

April 2016

Dear Fellow Trinitarians,

Christ is risen!

Easter came and went quickly this year. I hope your celebrations with family and friends were joyous! It is a time to celebrate with other people because that is exactly what you will be doing for all eternity. The resurrection of Jesus guarantees that for us. It shows us our ultimate destiny as the people of Christ.

Even though we die, yet we will live. It is in eternity that we will live with no sin, no pain, and no death. We will have bodies that will live forever, just as Jesus does. But Jesus will still be the Lamb who sits on the throne. We will be joining together in a chorus of unending praise with, not only with family and friends, but also with strangers who will be strangers no longer.

The focus of eternity will not be you, or the angels, or anyone else. It will be Jesus. It's not that we won't interact with each other because we certainly will.

But that will be in joyous service to one another. It will not be sacrificial or burdensome at all, but unendingly joyful and drenched with loud "Alleluias!"

Every time you come to worship you step into a glimpse of eternity. Everything about our worship points forward to the happy reunion that was purchased and won for us by the ever-living Christ-- the liturgy, the hymns, the Sacraments-- everything! In worship we are taught to sit loose to the things of this world even though the chances and changes of life still weigh heavily on our minds. But we are reminded that what is seen is temporary; what is unseen is eternal.

A very blessed Easter to you!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

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APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER



Thank you to the following for donating the beautiful plants

for Easter: Thank you to the following who donated the beautiful plants for our Easter services: Debbie and Biff Aiken, Lois and Frank Ashley, Jennifer Kojro-Badziak, Bob and Kim Blecke, John and Jan Buell, Marnean Briese, Denise and Bob Buchanan, Janet and Tom Clark, the Cuthbert Family, Jack and Lois Dobbs, Bob and Tammy Doerrer, Janet Deforest, Judi Donovan, Henry and Betty Dunker, Jan and Ernie Falk, Betty Hopkinson, Tom and Wendy Kaun, the Koehler Family, Joe and Renee Lavazza, Michael and Marilou Lerner, Jeff and Sharon Lorenz, Sharon and Phil MacFarlane, Al McCullough, Larry and Debbie Miller, Jeff and Janell McDonald, Bill and Sally Jackson, Fred and Midge Meents, Cheryl Mork, Gary and Kay Purnell, Rich and Jackie Rohner, Bob and Ann Romadka, Doug and Jan Schlak, Robert and Christine Stark, Steve and Rita Tinker, Rex and Jan Toepke, and the Wheeler Family

Thank You!



Thanks to Jeff McDonald and Andy Verchimak for once again chairing the annual Easter Breakfast, and to the Social Ministry Committee for their help on Saturday morning, with the set up and the preparation of food. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the breakfast and also to those to donated bakery items. We are sure everyone who attended the breakfast enjoyed the delicious ham, eggs and bakery goods. This was another great way to get acquainted with fellow church members.

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Thanks also to Doris Bay, and her helpers, for organizing the Tenth Annual East Egg Hunt. A special thanks to everyone who donated the candy and trinkets. The children, and parents, enjoyed the fun.



LENT Thank you to our members who helped with the ushering during the Lenten services. We appreciate your stepping up to help.



Thank you to the following organizations for serving the soup and sandwich suppers prior to our weekly Lenten Service: Chancel Guild, Youth Group, Sunday School, Church Council, and Women's League. The proceeds from the donation baskets from each serving were given to the Youth for their trip to New Orleans in July for the National Youth Gathering.



Updates

Updates from Council President, Jeff McDonald.

Spring has sprung at Trinity and hopefully you all enjoyed one of our Easter services. We were again the last stop of the Cross Walk this year and we lucked out with the weather this year. This also gave us the opportunity to explain to members of other churches that no, we did not run out of money to complete our stairs! (regrettably, a common misconception)

Now that the weather is warming up and we're able to resume outdoor work, our first two priorities will be to get our front stairs poured and have the paving done on Elm Street (by the lift entrance). Fortunately, the lift is getting regular use and we even had a few moms with strollers use it during the Cross Walk. While it seemed to take a long time

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to get this installed, the lift continues to work well and is a great addition to Trinity.
Thanks once more to all who helped to make that possible.

Please check out the bulletin board outside the narthex for information on our 2016 and 2017 planned projects. Those include regrading the courtyard in hopes of addressing our water problems, moving our various church offices for better access and utilization of our space, getting new windows in the gym to replace the broken and inefficient ones in there now, getting new flooring in the library and narthex and having our stained glass windows treated to ensure they last for decades to come. We are still getting bids for these projects, but we have estimated a total cost of approximately \$80,000 for all five combined (full disclosure - this is just an educated guess at this point). We'd like to keep the momentum of our 75th anniversary in 2015 going and keep making improvements to this building we all enjoy. With that in mind, we are prayerfully asking our members to consider helping support these projects in hopes that we can complete them without additional debt. Please check out the bulletin board for details of these projects and thanks in advance for helping us to complete these projects.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES will continue on April 6, 13, 20 and 27
at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation — Sunday, May 1st at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Michael Daniel Bay, Collin William Black, Kelsey Hanna Evans, Logan Wilfred Hull, Erik William Johnson, Abigail Ellen King, Audrey Grace Minett, Theresa Marie Milianti, Nicholas John Myers, Madison Nicole Simon and Victoria Dawn Urbanczyk. 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.

Member Updates

New Members:

Dawn Carlson, and Victoria, Julia and Jack Urbanczyk, from Hope Lutheran church, Fondulac, Wisconsin.

Chad Hull, and Logan and Paige Hull, from St. John's Lutheran Church, Buckley, IL

Jennifer Kojro-Badziak, from Unity Lutheran Church, Berwyn, IL

Deceased:

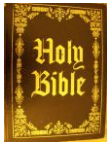
Evelyn Clancy, December 13, 2016

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Fannie May Candy Bar Sale! The proceeds of the February sales were given to the Youth to help cover their expenses for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thanks to all the chocolate lovers who purchased \$295 worth of candy bars to help the youth.

Rita Larson is continuing to sell candy bars with the proceeds going to the Chancel Guild. The cost is \$1.00 each and are available after church services or in the church office. Please deposit your money in the envelope inside the candy bar box.



Bible Classes – everyone is invited, and welcome to attend.

Wednesday Morning – meets from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Sunday Morning – meets at 9:15 a.m. in the library.



Scrip Fundraiser - This is a gift card fundraiser - they are the same gift cards you can purchase from retailers, including over 300 brand-name grocery, department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement, etc. We order the gift cards at a discount, and you pay face value for the gift cards. (For example, you pay \$25 for a \$25 Speedway gift card - the youth group obtains the card at a discount and keeps the difference.) You can purchase gift cards by filling out an order form (located by the youth bulletin board) or by placing your order online at shopwithscrip.com. If interested in placing orders online, you will need an enrollment code. Ask Angie Minett for the code or stop by the church office. Direct any questions you may have to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or (815)467-2537.

Deadline for turning in orders, along with payment, is Monday, April 4th at noon (with pick-up at church the following weekend on April 9th & 10th) and also Monday April 18th at noon (with pick-up the following weekend on April 23rd & 24th).

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Trinity Pre-School – Registration for Fall Pre-School is now open. Please tell your friends and neighbors. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. School year beginning September 2015 the tuition per month will be \$100 for two day students and \$125 for three day students. Children must be 3 by September 1, 2015. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

Pre-School Board Meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 9:15 a.m.



SPRING CLEAN-UP. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out Saturday, March 19th to clean up yard and flower beds. Special thanks to Chuck and Sandy Peters for planting the beautiful flowers in time for Easter.



Thank you to all the coffee hosts who take turns each Sunday following the 8:00 a.m. church service. Thanks also to the “new” volunteers who have signed up to a turn on the 4th Sunday of the month. **We still have a couple open dates for the 4th Sunday of the month. Please take a turn a sign up for one of those Sundays. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway table.**



The April Sign-Up sheets for Readers, Greeters and MorningStar Mission are on the hallway table! Your help is appreciated.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Jeanine Welsh's home. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join our committee. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the church office at 815.485.6973.



“Sole Hope” Shoe Cutting Workshop – April 5th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and again from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. *Please come join us. We can use your help! Remember to bring your scissors!* This will be our final workshop and all cut out shoes will be mailed to Sole Hope.



St. Matthew's Outreach:

We are continuing with our collection of clothing and household goods as well as food for St. Matthew's. Food items should be placed in the container at the top of the steps by the parking lot door. Clothing and household goods should be placed in the room at the East end of the church basement. Thank you Chuck and Sandy Peters for transporting items to St. Matthew's the past few weeks.



BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT TRINITY – Monday, April 11

Heartland's "big coach" will be in our parking lot from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment please sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org. Or call Debbie at 815.462.0687. Walk-in's are always welcome! Prepare for your donation: Eat Well – Stay Hydrated – Bring ID.

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SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH PICNIC, SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

The Social Ministry Committee is working on plans for a summer picnic here at Trinity. **We will have food and games for all ages.**



If you have a Bingo Game that we could borrow, or if you have one you would like to donate, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.



MorningStar Mission: The next serving dates for April 4th and 18th. Thanks to all the volunteers who help each week. If you are interested in helping, the sign up sheet is on the hallway table.



Chancel Guild: The next meeting will be **Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Trinity are invited to visit. Hostesses are Cindy Spiess and Jan Falk.



Chancel Guild recently repaired/replaced the frayed hymn/Bible markers. *Please remind your children to not braid or fray them.*

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CHOIR Rehearsals will be held each Wednesday in April, at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome.



Women's League The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 26th at 12:30 p.m.** Hostesses are Jan Falk, May Schrank and Midge Meents.



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



VBS – SAVE THE DATE! June 20-24th. Members of Trinity may sign up in April.

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INFORMATION REQUESTED – CHANGES OR UPDATES

When you move, change phone numbers, email addresses etc., please let the church know. You may call 815.485.6973 or email Doris, the church secretary at tlcsecretary@sbcglobal.net. You may also complete and turn in the “Record Update Information” sheet, which are on the table outside the church office and on the hallway table.



Matter of Balance Class. Just a reminder for those who are already pre-registered. The Village of New Lenox will be conducting a Balance Class here at Trinity on Monday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. beginning April 4th and running through May 23rd. Each class is limited to 15 members and the class has been filled. The Village holds these classes on various dates at different locations. If you are interested in attending one of those classes, please contact Dan Martin, Public Safety Division Chief, at 815.462.6128 or email dmartin@newlenox.net.

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

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