

June 2021

Dear Friends,

I'm willing to bet that you are exhausted. We all are in some ways. Just thinking about certain things causes us to crumble. This is all part of what the pandemic has done to us. Of course, there's much more to it than that. COVID and its fallout has done a lot to us. There is no denying it. But one thing for sure is that it has revealed our weaknesses and vulnerabilities like nothing else. We all reacted differently to the pandemic and showed our true selves and revealed our most secret fears.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear; because fear has to do with punishment (1 John 4:18). *Perfect* love drives out fear. Our love is imperfect but is in the process of being perfected, as we are being more and more conformed to the image of Christ Jesus. Someday all fear will be gone because our love will be perfected forever. Don't try to do this yourself because it's something that must be done to you. Being transformed is the work of God. Through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are being transformed throughout our being. Everything about us will be perfected in love.

Let your fears remind you of this wonderful truth. God has begun this good work in us and will bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ! (Philippians 1:6) Encourage yourself and one another with those words.

I pray that you and those you love have a great and blessed summer in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Hoag

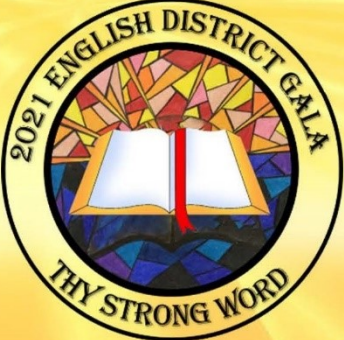


Updates from our Church Council President, Bob Blecke

Summer is right around the corner, bringing nicer weather, our summer schedule, and a few improvements to our building and grounds you might notice in the upcoming weeks. We will be getting some landscaping maintenance repair and improvement done, and also updating our locks and building security, about which there will be more information coming up if you are a current “keyholder” to the building.

The council will continue to review, evaluate, and update our COVID mitigation approach as conditions warrant. If conditions, and resultant governmental guidelines continue to improve, expect to hear the next step in Return To Normal in mid-June. In the meantime, get outside and enjoy this wonderful spring weather with your families, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Synod News:



THY STRONG WORD
An on-line Virtual Gala of fun, fellowship and gracious giving.

IT'S ALMOST HERE! THE 2021 ENGLISH DISTRICT VIRTUAL GALA: THY STRONG WORD

We are coming up on the 2021 English District Virtual Gala. Every member of our congregation is invited. On June 13, 2021, log on for an evening to appreciate and learn about mission work in YOUR district. Read *Servant to Servant* for information on how to register for the Gala and receive sign-in details.



Pre-School Registration for September 2021-2022. 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 \$65.00 per student. The tuition per month for the school year beginning September 2021, will be \$115.00 for two day students and \$145 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2021.



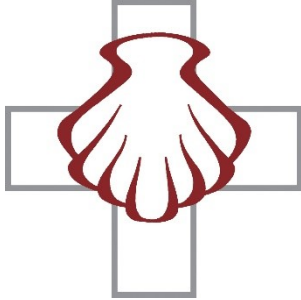
Church Council The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

This is a fundraiser for the Youth Group. These cards are the same gift cards that 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. Next deadline for Scrip Cards will be June 13, 2021. Direct any questions you might have to Angie at minett411@yahoo.com or (815)228-4902. Order forms are on the hallway table outside of Pastor's office. You may place your order/payment in the gold envelope which is the old church office. Pre-ordered gift cards will be available for pick-up the weekend after the order is placed.

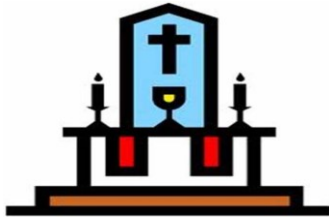
Member Updates:



Baptisms:

Emree Jolynn Casagrande – May 30, 2021

Lucas Anthony Graham – May 30, 2021



Chancel Guild Meeting – We will resume our meetings on September 4th in the church gym at 9 AM. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Work Schedule for June:

June 6 – Jan Falk / Sally Jackson

June 13 – Sally Jackson / Allene Bachmann

June 20 – Allene Bachmann / Lois Dobbs

June 27 – Lois Dobbs / Jan Prospero



ALTAR FLOWERS: Fresh flowers are placed on the altar every weekend to enhance and beautify the altar area in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings. A 2021 flower chart showing open weekends is posted in the cabinet across the general church office. The flower order forms are attached to the cabinet. If you would like to sponsor flowers on a particular weekend, complete the form and place it along with a check (made out to **Trinity Lutheran Chancel Guild**) in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the general church office. If you want a date already chosen, it may be possible to share the date and cost with permission from the person who has already selected the date. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com of (815) 485-9017. Flowers may be picked up at after the 10:30 church service. Thank you to all who sponsor!

Flowers left in the gym will be disposed of after 1 week.

Flower List for June:

June 6th - Phil & Sharon MacFarlane in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

June 13th – Chuck & Sandy Peters in Celebration of Chuck's 80th Birthday(6/21/2021)

Sharing with Harry & Linda Wilkinson in Celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

June 20th – The Dobbs, Dempsey, and Ruhle Families in Celebration of all Fathers and in Memory of Georg Ruhle and Jack Dobbs

June 27th – Flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God by the Tinker Family



June Usher Schedule:

June 6th - 9:00 am Tom Kaun / Larry Wennlund

10:30 am Brett Carr / Paul Krol

June 13th – 9:00 am Ed Tatro / Tim King

10:30 am Tom Buell / Tommy Buell

June 20th – 9:00 am Mike Gardner / Gary Purnell

10:30 am Jeff McDonald / Mike Lyman

June 27th - 9:00 am Steve Tomany / Randy Varju

10:30 am John Buell / Phil MacFarlane



Portals of Prayer for July through September 2021 will be available in the Narthex and also on the hallway table by the middle of June.



Trinity is looking for someone to help with the Livestream Services.

We need someone (adult, high school or college student), to learn how to run the equipment and be a backup for Dan Bay when he can not be here.

If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact the church office.



Clean Up Day – June 5th

Our church grounds need a little help. Bring your gloves, rakes, pruning shears, and whatever else you have to the church starting at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 5th and do some clean up around the church.



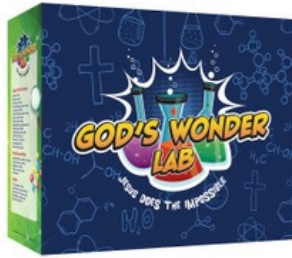
Preschool Director position - Immanuel Lutheran Preschool, Mokena - Part-time Director position is available (25 hours per week) for the 2021-2022 school year, with availability to start June 1, 2021. Position may lead to full-time employment as enrollment increases. Director leads and administers staff of 5 for approximately 60 preschool students. Preschool has 2-day, 3-day and 5-day AM classes. Please submit resume to: education@immanuelmokena.org

Job Requirements: Required qualifications include: Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development; 4 years minimum teaching experience in early childhood education.

Preferred qualifications: Bachelor's degree or higher in Early Childhood Education or a related field.

Assistant Director/Teacher position - Immanuel Lutheran Preschool, Mokena - Part-time Assistant Director/Teacher position is available for the 2021-2022 school year. Up to 25 hours per week mid-August through June. Preschool has 2-day, 3-day and 5-day AM classes. Please submit resume to: education@immanuelmokena.org

Job Requirements: Required qualifications include: Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development; teaching experience in early childhood education.



When: June 14-18, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ages/Grades: Ages 3-5 (Preschool) and Grades K-5 (completed)

Cost: \$10 per student

We will be having our Vacation Bible School in person this year with some changes due to Covid-19. We will be following CDC and IDPH guidelines, including but not limited to:

- Everyone wears a mask over the nose and mouth
- Smaller groups of students who will be socially distanced
- No large opening or closing in the church
- Limited enrollment to meet our reduced capacity

Register online at www.trinitynewlenox.org Use the password “trinity”. (Please do not share the password outside of church and preschool!!) Church families and preschool families have priority in registering until May 5. On May 6, registration opens to the public. Sign up soon – because we have lowered the total number of students we will enroll, we expect to fill up quickly.

If you have any questions, please email us at trinityvbs@hotmail.com

Volunteer: If you would like to volunteer this year, please contact Michelle Hoag at 815-723-7642 or email trinityvbs@hotmail.com.

Donations: Because of Covid-19 our snacks will be individually packaged water bottles and snacks. We would gladly accept donations of the small water bottles as well as individually packaged Oreos, Goldfish crackers, pretzels, and Teddy Grahams.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-1.
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Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

