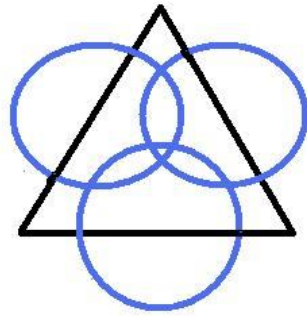


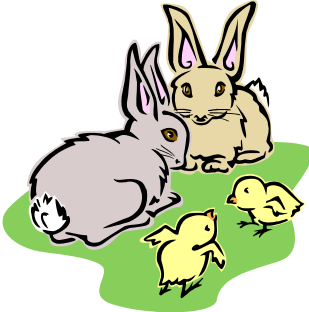
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## “What Is the Message of Easter?”

A number of years ago I read a book entitled, *The First Easter*, by Peter Marshall. I would like to share with you the opening and closing from this book. The author brings to life the message of Easter.

“What is this mysterious, strange, joyous influence that seems to permeate everything at this time of the year .... that lingers, like a sweet perfume, delicate and clean, to touch us all with its magic?”

It is an intriguing thing .... intangible, yet real.

We feel it ....

We sense it ....

We thrill to it ...



There is more to it than bunny rabbits and colored eggs, and bright new clothes and bonnets.

Easter is more than a celebration because the sap is rising in the trees .... and the bare branches are slipping bright green rings on bony fingers .... and blooms are turning wood and garden into fairyland.

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## EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Be sure to join the Athletic Club for their annual Easter Sunday Breakfast on April 4th from 8 am to 10:30 am. Adults are \$5.00, children 5-12 are \$3.00, children under 5 are free.



It is sure to be a grand time with good food, good fun and good fellowship!

## TRINITY STUDENTS NAMED ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

### *Congratulations to:*

Three students from Trinity Lutheran (Monitor) have been named local winners in the 41st annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

*Nick Peruski,*

Three students, who earned first, second, and third place awards for the school, are Nick Peruski, first, Rachel Vogel, second, and Alison Greene, third. All three received an award certificate for the achievement. As the school's first place winner, Nick's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

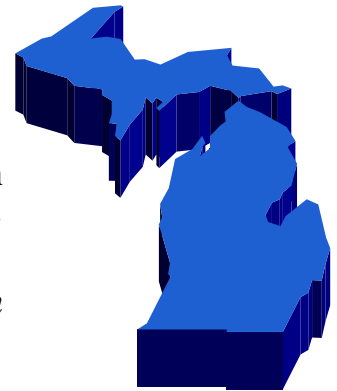
*Rachel Vogel, and*

Nick Peruski's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a medallion and a cash award of \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

*Alison Greene*

*for their winning essays!*

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2009-2010 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2009-2010 contest was "*My Personal Michigan Hero.*"



## SPELLING BEE WINNER



Joshua Harman was our representative at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee at Immanuel on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Joshua took 1<sup>st</sup> place. He received a very nice trophy for his efforts. We are very happy for him and very proud of him.

Kudos to you, Joshua!

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Easter is more than a Spring Festival. So far as the church is concerned, the message of Easter is contained in the declaration:

### **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

No tabloid will ever print the startling news that the mummified body of Jesus of Nazareth has been discovered in old Jerusalem.

Christians have no carefully embalmed body enclosed in a glass case to worship.

Thank God, we have an empty tomb.

The glorious fact that the empty tomb proclaims to us is that life for us does not stop when death comes.

Death is not a wall, but a door. And eternal life, which may be ours now, by faith in Christ, is not interrupted when the soul leaves the body, for we live on - and on.

There is no death to those who have entered into fellowship with Him who emerged from the tomb. Because the Resurrection is true, it is the most significant thing in our world today.

Bringing the Resurrected Christ into our lives, individual and national, is the only hope we have for making a better world.

“Because I live, you shall live also.”

That is the message of Easter. May the true message of Easter live in your hearts and in your lives always. “He is risen - He is risen indeed.”

- Pastor Sherry

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### **LADIES OF TRINITY SOFTBALL**

It is time for our own Trinity Monitor Ladies Softball Team to begin their Spring Training. If you are able and willing to play again this year, call Julie Loesel or Michelle Kloha . We hope to hear from you soon .



## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Mother's Day is right around the corner. The students at Trinity will be selling flower baskets from Keit's Greenhouse until Thursday, April 29th. One basket is \$20. Two or more baskets will be \$19 each. The pick-up date will be Friday, May 7th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm in the school grove. Payment must be included with your order. Please contact a day school student to place your order, or fill out a form in the school office. Thank you!

This fundraiser will be used for the addition to the elementary playground.

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## TRINITY MONITOR ON LINE

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You can also check us out on the web at [www.trinitymonitor.org](http://www.trinitymonitor.org) where you will find the latest Monitor newsletter, calendar and up coming events on our website.

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## ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

**Spring Clean-Up Day** is Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We will be cutting down some dead trees in the grove, as well as all the things we normally do. Lunch will be provided.

**Faith Night at the Loons:** We will be going to the Loons Game on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. This is also a Family Fun Night with \$1.00 food specials. Cost of tickets is \$9.00. Please contact Dave Rechsteiner at 686-6419 to reserve your seats.



*As stewards of  
the Gospel, we  
are compelled  
to share the  
news of  
Christ's  
Resurrection.*

“Why do you look  
for the living among  
the dead? He is not  
here; He has risen!

(Luke 24:5b-6a)