

June 2023

Dear Friends,

If you have ever wondered about the nature of forgiveness you're not alone. One of the greatest misconceptions about forgiveness is that it gives people permission to do wrong over and over again.

Honestly, wrong is what people do, including you and me. Over and over again. Forgiveness doesn't give us permission to do anything but good. When we do wrong (or when wrong is done to us), it isn't because of forgiveness. It's because of our own sinful natures acting in unbelief. The Old Adam clings to us like static on a very dry day. It's relentless in its temptations to rob us of our joy in Christ and seek comfort and all good in other things.

Forgiveness doesn't do that. Forgiveness gives us new life and new hearts that are grateful and seek to pay forgiveness forward. It means that we don't engage in acts of revenge, but leave all vengeance to the Lord.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are forgiven by God. Our sins are not counted against us and we have eternal life. The Lord is merciful and abounding in forgiveness and love. Jesus paid the price with his own precious and innocent blood. We will not die eternally. We will live and give thanks to the Lord now and always!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

On 05/07/23 during the 10:30 a.m. service today, the following young adults were received into membership through Confirmation:

Anthony Joseph DePolo; Samantha Jo DePolo; Kassandra Alexis Green; Grace Winnie Minett; Jacob Walter Standard.

We wish them God's blessings and congratulations on the completion of their studies.

Please welcome them into our fellowship and keep them in your prayers.

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Note:

As our church organizations and activities wrap up in preparation for summer, I find myself wanting to thank the many volunteers who so unselfishly serve our congregation. Whether you serve on Social Ministry, Chancel Guild, Church Council or in any capacity, I thank you. Today I would especially like to recognize Michelle Buell, Beth Parker, Ralph Krauss, and the rest of the Sunday School staff along with Christina Kipper for their devotion to the children in our congregation. Thank you for continually coming up with new ideas to engage our children and for making them valued members of the congregation. I am sure the children are excited and looking forward to a fun and meaningful VBS experience. Thank you!!!

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

- Two workshop sessions of the reVitality workshop on "Engaging Non-Churched People in the Community" have been completed by some members of the Church Council. Two more sessions are scheduled for early June.
- The fire alarm system inspection was completed. Our lift/elevator has some maintenance work that has to be completed before it is inspected. The air conditioning units have been inspected and tested. One unit was low on refrigerant and was recharged at extra expense.
- Property has identified several areas of the church exterior that need to be tuck pointed. Work will be started soon on a time and material basis.
- The Boy Scouts will be painting the Church Parking Lot Entrance as a service project.
- The schedule conflict was resolved for the raised bed garden project behind the church. Two beds have been built along the fence by our Property Directors.
- The last day of Sunday School was May 21 followed by the Sunday School picnic.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 19-23.
- Social Ministry will not be meeting during the summer months.
- The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 12, 2023, at 7PM.

Wishing you a safe summer and a Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads!

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
- Kanerick Matthew Dobrez 07/02/22
- Alita Sue Hicks 07/03/22
- Landon Paul Ondera 07/10/22
- Everly Jo Youngberg 08/14/22
- Alessi Anastasios Zarnos 08/21/22
- Persephone Mae Sheffer 08/21/22
- Roan Roy Seville's 11/26/22

2023 Baptisms:

- **Beckett Jeffrey White 05/18/23**



2022 Weddings:

- Camden R. Meade & Francesca T. Prospero 06/11/22

2023 Weddings:

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RE:VITALITY: "Every One His Witness" - MEETINGS FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION
Additional Detailed Information to Follow

JOIN US ON YOUVERSION FOR DEVOTIONS, BIBLE PLANS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
www.bible.com

Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.) will be June 19-23, 9:30-Noon. Our theme is God's Living Water. Registration is now open to the public and you can register on our website www.trinitynewlenox.org. We are also looking for volunteers (adults and youth 6th grade and older) who can help all five days, a couple days, or even just one day. Talk to Michelle Hoag or register online. We will have a poster up soon with needed donations.

If you would be interested in being a Lay Reader (meaning you will read the "First Reading", and the "Second Reading (Epistle)") please talk with Pastor Hoag



Did You Know Pastor Hoag is a Rock Star!!!

the Band Also Includes Our Very Own (former) Property Manager: Dan Bay!

Come See the Band "Side Effects!" on the Following Dates and Locations:

-June 3, Gusto's in Joliet, 9pm-1am

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all new dates will be posted in the weekly bulletin.



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.

Thank you to all who participate in our RaiseRight gift card fundraiser. This past year we made over \$1,000. We use these earnings to send our youth to the Youth Gathering every 3 years and we appreciate the generous support of our congregation.

The next deadline to order is: Sunday, June 4th. Orders will be ready for pick-up the following weekend.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Trinity has several talented individuals in our congregation. The following website www.trinitynewlenox.org is intended to be a referral source for members of Trinity who might need one or more of these services and who would prefer to work with a fellow member of the church. Trinity offers this as a free resource to members. Trinity does not warrant or guarantee the services provided. We simply want to provide you with contact information of other Trinity members whom you might wish to consider for the services they provide. Trinity disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property, or other damages of any nature whatsoever, whether special, indirect, consequential, or compensatory, directly or indirectly, resulting from the publication of, use of, or reliance on, this list or any services provided. If you have a talent or service you'd like to have listed on our site, please contact Jennifer Kojro-Badziak at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com and I will get you added! And be sure to check back often, as we continue to add other member services to this page.



Trinity Pre-School – UPDATED

Registration for 2023-2024 Is Open!

Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. School year beginning September 2023. The tuition per month will be:

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old, Tuesday & Thursday: \$120.00

-3 Day, 4-Year-Old, Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$150.00

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2023. For additional information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

Next Preschool Board Meeting: See You in September



Sunday School News:

Children's Sermon: See You in September

The Sunday School will be collecting non-perishable food, and monies, to donate to our New Lenox Food Pantry indefinitely. This is to help those around us during these challenging times. Please bring canned goods and dry boxed items. To see items most needed by New Lenox Township Food Pantry, please visit their website (www.newlenox.org), or Facebook. A donation box is located downstairs by the Sunday School rooms, and upstairs by the library. They have also mentioned to us that they can do the most to help with financial donations – you can donate directly on their website or add an envelope with a note in our offering basket. Thank You!!!

Sunday School is Looking for Volunteers: Teachers and Helpers – High School Age to 101. Please contact Michelle Buell @ mbuell3769@gmail.com or Beth Parker @ elizabemarie@sbcglobal.net if interested. Thanks!!!



Chancel Guild News!

Attention Ladies of Trinity - Our meetings are at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of January, March, April, May, September, October, November, and December. Ladies of TLC please consider joining our awesome Chancel Guild. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mudrock, Wendy Kaun, Denise Buchanan, or Kay Purnell.

Chancel Schedule for June:

June 3 / June 4: Janice Prospero / Rita Larson
June 10 / June 11: Rita Larson / Doris Bay
June 17 / June 18: Doris Bay / Jennifer Mudrock
June 24 / June 25: Jennifer Mudrock / Carol Oldendorf

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 and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A 2023 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the glass case hanging on the wall outside the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion, please fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it along with payment in the Chancel Guild mailbox. The sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815)485-9017.

June Altar Flower Sponsors:

June 4	Sharon & Phil MacFarlane In Celebration of Their Anniversary
June 11	The Wheeler Family In Loving Memory of Alex Wheeler
June 18	Lois Dobbs In Memory of George Ruhle & Jack Dobbs and In Celebration of all Fathers
June 25	Carol Oldendorf In Memory of Carol's Husband, Ken Oldendorf, and In Memory of Their Granddaughter, Danielle McDonald

Social Ministry Announcements:

Coffee Hours: Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Additional Coffee Hour Hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer in the Office at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com or Jan Toepke at toepkej@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour Schedule

June 4 Sharon MacFarlane

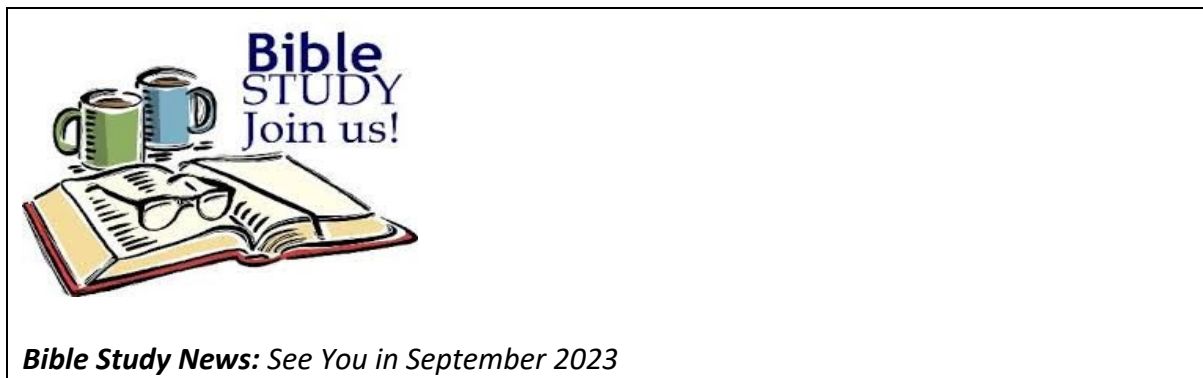
June 11 Sandy Peters

June 18 -

June 25 Rita Larson & Denise Buchanan

Next Food and Fellowship: *See You in September 2023*

Next Social Ministry Meeting: *See You in September 2023*



Summer Usher Schedule: First of all, thanks to all the ushers who have given their time and services for our regular and special worship services throughout the church year. Beginning May 28th, we will return to Summer Worship Schedule with only one Sunday service at 9am. As in the past, I have scheduled the 9am worship service persons to be the main ushers for summer services. The regular 10:30 ushers, on their scheduled Sundays, would serve as reserve backups.

Summer Ushers **please**, if you are not available to usher on your Sunday arrange with the backup person, so that all services are covered with two ushers. Thanks again and know that you are much appreciated.

Dr. Edward A. Tatro, Worship and Spiritual Life, Co-Chair

1st Sunday

9:00 AM

- Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 kauntd@gmail.com
- Biff Aiken 815 954 0682 biffdebaiken@gmail.com

Summer Reserve

- 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

Summer Reserve

- Tom Buell 815 485 3769 tombuell@sbcglobal.net
- Bob Blecke 815 353 7561 cgm964@comcast.net

3rd Sunday

9:00 AM

- Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 mgardner1453@gmail.com
- Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 gpurnell3@hotmail.com

Summer Reserve

- Cameron Hoag 779 279 4223 cam.hoag@gmail.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

Summer Reserve

- 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 jlorenz2367@gmail.com

Summer Reserve

- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net
- Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 dianesewing@hotmail.com

A minimum of two ushers are needed for each service. **Please call the reserve usher to take your place if you are not able to serve on your Sunday, also call your counterpart to make them aware.**

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before service and follow the procedures noted in the usher's loose-leaf notebook in the narthex. Thanks in advance!

Other Alternates: Zack Horn 630 664 9224 zacharyhorn@gmail.com, Bob Jackman 815 933-3864, Robert Stark 708 307 4069



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 @ tammydoerrer@gmail.com . If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

Church Office Hours This Summer:

06/05/23 - 06/09/23: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

06/13/23 – 07/13/23: Monday thru Thursday 7:30am-12:00pm

07/17/23 - 08/18/23: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

(pretty please be patient with me...always call and leave a message or email me at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)

