

May 2016

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Why worship?

Simply because you've taken a beating all week long and you need to know that God loves you even when others don't.

Simply because you've dished it out as well and you need to know that God forgives you in Jesus Christ even when others don't.

Simply because you have lied and been lied to and you need to hear the Truth.

Simply because you are surrounded by death and you need to know that Jesus Christ died to defeat and destroy death, and that he was raised from death to reveal your ultimate destiny.

Simply because very little is certain in life and you need to know that your Baptism into Christ Jesus sealed the certainty of your salvation.

Simply because the Gospel of Jesus Christ is meant to be spoken, sung, heard, and tasted.

That's why!

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag

# MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER



## Confirmed in Christ

Sunday, May 1st, during the 10:30 a.m. service. the following young adults will be welcomed into membership through Confirmation. Michael Daniel Bay, Collin William Black, Kelsey Hanna Evans, Logan Wilfred Hull, Erik William Johnson, Abigail Ellen King, Audrey Grace Minett, Theresa Marie Milianti, Nicholas John Myers, Madison Nicole Simon and Victoria Dawn Urbanczyk. 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 summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 weekends each month.***



**Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report:** The congregation adopted a 2016 General Fund Budget of \$207,457 at its Annual Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Budget is 2.8% higher than the 2015 budget. The Council deemed the adjustment warranted to cover expected operating costs. Modest salary increases of 2% were granted for Pastor, the Church Secretary 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 12.26% higher than those received during the same period last year. Operating Expenses were in line with the first quarter of 2015. 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 Tim King, Treasurer.



### **Update from Council President, Jeff McDonald**

While April showers are more commonly known for bringing May flowers, this past month they brought with them the end of some projects that were regrettably delayed last year. Notably, we saw the completion of our front stairs and sidewalk as well as the installation of the lift railing. Special thanks to our own Scott Beaudry from Sterling Concrete for the great work on our stairs. We can now proceed with getting the railings installed for the main stairs and with getting the main section wrapped in limestone to match the rest of our exterior. While we met with some unavoidable delays in completing this project, the (nearly) finished product was worth the wait and really adds to Trinity's curb appeal. Our members already know what a beautiful church we have at Trinity. The new stairs help the exterior to be shown in an equally positive light.

We also saw the installation of the railing for the lift entrance, which now complies with local code requirements and gives members something to hold onto as they approach the lift entrance. Our lift continues to get a good amount of use and it is definitely serving its intended purposes. Paving along Elm Street has been done, and that should complete the lift project at long last. The good news here is that these final finishing touches have not delayed the use of the lift. Our thanks to our members who have helped others with using the lift. If you need assistance with using the lift, please ask an usher for help.

Virgil Switzer is also very busy at Trinity with a host of improvement projects that he's taken on in addition to his custodial duties. From restoration of our copper light fixtures to power washing the courtyard to helping our Property Directors with assorted tasks, Virgil has had a hand in more improvement projects at Trinity than any other member in recent months. Please ask Virgil to show you some of his accomplishments when you see him at Trinity. He rightfully takes a lot of pride in his work, and I think you'll be pleased to see the fruits of his labors. Our Property committee is also very active in keeping our building in great condition and we thank them for their ongoing efforts as well.

With the help of Dan Bay, cameras have been installed at our north and south entrances. These cameras are on our computer network and they allow our secretary to not only see who is at either entrance right from her computer, but they allow her to talk to the person at the door as well. Not only does this add a convenient feature to our two main entrances, it adds a nice security feature as well. Activity at either entrance is now triggered by motion and recorded with a still photo taken by the cameras. While the primary goal of these cameras was convenience / safety, the added security they instill is a great benefit as well.

Finally for now, we continue to raise money for our ongoing improvement projects. Those again include reassignment of our church offices for optimal utilization of our space, regrading of our courtyard for better drainage, replacement of our gym windows, repair and restoration of our stained glass windows and replacement of the narthex and library flooring. We encourage members to consider donating to one or more of these projects in hopes of completing them with no additional debt. Checks with "capital projects" in the subject line will be applied to

these projects. If you're able to help us with our fundraising efforts here, that would be greatly appreciated. Our thanks to those who have already contributed to these causes.

## MEMBER UPDATES



### Baptisms

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Jemma Katherine Scaccia, born December 16, 2015, daughter of Michelle and Brian Scaccia

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Brody Lee Bacon and Tyler David Bacon, born November 19, 21015, twin sons of Kelly and Michael Bacon



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

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 through May 22nd  
Wednesday Mornings at 8:30 a.m. through May 25th



**SAVE THE DATE! TRINITY'S CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in our backyard, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** THIS IS A PICNIC FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS, NOT JUST THE CHILDREN. There will be games and prizes for all ages. Bring your lawn chair! The Social Ministry Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and water. **We are asking each family to donate a "side" or "dessert" to share. To avoid too many duplicates, please be sure to write down the name of what you will bring. A SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE HALLWAY TABLE. Last date to sign up is Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Grilling will begin at 11:30 a.m. In case of rain, the picnic will be moved inside the gym.

**Chancel Guild** The next meeting will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Sally Jackson and Ann Romadka.

**Church Council** The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. *The meeting date has been moved from the 8<sup>th</sup> due to that being Mother's Day.*



## 2016 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISERS

**Thank you to everyone who has helped the youth raise funds for the National Youth Gathering.** As of April 21, we have raised \$8,190.93 of the \$9,033.00 needed. If you would like to see a breakdown of how this was raised, please see the list on the youth bulletin board.



**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](http://shopwithscrip.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](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or (815)467-2537.

**The May deadlines for turning in orders, along with payment, will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon, and Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon, (with pickup available the following weekend)**



**Vacation Bible School – VBS is scheduled for June 20-24.** Church members have priority in registering until May 1 when registration opens to the public. You can register online at [www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacationbibleschool](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacationbibleschool) or pick up a paper form at church. Children age 3 up to grade 5 are invited to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, and you may pay by PayPal this year or pay by check. Our theme is Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together!

We also are looking for volunteers for the week. Youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacationbibleschool) or talk to Michelle Hoag.

We will have a wish list of snack and other donations later in May. 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!



## **Social Ministry**

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Social Ministry's "Sole Hope" Outreach Project was a great success.** *Because of our many volunteers, we were able to make 150 pairs of shoes for the children in Uganda. Each shoe consists of 12 individual pieces, so our helpers did a lot of tracing and cutting. Not only are we providing shoes for the children, but it also provides jobs for their tailors and shoemakers. These shoe pieces have been sent to Sole Hope along with a check for \$1,300.00, which is the amount collected from your donations. Thanks to everyone for your support of this project.*



## **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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We still have a few open months. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.

Donations  
are GREATLY  
appreciated!

## **St. Matthew's**

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

**Women's League** The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm.** Our Guest Speaker will be **Patti Jo Scates, the New Marketing Director at The Cottages in New Lenox, which is now under new management.** Hostesses are Judy Wilmsen and Pat Czerwinski.



**Pre-School Registration for September 2016-2017.** 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 2016, will be \$105.00 for two day students and \$130 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2016.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. If you have not yet volunteered for any of these in the past, give it a try in May! The May sign up sheets are on the hallway table.**



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Christine Stark has been in charge of the altar flowers for a few years. She has recently stepped down and Kay Purnell is our new contact. Thanks to both these ladies for their help. 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 Kay Purnell at 815.485.9017 or email her at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.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.



Something new! **“WHO AM I”**. Check it out at [www.trinitynewlenox.org](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org) On opening screen, click on the 3 white lines on the upper left side of page, then go down to “Who Am I”. Please tell us about yourself. We will randomly feature members in our bulletins. We hope our members will learn more about one another as these items are featured.



**Thank you to everyone who donated blood on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We had 14 donations. A special thanks to Deb Aiken for once again coordinating this drive.**



**Quilt Fabric & Book Sale – The Frankfort United Methodist Church is holding a fabric sale on SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** We have a large collection of good quality quilt fabric in varying sizes and colors; thread; lots of books, patterns & magazines, as well as some kits & UFO's. The family of Marlene Schaefer, a longtime friend and avid quilter, has generously donated her stash. In Marlene's memory all donations will go to the FUMC Women's Retreat Ministry. The church is located at the corner of Sauk Trail and Linden Drive (215 Linden Dr.) in Frankfort, IL. For further information, please contact the church office at 815-469-5249 or email [administrator@frankfortumc.org](mailto:administrator@frankfortumc.org). COME SHOP WITH US!!

**An Opiate Recovery Group meets at Peace Lutheran Church, 1900 E. Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox. each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** Are you or a loved one struggling with heroin or opiate dependence? This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing drugs. A typical meeting will start as a whole group and then break into two support groups, one for those struggling and one for the parents, siblings and loved ones. Too many people lost in addiction feel hopeless. The good news is people can and do recover, and lead happy and productive lives. For more information, please contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

**Healing Hearts Survivors of Suicide Support Group Meetings – Third Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the New Lenox Police Dept., 200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox.** For information please call Dan Martin Public Safety Division Chief at 815.462.6128.

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



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