

June 2013

Dear Friends of Trinity,

This will be one of the shortest newsletter articles you will have ever read from me.

Have you ever had a moment in which you were intensely aware that you are Lutheran? It's not something we lose sleep over. We don't think about it very often, and most people are not all that interested in denominational labels ("They're all the same anyway, so why bother?" is the usual thinking behind this.). But since we are a Lutheran church it's kind of nice to talk about being Lutheran every so often. And while it doesn't mean that we necessarily bash Christians of other denominations over the head, it does present an opportunity to give a positive confession of who we are and what we believe. So, allow me to ask you a question that I invite you to think good and hard about:

What does being Lutheran mean to you?

I'll leave that question there as a way to start a conversation between all of us. God's blessings to you in Christ Jesus, and I pray that you have a wonderful summer!

In Christ,
Pastor Hoag

JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

Can the summer season be here already? Baseball games, vacations, picnics, bugs, thunderstorms, flowers, and...a new worship schedule! Through September 1, we will be having one worship service on Sunday morning at 9:00 am. The Expression services will continue to be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the second and fourth weekends of the month, at both the Saturday and Sunday services.

USHERS

Thank you, Paul! Paul Krol has been the usher coordinator for the past number of years. He is moving out of state and we are now in need of someone to fill this position. Please consider serving in this capacity. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Ed Tatro, Director of Spiritual Life (815.485.5760), or Pastor Hoag or Doris Klemm, Church Secretary (815.485.6973). Thank you, Paul!

SOW HOPE

Thanks to everyone who donated to our SowHope fundraiser. A total of \$1,551.37 was donated. Even though this fundraiser has ended, you may still continue to donate on your own to this very worthwhile cause. All donations are appreciated.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

This will be held at Lincoln-West High School on August 9th and 10th. Trinity has the opportunity to once again participate in this event with "Friends of Good Shepherd". Good Shepherd has blocked in two different time slots for Trinity members so we will have the opportunity to work elbow to elbow with others from Trinity. **These time slots are both on Saturday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and again from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. There are openings for 20 volunteers at each time slot.** Registration will be open to the public as of June 1st. Stop at the sign-up table and sign up at your earliest convenience. Be sure to include your email address.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

New Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the hallway table for **Ushers – Greeters – MorningStar Missions**. Take a turn. Stop and sign up for a day!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Coffee Hour will continue after the summer 9:00 am service. Stop in and get acquainted with your fellow church members. If enough members do not partake of the serving, it will be discontinued for the remainder of the summer.

Update on Virgil Switzer: On the table in the sitting area are new labels for Virgil and a sheet with mailing rules and regulations. If we need more of either, please let the secretary know. Please sign Virgil's May greeting card on the hall coffee table; also, he would greatly appreciate receiving news from all church members. Do not attach stickers to any envelopes or your letter will not be delivered. He can also receive up to five publications per envelope.

TODAY'S LIGHT

The July – September issue of Today's Light is on the counter in the church office. If you have signed up for this pamphlet, please stop in and pick it up.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The July-September issue of Portals of Prayer (including a few large print copies) are on the sign up table in the hallway and also on the counter area in the Narthex. Stop and pick up a copy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tell It on the Mountain Where Jesus Christ is Lord!

STUDENTS - Join us June 10-14, 9:30 am – noon. You can register online at www.trinitynewlenox.org, or fill out a yellow paper form on the sign-up table. Cost if \$5.00 for the whole week, ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration is now open to the public. We still have spaces open. Go to www.trinitynewlenox.org to enroll – no need for a password. Please wear sturdy shoes - NO FLIP-FLOPS! Also, leave electronics and cell phones at home. If a child must bring his cell phone, it must be turned off during VBS. We cannot be responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items.

VBS Staff and Volunteers - Meeting on **Tuesday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** The first hour we will go through orientation and duties; the second hour will be for set-up and preparation. Talk to Michelle Hoag or sign up online.

PRAYERS - Please include the students and volunteers in your prayers: that we share God's love, keep everyone safe, and joyfully connect the kids of our community to Christ!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help or has made a donation. We could not run a successful VBS without you!!

Members with Envelopes

Members giving donations to missions/charities other than those with designated envelopes in your envelope box, please use the extra designated envelope stating the mission on it or place your envelope number on the donation envelope provided by the mission. This applies whether you use cash or check for your donation. I am then able to document your contribution on your record. Questions - contact Janice Prospero, home phone 815 485-3558

Youth and Sunday School Picnic - Once again the picnic was a success. We had beautiful weather and a good time. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who helped with food and games.

SUMMER BREAK/VACATION

The following groups are on summer vacation and will resume meetings in fall: Chancel (next meeting September 9th) Women's League (next meeting September 24th) Social Ministry (one more meeting, June 10th), Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Adult Choir, Church Council (one more meeting, June 9th), Sunday School, and Property Committee. Even though our organizations are taking a summer break, our church services continue each week. Hope to see you there!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE SUMMER: Monday, 9-3, Tuesday 1-4, and Thursday 1-4.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Abigail King	1	Adam Parker	24
Andrea Sherman	1	Jeremy Riley	24
Bill White	1	Jack Urbanczyk	24
Jim Dyer	2	Julia Urbanczyk	24
Ashley Munn	2	Doug Hoag	25
Morgan Thomsen	3	Cameren Sanders	26
Michelle Buell	4	Bob Blecke	27
Derek Nick	4	Austin Marcolina	27
Ann Romadka	5	Jeremy Puttkammer	27
Marissa Salazar	5	John Buell	28
Jan Schlak	5	Gary Dortman	28
Owen Sigrist	5	Victoria Urbanczyk	28
Donna Cuthbert	6	Sarah Wroblewski	28
Brendan Kessel	6	Shelby O'Neill	29
Bob Look	6	Jenna Puttkammer	29
Kay Purnell	6	Walt Opiola	30
Sue Kunce	7	Jessica Wallace	30
Shae Lea Jandeska	11		
Alexander Ashley	12		
Chase Bailey	12		
William Loucks	12		
Lauren Czaja	13		
Cora Donath	14		
Kevin Pigney	14		
Jeanine Welsh	14		
Noah Burke	15		
Mary Rourke	15		
Zachary Sheffer	15		
Beau Valentine	15		
Paul Krol	16		
Ariel Bell	17		
Randy Guenther	17		
Phil Bormet	18		
Cooper Rourke	18		
Parker Schultz	18		
Kristin Paulsen	19		
Rachel Zielinski	19		
Mary Lynn Farnetti	20		
Harry Grady	20		
Dylan Beaudry	21		
Edna DeLair	21		
Jessica Lorenz	21		
Leah McDonald	21		
Jayna Baggs	22		
Liz Lyman	22		
Joey Bay	23		
Amy Grady	24		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Phil and Sharon MacFarlane	3
Brian & Rebecca Johnson	4
Angie & James Minett	4
Bob & Ann Romadka	8
Laura & Tom Forsythe	14
Karen & Gary Wendling	15
Shirley & Bill Walter	18
Karen & Ed Tatro	19
Andrea & Beau Valentine	20
Marilou & Mick Lerner	23
Maxine & Jeff Pavlovich	25
Seema & Steven Purnell	27