

September 2019

Dear Friends of Trinity,

When a nugget of gold is sifted out of the detritus of a riverbed, you might think that you have struck it rich. But a gold nugget is never pure gold. It has minerals and other impurities that need to be removed before you get pure gold. It must go through a refining process that includes being melted in a furnace.

You and I are like that nugget of gold. We have been removed from the riverbed of sin, death, and the devil for the sake of the Lord Jesus. But we are still filled with sin and impurities that must be removed. That means we must be melted in a furnace. I know that sounds strange but stick with me on this.

Worship is the furnace. The fire of God's Word and the Sacraments works at Christ's command to remove sin and separate you from the devil, the ways of the world, and your own sinful nature. As you are bathed in grace and forgiveness, you are cleansed and healed. And unlike the gold nugget, you won't feel a thing. It is simply God's good pleasure to make you His through Jesus Christ! That is the heart of the Gospel of Christ. Know that you are forgiven for the sake of Christ. Come to worship and come often!

In Christ,

Pastor Hoag



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 Saturday & Sunday, September 7th & 8th 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.
All children ages 3 years old through High School are welcome



Ushers – the new fall schedule was emailed out to you. If you did not receive one, please stop in the church office and pick one up. Be sure to check the schedule for the dates you are scheduled to usher.

A big “Thank You” to all our ushers for the work they do to make our services run smoothly.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Usher Sunday Schedule Fall/Winter 2019- Spring 2020

1 st Sunday	8:AM	Tom Kaun	815 485 9604
		Larry Wennlund	815 274 2213
10:30AM		Brett Carr	815 370 6651
		Andy Verchimak	815 723 1429

2 nd Sunday*	8:AM	Edward A. Tatro** Tim King	815 485 5760 815 463 0415
	10:30AM	Anthony Lopez Tom Buell Tommy Buell	815 722 5594 815 4853769 “
3 rd Sunday	8:AM	Mike Gardner Gary Purnell	815 485 9623 815 485 9017
	10:30AM	Jeff McDonald Mike Lyman	815 462 2454 815 485 4637
4 th Sunday*	8:AM	Al McCullough Steve Tomany Randy Varju	815 739 0301 815 485 3163 815 485 7204
	10:30AM	John Buell Phil McFarlane	815 726 3601 815 806 1219
5 th Sunday	8:AM	Rex Toepke Diane Sewing**	815 485 2638 815-592-3911
	10:30AM	Andy Verchimak Jeff Lorenz	815 723 1429 815 463 0833

A minimum of two ushers needed each service. **Please call a fellow usher to take your place if you are not able to serve on your Sunday, also call your counterpart to make them aware.**

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before service and follow the procedures noted in the usher's loose-leaf notebook in the narthex. Thanks in advance!

Alternates:	Paul Krol	815 575 1315	Biff Aiken	815 954 0682
	Robert Stark	815 478 4069	Duncan Bachmann	815 485-3787
	Bill Jackson	815 485 8431	Bob Jackman	815 464 2650

*Communion Services (1st and 3rd Sundays at Late service, 2nd and 4th Sundays at early service)

** Co-chairs Worship and Spiritual Life



Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, September 8th 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.



From Council President, Jeff McDonald

For a quick update on the kitchen remodeling project, I can tell you that the electrical work required by Knight Security to extend our alarms is done. There is more electrical work to be done in the kitchen, but we had to run additional wiring through fellowship hall for our alarm system and that is either done now or will be done very shortly. The kitchen floor had to be saw-cut in the last week of August so that we could run new waste lines since the existing lines were not usable, and that required severing some of the radiant heat lines in the floor. We will be working to repair those lines once the new waste lines are in place and that will be a major step in the right direction for this project. Several members also got involved in reviewing appliance options for the space and we have a number of options to consider for that as a result of those efforts.

The English District recently sent out grant applications to member churches seeking applications for what to do with their proceeds from the sale of Bethany Lutheran Church. They committed to offering grants totaling \$300,000 to area churches, so we have applied for as much as \$15,000 in the form of a grant for our kitchen project. Grant applications are due by September 3rd and from that point, a committee will determine who is eligible and what to award to whom. We are not in dire need, as we have other resources we could tap into to pay for this project, but since the costs seem to be consistently running higher than expectations for this project, we felt it was appropriate to apply for this grant and see if we could fund a portion of the project with grant money. I hope to know by the time of the October newsletter whether we will be receiving any funds from this project or not.

Finally, I will close by returning to a theme I have expressed before. Traditional churches as a whole are struggling with declining membership yet evidence supports the idea that a great many people first interact with a church simply as a result of being asked by someone they know to attend. If you enjoy your worship and membership experience at Trinity, why not share that with a friend or neighbor? Invite them to join you and be a part of our congregation. Or just help promote Trinity on social media by checking in or posting about your membership experience at Trinity. The worst they can do is say 'no,' but you might be helping them to become a part of our church family at Trinity, which is something our current members cherish. We are called to spread the gospel...it might be easier than we think to do just that.



If you have not signed up yet, please contact Pastor Hoag for information. Confirmation is for all seventh and eighth grade students.

All confirmations students are required to serve as acolytes during the year at one of the church services. They are also required to attend church at least once a month and fill out a sermon sheet to be handed in to Pastor Hoag.

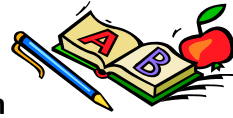


Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 4th at 8:30 a.m. in the library. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join.

Thursday night Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Come and join the group.



Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. All congregation members are invited to attend.



Preschool News and Information
2019-2020 Trinity Pre-School

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 2018, the tuition per month will be \$110 for two day students and \$135 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2019. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973. Pre-School orientation is on September 3, 4, 5 & 6th. First day of Pre-School will be Monday, September 9th.



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.

Chancel Guild will meet on Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m.

Social Ministry will meet on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Jan Toepke's house.

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 11th 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. Come and find out what we do.
Coffee will be served!
Next meeting is September 7th at 9:00 am

We will be preparing for the October Annual Salad Luncheon.



Weekly Coffee Fellowship. Thank you to all the coffee hosts who have been serving each month. **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.**



Chancel Guild – Annual Fall Salad Luncheon



Wednesday, October 2nd from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$8.00 Carry Outs Available! Men are welcome!

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.



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Everyone is invited!

PARTY AT THE DEPOT!

Three reasons why it is time to party at the depot!

1. You wanted to save it – AND WE DID!
2. we had to move it – AND WE DID!
3. Our group likes to have fun – SO WE WILL!!

You're all Invited!

The September 5th meeting of the New Lenox Area Historical Society will be held at the depot on Konow Farm at 16849 S. Cedar Road in Homer Glen.

The depot will be open at 6:30pm for tours and a video presentation will begin at 7:00pm. The video presentation will be a little on the history and a lot of photos and videos of the moving of the depot. We will be sharing the back story of the move and covering a lot of the details that folks have been wondering about.

As always, refreshments and desserts will be served. Wine and beer are available at the farm. You must be 21 years or older!

Members are invited and our community is too! So that we are sure to have enough seating and refreshments, please RSVP to 815.485.5576 or by email to newlenoxhistory@aol.com or on Facebook.

P.S. As an added bonus, you get to peek at the Tilsy-Konow barn! The barn is an Official Will County Landmark.



MEMBER UPDATES FOR August 2019

Deaths:

David Nick (August 1, 2019)

Edward Ashley (August 21, 2019)



Social Ministry

Social Ministry will meet Monday, September 16 at 7:00 at the home of Jan Toepke. Social Ministry is a service organization. One goal of the group is to promote fellowship among congregation members. Mission and service projects are also sponsored by this group. New members are always welcome to join us. Come and find out what is planned for the coming year! If you don't feel you can make a commitment on a regular basis, we can always use help for individual projects. Just let the church office know if you are interested in helping on an as needed basis.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Craft Fair – Our Craft & Vendor Fair will be Saturday, October 12, 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 upcoming Youth Events.*

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, our next scrip order deadline will be moved to Monday, September 9th. 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: Flowers are placed on our altar every weekend 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 2019 Altar Flower Calendar is now completely filled. If you would still like to sponsor a weekend and missed signing up, we have some sponsors who would be willing to share their weekend. With their permission, you could share the cost and the arrangements.** The sponsor forms are attached to the cabinet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please call Kay Purnell at (815) 485-9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com. Altar Guild members would like to thank those of you who signed up this year to sponsor a weekend. A new 2020 calendar will be posted in the fall.



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.



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. Serving will be September 2nd & 16th



Portals of Prayer from October through December will be available in the wall rack in the Narthex and also on the hallway table by the middle of September. Pick up a copy.



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