

September 2011

Dear Friends of Trinity,

What a Fall we have planned! A new Sunday School, Contemporary Worship on Saturday evenings, and Bible Classes. I'm very excited about these things that will be on offer, so I'd like to say a few words about them.

**Contemporary Services:** Beginning Saturday, September 10 at 5pm we will be conducting contemporary worship every Saturday! We've put some really hard work into this ongoing project and it's starting to pay off. We have a standard liturgy that we've been using, but look for some surprises as we go along—new songs, new worship elements, and perhaps some new visuals and sounds. If this service is more to your liking then gather your friends, families, and neighbors and bring them to this new worship experience!

**Sunday School:** Over the summer the Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers have been working very hard to redesign and revamp the way we do Sunday School. We've adopted a model that is similar to our VBS model which has proven to be successful. It will make the Sunday School more focused, and we're confident that the kids will really enjoy it. Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15am. Round up the kids (PreK through Grade 8) and bring them to the new and improved Sunday School!

**Bible Classes:** The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will be thematically-driven. We will cover a different topic each week, with topics ranging from death and dying to non-Christian religions. The sky's the limit on this. We'll begin on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30am (note the time change). Upcoming topics are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Plan on attending the topics that particularly interest you or tell others who might benefit from a particular topic.

The Wednesday morning Bible Class will begin on September 14 at 8:30am and we will be studying the book of Revelation—it's images, themes, and meanings. Putting it all together we will discover what this mysterious book is all about. Contrary to popular opinion, it isn't about the end of the world. It's about the victory and triumph of God through Jesus Christ. It's a great read once you get to know how to read it!

There's so much more I could write but this will have to do for now. Stay tuned, watch your newsletters and bulletins, and get involved!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Hoag". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Pastor Hoag".

Pastor Hoag

# September 2011!!!!

## CHANCEL

4 – Wendy Kaun & Jeri Sandt  
11 – Jeri Sandt & Christine Stark  
18 – Christine Stark & Robin Krol  
25 – Robin Krol & Lois Dobbs

Our next meeting is on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Jan Falk and Sally Jackson.

## **WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. We will be making blankets for MorningStar. All material will be provided, all we need is YOU! Hostesses are Jan Falk, Midge Meents and Helen Tatro.**

## **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation**

Do you have children in either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade? If so, you should have received an informational letter in the mail. If you haven't, please contact the church office so that you can receive this information and be included in future mailings.

Orientation for Confirmation studies will be on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss curriculum, goals, expectations, opportunities, etc. and of course, any questions that you may have.

## **RALLY DAY.....**

Sunday school starts on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. We'll meet in the church for a short service and then be dismissed with your new teacher. Any children that are 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and their parents are invited. If your children haven't attended Sunday school before, just stop by the office or call (815) 485-6973. If have questions please contact Judi Donovan at (708) 720-5128. Sunday School has been completely redesigned to more closely resemble the VBS format. Come and see the exciting changes!

## **CHOIR – TLC STYLE**

Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Choir loft. Please join us at this first meeting as we discuss a schedule that will work with everyone's busy lives. Julie Verchimak can be reached at (815) 723-1429 for additional information.

## **MORNING STAR SERVING**

Our serving dates for September are the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45. If you are able to serve, please sign-up on the appropriate sheets in the hallway or contact Judy at (815) 462 1374.

There is also a separate list available for people who want to sign up for MorningStar to fill in on an as-needed basis. Sometimes life happens and we need extra help. Please put your name and number on the sheet if you want to be "on-call." Thanks!

**PORTABLE CRAFTING GROUP:** The next meeting of this group is Friday September 9, from 5:00- 11:00 p.m. in the church gym. Anyone who has a craft that is portable is welcome to join us. Bring your own supplies. No experience needed. We'll be working on birthday cards and sympathy cards. Suggested donation is \$2. Call or email Kim Alfano with questions. (708) 478-5627 or [KimHuntingtonAlfano@comcast.net](mailto:KimHuntingtonAlfano@comcast.net)

When we met in July, we set the whole schedule for the year. All meetings (no meeting in Dec) are on the second Fri of the month and are from 5-11. Over the course of the year, you will have an opportunity to make all the cards you might need and probably get a scrapbook done as well; in addition to a lot of fun. Please make note of these dates and themes – they are also available on our facebook page viewable by invitation only!

October 14 Cards: Christmas

November 11 Card: Thank you and Thanksgiving

December: no meeting

January 13 Card: Birthday

February 10 Card: Valentines, Anniversary, Wedding

March 9: Card: Easter and New Arrivals

April 13 Card: Graduation, Mother's Day

May 11 Card: Graduation, Father's Day

June 18 SERVICE PROJECT – VBS

July 6

## TRINITY PRAYER

## CHAIN

Trinity Lutheran has a Prayer Chain that is available to anyone for prayer support by fellow members. These prayers may be for personal, congregational, community, governmental, and all other needs. All requests are kept confidential. Please call Ginny De Carlo (815) 485-2001 to request a prayer. The Bible says, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16b.

If you are interested in being part of the Prayer Chain, or would like more information please give Ginny a call. You can also call the office at (815) 485-6973. We would be happy to provide you with all the information. Please consider being part of this worthwhile endeavor. You can make a difference.

## Craft/Vendor Fair

- Mark your calendars! FREE ADMISSION! The youth will be sponsoring a Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We already have several crafters and vendors signed up, but are still looking for more. If you are interested in reserving a booth, the cost will be \$30 for a table (or two) and a donation of one item for a raffle. For more information, contact Donna Cuthbert at 815-462-0380 or [rusty351@ameritech.net](mailto:rusty351@ameritech.net).

## SHAREFEST ACTIVITIES

[www.sharefestnewlenox.com](http://www.sharefestnewlenox.com), See the separate page for all the ways to help and be helped by Sharefest.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SEEKING A POSITION ON CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE UPCOMING TERM, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR, OR SHELDON KLEMM, CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT. ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR CONGREGATION AND LORD.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE 9/1 7 PM

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

a) **Revelation** -- The Biblical book of Revelation it's images, themes, and meanings. Putting it all together we will discover what this mysterious book is all about. Contrary to popular opinion, it isn't about the end of

the world. It's about the victory and triumph of God through Jesus Christ. It's a great read once you get to know how to read it!

. Join us on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 14th, at 8:30 am. All you'll need to bring is a Bible and maybe a notebook to write down insights.

**Adult Bible Class** will begin on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30am (note the time change; it's 15 minutes later because Pastor Hoag is going to do the Sunday School openings). The following is a list of topics that we will deal with in the months of September and October. Please attend any that might interest you or tell someone you think might benefit from any of these.

September 18: Death and Dying  
September 25: Making God Bigger  
October 2: Navigating Change  
October 9: Moving Through Suffering  
October 16: Receiving Joy  
October 23: Maturing in Service  
October 31: Re-imagining Life

### *YOUTH NEWS*

**ALL YOUTH!!!!** YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COME TO A COOKOUT AND PLANNING MEETING AT CHURCH, Saturday, September 10, AT 6 PM FOLLOWING THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE. COST: free! JUST BRING A BAG OF CHIPS, A DESSERT, OR A 2 LITER OF POP OR WATER. We will be planning the year's events. High school, junior high, and junior youth are invited. Parents, we could use your help also, so please come.

Siblings are welcome to come too. Please e-mail [hoagmichelle@msn.com](mailto:hoagmichelle@msn.com) or sign up on the sheet on the youth bulletin board so we can plan for enough food.

### HELP WANTED:

With the beginning of the Contemporary Services on 9/10, we have the exciting task of needing to fill spots for ushers and greeters, and probably even Chancel will need help! Trinity really shines in this area. A series of sign up sheets will be going up; please either sign up for specific services or sign up to be on a "master" list to be called on in an "as-needed" capacity. Look for these sheets after Labor Day. They will be on colored paper to help them stand out. Won't you sign up to volunteer once every couple of months? Thanks!

### Thanks from Social Ministry!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank the entire congregation for unbelievably grand support and attendance of the Ice Cream Social and Artistic Talent Display on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Even though it was a very warm day, we had a terrific turnout with over 120 guests who enjoyed the ice cream and desserts along with the viewing of our talent displays. Many thanks to our members who donated baked items, and to those who helped us in serving the ice cream and desserts.

A special thanks to our "talent" display participants who provided interesting and informative displays. This was a great way for our members to get acquainted with each other and we hope everyone was able to meet someone they did not already know. All the displays were left in place for viewing on Sunday morning after church. Our display participants included: Kim Alfano, Dan Bay, Kim Blecke, Bob Christman, Pat Czerwinski, Colleen Dampf, Karen Dickson, Jim Dyer, Marge Dykstra, Joyce Economous, Ernie Falk, Pat Fuerst, Cody Harbin, Ray Koehler, Jeff Lorenz, Phil MacFarlane, Jacob Munn, Terry Putkammer, Rob Romadka, Dorothy Seehafer, Ed Tatro, Karen Tatro, Rex Toepke and Larry Wennlund.

The next Social Ministry Meeting is Monday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at Midge Meents' home. Prospective members should call 815.485.6527 for directions.

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE YOU WILL FIND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE MAKE COPIES IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING TRAINED TO BECOME A FIRST RESPONDER.

### Fall Blood Drive

If you will roll up your sleeve and save 3 lives on 9/6/11 between 3:30-7:30, Heartland Blood Centers will reward you with a 911 teshirt commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and an \$11 Oberweis gift card. Because of the time it takes to process your donation of life, it is those who donate BEFORE tragedy strikes that save lives most often.

### Men's Network Group

Had an outing to the Joliet Slammers Game on 8/19.

They are having a planning meeting at the Country Charm on Saturday October 1 @ 8 am.

Please RSVP to Daniel Willenborg at 815 462 3592 or [danielandsusan@clear.net](mailto:danielandsusan@clear.net)

One of the topics being discussed is Christmas caroling to shut-ins.

### Readings for September

Weekend of	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
September 4	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 18:1-20
September 11	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 18	Isaiah 55:6-9	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30	Matthew 20:1-16
September 25	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32	Philippians 2:1-18	Matthew 21:23-32

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sam Forsythe	1
Ann Johnson	1
Linda White	1
Brian Garrison	2
Allan Brunmeier	3
Henry Bylaitis	3
Gary Purnell	3
Kendall Sherman	3
Roger Wischover	5
Amy Ingalls	6
Taylor Ivers	7
Lacey Kosel	8
Scott Lueken	8
Courtney Nichols	8
Eva Grady	10
Jan Prospero	10
Jerry Molenaar	12
Tamara Doerr	13
Ricky Adams	14
Kimberly Charles	14
Ruth Janner	15
Sarah Parker	15
Terry Larson	16
Ashley McCure	16
Juliette Pour	16
Jacob Charles	17
Heather Molenaar	17
Devin O'Neill	17
Charlie Sigrist	17
Andrew Ashley	19
Leah Black	19
Quinn Dunmore	19
Thomas Forsythe	19
Mason Klisz	19
Adolf Fandl	20
Lynne Pigney	21
Barb Studer	22
Ethan Kosel	24
Marge Hummel	25
Madison Simon	25
Parker Niemann	26
Marcy Remm	26
Stephen Purnell	27
Rebecca Verchimak	27

Betty Hopkinson	29
Sally Jackson	29
Jacob Capretto	30
Janell McDonald	30
Jessicca Thompson	30

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Duncan & Allene Bachmann	4
Scott & Wendy Elmlund	4
Paul & Robin Krol	5
Bob & Tamara Doerr	6
Harry & Corri Grady	7
Sheldon & Doris Klemm	7
Nick & Jayna Perez	12
Jeff & Kim Alfano	13
Andy & Starlette Torkelson	15
Bob & Karen Dickson	19
Al & Jan Prospero	19
Paul & Jean Moeller	20
Randy & Nancy Varju	20
Rich & Jacqueline Rohner	23
Jack & Lois Dobbs	24
Mark Lord & Marge Hummel	24
Jim & Jeanine Welsh	24
Chris & Pat Reithel	28
Harold & Jane Schrank	28

