

FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the marginally late newsletter. Lots of things to tell you about – we hope you will appreciate the new look – lack of columns will make it easier to read on line. All the same information will be here though! So jump on in, the news is fine.



PASTOR IN INDIA...

That's right, as of this writing, our very own Pastor is jetting across the globe to take part in something called Mission India. Check out the website www.MissionIndia.org for more on this amazing opportunity to observe firsthand the growth of the Gospel in this nation where Christianity is just beginning to gain a toehold. Please keep him and this ministry in your prayers.

LENT BEGINS 2/22

Ash Wednesday Service will be on 2/22 at 7:30 pm and we will begin a fascinating series entitled The Trials of Jesus. Like a courtroom drama, a series of witnesses will come forward to give testimony about their experiences with the accused – Jesus Christ. Through their accounts we come to know the truth; that Jesus came to take OUR place in the defendant's chair. These witnesses include: Satan, Judas Iscariot, Annas, Caiaphas, Peter, Herod, and Pilate. On Good Friday, we will hear a rebuttal.

The soup/supper serving schedule is as follows:

2/29 Women's League

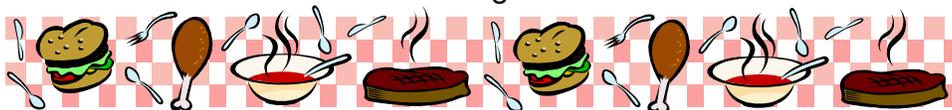
3/7 Chancel Guild

3/14 Church Council

3/21 Youth Group

3/28 Sunday School

All meals begin at 6:30.





Chancel February Assignments and Meeting

Weekend of 4/5: Sally Jackson & Jeri Sandt

Meeting 6 6:30 pm Hostesses: Doris Klemm and Denise Buchanan

Weekend of 11/12: Jeri Sandt & Judi Donovan

Weekend of 18/19: Judi Donovan & Sharon MacFarlane

Weekend of 25/26 Sharon MacFarlane & Allene Bachman



Choir Rehearsals and Performance Dates

Performance Date

February 12 8 am

February 19 10:30 am

February 22 7:30 pm

Rehearsal Dates

February 1,8

February 8,15

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Note that rehearsals will continue on Wednesdays after Lenten services beginning 2/29.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Janice Prospero at home at 815 485 3558. Thank you.



Sunday School Lessons

We are now better than half-way through our year of our revamped Sunday School curriculum, February's lessons will include stories about Jesus healing a paralyzed man, Jesus healing Jairus's daughter; the Transfiguration, and Jesus calming a storm. Check the bulletin insert for more information on each week's lesson and ways to help encourage your child's learning experience.

The Sunday School Staff meeting is Sunday, February 19, following the 10:30 service.



Trinity Member Services

CALLING ALL MEMBERS – We know there are many talented individuals in our congregation, and we're planning to add a Member Services page to our web site to advertise these services. This will give members who provide services a way to let other members know about that, and it also gives the rest of us a list of service providers who are also members of Trinity. Examples include accountants, carpenters, electricians, lawyers, painters, plumbers, realtors, etc. If you would like to be included on our web site, please let us know by contacting the church office with your name, phone number and web site (optional), along with the service you provide.



SAVE THE DATE:

The next meeting of the newly forming Men's group will be 4/28. Breakfast meeting likely at Country Charm. You have time NOW to clear the calendar.



CAUSE AND EFFECT: YOU GIVE. PEOPLE LIVE.

Thanks to our slow, but steady growth, Trinity has been saving more and more lives. The next opportunity to save 3 lives with ONE blood donation will be on Valentine's day, 2/14 from 3-7 pm. WHEN you donate, you will be given a T-shirt with this awesome saying as a thank-you gift. Call our tireless leader, Deb Aiken, to schedule an appointment. 815 485 0687. Wow – save lives; update your wardrobe – what's not to like?

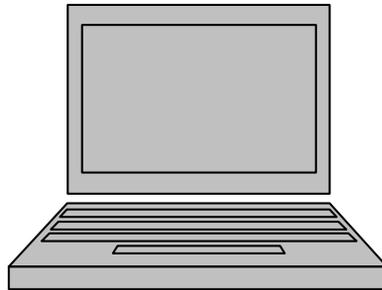


SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Please sign the greeting card for Virgil; he sincerely appreciates all contact from Trinity members. Pastor Hoag has graciously offered to forward a \$15 money order each month, taken from the no-longer-existing Open Arms fund.

COOKIE DOUGH SALE: Cookie Dough Sale: Beginning **2/5**, following Sunday services through **2/26** we will sell Cookie Dough Products for \$11 each. Hopefully, the “sale table” will be manned after each service; we would appreciate help from 10:30 service people for this task. If you can help, please sign up on the hall table sheet. Delivery will be in the **middle of March** with the exact date to be announced later.

St. Matthew’s Outreach: We will be delivering to St. Matthew’s Soup Kitchen **in early February**. Please deposit you sorely needed food donations in the designated box at the driveway entrance; they have been feeding upwards of 120 people at their twice-weekly lunches. Thanks for your giving.



And now, for something completely different:

Here are the ways you can stay in touch with the LCMS on the various social media outlets:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thelcms

Twitter: www.twitter.com/thelcms

YouTube: www.youtube.com/thelcms

You can check out all social media accounts at:

www.lcms.org/socialmedia

There are some really interesting things put out by the LCMS on these various sites. Happy hunting.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting was held 1/29/2012 following the 10:30 service. Many things were discussed, and the general health of the congregation was felt to be good. Among the items discussed: a change to Communion: tabled Communion will now take place the 2nd and 3rd Sundays provided these are not holidays; we will be installing a discrete projector and screen in the sanctuary for use during Expressions and also for use during Sunday School and VBS; we are exploring other mission opportunities with the input from the congregation.



KUDOS TO ONE(S) OF OUR OWN...

Recently the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce held its' Annual Dinner. A special award was given: The LIFETIME CHAMBER AWARD to Dunn & Niemann Real Estate. The following is a copy of the article that appeared in the program. The program itself is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. Congratulations to Betty and Judy!

"The New Lenox Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Dunn & Niemann Real Estate was selected to receive the Chamber's Lifetime Chamber award.

Long-time resident, Betty Dunn first became a member of the chamber in 1961 and has maintained her membership for more than 50 years. Judy Niemann became a member of the chamber in 1968 when she received her license and joined her mother in the real estate business.

Betty started her career in real estate in 1959 with an office in her home on Francis Road; the same home she resides in today. She was the only female realtor in New Lenox when she started out. A sign in her front yard let people know she was open for business and it was not uncommon for a potential client to just pull up at the house and knock on the door.

Betty and Judy have received numerous sales awards for their professional accomplishments over the years. Many remember visiting Betty & Judy at their office in Ron Whitaker's building where they ran their business for nearly 30 years. In 2002, Betty & Judy expanded the business when they moved to the office on Cedar Avenue and officially became Dunn & Niemann Real Estate. In 2011, they celebrated the grand opening of their current location at 132 E. Francis Road.

In the Chamber, Betty & Judy were both instrumental in the planning and judging of the annual Miss New Lenox Pageant, Proud American Days Baby contest, and the Beef-A-Rama contest. Betty shared with us that early chamber activities were very social and focused on networking.

Since those days, the chamber has evolved, but Betty & Judy remain active members supporting annual events, attending programs and promoting the benefits of both the chamber and the Village of New Lenox. Judy was honored by the Chamber in 2009 with the Citizen of the Year award for her countless hours of volunteering on behalf of the Chamber and the New Lenox community."

Trinity congregation was well-represented in the audience as two of our own received this outstanding award.

Congratulations Betty and Judy; it's nice to know that others see you like we do!



LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!!

OK, so it really isn't but got your attention, didn't it? Join Women's League for their anniversary Luncheon on Tuesday, 2/28 at 12:30 at Papa Joe's restaurant (the one on 30). Individual checks will be used, so everyone can have what they like. Please make reservations with Pat Fuerst or Judy Wilmsen. Thanks!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David Hubrich	1		
Jack Mork	1	Les DeCarlo	19
Jayna Perez	1	Brian Delcorio	19
Judy Wilmsen	2	Wendy Elmlund	22
Kurt Backhus	3	Zachary Doerrer	23
Collin Black	3	Stephen Hubrich	23
Jordan Cruise	3	Isabella Johnson	23
Phil MacFarlane	3	Jacob Parker	24
Alyssa Regan	3	Liz O'Neill	25
Debra Williams	3	Robert Bollman	26
Ken Oldendorf	4	Rachel Cundari	26
John Buell	5	Michaela O'Neill	26
Ali Nico	6	Monica Schrank	26
Andy Verchimak	6	Lana Cozzo	28
Dante Berke	7	Taylor Farnetti	28
Aberdeen Brolick	8	Jonathon Golden	28
Jacob Bell	9		
Owen Perez	9		
Bob Romadka	11		
Caton Tinker	11		
Sharon Buell	13		
Dino Borelli	16		
Marilyn Johnson	16		
Al McCullough	16		
Michaela O'Neill	16		
Mike O'Neill	16		
Benjamin Shea	16		
Breianne Beaudry	17		
Gage Moellar	17		
Don Johnson	18		
Dana Kosel	18		
Aaron Brunmeier	19		
Tom Buell	19		



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Doug and Michelle Hoag	5
Bill and Jeri Sandt	13
Dave and Michele Krohe	14
Ed and Colleen Dampf	16
Don and Beth Parker	16
Robert and Marlen Bollman	20
Ernie and Jan Falk	24
Mike and Barb Studer	24