

August 2022

Dear Friends,

A world in turmoil is part of the Biblical script. It has always been this way. There is nothing new under the sun. What has been will always be. A casual stroll through Revelation will be more than enough to convince you. The world is filled with beasts, prostitutes, wars, plagues, famines, false prophets, persecution, and death. They will all leave their marks and take their pounds of flesh. The Christian Church has always existed in these conditions with the confidence that Christ has overcome them by his death and resurrection.

It is through Christ Jesus that we also overcome with the weapons of the Spirit (Word and Sacrament). We are marked in Baptism with the sign of the holy cross on both our foreheads and our hearts. The cross marks us as redeemed by Christ the crucified. In his body Christ has made a public spectacle out of the things which try to separate us from his words of life and salvation. In the end their defeat will be complete as they are vanquished and consigned to the cosmic rubbish heap. We will live safe and secure in the New Jerusalem with Christ the Lamb of God on the throne.

Take heart, friends! Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

Summer Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
(beginning Tuesday 05/31/22 - Wednesday 08/24/22)

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Message:

On Sunday, July 23, the congregation welcomed back the youth and chaperones who attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. After the church service, the youth were on hand during coffee hour to talk about their experiences. There were lots of visible smiles as they shared pictures and stories. The camaraderie between the kids and thousands of other Lutheran teens from across the country is heartwarming. Speaking from experience, my two daughters and three of my granddaughters have participated in past gatherings. They are still talking about the positive impact the retreats had on them.

Funds received from the Raise Right (formerly Shop with Scrip) gift card program have been instrumental in allowing our youth to participate in the Youth Gatherings. A special "Thank You" to all who support this worthwhile fund raising effort.

The Property Directors have received updated bids for repaving the parking lot. The costs have increased as expected. The Church Council is currently evaluating the bids for approval. If approved, the goal is to get this project done before Labor Day to minimize the impact on activities.

The preschool still has openings for sessions starting in September. Your help in promoting our program is very much appreciated.

The next church council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, at 7:00 PM.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Gary

Watch Party: The Easiest Way to Win College Scholarships – Starting in 8th Grade

Tuesday, August 9th at 6pm @ Trinity Lutheran Church (in the Fellowship Hall)
Join us for pizza and refreshments as we watch and discuss Jeannie Burlowski speak via webinar on the topic: "The Easiest Way to Win College Scholarships - Starting in 8th Grade." Jeannie Burlowski is a nationally recognized college planning speaker. She is an academic strategist, podcast host, speaker for students ages 10–26 and their parents/grandparents—and she is the author of the book LAUNCH: How to Get Your Kids Through College Debt-Free and Into Jobs They Love Afterward.

For More Information and to RSVP please email Kim Burbank

Kimberly.burbank@thrivent.com or visit <https://connect.thrivent.com/kimberly-burbank/events>

No products will be sold at this event. For additional disclosures, see Thrivent.com/social.

1 or 2 Youth and/or Adult Volunteers Needed to help watch any young children that may come with a parent. There will be activities for them during the 45-60 minutes presentation

Member News!!!



2022 Baptisms:

- Gabriel Wojnarowski Bendoraitis 01/09/22
- Matthew Robert Longmire 02/20/22
- Russell Roy Goebig 04/03/22
- Mary Elizabeth Niemann 05/07/22
- Kanerick Matthew Dobrez 07/02/22
- Alita Sue Hicks 07/03/22
- Landon Paul Ondera 07/10/22



2022 Weddings:

- Camden R. Meade & Francesca T. Prospero 06/11/22



Trinity Pre-School
Registration for 2022-2023 Is Now Open
Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. School year beginning September 2022. The tuition per month will be:

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old, Tuesday & Thursday: \$120.00

-3 Day, 3-Year-Old, Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$150.00

-3 Day, 4-Year-Old, Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$150.00

-4 Day, 4-Year-Old, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, with your choice of Tuesday or Thursday: \$195.00

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2022. For additional information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



Sunday School News:

Sunday School is Looking for Volunteers: Teachers and Helpers – High School Age to 101. Please contact Michelle Buell @ mbuell3769@gmail.com or Beth Parker @ elizabethmarie@sbcglobal.net if interested. Thanks!!!

See You Again Sunday, September 11th @ 9:00am



Chancel Guild News!

Attention Ladies of Trinity. We will have meetings this year on the first Saturday of the months of March, April, May, September, November & December. Our one evening meeting will be the night before our Salad Luncheon. Saturday meeting times will be at 9:00 am. We are hoping that this change will encourage more of our ladies to consider joining our Chancel Guild. For more information, please speak to any of our members.

Chancel Schedule for August:

August 7 – Rita Larson / Sally Jackson

August 14 - Sally Jackson / Jan Falk

August 21 - Jan Falk / Jennifer Mudrock

August 28 – Jennifer Mudrock / Jan Schlak

ALTAR FLOWERS: Fresh flowers are used to adorn the altar as a symbol of life and joy. They are part of the beauty of the creation. Chancel Guild very much appreciates the congregation's support in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A 2022 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted in the glass case hanging on the wall across from the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday for 2022 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's Blessings, please fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it in the Chancel Guild mailbox. The sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case housing the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

Flowers left in the refrigerator will be disposed of after 1 week.

August Altar Flower Sponsors:

Aug. 7 Rex and Jan Toepke
In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

Aug. 14 Doug and Jan Schlak
In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

Aug. 21 Jennifer Kojro-Badziak
In Loving Memory of Judith "Bema" Kambic, Jennifer's mother,
who passed away 08/16/21

Aug. 28 Gary and Kay Purnell
In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary



Bible Study News:

Bible Study Class Will Resume on:

-Wednesday 09/07/22 at 8:30 a.m.

-Thursday 09/08/22 at 7:00 p.m.



RaiseRight Fundraiser (Formerly ShopwithScrip) - This is a gift card fundraiser. They are the same gift cards you can purchase from retailers, including over 300 brand-name grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement stores, etc. We order the gift cards at a discount, and you pay face value for the gift cards. (For example, you pay \$25 for a \$25 Speedway gift card - the youth group obtains the card at a discount and keeps the difference.) You can purchase gift cards by filling out an order form (located on the table outside Pastor's office) or by placing your order online at www.raiseright.com. If interested in placing orders online, it is simple to do with our church's enrollment code. Contact Angie Minett for the code or with any questions you might have at minett411@yahoo.com or 815-228-4902.

The next order deadline will be: Sunday, August 7th. Orders will be ready for pick up the following Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Social Ministry Announcements:

Funeral Baked Goods Donations and Hosting:

On the table outside pastor's office there is a volunteer list for congregants willing to help donate baked goods and to also help serve at wakes and funerals here at Trinity. In the past we have provided coffee, water, and baked goods per the request of families who are holding funeral services at Trinity. This simple gesture provides comfort to bereaved families and is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Kojro-Badziak at (815) 485-6973 (temporarily).

The next Food and Fellowship will be held Tuesday, September 13. It will be hosted by Social Ministry. At that time plans will be made for future gatherings. Mark your calendar!

Summer Coffee Hour Schedule:

August 14 Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict

August 28 Rita Larson

Ushers: If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing.

Summer Usher Schedule: With only one Sunday service again this summer, ushers assigned to the regular 9am service will continue to serve through the summer. As we return to our traditional Lutheran service and communion, we will need at least two ushers per service. If those ushers normally scheduled for 10:30 am service could be available to fill in when needed, on their regular Sunday, it would be most helpful and appreciated.

Reminder to all ushers if you cannot make your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute from your 10:30 counterpart, or from the usher substitute list that you have received previously. Thanks to all.

1st Sunday

9:00 AM

-Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 kauntd@gmail.com

-Biff Aiken 815 954 0682 biffdebaiken@gmail.com

~~10:30 AM~~

~~-Brett Carr 815 370 6651 brettdcarr@gmail.com~~

~~-Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net~~

2nd Sunday

9:00 AM

-Edward A. Tatro 815 485 5760 etatro4@aol.com

-Tim King 815 463 0415 tim.king1@comcast.net

~~10:30 AM~~

~~-Tom Buell 815 485 3769 tombuell@sbcglobal.net~~

~~-Bob Blecke 815 353 7561 robert.blecke@yahoo.com~~

3rd Sunday

9:00 AM

-Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 mgardner1453@gmail.com

-Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 gpurnell3@hotmail.com

~~10:30 AM~~

~~-Jeff McDonald 815 462 2454 jjmcd97@hotmail.com~~

~~-Dana Knodel 708 822 2902 danacowboy1@yahoo.com~~

4th Sunday

9:00 AM

-Steve Tomany 815 485 3163 tomany@sbcglobal.net

-Randy Varju 815-685-1363 randy.varju@aah.org

~~10:30 AM~~

~~-John Buell 815 726 3601 jan.buell@yahoo.com~~

~~-Phil McFarlane 815 806 1219 philmacp40@comcast.net~~

5th Sunday

9:00AM

-Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 rtoepke@usa.net

-Jeff Lorenz 815 463 0833

~~10:30AM~~

~~-Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net~~

~~-Diane Sewing 815 592 3911 dianesewing@hotmail.com~~

Alternates:

Biff Aiken 815 954 0682, Zack Horn 630 664 9224, Robert Stark 708 307 4069, Duncan Bachmann 815 485-3787, Bob Jackman 815 933-3864

Members who have an interest in serving the Lord and our congregation as an usher, helping to assist with the sanctity or our services, should contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing. {noted above**}



Contribution statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Tammy Doerrer. If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

REVISED Vanco eGiving Page:

You can preview your NEW eGiving page here, by logging into your [new myVanco site](#).

How do I log into new myVanco?

- Your account is already enabled with myVanco.
- [Log into myVanco](#) with your new username and password. Your email address will be your username for New myVanco. If this is your first time logging into myVanco, you will need to reset your password.
- After you've reset your password and accessed NEW MyVanco, you can add any additional administrative users to your new eGiving page by navigating to Settings > MyVanco users > Add a user. Once this process is complete, those users will get an email to reset their passwords.

If you should need any additional information, to help you navigate through this revision, please call Jennifer Kojro-Badziak 815.485.6973 or email tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

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~~Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm~~