

April Newsletter



"HE IS RISEN INDEED"

Easter Blessings!

Lord, hear our constant prayers for . . .

Mr. Burl Brown Mrs. Joan McFadden
Mrs. Agnes Hatcher Mrs. Marian Martin
Mr. Je'dan LeSure Mrs. Nancy Pritchett
Mrs. Jackie Wilder

**Prayer Hour – Join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m.
Dial: 1/681-999-0264 (Access Code: 391959#)**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – March 5, 2022

Crandall and Alicia Sturdivant – in hospital, awaiting birth of baby

Burl Brown – Lord, be with him – mind, soul and spirit

Cyndi Campbell-Jones

Agnes Pegues

Curtis Harris, Jr. and mom, Dianne Harris

Je'dan LeSure and mom, Shaunte' LeSure

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Edwina Davis – mental state (wellbeing of mind and body)

Vivian Fleming – continued prayers and strength for her

Bless our Church Services tomorrow – First Sunday in Lent

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

“Congrats” and “Blessings” to Tamika & Roderick and their children

“Happy Anniversary” – celebrating 15 yrs. (Daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Ramsey)

Blessings on the Southern District Convention – March 20-22, 2022

War – Ukraine and Russia and entire world – we pray for peace!

Bind Satan, the evil foe

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – March 12, 2022

Cyndi Campbell-Jones

Burl Brown

Curtis Harris, Jr. and mom, Dianne Harris

Je'dan LeSure and mom, Shaunte' LeSure

Angela LeSure

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Victoria Davison – involved in car wreck

Her mom, Jean Davison, who is taking care of her

Warren – continued healing for him, readmitted to hospital
(Nephew of Mr. & Mrs. Dunlap)

Family members of James Perkins, Sr. – bereavement

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Russia invades Ukraine--destruction; loss of lives – we pray for world peace

LCMS Southern District Convention, Slidell, LA – March 21-23, 2022

We pray for safe travel, good Christian gathering, elections, etc.

Bless our Church Services on tomorrow and all Saints everywhere

Pastor Washington and family/Church families everywhere

“Congratulations” & “Blessings” to Crandall & Alicia Webb-Sturdivant

Birth of baby girl, Ava Noelle' Sturdivant, born March 5, 2022

Lord, thank You for your guidance, for life, strength and a Savior!

Bind Satan, the enemy

In Jesus' name, we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – March 19, 2022

*Dear Heavenly Father, Praise, Thanks, Glory and Honor,
We come to You this morning with prayer requests/concerns:*

Burl Brown

Cyndi Campbell-Jones (gradual recovery)

Angela LeSure

Curtis Harris, Jr. and mom, Dianne Harris

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Shirley Griffin
Thanks to our Lord and Blessings unto them!

Victoria Davison – recovering from car accident
Jean Davison (mom) as her caregiver

LCMS Southern District Convention in Slidell, LA this week
We pray safe travel for all attending, blessings on the services
Pastor Washington and Dr. Ramsey are on program

Bless our Church Services tomorrow

Pastor Washington and family

Bless our Ministry – Thank You, Lord, for all gifts you provide for us

Thank You, Lord, for family, friends, and Church family

Be with bereaved families, sick/shut-in, caregivers, nurses, doctors, etc.

War – Russia invades Ukraine – we pray for world peace!

Bind Satan – the enemy

Bless all prayer warriors and leaders online this morning

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name, we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – March 26, 2022

Ms. Dianne Harris & family – loss of son, Curtis Harris, Jr.

Mrs. Dorothy Lamar & family – loss of daughter, Cassandra Forbes

Courtney Washington – contracted virus

Burl Brown (Park Place) – pray for his physical needs

Pastor Marvin Griffin & wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Angela LeSure

Jean Davison, caring for daughter, Victoria Davison (recovering/car wreck)

Je'dan LeSure – thanking God for progress Je'dan is making

LeSure family – safe travel for family as they will visit with Je'dan tomorrow

Pastor Washington and family

Blessings upon our church services tomorrow and everywhere

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in

Prayer of thanks for Convention in Slidell, LA

All Congregations in District were prayed for

Bless Trinity Lutheran Church and churches all over the world

War in Ukraine – God's mercy – to spare as many lives as possible

Bind Satan, the evil foe

Thank You, Lord, for this opportunity to come together and pray

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name, we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – April 2, 2022

Mrs. Dorothy Lamar & family – loss of daughter, Cassandra Forbes

Ms. Dianne Harris & family – loss of son, Curtis Harris, Jr.

Courtney Washington – tested negative (Prayer of Thanks!)

Burl Brown

Angela LeSure

Edwina Davis (mental issues) – Sister of Carol Ishman

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Jean (mom-caregiver) and Victoria Davison (daughter) continued recovery

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Bless our church services and fellowship on tomorrow . . .

May we be joyfully in our worship

Safe, protective re-opening for our Senior Day Out activities

War in Ukraine – terrible loss of people, property, etc.

God's blessings and goodwill be bestowed upon them

Pray for all who are victimized all over the world . . .

Bind Satan, the enemy

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name we pray . . . **Amen!**

Portals of Prayer – April, 2022

Palm Sunday (April 10) – Dear Lord Jesus, to the praise of the everyday people, You rode into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. You lived as You spoke every day, demonstrating Your love for us with a humble yet triumphant entrance. You entered Jerusalem to give life, knowing of the sacrifice required. For that we praise You and join the throng singing hosanna in the highest. Thank You, Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

Holy (Maundy) Thursday (April 14) – Dear Lord Jesus, Your unending forgiveness abounds. Tonight, we celebrate the wondrous gifts You gave us in Your final evening. May Your words of the Lord's Prayer ever be on our lips. Feed us in the bread and the wine, Your true body and blood given to strengthen our faith, as we face the battles of sin. Forgive us as we fall into sin daily. Help us trust in You always and forever. **Amen.**

Good Friday (April 15) – Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, our Savior, to suffer the weight of the world's sin on His shoulders. There is no greater sacrifice. Turn our hearts, dear Lord, to focus on the wondrous gifts of forgiveness You offer on this sad but hopeful day. Lead us in humility to accept this gift and renew our faith daily, so we may serve You as You have served us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Holy Saturday (April 16) – Almighty God and Father, waiting can be so hard. Caught between the sorrow of yesterday and the hope of endless joy tomorrow, we anxiously await with the faithful. Help us to know and reflect on all You do for us, both in our lives daily and in the hope of the coming resurrection. Direct us to walk in Your ways, trusting in Your promises, until we see You again. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter, April 17) – Arisen Lord and Savior, Jesus, You made a promise in Adam and Eve. Today, we celebrate Your completion of that promise: the gift of eternal life. You suffered and died and rose again so that we may live victoriously with You in heaven. Live in us and through us daily, guiding our struggle to live our lives in faithfulness to Your glory and unending love. **Amen.**

Stewardship Corner

The Blessing of Work

Working is a blessing that God gives His people. God is not pleased with laziness or an indifferent attitude toward work. Solomon wrote, **“Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth”** (Proverbs 10:4). We are encouraged to be as ambitious, wise, and industrious as the ant. **“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest”** (Proverbs 6:6).

God is concerned with our quality of work. The Apostle Paul wrote, **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men”** (Colossians 3:23). Because we are serving the Lord in all that we do, including our work, we are to give our very best effort. When we add value to our employers, we not only put ourselves in a position for promotions and raises, God is glorified.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, **“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously”** (2 Corinthians 9:6).

The sowing and reaping principle that Paul shares applies to our work. What is your attitude toward your work? Are you there to receive as much as you can while putting out the least amount of effort? Do you begrudge the hours your employer asks you to work, or are you willing to come in early and stay late at times? Are you learning more than you have to and doing more than you have to?

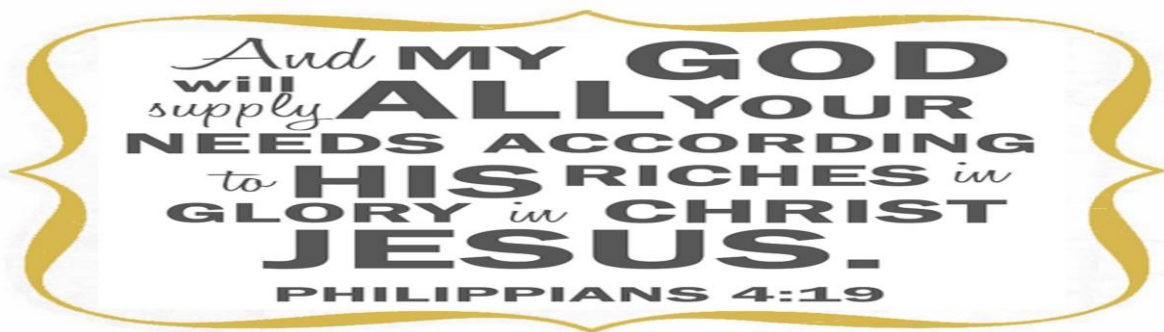
Another question to ask yourself about your work is how you plan to use this “wealth” that your “diligent hands” bring you. Is it your purpose to hoard it like the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21), so that you can “take life easy; eat, drink and be merry?” If you’ve read the parable, you know that plan is not pleasing to the Lord.

The Blessing of Work (continued)

Our work is a gift from the Lord. As good stewards of that gift, we will work to the best of our ability so that we can care for our needs and give to the Lord by helping others in need. Paul talks about the service we can provide through our work: **"At the present time your plenty will supply what [others] need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality"** (2 Corinthians 8:14).

Besides providing for ourselves, God gives us two additional reasons for work:

1. Provide for our families: **"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever"** (I Timothy 5:8).
2. Provide for the needy: **"[He] must work . . . doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need"** (Ephesians 4:28).



Lord, keep me faithful in the work You give me to do.

Give thanks to God for your work.

Work to the best of your ability.

Share with others the rewards of your work.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Mother's Day Program – Sunday, May 8, 2022 @ 11:00 A.M.

Theme:

“Christian Women STILL Held by God Through a Pandemic”
Psalm 46:1-3

Musical Selection	“Total Praise”	Recorded by Richard Smallwood
Opening Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”	Hymn#895
Responsive Reading		
Confession and Absolution		
Old Testament Reading	-----	Ms. Ollie Morrissette
Holy Gospel	-----	Pastor Washington
Hymn	“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”	Hymn#729
Welcome and Occasion	-----	Ms. Debra McDaniel, LWML Christian Growth
Praise	“I Now Understand What Mother Meant”	Mrs. Barbara Brown LWML Vice President
Promises	“God's Promises to His People”	Mrs. Dorothy Veazey, LWML Secretary
Special Music	“Wind Beneath My Wings”	Ms. Courtney Washington
Introduction of Speaker	-----	Dr. Cheryl Washington
Speaker	-----	Ms. Wanda Goodwin
Prayers	-----	Pastor Washington
Offerings and Selection		
Benediction and Dismissal		
Closing Hymn	“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”	Hymn#805

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR LWML)

During the month of January, a membership drive was held to recruit new members for LWML. As of this writing, five (5) new members have joined the LWML: Mrs. Evelyn Barber, Mrs. Lorenza McIntosh, Dr. Cheryl Washington, Mrs. Jackie Wilder, and Mrs. Yolanda York. We have twenty-one (21) active LWML members at Trinity. If there are others who wish to join, please let us know. **A heartfelt welcome is extended to our new members!**

LWML OFFICERS

Ms. Thelma Dianne Harris, President
Mrs. Barbara Brown, Vice President/Courtesy Chairperson
Mrs. Dorothy Veazey, Secretary
Ms. Paulette Ishman, Treasurer
Ms. Debra McDaniel, Christian Growth Chairperson
Mrs. Nettie Williams, Sick/shut-in Chairperson

LWML MEMBERS

Mrs. Evelyn Barber	Mrs. Maggie Hill	Mrs. Betty Mosley
Mrs. Nellie Blackmon	Mrs. Gracie Hollins	Mrs. Agnes Pegues
Mrs. Wilma Dunlap	Mrs. Lorenza McIntosh	Dr. Cheryl Washington
Mrs. Vivian Fleming	Ms. Barbara May	Mrs. Jackie Wilder
Ms. Theodora Hatcher	Ms. Ollie Morrisette	Mrs. Yolanda York

39th Biennial LWML Gulf States District Convention

Holiday Inn-Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama/April 22-24, 2022

The theme is: "It's Time to Sparkle" – Zechariah 9:16

Ms. Debra McDaniel, Interim President of the Central Alabama Zone of LWML and Mrs. Yolanda York, Delegate from Trinity, Selma LWML, will attend the District Convention and represent our organization. They will be voting on proposed mission grants for 2022-2024 and Gulf States District Bylaws. Our LWML is also sending a monetary gift to two recipients: Ascension Lutheran Preschool & CDC and Grace Lutheran CDC. **GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL!**

A P R I L

“Happy Birthday”

<i>3rd</i>	<i>Donald Brown</i>
<i>8th</i>	<i>Lorenza McIntosh</i>
<i>8th</i>	<i>Agnes C. Pegues</i>
<i>12th</i>	<i>Joan S. McFadden</i>
<i>13th</i>	<i>Gail Morris</i>
<i>14th</i>	<i>Adriunna Marie Barnfield</i>
<i>14th</i>	<i>Desmond Alsavion Lavelle, Jr.</i>
<i>15th</i>	<i>Angelica Perkins</i>
<i>15th</i>	<i>Harrie Lou Pettaway</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>Wilma Dunlap</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>Walter Jones</i>
<i>21st</i>	<i>Joe Arnold</i>
<i>21st</i>	<i>Veedan Chimehiura</i>
<i>24th</i>	<i>Gregory Ware</i>
<i>25th</i>	<i>Nettie Williams</i>
<i>29th</i>	<i>Margaret Bryant</i>
<i>30th</i>	<i>Alphonso Fails</i>

“Happy Anniversary”

April 6th Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Evelyn Barber

April 24th Mr. & Mrs. Crandall & Alicia Sturdivant