

June 2017

Dear Friends of Trinity,

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That's how much of a sinner you and I are. We are completely saturated in pride, self-centeredness, arrogance, envy, greed, lust, gluttony, sloth, unbelief, etc. All of this is encapsulated by the word *flesh*. It's our nature, the disease we've inherited from Adam and Eve. The flesh does not accept the things of God and is unable to do so. No one is good, not even one. Not you, not me. No one. The flesh is spiritually dead, but it is alive to sin. It must die for real.

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That is how much of a saint you and I are. We are completely covered by a righteousness and sinlessness that is not of ourselves. It is God's righteousness given in Jesus Christ. This is all encapsulated in the word *spirit*. It is not natural to us, but it is a gift bestowed by the New Adam, Jesus Christ. Spirit glories in God, who gives His gifts through external means. Spirit is alive to God in Christ. The flesh is put to death in the death of Jesus. The spirit arises in the resurrection of Jesus. This is bestowed on us in Holy Baptism. We are born again of water and the spirit!

Through Jesus Christ we are no longer counted among those of the flesh, but of the spirit. Since the spirit of Christ is given to us in Word and Sacrament, the very same spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies. Count yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag



JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Summer worship schedule: Sunday – May 28th (Memorial Day weekend) through Sunday – September 3rd (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.

If you need a summer schedule, please stop in the office and get a copy.



Updates from our Church Council President, Jeff McDonald

Our summer schedule has begun and we now offer just two services each week. Contemporary services are held every Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. and our traditional service is each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Having fewer services gives us all an opportunity to get to know more of our fellow members, as our summer attendance with only two services usually involves more people at each service. If you don't know the people next to you or in front of or behind you, please introduce yourself before or after the service. You might be surprised to learn you have more in common than just your church home, but you won't know if you don't start that conversation. It is a very important part of our fellowship. One of our members who did this exceedingly well was Judy Wilmsen, who passed into eternity earlier this year but whose mark on our congregation was indelible. Several of our member surveys cited the warm welcome they received from Judy as one of the things that drew them closer to Trinity. Hopefully we can all find an opportunity in our condensed summer schedule to forge a deeper bond with those around us. In the end, we will be a stronger church family for it and our congregation is literally filled with great people, so make a point this summer of getting to know some of them better and see how that goes. I hope you will be pleasantly surprised with the result.

We have made some pretty major progress on our office move project, with Pastor's new office now being painted and having a new ceiling and new lighting installed. New carpeting for that room is scheduled for delivery later this month as is the new door for this office. We hope to be able to move Pastor Hoag into his new office during the month of June, which will allow us to move Judi Donovan, our Secretary, into Pastor's current office. That will enable us to dedicate the current Church Secretary's office to a church office for use by all of our organizations. We do hope the utilization of our office space at Trinity improves as a result of these changes, and we thank our Property Committee for all of their time and talents that have been donated to this project.

We continue to look for a co-director of Outreach with the moving of the Brokmeyer family in May, which required them to discontinue their role on church council. If you have an interest in this or just want to know more about what the position involves, please see Pastor Hoag or any other member of church council.

Finally, we continue to collect funds for our stained glass window repair project. We have had some very generous donations toward this project but it is expected to be very costly so we still have a long way to go. This project involves removing each stained glass window one at a time and re-seating the glass in the window frame. Over time, the frames 'sag' for lack of a better word and the panes compress toward the bottom of the frame. Many of our windows in the sanctuary no longer open and close as a result of this compression and preventive maintenance - while costly - is vastly cheaper than letting this continue to the point that the windows break. This is therefore seen as a critical project for the long term and one we need to address. If you're able to help us with the funding of this project, that would be greatly appreciated. You can designate any donations to "Stained Glass" to ensure they are allocated to this project.

Church Member Updates during the month of May, 2017



Baptism: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Michael Alexander Dobbs, born January 12, 2017, son of Eric and Autumn Dobbs

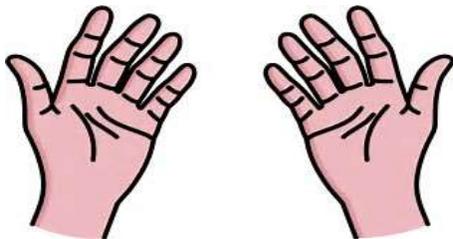


MorningStar Mission – Save the Date!! - Saturday, August 19, 2017 has been chosen as the 5K Run/Walk to benefit MorningStar Mission Ministries, Inc. For more information, pick up a flyer on the hallway table.



The Youth will continue with the Scrip Fundraiser Program using the proceeds for the Capital Improvement projects at church this year. Scrip (Gift Card) Fundraiser

Our next order deadline will be [Monday, June 5th at noon](#). Cards will be ready for pick up at church the following Sunday, June 11. Any questions can be directed to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or [\(815\)467-2537](tel:(815)467-2537) or Gary Purnell at [\(815\)485-9017](tel:(815)485-9017). You can also check out shopwithscrip.com to learn more.



ShareFest News and Events

Over the last several years, Trinity Lutheran Church and its members, have been actively involved with ShareFest and the great work this organization has done in the New Lenox area. Below you will find a list of upcoming events and how you can help. You can also contact Dan and Susan Willenborg or Virgil Switzer.

June 3rd

ShareFest 2017 "Love Thy Neighbor" Road Trips

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

30 Volunteers needed for the June 3rd "Joliet Alive" event sponsored by Churches United For Christ. ShareFest will need help to give-a-way free food, books, health care screenings, and more to families in need. Local employers will be offering jobs to those that attend as well. The event runs from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, and set up begins at 9:00 am.

From April- September, ShareFest will be taking food, books, clothes, health care screenings, and even some employers on a road trip called "Love Thy Neighbor" Road Trip. Other trips include: June 3rd Joliet, July 8th Fairmont, Aug 9th Romeoville, Sept 16th Joliet

Volunteer at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aada92ba4f94-love>

June 21st Job & Resource Fair

June 21st at Clarion Hotel & Convention Center Joliet 9am-Noon

Six Volunteers needed to help for setup and for the registration table.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a4a72aa1f85-jobresource>

June 25th Store Food Drive

Collections at Jewel on Laraway Rd. June 25th

Collect items at Jewel on Laraway Rd New Lenox for our Troops, schools, and pantries.

18 Volunteer slots available. Six volunteers needed for each 2 1/2-hour shift. Collections start at 9am and runs until 4pm. Sign up online to volunteer or contact: Paul: pdfcman@comcast.net or info@sharefestwillcounty.com 815-342-2199

Volunteer at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a4a72aa1f85-collections1>

Service Projects

These cleanup/fix-up projects are for those who need a helping hand throughout the year. We have completed hundreds of services projects the last 10 years. If you know someone who could use a helping hand or if you would like to volunteer call or visit the website, Service projects are scheduled at various times/dates. Contact: Gary: gary@sharefestwillcounty.com

Solution To Pollution Events

Various dates and locations to help with the "Solution to Pollution" events coordinated by Virgil Kemp from Helpers of Mother Earth (H.O.M.E.) Bags are provided for these clean-up projects which last begin at 10:00am and go until Noon. A one-half hour photo session will follow including a "Find of The Day" Award. Please wear proper clothing. Bring your own snacks,

water, and gloves. Contact Virgil :
vkemp@helpersofmotherearth.org

Wherever/Whenever

Do you feel called to serve wherever and whenever? tact
gary@sharefestwillcounty.com

Volunteer at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a4a72aa1f85-youwill>

Volunteers can register at www.ShareFestNewLenox.com www.ShareFestWillCounty.com

Questions: [815-342-2199](tel:815-342-2199)

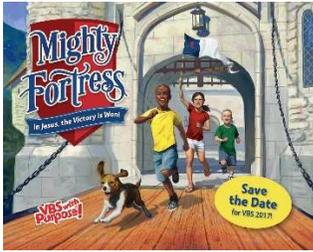


Congratulations – Did you know that several members of our congregation have received service awards from Silver Cross Hospital for their Volunteerism? Please take the time to congratulate these fine individuals:

Ernie Falk
Sally Jackson
Janice Prospero

The following members have devoted many service hours to Share Fest:

Daniel Willenborg
Susan Willenborg
Virgil Switzer



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 26-30

9:30 A.M. – NOON

Vacation Bible School – VBS is scheduled for June 26-30. Church members have priority in registering until May 1 when registration opens to the public. 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. Our theme is Mighty Fortress!

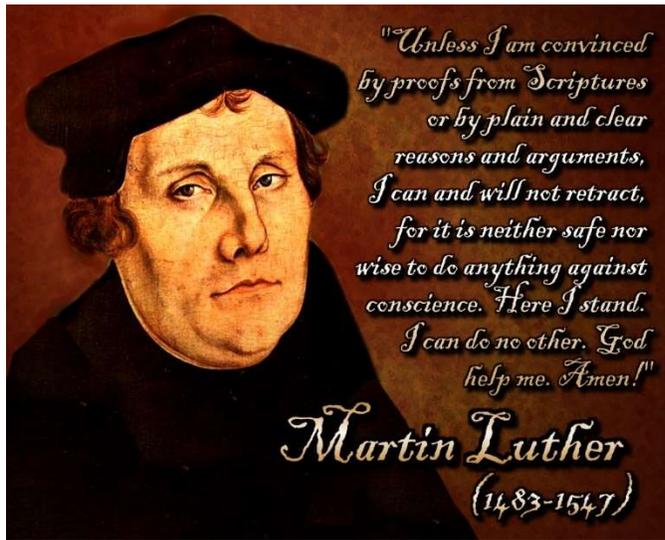
We also are looking for volunteers for the week. Youth who have completed 6th grade or higher as well as adults are invited to help. If you can help for one day or all five days, we'd love to have you join our staff. Sign up online at www.trinitynewlenox.org/vacationbibleschool or talk to Michelle Hoag.

We will have a wish list of snack and other donations later in May. Please keep our VBS in your prayers that we have a safe and fun week sharing the Good News of Jesus' love to our young members and neighbors!

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:



Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World

ABOUT THE FILM

500 years ago, Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of our Lutheran heritage with others. And the only place you can see the film is at the AMC Showplace New Lenox 14 & IMAX on the night of our church's special event **on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30pm**. This screening is the perfect outreach opportunity—a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an entertaining event in our community.

Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a way to strengthen our faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and a chance to share that experience with others.

IMPORTANT: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

<http://luthermovie.link/newlenox> (Tickets are \$12 + \$1 service fee, \$13 total)

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

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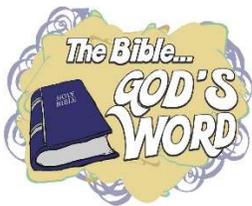
See Pastor Hoag if you would like to purchase tickets. Make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church for \$13 and write **Luther** in the memo.



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 2017-2018. 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, 2017.



While the Wednesday morning Bible Study has taken a summer break, the Thursday night Bible Study will continue through the summer. It is at 7 PM in the library. Hope to see you there.

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org



Relay for Life of New Lenox will be held on July 14, 2017 at Lincoln-Way West High School starting at 6:00 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 4th 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 25th 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 5th. 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 14th 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. Check the chart and see if a date is open that you would like to donate flowers. If the date(s) you would like are already taken, you may be able to share a Sunday with someone else. 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 have any questions, please call Kay Purnell at 815.485.9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com. The cost of the flowers is \$9.00 for one vase or \$18.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service.

The Chancel Guild would like to announce Bonnie Norton's retirement starting the end of May. Bonnie's Floral business has provided Chancel Guild with altar flowers for the last 30 years. Bonnie has selflessly donated her time and materials to make our arrangements at a minimal cost to us. Chancel Members would like to thank Bonnie for her beautiful floral arrangements, her many years of loyal service, and her contribution to the church. Thank You Bonnie!

After interviewing local florists in the area, Chancel Guild members have decided to enlist the services of Bella Fiori. Bella Fiori is a family owned and operated floral business located on Lincoln Hwy in New Lenox. Bella Fiori will start providing Chancel Guild altar flowers starting the beginning of June. The change in florists will **not** have an effect on altar flower orders between now and the end of December. Church members sponsoring flower orders starting in January 2018 will experience a price increase at that time. Watch for more information when the Chancel posts its 2018 calendar in the Fall.



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 2017 are in the Narthex and also on the hallway table. Pick up a copy today!



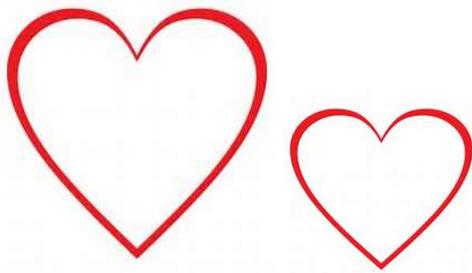
SOCIAL MINISTRY Coffee Hour will be held following the 9:00 a.m. service through the summer. Stop in and get acquainted with your fellow church members.

Coffee Hosts are still needed for the 4th Sunday of June through December. Please take a turn especially if you drink coffee after church. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table.



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!



HEALING HEARTS SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE 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 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Lenox Village Hall, 200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox.

Guest Speaker: Rosanne Tadsen, LPC DecisionPoint Counseling. Topic will be: What is Normal Grief; You're Not Losing Your Mind!



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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-1.