

NORTH FORTY

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Happy Easter- Happy Spring! Hasn't it been beautiful? We are finally in bloom up here in the north country. The kids are on Easter break this week and many families are traveling.

Trinity Center Community Church will hold a sunrise service at 7:30 Easter morning at Pete and Elaine Ulrich's home with breakfast to follow. Regular church service will be at 10 Am. All are welcomed and invited.

Speaking of Spring, the Trinity Lake Lions Club is hosting its annual fish derby on May 16 at Carrville Pond. It's a fun event for the kids. Details to follow.

A car wash sponsored by children earning money to attend Kidder Creek Christian camp will be held April 19 at the Trinity Center Church parking lot from 12-5. There will be a bake sale and while your car is being washed enjoy a hot dog and lemonade.

Also on the April calendar is the famous Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department Chili Feed and auction. Come to the firehouse on Saturday, April 18; dinner from 5-6:30 and auction at 7. You're sure to catch the bidding fever with items such as houseboats, gourmet dinners and jams by Ed.

The Trinity Center Library's Mystery Book Club will be reading [A Pale Blue Eye](#) by Louis Bayard for their May 4 meeting. This is an historical fiction set in 1830 at West Point with none other than Edgar Allan Poe as a central character. This should be a lively discussion since our own Lynn Hartley is the mother of a West Point grad and will bring some personal insight to the discussion.

The Trinity Center VFD cookbook was "put to bed" this week; off to the printers. I've had a sneak preview and it's loaded with wonderful recipes contributed by our local chefs. The color photos are awesome also. Look for the books to be on sale soon but they will be in plentiful supply at the TCVFD Barbeque scheduled for June 13.

Many tears continue to be shed by members of the Coffee Creek Community Church as they prepare for the retirement of their beloved pastors, Fred and Roberta Boring. It is very hard to let them go. In a recent brainstorming session church members developed a list of qualities desired in a new pastor. The list seemed to show a not surprising resemblance to our Fred.

The church will be holding a potluck open house of the new community hall on Sunday, May 17 at noon. This will be a time to honor the fantastic team of individuals who brought this project to fruition. Everyone is invited and all those working on the project are to be guests.

Coffee Creek is losing another important figure. Francie Epperson is retiring from her role as principal-teacher at the elementary school. She's a wonderful, warm woman who has brought much to the children, the parents and the community and she will be sorely missed. She and Dave will be spending time in San Diego where he is establishing his business.