.



\$1.2M Mortgage



February 2019 Month End Financial Summary

	NET INCOME		ANNUAL BUDGET	
	February	Year To Date		
Operating Income	\$52,757	\$108,421	Operating Income	\$756,025
Operating Expenses	\$58,118	\$118,692	Bldg Fund Income	\$91,104
Net Operating Income	(\$5,361)	(\$10,271)	Other Income	\$9,150
Bldg & Designated Income	\$10,683	\$20,846	TOTAL INCOME	\$856,279
Bldg & Designated Expenses	\$10,859	\$21,280	Operating Expenses	\$765,175
Net Designated Income	(\$176)	(\$434)	Debt Service	\$91,104
TOTAL NET INCOME	(\$5,537)	(\$10,705)	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$856,279



April ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Jerome & Wilma Baumann
- 6 Jennifer & Brian Osborne
- 8 Gayle & Charlie Maltby
- 11 Ryan & Angela Etheridge
- 11 Leon & Angela Henk
- 14 Jeff & Robin Koch
- 17 Shane & Caryn Skaggs
- 21 Richard Deason & Nancy Patchin
- 23 Kevin & Kim Hinze
- 24 Ted & Sandy Royston
- 25 Dean & Samantha Neuzil



April BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paolo Villa
- 2 Clara Tutty
- 3 Jacob Gonzales, Alexa Milstein, David Sweet
- 4 Jeff Boyes, Angel Gomez, Stephen Johnson
- 5 Steven DuParc, Clara Skinner, Natalie Weinhardt
- 7 Susan Braden
- 8 Sydney Spreen, Linda Wilson
- 11 Judith Waechter
- 13 Todd Skinner
- 14 Gini Bouzard
- 15 Mark Mattison
- 17 Karen Denton, Patrick McCaffrey
- 19 Sharilyn Krauss
- 21 Jean Craigmile, Mackenzie Miller, Melinda Cruz-Balderas
- 23 Megan Johnston, Rodney Leachman
- 24 Rick Sonnen
- 25 Leslie Roberts, Marilyn Winters
- 26 Michael Beierle, Sandra Crawford, Jennifer Spreen, Mark Weinhardt
- 27 Scott Oberle, Donald Zipp
- 28 Evan Johnson
- 29 Isabella Garcia
- 30 Nadine Schultz



Carol Lee Bielke (Aunt of the Baumanns)
+2-11-19

Dee Triesch (Former TLC Member)
+2-23-19

Mallory Beach (Cousin of Carol Snyder)
+2-24-19

Clyde Lawson (Brother of Betty Weilbacher) **+2-28-19**

Carol Codin (Friend of the Hendrickses)
+3-3-19

Gertrude Krueger (Cousin of Jackie Mitchell) **+3-11-19**



Jackie Gorum (Brother-in-law of David Abraham) **+3-12-19**

Stan White (Friend of the Boyeses)
+3-16-19

May Trumpet Deadline
Monday, April 22, 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>7</div> <div>8:30 AM - Traditional Service 9:45 AM - Sunday School 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM - Usher & Greeter Meeting 11:00 AM - Contemporary Svc 12:15 PM - Outreach Team 4:00 PM - Financial Peace Univ.</div>	<div>1</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - Evangelism Team 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 5:00 PM - Prayer Team 5:45 PM - Lenten Supper 6:30 PM - Lenten Service 7:00 PM - Wednesday Nite Live 7:00 PM - Choir</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM - Art Class 6:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training 6:30 PM - Praise Band</div>	<div>5</div> <div>6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:00 AM - Stephen Ministry Retreat - GP 5:00 PM - Casual Service</div>
<div>14 Palm Sunday</div> <div>8:30 AM - Traditional Service 9:45 AM - Prayer Challenge Reveal 11:00 AM - Contemporary Svc 12:15 PM - Mission Trip Meeting 4:00 PM - Financial Peace Univ.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 6:00 PM - ECP Board</div>	<div>16</div> <div>9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 5:00 PM - Prayer Team 6:30 PM - Choir 7:00 PM - Living Last Supper Rehearsal</div>	<div>18 Maundy Thursday</div> <div>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM - Art Class 7:00 PM - Living Last Supper</div> <div></div>	<div>19 Good Friday</div> <div>6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM - Good Friday Svc 7:00 PM - Good Friday Svc</div>	<div>20</div> <div>5:00 PM - Easter Vigil</div>
Family Retreat						
<div>21 Easter Sunday</div> <div>7:00 AM - Easter Sunrise Svc 7:45 AM - Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM - Easter Service 9:45 AM - Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 11:00 AM - Easter Service 4:00 PM - Financial Peace Univ.</div>	<div>22</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out</div> <div></div>	<div>23</div> <div>9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 9:30 AM - Quilting Bees 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out 5:00 PM - Prayer Team 5:45 PM - Wednesday Nite Live 6:30 PM - Choir</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9:30 AM - Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM - Art Class 6:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training 6:30 PM - Praise Band 7:00 PM - Discipleship Team</div>	<div>26</div> <div>6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM - Blended Spirits</div>	<div>27 Fiesta Weekend</div> <div>5:00 PM - Casual Service</div>
<div>28 Fiesta Weekend</div> <div>8:30 AM - Traditional Service 9:45 AM - Sunday School 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM - Contemporary Svc 4:00 PM - Financial Peace Univ.</div>	<div>29</div> <div>9:00 AM - Mother's Day Out</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Creative Blessings</div>	<div>Healing Service</div>			
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Holy Communion at every service.

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Sunday: Traditional Worship 8:30am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am
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