

June 2014

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Beginning June 1 and all the way through Christmas Eve, you will notice that the Christ Candle will not be lit during worship (with rare exceptions). Here's why:

Thursday, May 29, is Ascension Day, commemorating the time when Jesus took his rightful place of authority over all of creation at the right hand of God. It marked the end of his visible ministry on Earth and the beginning of his invisible ministry in heaven as the one interceding to his Father on our behalf. The Christ Candle is unlit as a symbol of Jesus' invisible ministry.

But that doesn't mean that Jesus has no ministry on Earth at all. That's when Pentecost comes in, which we will commemorate on Sunday, June 8! The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, continues Jesus' ministry *through the church*. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we make the invisible Christ visible as we are his body.

Jesus also ministers to his body (that's us) by the Holy Spirit through the reading and proclamation of the Word of God and the giving of the Sacraments. These make the invisible Christ visible *for us*. Then we, in turn, make the invisible Christ visible to others because of what we have received.

Come to worship. Receive the tangible grace of God. Be renewed in faith. Love and serve others through your station in life, whatever that is!

In Christ,

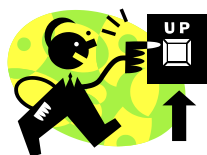
Pastor Hoag

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER



Baseball games, vacations, picnics, bugs, thunderstorms, flowers, and...a new worship schedule!

Now through August 31st, we will be having one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The Contemporary Worship Services will continue to be celebrated on Saturdays at 5:00 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the second and fourth weekends of the month, at both the Saturday and Sunday services.



Special congregational meeting: As discussed at the annual meeting in January, we are attempting to make Trinity more accessible to people who may need assistance with stairs. We have considered three different options and we're prepared to finalize and move forward with this project. It will, however, be a fairly involved and fairly costly project. ***Please plan to attend a short meeting on Sunday, June 8th, after our Sunday morning service to hear about the options we considered and ask any questions you might have about this.*** We look forward to getting started on this project and allowing ALL members of Trinity easy access to our church.



USHERS

Thank you to all the ushers who have participated in our worship services each week. We are looking for a volunteer to be our usher coordinator. If you are unable to usher on your scheduled date, please call one of the alternates listed on the schedule, to usher for you.

The usher schedule is already set up but it would be helpful to have someone to chair this group. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Ed Tatro, Director of Spiritual Life (815.485.5760), or Pastor Hoag or Doris Klemm, Church Secretary (815.485.6973).



2014-15 Trinity Pre-School – Openings still available for AM and PM spots.

Please tell your friends and neighbors.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$66.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2014 the tuition per month will be \$100 for two day students and \$125 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2014. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

Vacation Bible School



Set sail for our "Gangway to Galilee" VBS on June 23-27 from 9:30 a.m. – Noon. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Ages 3 through 11 are welcome to enroll. Adult and youth volunteers are needed. Please contact Michell Hoag at trinitybs@hotmail.com or call 815.723.7642 to volunteer.

Register now for Vacation Bible School! Registration is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. You can register online at the church website, but you must use the password "Trinity" to access the registration page. Please do not share the password outside of the church. If you prefer a paper registration form, please pick one up in the office.

The poster in the Narthex shows what items are still needed for VBS. Take a ticket and return the items(s) you selected to the church by June 15th (there is a collection box under the table in the hallway). Food donations that specify a brand – PLEASE purchase ONLY that brand. We use these brands because of food allergies. Thank you.

The list includes: dessert-sized paper/Styrofoam plates, 5 oz. Dixie cups, Rold Gold pretzel sticks, Goldfish crackers, Oreos (just the regular Oreos (not double stuffed or flavored), Teddy Grahams, bottle of liquid foaming hand soap or refill. Also needed are old CD's or DVD's for a craft. It doesn't matter if they are scratched or have a label.

Portals of Prayer for July through September 2014 are in the Narthex and also on the hallway table. Pick up a copy today!

Social Ministry



Coffee Hour will continue after the summer 9:00 am service. Stop in and get acquainted with your fellow church members.

Coffee Host(s) needed for the Fourth Sunday each month.

If you enjoy having coffee after church, how about taking a turn at being a host/hostess.

In order to continue with this serving, we need your help! Please call Midge Meents at 815.485.6527 to volunteer. You may also call the church office to sign up.



St. Matthew's Fund Raiser

News will shortly be forthcoming about the planned video and program to benefit St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen. Please continue to donate the suggested foods named on the printed forms, found on the hall table outside the Narthex. Thanks for your continued support. Rummage, food and monetary donations will be delivered periodically.



Blood Drive – Thank you to everyone who donated blood on May 20th. Your support is greatly appreciated.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

New Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the hallway table for **Readers – Greeters – MorningStar Missions**. Stop and sign up for a day!

SUMMER BREAK/VACATION



The following Trinity groups are on summer vacation and will resume meetings in fall: Chancel Guild, Women's League, Social Ministry, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Adult Choir, and Sunday School. Even though our organizations are taking a summer break, our church services continue each week. Hope to see you there!

Relay for Life of New Lenox. 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 11th until 6:00 a.m., Saturday, July 12th at Lincoln-Way West High School. What is Relay for Life? The American Cancer

Society Relay For Life movement unites people in communities across the globe to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Information pamphlets are on the hallway table.

Good Shepherd Lutheran ChurchVBS Kingdom Chronicles – Standing Strong in the Battle for Truth! All knights and fair maidens are invited to attend **Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2014. Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 295 Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL. For information call 815.469.2549 or visit www.goodshepherdfrankfort.org.

SHAREFEST NEW LENOX

ShareFest is an annual event in New Lenox involving over 103 organization through "Thirty days of service" from September 1st through 30-th. During this time, they unite as Proud Americans to meet the needs in the community. These needs are met through hundreds of volunteers sacrificing their time, talents, gifts and resources in compassionate community service for those in need. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 12:00 Noon at Standard Bank Meeting room, 456 Nelson Rd., New Lenox. Lunch will be served.

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

This is open to the community. If you are interested or want more details, please call 815.7172614 or visit www.sharefestnewlenox.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 9-3, Tuesday 1-4, and Thursday 1-4, Friday 9-12.

For access to Trinity's YouTube Channel, you can link to us on our Facebook page or type "Trinity New Lenox" into the search bar in YouTube.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Abigail King	1
Andrea Sherman	1
Bill White	1
Ashley Munn	2
Eric Trautvetter	2
Maci Trautvetter	2
Laurene Wajchert	2
Morgan Thomsen	3
Michelle Buell	4
Derek Nick	4
Ann Romadka	5
Marissa Salazar	5
Jan Schlak	5
Owen Sigrist	5
Donna Cuthbert	6
Brendan Kessel	6
Bob Look	6
Kay Purnell	6
Alex Wheeler	6
Sue Kunce	7
Shae Lea Jandeska	11
Alexander Ashley	12
Chase Bailey	12
William Loucks	12
Lauren Czaja	13
Cora Donath	14
Kevin Pigney	14
Jeanine Welsh	14
Noah Burke	15
Mary Rourke	15
Zachary Sheffer	15
Beau Valentine	15
Ariel Bell	17
Randy Guenther	17
Phil Bormet	18
Cooper Rourke	18
Parker Schultz	18
Kristin Paulsen	19
Rachel Zielinski	19
Mary Lynn Farnetti	20
Harry Grady	20

Dylan Beaudry	21
Edna DeLair	21
Jessica Lorenz	21
Leah McDonald	21
Jayna Baggs	22
Liz Lyman	22
Joey Bay	23
Amy Grady	24
Adam Parker	24
Jeremy Riley	24
Jack Urbanczyk	24
Julia Urbanczyk	24
Doug Hoag	25
Cameren Sanders	26
Bob Blecke	27
Austin Marcolina	27
Jeremy Puttkammer	27
John Buell	28
Gary Dortman	28
Victoria Urbanczyk	28
Sarah Wroblewski	28
Shelby O'Neill	29
Jenna Puttkammer	29
Walt Opiola	30
Jessica Wallace	30

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ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon & Phil MacFarlane	3
Rebecca & Brian Johnson	4
Angie & James Minett	4
Ann & Bob Romadka	8
Laura & Tom Forsythe	14
Karen & Gary Wendling	15
Shirley & Bill Walter	18
Karen & Ed Tatro	19
Andrea & Beau Valentine	20
Marilou & Mick Lerner	23
Maxine & Jeff Pavlovich	25
Seema & Steven Purnell	27
Emily & Michael Perkins	29