

May 2022

Dear Friends,

For the most part, our God is a hidden God except where He chooses to reveal Himself and the places where He promises to be (the Word, Baptism, the Lord's Supper).. In other places God is simply veiled but He is still present. In worship, the veil is lifted and God is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In everyday life Jesus is distressingly disguised as the hungry, the thirsty, the poor, the sick, and the prisoner when we encounter them in the world (Matthew 25). But he is helpfully disguised as...you and the various roles you have, such as your job, your place in the family, and your role in the community. Opportunities arise to serve others in these capacities. This is what Scripture calls "love" and it is fitting for us as God's image bearers.

This all means that God is not detached from our world but is involved in it, nurtures it, and cares for it. He doesn't live on the upper floor of a house and the rest of the world on the lower floors. Our abode is a one floor house consisting of us and God. It is heaven and earth coming together without either losing its substance or character. God lives with His people and sustains creation.

In worship, God lives with His people and gives and sustains faith in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit through the means He has appointed. It is also heaven and earth coming together, an earthly manifestation of the Kingdom of God. We receive repentance, forgiveness, and faith. And over all, we put on and are clothed with love in Christ Jesus. We are made anew as the continuing gifts of Baptism are showered upon us. Then we go out into the world entering our vocations clothed with the righteousness of Christ. This remains the pattern for our lives until we breathe our last. Our bodies return to the dust that they came from, and our spirits return to God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12:7) Everything is under the watchful presence of God. Our lives are hidden with God in Christ, and in this we rejoice!

*Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of everything,  
Your portion shall remain.*

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, we are Beginning Summer Hours. There will be only one Service at 9:00am.

*the 9:00am and 10:30am Services will resume on: Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>*

## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

President's Message:

It was business as usual this Easter bringing back all our in-person Lenten and Easter services, festivities, and the Easter breakfast. Many thanks to those of you who helped make these special events happen. It did my heart good to see all the camaraderie between our members - longstanding and new. Pastor, we especially thank you for leading the congregation and keeping our members spiritually engaged. It was a wonderful Easter! I look forward to the rest of the year and all it has to offer.

Moving forward the Church has purchased a service to perform background checks on church employees and adult volunteers who engage with our youth. This was initiated just prior to the pandemic and put on hold until things returned to normal. The English District recommended we take this step to protect our youth. Parish Education will be coordinating.

We have received a request from the English District to consider a donation(s) to their on-line silent auction being held on June 12 to generate funds for the District Endowment Fund for the benefit of missions and ministry. If any of you are interested in donating and/or participating, please contact Pastor Hoag, Tim King, or myself for details.

A few more highlights discussed during the April Church Council meeting are as follows:

- Property reported the new toilets have been installed.
- Property will be requesting updated quotes on resurfacing our parking lot.
- Parish Education is planning a teacher appreciation event.
- Five of our youth will be attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, in July.
- The May church council meeting has been moved to Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 PM due to Mother's Day and other conflicts.

Wishing you God's Blessings. Be safe.

Gary

**Member News!!!**



2022 Baptisms:

- Gabriel Wojnarowski Bendoraitis 01/09/22
- Matthew Robert Longmire 02/20/22
- Russell Roy Goebig 04/03/22



**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:

**Last Day of Sunday School** will be on: Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. At 10:00am, we will have an End of the Year Celebration. Parents should attend.

**Vacation Bible School:** is asking to bring in Toilet-Paper Rolls. There will be a box outside the church secretary's office. Thank You!

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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or older). If you can help every day or just a day or two, please contact Michelle Hoag at [hoagmichelle@msn.com](mailto: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.



**Confirmation – Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.** The following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Trent Brett Berkey, Beckham Michael Elmlund, Ethan Erik Garrison, Gunnar Richard Kipper, Emily Michelle Yeager. 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.



### **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 May:**

May 1 - Confirmation Day – Janice Prospero / Wendy Kaun  
May 8 - Wendy Kaun / Lois Dobbs  
May 15 - Lois Dobbs / Jennifer Mudrock  
May 22 – Jennifer Mudrock / Robin Krol  
May 29 – Robin Krol / Doris Bay

**Chance Guild** Members would like to thank the following people for purchasing lilies to help decorate the Chancel area for our Easter services:

Biff & Debbie Aiken; Dunc & Allene Bachmann; Jennifer Kojro-Badziak; Scott, Liz, Max & Emily Benedict; Denise Buchanan; Brian & Kim Burbank; Randy & Debbie Crawford; The Cuthbert Family; Janet DeForest; Lois Dobbs; Bob & Tammy Doerrer; Jan Falk; Pat Fuerst & Family; Suzanne Kambic; Tom & Wendy Kaun; Kevin, Christina, & Gunnar Kipper; Dana Knodel; Les & Cheryl Koenig; Karma Krzysiak; Jeff & Sharon Lorenz; Phil & Sharon MacFarlane; Jeff & Janell McDonald; Jennifer Mudrock; Carol Oldendorf; The Ondera Family; Michael & Emily Perkins; Gary & Kay Purnell; Doug & Jan Schlak; Virgil & Nikki Switzer; Caton & Brandy Tinker; Steve Tinker; Rex & Jan Toepke; Judy Niemann-VanderVeen; Larry & Ann Wennlund; and Daniel & Susan Willenborg.

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

Flowers left in the refrigerator will be disposed of after 1 week.

May Altar Flower List:

May 1 ..... Kim Burbank - Thrivent Financial Advisor  
In Honor of the Anniversary of Kim's Leap of Faith  
Sharing with:  
Scott, Liz, Max & Emily Benedict  
In Honor of Gunnar Kipper's Confirmation

May 8 ..... The Steve Tinker Family and Jan Schlak  
In Memory of Rita Tinker  
Sharing with:  
Judi Niemann-VanderVeen - Celebrating Betty Dunn and  
Celebrating the Christening of Mary Elizabeth Niemann -  
Daughter of Jeff & Chelsea Niemann

May 15 ..... The Sewing Family  
In Memory of Wife/Mother Carol Sewing

May 22 ..... Pat Fuerst and Family  
In Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings and In Memory of Paul Fuerst

May 29 ..... Paul & Robin Krol  
In Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings



**Wednesday Morning Bible Class** is held at 8:30 a.m. in person and online. If you are interested in attending online, please give Pastor Hoag a call and he will provide the link.

**Thursday Evening Bible Class** is held at 7:00 p.m. in person and online. If you are interested in attending online, please give Pastor Hoag a call and he will provide the link.



**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 815-228-4902.

**The next scrip card deadline will be Sunday, May 8, 2022. 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

## **Social Ministry Announcements:**

### **Food and Fellowship:**

Would you like to be part of a new activity at Trinity? Join Social Ministry on Tuesday, May 3 at 12:00. We will enjoy a hot dog lunch and then play Bingo. Prizes will be awarded! We will also make plans for future activities. Adults of all ages are invited to attend. Feel free to bring a friend! If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table outside the office. We look forward to seeing you then!

-Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16, 7:00, at the home of Jan Clark.

**-Coffee Hours Are Back!!** Beginning in March, Coffee Hour will take place on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. If you are interested in hosting or helping another person, please sign the sheet on the table outside the office.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts:**

~~April 3 - Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict Thank You!~~

~~April 17 - Easter - No Coffee Hour~~

May 1 - Kay Purnell

May 15 - Kim Burbank

May 29 - Ann Wennlund

**Ushers:** If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing.

Worship and Spiritual Life Report for the Annual Meeting February 2022 By: Ed Tatro

Special Thanks to all the Ushers, listed below, who have served and continue to serve during the COVID pandemic at regular services, summer outdoor services, and special services ie: Christmas, New Years and Funeral Services. Congratulations to Bob Blecke, Dana Knodel, and Zack Horn for joining our Trinity usher cohort this past year.



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

9:00 AM

- Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 [kauntd@gmail.com](mailto:kauntd@gmail.com)
- Larry Wennlund 815 274 2213 larrywennlund@comcast.net

10:30 AM

- Brett Carr 815 370 6651 [brettdcarr@gmail.com](mailto:brettdcarr@gmail.com)
- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### 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

10:30 AM

- Jeff McDonald 815 462 2454 [jjmcd97@hotmail.com](mailto:jjmcd97@hotmail.com)
- Dana Knodel 708 822 2902 danacowboy1@yahoo.com

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

9:00 AM

- Steve Tomany 815 485 3163 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

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)

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:**

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- 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](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)

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