

October 2020

Dear Friends,

Now that the weather is beginning to change, and the days are getting cooler, it's time to move worship indoors to the sanctuary. I've enjoyed the outdoor services as I'm sure many others have also.

Moving indoors means that we need to be a bit more careful in our practices of good hygiene and other virus mitigation efforts, including physical distancing and mask wearing. We ask that all who attend worship to observe these protocols.

Our livestreamed services will continue on Sunday's at 9am on Facebook and YouTube and will continue in perpetuity.

For now, we will have one in-person worship service on Sunday's at 10am beginning October 3. These services will use spoken liturgies. We will not be singing as it is recommended that we don't. Space is limited to 50 people, so reservations will be required. Call the church office at 815-485-6973 or email Judi at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) to make a reservation.

The pandemic and its fallout, the political division, and the racial unrest in our country are things we would rather not see. But these are our present-day realities that we need to deal with. And they are nothing new! We've seen these movies before. There will always be struggle and tension in this world. It is rebellious and broken, and we see this every day. We are not immune to these things as they threaten life and limb.

But not hopelessly so! We are always sustained and kept by the mercy of God no matter what is going on in the world or even our lives. Jesus suffered what we go through in order to defeat the invisible and demonic powers in the world, removing the things that stand against his people. His death on the cross for us made a mockery of them. They continue to march their way through the world doing their worst, but only as captives of Christ (Colossians 2:15). The struggle continues, but we are assured the victory eternal life in Christ Jesus!

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag



2020 Newsletter

Cool weather means fall fun for everyone. Enjoy the fall leaves, pumpkins, hayrides, bonfires and football games. Come join us at some of our fall activities.

We will continue to broadcast our service live on Facebook and YouTube on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

We will also be having an Outdoor Service each Sunday with communion at 10:00 am weather permitting. If it is raining, we will move inside to the church but no singing will be allowed. Masks must be worn at either service.

#### **UPDATE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JEFF MC DONALD**

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, our kitchen remodel project has been approved by the Village of New Lenox! In case you haven't seen the transformation, please check out this video that was created to show the progress from start to finish: <https://youtu.be/vs-iBsOlg50>. This was truly a team effort, but there were some who really invested a lot of time and energy into this project. I would be remiss if I didn't single out Jeff Lorenz and Dan Bay from our Property Committee for the countless hours they invested, but the plumbing exploration work (and more!) done by Tom Buell and family also has to be acknowledged. Last but far from least, all of YOU who helped to financially support this project are appreciated as well. The transition from start to finish is truly remarkable and we hope you'll come down and see the newly remodeled space for yourself before long.



#### [Trinity Kitchen Project](#)

From an initial concept in the fall of 2018 to the start of our exploration in April 2019, the following year brought us a number of setbacks and added costs...  
[youtu.be](#)

As was mentioned in the last two newsletters, I am stepping down as council President at the end of this year. We remain in search of a member of our congregation to step into this role. With elections coming up this month, **time is truly of the essence**. If you have any interest in learning more about

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what this position involves or in potentially serving in this capacity, I encourage you to reach out to me, Pastor Hoag or any other member of council for details. I will work with the new President as much as they want in order to ensure a smooth transition, so please prayerfully consider serving Trinity in this capacity. I have very much enjoyed my time as council President but it is time for me to step out of that role and that creates an opportunity for one of you to step in.

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to enjoy one of our outdoor services. It has been very rewarding to return to even some semblance of normal after being apart for so long. I realize this is not a viable option for everyone, so I trust that our online services are fulfilling your spiritual needs in the event congregating outdoors (in masks, socially distant, etc.) is not something you're able or willing to do. However it is that you're seeing our services, know that we remain together in spirit and that there WILL come a day when going to church is a normal thing that works its way back in to our weekly lives. Until then, please continue your Trinity experience in whatever way suits you best.

### **Church Member Updates during the month of September 2020**



#### **Baptisms:**

Colton Lee Cox, birth date April 28, 2020, baptized September 6, 2020

### **Church Council Elections are approaching on the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have considered becoming more involved with the running of the church, please consider running for a council position. All positions are for a two-year term, beginning in January 2020. Council meets monthly (excluding summer months) on the second Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Positions coming up for election are:

- Director of Outreach (a co-position)
- Director of Property (a co-position)
- Director of Spiritual Life (a co-position)
- Financial Secretary
- Director of Parish Education
- Director of Social Ministry
- Council President
- Council Secretary

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Pastor Hoag at your earliest convenience.



**Chancel Guild's Annual Fall Salad Luncheon – Has been cancelled for this year.**

***Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning the church. We only need a few people, so if you are not comfortable with the Covid situation please do not feel obligated to come.***



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Chancel Guild members would like to thank those who sponsored a weekend this last year. We thank you for your flexibility considering the impact Covid-19 restrictions had on church attendance and our flower orders. We pray life will return back to normal in 2021. **A new 2021 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted.** You can find it in the glass case hanging on the wall across the old office. If you would like to reserve a weekend for **2021** in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings, please fill out a sponsor sheet. Sponsor 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 gym will be disposed of after 1 week.

**Altar Flowers for the month of October:**

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| October 4, 2020  | Steve & Rita Tinker in Celebration of their 48 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary                                 |
| October 11, 2020 | Judi Donovan in Celebration of Tanner's Birthday   |
| October 18, 2020 | Judi Donovan in Memory of her Mother, Helen Sullivan and Denise Buchanan and family in Memory of Robert Buchanan |
| October 25, 2020 | Judi Donovan in Celebration of Logan's Birthday  |

**Chanel Schedule for October:**

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October 4, 2020 Jan Prospero / Lois Dobbs

October 11, 2020 Lois Dobbs / Judi Donovan

October 18, 2020 Judi Donovan / Jan Falk

October 25, 2020 Jan Falk / Sally Jackson



**Trinity Pre-School**

***Pre- School will not open until after the first of January 2021***



Sunday School re-opened on September 13<sup>th</sup> with the options of in person or remote learning. Please register at [www.trinitynewlenox.org](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org) to choose your option. You must register before attending so we can prepare everything for the students. Sunday School will meet from 9:15 am till 9:55 am.

To keep our students and staff safe, some of the changes we have made include:

- There will be no opening in the church sanctuary. Students will stay in their classrooms.
- Students will be socially distanced within the classroom.
- Parents will not be allowed in the classroom, except for parents of preschoolers if needed.
- All attending will be required to wear a mask. If a mask cannot be worn, you can take advantage of our remote option.
- We will follow CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines.
- Further procedures will be shared with parents once you have registered.



### Religious Humor:

The Doorbell – A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy’s efforts for some time, the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell. Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, “And now what, my little man?” To which the boy replies, “RUN”!!



**Wednesday Morning Bible Class** meets each week from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.

**Thursday Night Bible Class** meets each week at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.



**Choir practice** - Choir has been cancelled until further notice.



**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Craft and Vendor Fair** – Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> , 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Rain date is **October 10<sup>th</sup>**). The Craft and Vendor Fair is **OUTDOORS** this year! Bring a friend and do some early holiday shopping. Even though we are outdoors, shoppers should wear a mask and practice social distancing.



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS** – This is a fundraiser for the Youth Group. These cards are the same gift cards that 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. Order forms are on the hallway table below the Youth bulletin board. You may place your order/payment in the gold envelope which is hanging on the end of the desk credenza in the church office. 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 question you may have to Angie Minett at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or (815) 467.2537. **Deadline for turning in orders, along with payment is Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Pre-ordered gift cards will be available for pick-up the weekend after the order is placed.



**Prayer Chain:** Thanks to Ginny DeCarlo and Pat Fuerst for heading up this very worthwhile organization. Please feel free to contact Pat or Ginny via the telephone to leave a prayer request, or Ginny via email to get a prayer started. Contact information: Pat 815 485 6441, Ginny 815 485 2001 or [ginny@vdecarlo1952@gmail.com](mailto:ginny@vdecarlo1952@gmail.com)

**Church Council Meeting, Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**



Church office hours are **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-2 PM.**

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