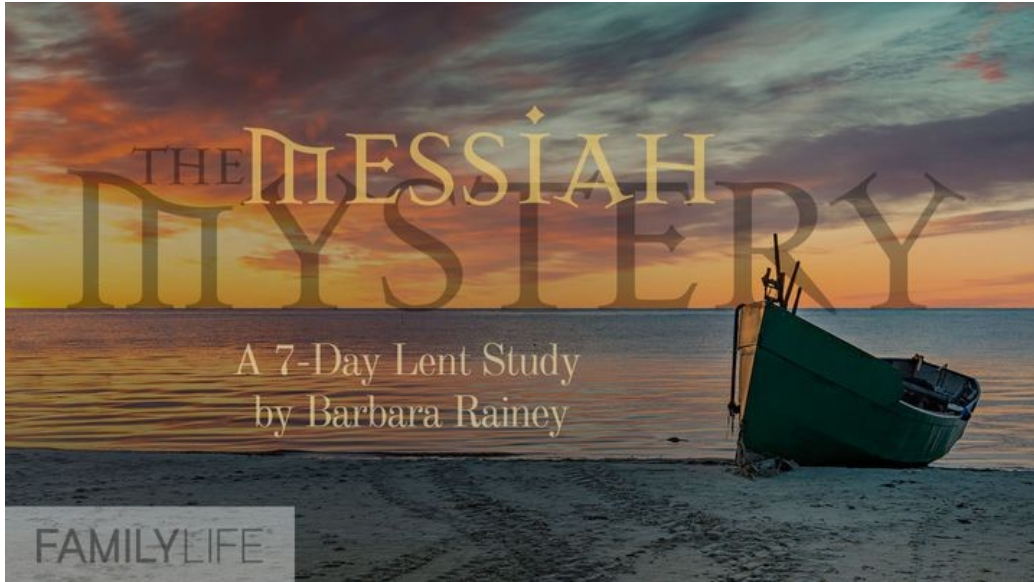


Dear Friends,



Lent is quickly approaching and that means Midweek Soup and Sandwich Suppers at 5:30pm and Midweek Lenten Services at 6:30pm **beginning March 1**. The Lenten Series this year will be "The Messiah Mystery", a Bible plan from the YouVersion Bible app for your smartphone. Use the QR Code (found elsewhere in this newsletter) to download the YouVersion Bible app and connect with Trinity's Profile page. Don't want to download the app? That's okay. Each Wednesday in the Sermon, Pastor Hoag will talk about the clues from the Old Testament that point to Jesus as Messiah. Make plans now to participate because you won't want to miss this!

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag

## MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

### An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Message:

Pastor Hoag once said in a sermon something along the order, "Going to church provides fuel for the soul." So true! I remind myself of this all the time. As we head into the Lenten Season, let's fuel up our hearts and souls and learn more about God's many blessings.

We certainly were blessed with a great turn out for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting was a perfect opportunity for our Council Members to share their hopes for the New Year and answer questions from the congregation. Thank you to all who attended.

Highlights discussed during the February Church Council meeting were as follows:

- As a step in our Re:Vitality effort, Pastor led a discussion on engaging non-churched people in our community. More to come.
- Property reported the preschool and bathroom lights have been updated to LED. Repairs are being made to improve the security of the basement doors. Repairs and painting of the white boards behind the banners on the sides of the Church Sanctuary are complete. A proposal to install raised bed gardens behind the church will be reviewed at next months meeting.
- Outreach continues to encourage members to participate in the Each One/Reach One effort. Spiritual fitness and well-being of members is a topic under consideration.
- Youth Ministry efforts are progressing to reach out to past confirmands and their parents to get input on what we can offer to keep them engaged beyond Confirmation.
- Parish Education reported the Love Smiles event and Valentines Day party were well attended. Activities were focused on the Power of Prayer.
- Wednesday Lenten dinners are scheduled at 5:30. A potential volunteer for the Easter Breakfast committee chairperson has been identified. We are seeking more volunteers to assist.
- Sharing of the Peace during services has been temporarily suspended due to the recent Covid outbreak among our members.
- The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 7PM.

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 Sunday 08/14/22
- Alessi Anastasios Zarnos Sunday 08/21/22
- Persephone Mae Sheffer Sunday 08/21/22
- Roan Roy Seville's Sunday 11/26/22

### **2023 Baptisms:**

-



### **2022 Weddings:**

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

### **2023 Weddings:**

-

Plans Are Being Made for This Year's Easter Breakfast – HELP IS NEEDED for the preparations and on Easter Sunday. If you can help with plans, please let Deb Aiken know ([biffdebaiken@gmail.com](mailto:biffdebaiken@gmail.com)) A sign-up sheet for help on Saturday and Sunday will be on the table outside the office. Traditionally, men of the congregation do the cooking. Coffee Cakes and other Breakfast Pastries will also be needed. All help is greatly appreciated!

JOIN US ON YOUVERSION FOR DEVOTIONS, BIBLE PLANS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
[www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com)

\*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:**

- April 1, New Lenox VFW, 7-11pm
- April 15, Gustos Bar and Grill 2115 Plainfield Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403, 9:00 PM
- May 13, Croatian Cultural Club, Joliet, 7-11pm

*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](http://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](mailto: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, March 5th. The orders will be ready for pick-up the following Sunday.**

*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](http://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](mailto: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 Pre-School Board Meeting: T.B.D.*



## Sunday School News:

**Children's Sermon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 9:00 am Service

**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](http://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 Friday Game Nights 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Every 4th Friday of the Month):**

~~-01/27/23~~

~~-02/24/23~~

-03/31/23 (revised)

-04/28/23

-05/26/23

## **March**

- March 19th - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- Gym Night, March 31st, 5-7 pm
- Lenten Supper/ Sunday School Teachers Serve March 1st

## **April**

- April 2nd, 10:30 am - Palm Sunday/Participate in Church
- April 2nd- After 10:30 Service - Easter Egg Hunt
- No Sunday School April 9th - Easter
- April 16th - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- Gym Night, April 28th, 5-7 pm

## **May**

- May 21st - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- May 21st - Last Day of Sunday School - Church Picnic

**Sunday School is Looking for Volunteers:** Teachers and Helpers – High School Age to 101. Please contact Michelle Buell @ [mbuell3769@gmail.com](mailto:mbuell3769@gmail.com) or Beth Parker @ [elizabethmarie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabethmarie@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 Guild Members will again be decorating the chancel area for our Easter services. Watch for order forms in upcoming bulletins. If you have any questions or do not have access to an order form, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017.

### **Chancel Schedule for March:** (Lenten Services Begin March 1, 2023)

*Wednesday March 1: Lois Dobbs & Wendy Kaun*

March 4 / March 5: Debbie Crawford & Allene Bachmann

March 11 / March 12: Allene Bachmann & Janice Prospero

March 18 / March 19: Janice Prospero & Jennifer Mudrock

March 25 / March 26: Jennifer Mudrock & Denise Buchanan



**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](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815)485-9017.

*\*\*Chancel Guild uses Bella Fiori Flower Shop for all its floral needs. Members have been particularly pleased with their work. If you are looking to buy someone special in your life flowers, we do recommend them. They are located on RT. 30, across from Lincoln-Way Central High School. \*\**

**March Altar Flower Sponsors:**

March 5 ..... Wendy & Tom Kaun  
In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings

March 12 ..... Judy Niemann-VanderVeen  
In Memory of Betty & Don Dunn

March 19 ..... Denise Buchanan  
In Thanksgiving for Her Many Blessings

March 26 ..... Rita Larson  
Remembering Her Brother, Fred

**Social Ministry Announcements:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed and purchased candy for the Valentine's Day sale.

Leftover Food and Drinks Have Been Accumulating in Both Refrigerators and Freezers. If you have been part of a group who has left items, please claim them, or dispose of them. If there are drinks you would like used by other groups, please leave a note. With the upcoming suppers and events, all space is needed. There is also an accumulation of containers and other things on the counter in the gym. Please claim what belongs to you. Thank you!

**5:30 pm - Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper Schedule:**

- March 1 - Sunday School
- March 8 - Social Ministry
- March 15 - Council
- March 22 - Youth
- March 29 - Chancel

**Coffee Hours:** Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Volunteers are needed to help with the additional Sundays. If you can help, please email Jan Toepke at [toepkej@gmail.com](mailto:toepkej@gmail.com).

**Coffee Hour Schedule**

March 5 Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict  
March 12 Kay Purnell  
March 19 Rita Larson  
March 26 Sharon MacFarlane

**Next Food and Fellowship:** will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at 12:00. It will be hosted by Koenig's and Jan Schlak. If you plan on attending, please sign the sheet on the table in the hallway. Hope to see you there!

**Next Social Ministry Meeting:** will be Monday, March 13 at 7:00. (Location T.B.D.)

**Ushers:** Thanks to all the ushers for serving our congregation at weekly worship. Ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute in advance from the substitute list that was previously emailed. There is also an usher schedule, with sub's and regular's contact information, in the Usher Guide found in the Narthex lectern. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide or speak with pastor.

If anyone would like to serve by ushering at one of our services, please contact Ed Tatro (815 485 5760) or the Church office. Having substitutes is always a blessing. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Usher Schedule:** As we return to our traditional Lutheran services and communion, we will need at least two ushers per service. Reminder to all ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute from the usher substitute list emailed and/or in the copy in the usher guide at church. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide at Church or speak with pastor.

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!

Alternates: Zack Horn 630 664 9224  
Robert Stark 708 307 4069  
Bob Jackman 815 933-3864

\*Communion Services (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at Late Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Early Service)

\*\*Co-Chairs Worship and Spiritual Life

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

9:00 AM

-Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 [kauntd@gmail.com](mailto:kauntd@gmail.com)

-Biff Aiken 815 954 0682 [biffdebaiken@gmail.com](mailto:biffdebaiken@gmail.com)

10:30 AM

-Brett Carr 815 370 6651 [brettdcarr@gmail.com](mailto:brettdcarr@gmail.com)

-Paul Krol 815 575 1315 [p.krol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.krol@sbcglobal.net)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

9:00 AM

-Edward A. Tatro 815 485 5760 [etatro4@aol.com](mailto:etatro4@aol.com)

-Tim King 815 463 0415 [tim.king1@comcast.net](mailto:tim.king1@comcast.net)

10:30 AM

-Tom Buell 815 485 3769 [tombuell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tombuell@sbcglobal.net)

-Bob Blecke 815 353 7561 [cgm964@comcast.net](mailto:cgm964@comcast.net)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

9:00 AM

-Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 [mgardner1453@gmail.com](mailto:mgardner1453@gmail.com)

-Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 [gpurnell3@hotmail.com](mailto:gpurnell3@hotmail.com)

10:30 AM

-Cameron Hoag 779 279 4223 [cam.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:cam.hoag@gmail.com)

-Dana Knodel 708 822 2902 [danacowboy1@yahoo.com](mailto:danacowboy1@yahoo.com)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:00 AM

-Steve Tomany 815 485 3163 [tomany@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomany@sbcglobal.net)

-Randy Varju 815-685-1363 [randy.varju@aah.org](mailto:randy.varju@aah.org)

10:30 AM

-John Buell 815 726 3601 [jan.buell@yahoo.com](mailto:jan.buell@yahoo.com)

-Phil McFarlane 815 806 1219 [philmacp40@comcast.net](mailto:philmacp40@comcast.net)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:00AM

-Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 [rtoepke@usa.net](mailto:rtoepke@usa.net)

-Jeff Lorenz 815 463 0833 [jlorenz2367@gmail.com](mailto:jlorenz2367@gmail.com)

10:30AM

-Paul Krol 815 575 1315 [p.krol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.krol@sbcglobal.net)

-Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 [dianesewing@hotmail.com](mailto:dianesewing@hotmail.com)



### **Bible Study News:**

-Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

-Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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](mailto: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:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

OR

**Church Office Hours (No School Days):** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm