

July 2019

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I'm experimenting with some document templates, so don't be shocked at the format of this letter. I'm doing this just to change things up a bit.

I know I talk quite a bit in my sermons about what we will be in the future, about immortality and incorruption of our resurrected bodies. But what about our planet? What will happen to it? It seems to me it will become like a Garden of Eden again, but does that mean there will never be any earthquakes, tornadoes, or tsunamis every again? I'm not sure about that. I would like to think that, while they might still exist, they will not be able to take our lives from us. In fact, nothing would be able to take our lives from us if we are immortal and incorruptible. It was the same way with Jesus at his resurrection—no one and nothing could take his life away if he/she/it tried. Just thinking out loud. What do you think?

In Christ,

Pastor Hoag



**JULY 2019**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

(Through Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>)

Saturday Contemporary Worship Services are held at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Traditional Worship Services are held at 9:00 a.m.

Communion will be served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends.

***Ushers:*** *In the past the Sunday early service ushers covered the 9:00 am Sunday summer services. Due to so many people being out of town through the summer months, all ushers for both services are asked to help usher on their regular scheduled week.*

**UPDATE**

Update from Church Council President, Jeff McDonald.

Our thanks to Tom and Tommy Buell for their work in removing a number of cabinets from the fellowship hall kitchen and doing some exploratory plumbing work. As mentioned last month, we will be converting the old bathroom at the west end of fellowship hall to a closet, as the bathroom was not used and this eliminates the need for us to run a hot water line to that end of fellowship hall. In the end, this should help to simplify the plumbing configuration in that room.

Our remodel project, however, remains officially on hold as we await input from assorted vendors so that we can go back to the Village and get their formal approval of our permit application. Clearly, we believe that will happen or we would not have begun demo, but it's a hurdle we still need to clear and that is unfortunately not entirely under our control. And so we wait.

I want to ask again for each of you to consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join us in our worship at Trinity. There is a growing contingent of people who consider themselves faithful, yet they do not have a church home. Our regular attendees know first hand the benefits of coming to Trinity to worship in person, so why not extend an invitation to a friend or neighbor who might be in this group of people without a church home? Another interesting fact is that many people cite the reason they attended a church for the first time was because someone took the time to ask. We can all be advocates in this way.

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### **2019-2020 Trinity Pre-School**

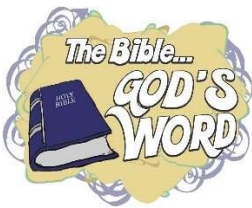
Pre-School Registration for September 2019-2020. Please tell your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, please call the pre-school at 815.485.6973. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. The tuition per month for the school year beginning September 2019, will be \$110.00 for two day students and \$135 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2019.

### **Member Updates:**

Baptisms:

Aurora Grace Van Howe – June 2, 2019

Warren William Goebig - June 29, 2019



All Bible Classes and Sunday School have taken a break for the summer. See you all in September!

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**Vacation Bible School** – Vacation Bible School was held June 17-21, 9:30-Noon. Our theme was Miraculous Mission and we invite children age 3 up through 5th grade to join us.

We had 117 children registered this year and numerous volunteers! Without all of you, VBS would not continue to be successful.

We supported our theme “Jesus Saves The World” by supporting Jamielynn Tinkey. Jamielynn is a nurse who serves in the Dominican Republic through LCMS.

We have a few lovely books available to congregational members for a small donation to the mission project. The book was written and the photos taken by an astronaut. Stop in the office to take a look at the book.

**Watch for the details from VBS in our next Newsletter!!**



**Relay for Life of New Lenox** will be held on July 12, 2019 at Lincoln-Way West High School starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this amazing community event. Anyone who has ever heard the words “You have cancer” is a survivor.

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There will be a Luminaria ceremony at the event on Friday evening, July 12<sup>th</sup> to honor those who are survivors and those who have lost their battle to cancer. Luminaria Bags can still be purchased through July 7<sup>th</sup> for \$10.00 each. Forms are available in the office.

The American Cancer Society thank you for your support.



**Greeters and Readers:**

Have you ever gone somewhere where you didn't know anyone? Imagine you are looking for a new church home and one of the churches on your list is Trinity. You show up on Sunday morning and no one speaks to you except the Pastor. Will you be coming back? Take a turn at greeting at one of our services and the result might be very surprising.

Please take a turn to be a Reader or a Greeter at our worship service. Sign-up sheets for the month of July are on the hallway table for Readers and Greeters Stop and sign up!



***Morning Star Serving Dates***

July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. You need to be at the Mission by 3:45 pm. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. If you have any questions call the church office at 815.485.6973



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS.** The Youth will continue with *the Scrip Fundraiser Program using the proceeds for the "Youth Gathering"*.

**Note: During the month of July, we will not have a Scrip order due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and the Youth Gathering.**

The next order date will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Please direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett. Angie can be reached at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or [\(815\)467-2537](tel:(815)467-2537).



### **Youth Gathering**

The LCMS National Youth Gathering is July 11-15 in Minneapolis. Trinity has nine people attending and volunteering this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel, learn, and serve. If you would like to watch each evening's event, it will be live-streamed at [lcmsgathering.com](http://lcmsgathering.com). The gathering verse: ***God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1***



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Flowers are placed on our altar every weekend to enhance and beautify our altar area in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings. **The 2019 Altar Flower Calendar is now completely filled. If you would still like to sponsor a weekend and missed signing up, we have some sponsors who would be willing to share their weekend. With their permission, you could share the cost and the arrangements.** The sponsor forms are attached to the cabinet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please call Kay Purnell at (815) 485-9017 or email her at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com). Altar Guild members would like to thank those of you who signed up this year to sponsor a weekend. A new 2020 calendar will be posted in the fall.



### **Social Ministry**

***Thanks to our "coffee hosts" who are continuing to serve during the summer following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please stop in the gym for coffee and fellowship.***



### **St. Matthew's**

We are continuing to support St. Matthew's Lutheran Church by collecting donations of non-perishable food items, 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 North end of the church basement. Please place items neatly so they do not block the aisle to the boiler room

**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am till 2 pm.

***Our organizations are on “summer break” but our worship services continue each week. See you at church!***



***Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!***