

APRIL NEWSLETTER STUFF:

BOTH CHURCHES:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Apr 7 th	Act 4:32-35	Psa 148	1 Joh 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Apr 14 th	Act 3:11-21	Psa 4	1 Joh 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
Apr 21 st	Act 4:1-12	Psa 23	1 Joh 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Apr 28 th	Act 8:26-40	Psa 150 1	Joh 4:1-11 (12-21)	John 15:1-8

IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The people that our congregation prayed for during the previous month...

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

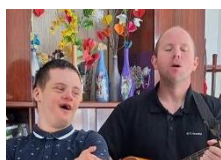
For students in 7th and 8th grade.

Check the schedule at www.locw.com/confirmation



THE SUNRISE WOMEN'S CLINIC in Sidney MT offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and parenting classes, bible studies, baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. Sunrise offers love, support, and spiritual guidance. Thank you for supporting them! *(Once in awhile)*

PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT



(Apr 9th) Happy to be back in Ukraine after a short visit to the US! Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>

BOTH CHURCHES:

PR. KEVIN ON VACA from April 26th thru the 29th.

Adam Strunz from Youth for Christ will be leading the service on April 28th. Please make sure that he feels welcome!

UPPER MISSOURI MINISTRIES is now known as **Springbrook Bible Camp**. Same camp, different name. Talk to Pr. Kevin if you have a child attending to see about church help with camp costs.

TRINITY

TLC Bible Studies: 2 pm – Wed, April 17th and May 1st

TLC Confirmation: 4 pm – Wed, April 17th and May 1st

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

TRINITY's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex

BIRTHDAYS

Renee Cross	4/02
Kevin Pederson	4/03
Cheyenne Link.....	4/11
Amelia Aasen.....	4/11
Tim Dwyer	4/14
Greg Abell	4/21
Phillip Kaste.....	4/23
Lynn Sims	4/25
Coryna Turnquist	4/30



ANNIVERSARIES

None that we're aware of...

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.

If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter, you can send it to the following email address. kevinrbeard@gmail.com

1st COMMUNION CLASSES – May 1st and May 15th from 6 to 7 pm. We are offering classes for 5th grade children wanting to participate in Communion. Talk to pastor if you know of someone interested.



YFC "CAMPUS LIFE" - Pr. Kevin is in the Alex school library once a week to visit with students during lunch and provide a few games. Please pray for this ministry to the youth.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



Acts 2:42-47 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

People are often looking for the Holy Spirit in extraordinary things, like miracles, exorcisms, healings, and other great spiritual experiences. In the book of Acts, such great deeds of the Spirit are indeed present, especially among the apostles, but their role is penultimate or secondary in the broader story of God's salvation. Their role is ultimately to draw attention to the preaching of the Word of God, which by the power of the Holy Spirit, brings sinners to faith in Christ and Baptism in His Name. As the apostle Peter reminds us, the Holy Spirit's great manifestation on Pentecost was meant to call attention to God's ordinary ways to bestow the same Holy Spirit on people of all nations, namely, through God's Word and the Sacrament of Baptism. He says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself" (Acts 2:38b-39).

In the days of the reformer Martin Luther, many people thought of pilgrimages to shrines of virgins or saints as a means to becoming more spiritual. Instead of placing their hope in such extraordinary experiences, Luther advised the people to start looking for the Holy Spirit in ordinary things, to look for the Spirit in the ordinary ways in which God works for and among His people. In a treatise titled, "An Open Letter to the Christian Nobility," Luther advised: "Let every man stay in his own parish. There he will find more than in all the shrines. In your own parish you will find Baptism, the Sacraments, preaching, and your neighbor."

In Acts 2:42-47, Luke gives us a way to look for the Holy Spirit in those ordinary things through which God reliably works to draw us to Himself and to one another. The enduring fruit and lasting miracle of Pentecost in our lives is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we share with one another in the church. Where then is the Holy Spirit? Where people gather around the apostolic Word of God, break bread together, pray for one another, there is the Holy Spirit. Where people worship together, share gifts and burdens with one another, there is the Spirit. Where people show generosity towards the needy, support the work of mission, and bear witness to Christ in word and deed, that's where the Holy Spirit works every day to bind us in fellowship with Christ and each other.

WE PRAY: Holy Spirit, help us to be thankful for the ordinary ways You work in our lives. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Dr. Leopoldo A. Sánchez.