

April 2020

Dear Friends,

Our world has changed abruptly these past weeks. Sadly, we've had to suspend all activities here at the church for the safety of our members and visitors. The internet has been an absolute godsend as we've been able to produce video content to keep people connected to the church during this difficult time. We can continue to receive ongoing encouragement found in the gospel of Jesus Christ as we lift up our hearts in prayer, worship, and study. Here's a rundown of some of the things we're doing:

Live and recorded full worship services with organ.

Live devotions on our Facebook page.

Live Bible classes over Zoom.

Checking in with members who are more vulnerable than most.

If you would like to get connected with any of these things, feel free to give me a call and I'll do the best I can to get you set up.

If you know of anyone at church whose health status prohibits them or who don't have access to the internet, please feel free to call them and check in on them. I call as many as I can but having that added touch of care from a member of the congregation can really go a long way.

And if you are having any difficulty during this time, call the church or call me. There are more resources than you might think and I'll try to help you. If you are scared or nervous and just need some words of encouragement, give me a call. If you end up hospitalized for any reason, give me a call. I won't be allowed to visit you (unless it's an emergency) but I can talk to you over the phone. It's the next best thing!

If you're on Facebook but not connected to the church page, you can find it at [facebook.com/trinitynewlenox](https://www.facebook.com/trinitynewlenox). "Like" the page so you can be up to date with what's going on.

God's blessings to you in Christ Jesus, the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls!

Pastor Hoag

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## Holy Week & Easter

**AT THIS TIME, WE ARE UNCERTAIN IF THESE SERVICES WILL BE HELD. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND WATCH FOR AN EMAIL CLOSER TO THE DATES OF THESE EVENTS.**

April 9, 2020 - Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 p.m.
April 10, 2020 - Good Friday Cross Walk	10:00 a.m.
April 10, 2020 - Good Friday Service	7:30 p.m.
April 11, 2020 - Easter Vigil	5:00 p.m.
April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday Services	7:00 and 10:30 a.m.
(Easter Breakfast immediately following the 7:00 a.m. service)	

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



### **Updates from Council President, Jeff McDonald.**

At this time, I would like to thank the members of Trinity for continuing to support us during this difficult time. Trinity is grateful for all the wonderful people we have as members.

For anyone still thinking of using the Online Giving, here is the website address: [www.trinitynewlenox.org](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org). Once you are on the home page there is a button labeled "Donate to Trinity".

Again, thank you to everyone.

**Lenten Supper and Lenten Service for April 1<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled.**

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**Volunteers Needed for Clean UP Day on April 4<sup>th</sup>** - This has been cancelled for now but we hope to reschedule.



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**TRINITY'S 14th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!**

Grab your Easter Basket and bring it to church on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>! The Annual EASTER EGG HUNT starts at 10:00 a.m. Bring your kids, grandkids and/or young relatives, along with a camera and smiles and join us! Fifth Graders and younger please. It's a whole lot of fun - in a short period of time! Lineup will start outside the gym 5 minutes before 10:00 a.m. The Easter Bunny will once again make a special appearance for the little ones in the gym!

**TO THE TRINITY CONGREGATION –**

In the past, I have had many members of our congregation ask me if they too can donate to the Easter Egg Hunt. The answer is: Yes! Absolutely! I am happy to accept wrapped candy, plastic Easter eggs or small items such as stickers, small toys, bouncy balls, crafty stampers, clings or anything small enough to fit inside an Easter Egg. Donations can be dropped off in the marked box in the church office now through Wednesday, April 1, 2020 (which will be my last pick up day). Thank you again for your generosity and support!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

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As part of your Service Project for Confirmation Class and to make Trinity's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success, we are asking the families of all Confirmands to please donate at least one of the following: bag of individually wrapped candy; toys, wrist bands, or other small items that fit inside an egg. Please leave your donation in the box which is located in the Church Office anytime by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Confirmation Classes will be helping to stuff the plastic eggs after their Confirmation Class.



**Confirmation Rehearsal will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Confirmation – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.** The following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Christine Ann Alfano, Leah Katherine Black, Braden Robert Erwin, Ian Morgan Kambic, Kiera Lynn King, Makayla Marie Schlak, Jack Thomas Urbanczyk, and Julia Helen Urbanczyk. We wish them God's blessings and congratulations on the completion of their studies. Please welcome them into our fellowship and keep them in your prayers.

**To the Parents of the Second Year Confirmation Class:**

Your child will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

The class will wear white robes and red carnations. Boys will be provided with a black clip-on bow tie for the occasion. Boys should wear a white dress shirt with a collar.

The robes will need to be pressed by the parents and brought back on Confirmation Day, and the class will put them on at church before the service. They will leave the robes at the church following the service. If you wish to take personal snapshots, please plan to do it at church. **(REMINDER - NO PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE SERVICE.)**

Individual photographs will be taken after the service. A Professional photographer **will not** be available this year.

We also need your check made out to Trinity Church for robe rental. The cost for the robe rental is \$28.00 per person. The rental fee should be paid on or before the robes are picked up. Checks should be left in the office in the envelope on the counter in the office. The envelope will be marked Confirmation Fees. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**ALL CLASS MEMBERS ARE TO BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 9:15 A.M. ON CONFIRMATION DAY.**

If you have any questions, please, phone me or Judi Donovan at the church office, 485-6973.

**Member Updates**

**Baptisms:**

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Edwin Wallace Larson

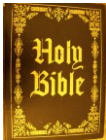
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Raelynn Louise Ondera

**New Members:**

Jason & Cari Ondera and Autumn

Dorothy Lyman

Peter and Marilynn Lynch

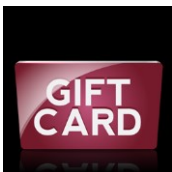


**Bible Classes – everyone is invited, and welcome to attend.**

The following Bible Classes are being held online through Zoom. If you would like to join either of these classes, please send Pastor Hoag an email at [douglashoag@gmail.com](mailto:douglashoag@gmail.com).

Wednesday Morning – meets from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening – meets at 7:00 p.m.



The Scrip Order for March 30<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

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**Trinity Pre-School** – Registration for Fall Pre-School is now open. Please tell your friends and neighbors. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. School year beginning September 2020 the tuition per month will be \$115 for two day students and \$145 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2020. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



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**Easter Breakfast** – Signup sheets are out for those who wish to attend and / or volunteer to help with the Easter Breakfast.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

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Our next meeting will be Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Jan Toepke's home. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join our committee. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the church office at 815.485.6973.

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**St. Matthew's Outreach:**

We are continuing with our collection of clothing and household goods as well as food for St. Matthew's. Food items should be placed in the container at the top of the steps by the parking lot door. Clothing and household goods should be placed in the old bathroom in the basement located next to the lift.

A special "thank you" goes out to Chuck and Sandy Peters and Boy Scout Troop 44, for loading and delivering all the items & food already collected to St. Matthew's Church.



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**MorningStar Mission:** April 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the volunteers who help each week. If you are interested in helping, the signup sheet is on the hallway table.



**Chancel Guild:** The April Meeting of Chancel Guild will be cancelled .



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Flowers are placed on the altar every weekend to enhance and beautify the altar area in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding,

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anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings. A 2020 flower chart showing open weekends is posted in the cabinet across the general church office. The flower order forms are attached to the cabinet. If you would like to sponsor flowers on a particular weekend, complete the form and place it along with a **check made out to Trinity Lutheran Chancel Guild** in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the church office. If you want a date already chosen, it may be possible to share the date and the cost with permission from the person who has already selected the date. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017. Flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 Sunday service. Thank you to all who participate!

Flowers left in the refrigerator will be disposed of after 2 weeks.



**CHOIR Rehearsals have been cancelled until further notice.**



#### **INFORMATION REQUESTED – CHANGES OR UPDATES**

When you move, change phone numbers, email addresses etc., please let the church know. You may call 815.485.6973 or email Judi, the church secretary at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com). You may also complete and turn in the “Record Update Information” sheet, which are on the table outside the church office and on the hallway table.

**Church office hours:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM

**Church contact:** 508 N. Cedar Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451  
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