

June 2014

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Beginning June 1 and all the way through Christmas Eve, you will notice that the Christ Candle will not be lit during worship (with rare exceptions). Here's why:

Thursday, May 29, is Ascension Day, commemorating the time when Jesus took his rightful place of authority over all of creation at the right hand of God. It marked the end of his visible ministry on Earth and the beginning of his invisible ministry in heaven as the one interceding to his Father on our behalf. The Christ Candle is unlit as a symbol of Jesus' invisible ministry.

But that doesn't mean that Jesus has no ministry on Earth at all. That's when Pentecost comes in, which we will commemorate on Sunday, June 8! The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, continues Jesus' ministry *through the church*. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we make the invisible Christ visible as we are his body.

Jesus also ministers to his body (that's us) by the Holy Spirit through the reading and proclamation of the Word of God and the giving of the Sacraments. These make the invisible Christ visible *for us*. Then we, in turn, make the invisible Christ visible to others because of what we have received.

Come to worship. Receive the tangible grace of God. Be renewed in faith. Love and serve others through your station in life, whatever that is!

In Christ,

Pastor Hoag

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

Baseball games, vacations, picnics, bugs, thunderstorms, flowers, and...a new worship schedule!

Now through August 31st, we will be having one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The Contemporary Worship Services will continue to be celebrated on Saturdays at 5:00 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the second and fourth weekends of the month, at both the Saturday and Sunday services.

Special congregational meeting: As discussed at the annual meeting in January, we are attempting to make Trinity more accessible to people who may need assistance with stairs. We have considered three different options and we're prepared to finalize and move forward with this project. It will, however, be a fairly involved and fairly costly project. ***Please plan to attend a short meeting on Sunday, June 8th, after our Sunday morning service to hear about the options we considered and ask any questions you might have about this.*** We look forward to getting started on this project and allowing ALL members of Trinity easy access to our church.

USHERS

Thank you to all the ushers who have participated in our worship services each week. We are looking for a volunteer to be our usher coordinator. If you are unable to usher on your scheduled date, please call one of the alternates listed on the schedule, to usher for you.

The usher schedule is already set up but it would be helpful to have someone to chair this group. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Ed Tatro, Director of Spiritual Life (815.485.5760), or Pastor Hoag or Doris Klemm, Church Secretary (815.485.6973).

2014-15 Trinity Pre-School – Openings still available for AM and PM spots.

Please tell your friends and neighbors.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$66.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2014 the tuition per month will be \$100 for two day students and \$125 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2014. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

Vacation Bible School

Set sail for our "Gangway to Galilee" VBS on June 23-27 from 9:30 a.m. – Noon. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Ages 3 through 11 are welcome to enroll. Adult and youth volunteers are needed. Please contact Michell Hoag at trinitybs@hotmail.com or call 815.723.7642 to volunteer.

Register now for Vacation Bible School! Registration is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. You can register online at the church website, but you must use the password "Trinity" to access the registration page. Please do not share the password outside of the church. If you prefer a paper registration form, please pick one up in the office.

The poster in the Narthex shows what items are still needed for VBS. Take a ticket and return the item(s) you selected to the church by June 15th (there is a collection box under the table in the hallway). Food donations that specify a brand – PLEASE purchase ONLY that brand. We use these brands because of food allergies. Thank you.

The list includes: dessert-sized paper/Styrofoam plates, 5 oz. Dixie cups, Rold Gold pretzel sticks, Goldfish crackers, Oreos (just the regular Oreos (not double stuffed or flavored), Teddy Grahams, bottle of liquid foaming hand soap or refill. Also needed are old CD's or DVD's for a craft. It doesn't matter if they are scratched or have a label.

Portals of Prayer for July through September 2014 are in the Narthex and also on the hallway table. Pick up a copy today!

Social Ministry

Coffee Hour will continue after the summer 9:00 am service. Stop in and get acquainted with your fellow church members.

Coffee Host(s) needed for the Fourth Sunday each month.

If you enjoy having coffee after church, how about taking a turn at being a host/hostess.

In order to continue with this serving, we need your help! Please call Midge Meents at 815.485.6527 to volunteer. You may also call the church office to sign up.

St. Matthew's Fund Raiser

News will shortly be forthcoming about the planned video and program to benefit St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen. Please continue to donate the suggested foods named on the printed forms, found on the hall table outside the Narthex. Thanks for your continued support. Rummage, food and monetary donations will be delivered periodically.

Blood Drive – Thank you to everyone who donated blood on May 20th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

New Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the hallway table for **Readers – Greeters – MorningStar Missions**. Stop and sign up for a day!

SUMMER BREAK/VACATION

The following Trinity groups are on summer vacation and will resume meetings in fall: Chancel Guild, Women's League, Social Ministry, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Adult Choir, and Sunday School. Even though our organizations are taking a summer break, our church services continue each week. Hope to see you there!

Relay for Life of New Lenox. 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 11th until 6:00 a.m., Saturday, July 12th at Lincoln-Way West High School. What is Relay for Life? The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement unites people in communities across the globe to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Information pamphlets are on the hallway table.

Good Shepherd Lutheran ChurchVBS Kingdom Chronicles – Standing Strong in the Battle for Truth! All knights and fair maidens are invited to attend **Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2014. Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 295 Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL. For information call 815.469.2549 or visit www.goodshepherdfrankfort.org.

SHAREFEST NEW LENOX

ShareFest is an annual event in New Lenox involving over 103 organization through "Thirty days of service" from September 1st through 30th. During this time, they unite as Proud Americans to meet the needs in the community. These needs are met through hundreds of volunteers sacrificing their time, talents, gifts and resources in compassionate community service for those in need. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 12:00 Noon at Standard Bank Meeting room, 456 Nelson Rd., New Lenox. Lunch will be served. This is open to the community. If you are interested or want more details, please call 815.7172614 or visit www.sharefestnewlenox.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, 9-3, Tuesday 1-4, and Thursday 1-4, Friday 9-12.

For access to Trinity's YouTube Channel, you can link to us on our Facebook page or type "Trinity New Lenox" into the search bar in YouTube.

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Abigail King	1	Jayna Baggs	22
Andrea Sherman	1	Liz Lyman	22
Bill White	1	Joey Bay	23
Ashley Munn	2	Amy Grady	24
Eric Trautvetter	2	Adam Parker	24
Maci Trautvetter	2	Jeremy Riley	24
Laurene Wajchert	2	Jack Urbanczyk	24
Morgan Thomsen	3	Julia Urbanczyk	24
Michelle Buell	4	Doug Hoag	25
Derek Nick	4	Cameren Sanders	26
Ann Romadka	5	Bob Blecke	27
Marissa Salazar	5	Austin Marcolina	27
Jan Schlak	5	Jeremy Puttkammer	27
Owen Sigrist	5	John Buell	28
Donna Cuthbert	6	Gary Dortman	28
Brendan Kessel	6	Victoria Urbanczyk	28
Bob Look	6	Sarah Wroblewski	28
Kay Purnell	6	Shelby O'Neill	29
Alex Wheeler	6	Jenna Puttkammer	29
Sue Kunce	7	Walt Opiola	30
Shae Lea Jandeska	11	Jessica Wallace	30
Alexander Ashley	12		
Chase Bailey	12		
William Loucks	12		
Lauren Czaja	13		
Cora Donath	14		
Kevin Pigney	14		
Jeanine Welsh	14		
Noah Burke	15		
Mary Rourke	15		
Zachary Sheffer	15		
Beau Valentine	15		
Ariel Bell	17		
Randy Guenther	17		
Phil Bormet	18		
Cooper Rourke	18		
Parker Schultz	18		
Kristin Paulsen	19		
Rachel Zielinski	19		
Mary Lynn Farnetti	20		
Harry Grady	20		
Dylan Beaudry	21		
Edna DeLair	21		
Jessica Lorenz	21		
Leah McDonald	21		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon & Phil MacFarlane	3
Rebecca & Brian Johnson	4
Angie & James Minett	4
Ann & Bob Romadka	8
Laura & Tom Forsythe	14
Karen & Gary Wendling	15
Shirley & Bill Walter	18
Karen & Ed Tatro	19
Andrea & Beau Valentine	20
Marilou & Mick Lerner	23
Maxine & Jeff Pavlovich	25
Seema & Steven Purnell	27
Emily & Michael Perkins	29