

August 2016

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce a new process that will be coming to Trinity. At the same time, I want to give you the opportunity to help launch it from the ground floor.

The process is called **Living Lutheran**. It is way of introducing the Lutheran faith to newcomers, visitors, the genuinely curious, and people with a lot of questions about the role of faith in today's world. The goal of this process is to expose as many people as we can to the Christian faith with the end result of assimilation into the life of our church for those who wish to go that far.

Living Lutheran consists of 3 phases: 1) Inquiry, 2) Candidacy, 3) Baptism and/or Confirmation. Phase 1 is for those who have little to no exposure to the Christian faith or church life and have lots of questions; Phase 2 is for those who have completed Phase 1 or who are coming to us from non-Lutheran church bodies; Phase 3 is for those who have completed Phase 2.

This is a process that builds on itself and will hopefully become as natural as the air we breathe at Trinity. The official launch of this process will be in October. Until then, we are looking for people who will serve as Sponsors for people in Phase 2. That is where you come in. We want to connect people coming to our congregation with people who are already members. **Please contact me if you are interested in being a Sponsor for newcomers.**

I want to thank the members of the Living Lutheran Task Force, who met with me to help me think through putting this process together. They are: Jennifer Mudrock, Bob and Kim Blecke, Rex Toepke, and Debbie Crawford. Your input has been very helpful!!

This process will be introduced to the congregation after services on July 30 and 31. I hope the possibilities excite you as much as they do me!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag



August 2016 Newsletter

Hope you are enjoying your summer. Students will be heading back to school soon. Our church organizations are still on summer breaks, but will start again in September.

Our summer church service schedule will continue through Sunday, September 4th, with the Saturday contemporary services at 5:00 p.m., and the Sunday traditional worship services at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th weekends.



Our fall/winter schedule will resume on Sunday, September 11, 2016

Saturday contemporary service – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday traditional service – 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class – 9:15 a.m.



Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m.

If your child enjoyed VBS please bring them to Sunday School. We have classes for preschool – high school. Many of the VBS staff members are also involved in our Sunday School.



Updates from Jeff McDonald, Council President: July was a busy month at Trinity, so I thought I would provide you with an update of what has been taking place this month. Our gym window project is about 70% funded and the project itself is 50% done. You will see the windows on the north side of the gym have all been replaced. Since the majority of those windows were cracked, the new windows not only look better, but will be much better at insulating the church. They are not only solid panes of glass, but they are thicker than the old ones and should make a positive impact on our heating and cooling costs. Look for the windows on the south side of the gym to be replaced during the month of August, which will officially complete this job.

We also began work on the courtyard regrading project. All existing sidewalks in the courtyard have been removed and we are now scheduled to have new underground drain pipes installed to aid in getting rain water away from the church and prevent it from collecting in our courtyard. This project remains largely unfunded, although we do have savings we can use to pay for this project if we're unable

to raise sufficient funds for it. This was identified by our Property Committee as the top need of all of our projects, so we are happy to see the job begin and we look forward to it being completed before pre-school begins this fall.

We also received a generous donation toward the office remodel project and we hope to have that project begin soon. As a reminder, the plan is to move Pastor Hoag across the hall to the current Youth Room, Church Secretary Doris Klemm will move to Pastor's current office, Doris' current office will become the church office (for use by Sunday School and other church groups), and the Youth Room will be relocated to the basement. This project will not only improve the use of our space, but it will give us an opportunity to update each of these offices in the process.

Our front steps are complete and they really enhance the 'curb appeal' of our house of worship now that all of the stone work is done (thanks once more to Terry Puttkammer for his efforts on this project). The only item left to install is the railing, which we also hope to have done during the month of August.

As you can see, July has been busy and we have more work planned for August. We could really use any financial support for these projects that you're able to offer, as we have a fairly large gap between what we have raised so far and what we expect these projects to cost. Our physical plant has seen a lot of improvements over the last 18 months and these additional projects will further enhance Trinity. On behalf of church council, I want to specifically thank those members who have already donated toward these projects. We have a long tradition of members stepping up and generously funding the needs of the church, and we are hopeful that our current improvement projects will benefit from this same generosity. We do plan to use a portion of our savings to fund these projects if need be, but we want that to be our last resort. Should you have any questions about any of these projects, please let me or another member of council know.



MEMBER UPDATES FOR JULY 2016

Baptisms:

Benjamin Robert Kellbach, son of Rachel and Joshua Kellbach, born July 30, 2015, baptized July 7, 2016

Bella Grace Sanfratello, daughter of Lisa and Keith Sanfratello, born July 7, 2016, baptized July 31, 2016.

Marriages

Amanda Snell and Matthew Casagrande, July 9, 2016

Deaths:

William (Bill) White, July 3, 2016.



The youth who attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be making a short presentation after church on Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14. Afterwards, pictures and souvenirs will be shown in the gym and you can talk to the youth. Please come! We're excited to tell you all about our marvelous trip!



Tin Roofs for Africa

The mission project for our church this summer is Tin Roofs for Africa, a project of the LCMS. VBS collected over \$600 for this project, and we are offering church members the opportunity to also donate to this project. Our goal is \$2000 for a roof for one church in Africa. You can write your check out to the church and write "Tin Roofs for Africa" in the memo section. Here is the information:

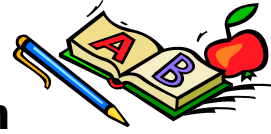
And those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the LORD. (Zech. 6:15)
Have you ever been in a building that didn't have a roof? If it was sunny outside, you might get a sunburn. If it was raining, you would get wet. Many children in Africa have this experience every week when they go to church. Church members work together to build the walls of their church building, but they sometimes can't afford to buy expensive tin for the roof. The good news is that these families come to their roofless churches anyway, because they are so eager to worship their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sometimes there are so many people at church that they have to sit in the aisles and stand at the windows!

Build a Roof for the Gospel. You — along with others from all over the country — can help provide roofs for Lutheran churches through the Tin Roofs for Africa project. When you do, you'll show the love and mercy of Christ to people in countries like Kenya, Togo and Madagascar.

- \$2,000 can provide all the materials for one roof
- \$100 can provide the wooden structure for one roof
- \$30 can provide all the nails needed for one roof
- \$25 can provide a toolbox of hammers, saws and other tools needed
- \$15 can provide one piece of tin



Preschool News and Information



2016-2017 Trinity Pre-School begins on Tuesday, September 6th.

Spots still availableplease tell your friends and neighbors!

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2016 the tuition per month will be \$105 for two day students and \$130 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2017. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973. Pre-School begins on Tuesday, September 8th



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MEETINGS

Our organizations will be back in full swing in September. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend one of our groups.

Chancel Guild will meet on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Social Ministry will meet on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Women's League will meet on Tuesday, September 27th at 12:30 p.m.



Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. Choir is open to men and women. Everyone is welcome.



Chancel:

The next meeting is September 14th at 6:30 pm; hostesses are Christine Stark and Doris Bay.



ALTAR FLOWERS: Thanks to everyone who has signed up to donate flowers for our altar. There are still a couple open weeks. If you missed signing up for a special date, please contact Kay Purnell at 815.485.9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com to see if you would be able to share a week with another member. The cost of the flowers is \$8.50 per vase or \$17.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service

Women's League



The next meeting is September 27th at 12:30 p.m. The group will be making blankets. Hostesses are Ann Wennlund and Jan Schlak.

Social Ministry ----- Coffee Fellowship



Thank you to everyone who has continued to service coffee every month. We have had a few new hosts over the past few months. A special “thanks” to you. **We are still looking for a coffee “host” or “hostess” for the 4th Sunday for the months of August through November.** If you enjoy the coffee hour why not take a turn at being a host! Your help would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. Please stop and sign up for the month, or months, that you would be able to serve. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.



St. Matthew's. We are continuing to support St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Chicago by collecting donations of non-perishable food items (see list of requested food items on the poster next to the collection box), as well as household goods. Please place the food items in the collection box by the parking lot door. The household items should be placed in the storage closet area at the far East end of the church basement. Please place items neatly so they do not block the aisle to the boiler room.



Thanks to everyone who signed up last month as a reader, greeter or a volunteer for the MorningStar serving. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Readers and Greeters. The sign-up sheets for August are on the table. Won't you take a moment and agree to either read or greet one of the coming Sundays? If you'd like a copy of the readings, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.



MorningStar Mission. The August sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. Servings will be August 1st and August 15th at 3:45 p.m.



Sunday, August 28 – 119th Annual Family Fall Festival

Lutheran Home, 800 W. Oakton St., Arlington, Heights, IL

Time: 11:30 am – 5:00 p.m.

Flyer is on the parking lot entrance bulletin board. Please call 847.368.7400 for more information.



Healing Hearts Survivors of Suicide Support Group Meetings; Third Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Location: New Lenox Police Dept., 20 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox. For info please contact Dan Martin, Public Safety Division Chief atdmartrin@newlenox.net or call 815.462.6128.

Opiate Recovery Group – Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, New Lenox (across from Lincoln-Way Central High School)..For more information please contact Tom Moore, at 815.354.3195.

Sharefest New Lenox. September 1st - 17th.

ShareFest is an annual event in New Lenox involving over 103 organizations. During this time, they unite as Proud Americans to meet the needs in the community. This is open to the community. For more info please call 815.727.1614 or visit www.sharefestnewlenox.com.

September 1st – 17th Donate books, clothes, food, home goods, pet supplies, and items for our Troops.
Donation trucks are located at St. Jude Catholic church and Standard Bank.

September 11th – Job & Resource Fair – at the New Lenox Village Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 10th – Recyclepalooza, at Spencer School Campus, 1711 s. Spencer rd. from 8:00 am – 3:00 p.m.: Electronics, carpet padding (in 45 lengths), wood, scrap metal, Styrofoam, flags, usable latex paint; Donations of books, clothes, home good, food, pet supplies, items for the troops

September 19th - ShareFest Saturday - The Main Event at Spencer School Campus

Art Exhibition, Book Drive/Exchange; Clothes & Toy Drive (new or gently used); Food Drive; Collection for our Troops; Free Legal Services; Free Hair Cuts; Health & Safety Fair; Cache Creek Pets (collection of food, blankets, bowls and pet supplies) NAWS Pets; Forest Preserve Workday Projects.

Volunteers are needed. For more information or to register to volunteer, please call 815.717.2614, or visit at www.sharefestnewlenox.com or www.sharefestwillcounty.com



Gardeners: If you have vegetables that you would like to share, bring them to church and place them on the card table outside the gym. Members please take what you can use. This will continue throughout the growing season.



If you do not presently receive our monthly newsletter electronically, but would like to be added to our email list, please email tlcsecretary@sbcglobal.net or call the office at 815.485.6973

Church office hours are Monday and Thursday, 9-3; Tuesday and Friday, 9-12.