

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



Confirmed in Christ

On Sunday, May 3rd, during the 10:30 a.m. service, we will receive the following young adults into membership through Confirmation.

Anabelle Adochio, Jack Benzing, John P. Buell, Christopher Clement, Luke Cullen, Wyatt Grady, Alexander Huber, Alex McDonald, Gregory Pasek, Hallie Remm, Morgan Thomsen, Hannah Wallace.

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.



Our Sunday summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 24th with one service at 9:00 a.m. Our Contemporary Services will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Communion will be served on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Church Member Update during the month of April, 2015

Baptisms:

Saturday, April 11, 2015 – Mason Jacob Toepke, son of Jessica and Brian Toepke, birthdate October 8, 2014.

Sunday, April 26, 2015 – Lauren Elizabeth Litke, daughter of Kinberly and Edward Litke Jr., birthdate June 5, 2014.

Released

James, Shelly, Noah and Ella Manning to Messiah Lutheran Church, Joliet, IL.



Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's 1st Quarter Report: The congregation adopted a 2015 General Fund Budget of \$201,752 at its Annual Meeting on January 25. The Budget is 2.7% higher than contributions made to the General Fund in 2014. The Council deemed the increase warranted to cover expected higher operating costs. A cost-neutral salary adjustment for Pastor was made to compensate for increased risk associated with a lower cost health plan. Modest

salary increases of 2% were granted for Pastor, the Church Secretary, Organist and Choir Director. Primary support of the General Fund by the congregation is very important to meeting Trinity's ongoing needs.

During the quarter, all due bills were paid. Budgeted contributions were made to Missions and LCCF. General Fund receipts were about 12% higher than those received during the same period last year. Expenses were over budget about 2% due mainly to snow removal, utility and various material costs. We want to thank everyone for their support of Trinity Lutheran Church and its missions. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Prospero, Financial Secretary, or Bruce Hasch, Treasurer.



Bible Classes: Everyone is invited to join one or both classes! Classes meet in the library.

**Sunday Mornings at 9:15 through May 17th
Wednesday Mornings at 8:30 a.m.**



75 Years and Going Strong!

Dear Members of Trinity:

We request your attendance on June 14, 2015 to join us as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Lenox. We have seen a number of changes over these 75 years, but a number of things remain the same. Our building stands tall and strong and is looking and sounding as good as it has in recent years thanks in large part to the recent addition of our new organ. We have also had a lot of clean-up work done at Trinity in recent months as we prepare for this celebratory occasion. One constant that we have enjoyed throughout our 75-year history is a dedicated and supportive group of members who have tended to the church's needs. We invite you to celebrate with us 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, 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 long may see some familiar faces that day.

We'll be working between now and then on the installation of a lift for those needing special assistance entering the church. Our plan is to add this to the south end of the building and improve the accessibility of our church with this addition. There are a number of other smaller projects under way as well, but the organ and the lift were our two major projects we hoped to have completed by the 75th anniversary and we remain on target for that as of this writing. Hopefully by June 14th, you'll find this second project and related improvements to be complete for the betterment of our house of worship. It is our hope that this will make getting into Trinity to share in our worship easier for all members for many years to come.

Tickets for this event will be available following services between now and June 7th. If you won't be able to buy tickets in person but would like to be there with us on June 14th, please contact the church office at [\(815\)485-6973](tel:8154856973) or by e-mail at tlcsecretary@sbcglobal.net to arrange for your tickets. 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.

*We hope to see you there,
Trinity's 75th Anniversary Committee*

As part of our 75th anniversary in 2015, we have been featuring several of our organizations and this will continue this through June. Our goal was to have each of these organizations assist with the Sunday services and for a representative of each organization to provide a brief overview of what their organization does and let other members know how they can get involved with each of these groups. In addition to this overview, members of these organizations will be supporting the services, providing greeters, readers, ushers and other support. The Ushers will be recognized on Sunday, May 10th.

Trinity's 75th Year Celebration.

Did you see the article in the April 16, 2015 edition of The New Lenox Patriot. It was on page 8 and 9. A copy is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The New Lenox Historical Society has graciously included Trinity's 75th anniversary as part of their display at the Village Hall. Check out the display case in the North side entrance to the Village Hall.



The HISTORICAL AND STAINED GLASS WINDOW PRESENTATION was held last Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Thank you to Ed Tatro and Bob Romadka for the interesting and very informative presentation. The Social Ministry Committee prepared and served the chili and hot dog lunch just prior to the presentation. Thanks to the committee for all their work. Also, thanks to our members who donated salads and desserts to go along with the lunch.



Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us. If you have any questions please call the church office at 815.485.6973.



Coffee Hosts

Thanks to the coffee hosts for serving coffee after the early service each week. We have a couple new hosts who signed up for the 4th Sunday of the month. There are a few months still open. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. Would you be able to service coffee one month? This is not only for women, but men may do it too. If so, please sign up. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.

St. Matthew's

Please continue to donate rummage and food. These items will be taken to St. Matthew's periodically.

Maria Leal, director of St. Matthew's Inner-City Soup Kitchen's twice-weekly meals served to over 100 homeless and needy persons, will be honored on Mother's Day, May 10th, by having the meals hall dedicated as the Maria Leal Lutheran Center. She, along with 4-5 unpaid mission kitchen helpers, works daily to assure that meals will be ready. Please include her and her crew in a prayer of support and thanksgiving for all they do in this needy world.

Chancel Guild The next meeting will be Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.
Hostesses are Ann Romadka and Kay Purnell.

Church Council The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting date has been moved from the 10th due to that being Mother's Day.

Women's League The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26th at 12:30 pm. This will
be a work session meeting. Hostesses are Pat Czerwinski and Judy Wilmsen.



Trinity Pre-School – Registrations are being taken for the Fall Pre-School. Please tell your friends and neighbors. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2014 the tuition per month will be \$100 for two day students and \$125 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2015. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



Vacation Bible School

Join us for 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 Preschool and church families have priority in registering through May 9. Registration opens to the public on May 10. The password for online registration is “trinity”. Please do not share this password outside of church!

We also need 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.



Our April 6th blood drive was a big success with 17 donations. We will be hosting another blood drive in about 8 weeks. Tell your friends and neighbors. Thank you to everyone who donated blood and also to Deb Aiken for coordinating this. Watch the Newsletter and bulletins for the next date.



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to greet or read at our worship services. Thanks also to everyone who has served at MorningStar Missions on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If you have not yet volunteered for any of these in the past, give it a try in May.! New sign up sheets are on the hallway table.



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.

AIAnon and OverEaters Anon meet at Trinity each Tuesday evening. These meetings are open to the community.

7:00 p.m. OverEaters Anon (previously held on Wednesdays)

7:00 p.m. AIAnon



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.



Saturday, May 2nd. New Lenox Township's 27th Annual Township Wide Clean Up Day. This is for Village and Unincorporated Township Residents. A list of items which will be picked up, or which may be dropped off is on the hallway table. For further information visit www.lewlenox.org or call 815.485.6431.



Please check the coat rack outside the gym, and also the counter in the gym kitchen. Several items are there. If they belong to you, please take them home.

Church office hours are Monday and Thursday, 9-3; Tuesday and Thursday, 9-12.



Are you on Facebook? We are! "Like" Trinity Lutheran church – New Lenox, IL and receive up to date information on current and upcoming church events."