

May 2023

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Is there anyone you noticed who is missing from worship? Give them a call (or an email or a text message) and tell them you miss seeing them in church!

Are you wondering how a member of our congregation is doing? Give them a call (or an email or a text message) and find out!

If you don't have someone's phone number or email address, call the church office and we will be glad to give it to you.

Ideally, the Christian Church is a community that cares for one another just as we receive care from our Lord Jesus. I say ideally because we often fall short. We come to worship together to remind us that we are the Body of Christ and individually members of it. We sing hymns, we confess the Creed, we confess our sins and receive forgiveness. Of course we do much more. But the point is that we do all of these together to give spiritual benefit to ourselves and to one another. And it is Christ crucified and risen that binds us all together and perfects us.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.-- Hebrews 10:25-25

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Hoag

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Note:

I would like to again extend my thanks to Debbie and Biff Aiken for organizing the Easter Breakfast this year. Also, thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this possible. You are greatly appreciated!! The food was delicious! Also making this Easter special was the addition of the beautiful voices of our choir.

May not only brings us May flowers, but also the confirmation of our eighth graders. This is a very special time in their lives. Please join me in congratulating them.

Highlights discussed during the April Church Council meeting are as follows:

- Plans continue to be made for holding the reVitality workshop on "Engaging Non-churched People in the Community." As we learn more about the workshop, we have come to realize the workshop is intended for the Church leadership. Therefore, the workshop will only be open to members of the Church Council for now.
- Property is getting bids for janitorial services. Inspections of our lift/elevator and fire alarm system are being scheduled. With warm weather approaching, the air conditioning units will also be inspected and tested.
- The Boy Scouts will be painting the Church Parking Lot Entrance as a service project.
- The raised bed gardens project behind the church has been put on hold due to schedule conflicts.
- Outreach is planning a new member reception in the fall, plus reaching out to our college students and active military.
- Youth Ministry efforts are focusing on getting input on what we can offer to keep our youth engaged beyond Confirmation.
- The last day of Sunday School will be May 21. Plans are being made to have a church picnic on that day.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 19-23.
- Social Ministry will not be holding a rummage sale.
- The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7PM.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms!

Gary

RE:VITALITY: "Every One His Witness" - MEETINGS FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION
Additional Detailed Information to Follow

Member News!!!



2022 Baptisms:

- Gabriel Wojnarowski Bendoraitis 01/09/22
- Matthew Robert Longmire 02/20/22
- Russell Roy Goebig 04/03/22
- Mary Elizabeth Niemann 05/07/22
- Kanerick Matthew Dobrez 07/02/22
- Alita Sue Hicks 07/03/22
- Landon Paul Ondera 07/10/22
- Everly Jo Youngberg Sunday 08/14/22
- Alessi Anastasios Zarnos Sunday 08/21/22
- Persephone Mae Sheffer Sunday 08/21/22
- Roan Roy Seville's Sunday 11/26/22

2023 Baptisms:

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2022 Weddings:

- Camden R. Meade & Francesca T. Prospero 06/11/22

2023 Weddings:

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**JOIN US ON YOUVERSION FOR DEVOTIONS, BIBLE PLANS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
www.bible.com**

***Date for Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.): June 19th – June 23rd.**

If you would be interested in being a Lay Reader (meaning you will read the “First Reading”, and the “Second Reading (Epistle)”) please talk with Pastor Hoag



Did You Know Pastor Hoag is a Rock Star!!!

the Band Also Includes Our Very Own (former) Property Manager: Dan Bay!

Come See the Band “Side Effects!” on the Following Dates and Locations:

- April 29, Throwback's Bar and Grill 25940 S Dixie Hwy, Crete, IL 60417 8pm-1am
- May 6, VFW in New Lenox, 7-11
- May 13, Croatian Club in Joliet, 7-11
- May 27, Fireman Ted's in Joliet, 8-Midnight

all new dates will be posted in the weekly bulletin.



RaiseRight Fundraiser (Formerly ShopwithScrip) - This is a gift card fundraiser. They are the same gift cards you can purchase from retailers, including over 300 brand-name grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, home improvement stores, 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 on the table outside Pastor's office) or by placing your order online at www.raiseright.com. If interested in placing orders online, it is simple to do with our church's enrollment code. Contact Angie Minett for the code or with any questions you might have at minett411@yahoo.com or 815-228-4902.

Thank you to all who participate in our RaiseRight gift card fundraiser. This past year we made over \$1,000. We use these earnings to send our youth to the Youth Gathering every 3 years and we appreciate the generous support of our congregation.

The next deadline to order is: Sunday, May 7th. Orders will be ready for pick-up the following weekend.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Trinity has several talented individuals in our congregation. The following website www.trinitynewlenox.org is intended to be a referral source for members of Trinity who might need one or more of these services and who would prefer to work with a fellow member of the church. Trinity offers this as a free resource to members. Trinity does not warrant or guarantee the services provided. We simply want to provide you with contact information of other Trinity members whom you might wish to consider for the services they provide. Trinity disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property, or other damages of any nature whatsoever, whether special, indirect, consequential, or compensatory, directly or indirectly, resulting from the publication of, use of, or reliance on, this list or any services provided. If you have a talent or service you'd like to have listed on our site, please contact Jennifer Kojro-Badziak at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com and I will get you added! And be sure to check back often, as we continue to add other member services to this page.



Trinity Pre-School – UPDATED

Registration for 2023-2024 Is Open!

Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$65.00 per student. School year beginning September 2023. The tuition per month will be:

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old, Tuesday & Thursday: \$120.00

-3 Day, 4-Year-Old, Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$150.00

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2023. For additional information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.

Last Day of Preschool: 05/26/23

Next Preschool Board Meeting: Next School Year



Sunday School News:

The last day of Sunday School is May 21st! We are going to have a BIG day! The children will share a song with the congregation at the 10:30 am service. We invite the Sunday School Families and Congregation to join us for a picnic lunch after church as we close our Sunday School year!

Children's Sermon: 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 9:00 am Service

The Sunday School will be collecting non-perishable food, and monies, to donate to our New Lenox Food Pantry indefinitely. This is to help those around us during these challenging times. Please bring canned goods and dry boxed items. To see items most needed by New Lenox Township Food Pantry, please visit their website (www.newlenox.org), or Facebook. A donation box is located downstairs by the Sunday School rooms, and upstairs by the library. They have also mentioned to us that they can do the most to help with financial donations – you can donate directly on their website or add an envelope with a note in our offering basket. Thank You!!!

Sunday School Friday Game Nights 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Every 4th Friday of the Month):

NEW DATES COMING SOON

May

- May 21st - Attend Church at 9am for Opening
- May 21st - Last Day of Sunday School - Church Picnic

Sunday School is Looking for Volunteers: Teachers and Helpers – High School Age to 101. Please contact Michelle Buell @ mbuell3769@gmail.com or Beth Parker @ elizabethmarie@sbcglobal.net if interested. Thanks!!!

Sunday School 5th Grade and Up Are Invited to Golf.

Join Us for Golfing Sessions with Mr. Krauss!

Featuring...

- Basic Golfing Lessons!
- Driving Range!
- Chipping - Short Game!
- Putting Contest!!!

Who: 5th Graders Through High School Students

When: Tuesdays in May (May 2nd, 9th, 16th) @ 4:30 pm

Where: Sanctuary Golf Course, Marley Road, New Lenox

Tuesday, May 2nd:

- 4:30-5:30 pm (arrive by 4:25 pm)

Tuesday, May 9th:

- 4:30-5:30 pm (arrive by 4:25 pm)

Tuesday, May 16th:

- 4:30-6:30 pm (arrive by 4:25 pm)

Golfing Experience - Location T.B.A.

Cost: FREE!

Supplies: NONE! (Sunday School will supply clubs and balls)

Experience: (NO previous experience required!)

Questions? Please contact Mr. Ralph Krauss. (815) 485-0214, rkrauss@prairiestate.edu





Chancel Guild News!

Chancel Guild Members would like to thank the following people for purchasing Easter Lilies to decorate the Chancel Area for our Easter Celebration:

Deb & Biff Aiken; Allene Bachmann; Liz Benedict; Blecke Family; Buchanan Family; Kim Burbank; Janet DeForest; Lois Dobbs; Tammy & Bob Doerrer; Sheri Eichwedel; Pat Fuerst and Family; Nicole Green; Wendy & Tom Kaun; Christina, Gunnar & Kevin Kipper; Dana Knodel; Cheryl & Les Koenig; Jennifer Kojro-Badziak; Robin & Paul Krol; Sharon & Jeff Lorenz; Sharon & Phil MacFarlane; Jennifer Mudrock; Judy Niemann-VanderVeen; Ondera Family; Emily & Michael Perkins; Kay & Gary Purnell; Jan & Doug Schlak; Tinker Family; Jan & Rex Toepke; Susan & Daniel Willenborg.

Attention Ladies of Trinity - Our meetings are at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of January, March, April, May, September, October, November, and December. Ladies of TLC please consider joining our awesome Chancel Guild. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mudrock, Wendy Kaun, Denise Buchanan, or Kay Purnell.

Chancel Schedule for May:

May 6 / May 7 – CONFIRMATION DAY!: Debbie Crawford / Jan Schlak
May 13 / May 14: Jan Schlak / Kay Purnell
May 20 / May 21: Kay Purnell / Carol Oldendorf
May 27 / May 28: Carol Oldendorf / Janice Prospero

ALTAR FLOWERS - Fresh flowers are used to adorn the altar as a symbol of life and joy. They are part of the beauty of the creation. Chancel Guild very much appreciates the congregation's support and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A 2023 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the glass case hanging on the wall outside the general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion, please fill out a sponsor order sheet and put it along with payment in the Chancel Guild mailbox. The sheets are located on a hook attached to the glass case. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815)485-9017.

May Altar Flower Sponsors:

- May 7 Kay & Gary Purnell and Angelle & Jim Minett
In Honor and Celebration of the 2023 Confirmands
- May 14 The Steve Tinker Family and Jan Schlak
In Memory of Rita Tinker
- May 21 The Pat Fuerst Family
In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings
Sharing with:
Sandy & Chuck Peters
In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings
- May 28 Beth Parker
In Honor of Memorial Day and Our Veterans

Social Ministry Announcements:

A VERY VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO: Deb and Biff Aiken for All of Their Help on Easter and Social Ministry for their help on Saturday - and everyone who baked, cooked, and served.

Coffee Hours: Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Additional Coffee Hour Hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer in the Office at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com or Jan Toepke at toepkej@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour Schedule

- April 2. Rita Larson & Denise Buchanan
April 16 Kay Purnell
April 23 Liz Benedict & Christina Kipper
April 30 Sandy Peters
May 7 Rita Larson & Denise Buchanan
May 14 Kay Purnell
May 21 Liz Benedict & Christina Kipper
May 28 Sandy Peters
June 4 Sharon MacFarlane
June 11 Sandy Peters
June 18 -
June 25 Rita Larson & Denise Buchanan

Next Food and Fellowship: will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at Noon. It will be hosted by Kay and Gary Purnell. All are welcome to join in lunch and an afternoon activity. If you plan on attending, please sign the sheet on the table in the hallway. Hope to see you there!

Next Social Ministry Meeting: will be Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 in the Library.



Bible Study News:

- Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Ushers: Thanks to all the ushers for serving our congregation at weekly worship. Ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute in advance from the substitute list that was previously emailed. There is also an usher schedule, with sub's and regular's contact information, in the Usher Guide found in the Narthex lectern. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide or speak with pastor.

If anyone would like to serve by ushering at one of our services, please contact Ed Tatro (815 485 5760) or the Church office. Having substitutes is always a blessing. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Usher Schedule: As we return to our traditional Lutheran services and communion, we will need at least two ushers per service. Reminder to all ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute from the usher substitute list emailed and/or in the copy in the usher guide at church. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide at Church or speak with pastor.

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before service and follow the procedures noted in the usher's loose-leaf notebook in the narthex. Thanks in advance!

Alternates: Zack Horn 630 664 9224
Robert Stark 708 307 4069
Bob Jackman 815 933-3864

*Communion Services (1st and 3rd Sundays at Late Service, 2nd and 4th Sundays at Early Service)

**Co-Chairs Worship and Spiritual Life

1st Sunday

9:00 AM

-Tom Kaun 815 485 9604 kauntd@gmail.com

-Biff Aiken 815 954 0682 biffdebaiken@gmail.com

10:30 AM

-Brett Carr 815 370 6651 brettdcarr@gmail.com

-Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net

2nd Sunday

9:00 AM

-Edward A. Tatro 815 485 5760 etatro4@aol.com

-Tim King 815 463 0415 tim.king1@comcast.net

10:30 AM

-Tom Buell 815 485 3769 tombuell@sbcglobal.net

-Bob Blecke 815 353 7561 cgm964@comcast.net

3rd Sunday

9:00 AM

-Mike Gardner 815 485 9623 mgardner1453@gmail.com

-Gary Purnell 815 485 9017 gpurnell3@hotmail.com

10:30 AM

-Cameron Hoag 779 279 4223 cam.hoag@gmail.com

-Dana Knodel 708 822 2902 danacowboy1@yahoo.com

4th Sunday

9:00 AM

-Steve Tomany 815 485 3163 tomany@sbcglobal.net

-Randy Varju 815-685-1363 randy.varju@aah.org

10:30 AM

-John Buell 815 726 3601 jan.buell@yahoo.com

-Phil McFarlane 815 806 1219 philmacp40@comcast.net

5th Sunday

9:00AM

-Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 rtoepke@usa.net

-Jeff Lorenz 815 463 0833 jlorenz2367@gmail.com

10:30AM

-Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net

-Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 dianesewing@hotmail.com



Contribution statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Tammy Doerr @ tammydoerr@gmail.com . If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

OR

Church Office Hours (No School Days): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm