

September 2017

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Christians are made at the Baptismal font. They are forged, formed, molded, and shaped in the fire, hammer, and anvil of divine worship for the rest of their lives.

The Word of the Lord is described as a fire and a hammer (Jeremiah 23:29). A poem attributed to John Clifford likens the Scriptures to an anvil that has worn out many skeptical hammers. The Word of the Lord endures forever (1 Peter 1:25). The enduring Word reminds us that there is nothing else in the world that shapes us in the present for eternal habitation and life. Divine worship is the forum in which the Word of the Lord speaks in our present day and prepares us for everlasting life. Nothing, absolutely nothing else in the world does that.

In other words, the Bible does things whether we are aware of them or not, and no matter how we feel about it. Scripture is living and active! This is why worship is so important. Do not neglect this precious treasure.

Through the reading and proclamation of the Word of the Lord, the Holy Spirit kills and uproots the inherent sin and rebellion within us and cleanses and purifies us with the holiness and righteousness of Christ. He bestows forgiveness and creates clean hearts with us. He feeds us with Christ and unites us with Him in The Lord's Supper.

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me. — Martin Luther

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag



2016 Newsletter

Summer is over, schools are back in session. It is time to get back to our regular fall schedules. Our church organizations will also resume.



Our fall/winter worship schedule will resume on Sunday, September 10th as follows:

Saturday - Contemporary Service – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Traditional Service – 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Rally Day & Bible Class – 9:15 a.m.



Ushers – we are using the same fall schedule as last year. Be sure to check the schedule for the dates you are scheduled to usher.



Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. If have any questions or need more information, please talk to Judi Donovan or call the church office at 815.485.6973.



Trinity

From Council President, Jeff McDonald

As you have probably noticed, the office move that I promised would be done in July (or was that June?) remains in the final stage of being nearly completed. Long story story, but the office door had to be re-done and that process encountered a number of delays that were beyond our control. The good news is that we are back on track and I will just conclude by

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saying this will be done shortly. Hats off to Jeff Lorenz for his patience in dealing with all of this, and hopefully you will soon see this project completed.

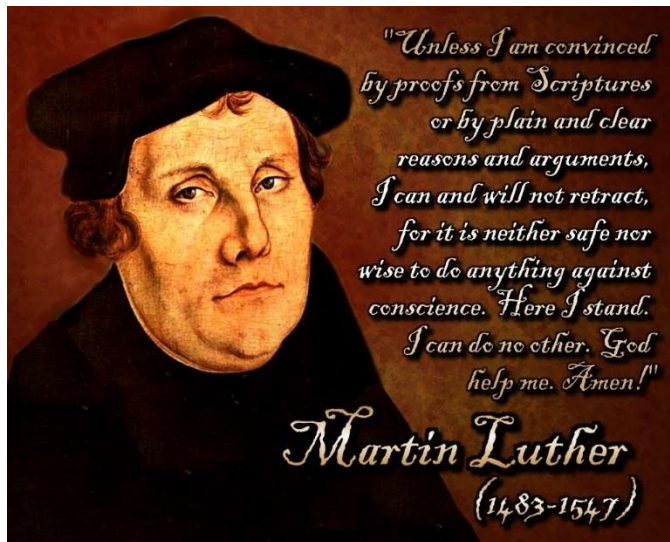
A couple of other property-related items you may notice include our parking lot and our copier. We will be resurfacing and re-stripping our main parking lot, which we hope to have done this Fall. Another winter in its current state would only allow the current cracks in the asphalt to widen and would ultimately be costlier to repair, so we are aiming to have this redone yet this year. We are also reviewing bids for a new copier, as the current copier has become obsolete. A newer machine will not only be cheaper to maintain and operate, but should operate more efficiently as well as giving us scanning capabilities, which we do not currently have. Council will be discussing this when we resume our meetings this month, but the projected cost of the parking lot resurfacing is \$2,900 while the projected cost of a new copier looks to be in the range of \$5,000 to \$6,000. We will discuss how to fund these projects, but both are seen as improvements that would greatly benefit the church.

Speaking of projects that cost money, I wanted to give you a quick update on our stained glass repair fund. We have raised close to \$19,000 to date for this project and will continue to look for donations and other ways to generate funds for this project, which we anticipate will cost upwards of \$45,000 to complete. If you typically make end-of-the-year donations to charities, we ask that you prayerfully consider including this project in your giving this year. We have made great strides in funding this project, but you can see we have a long way to go yet. We appreciate the generous support we have already received and we look forward to eventually having these windows preserved for generations to come by properly taking care of them.

It was great to see a packed church in the summer months with just one Sunday service. Hopefully you have considered my idea from last month's newsletter of reaching out to a neighbor and inviting them to Trinity. Perhaps we can pack the church in Fall/Winter months as well!

Host Families needed – On September 6, 2017, the Big Band and Choir of the Markgrafter Gymnasium in Muellheim, Germany, returns for their sixth visit to the Lincoln Way area. The group will consist of 65 students and chaperones. They arrive on September 6th and depart on September 9th. If you are interested in hosting a couple of these students and chaperones, please stop in the office to read the material that was provided to us or contact Dee Blocker at deeblock@aol.com or 815-603-8679 (cell) or 815-945-8445 (fax).

SAVE THE DATE:



Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World

ABOUT THE FILM

500 years ago, Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of our Lutheran heritage with others. And the only place you can see the film is at the AMC Showplace New Lenox 14 & IMAX on the night of our church's special event on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30pm. This screening is the perfect outreach opportunity—a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an entertaining event in our community.

Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a way to strengthen our faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and a chance to share that experience with others.

IMPORTANT: Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

<http://luthermovie.link/newlenox> (Tickets are \$12 + \$1 service fee, \$13 total)

OR

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See Pastor Hoag if you would like to purchase tickets. Make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church for \$13 and write Luther in the memo.



Confirmation Classes will be held each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class is held every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. Confirmation class is for all 7th and 8th grade children. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Hoag or call the church office at 815.485.6973.

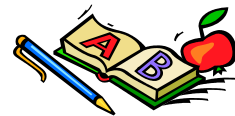


Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 8:30 a.m. in the library. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join.

Thursday night Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday September 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Come and join the group.



Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Preschool News and Information
2017-2018 Trinity Pre-School

AM spots still available please tell your friends and neighbors!

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2017, the tuition per month will be \$105 for two day students and \$130 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2017. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973. Pre-School begins on Tuesday, September 5th.



OLD CAMPGROUND FLEA MARKET

Exhibitors sought for the 39th annual Old Campground Antiques, Collectibles, FLEA MARKET, and Grandpa's Attic Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The well-advertised outdoor sale is held on the wooded grounds of the church, 339 W. Haven Avenue in New Lenox. The 15 x 20 ft. spaces are available for \$30 each. For application and information call 815-485-8271, Ext. 53. Or register online at umcnl.com.

Our organizations will be back in full swing in September.

Ladies would you like to get acquainted with fellow church members? All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend one of our ladies' groups. Joining a group helps you get acquainted with fellow members. *Due to Labor Day being the first Monday, Chancel Guild and Social Meetings have been pushed back one week.*

Chancel Guild will meet on Monday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Social Ministry will meet on Monday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Women's League will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 12:30 p.m.

Please call the church office if you have any questions, or would like further information about any of these organizations.



Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome – “both male and female”. If you have any questions, please call the choir director, Julie Verchimak at 815.723.1429 or call the church office at 815.485.6973.



Chancel Guild: All ladies are welcome to join us.

Next meeting is September 11th at 6:30 pm; hostesses are Kay Purnell and Allene Bachmann. We will be preparing for the October Annual Salad Luncheon.

Women's League



Women's League

The next meeting is September 26th at 12:30 p.m. The group will be finishing the blankets for MorningStar. Hostesses are Ginny DeCarlo, Ruth Hucher and Rita Carlson.

We will be filling bags for chemo patients at the October 24th meeting. Donations can be made for the items needed to fill the bags. Please leave them under the hall table.

A special "thank you" to Pat and Ed Czerwinski for the extra heavy supports they provided for the Hydrangea plants. Also "thank you" to Chuck and Sandy Peters along with Pat and Ed Czerwinski for planting and maintaining the plants outside to beautify the church grounds.



Weekly Coffee Fellowship. Thank you to all the coffee hosts who have been serving each month. We had a couple first time hosts this year, and truly appreciate your help. **Coffee Fellowship is held after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. It is a great way for members to get acquainted. Be sure to stop in.**

**We are in need of a couple volunteers for the
The Fourth Sunday of the month.**

"Fourth Sunday" – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to make coffee on the 4th Sunday, but we are still in need of volunteers for September through November. The sign-up sheet is on the hall table. Please take a turn and volunteer because without you there will not be coffee served for those months. If you have any questions about what is involved in this, please call the church office at 815.485.6973



Chancel Guild – Annual Fall Salad Luncheon



Wednesday, October 4th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$8.00 Carry Outs Available! Men are welcome!

The Women’s League members will be furnishing the desserts. This is Chancel’s only fundraiser and all proceeds will be used to replace and or purchase altar linens and supplies. Tickets may be purchased from any chancel member or through the church office. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, call the church office at 815.485.6973.



Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th at Jeanine Welsh’s home at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are welcome. We are always open to some new ideas or suggestions.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Craft Fair – Our Craft & Vendor Fair will be Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We are currently looking for crafters and vendors who wish to have a booth at our fair. Applications for space can be picked up in the church office or on our website. Contact Donna Cuthbert at rusty351@ameritech.net or Michelle Hoag at hoagmichelle@msn.com to register.

Script Cards - The Youth will continue with *the Scrip Fundraiser Program using the proceeds for the “Capital Improvement” projects at church this year.*

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, our next scrip order deadline will be moved to Monday, September 11th. Orders can be placed in the gold envelope in the church office. Cards will be ready for pick up at church the following weekend. Any questions can be directed to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or (815)467-2537 or Gary Purnell at (815)485-9017. You can also check out shopwithscrip.com to learn more. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser!



ALTAR FLOWERS: Thanks to everyone who has signed up to donate flowers for our altar. There are still a couple open weeks. Check the calendar to see which weeks are still open. If you missed signing up for a special date, please contact Kay Purnell at 815.485.9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com, it may be possible to share a week with another member. The cost of the flowers is \$9.00 per vase or \$18.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service.



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support St. Matthew's through food, clothing, monetary donations or delivering these items to St. Matthew's. These items help St. Matthew's in feeding the hungry and homeless in the Pilsen neighborhood. We are asking that members donate food and paper supplies for their twice weekly meals, to be placed in the designated containers by the parking lot entrance. Household items should be placed in the storage closet area at the far North end of the church basement. Please place the items carefully so they do not block the aisle to the boiler room.

In addition to the food items for St. Matthews Church, there is a need for cleaning products. Examples would be: paper towels, rags, general purpose cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, hand washing soap, hand lotions, hand sanitizers, dishwashing soap, etc. These items can be left in the upstairs bin also.

Thank you to Chuck and Sandy Peters and Virgil for taking the items collected to St. Matthews in the month of August.



Thanks to everyone who signed up last month as a reader, greeter or a volunteer for the MorningStar serving. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Readers and Greeters. The sign-up sheets for September are on the table. Please sign up for the date(s) you would be willing to help out. Readers ... if you'd like a copy of the readings ahead of time, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.

MorningStar Mission. The September sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. Servings will be September 4th and September 18th.



Sharefest New Lenox. August & September Dates

ShareFest is an annual event in New Lenox involving over 103 organizations. During this time, they unite as Proud Americans to meet the needs in the community. This is open to the community. For more info please call 815.727.1614 or visit www.sharefestnewlenox.com.

August 2nd - Frankfort Township Building 9 am – 11 am set up with books

August 5th “Love Monee” 12-2 pm.

August 7-11th Will County Back to School Clothing Drive

August 9th Romeoville Library

August 12th Sort and packing event

August 19th Evergreen Terrace 11 am – 2 pm in Joliet

September 9th – *Recyclepalooza*, at Spencer School Campus, 1711 s. Spencer rd. from 8:00 am – 3:00 p.m.: Electronics, carpet padding (in 45 lengths), wood, scrap metal, Styrofoam, flags, usable latex paint; Donations of books, clothes, home good, food, pet supplies, items for the troops

September 13th – Job Fair at Frankfort Township 1-4 pm.

Volunteers are needed. For more information or to register to volunteer, please call

815.717.2614, or visit at www.sharefestnewlenox.com or www.sharefestwillcounty.com



THRIVENT FINANCIAL

“Savvy Social Security Planning” - Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM and Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM. This complimentary event is hosted by Thrivent Financial and your local representative, Kevin Jensen. Refreshments will be provided. **Signup sheet is on the hall table please reserve a place for yourself and bring a guest.**



Healing Hearts Survivors of Suicide Support Group Meetings; Third Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. It will be an Open Forum this month. Location: New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox. For info please contact Dan Martin, Public Safety Division Chief dmartin@newlenox.net or call 815.462.6493.



Portals of Prayer from October through December are in the wall rack in the Narthex and also on the hallway table. Pick up a copy.



Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9- 1.