

June 2019

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Lately, I've been reflecting on why I believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Truth be told, I really don't know why. I just do. I didn't do any experiments, nor did I become convinced through intellectually stimulating arguments. I just simply believe. And I also don't. I'm a mixed bag, and I suspect you are as well. My unbelief isn't an intellectual awareness or a conscious rebellion. It is seen in the fact that I don't love the Lord God with all of my heart, soul, strength, and mind. And I don't love my neighbor as myself. I mean, sometimes I do. Sometimes I don't. It shows that I don't believe as I ought. But I do believe, and I take no credit for it because I have no idea why I believe.

I have no great expectations of God, except what He has already promised in Christ—that He will forgive me for the sake of Christ in Word and Sacrament, that He will give me hope and an eternal future, that He has a handle on this thing called death, and that He will continue to provide for my needs even when I don't ask for them. There are many other things that I forgot to mention, but these will do.

Does any of this resonate with you? I'm willing to bet that you and I are a lot alike in this. But I'm confident that God still loves us and still works through us, despite us and our foibles. We continue to receive this love as we gather for worship weekly and as God sends us out to our various vocations.

I pray that you have a wonderful summer season!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag



JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Summer worship schedule: Sunday – May 26th (Memorial Day weekend) through Sunday – September 1st (Labor Day weekend) at 9:00 a.m. Our contemporary Service will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Communion will be served on the second and fourth weekends each month.



USHERS: In the past the Sunday early service ushers covered the 9:00 am summer service. Due to so many people being out of town through the summer months, all ushers for both services will be included in ushering on their regular scheduled week.

If you need a summer schedule, please stop in the office and get a copy.



Updates from our Church Council President, Jeff McDonald

Hoping to see a lot of you at this year's Trinity Tailgate on Sunday, June 9th. Please sign up for this event - it has been broadened to include all sorts of ways to participate. Whether you want to come and compete or you just want to come and eat, we have all options available to you and hope you'll be a part of it. Social Ministry is offering an ice cream social for dessert and Pastor and Dan's band will then provide a free concert in the church basement (fellowship hall) for attendees. Think of it as a modified church picnic and a time for food and fellowship with

other members. Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who'd like to join us? Bring them along! We only ask that you sign up ahead of time so that we can be sure to have enough food. Hope to see you all there.

The kitchen project is a bit stalled at the moment pending bids and other input from a host of third parties. Everything so far is moving forward, but unfortunately at a slow pace. About all that seems to be moving quickly is the total cost of the project, which we are doing our best to manage as effectively as we can. As soon as I have some more definitive information to pass along on this project, I will. But there really is nothing of substance to report on this project since the May newsletter. It does remain, however, a top priority at Trinity and I am hopeful that we will be in a position to move ahead with it quickly. We do plan to remove the basement bathroom next to the lift as part of this project and we will likely use that space as a closet for our St. Matthew's donations going forward. That will help to simplify the plumbing in our basement and as far as we know, that bathroom hasn't been used as a bathroom since the bathroom remodel project was completed about 10 years ago.

Church Member Updates during the month of May, 2019

Baptisms: Makenna Rose Waterdown – Born 08/30/2018, Baptized 05/18/2019

Calling all grillers, smokers, and tailgate food specialists!!

We need you on Sunday, June 9th, 2019 to participate in the



Our Goal is to invite and include non-members who are known to and invited by members, to attend as

Participants and make them feel comfortable in being with members and the church facility.

“Hold The Date”

Good with a Grill?

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

Brag about your burgers?

Think your barbecue is The Bomb?

Can you Smoke with the best of them?

Or just enjoy cooking out on a beautiful day with friends and family?

Have a non-member friend who could? Invite them to participate as well!

Sign up for the Trinity Tailgate and put your Spatula to work.

Sign up as an attendee – there will be food for all that attend

Revival will play after dinner, and Social Ministry will provide an Ice Cream Sundae Bar to cool you down!

What: Trinity Tailgate. Sunday, June 9th, 2019

For more information:

- Look for handouts by the sign up in the hallway
- Contact Bob Blecke, Outreach Chair.
- Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2034149180027621/>
- Eventbrite Ticketing: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trinity-tailgate-2019-tickets-60534179360>



Thank you so very much to those of you who participate in the scrip card fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your support! The next Scrip Order deadline is Monday, June 3rd at Noon with delivery June 8th & 9th. All proceeds will be going towards the Youth Convention. **Due to the July 4th holiday and the National Youth Gathering, there will be no Scrip Order in July.** Any questions can be directed to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or (815)467-2537. Also, check out shopwithscrip.com to learn more about this simple way to help the youth earn funds.



Vacation Bible School – Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21, 9:30-Noon. **Our theme this year is Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World!** We invite children age 3 up through 5th grade to join us. Cost is \$5 per child. Register online at [/www.trinitynewlenox.org](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org), using the password "trinity". Last year we were full in the preschool class and had to close registration, so be sure to sign up soon!

We also are looking for volunteers for the week. Youth who have completed 6th grade or higher as well as adults are invited to help. If you can help for one day or all five days, we'd love to have you join our staff. Sign up online at www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacationbibleschool or talk to Michelle Hoag.

We have a wish list of snack and other donations on the poster board in the Narthex. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with decorating, please talk to Michelle Hoag.

Please keep our VBS in your prayers that we have a safe and fun week sharing the Good News of Jesus' love to our young members and neighbors!

VBS Staff Meeting - On Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 pm, there will be a staff meeting for all leaders and helpers that are volunteering for VBS. The meeting will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS Craft Preparation – Following the VBS Staff Meeting on June 11th, we will be preparing the craft materials. We are asking for any of the staff that can stay and help for a while to do so. Also, anyone else that would like to help is welcome. Please bring a pair of good cutting scissors.



Fannie May Candy Bars: Fannie May Candy bars are still available, with the proceeds going to the Chancel Guild. They are on the counter in the church office. Cost is \$1.00 for each. Please leave your payment in the gold envelope.



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.



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. **A 2019 flower chart showing open weekends has been posted in the cabinet across from the church office.** The flower order forms are attached to the cabinet. If you would like to sponsor flowers on a particular weekend, complete the form and place it along with a **check made out to Trinity Lutheran Chancel Guild** in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the church office. Please note the cost of the flowers has increased to \$30.00. If you want a date already chosen, it may be possible to share the date and the cost with permission from the person who has already selected the date. If you have any questions, please call Kay Purnell at (815) 485-9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com. Flowers may be picked up **after** the 10:30 service (9:00 am service during the summer). Thank you to all who participate!



We are continuing to support St. Matthew's Lutheran Church by collecting donations of non-perishable food items, as well as household good. 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 East end of the church basement. PLEASE – WHEN DROPPING THOSE ITEMS OFF PLEASE STACK ITEMS NEATLY AND DO NOT BLOCK THE PATHWAY THROUGH THAT ROOM.



Portals of Prayer for July through September 2019 will be available in the Narthex and also on the hallway table by the middle of June.



Relay for Life Survivor Sunday -

Today we CELEBRATE those who have overcome the challenges of cancer.
We REMEMBER people lost to the disease and those who are fighting cancer.
And we FIGHT BACK to take action against a disease that has taken too much.

New Lenox Relay for Life
Friday, July 12
Lincoln-Way West High School

6:00 pm -2:00 am

Join survivors, caretakers, and friends for an evening of celebrating, remembering, and fighting back. There will be food, games, raffles, and entertainment. Stay for a while or all evening.

Today and during the month of June, Luminaria bags may be purchased for \$10 each to honor or remember a loved one.

Donations to the American Cancer Society to support cancer patients and research may also be made.

If you are a cancer survivor and wish to participate in the survivor dinner on June 30, please call Terrie at (815)212-4837.

For questions or if you would like to be part of a team, please contact Jan Toepke.

Social Ministry – Would like to thank everyone who attended the presentation of Joan Aubele. If anyone would like to pick up a copy of her presentation, we have copies in the gym. Also, Social Ministry has purchased a copy of Joan's book, *The Dance* for our library. If you are interested in reading it, please free feel to borrow our copy.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS:

New Volunteer sign-up sheets for June are on the hallway table for Readers, Greeters, Rides for Mr. Christman, and MorningStar Missions. Stop and sign up for your turn!



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.

A big “thank you” to Rita Larson for volunteering to fill the Coffee Hostess for the 4th Sunday of the month for the rest of 2019.



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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-2.