

August 2023

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago I preached a sermon on shame. I'm not sure how it was received, but shame is a big problem today just as it has been throughout human history. Today it's mostly unspoken but it always lurks in the shadows.

Deep down, everyone has shame or at least a sense of it. Most of us have aspects of our lives that we wish were different but aren't. We feel as if we are stuck with these anomalies and therefore must compensate for them. This seems to manifest as anger, spite, people pleasing, and a host of other maladies.

There is, however, no shame in being in Christ. Jesus was heaped with scorn and shame and endured being crucified. He is resurrected from the dead and now has the place of highest honor and the name that is above all names. His Father, and ours, placed him there.

In Christ, God has transferred us from those places of shame into his place of honor, a product of our baptismal heritage into Christ, for:

*he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.-- Titus 3:5-7*

Pastor Hoag

**"Revitality" Was a Successful Workshop!!! The Church Council had four meetings. Our focus for this project was: "Engaging Non-Churched People in Our Community". We have the ball rolling BUT now we need the congregation's help. Our first outreach project is: Single Parent Family WITH Children. We have many ideas geared towards leading this demographic into our church. We will be talking with all of you in more detail, very soon. Please Remember - We Are Open to Ideas AND The Sky is the Limit!!!"**

**RE:VITALITY: "Every One His Witness" - MEETINGS FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION  
Additional Detailed Information to Follow**

**COMING SOON: "Back Home With Jesus Sunday" - Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Service  
- MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!!!**

## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

### **An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:**

President's Note:

Because Church Council did not meet during the month of July, I do not have any new news to report. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2023, at 7pm.

God has blessed us with many volunteers who continue to work behind the scenes caring for our church property, tending to our finances, supporting our church services, planning youth and adult activities, and getting ready for the coming school year. Please join me in thanking them.

Wishing you God's Blessings.

Gary

## **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
- Everly Jo Youngberg 08/14/22
- Alessi Anastasios Zarnos 08/21/22
- Persephone Mae Sheffer 08/21/22
- Roan Roy Seville's 11/26/22

### **2023 Baptisms:**

- Beckett Jeffrey White 05/18/23
- Mattie Nicole Casagrande 07/30/23**



### **2022 Weddings:**

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

### **2023 Weddings:**

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**JOIN US ON YOUVERSION FOR DEVOTIONS, BIBLE PLANS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
www.bible.com**

**\*If you would be interested in being a Lay Reader (meaning you will read the “First Reading”, and the “Second Reading (Epistle)”) please talk with Pastor Hoag\***



**Did You Know Pastor Hoag is a Rock Star!!!**

the Band Also Includes Our Very Own (former) Property Manager: Dan Bay!

**Come See the Band “Side Effects!” on the Following Dates and Locations:**

*-More Dates to Follow*

*all new dates will be posted in the weekly bulletin.*

**UPDATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:**

-If any high schoolers are looking for service hours, the Special Olympics are having events on 2 different dates:

- August 6th
- August 12<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Jacob Scheffer during evening hours at 815-293-8968 for detailed information.

**Confirmation Orientation: Sunday 08/20/23 @ 6:00 pm**



**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](http://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](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or 815-228-4902.

Thank you to all who participate in our RaiseRight gift card fundraiser. This past year we made over \$1,000. We use these earnings to send our youth to the Youth Gathering every 3 years and we appreciate the generous support of our congregation.

**The next order deadline will be August 6th. 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.*



### **Trinity Preschool News:**

**Registration for 2023-2024 Is Open!**

**Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors**

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. The school year beginning September 2023. The tuition per month will be:

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

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

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2023. For additional information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

**Preschool Begins: September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** (contact Jeanine at 815.485.6973 for additional details)

*Next Preschool Board Meeting: See You in September*



### Sunday School News:

The Sunday School staff has been busy this summer making plans for wonderful new family and outreach activities! Stay tuned for details about these events! We are also adopting new curriculum updates as we work on continuous improvement in our mission to educate our young people on the Truth that our God shares with us through the Bible! We have so many exciting things ahead, and we encourage you to join us! Bring a friend or family member, too!

Our first session will be Sunday, September 10th. We meet at 9:00-10:00 am every Sunday during the school year! This year our focus will be to "Be the Light" as we share the Truth of God to our family, friends, and community!"

**Sunday School Begins:** September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**Children's Sermon:** September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**The Sunday School will be collecting non-perishable food, and monies, to donate to our New Lenox Food Pantry indefinitely.** This is to help those around us during these challenging times. Please bring canned goods and dry boxed items. To see items most needed by New Lenox Township Food Pantry, please visit their website ([www.newlenox.org](http://www.newlenox.org)), or Facebook. A donation box is located downstairs by the Sunday School rooms, and upstairs by the library. They have also mentioned to us that they can do the most to help with financial donations – you can donate directly on their website or add an envelope with a note in our offering basket. Thank You!!!

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



## **Chancel Guild News!**

**Attention Ladies of Trinity** - Our meetings are at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of January, March, April, May, September, October, November, and December. Ladies of TLC please consider joining our awesome Chancel Guild. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mudrock, Wendy Kaun, Denise Buchanan, or Kay Purnell.

### **Chancel Schedule for August:**

August 5 / August 6: Kay Purnell / Carol Oldendorf  
August 12 / August 13: Carol Oldendorf / Jan Schlak  
August 19 / August 20: Jan Schlak / Wendy Kaun  
August 26 / August 27: Wendy Kaun / Rita Larson

**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 and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A 2023 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the glass case hanging on the wall outside the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion, please fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it along with payment in the Chancel Guild mailbox. The sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815)485-9017.

### **August Altar Flower Sponsors:**

Aug. 6	Jan & Rex Toepke In Celebration of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Aug. 13	Jennifer Kojro-Badziak In Memory of Jennifer's Mother
Aug. 20	Jan & Doug Schlak In Celebration of Their Wedding Anniversary and Their Granddaughter Makayla's Birthday
Aug. 27	Kay & Gary Purnell In Celebration of Their 54th Wedding Anniversary



## Social Ministry Announcements:

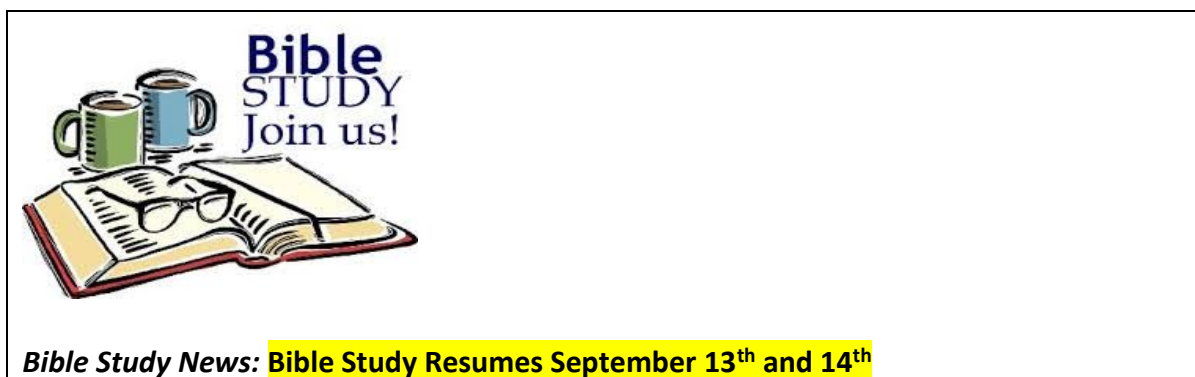
**Coffee Hours:** Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Additional Coffee Hour Hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer in the Office at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) or Jan Toepke at [toepkej@gmail.com](mailto:toepkej@gmail.com).

### Coffee Hour Schedule:

August 6- Kay Purnell  
August 13- Denise Buchanan and Rita Larson  
August 20- Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict  
August 27- Sharon MacFarlane  
September 3- Sandy Peters  
September 10- Denise Buchanan and Rita Larson  
September 17- Kay Purnell  
September 24- Sharon MacFarlane

**Next Social Ministry Meeting:** Social Ministry will resume meetings on **Monday, September 11**. This committee sponsors service projects for our congregation and the community. It also directs social programs and events of the congregation. We have a small, dedicated group but would welcome new members to be able to expand our programs. Please consider joining us!

**Next Food and Fellowship:** The next Food and Fellowship gathering will be **Tuesday, September 12**. Please note that starting in September the group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. All adults are welcome to attend! Please join us for lunch and an afternoon activity. September will be hosted by the Social Ministry.



**Summer Usher Schedule:** First of all, thanks to all the ushers who have given their time and services for our regular and special worship services throughout the church year. Beginning May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will return to Summer Worship Schedule with only one Sunday service at 9am. As in the past, I have scheduled the 9am worship service persons to be the main ushers for summer services. The regular 10:30 ushers, on their scheduled Sundays, would serve as reserve backups. Summer Ushers **please**, if you are not available to usher on your Sunday arrange with the backup person, so that all services are covered with two ushers. Thanks again and know that you are much appreciated.  
Dr. Edward A. Tatro, Worship and Spiritual Life, Co-Chair

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

9:00 AM

- Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 [kauntd@gmail.com](mailto:kauntd@gmail.com)
- Biff Aiken 815 954 0682 [biffdebaiken@gmail.com](mailto:biffdebaiken@gmail.com)
- Summer Reserve
- Brett Carr 815 370 6651 [brettdcarr@gmail.com](mailto:brettdcarr@gmail.com)
- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 [p.krol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.krol@sbcglobal.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

9:00 AM

- Edward A. Tatro 815 485 5760 [etatro4@aol.com](mailto:etatro4@aol.com)
- Tim King 815 463 0415 [tim.king1@comcast.net](mailto:tim.king1@comcast.net)
- Summer Reserve
- Tom Buell 815 485 3769 [tombuell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tombuell@sbcglobal.net)
- Bob Blecke 815 353 7561 [cgm964@comcast.net](mailto:cgm964@comcast.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

9:00 AM

- Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 [mgardner1453@gmail.com](mailto:mgardner1453@gmail.com)
- Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 [gpurnell3@hotmail.com](mailto:gpurnell3@hotmail.com)
- Summer Reserve
- Cameron Hoag 779 279 4223 [cam.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:cam.hoag@gmail.com)
- Dana Knodel 708 822 2902 [danacowboy1@yahoo.com](mailto:danacowboy1@yahoo.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

9:00 AM

- Steve Tomany 815 485 3163 [tomany@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomany@sbcglobal.net)
- Randy Varju 815-685-1363 [randy.varju@aah.org](mailto:randy.varju@aah.org)
- Summer Reserve
- John Buell 815 726 3601 [jan.buell@yahoo.com](mailto:jan.buell@yahoo.com)
- Phil McFarlane 815 806 1219 [philmacp40@comcast.net](mailto:philmacp40@comcast.net)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

9:00AM

- Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 [rtoepke@usa.net](mailto:rtoepke@usa.net)
- Jeff Lorenz 815 463 0833 [jlorenz2367@gmail.com](mailto:jlorenz2367@gmail.com)
- Summer Reserve
- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 [p.krol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.krol@sbcglobal.net)
- Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 [dianesewing@hotmail.com](mailto:dianesewing@hotmail.com)

A minimum of two ushers are needed for each service. **Please call the reserve usher to take your place if you are not able to serve on your Sunday, also call your counterpart to make them aware.**

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before service and follow the procedures noted in the usher's loose-leaf notebook in the narthex. Thanks in advance!

Other Alternates: Zack Horn 630 664 9224 [zacharyhorn@gmail.com](mailto:zacharyhorn@gmail.com), Bob Jackman 815 933-3864, Robert Stark 708 307 4069



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 @ [tammydoerrer@gmail.com](mailto:tammydoerrer@gmail.com) . If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

**Church Office Hours This Summer:**

**07/17/23 - 08/18/23:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

(please be patient with me...always call and leave a message or email me at

[tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) - I check my emails from home)