

July 2022

Dear Friends,

There is no other name under the heavens by which we are saved. That name is Jesus Christ. All of our efforts to establish a name for ourselves will always fall short. All of the ways we try to connect with God do not work. Jesus is the best we can do. And yet we can do nothing to connect to Jesus. Thanks be to God that Jesus gives us all we need to connect to him! Nothing and nobody else can do that.

The world around us is increasingly chaotic and will not get better anytime soon. In fact, it will probably get worse. We will undergo many tests of our faith. Things will look even more hopeless than they are now. It will be easy to lose heart and make our love grow cold.

But Jesus has overcome the world! He is the Victor! In and through Jesus we are conquerors, and yet *more* than conquerors because now nothing can separate us from the love of God shown in Jesus Christ our Lord. The Holy Spirit is our Helper and our Guarantee.

Come to Jesus! He is for you and not against you. If you doubt his love for you, receive him in Word and Sacrament. He does not abandon you but makes himself present to you. He's got you!

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)

JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Message:

A big thank you to Michelle Hoag, Michelle Buell, and the many volunteers who gave so generously of themselves to help put on an engaging, educational, and fun 2022 Vacation Bible School experience. When my two teenage grandchildren came home saying, "I wish it wasn't over," I knew it was a success. As hot as the week was, my wife reported the gym was still full of excited children and parents on the final day for hot dogs and treats. My compliments to all those involved.

Please join me in wishing the youth and chaperones attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, a safe and enriching experience. I know we are all looking forward to hearing about it.

Additional items discussed during the June Church Council meeting were as follows:

- Property reported results of the village fire inspection highlighting minor discrepancies and corrective actions.
- A request has been received from the Girl Scouts to meet on Tuesdays.
- Property is still in the process of gathering updated quotes for the parking lot. This project may be delayed depending on the cost of materials and/or contractor schedules. A follow-up meeting may be scheduled during the summer to review parking lot proposals.
- Preschool enrollment is down significantly compared to pre-pandemic levels. Discussions centered on ways to provide assistance and promote the preschool.
- The next church council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, at 7:00 PM.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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



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: See You Again Sunday, September 11th!!!

V.B.S. News: We had a great week at Vacation Bible School in June! High temperatures could not dampen our spirits as we taught 63 students all about Jesus and his love for us. We are so thankful for 26 volunteers who made this possible as well as all of you who donated supplies and snacks for the week. Thank you!



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 July:

July 3 - Kay Purnell / Jan Schlak
July 10 - Jan Schlak / Denise Buchanan
July 17 - Denise Buchanan / Wendy Kaun
July 24 – Wendy Kaun / Robin Krol
July 31 – Robin Krol / 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 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.

July Altar Flower Sponsor List:

- July 3 The Tinker Family
 In Celebration of Family
- July 10 Rita Larson
 In Memory of Rita's father, husband, brother, and son
- July 17 Carol Oldendorf
 In Memory of Carol's husband, Ken Oldendorf, and in Memory of
 their granddaughter, Danielle McDonald
- July 24 The Buchanan Family
 In Celebration of Michelle and Tom Buell's 25th Wedding Anniversary
- July 31 Nancy and Roy Minnick
 In Celebration of Their 56th 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, July 3, 2022. 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 Janell McDonald at (815)735-4182.

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:

July 3 - Rita Larson

July 17 - Kay Purnell

July 31 - Sharon MacFarlane

August 7 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper

August 21 - 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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