

May 2014

Dear Friends of Trinity,

As we approach the summer months most people are looking forward to getting away somewhere to relax and enjoy the beautiful summer sun and warmth. Beaches, picnic areas, state parks and swimming pools will be busy and thronging with people, not to mention sports venues and ice cream stands.

There's work to be done over the summer as well. Gotta keep that lawn looking ship-shape, those windows washed, and those clothes clean. There are plenty of things to do to keep one busy all season long!

But don't forget to take some time to remember and honor the Source of your existence. And don't forget to remember and honor the God-Man who revealed the infinite and complete love of that Source. And don't forget to remember and honor the One who enlightens you and keeps you in the faith.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—our God—the unity in Trinity and the Trinity in unity. Three persons, one God, in Whom we live, move, and have our being.

We remember and honor God when we receive what He gives. Our worship is designed to do just that!

We receive His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation with gratitude and thankfulness.

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Confirmed in Christ

On Sunday, May 4th, during the 10:30 a.m. service, we will receive the following young adults into membership through Confirmation.

Brett Ronald Backhus, Andrew Raymond Benzing, Noah Benjamin Burke, Michael Chiappetti, Angelina Condit, Noah Edward Cruise, Brenden James Delcorio. Nathan Michael Deloian, Cameron Thomas Hoag, Gregory Heinz Honiotes, William James Kavanagh, Kyle Jon Knodel, David Frederick Krzysiak, Mark Jeffrey Lorenz, Emma Marie Minett. Sonja Renee Minnick, Jacob Robert Munn, Jenna Grace Puttkammer, Hannah Victoria Sass, Sarah Margaret Smith, Rebecca Ann Verchimak, Alexander Wheeler, and Eric Richard Zielinski.

We wish them God's blessings and congratulations on the completion of their studies.

Please welcome them into our fellowship and keep them in your prayers.

Our Sunday summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 25th with one service at 9:00 a.m. Our Contemporary Services will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Communion will be served on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

75 Years and Going Strong! Trinity will be turning 75 next year. **If you are interested on serving on the 75th anniversary committee, please sign up on the sheet on the hallway table.** If you have questions, contact Jeff McDonald at 815.462.2454 or by e-mail at jjmcd97@hotmail.com. Planning meetings will take place as soon as a committee is formed. Please consider helping us make our 75th a memorable anniversary!

Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's 1st Quarter Report: The congregation adopted a 2014 General Fund Budget of \$193,951 at its Annual Meeting on January 26. The Budget is 1.1% higher than contributions made to the General Fund in 2013. The increase was tempered by plans to pay off the mortgage balance in 2014 using Endowment Funds. The Council deemed the increase warranted to

cover expected higher operating costs. A modest salary increase of 2% was granted to Pastor, the Secretary, Organist and Choir Director. Primary support of the General Fund by the congregation is very important to meeting Trinity's ongoing needs.

During the quarter, all due bills were paid. Budgeted contributions were made to Missions and LCCF. General Fund receipts were about 9% lower than those received during the same period last year – the difference mainly being that Easter was in March last year. Snow Removal and Utility expenses exceeded budget because of the extreme weather. The balance on the original \$100,000 mortgage, used to finance the new restrooms, was paid off in January. We want to thank everyone for their support of Trinity Lutheran Church and its missions. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Prospero, Financial Secretary, or Bruce Hasch, Treasurer.

Bob Romadka would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls following my recent surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us. If you have any questions please contact Midge Meents at 815.485.6527 or call the church office at 815.485.6973.

Seder Meal.

Thanks to all who donated food for the chicken dinner following the Seder Meal, and to all Social Ministry members who planned, cooked, set up and served both dinners. Thank you for your attendance and your support of the Social Ministry Committee.

Easter Breakfast

Thanks, also, to the many, many congregation members who joined together to provide a most enjoyable breakfast. Thanks, especially to the Social Ministry workers for their table and food set-up, the numerous "sweets" donors, the pleasant, efficient youth servers, Jeff McDonald and Andy Verchimak for directing the operation, and to all the cooks and clean-up crews.

All donations from both the Seder Meal and Easter Breakfast will be sent to the Tony Valdivia relief fund. Tony, a devoted lay assistant at St. Matthew's Inner City Church, and his family, due to a fire in the building, recently lost all their possessions in a non-insured rental

apartment, and these monies will help them place a security deposit and first month's rent on a new residence. If you would like to share with a family who is hurting, you may mail your check to: Lutheran Church Charities, 333 W. Lake St., Addison, IL 60101 (please put "Valdivia Family Fund" in the memo line).

Virgil Switzer

We're welcoming Virgil's return to his church family on Sunday, May 18th, with a special cake serving following church services. He has been most grateful for Trinity's continued support throughout his incarceration, and eagerly looks forward to returning to "his church".

Coffee Serving

We give thanks to Marge Dykstra, often assisted by Phil and Sharon MacFarlane, for the many years of hosting the fourth Sunday coffee serving, and now deserves a well-earned respite; therefore, we are in need of a new volunteer beginning in September. Pleases contact Midge Meents (815.485.6527) or call the church office to offer your help in order that this well-attended serving might continue.

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 in early May.

Church Council The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting date was changed from the 11th due to that being Mother's Day.

Chancel Guild The next meeting will be Monday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Ann Romadka and Allene Bachmann.

Women's League The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 27th at 12:30 pm.** This will be a work session meeting. Hostesses are Midge Meents and Jan Falk.

Trinity Pre-School – Registrations are being taken for the Fall Pre-School. 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.

Pre-School Board Meeting – Sunday, May 18th at 11:30 a.m.

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! Due to high demand last year, we are giving church members and preschool families first priority in registration until May 11. On May 12, registration will be 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.

Items needed for VBS: Old CDs or DVDs; Fun Foam; Red Solo cups – 16 oz – MUST BE SMOOTH – NO *INDENTATIONS*; 8 oz. clear plastic cups (the cheap ones that look translucent); blue plastic 8" plates (no sections/dividers); white PAPER dessert plates (not wax-coated) Walgreen has these; smooth stones/rocks 1 inch size (please place in a bag); fish stickers (not sharks or whales) baby wipes.

YOUTH: The youth would like to honor and remember those who have served our country on Memorial Day weekend. They will be serving coffee cake and baked goodies at the coffee hour after church on Sunday, May 15th. Stop by and enjoy.

Outside planters. Thanks to Pat Fuerst and Pat Czerwinski we have some beautiful flowers for all to enjoy.

Thrivent Members, Select our congregation the first time you direct Choice Dollars® between April 1 and May 31, 2014, and our church will receive an extra \$20 grant from Thrivent Financial! Through the "Direct Now . . . and add \$20!" campaign, Thrivent will give an extra \$20 for each member who chooses to direct Choice Dollars to our congregation first.

Save the Date! Blood Drive, May 20th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Heartland's Mobile Coach will be in our parking lot. Please sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org or call Debbie at 815.485.0687. Prepare for your donation: Eat Well – Stay Hydrated – Bring ID.

Relay For Life of New Lenox will be held on July 11 – 12, 2014 at Lincoln-Way West High School. Everyone is invited to participate in this amazing community event.

On Sunday, May 18th we will be hosting a Survivor Sunday here at Trinity. Anyone who has ever heard the words "you have cancer" is a survivor! Please stop by the "Relay table" to find out more about the July event, as well as the Survivor dinner which will be held on Sunday, June 29th at 4:00 p.m 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 May 18th. 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 11th, to honor those who are survivors and those who have lost their battle to cancer. The American Cancer Society thanks you for your support.

CHOIR: The last two practices for this season will be on Wednesday, May 7th and 14th at 7:00 p.m. Your beautiful songs added greatly to our worship services.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to greet or read at our worship services. Thanks also to everyone who has served at MorningStar Missions on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If you have not yet volunteered for any of these in the past, give it a try in May. New sign up sheets are on the hallway table.

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 have any questions, please call Christine Stark at 815.478.4069 or email her at candb.stark@gmail.com. The cost of the flowers is \$8.50 per vase or \$17.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service.

Welcome to Our Worship - Friendship Form. A burgundy color booklet has been placed in each pew. This is to help our members get acquainted with each other and our visitors. **Please date and sign your name – both first and last, because we do have some members with the same last name. If you are a visitor please be sure to include your address and phone number.** After signing the booklet please pass it along to the other people in your pew so everyone will be able to see the name(s) of the people sitting with you. **Please note: One page will be used each weekend and the ushers will pick them up after the last service of the day.**

Idea/Suggestion Box If you have an idea or suggestion to help the church function better, you need to let us know. Please complete the blue form beside the Idea/Suggestion Box on the table outside the church office. Your ideas or suggestions are important and will be reviewed and followed up by the Church Council.

SHAREFEST NEW LENOX ShareFest is an annual event in New Lenox involving over 103 organizations 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. . Their next meeting is **Tuesday, May 27th at 12:00 noon** and will be held at the Standard Bank Meeting Room, 456 Nelson Road, New Lenox. This is open to the community. If you are interested or want more details, please call 815.717.2614 or visit www.sharefestnewlenox.com.

MorningStar Mission Ministries "Open Door Day" – June 2, from 9:0 a.m. – 2:00- p.m. 10 volunteers are needed to help with registration, clothing table and bingo game. Need 4 Barbers/Stylists to provide haircuts. If you are able to help, please call Jackie Kinney at 815.722.5780 x 226.

Church office hours: Monday, 9-3, Tuesday and Thursday, 1-4 and Friday 9-12.

Are you on Facebook? We are! "Like" Trinity Lutheran church – New Lenox, IL and receive up to date information on current and upcoming church events."

For access to Trinity's You Tube channel, you ca link to us on our Facebook page or type "Trinity New Lenox" into the search bar on You Tube.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

		Bob Jackman	23		
	Audrey Minnett	9	Starlette Torkelson	23	
Kiel Cundari	1	Alexa Erikson	11	Jennifer Woodcock	23
Aria Jandeska	1	Rachel Loucks	11	Paul Fuerst	24
John Farnetti	1	Rita Tinker	11	RLee Hedden	25
Aria Jandeska	1	Andrew Cuthbert	12	Dave Krohe	25
Alyssa Johnson	1	Kristin Schlak	12	Haley Thompson	25
May Schrank	1	Matt Wendling	12	Tessa Wheeler	25
Danielle Nick	2	Gianna Steinhauer	13	Nathan Deloian	26
Geri Bailey	3	Anabelle Adochio	14	Tony Lopez	26
Nicholas Kirchman	3	Jeff Alfano	14	Ashley Johnson	27
Ashley Reithel	3	Joshua Ryan	14	Gary Marcolina	27
Jennifer Trautvetter	3	Debbie Nick	15	Tom Buell	28
Jacob Munn	5	Dean Nagel	16	Betty McCure	28
Tim Nagel	5	Nikolas Anderson	16	Beth Parker	28
Zachary Reno	5	Richard Rohner	17	Jeremy Wallace	28
Mason Marcolina	7	Melanie Bell	18	Gary Wendling	28
Brett Backhus	8	Jeff Gardner	18	Grace Anders	29
Brianna Paulsen	8	Jamie Brolick	19	Barb Lueken	30
Shawn Purnell	8	Mike Gardner	20	Shelley Manning	30
Ed Tatro	8	Haley Wallace	20	Emma Minett	30
Trysta Kosel	9	Andrew Farnetti	21	Scott Evans	31
Alex McDonald	9	Kendall Ivers	22	Bruce Hasch	31
		Bob Look	22		
		Christy Schultz	22		

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Debbie Nick	1	Fred and Midge Meents	21
Dominic and Ann Bowden	7	Scott and Kristin Rogan	21
Earl and Sandy Sutton	7	Stephen and Nancy Tomany	23
Nikolas and Deanna Anderson	8	Fred and Lori Dorman	24
Ken and Lori Krumreich	12	Bob and Kim Blecke	26
Don and Pam Burke	12	Daniel and Susan Willenborg	27
Larry and Sharon Buell	13	John and Jan Buell	28
Dave and Helen Anderson	14		