

## September 2014

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I have discovered for myself a newly-found appreciation for hymns which are found under the heading of *The Church Militant*. If you're curious you can find these hymns in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) by hymn numbers 655 through 669. These hymns remind us that our real enemies are not people, but rather our struggle is "*against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*"—*Ephesians 6:12*. All of these are called "*the schemes of the devil.*" It is these that seek your heart and mind to empty them of Christ.

The hymns remind us of the Scriptural truth that in Jesus Christ we already have the victory over these plots and schemes and it is our privilege to hold on to that victory as we put on the whole armor of God for the great defensive against the evil day and stand firm. And for the great offensive, we have the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Even in these times of violence, uncertainty, and confusion we still have all of the counsel of God for our unlimited use. And we become a whole army of warriors when we gather for worship, finding strength in numbers, and building up one another with the comfort given in the good news of Jesus Christ. And in the end all of those in *The Church Militant* will receive their crown of life in *The Church Triumphant*!

In Christian Love,

Pastor Hoag

# September 2014 Newsletter

Summer is over, schools are back in session. It is time to get back to our regular fall schedules. Our church organizations will also resume.

**Our fall/winter schedule resumes on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> as follows:**

Saturday - Contemporary Service - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Traditional Service - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:15 a.m.

Ushers - be sure to check the schedule for the dates you are scheduled to usher.

**Confirmation Classes will be held each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

**beginning on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> . If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Hoag or call the church office at 815.485.6973.**

**Sunday School is still in need of a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School teacher.** If you would be willing to help, have any questions or need more information, please talk to Judi Donovan or call the church office at 815.485.6973. **Sunday School resumes on September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Church Council will resume their meetings on Sunday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Preschool News and Information**

### **2014-15 Trinity Pre-School**

**AM and PM spots still available .....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 begins on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

***Pot Luck Lunch:*** Our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee has been meeting and is moving forward with plans for next year's Diamond Anniversary. **We are planning to host a pot luck lunch on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, following the late service to kick off our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities,** which will culminate in a catered meal on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for our October pot luck (see sign-up sheet by the gym). We are asking for members to bring an entrée or casserole, a salad or appetizer, or a dessert (just one item is fine). Please sign up for your favorite and let others know what you are bringing so that we can try to balance our meal.

***Special Moment/Memory:*** We are asking all members to submit a special moment or memory of their time as a member of Trinity for inclusion in a memory book / updated membership directory that is being prepared for the event. **A Special Moment or Memory sheet is at the bottom of this Newsletter. Printed forms are available on the table outside the church office and you can also find an online form on our web site under the page dedicated to our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** *Please take time to fill out a sheet and drop it in the suggestion box outside the church office prior to October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to get to church, you may use the form at the bottom of this Newsletter and mail it to us to the attention of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Remember – we need this returned to us by October 5<sup>th</sup>.*

***We are hoping to tackle two significant improvements as part of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*** Both are long-needed improvements to our church, but both will involve a fairly large investment by our congregation. **We hope to have a lift installed and we hope to raise enough funds to purchase a new organ for the church.** We have received a number of memorial funds over the years for these projects, but we are projecting the total cost to be greater than what we have available. *We prayerfully ask that all members consider supporting one or both of these projects so that we can complete them both without incurring any additional debt.* Members are encouraged to use their "Designated Offering" or "Debt-Reduction Fund" envelopes to help us raise funds for these projects, or you can write a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and state "Lift" or "Organ" in the

subject line to designate a donation to this effort. Having just paid off our mortgage in January, we would love to remain debt-free at the conclusion of these two projects and we are hoping our congregation can come together to make that possible.

*Our organizations will be back in full swing in September.* Ladies would you like to get acquainted with fellow church members? All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend one of our ladies groups. Chancel will meet on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; Women's League will meet on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.; Social Ministry will meet on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Choir meets Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (open to women and men).

**Chancel:** All ladies are welcome to join us.

Next meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; hostesses are Sally Jackson and Jan Falk.

September work schedule:

September 6/7	Denise Buchanan, Doris Bay
September 13/14	Doris Bay, Allene Bachmann
September 20/21	Denise Buchanan, Sally Jackson
September 27/28	Sally Jackson, Wendy Kaun

## **Chancel Guild – Annual Fall Salad Luncheon**

Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Tickets: \$8.00 Carry Outs Available! Men are welcome!

*The Women's League members will be furnishing the desserts.* This is Chancel's only fundraiser and all proceeds will be used to replace and or purchase altar linens and supplies. Tickets may be purchased from any chancel member or in the church office. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, call the church office at 815.485.6973.

## **Women's League**

Next meeting is September 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. All ladies are invited. They will be tying fleece blankets for MorningStar Mission. This is a fun time together and everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be a member to come to any meeting. Hostesses will be Pat Czerwinski and Judy Wilmsen.

**Choir** Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome - both male and female. If you have any questions, please call the choir director, Julie Verchimak at 815.723.1429 or call the church office at 815.485.6973.

### **Social Ministry**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Sue Kunce's home at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are welcome. We are always open to some new ideas.

**Coffee hosts are still needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>.** If you enjoy this social time each Sunday after early service please take a turn and help us out. A yellow sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. *Please stop and sign up for the month, or months, that you would be able to serve.* If you have any questions, please call Midge Meents at 815.485.6527, or the church office at 815.485.6973.

### **St. Matthew's Fund Raiser**

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support St. Matthew's through food, clothing, monetary donations or delivering these items to St. Matthew's. Our congregation is continuing to focus on better aiding the Mission work of feeding the hungry and homeless at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in the Pilsen neighborhood. We are asking that members donate food and paper supplies for their twice weekly meals, to be placed in the designated containers or on the card table in the hallway out the Narthex. Suggested supplies are coffee, canned vegetables, rice, soups, cereal, crackers, noodles, beans, canned fruit, powdered mill, toilet paper and paper plates and cups.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Thanks to everyone who has signed up to donate flowers for our altar. All the weeks have been taken through the end of this year. If you missed signing up for a special date, please contact Denise Buchanan at 815.485.2729 or email her at [denny3362488@att.net](mailto:denny3362488@att.net) to see if you would be able to share a week with another member. 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.

**Thanks to everyone who signed up last month as a reader, greeter or a volunteer for the MorningStar serving. Your help is greatly appreciated.**

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Visit us on the web at [www.trinitynewlenox.org](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org)

**Readers and Greeters.** The sign-ups for September are on the table. Won't you take a moment and agree to either read or greet one of the coming Sundays? If you'd like a copy of the readings, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.

**MorningStar Mission.** The September sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. Servings will be September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

**October through December Portals of Prayer are available. Pick up your copy.**

**Prevent Prescription Drug Overdose. Excess prescription drugs around the house leads to an increased curiosity or temptation to try them. Dispose of unused medications safely!** Keep prescription drugs off the streets! Please do not flush your old medicine down the toilet as it may poison your local water stream or septic field. And, do not simply throw your medications in the trash as children and/or pets may accidentally consume them, or end up in land fill ground water. There are better ways to dispose unwanted medications... The best way is through the local drug take back programs!

**Help keep our community safe! Please dispose of unwanted medication at the Unwanted Medicine Disposal Container located in New Lenox Police Department, 701 W. Haven Ave., New Lenox. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Acceptable items include pills, salves and liquid medications in original containers or non-leaking containers. Unacceptable items include sharps, needles, IV bags, thermometers and medical waste.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> --- ShareFest New Lenox "Main Event" at the Spencer School Campus, 1711 S. Spencer Road, New Lenox.** This event includes a book drive/exchange, clothing & home goods, food drive, collection for Our Troops, free legal services, Health & Safety Fair, blood drive, reuse/recycling drive, service projects and Forest Preserve workday projects. Volunteers are needed to help on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and also prior to that date. Forms with information are on the hallway table. If you are interested or want more details, please call 815.727.1614 or visit [www.sharefestnelnox.com](http://www.sharefestnelnox.com).

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

**Please take a moment to complete one of the attached forms and return it to the Church office by 10/5.**

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**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Special Moment or Memory of your time at Trinity.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Trinity since approximately: \_\_\_\_\_

My special moment or memory from my time as a member of Trinity is:

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sam Forsythe	1
Ann Johnson	1
Claire Kellbach	1
Linda White	1
Brian Garrison	2
Allan Brunmeier	3
Henry Bylaitis	3
Emily Niemann	3
Hannah Niemann	3
Gary Purnell	3
Kendall Sherman	3
Roger Wischover	5
Michael Bay	6
Leigha DeMaertelere	6
Amy Ingalls	6
Taylor Ivers	7
Aubrey Trautvetter	7
Lacey Kosel	8
Scott Lueken	8
Courtney Nichols	8
Eva Grady	10
Jan Prospero	10
Lucas Scaccia	11
Rocco Scaccia	11
Valerie Harbin	12
Jerry Molenaar	12
Tamara Doerrer	13
Ricky Adams	14
Sarah Parker	15
Terry Larson	16
Ashley McCure	16
Juliette Pour	16
Heather Molenaar	17
Devin O'Neill	17
Charlie Sigrist	17
Andrew Ashley	19
Leah Black	19
Quinn Dunmore	19

Thomas Forsythe	19
Mason Klisz	19
Adolf Fandl	20
Lynne Pigney	21
Ethan Kosel	24
Marge Hummel	25
Madison Simon	25
Parker Niemann	26
Marcy Remm	26
Stephen Purnell	27
Rebecca Verchimak	27
Betty Hopkinson	29
Sally Jackson	29
Virgil Switzer	29
Jacob Capretto	30
Janell McDonald	30
Jessica Thompson	30

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Duncan & Allene Bachmann	4
Scott & Wendy Elmlund	4
Bob & Tamara Doerrer	6
Harry & Corri Grady	7
Sheldon & Doris Klemm	7
Nick & Jayna Perez	12
Jeff & Kim Alfano	13
Bob & Karen Dickson	19
Al & Jan Prospero	19
Paul & Jean Moeller	20
Randy & Nancy Varju	20
Rich & Jacqueline Rohner	23
Jack & Lois Dobbs	24
Mark Lord & Marge Hummel	24
Jim & Jeanine Welsh	24
Chris & Pat Reithel	28
Harold & Jane Schrank	28