

June 2015

Dear Friends of Trinity,

It's Anniversary Time!

We have much to celebrate! Our Lord has given us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Word and Sacrament for 75 years. We have gathered as a worshipping community for that long, and it will continue (God willing) into the future.

I'm really looking forward to our worship services on June 13 and 14! We will be having some special guests with us that you'll want to know about.

On Saturday, June 13 at 5:00 pm, The Reverend David Stechholz, President/Bishop of the English District, will be with us and will preach at the Contemporary Service. He will also be joining us the following day for worship and for the luncheon.

On Sunday, June 14 at 9:00am, the Liturgy will be celebrated by The Reverend Paul Bacon, and I will be preaching. The first half hour of the service will be musical offerings by our Organist Lori Hilger, The Trinity Choir under the direction of Julie Verchimak, and The Trinity Chime Choir under the direction of Michelle Hoag, and other instrumentalists. It's going to be an enjoyable and glorious time for us!

Later this year we will be having other special guests who will be celebrating with us—The Reverend James Lamb, President of Lutherans for Life (and my Circuit Counselor when I was serving in Iowa), and The Reverend Rob Rogers, Third Vice President of the English District and Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Villa Park.

You might even see some old faces this month—people and families who have been connected to our congregation in one way or another “coming home” to celebrate with us.

What blessings and what time of joyous occasion we've been granted! Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! And praise God for 75 years of ministry in New Lenox! I hope to see you either on June 13 or 14 (or both)!!

Happy Anniversary!

Pastor Hoag

JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER



Baseball games, vacations, picnics, bugs, thunderstorms, flowers, and our “Summer Worship Schedule”. **Now through September 6th (Labor Day weekend), 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.

Church Member Updates during the month of May, 2015

Transferred in: Henry, Betty and Courtney Dunker from Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park.

Baptisms: May 17, 2015 - Jack Michael Ryan, son of Danielle (Nick) and Timothy Ryan, birth date July 22, 2014.

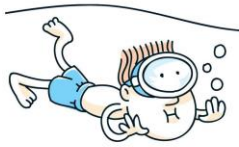


75th Anniversary Invitation

Please join us to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Lenox on Sunday, June 14th, following our 9:00 a.m. service for a catered lunch in honor of the occasion. The service will start at 9:30 a.m., after a 30-minute prelude featuring the choir and our new organ. We anticipate lunch being served around 11:30 a.m. following the service and other activities planned for that day. We are hoping to have some of our former church leaders involved in the service that day as well, so those of you who've been a part of this congregation for a long time may see some familiar faces that day. Tickets for this event will be available through June 7th.

If you have not yet purchased your tickets for the 75th Anniversary luncheon on June 14th, please do so at your earliest convenience so we are able to get an accurate count to order the food. Tickets are being sold after each service or may be purchased through the church office via email to tlcsecretary@sbcglobal.net or call 815.485.6973. The cost of the tickets will be \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12, and free to kids under the age of 5.

75th Anniversary Committee Meeting – Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m.



YOUTH GROUP WATER PARK OUTING – Friday, June 12th at Raging Waves in Yorkville. Cost: \$14.99. Time: Meet at church at 9:00 a.m., will return to church around 5:00 p.m. This is open to Jr. High and High school students. We could use a couple adult drivers. Please contact Michelle Hoag if you are interesting in going, or if you have any questions



Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, 9:30 a.m. – Noon!

Come explore Bible stories, take Bible challenges, make crafts, eat yummy snacks, play fun games, sing awesome songs, and more.

Students ages 3 – 12 are invited to attend this summer. Cost is \$5 per child. To sign up, go online to www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacation-bible-school.html Register today!

We also need VBS volunteers. Youth who have completed 6th grade and older are invited to volunteer, as well as adults. You can help for all five days or just a few. If you would like to help, contact Michelle Hoag, register online at www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacation-bible-school.html, or e-mail us at trinityvbs@hotmail.com.

Donations requested for VBS: The poster on the stand, in the hallway just outside the church office, shows what items are still needed for VBS. Take a ticket and return the item(s) you selected, to the church by June 14th (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.

Non-food items needed: 6 inch solid-color paper plates; cupcake liners – solid color; GREEN empty plastic pop bottles (16-20 ounce size); colored sharpie markers; index cards; school glue; glue sticks; quart size Ziploc bags. A board with slips of food items will be posted in the Narthex.



Trinity Pre-School.

Fall registrations are now being taken. Openings for AM Sessions. Please tell your friends and neighbors! There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2015 the tuition per month will be \$100 for two day students and \$125 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2015. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

Pre-School Board Meeting - Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m.



Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 3rd and 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Chimes – Calling all current and former chimes players as well as anyone who would like to learn! **We would like to have a group to play for the anniversary service on Sunday, June 14th. Practice will be on Sunday, May 31st and Sunday, June 7th, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. right after the church service.** Contact Michelle Hoag for more information.

Senior Support Thank you for your interest in forming a Senior Support/Clearinghouse. If you have any material (business cards, brochures, etc.) that you would like to share, please put them in Bob Blecke's mailbox in the office. Please write down your name and a note as to why you liked them. The latest issue of the "Blue Book For Seniors" is on the display case on the North side wall of the Narthex. Help yourself. This has a wealth of information specific to our area.



May 31st is Survivor Sunday sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Luminaria bags will be available to purchase in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those who have fought the battle with cancer. Information of the July 10th New Lenox Relay for Life will be available. The event is not a race but an evening of activities for the whole family to promote cancer awareness. Anyone wishing to start a team or become a member of a team should contact Jan Toepke at 815.485.2638.



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.



WHEN DROPPING ITEMS OFF FOR ST. MATTHEW'S PLEASE STACK ITEMS NEATLY AND DO NOT BLOCK THE PATHWAY THROUGH THAT STORAGE AREA.

With many recent donations and workmanship, St. Matthew's food-serving area has been completely renovated with new lighting, heat controls and flooring. Thanks to all who have donated food, rummage and monetary gifts to make this renovation a reality. You might not know that the rummage you so graciously donate is sold the first week each month to provide food monies for the twice-weekly soup kitchen servings to over 100 need persons. Thanks again.



Thanks to all the organizations for helping with our recognition Sundays. Everyone did a great job with informing the congregation about their organization.



Have you noticed our new banners? They are beautiful and have been made by Marnean Briese. Thank you Marnean!



Portals of Prayer for July through September 2015 are in the Narthex and also on the hallway table. Pick up a copy today!

Social Ministry



Coffee Hour will be held following the 9:00 a.m. service through the summer. Stop in and get acquainted with your fellow church members.

Coffee Host(s) are still needed for the 4th Sundays of July through December. Please take a turn – especially if you drink coffee after church. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. We only need 6 volunteers to complete the year.



ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers are placed on our altar every Sunday 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 flower order forms are attached to the cabinet in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to give altar flowers, complete the form and place it in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Christine Stark at 815.478.4069 or email her at candb.stark@gmail.com. The cost of the flowers is \$8.50 per vase or \$17.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service.



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



Even though our church organizations are taking a summer break, our church services continue each week. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the church at 815.485.6973.



LOST AND FOUND! Items continue to accumulate. Please check the coat rack outside the gym, and also on the counter in the gym kitchen. If any of these items belong to you, please take them home, otherwise they will be donated to St. Matthew's.

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