

October 2013

Dear Friends of Trinity,

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to the congregation for your sympathies and condolences at the death of my Mother. She died very peacefully on Wednesday, September 11, surrounded by her four children. She struggled for the past 4 years with vascular dementia, a disease that has no cure and very little options for treatment. While she had periods of great lucidity, she was mostly downtrodden in mind and spirit while being confined to wheelchair and bed. I have many fond memories and I will dearly miss her.

Most people go to cemeteries at the gravesite of their deceased loved ones to spend some time in their presence. There is a need people have to be in close proximity with those they love, ever after they have died. But did you know there's a place where people can be even closer to their departed loved ones? There is!

It's the place where people join their voices "with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven" giving praise and thanks, proclaiming the holiness of the glory of the Lord. It's the place where heaven meets earth in the ongoing fellowship of all saints, living and departed. It's the place where the banquet of heavenly food is served by Christ Jesus, our Great High Priest, as he gives us his body and blood in bread and wine. It's the place where those living and departed join hearts and voices together in the glorious liturgy of heaven and partake of the peace which surpasses all human understanding.

Have you figured out the place yet?

If you said "at church" you would be correct. There's no place like it! It's where we are served by Christ in the divine gifts of the Channels of Grace—the means through which God gives his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. In worship we receive provisionally what our loved ones in heaven are receiving fully. In Christ, death does not separate us from those we love who have died in the faith. The worship of the church is designed to bring together these ancient and modern voices in a festive chorus of praise and thanks.

If you have deceased loved ones (who doesn't?), come to church and picture them standing next to you and joining you as you speak, sing, listen, and receive in the Divine Service. It's not weird or morbid. It expresses the great truth that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Not even death. See you in church!

In Christ,  
Pastor Hoag

# 2013 Newsletter

Cool weather means fall fun for everyone. Enjoy the fall leaves, pumpkins, hayrides, bonfires and football games. Come join us at some of our fall activities.

**Church Council** is now accepting nominations for officers for 2014-2015. The following positions are up for election: Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Outreach (co-position), Director of Spiritual Life (co-position), and Director of Youth Ministry. All positions are for a 2 year term. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Hoag, Jeff McDonald, President or the church office. Elections will be held the last weekend in October. Prayerfully consider filling one of these positions.

**Ushers** We could use a few more ushers to fill in, as needed. If you are able to help out at one of our services, please sign up on the sheet on the hallway table. If you have any questions, please call the church at 815.485.6973.

Wednesday **10/2 Annual Fall Salad Luncheon!** Time: 11:30-1:00 pm. Carryouts are available. Come and enjoy the delicious salads provided by the Trinity Chancel Guild as well as homemade desserts which are being provided by Women's League. Tickets are still available from any Chancel Guild member or in the office for \$8.00.

**Youth Group Halloween Scavenger Hunt/Pizza Party. Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at church. Details to come.**

**The Craft/Vendor Fair.** Join us on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** for our Fifth Annual Craft and Vendor Fair. Free admission! Booths will feature woodwork items, soup mixes, handmade quilts, crocheted and knitted items, floral arrangements, doll clothes, holiday decorations, candles, jewelry, purses, lotions, kitchen tools, and much, much more. Come shopping for the holidays or just to treat yourself. Bring a friend! Proceeds go to sponsor youth programs.

**MorningStar Mission currently needs laundry detergent (not high efficiency); ceramic mugs, canned peas, beans, corn and carrots for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please place your items on the special table in the hallway.**

MorningStar Mission Serving: The October sign-up sheet is on the hallway table. We need 4 volunteers each week at 3:45 pm Call Judy Wilmsen if you have any questions (815.462.1374).

**Women's League** will meet on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Bacon will be the guest speaker. Hostess: Ginny DeCarlo and Pat Fuerst.

**Prayer Chain:** Thanks to Ginny DeCarlo and Pat Fuerst for heading up this very worthwhile organization. Please feel free to contact Pat or Ginny via the telephone to leave a prayer request, or Ginny via email to get a prayer started. Contact information: Pat 815 485 6441, Ginny 815 485 2001 or by e-mail at [vdecarlo1952@gmail.com](mailto:vdecarlo1952@gmail.com)

### **Social Ministry:**

**Hayride - Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Konow's Corn Maze, 16849 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen.**

**Tickets are \$7 each (discounted for our group) with children 2 and under free.**

Luncheon, consisting of hot dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts will be served at 2:30 p.m. in the Big Tent, close to the roasting pits. **In order to have a food count, the deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Payment is due when you sign up.** A sign-up sheet and payment envelope are on the hallway table.

**St. Matthews Soup Kitchen.** Please deposit your rummage items in the designated church basement room. Periodic trips are made to St. Matthews to deliver the items we have collected. Please remember to include this charity in your prayers.

**Cookie Dough Sale.** Orders will be taken now through October 20<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are on the hallway table. Prices are \$12 cookie dough bucket, \$28 lava cakes. Please place your completed order form(s), along with payment, in the "Cookie Dough Order" envelope. Checks should be payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. The proceeds of this sale will go toward Social Ministry projects.

Please remember to sign Virgil Switzer's September greeting card, located on the reception area coffee table; he really appreciates knowing we care about him. Also take time to read mail that congregation members have received from him, posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

**Choir** meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony.** They are always looking for new voices, both male and female. For information, please contact Julie Verchimak, the choir director, at 815.723.1429.

**CHANCEL GUILD: 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. 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](mailto:candb.stark@gmail.com). The cost of the flowers is \$8.50 per vase or \$17.00 for both vases. The flowers may be picked up after the Sunday service.

### **Readers and Greeters:**

Sign-up sheets for October are on the hallway table. Please stop by and sign up. We could use a few more readers. If you would like a copy of the readings ahead of time, please call the church office at 815.485.6973.

**CONFIRMATION** – Teen confirmation instruction is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESCHOOL** There are still a few openings for 4-year-olds for this school year. For information please visit [www.trinitynewlenox.org/trinity-pre-school](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org/trinity-pre-school). You may also call 815.485.6973 extension 3.

**Portals of Prayer for October – December 2013** are available in the Narthex and on the hallway sign-up table.

**Today's Light for October – December 2013** are on the counter, in the office.

**SOWHOPE UPDATE** from Ginny DeCarlo. Mary Dailey Brown and her crew have made a documentary on SOWHOPE. They had the unveiling in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this week and will have a showing in Frankfort on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will follow soon. Mark the date. This is a major step. Also read the SOWHOPE Newsletter on the bulletin board.

**Church “Ideas” (Suggestion Box):** If you have an idea or suggestion to help the church function better, please complete the form located outside the church and place it in the box marked “Suggestion”. Items will be forwarded to both Pastor Hoag and the appropriate church Council member. Remember, you are encouraged to attend any monthly Council Meeting to further discuss your ideas/suggestion.

**New Lenox Area Historical Society – Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the VFW Hall, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox. Tickets (including carryouts) may be purchased at the door or from any Historical Society Members: Adults: \$10.00, Children 10 and under \$5.00; less than 3 years FREE. For information call 815.485.5576.

**St. Jude's Harvest Hoedown and Craft Show – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.** Craft show from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets only. Call 815.485.9098 or stop by the Parish Office.

**Church Office Hours:** Monday 9-3, Tuesday and Thursday 1-4, Friday 9-12.

**WE HAVE ACCUMULATED QUITE A FEW ITEMS OF CLOTHING. PLEASE CHECK THE COAT RACK OUTSIDE THE GYM AND TAKE WHAT BELONGS TO YOU.** Items left: include a boy's Levi's, white t-shirt, boy's navy sweat pants and navy t-shirt(in large zip lock bag), girl's fleece jacket, men's fleece jacket, sunglasses and 2 pairs of gloves. Please take what is yours.

## October

### Birthdays

Brian Thompson	1	Zak Pavlovich	21
Tracy Tomany	1	Kathy Sigrist	21
Christopher Kosel	2	Jan Toepke	21
Leah Pour	2	Ken Gerck	22
Natalie Loucks	5	Courtney Shrank	22
Sharon Handorf	6	Brody Wajchert	22
Kristin Rogan	6	Maggie Wajchert	22
Ashley Norton	6	Ryder Wajchert	22
Ashley Evans	7	Justine Kavanagh	23
Pam Burke	9	Katrina Prospero	23
Pat Fuerst	9	Karen Tatro	23
John Leahy	9	Elijah Ziebell	23
Dave Nick	9	Sandy Jeffries	25
Michael Wajchert	9	Luke Ryan	25
Owen Elmlund	10	Tracy Doerrer	26
Dominic Prospero	10	Shirley Walter	26
Braiden Rogan	10	Emily Backhus	27
Cameron Jablonski	11	Isaac Torkelson	27
Madison Forsythe	12	Logan Beaudry	29
Jeffrey Puttkammer	12	Patricia Reithel	29
Angelle Minett	13	Grace Stokes	29
Eric Zielinski	13	Deanna Anderson	30
Ethan Garrison	14	Robert Stark, Jr.	31
Marilou Lerner	14	Larry Wennlund	31
Maxine Pavlovich	15		
Al Prospero	15	October Anniversaries	
Christopher Sanders, Jr.	16	Steve and Rita Tinker	1
Tanner Simon	16	Charles and Barbara Baxa	4
Claire Anderson	17	Joe and Andrea Farneti	5
Jan Clark	17	Mike and Liz Lyman	5
Elena King	17	Scott and Patricia Cruise	8
Sarah Krol	17	Joshua and Rachel Kellbach	12
Aubrey Bird	18	Danielle& Tim Ryan	16
Rita Larson	18	Anthony and Barbara Adochio	17
Jeff McDonald	18	Brian and Linda Thompson	17
Kellyn Gappa	19	Paul and Pat Fuerst	19
Ryan Gappa	19	Stuart and Loretta Renwick	19
Riley Jeffries	19	Jeff and Sharon Lorenz	20
Amanda Norton	19	Scott and Heidi Evans	22
Andrea Zielinski	19	Mark and Bonnie Norton	26
Lori Hilger	20	Brian and Colleen Delcorio	28
		Gary and Lea Rae Marcolina	29
		Robert and Christine Stark	31