

September 2021

Dear Friends,

I pray that you are well and navigating life during a pandemic.

Have you ever felt like you were in control of absolutely nothing? Welcome to the human race! We have the illusion of control for all of the big things in life. There are little things that we can control (what we eat, what we wear, what we say, etc.) but even these things can be taken out of our control at a moment's notice.

Life just seems to happen to us without our permission. I suspect that that is how it's supposed to be. When I look at the life of Jesus, I notice that he never tried to stop something from happening. He let life happen to him, and sometimes he got worn down. But he never stopped doing what he was sent to do: he taught, he preached, he healed, he counseled, he ate and drank, he slept... often at enormous peril to his own life.

And that is exactly why he came. To lay down his life and give his life for the world! The cross was when he gave himself over as an atoning sacrifice. He truly suffered, truly died, and was truly buried. But Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Throughout our lives, it is the cross that looms large over us as we find ourselves bearing our cross, life having its way with us and putting us at peril. We might lose all. But we never lose Jesus Christ and the life he gives. His resurrected life bestows triumph over all things that threaten, even death itself.

We didn't give God permission for any of this. He did it and gave us the name that is above all names, so that at the name of Jesus we bow our knees and confess that he is Lord and God. Our victory is assured!

I pray that our Lord and Savior Jesus will continue to uphold and encourage you with his love and his life!

Pastor Hoag



We will continue to have the Outdoor Service at 9:00 AM while the weather permits.

We will continue to broadcast our 10:30 am In Person Service on Facebook and YouTube on Sunday.

Sunday School will meet in person starting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

Masks will now be required for all indoor activities and services.



September Usher Schedule:

September 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am Tom Kaun / Larry Wennlund

10:30 am Brett Carr / Paul Krol

September 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am Ed Tatro / Tim King

10:30 am Tom Buell

September 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am Mike Gardner / Gary Purnell

10:30 am Jeff McDonald

September 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am Steve Tomany / Randy Varju

10:30 am John Buell / Phil MacFarlane

If anyone is interested in being an usher, please contact Ed Tatro or the church office.

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The first day of Sunday School will be September 12, 2021 at 9:15 am.

Masks will be required for all indoor activities at church.



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

Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday evenings starting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in person.



Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in person in the church gym and on Google Meet. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join. If you would like to join this group online, please email Pastor Hoag and he will send you the link.

Thursday night Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in person in the church gym and on Google Meet. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join. If you would like to join this group online, please email Pastor Hoag and he will send you the link.



**Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.**



**Blood Drive** – Will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> in our church parking lot between the hours of 3 pm till 7 pm.



**Preschool News and Information**  
**2021-2022 Trinity Pre-School**

The first day of pre-school will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Pre-School Registration for September 2021-2022. Please tell your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, please call the pre-school at 815.485.6973. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. The tuition per month for the school year beginning September 2021, will be \$115.00 for two day students and \$145 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2021.



## MEMBER UPDATES FOR August 2021

### Baptisms:

Maddox Thomas Bonavia – August 1, 2021

Jackson Jeffrey Landgraf – August 8, 2021



### YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

**Craft & Vendor Fair** – Our annual Craft & Vendor Fair will be Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We are looking for crafters and vendors for the fair. The fee is \$25 for an 8-foot table & space. For more info, visit <http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/craft-fair.html> or talk to Michelle Hoag 815-723-7642. Proceeds benefit the youth group.

**High School Youth** – Information meeting for the 2022 National Youth Gathering will be Sunday, September 19 at 11:30 a.m. The 2022 National Youth Gathering will be held in Houston on July 9-13, 2022 and is open to any student who will complete 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade by 2022. The theme will be “In All Things” centered around Colossians 1:15-20. The National Youth Gathering is only held every three years, so come to the meeting and find out how you can attend this amazing event!

**Script Cards** - The next deadline will be Sunday, September 12th. Orders will be ready for pickup the following Sunday. (Note: The deadline dates will now be Sundays instead of Mondays.) Please place your order in the gold envelope labeled scrip card orders in the old office. If you are unable to drop your order off during office hours or on Sundays, please contact Angie Minett to make other arrangements. You can reach her at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) with any questions. Check out ShopWithScrip.com to learn more about this fundraiser. Our youth members thank you for your support!



**Chancel Guild:** Our September meeting will be held on September 11, 2021 in the church gym.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Chancel Guild has five open Sundays on the 2021 altar flower calendar they would like to fill. Fresh flowers are placed on the altar every Sunday to enhance and beautify the altar area in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings. The 2021 flower chart showing those open Sundays is posted in the cabinet across the general church office. The flower order forms are hanging on the cabinet. If you would like to sponsor flowers on one of those remaining Sundays, complete the form and place it along with a check (**made out to Trinity Lutheran Chancel Guild**) in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the general office. Your flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 service. Contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017 if you have any questions. Thank you to all who sponsor!

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

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

September 5, 2021 Paul & Robin Krol in Celebration of Their Wedding Anniversary

September 12, 2021 Denise Buchanan & Rita Larson for Their Many Blessings

September 19, 2021 Rich & Jackie Rohner in Celebration of their 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary & for Their Many Blessings

September 26, 2021 Virgil & Nikki Switzer in Memory of Betty Hopkinson's Birthday

**Chanel Schedule for September:**

September 5, 2021 Kay Purnell / Denise Buchanan

September 12, 2021 Denise Buchanan / Debbie Crawford

September 19, 2021 Debbie Crawford / Jan Falk

September 26, 2021 Jan Falk / Sally Jackson

**Staff Opening at Immanuel Lutheran Preschool in Mokena - Teacher position** - Part-time Teacher position is available for the 2021-2022 school year. Up to 20 hours per week mid-August through June. Preschool has 2-day, 3-day and 5-day AM classes. Please submit resume to: [education@immanuelmokena.org](mailto:education@immanuelmokena.org)

**Job Requirements:** Required qualifications include: Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development; teaching experience in early childhood education; meets DCFS qualifications.



**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.