

Happy Mother's Day!
Her children rise up
and call her
blessed.
Proverbs 31:2, 6-8

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THE STRAY'S RETURN HOME: A Day in the Life of an Ugly Dog

I recently read an interesting quote. It comes from legendary baseball manager Casey Stengel. It's about wins and losses over an entire Major League season. He said something to this effect: *No matter what, a major league team will win one-third and lose one-third of its games every season. The remaining one-third is up to that team, the one-third that determine whether the team finishes first, last or in between.*

Although the proportions are different, I think we can say the same thing about life as we know it. Everybody experiences wins and losses... that's a given. But there is a majority of life that is lived in the middle, which is largely determined by the decisions we make, the paths we choose, but most importantly, where we turn when we don't know where to turn.

Like the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:13-25) that late Easter Eve, we all have our journeys. Some are quite profound: Committing to the love of your life. Going to war... while leaving loved ones behind. Trudging through end-of-life decisions.

Sometimes our routine journeys from one day to the next are not as deep. Perhaps lost in the grind of life is the profound reality that Jesus is still walking with us.

The question is... do we recognize Him?

A tattered and smelly dog found his way to our front porch one early spring evening. My then 9-year-old son Nicolas, dog lover that he is, considered this a sign from God. He was divinely chosen to find this prodigal's way home. Further revelation revealed, he determined, that I was called to be his Aaron, holding him up on his journey to the Promised Land.

What started as a strange dog at our front door, turned into a ninety minute trek that led us knocking on dozens of doors, and scaring countless neighbors as the evening turned into night.

Up and down the street we traveled. No leads. No success.

I was comfortable and confident that we'd gone the extra mile, and was eager to release the dog "back into the wild" of our neighborhood, but Nick had already invested too much time and too much of his heart. He wouldn't rest until home was found.

My oldest son arrived to give us a lead that brought this pooch a little closer to home. So our journey moved from the immediate subdivision to the neighborhood beyond.

By this time, the amount of time and energy we invested in finding this dog's home was far ahead of just being neighborly.

That fact did not escape my son. On the last leg of trip, Nick wondered aloud of the size of the reward this long lost dog would retrieve.

Two streets west, we unearthed our first break: A doggy name and a general direction of home. His name was Basil, and his house was blue. A blue house "maybe two more streets" west.

At 9pm, under the cover of night, we started down a long,

dark street looking for a blue house.

(Has anyone ever mentioned that in the dark of night... all houses look blue?)

We looked for life in the homes we were scanning. We looked for activity. We looked for some kind of movement that might suggest a family looking for a lost dog. We came to the end of the street to a house that could have been blue, gray, beige, or green.

Somebody was standing in the front picture window. So we knocked yet again. A young man opened it.

"Have you ever seen this dog?"

He examined the mangy mutt, reached down, unleashed him, asked where we found him, and then spoke loudly into the house "It's Basil".

Then... he closed the door.

Not even a thank you.

As we walked down the driveway, I couldn't help but notice that my son's eyes kept drifting back to the blue house. My heart was crushed for him. I was wondering how significantly he was bruised. No reward. No shouts of joy coming for a dog's long lost return.

Not even a thank you.

But Nicolas was smiling as we started that long walk home.

"How do you feel?" I asked.

"We brought a dog back to his family", he said.

As much as I thought this expedition was a teaching moment for my son, I think, perhaps, it was a teaching moment for me.

The dog was home. And—even to a nine-year-old boy—that's all mattered.

We all have our journeys, and most of the time we are so wrapped up in the things of this world that we fail to recognize that Jesus is walking with us.

Not quietly or idly. He's showing us glimpses of glory and glances of grace.

He says in Matthew, "*Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.*" Or to put it differently, "*When you recognize that Jesus walks with you, you will see things differently.*"

In Emmaus, the separation of the disciple's blindness from their vision was a teaching moment. It was the Word made available to them. It was a journey with Jesus that crested when "He took the bread, broke it, gave thanks, and gave it them" (Lk 24:30).

Does that sound familiar?

It should.

It is the profound moment of Jesus' real presence... of the strength and blessing, the glory and grace we receive when Jesus reveals Himself to us.

Perhaps the difference between ignorance and bliss is our intentional ability to look beyond the clutter of this world (beyond the horizontal), and to journey vertically... looking for Jesus in every decision we make and every path that we choose.

At every turn in the road.

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BIBLE STUDIES AT HISTORIC TRINITY

Sunday Adult Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. "The Holy Huddle"

Led by: Rev. Dr. Kieth Gerberding

Men's Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Monday's - 9:30 a.m.

Led by: Rev. Ronald Guettler

Theology on Tap - Monday's - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Led by: Rev. Darryl Andrzejewski, Rev. Dr. John Herzog, Rev. Dr. John Heins, Rev. Ronald Guettler & Rev. Dr. Kieth Gerberding



JOIN
the
HOLY HUDDLE

HOLY HUDDLE BIBLE CLASS

THE BEST SERMON YOU COULD EVER HEAR...

Will continue to be discussed and dissected (but not disputed) in our 'HOLY HUDDLE' Bible Class. Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount' will be the object of our attention as found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5 - 7. We plan to hear and listen to Jesus as He calls us to be His disciples, in word and deed. Please come at 9:30 am to the Hohl Conference Room, Sunday.



SPRING THEOLOGY ON TAP SCHEDULE

Join us Monday evenings at 6:00 pm for a light supper. Study begins at 6:20 pm til 7:30.

- May 1 HT Goes to the Movies. *The Sixth Sense*:
Can We See Dead People?
- May 8 HT Goes to the Movies. *Up*: A Life Well Lived
- May 15 HT Goes to the Movies. *Field of Dreams*:
When Love is Strained
- May 22 HT Goes to the Movies. *Saving Private Ryan*:
A Life Laid Down



CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED - Memorial Weekend

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the church offices will be closed May 26th thru May 29th. The church voice mail messaging system will be monitored or you may send an email message to church@historicternity.org.



CHRISTMAS MARKET MEETING

On May 7, 2017 after the 9:30am service there will be a Christmas Market meeting. Included in our discussion will be last year's Market (lessons learned), advertising and soliciting of new vendors. We are looking for new ideas! **All are welcome to attend!!!!!!**



- May 1 Theology on Tap - 6:00 pm
- May 7 Christmas Market Meeting - 10:30 am
- May 7 Jr. Confirmation Sunday - 11:00 am
- May 8 Theology on Tap 6:00 pm
- May 9 HT Ladies Guild Meeting - 6:30 pm
- May 11 HT Ladies Aid LWML Meeting - 11:00 am
- May 14 Mother's Day Celebration - 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am
- May 15 Theology on Tap - 6:00 pm
- May 21 HT Festival Chorus - 9:30 & 11:00 am
- May 22 Theology on Tap - 6:00 pm
- May 23 Community Seniors - 12:00 pm
- May 26-29 Office Closed for Memorial Day Observance



HISTORIC TRINITY FESTIVAL CHORUS VOICES NEEDED

The Historic Trinity Festival Chorus, under the direction of Karl Osterland, presents 'A Festive Triptych of English Anthems' on Sunday, May 21st at the 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services. If you would like to lend your voice to the chorus, please contact Karl Osterland for rehearsal dates and times. Most rehearsals will be at Historic Trinity but Karl will also hold optional Saturday rehearsals at his home in Ann Arbor. You can contact Karl through church@historicternity.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be here soon! Please join us June 26 - June 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All children ages 3 years old through those entering 6th grade this fall are welcome. This year's theme is **Maker Fun Factory**. To register, call the church office (313-567-3100) or go to www.myvbs.org/historicternity. We are in need of volunteers and would love to have you join us! Please call the church office or email Kristine Kistka at kristine@historicternity.org to volunteer or make a donation for snacks, arts and crafts, etc.



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BAPTISM

April 9th

Harrison Sowell Smith
Son of Ryan & Kara Smith



May 7th

Jamie Danielle Delas
Rachel Elise Eberhard
Jacqueline Arlene Listman
Grant Matthew Male
Lucas Graham Raymant
Emily Claire Schley

God's Blessings to our Confirmands!



April 8th

Gregg Ford & Diana Carnevale

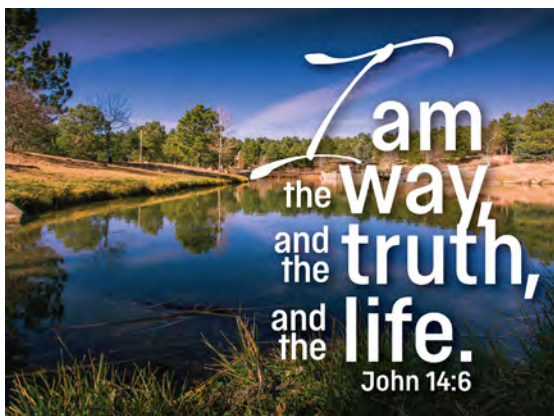
April 22nd

Austin Marchione & Chelsea Steinfeldt



GONE TO HIS HEAVENLY HOME

Robert Gliese
March 30, 2017



Spring is finally here! The bulbs are up and flowering. The trees are budding. It's time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. It's also time to spice up your exercise routine. Here are six ideas to get you started.

1. Try a new kind of pickle. Pickleball is the fastest-growing adult sport in the USA. A group sport that's a blend of tennis, table tennis, and badminton. Paddles are used to hit a light plastic ball over a net. Check with your local YMCA or community center for availability.
2. Step up your walking routine. If you have a walking routine, try doing the route in the opposite direction, or try a whole new route through a park or different neighborhood. You could try mini intervals. Walk as fast as you can for one minute and then back down to your regular pace. When you catch your breath, do it again.
3. Challenge your body and your mind. Try yoga which combines physical poses with breathing techniques. Classes are offered in a variety of kinds: gentle yoga, senior yoga and beginner's yoga. Also tai chi might work out for you, especially if you have balance issues.
4. Make your house sparkle and shine! Dusting, mopping, vacuuming, sweeping, racking etc. it all counts!
5. Try a new class. Water aerobics, Zumba, ballroom dancing, tai chi, and yoga. Ask your friends what they are doing. Consider joining them.
6. Speaking of friends, get a partner and both of you make a plan and commit to it! So don't let boredom derail your progress. Adding something new to your exercise routine may be your perfect fitness recipe!

God's blessings on your new endeavors.

Nancy Jones, RN

Sources include: National Institutes of Health, USA Pickleball Assoc. & Blue Cross/Blue Shield



Want to relive a wonderful sermon message?? Missed a church service?? Now you can watch our Pastor's wonderful sermon messages on-line! There is a link provided for your easy access on our Historic Trinity web page historictrinity.org. On the Historic Trinity home page click on the link [Historic Trinity Video Sermons Online](#) and you will be taken to the livestream.com site. Click on the sermon you would like to view. Turn up the volume on your computer and listen to God's Strong Word.





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| 1 | Nathaniel Gray | 17 | Mary Poljanac |
| 1 | Violet Hauenstein | 19 | Luke Leonhard |
| 1 | Virginia Headapohl | 19 | Larry Moss |
| 1 | Joshua Hubbard | 19 | Pamela Nakoneczny |
| 1 | Anthony Jablonski | 19 | Kirsten Pigott |
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| 1 | Ryan Staschke | 20 | Savannah Gurley |
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COLUMBARIUM NICHEs AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Historic Trinity has columbarium niches available in the beautiful Hayes Memorial Garden. A niche is a recessed chamber for the permanent placement of the container holding a loved ones cremated remains. The columbarium niches are made from cast bronze and are sealed. Also we offer the opportunity to commemorate our members who have not been interred in a Columbarium niche by placing their name on a memorial plaque in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Each name is inscribed on a bronze plate mounted to a large memorial plaque. Please call Kristine Kistka at the church office (313-567-3100) for more information or email her at kristine@historictinity.org.

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

2017 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
Apr 30	1 10:00 AM Thrivent Leadership - Dan Nickodemus 6:00 PM Theology on Tap	2	3 12:00 PM LLC 6:30 PM Choir Reh	4 12:00 PM Oktoberfest Mtg	5	6				
	7 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship-Confirmation w/Communion		8 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Theology on Tap	9 SE Michigan Pastors Conference 6:30 PM Ladies Guild			10 6:30 PM Choir Reh	11 11:00 AM Ladies Aid Meeting	12	13 11:50 AM Shirley Blair Internment
	14 Mothers Day 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Worship w/Communion 11:00 AM Worship		15 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Theology on Tap	16 11:30 AM Jackson Trippers Tour w/lunch 54 people			17 6:30 PM Choir Reh	18		
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