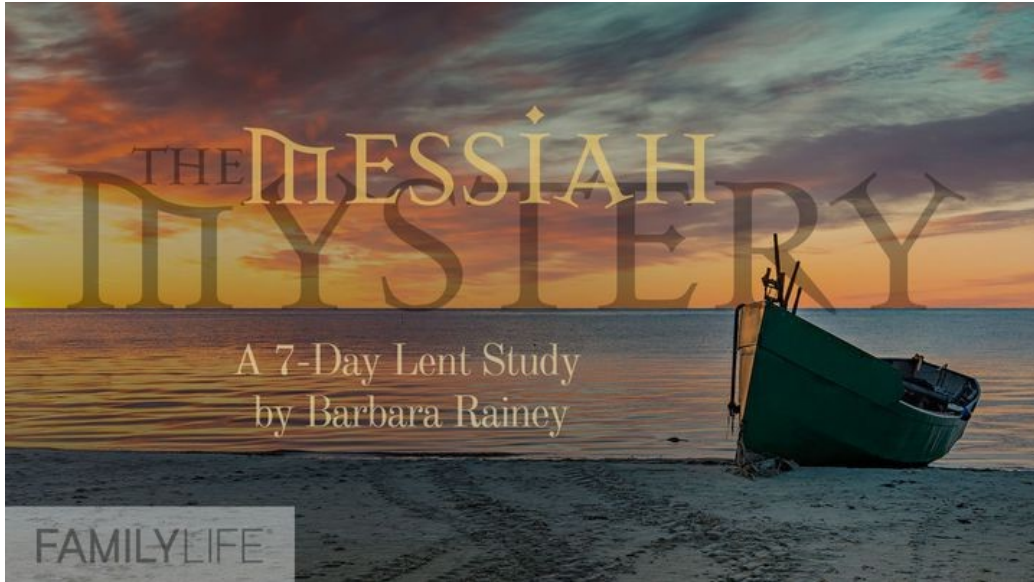


Dear Friends,



Lent is quickly approaching and that means Midweek Soup and Sandwich Suppers at 5:30pm and Midweek Lenten Services at 6:30pm **beginning March 1**. The Lenten Series this year will be "The Messiah Mystery", a Bible plan from the YouVersion Bible app for your smartphone. Use the QR Code (found elsewhere in this newsletter) to download the YouVersion Bible app and connect with Trinity's Profile page. Don't want to download the app? That's okay. Each Wednesday in the Sermon, Pastor Hoag will talk about the clues from the Old Testament that point to Jesus as Messiah. Make plans now to participate because you won't want to miss this!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Greeting:

Remember back to when you first joined Trinity. What impressed you? I know for myself it was the friendly, welcoming members and the spiritual connection. I can still remember those first few people who greeted my family 45 years ago on our first Sunday. Perhaps one of those people was you, and I thank you. Might I suggest, we all try to be that "first impression" with our visitors. This may require us to get out of our comfort zone, especially for those of us who are on the shy side like me. Who knows, we may not only attract new members, but also gain new friends. What a blessing!

Highlights discussed during the January Church Council meeting were as follows:

- Property reported several repairs have been completed throughout the facility.
- Outreach continues to encourage members to participate in the Each One/Reach One effort with plans for more to come.
- Youth Ministry will be reaching out to past confirmands and their parents to get input on what we can offer to keep them engaged beyond Confirmation.
- Parish Education reported the one-day VBS during the Christmas break had 8 attendees. Ideas for promoting next year's Christmas VBS are already being discussed.
- Social Ministry is planning service project(s)/fund raisers some of which will benefit the New Lenox Food Pantry. Easter Breakfast is also being discussed.
- Directors are preparing reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Social Ministry is coordinating the potluck luncheon to be held before the meeting.
- Final touches to the proposed budget for 2023 were made for presentation at the Annual meeting.
- The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 12, 2023, at 7PM.

Stay safe and keep warm!

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 Sunday 08/14/22
- Alessi Anastasios Zarnos Sunday 08/21/22
- Persephone Mae Sheffer Sunday 08/21/22
- Roan Roy Seville's Sunday 11/26/22

2023 Baptisms:

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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. SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



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:

- February 18, Fireman Ted's in Joliet, 8pm-Midnight
- April 1, New Lenox VFW, 7-11pm
- May 13, Croatian Cultural Club, Joliet, 7-11pm

all new dates will be posted in the weekly bulletin

Good Samaritan Help Needed for Neighbor with Disability: a neighbor is looking for someone who can shovel around her car, when it snows. She lives in an apartment complex near the Fire Station on Route 30/Maple Street. They plow the lot, but they do not take care of the cars. With her condition, she cannot do the work. You will have to bring your own shovel. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer Kojro-Badziak at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com or 815.485.6973. Thank You!!!

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

Trinity has several talented individuals in our congregation. The following website www.trinitynewlenox.org is intended to be a referral source for members of Trinity who might need one or more of these services and who would prefer to work with a fellow member of the church. Trinity offers this as a free resource to members. Trinity does not warrant or guarantee the services provided. We simply want to provide you with contact information of other Trinity members whom you might wish to consider for the services they provide. Trinity disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property, or other damages of any nature whatsoever, whether special, indirect, consequential, or compensatory, directly or indirectly, resulting from the publication of, use of, or reliance on, this list or any services provided. If you have a talent or service you'd like to have listed on our site, please contact Jennifer Kojro-Badziak at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com and I will get you added! And be sure to check back often, as we continue to add other member services to this page.



Trinity Pre-School – UPDATED

Registration for 2023-2024 Is Open!

Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. 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.

Next Pre-School Board Meeting: February 12th, 2023 10:00am-10:30am



Sunday School News:

Children's Sermon: 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 9:00 am Service

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), 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 Friday Game Nights 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Every 4th Friday of the Month):

~~-01/27/23~~

-02/24/23

-03/24/23

-04/28/23

-05/26/23

February 11th - Valentine's Day Party, 3-5 pm

February 19th - Attend Church at 9am for Opening

February 24th - Gym Night, 5-7 pm

March

- March 19th - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- Gym Night, March 31st, 5-7 pm
- Lenten Supper/ Sunday School Teachers Serve (Date TBD)

April

- April 2nd, 10:30 am - Palm Sunday/Participate in Church
- April 2nd- After 10:30 Service - Easter Egg Hunt
- No Sunday School April 9th - Easter
- April 16th - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- Gym Night, April 28th, 5-7 pm

May

- May 21st - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- May 21st - Last Day of Sunday School - Church Picnic

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!!!



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 February:

February 4 / February 5: Robin Krol & Doris Bay
February 11 / February 12: Doris Bay & Sharon MacFarlane
February 18 / February 19: Sharon MacFarlane & Lois Dobbs
February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY: Lois Dobbs & Wendy Kaun
February 25 / February 26: Wendy Kaun & Debbie Crawford

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 has been posted in the glass case on the wall outside the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday for 2023 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, a wedding anniversary, in celebration of God's Blessings, or for any other occasion, fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it in the chancel guild mailbox along with payment. 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 purnellk5@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

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

Chancel Guild uses Bella Fiori Flower Shop for all its floral needs. Members have been particularly pleased with their work. If you are looking to buy that someone special in your life some flowers for Valentine's Day, we do recommend them. They are located on RT. 30, across from Lincoln-Way Central High School.

February Altar Flower Sponsors:

- Feb. 5 Kay & Gary Purnell
In Memory of their parents, Elvira & Ray Purnell
and LaVern Yeske
- Feb. 12 Robin & Paul Krol
In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings
- Feb. 19 Bob Bollman
In Memory of His Loving Wife and Mother, Marlen
- Feb. 26 Jan Falk
In Memory of her son, Ernie

Social Ministry Announcements:

on Sunday, February 12, Social Ministry will be sponsoring a Valentine Candy Sale. On sale will be homemade fudge, caramels, toffee, and other goodies. Pick up some sweets for those special people in your lives! The proceeds will benefit the New Lenox Food Pantry (please bring cash or check).

Coffee Hours: Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Volunteers are needed to help with the additional Sundays. If you can help, please email Jan Toepke at toepkej@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour Schedule

- Feb. 5 Sandy Peters
Feb. 12 Rita Larson
Feb. 19 Kay Purnell
Feb. 26 Sharon MacFarlane
March 5 Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict
March 12 Kay Purnell
March 19 Rita Larson
March 26 Sharon MacFarlane

Food and Fellowship:

Social Ministry: The Next Social Ministry meeting will be Monday, February 13 at 7:00. (Location T.B.D.)

Next Food and Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at 12:00. It will be hosted by Kay and Gary Purnell. If you plan on attending, please sign the sheet on the table in the hallway.

Ushers: Thanks to all the ushers for serving our congregation at weekly worship. Ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute in advance from the substitute list that was previously emailed. There is also an usher schedule, with sub's and regular's contact information, in the Usher Guide found in the Narthex lectern. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide or speak with pastor.

If anyone would like to serve by ushering at one of our services, please contact Ed Tatro (815 485 5760) or the Church office. Having substitutes is always a blessing. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Usher Schedule: As we return to our traditional Lutheran services and communion, we will need at least two ushers per service. Reminder to all ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute from the usher substitute list emailed and/or in the copy in the usher guide at church. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide at Church or speak with pastor.

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!

Alternates: Zack Horn 630 664 9224
 Robert Stark 708 307 4069
 Bob Jackman 815 933-3864

*Communion Services (1st and 3rd Sundays at Late Service, 2nd and 4th Sundays at Early Service)

**Co-Chairs Worship and Spiritual Life

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 cgm964@comcast.net

3rd Sunday

9:00 AM

- Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 mgardner1453@gmail.com
- Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 gpurnell3@hotmail.com

10:30 AM

- Cameron Hoag 779 279 4223 cam.hoag@gmail.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

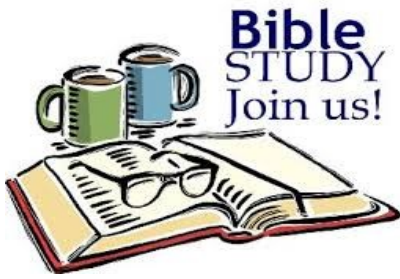
5th Sunday

9:00AM

- Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 rtoepke@usa.net
- Jeff Lorenz 815 463 0833 jlorenz2367@gmail.com

10:30AM

- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net
- Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 dianesewing@hotmail.com



Bible Study News:

-Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

-Thursday 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.

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 deadline to order is: Sunday, Feb 5th. The 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.



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 Doerr. If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

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

OR

Church Office Hours (No School Days): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm