

May 2021

Dear Friends,

As it appears that we are coming out of the pandemic this would be a great time to assess the effects it has had on us collectively and individually.

With that, and if you are willing, I'd like to hear your stories. How did the pandemic affect you? What changes did you make to navigate it? How disconnected from life do you feel? Were there any lessons you learned? What would you like to see in your life going forward?

Most importantly: How are you?

You might not have an answer to all of those questions, and that's okay.

Would you be willing to call me and set up a time you could tell me about your experience with the pandemic? We could meet at church or at your house or at Starbucks or...wherever you're comfortable. You don't have to do this and we don't have to meet in person. We could simply talk on the phone or over Zoom or text or Facebook Messenger or some other type of electronic communication. If you are interested, I would love to hear from you!

The church is still here! By the grace of God we are still receiving the Gospel in it's various forms and in many and various ways. God continues to speak and will always speak through the word of Christ Jesus. We have been through many changes, but the Gospel never changes. It gives assurance that Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to present us righteous to God.

I continue to pray that our Lord will richly bless and keep you in the love of Christ now and always!

Pastor Hoag

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



Confirmed in Christ

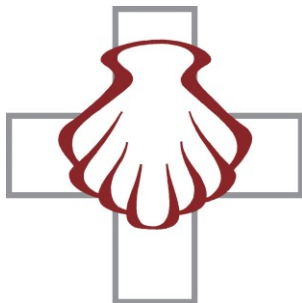
Sunday, May 2nd, during the 10:30 a.m. service, the following young adults will be received into membership through Confirmation: Dante Alexander Berkey, Cody Raymond Grady, and Kylie Madison Trautvetter. We wish them God's blessings and congratulations on the completion of their studies. Please welcome them into our fellowship and keep them in your prayers.

Sunday, May 30th, during the 10:30 a.m. service, Mandy Justine Silakowski will be received into membership through Confirmation. We wish her God's blessings and congratulations on the completion of her studies. Please welcome her into our fellowship and keep her in your prayers.



Our summer worship schedule is pending. We will update you as soon as we have more information.

MEMBER UPDATES



Baptisms:

Allison Louise Scaccia – April 11, 2021

Joselyn Samantha Scaccia – April 11, 2021

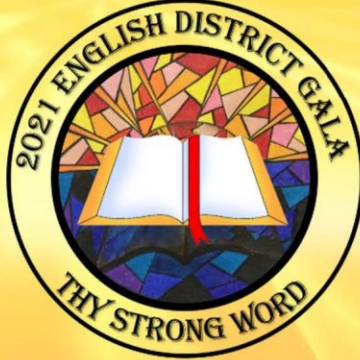


Bible Classes: Everyone is invited to join one or both classes! Classes are being held online and in person. If you are interested in joining the online group, please send Pastor Hoag a text or email and he will provide you with the link to join.

Wednesday Mornings at 8:30 a.m.

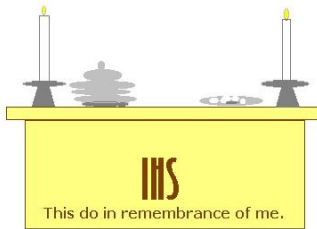
Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

English District News:



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

You are invited to join the churches of the English District and their members for a Virtual Gala on June 13, 2021. The Gala is for the benefit of the District Endowment Fund which supports congregations, church workers and ministries in the district and around the world. You will hear from three of the missions that have received support in the past as well as from Rev. Marcus Zill with the University of Arizona campus ministry. Read *Servant to Servant* to stay connected with updates.



Chancel Guild: The May Meeting of Chancel Guild will be on May 1st at 9:00 am. This will be our last meeting until September. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

Work Schedule for May:

May 2 – Jennifer Mudrock / Wendy Kaun

May 9 – Wendy Kaun / Allene Bachmann

May 16 – Allene Bachmann / Doris Bay

May 23 – Doris Bay / Rita Larson

May 30 – Rita Larson / Jan Falk



ALTAR FLOWERS: A new 2021 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted. You can find it in the glass case hanging on the wall across the old office. If you would like to reserve a weekend for 2021 in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birthday, wedding anniversary, or in celebration of God's blessings, please fill out a sponsor sheet. Sponsor sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case housing the calendar. **Please do not fill in the calendar. Fill out a sponsor sheet and put it in the Chancel Guild mailbox in the general office.** Flowers are \$30.00 for both arrangements. If you would like a weekend already spoken for, it is sometimes possible to share the cost and arrangements with permission from the person already sponsoring. Chancel Guild members would like to thank those of you who sponsored a weekend this past year. We appreciate your efforts to help us enhance and beautify the altar area. If you have any questions, email Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or call her at (815) 485-9017.

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

Flower List for May:

May 2nd – Lois Dobbs in Celebration of the 2021 Confirmation Class

May 9th – Steve and Rita Tinker to Honor Beulah Tinker and Joyce Reuscher and All Mothers with Love and Thanks

May 16th – Pat Fuerst and Family in Loving Memory of Paul Fuerst

May 23rd – Fred and Midge Meents in Memory of Both Sets of Their Parents

May 30th – Jan Clark and Family in Memory of Jan’s Husband Tom Clark and in Celebration of Mandy Silakowski’s Confirmation



Church Council The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.



Social Ministry

Our next meeting will be on May 17th at 7:00 pm in the church library. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.

We hope everyone enjoyed the African Palm Cross and Easter Blessing Card that were handed out on Easter Sunday. If you did not get one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be sent to you. (**African Palm Crosses** - These palm crosses are produced by villagers in Tanzania. They are made from dried palm branches and hand woven.)



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.

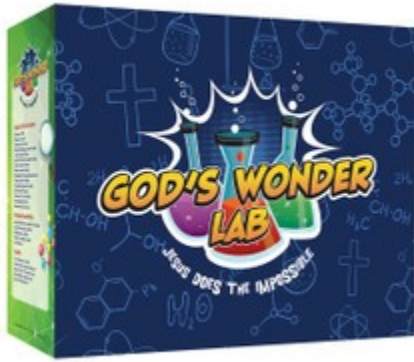


Pre-School Registration for September 2021-2022. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them call the pre-school at 815.485.6973. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. The tuition per month for the school year beginning September 2021, will be \$115.00 for two day students and \$145 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2021.



May Usher Schedule:

May 2nd - 8:00 am Tom Kaun / Larry Wennlund
 10:30 am Brett Carr / Paul Krol
May 9th – 8:00 am Ed Tatro / Tim King
 10:30 am Tom Buell / Tommy Buell / Tony Lopez
May 16th – 8:00 am Mike Gardner / Gary Purnell
 10:30 am Jeff McDonald / Mike Lyman
May 23rd - 8:00 am Steve Tomany / Randy Varju
 10:30 am John Buell / Phil MacFarlane
May 30th – 8:00 am Rex Toepke / Jeff Lorenz
 10:30 am Paul Krol / Diane Sewing



VBS – Save the date!!

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



Are you on Facebook? We are! “Like” Trinity Lutheran church – New Lenox, IL and receive up to date information on current and upcoming church events.”