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FROM THE PASTOR

Psa. 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

I have had comments already about Easter falling on April 1st, April Fools Day. As we think of what Jesus did by going to the cross, suffering for the sins of the world and then dying, how many who thought that they were fools for putting their trust in such a man?

The couple that were on their way back to Emmaus on the first Easter Sunday were wondering if they were fools as well. As they were walking along the road to Emmaus they were discussing the things that had happened in Jerusalem when Jesus comes up to them and asks them what they were discussing and they respond with comments on the coming of Jesus and how He was crucified and with these words: ". . . Luke 24:21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

You may remember that people probably thought Jesus was a fool as well when after 4 days He calls for the stone to be rolled away from the tomb of Lazarus and Jesus cries out with a loud voice, "Lazarus come out." John 11:43. This was significant because the rabbinic teaching was that the soul of the dead person hung around for three days and once the body started to deteriorate, it would leave the body.

How many today think of you, as a Christian a fool? How could you believe and put your trust in a man who was crucified on a cross 2000 years ago? How foolish does it look for someone else to be punished for your wrongs? How foolish does it seem that because of what He did, you get blessed? And if that is not enough, when was the last time you saw someone come to life after being dead for three days? How foolish can you be? (They do have a celebration in Nederland, Colorado for a man who had himself cryogenically frozen, so that he might be brought back to life sometime in the future when science figures out how to bring him back. The celebration continues to be held year after year. He is still frozen.)

As we proclaim the Good News of Jesus to a world that thinks we are fools, we know who the real fools are. They have built their house on shifting sands instead on the solid rock of Christ. We have a Savior who is very much alive unlike all the other religions of the world whose leader is dead. Ours has risen and has given us the promise that He gave Martha: John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

We live now and will live for eternity because we are foolish enough to put our trust in a Risen Savior. Continue to make that fact known to all.

Pastor

ELDERS

Easter this year falls on April 1. Traditionally, April 1st is known as April Fools Day. While many will scoff and laugh at the thought of Jesus Christ being raised from the dead, Christians know the truth. "A fool says in his heart there is no God. They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. " Psalm 14:1. There is none who does good is definitely a downer of a proclamation. But we have a way out of that. Jesus Christ who lived a perfect, sinless life, died and rose again conquering death. This is a free gift given to us through the waters of Holy Baptism. And to the scoffers who laugh that Easter and April Fools are on the same day it can be said, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18.

Every Sunday we are reminded that Jesus died for our sins and that he rose again for us. While we may not view this as something special, it truly is. There is a message of Hope for us. So, as we look to this Easter and April Fools Day we need to see it as a message of Hope because the tomb is empty and Jesus died and rose for us, the sinner. A fool will not hear the words of the angel that said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said" (Matt 28: 5-6). Christ has Risen. He has Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Matt Clark,
Elder

BOARD PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors met on Thursday March 15th.

Dick Dommers, Head Elder, reported discussing the process for Holy Communion service for those members who do not take red wine.

There are several very delinquent attendees (nonattendance for over a year) and elders were requested to contact them by phone and/or write a letter per the sample letter in the elder training manual. If we are unable to contact and bring these members back to worship, in accordance with the bylaws they can be removed for self-exclusion.

Hannah Keeler, Financial Secretary, reported total giving for February 2018 was \$25,255.35 with \$17,482.00 for the general fund. Monies collected for the African training Project were reported at \$6,005.00.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that Income exceeded expenses in February by \$3,483.09. General Income was \$17,315.50 and Expenses \$13,832.41. There are \$12,525.67 in available funds.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair, received a call from the school representative stating that the Superintendent claims she did not know the evening gathering for Bob Lenz was Christ centered and as such said we cannot use the school gym for any Christ centered activities. Bob Lenz representative (Mitch Racine) said he would talk to the Superintendent to see if he could change her mind. Cheryl ordered tracts and a rack. The tracts are here, but the rack had to be back ordered by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Nora Sotak showed the committee how to obtain

Thrivent funds to fund some church activities. We are hoping to use Thrivent funds to purchase food for our local charity presentations as well as for advertising (and anything else appropriate) for Bob Lenz.

It was decided that (using Thrivent funds for the luncheon) we would try to get a representative from the "Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministry" to come in to speak to us about their organization.

Juli Bailey, Stewardship Chair, was working on Easter baskets for our "shut-ins." She will work with the elders and possibly the Ruth Bible study group on getting the baskets delivered.

Laurie Di Paolo, Education Chair, told about the new Sunday School curriculum planned. The Education Committee has decided to continue having Sunday School through the summer.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that Showcase Carpets will be replacing the carpet in the sanctuary the week of Apr 9. They will also be cleaning the carpets in the great room and social hall and offices. A date has not been set for this work. We are continuing to replace some of the floor tiles under the pews in the sanctuary. Some of these have holes and cracks in them and are bubbled up in spots. The lawn equipment has been repaired and serviced. Thanks to Dave and Ed for taking care of this. Volunteers have agreed to do many of the tasks on the Clean Up list. Thanks to all who are helping with this. Some window washing, and painting tasks remain and any volunteers for these would be welcomed.

New Business: Bob Klose requested the BOD waive the facility use policy for an upcoming workshop being put on by Dan Dagle, a former Trinity member. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved to honor the request.

Hannah Keeler brought up the idea of having a Senior, 50 and older, Safe Driver course presented at Trinity. She will poll the congregation to see is interested. If there is enough interest she will set it up. The BOD agreed.

A letter from LCEF requesting donations to help other organizations with less resources to experience the financial savings Labors For Christ offer. The BOD voted to send the recommended \$100.00 donation.

Bob Klose,
President

TRUSTEE

Showcase Carpets will be replacing the carpet in the sanctuary the week of Apr 9. They expect this to take 2 or 3 days. They will also be cleaning the carpets in the great room and social hall and offices. A date has not been set for this work.

The lawn equipment has been repaired and serviced. Thanks to Dave and Ed for taking care of this. We have gotten a new String Trimmer. The old one had gotten very hard to start and could not be repaired any more.

Thanks to all who volunteered to do tasks on our church cleanup list. Quite a bit of the cleaning and polishing and yard work was taken care of. There are still windows that need to be washed and painting that should be done. Anyone is welcome to help out with that any time.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chairman

NOT BETTER— BUT BETTER OFF

The Window by H. W. Gockel

A scoffing soldier was making fun of his buddy, who was a sincere believer in Christ. "The trouble with you Christians," said the scoffer, "is that you think you are better than the rest of us."

"Not better," replied the Christian young man, "just better off."

How true! The man who has been brought into a right relationship with God through faith in Christ, the Savior, is *indeed* better off than the man who has not.

Any person who has become "a new man in Christ" and who out of gratitude for his salvation leads a Christian life—trying with the Spirit's help to obey the laws of God and man—is much better off than the person who turns his back to the Gospel offer and determines to "go it on his own."

Godliness is profitable unto all things," the Bible tells us, "having promise of the life that *now is* and of that which is to come." The godly man need not wait until heaven to be better off; he is better off here and now!

His rewards may not be those of financial success and social standing. Perhaps no one at the local bank would ever rate him better off than hundreds of depositors whose monthly balances are ten times greater than his.

Nowhere has God told us that godliness holds promise of material success. But He *has* told us that, unfailing, the rewards of humble trust in Christ and His Gospel are: peace, joy, assurance, the victorious inner life, and, finally, eternal life with Him in heaven.

To know every morning that we have a Savior who has promised to be with us "always, even unto the end of the world," and to know every evening, when we invite sweet sleep to erase the scars of another day, that we have a Savior who has died to restore us to sonship with His Father—such knowledge is indeed a blessing for which we have no measurement.

Our daily sins may convince us that we are no better than many of our fellow men; but God's daily grace will convince us, beyond all doubt, that we are *better off!*

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran Church will continue to hold children's Sunday School through the summer. Sixth through 12+ grades will be studying *Gruesome Deaths in the Bible*. The younger group will be building a foundation of understanding for the Bible starting at the beginning and moving forward. Pastor will continue with the adult class. There will be something for everyone. Please come. Thank you for your support.

Sandy Klose,
Sunday School Superintendent

THANKS FROM TRINTIY LWML

The Mission Table project did fantastic for the first quarter. Because of your donations and purchases we are sending \$450 to Ysleta Lutheran Mission. Thanks to everyone for your support. Please keep up the good work.

Wilma Jaecks
Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the “Easter Baskets” for our shut-ins. Also, a thank you everyone who delivered them. We never want these individuals to think that our church has forgotten about them. However, Stewardship just doesn’t stop or start with “Easter Baskets”. It should be something that each of us thinks about on a regular basis. Being a Christian Steward, means giving your time, talents and money whenever you can to the best of your ability. There are several ways to do this in our congregation like volunteering to mow the church lawn, helping to fix broken items around the church, watering flowers, singing in the choir and bell choir, joining a church committee, giving what you can to help the church financially. This just names a few ways to serve. There are many other ways to serve. We so often wait for someone else to do things around the church. There are so many ways to be a good Christian Steward of the church. Please think about the different ways that you can serve the Lord gladly.

Juli Bailey,
Stewardship Chair

EVANGELISM

“The grief we experience over profound loss in this world, particularly the death of a loved one, is an emotional journey different for each of us. There are no hard and fast rules for getting through such an ordeal; as individuals we ride it out to the best of our ability. Regardless of the person’s reaction, however, God is there in the middle of it, ever available to comfort and bring us through our suffering

and tears. Our grief, while it can be intense and debilitating, is not a thing that can’t be managed and, eventually overcome. That is, of course, where God comes in. Though life has dealt us a terrible blow, we know His grace is sufficient, healing even the heartache of our loved one’s absence in this world.” The Tract of the Month for March is **“Grief – Where Sadness and Hope Meet”**.

Our 2nd Quarter Mission (April through June) is Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso. This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Not only does the mission conduct worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School and VBS, but it also attends to the needs of the poor through many, many outreach services.

Bob Lenz Update – I received a call from Michelle Perry stating that the Superintendent claims she did not know the evening gathering for Bob Lenz was Christ centered and as such said we cannot use the school gym for any Christ centered activities. Our new Bob Lenz representative (Mitch Racine) said he would talk to the Superintendent to see if he could change her mind. Pastor also said he would talk to her if need be. If we are still banned from using the gym for our evening assembly then we will make plans to use another venue.

I am passing along the following email from Dionne Lovstad-Jones, CFRE, *Lead Ministry Resource Manager* with Lutheran Hour Ministries: “Congratulations on your partnership with LHM and its Project Connect booklet ministry! Nancy shared with me that you currently do not have an ambassador in your congregation. I’m wondering if you might know of someone that would

prayerfully consider this important role to your members at Trinity. If so, would you be willing to forward this e-mail to them? I'm including a link about what being an LHM Ambassador is all about. Your efforts to assist me with a referral would be greatly appreciated.

General overview - www.lhm.org/ambassador
Volunteer description—<https://www.lhm.org/ambassador/voldescription.asp>" If you are interested in doing this please let me know.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting
Thursday April 12th at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV). "14You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Yours in Christ, Cheryl Sandenaw

TRINITY YOUTH GROUP SPRING SCHEDULE

APRIL 1—Easter Breakfast served between the Sunrise Service and 10:15 a.m. service. Breakfast will consist of casseroles, muffins, fruit and juice

APRIL 15 at 2:00 PM—White Sands or bowling (depending on what we did on Feb. 18) and Bible study.

MAY-YOUTH GROUP INTERNS WILL PLAN—watch for details.

'THE COLORS OF THE LITURGICAL SEASONS'

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By Rev. Douglas K. Escue

COLOR.

Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son.

COLOR, LIKE MUSIC

Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people. Just as music is the "handmaiden to theology," liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper's emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received.

COLOR, LIKE LIGHT

Color, like light which is its source, is most helpful when it is pleasing as well as stimulating to the senses. However, let's never forget its primary role in divine worship: Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific "colorful" chapter in the life of our Lord and his church, retold annually by the church calendar.

COLOR'S PURPOSE

However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen

as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It's true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings "pretty."

Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth "decorations."

Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use.

TEACHING ABOUT LITURGICAL COLORS

How do you go about instructing and communicating appreciation for the colors of the church year and the seasons they support? Some liturgical creativity is in order for this task. Think of the rainbow. The rainbow is that vivid reminder of God's promise given to Noah and his descendants. The acronym, "Roy-g-biv," is a helpful device in remembering that beautiful object of hope, and its red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet colors.

Let's adapt that helpful device for use in taking a fresh look at the colors of the church year.

FIVE BASIC COLORS

Traditionally, five basic colors of a festive, penitential, and neutral nature have been used in most liturgical congregations. In recent times, with liturgical renewal, three additional colors (blue, scarlet, and gold) have

been added to the basic five of white, red, green, violet or purple, and black.

Instead of "Roy-g-biv," may I suggest "Bg-Bgs-Pwr?" (blue, green, black, gold, scarlet, purple, white and red) "Bg-Bgs-Pwr," enunciated Big Bags of Power" might at first seem silly. Indeed it is! Does it have anything to do with the message of those colors? Not really! Then, why suggest such a ridiculous notion? Because, a humorous, yet effective memory technique, such as "Bg-Bgs-Pwr," is what we may need to remember this liturgical tool and the message it conveys throughout the church year.

Each "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" color has evolved through the centuries in the community of faith to communicate a powerful message. A fresh look at the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" color scheme can reawaken our appreciation for this time-honored custom.

BLUE

Blue, the first color of the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" scheme, is the more contemporary color increasingly used by many congregations in their observance of a new church year. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. BLUE-the color of the sky-helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky he ascended long ago.

GREEN

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the

vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as "the time of the church," share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the "green meadow," no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth.

Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy.

Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

A helpful suggestion for congregations observing summer and fall months with one neutral color, would be to invest time and effort in obtaining several sets of green paraments. Variety and change in shades of this color would go a long way in keeping the

season fresh and "green." Changing the paraments every six weeks would complement the Sundays following Pentecost and their emphasis on personal faith that is living and growing.

To be continued next month

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

1 Corinthians 15:14

John and Charles Wesley soon found themselves out of favor with many fellow Anglican ministers who spurned their fiery evangelistic preaching. Many pulpits were closed to them.

A friend from his Oxford days, George Whitefield, 22, who was having the same trouble, began preaching in the open air. In London, he asked Charles to stand with him as he preached to thousands in the open air at Blackheath, and Charles, too got a vision for reaching multitudes.

He made his first attempt in the outskirts of London. "Franklyn, a farmer, invited me to preach in his field," he wrote. "I did so to about 500. I returned to the house rejoicing." Soon he was preaching to thousands. "My load was gone, and all my doubts and scruples. God shone upon my path; and I knew this was his will concerning me."

A man named Joseph Williams heard Charles in Bristol: "I found him standing on a table-board, in an erect posture....surrounded by, I guess, more than a thousand people of them fashionable persons, but most of the lower rank of mankind. He prayed with uncommon fervency...He then

preached about half an hour in such a manner as I have scarce ever heard any man preach....I think I never heard any man labor so earnestly to convince his hearers they were all by nature in a sinful, lost, undone, damnable state; that notwithstanding there was a possibility of their salvation, through faith in Christ....All this he backed up with many texts of Scripture, which he explained and illustrated, and then by a variety of the most forcible motives, arguments and expostulation, did he invite, allure, quicken, and labor, if it were possible, to compel all, and of his hearers, to believe in Christ for salvation."

Charles Wesley still preaches today in much the same way through his ageless hymns which are sung around the world each Sunday, Perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called, "Hymn for Easter Day,; published in 1739. It originally consisted of eleven stanzas. The "Alleluia's" were added later but appropriately, for this is a hymn one never gets tired of singing:

*Christ the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

—Then Sings My Soul
Robert J. Morgan

"The resurrection...was only the beginning of a great grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again."

—A. W. Tozer

"Twas Easter-Sunday. The full-blossomed trees
Filled all the air with fragrance and with joy.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

God's Love to Us

As I walk out in the sunshine
And all of earth's beauties I see,
I stop and give thanks to my Savior
For giving these things to me.

But more than ever I thank Him
For the love He showed to me,
By sending His only Son Jesus
My Lord and Savior to be.

He died on the cross to save me,
To save me from my sin,
To give me the life everlasting
If I would believe in Him.

And you He will save, my brother
If you will believe in Him,
A new and clean heart He will give you,
All white and spotless within.

Then you will enjoy even better
The things God has given to us,
The birds and the trees and the flowers
And even the bees that buzz.

—Betty Bechtel

Gaya, Nigeria, French West Africa

A BIG THANK YOU

Erma Tenopir sends thanks from the bottom of her heart for the beautiful Easter basket delivered to her. She was very thankful!

Many thanks to Juli Bailey and the Stewardship Committee for providing the Easter baskets for our shut-ins'.

When a Sunday school teacher told her class that Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb, one girl raised her hand to share an insight. "I know why," the girl said. "It's because Jesus only used it for three days

CONGRATULATIONS

Sarah Clark is graduating on April 26, 2018 from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor's of Science Nursing Degree. She is planning on taking the NCLEX nursing test and finding a Registered Nurse job in Phoenix, AZ. She has made the Dean's List every semester she has attended Grand Canyon University. Sarah is the daughter of Matt and Jill Clark, granddaughter of Nora and Rick Sotak, and great-granddaughter of Virginia Nielsen. **WAY TO GO SARAH!!!**

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Because there wasn't sufficient interest to fill a safety course class right now, I am going to try again in the fall. I will keep the names of those interested and hope you will still be interested in later in the year.

Hannah Keeler

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Tony Alonzo, David Barry, Eric Bell, Caitlin Boverie, Bernadeane Bridges, Dave Cauraugh, Red Chesbro, Donna Columbus, Mike Debaar, Nicole Doth, Lou Flowers, Carol Fox, Renee Gocis, **Don Gressman**, Tom Hollander, **Gene & Eldeen Humphrey**, **Kristie & John Humphrey**, Ty Landt, Jackie Monso, Paul Neussendorfer, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Alex Pearson, Judy Piepkorn, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, Ila Santini, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, **Judy Sharpe**, Lynne Skinner, William Stewart, Hank Thomas, Austin Tice, Brenda Timmons, Marea Turnbull, Eric Van Horn, Vertein family,



"I thought your Easter message was great, except when you went off on a bunny trail."

APRIL STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

April 1 Jim Wilkes
 April 8 Ray Bailey
 April 15 Matt Clark
 April 22 Robert Rentschler
 April 29 Dick Dommers

ACOLYTES

April 1 Morgan Sebring
 April 8 Abby Anderson
 April 15 Miriam Collins
 April 22 Emily Johnson
 April 29 EmmaLee Kommer

READERS

April 1 Larry & Bev Van Duyn
 April 8 Bob & Sandy Klose
 April 15 George & Marianne Schweers
 April 22 Tyler Larson & Yvonne Steeby
 April 29 Youth

TELLERS

April 1 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby
 April 8 Suse Lehmann & Robyn Luevano
 April 15 Megan Bowman & Bob Klose
 April 22 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave
 April 29 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon

APRIL ALTAR COMMITTEE

Hannah Keeler
 Cheryl Richey

APRIL ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Jan Thede

APRIL FLOWERS

April 1 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
 April 8 Marvin & Joyce Bunker
 Barbara Bruning
 April 15 Kevin & Lisa Cramm
 April 22 Rick & Nora Sotak
 April 29 Ray & Julie Bailey

USHERS

April 1 Tom Blackmon, Glen Schlehauser
 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
 April 8 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
 John Marquardt
 April 15 Ben Clark, Robert Johnson,
 Trey Johnson, Ray Krueger
 April 22 Bob Klose, Laura Klose,
 Gerald Moore,
 April 29 Youth

HOSTS

April 1 Rick & Nora Sotak
 April 8 Bob & Jan Thede
 April 15 Ed Schelter & Susan Weitzel
 April 22 Becky & Margaret Worley
 April 29 Youth

APRIL

*We bow our heads,
 we open our hearts.
 Who painted the rainbow in the sky?
 Who greened the grass, arrayed the lily?
 Who fed our mockingbird through the winter
 and sent him back again all that way
 to sing atop the cupola on our barn?
 Who put the gambol in those lambs,
 and the merry gurgle on Baby's face?
 Who broke the brown cerements of the seed
 with a frond so tender
 you never could imagine how it ever got out?
 Who baled this family together
 with bonds of love, and work, and beauty?
 Our Lord.
 Our Risen Lord.
 Oh, we thank Thee!
 Amen*

*Sam Guard in "The Farmer Says Grace"
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