

June 2016

Dear Friend of Trinity,

We have reached a new season in the church called the Pentecost Season. In many other liturgical churches, it's called Ordinary Time. But the time is anything but ordinary, and both denotations are correct.

After the historical events of the Incarnation, the Epiphany, the Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus, the early Christians were equipped with the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. Beginning from Jerusalem out to the ends of the earth, Jesus Christ was proclaimed as Savior of all people. Jesus was present the whole time, but not visibly. He was continuing his ministry through the Holy Spirit. He continues to do so until the Last Day.

The Christian Church is always on mission. But this mission is not about itself. Although the Church confesses its belief in "the one, holy, Christian and Apostolic Church", it does not proclaim the Church. The Church is equipped by the Holy Spirit to preach and proclaim Jesus Christ and him crucified. It has no other mission but that. The church does this through various means, much of it humanitarian, with the end goal of telling about the love of God that was demonstrated in Jesus Christ. We love others as we have been loved by Jesus, but we also speak of the one who loves us. Yes, we use words!

Although that method isn't very popular, the Church continues to proclaim Jesus Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins for the entire world. That is its message and it is Good News. We don't do this with perfection. Sometimes our words stumble. Sometimes it's easier to remain quiet. But the mission of the church never changes. It faces many challenges. But when all is said and done we stand firm on the solid foundation of Christ Jesus as revealed through the testimony of the Apostles and Prophets in the Holy Scriptures. To God along be all honor and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag



JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Summer worship schedule: Sunday – May 29th (Memorial Day weekend) through Sunday – September 4th (Labor Day weekend) at 9:00 a.m. Our contemporary Service will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. communion will be served on the second and fourth weekends each month.



USHERS: In the past the Sunday early service ushers covered the 9:00 am summer service. Due to so many people being out of town through the summer months, all ushers for both services will be included in ushering on their regular scheduled week.



Updates from our Church Council President, Jeff McDonald

Progress on our various projects continues at Trinity. We saw the paving on Elm Street get completed and had a large pothole in the north parking lot repaired as well. Our new stairs in front of the building will soon have limestone mounted to their exterior and railings will also be added to complete that project.

We continue raising funds for our next improvements projects. Those include regrading the courtyard, replacing our gym windows, reassigning and remodeling our interior offices, replacing flooring in the library and Narthex and doing some preventive maintenance on our stained glass windows. If you're able to help us fund these projects without incurring additional debt, that remains our goal. Trinity has been blessed over the years with very generous support from our members, and we believe these additional projects will only further enhance our house of worship for many years to come. We do have bids for much of this work and council members are evaluating these options at each monthly meeting.

June 5th marks the return of the Congregational Picnic, hosted by Social Ministry. This will be right on our grounds and it would be great to see a big turnout for this event - all members are welcome even if you decide that day to attend. It's a great opportunity to interact with other members of the church, so please consider attending.

Church Member Updates during the month of May, 2016



Baptism: May 22, 2016 – Naomi Ruth Niemann, daughter of Emily and Justin Niemann, born March 23, 2016.



“Help us find new members”

The Outreach committee is beginning a study to determine the best approaches to finding and keeping new members. We will begin by first understanding better how you, our current members found Trinity, and why you stayed. Sometime the week of June 13, all adult members having an email address on file will be contacted and asked to fill out an 8 question survey about their experience in finding and joining Trinity. The data gathered will be used to better tailor our outreach into “fertile ground”. If so invited, please take the three or so minutes to complete the online questionnaire. Those with the time and interest in sharing more deeply will be given the opportunity to meet and discuss their results in person at a time of their convenience. Thanks in advance to those who take part!



CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, June 5th from 11:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Fun and games for everyone! Social Ministry will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, along with lemonade and water. We are asking our guest to bring a “side” or “dessert” to share. If you did not sign up ahead of time, but you would still like to attend – please join us.



BLOOD DRIVE – MONDAY, JUNE 13TH. Heartland’s big coach will be in our parking lot from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment please sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org. Or you may call Debbie at 815.462.0687. Walk-in’s are always welcome! Prepare for your donation: Eat Well – Stay Hydrated – bring ID. “GIVE A PINT, GET A PINT” – All donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of ice cream.



2016 National Youth Gathering Fundraisers – *The Youth have reached their fundraising goal! Thank you to everyone for your generosity.*



The Youth will continue with the Scrip Fundraiser Program using the proceeds for the Capital Improvement projects at church this year. During the summer months, we will have only once a month Scrip orders placed on the first Monday of each month. Deadline dates are June 6, July 4, August 1. This is a gift card fundraiser and are the same gift cards 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 of the gift cards. (For example, you pay \$ 25 for a \$25 Speedway gift card – the youth group obtains the card at a discount and keep the difference). You can purchase gift cards by filling out an order form (located by the youth bulletin board) or by placing your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com 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 questions you may have to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or call her at 815. 467.2537. The next deadline for turning in orders, along with payment, will be Monday, June 6th at noon (with pick-up the following weekend).



Jr. High and High School Youth will be volunteering with the New Lenox Food Panty on June 15trh. Meet at the Township Office, 1100 S. Cedar road, New Lenox at 9:30 a.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 20-24 **9:30 A.M. – NOON**

“Barnyard Roundup – Jesus Gathers Us Together”. You can register online at www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacationbibleschool or pick up a paper form at church. Children age 3 up to grade 5 are invited to attend. Cost is \$5 per person, and you may pay by PayPal this year or pay by check. We also are looking for volunteers for the week. Youth who have completed 6th grade or higher as well as adults are invited to help. If you can help for one day or all five days, we’d love to have you join our staff. Sign up online at <http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/vbs-vacation-bible-school.html> or talk to Michelle Hoag. We would love for everyone to keep VBS in their prayers that we would touch the hearts of the children and their families with the love of Christ.

Donations needed: If you would like to donate items for VBS, check the poster in the narthex for needed supplies and food. Please purchase the listed brand name of food items as these are safe for those with food allergies. Also, we are looking for craft donations of white buttons (new or used - preferably flat), Sharpie markers (black or colors), gallon size Ziploc bags, craft tacky glue, and marigold seeds.

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Parents please note: As of this printing date, the railroad crossing just North of the Route 30 and Cedar Road intersection is scheduled for work from June 15th through June 24th. Please remember to use alternate streets to get to church.



Fannie May Candy Bars: Fannie May Candy bars are still available, with the proceeds going to the Chancel Guild. They are on the counter in the church office. Cost is \$1.00 for each. Please leave your payment in the gold envelope.



Pre-School Registration for September 2016-2017. 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 \$60.00 per student. The tuition per month for the school year beginning September 2016, will be \$105.00 for two day students and \$130 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2016.



Relay for Life of New Lenox will be held on July 8-9, 2016 at

Lincoln-Way West High School starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this amazing community event. Anyone who has ever heard the words “You have cancer” is a survivor.

On Sunday, June 19th we will be hosting a Survivor Sunday here at Trinity. Please stop by the “Relay table” to find out more about this event, as well as the Survivor Dinner which will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 4:00 pm at St. Jude’s church. This dinner is provided at no charge, to every survivor and their caregiver. You may sign up for the dinner on June 10th. At this time, you may also sponsor a “Luminaria bag” for \$10.00 There will be a Luminaria ceremony at the event on Friday evening, July 8th to honor those who are survivors and those who have lost their battle to cancer. The American Cancer Society thank you for your support.



Altar Flowers. Flowers are placed on our altar every Sunday 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 flower order forms are attached to the cabinet in the hallway outside the church office. ***If you would like to give altar flowers, complete the form and place it in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the church office.*** If you select a date already chosen, it may be possible to share flowers that week. Please call Kay Purnell at 815.485.9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com. Flowers are \$8.50 per vase or \$17.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service.

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YOU!

Thank you to Mike Pranger (Beth Parker’s brother) at Valley Glass for providing a new screen for the window in the youth room.



We are continuing to support St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church by collecting donations of non-perishable food items, as well as household good. Please place the food items in the collection box by the parking lot door. **The household items should be placed in the storage closet area at the far East end of the church basement. PLEASE – WHEN DROPPING THOSE ITEMS OFF PLEASE STACK ITEMS NEATLY AND DO NOT BLOCK THE PATHWAY THROUGH THAT ROOM.**



Portals of Prayer for July through September 2016 are in the Narthex and also on the hallway table. Pick up a copy today!



SOCIAL MINISTRY Coffee Hour will be held following the 9:00 a.m. service through the summer. Stop in and get acquainted with your fellow church members.

Coffee Hosts are still needed for the 4th Sunday of July through December. Please take a turn especially if you drink coffee after church. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. We only need 6 volunteers to complete the year.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS:

New Volunteer sign-up sheets for June are on the hallway table for Readers – Greeters MorningStar Missions. Stop and sign up for your turn!



Opiate Recover Group meets at Peace Lutheran Church, 1900 E. Lincoln Hwy., New Lenox, each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing drugs. A typical meeting will start as a whole group and then break into two support groups, one for those struggling and one for the parents, siblings and loved ones. “Too many people lost in addiction feel hopeless. The good news is people can and do recover and lead happy and productive lives. For more information, please contact Tom Moore at 815.354.3105.

HEALING HEARTS SURVIVORS OF SUCICIDE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS.

Mission: Provide a safe place where family and friends who lost loved ones can share their stories, experience and work through their grief (not counseling or therapy)

Next meeting date: Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Lenox Police Department 200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox.

Guest Speaker: Michelle Deering, PT Clinic Manager Joint Pro Physical Therapy
Topic: "Exercise and Depression"

Questions or RXVP requested; Please contact Dan Martin Public Safety Division Chief at dmartin@newlenox.net or call 815.462.6128 or email Healing Hearts Facilitator at HealingHeartsssq@gmail.com



The Rotary Club of New Lenox – Lincoln-Way Area

Summer Stock Theatre presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on July 22, 23, and 30 at 7:30 p.m.; and on July 24 and 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Lincoln-Way West Performing Arts Center. Pick up your "discount" ticket from the table in the Narthex. For more information, visit www.newlenoxrotary.org or call 708.339.1883.



Metra Train Crossing Closing for Renewing. As of this date, the crossing just North of the Route 30 and Cedar Road intersection is scheduled for work from June 15 through June 24th. Signs should be posted as we get closer to these dates. Please remember to use alternate streets to get to church.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Thursday, 9-3; Tuesday and Friday, 9-12.



SUMMER BREAK/VACATION:

Even though our church organizations are taking a summer break, our church services continue each week. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the church at 815.485.6973.



Our latest church directory was completed last June, and given out to our members in combination with our 75th anniversary. The following additions, changes, or corrections have been turned in to the church office. **Please insert the following information in your directory.** If you did not receive a directory, or if there are any other changes needed, please contact the church office.

Directory 2015 Corrections or Additions thru May 2016.

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