

June 2022

Dear Friends,

I have idols that I love and serve more than God. So do you. So does everyone in the world. We pull out our favorite idols from our storage units when we need them, thinking that we are doing ourselves a favor. We don't realize that we have become slaves to them and that they don't love us back. And so, we worship and serve them more fervently thinking that THIS time they will love us. But they never do.

It is love that we search for. Someone, or something, that will constantly take notice and give us value. Our idols will never do that, no matter how hard we try.

Someone does love us far more than we love our idols. It's God, and He loves us eternally and everlastingly. Jesus embodied that eternal love and gave it to us on the cross.

Our idols are silenced and put off in the presence of Christ Jesus and his love for us. This is one of the reasons we worship God through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. We come to know and hear the greatest love in the universe that mutes our idols.

Let us continue to gather to worship as we ought and let the presence of Christ cause our idols to go mute and submit to the almighty power and voice of our God!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

Church Secretary Summer Hours: my hours will change in the summer, due to my sons' time off school.

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)

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Message:

Congratulations to our five recent Confirmands. I wish you well as you continue to grow in Christ.

I would like to thank Social Ministry and their volunteers who have helped to restart our Coffee Hour. It's so nice to once again be able to meet in casual conversation and catch up with friends. I encourage all members, including those new to the congregation, to take advantage of this time to get to know each other better. The congregation is excited to have recently welcomed several new families into our church.

The Church Council is looking to fill the position of Director of Youth Ministry. If you have any interest or recommendations, please contact Pastor Hoag for details.

The results of our re:Vitalize survey have been put on temporary hold due to the illness of Pastor Derek Mathers of the English District. He hopes to resume some regular activities soon. It will most likely be fall when things will start to happen with re:Vitalize.

Highlights discussed during the May Church Council meeting are as follows:

- The air conditioning systems were down for about a week due to a power issue with the ComEd. All have been restored. Special thanks go to Dan Bay and Jeff Lorenz in getting this resolved.
- Saturday evening services will begin on June 5, 2022, at 5 PM. The Sunday service will be at 9 AM and will be live streamed. Both services will be held inside the church.
- There is no change on getting updated parking lot quotes.
- We are looking forward to having the choir resume in the fall.
- The next Church Council Meeting will be on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at 7 PM.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer.

Gary

Saturday Evening Services Are Returning!!! Beginning 06/04/22, there will be a Service at 5:00 pm.

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



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!!!

VBS 2022 Rainforest Explorers will be June 13-17, 9:30 – Noon. Students age 3 through grade 5 are invited to register. Cost will be \$10 per student. Register online at www.trinitynewlenox.org/vbs-vacation-bible-school.html We will be back to our normal format with opening in the church and each group rotating to Bible story, Bible application, recreation, and craft; as well as snacks!

We need adult and youth helpers to help. Youth helpers must have completed 6th grade (or older). If you can help every day or just a day or two, please contact Michelle Hoag at hoagmichelle@msn.com.

If you would like to donate craft supplies or snacks, we will have our donation poster with listed needs set up in the narthex at church.

Please pray for our students and volunteers that Jesus' love will be shared in everything that we do at VBS.



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 June:

June 5 - Doris Bay / Lois Dobbs
June 12 - Lois Dobbs / Jan Falk
June 19 - Jan Falk / Sally Jackson
June 26 – Sally Jackson / Kay Purnell

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.

June Altar Flower List:

- June 5 Phil & Sharon MacFarlane
 In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
- June 12 The Tinker Family
 In Celebration of Family
- June 19 Lois Dobbs
 In Memory of George Ruhle & Jack Dobbs and In Celebration of all
 Fathers
- June 26 The Michael Perkins Family
 In Celebration of Michael and Emily's Wedding Anniversary and
 Eleanor's Birthday

- *May Altar Flower List (late addition - I apologize):*

May 29 Fred & Midge Meents in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings



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.



Scrip Fundraiser - This is a gift card fundraiser - they are the same gift cards you can purchase from retailers, including over 300 brand-name grocery, department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement, 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 by the youth bulletin board) or by placing your order online at ~~shopwithscrip.com~~ www.raiseright.com. If interested in placing orders online, you will need an enrollment code. Ask Angie Minett for the code or stop by the church office. Direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or 815-228-4902.

The next scrip card deadline will be Sunday, June 5, 2022. Orders will be ready for pick up the following Sunday.

*** Please note that ShopWithScrip has changed names to RaiseRight. Although the website looks a little different, it continues to work the same.**

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

June 5 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper
June 19 - Denise Buchanan
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

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~~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

Summer Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

~~Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm~~