

May 2017

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I'm very excited for the sermon series that I'll be preaching during the summer months! Continuing in the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we will be examining the Book of Romans through the eyes of our first Reformer, Martin Luther.

Reading Romans with Luther will begin June 16 and 17. Based on the book with the same title by RJ Gruenwald, I will distill some of their keen insights on the Book of Romans, which to Luther was a definitive writing of St. Paul in understanding sin and grace, justification, the church, faith, and the Christian life.

Gather your family and friends and bring them to church to hear the Good News of justification by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ! It promises to be a fascinating and insightful journey through a book of Scripture that comforts us with grace in amongst the vagaries of life. I'm looking forward to preaching this—I hope you are looking forward to hearing it!

In other news (and continuing the Commemoration), watch for a screening of a new movie about Martin Luther at the AMC Theatres in New Lenox called **Martin Luther: An Idea That Changed the World**. The full-length documentary features thrilling reenactments of the sixteenth-century events with commentary and insights from leading church history experts. I'm hoping to have this scheduled in September at the theatres. Stay tuned!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Confirmed in Christ

Sunday, May 7th, during the 10:30 a.m. service, the following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Elyse Ray Black, Shawn Paul Cullen, Chloe Noel Erwin, Paige Victoria Hull, Nicholas Adam Krzysiak, Ryan Joseph McDonald, Sydra Seville and Grace Strache. 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 summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 28th 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 weekends each month.



Update from Council President, Jeff McDonald

April was a pretty eventful month at Trinity with Easter right in the midst of it. We had a good turnout for our landscaping clean-up day and the grounds of Trinity were in top shape in time for this year's Cross Walk, which culminated at Trinity. Pictures of the cross being carried up our front steps can be found on Trinity's Facebook page, which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityNewLenox/> (please "Like" this page if you're a Facebook user and you'll be able to keep up with much of what goes on at Trinity). You can also see pictures from our landscaping clean-up effort on this page. We have had a number of compliments about the recycled limestone that was incorporated into our landscaping in the

front of the church. Special thanks to Virgil Switzer for this idea, and for the labor he added to this project.



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We also had a nice turnout again this year not only for our Easter services but for Easter breakfast as well. So much so that we actually ran out of eggs! Thanks, however, to Biff Aiken and his amazing potatoes, we had plenty of food to go around. And the sweets table was also a big hit thanks to all of the donated their delicious baked goods. We also had some new faces in the kitchen this year helping to prepare the meal - our thanks to all who pitched in. We also took the opportunity on Easter Sunday to get some updated photos of those in attendance. You can find pictures from that day on our Facebook page as well. You are a photogenic group - the pictures really turned out great!

Proceeds from the Easter breakfast were approximately \$200 and that money is going directly to Regenerations (<https://www.lcfs.org/regenerations/>), the charity we have been supporting in 2017. In addition to this money, our Social Ministry committee managed to raise an additional \$3,500 for this cause! I do believe that is a record-high donation for a charity, and I was very happy to see such a strong interest in this organization when they came to Trinity to speak to our members about the importance of their mission. On behalf of Regenerations and the LCFS, thank you very much for your generous support!

On the property front, the work on Pastor Hoag's new office continues, so our office move project continues to make positive strides. Our thanks to Jeff Lorenz for spearheading this initiative and getting the project started. We also had a new air conditioning unit installed recently for our sanctuary - just in time for the summer months. Finally, we continue to collect funds for our stained glass window repair project, which is the next major repair we expect to tackle at Trinity.

Finally, we regret to say our newest members of church council - Wade & Jessica Brokmeyer - will be leaving Trinity in June due to a job transfer that will take them to Troy, Michigan. In a fairly short amount of time, Wade & Jessica have become very involved at Trinity and they are

currently serving as co-directors of Outreach along with Bob Blecke. While we are going to miss the contributions of the Brokmeyers, their departure creates an opportunity for another member (or two) to join church council on the Outreach committee. Please give some thought to this and contact any member of church council, including Pastor Hoag, if you are interested in learning more about this. I can tell you from my own personal experience that serving on church council is very rewarding, so I do hope you'll consider this opportunity and reach out to one of us if you're interested.

MEMBER UPDATES



Baptisms

Sunday, May 21, 2017

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



Bible Classes: Everyone is invited to join one or both classes! Classes meet in the library.
Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. through May 21st
Wednesday Mornings at 8:30 a.m. through May 25th
Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Chancel Guild The next meeting will be Monday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Judi Donovan and Debbie Crawford.

Church Council The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. *The meeting date has been moved from the 14th due to that being Mother's Day.*



Scrip Fundraiser -

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Scrip cards are a terrific gift idea for those special teachers you want to thank. A list of the many retailers/restaurants that participate in this program can be found on the table below the youth bulletin board.

Remember, there is no additional cost to you. Our next order deadline will be [Monday, May 1 at noon](#). Cards will be ready for pick up at church the following Sunday, May 7. Any questions

can be directed to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or (815)467-2537 or Gary Purnell at (815)485-9017. You can also check out shopwithscrip.com to learn more.

Scrip proceeds for February and March totaled \$159.60. This amount was given to the church to help with church improvement projects. Thank you for your support!



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!



Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Jeanine Welsh's home. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us. If you have any questions please call the church office at 815.485.6973.



Coffee Hosts

Thanks to the coffee hosts for serving coffee after the early service each week. We have a couple new hosts who signed up for the 4th Sunday of the month. We still have a 8 open months. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815.485.6973. Without any new volunteers, coffee will not be available after service on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please consider volunteering.



St. Matthew's

Please continue to donate rummage and food. These items will be taken to St. Matthew's periodically.

Women's League - The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 30th at 12:30 pm.** Hostesses are Pat Czerwinski with several helpers.



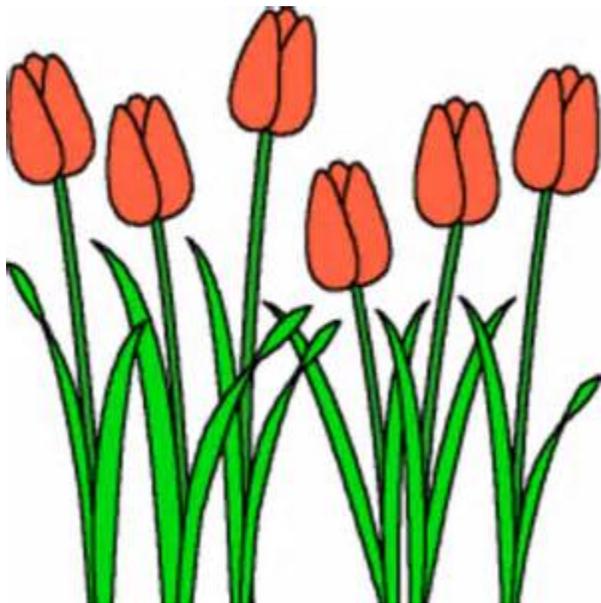
Pre-School Registration for September 2017-2018. Please tell your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, please call the pre-school at 815.485.6973. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. The tuition per month for the school year beginning September 2017, will be \$105.00 for two day students and \$130 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2017.



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! The May signup 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. 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.



Easter Flowers: The Chancel Guild would like to thank the following people for donating the beautiful flowers to adorn our Easter Worship Services today. They are as follows: Biff & Debbie Aiken, The Blecke Family, Marnean Briese, Denise Buchanan, Tom & Michelle Buell, Rita Carlson, Tom & Jan Clarke, Nicole Conradi, The Cuthbert Family, Les & Ginny DeCarlo, Janet

DeForest, Jenni De Maertelaere, Jack & Lois Dobbs, Bob & Tammy Doerrer, Judi Donovan, The Dunn-Niemann Family, Ernie & Jan Falk, Paul & Pat Fuerst, Betty Hopkinson, Bill & Sally Jackson, Tom & Wendy Kaun, Les & Cheryl Koenig, Joe & Renee Lavazza, Bob & Debbie Look & Family, Jeff & Sharon Lorenz, Mike & Liz Lyman, Phil & Sharon MacFarlane, Al McCullough, Jennifer Mudrock, Karin Pecoraro, Michael & Emily Perkins, Gary & Kay Purnell, Arleen Raffanti, Rich & Jackie Rohner, Doug & Jan Schlak, Steve & Cindy Spiess, Robert & Christine Stark, Ed & Karen Tatro, Steve & Rita Tinker, Rex & Jan Toepke, Laurene Wajchert & Jim Kollbaun, LaDonna Walker and The Wheeler Family.

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.



Have you noticed the beautiful floral arrangement on our coffee table outside of the church office? It was made and donated by Sharon Buell. What a beautiful reminder that Spring and Summer have finally arrive. Thank you Sharon!



CAUSE AND EFFECT: YOU GIVE. PEOPLE LIVE.

The next opportunity to save lives with a blood donation will be on May 22, 2017 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. **SAVE THE DATE!** If you have any questions, or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Deb Aiken at 815.462.0687.



A sincere thank you for the dedication and fine efforts of all the Trinity Lutheran Church Ushers. They faithfully help to keep our services sacred and respectful. As we move back to one service for the Sunday summer months a new schedule will be sent. This schedule, as in past years, has the regular 8 am service ushers scheduled for 9 am summer service with the regular 10:30 am service ushers as alternates. Ushers will receive the summer schedule in May. Also, please communicate with each other if you are unable to serve on a particular Sunday and contact an alternate for that service.

Finally, it is always great to have interested members join the ranks. So if you have a desire to serve the Lord and the congregation as an usher, please contact Ed Tatro.

Thanks, Ed Tatro and Diane Sewing, Worship and Spiritual Life Directors



Healing Hearts Survivors of Suicide Support Group Meetings – Third Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox. May 15th is an Open Forum with a special guest via Satellite, Brandy Lidbeck, A two time suicide survivor, licensed marriage and family therapist & Author of “The Gift of Second” Healing from impact of suicide also the founder of website, thegiftofsecond.com – a community for survivors of suicide loss. Whether you have lost a loved one to suicide or you know someone who has, you will be blessed by Brandy and her story.

MorningStar Mission – 5K – Saturday, August 19, 2017 – Flyers are located on the hallway table for anyone interested. All proceeds to benefit MorningStar programs

Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM to 1 PM.



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