



2019 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.

UPDATE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JEFF MC DONALD

The kitchen project continues to reveal surprises, and surprises are rarely good when it comes to construction projects. I mentioned last month that we had to saw cut the floor to install new plumbing and that we would be repairing the hot water lines in the floor. We have unfortunately since learned that the cost to repair those lines is prohibitive and that we were on 'borrowed time' as it was with that system. So, we are now moving forward with baseboard heat in the kitchen and fellowship hall areas (the current system was one big system, so interrupting the supply in the kitchen had the effect of interrupting the supply in fellowship hall). You may recall that we had a similar system in the church itself that was abandoned many years ago when it started leaking. So, while I never would have anticipated replacing the heat in the fellowship hall as part of the kitchen remodel project, that is where we are. The silver lining here is that this system would need attention soon anyway, so we are getting it replaced before the actual need arises and the baseboard heat system will be easier to service going forward.

Back to the plumbing, we have unfortunately discovered that much of the existing plumbing underground was done in clay pipes that have been crushed over the years, making them unusable to us for this project. There are two areas we are attempting to tap into downstairs to get water from the kitchen to a working drain and both will require quite a bit of effort to reach. Until we can establish a clear path from the kitchen to a working drain, we remain at a standstill on this project. I do want to thank Tom Buell, Jeff Lorenz and Dan Bay for their efforts thus far on this project. Our lack of visible progress is deceiving, as there has been considerable effort devoted to this project to date. Special thanks to Tommy Buell as well for his hard labor invested in removing all of the construction debris from the basement (not the least of which were large chunks of concrete). We will get to the end of this project and it will be a vast improvement over what we had. But the time it will take to arrive there is no longer time I am trying to predict, as we are handling each setback as expeditiously as possible.

I have not yet heard back on whether we will be receiving any grant money from the English District, but I am hopeful to learn more soon about the status of the grant application we made to them last month. Anything we might receive from them will be put to good use in this kitchen remodel project, along with the generous donations we have received (and continue to receive) from our members. Thank you to all who have donated so far to this project. Trust that your money will be well spent and that we should have a welcoming venue for years and years of fellowship when this is all done.

Church Member Updates during the month of September 2019



Baptisms:

Giuliana Rose Sanfratello, birth date June 5, 2019, baptized September 22, 2019

Church Council Elections are approaching on the weekend of October 19th - 20th.

If you have considered becoming more involved with the running of the church, please consider running for a council position. All positions are for a two-year term, beginning in January 2020. Council meets monthly (excluding summer months) on the second Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Positions coming up for election are:

- Director of Outreach (a co-position)
- Director of Property (a co-position)
- Director of Spiritual Life (a co-position)
- Treasurer
- Director of Youth

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Pastor Hoag at your earliest convenience.



Chancel Guild's Annual Fall Salad Luncheon – Wednesday, October 2nd from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The salads are made by the Chancel Guild members, and the desserts are made by the Women's League members. Carry outs available! Men are welcome! Tickets are still available. for \$8.00 each. If you need tickets, please call the church office at 815.485.6973. Come and enjoy the delicious food, as well as the fellowship. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Chancel Guild Meeting will be held in the gym on Tuesday, October 1st to set up for the luncheon.



ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers are placed on our altar every weekend 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 2019 Altar Flower Calendar is now completely filled. If you would still like to sponsor a weekend and missed signing up, we have some sponsors who would be willing to share their weekend. With their permission, you could share the cost and the arrangements.** The sponsor forms are attached to the cabinet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please call Kay Purnell at (815) 485-9017 or email her at purnellk51@hotmail.com. Altar Guild members would like to thank those of you who signed up this year to sponsor a weekend. A new 2020 calendar will be posted in the fall.



Trinity Pre-School

AM spots are still available for 2019-2020. Please tell your friends and neighbors! There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60.00 per student. For the school year beginning September 2019 the tuition per month will be \$110 for two day students and \$135 for three day students. Children must have turned 3 by September 1, 2019. For further information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.6973.



LCMS Missions – Jamielynn Tinkey, a nurse and missionary who works in the Dominican Republic through LCMS, will be here at Trinity on Sunday, October 27th to give a presentation on her work between services. This congregation has supported Jamielynn in her mission work in the past. Plan to come out and hear about her wonderful work in Latin America.

Jamielynn Tinkey, B.S.N., R.N., serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In her role as regional life coordinator, Jamielynn uses her nursing background and skills to promote life across this region, providing resources that meet the needs of both partner churches and mission plants in distinct countries as they approach topics such as abortion, adoption, disability, sexual orientation, euthanasia, etc. She cares for the missionaries and their families

serving in the Latin America and Caribbean region as an advocate for their physical, spiritual and emotional health. She promotes health initiatives in the Dominican Republic and is involved in local disability ministry. Jamielynn intentionally shares the Gospel through the relationships she builds in all her activities.

Jamielynn was born and raised in Warsaw, Ind., and her home congregation is St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bremen, Ind. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing (B.S.N.) from Valparaiso University in 2016. She has worked in long-term and hospice care, and camp ministry for adults with disabilities alongside Bethesda Lutheran Communities. She also completed three years as an LCMS GEO (globally engaged in outreach) missionary before transitioning into a new career missionary position. In her free time, Jamielynn enjoys walking in the new botanical gardens in Santiago, listening to podcasts and music, and finding a new book to read.

Pray for Jamielynn as she serves the churches and people around the Latin America and Caribbean region, especially in the Dominican Republic. Pray for her daily witness to Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Pray for her safety in travel and daily activities. Pray for her transition into her new position, and that hearts may be opened to see the gift of life. Give thanks for the clear Gospel that is being preached across the region and the opportunity Jamielynn has to continue serving God's church in this way.

• BIRTHDAY: May 19 • HOME DISTRICT: Indiana

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

- **Pray daily for Jamielynn** — and how you can support and tell others about her ministry. Visit lcms.org/tinkekey
- **Learn about LCMS international work** at international.lcms.org
- **Support and adopt an international worker.** Call 888-930-4438.



Religious Humor:

The Doorbell – A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy’s efforts for some time, the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell. Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, “And now what, my little man?” To which the boy replies, “RUN”!!



Social Ministry News – the next meeting for Social Ministry will be held on October 14th, at 7 PM at Jan Toepke’s house. Projects coming up are:

1. Chemo Bags – will be put together on Sunday, October 20th at 9:30 AM. Please see the board in the Narthex with the items needed. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase water bottles. Donations need to be here by October 13th.
2. Once again, we will be doing a mission project for Sole Hope. Old jeans will be collected through January and cut up to make shoes. The jeans can be any size and it’s okay if they have holes, just make sure they are clean. The cutting will take place at the end of January or the beginning of February.

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org



Wednesday Morning Bible Class meets each week from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.

Thursday Night Bible Class meets each week at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.



Choir practice is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Please join us - both male and female voices are needed. If you have any questions, please call Julie Verchimak, at 815.723.1429 or the church office at 815.485.6973.



10th Annual Trinity Craft and Vendor Fair – Saturday, October 12th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Come on out and do some early holiday shopping and support the Youth at the same time! Free admission, prizes, and bake sale too! Crafters include jewelry, woodworking, home décor, knitted and crocheted and embroidered items, soaps, local authors, as well as Mary Kay, Tupperware, Gold Canyon Candles, Pampered Chef, and so much more.

Youth and parents please sign up on the bulletin board for a volunteer slot.



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

Visit us on the web at www.trinitynewlenox.org

you pay face value for the gift cards. Order forms are on the hallway table below the Youth bulletin board. You may place your order/payment in the gold envelope which is hanging on the end of the desk credenza in the church office. If interested in placing orders online, you will need an enrollment code. Ask Angie Minett for the code or stop by the church office. Direct any question you may have to Angie Minett at minett411@yahoo.com or (815) 467.2537. **Deadline for turning in orders, along with payment is Monday October 7th at noon.** Pre-ordered gift cards will be available for pick-up the weekend after the order is placed.



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 ginny@vdecarlo1952@gmail.com



Readers and Greeters:

Readers - The signup sheet for October is in the hallway. We have many open Sundays left. Please consider signing up for one dates as a reader.



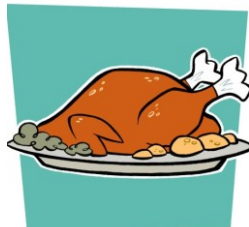
Greeters -

Have you ever gone somewhere where you didn't know anyone? Imagine you are looking for a new church home and one of the churches on your list is Trinity. You show up on Sunday morning and no one speaks to you except the Pastor. Will you be coming back? Take a turn at greeting at one of our services and the result might be very surprising. Signup sheet for October is in the hallway.



MORNING STAR MISSION SERVING. If you are interested in helping serve a meal at MorningStar on the 1st and/or 3rd Monday of each month, please sign up on the sheet on the hallway

table. You need to be at MorningStar by 3:45. If you have questions, please call the church office. The dates for this month are October 7th and 21st.



Annual Turkey Dinner – held at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Mokena on Saturday, November 2nd from 4 pm till 7 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Adults	\$12.00
Children 5-11	5.00
Children 2-4	2.00

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, October 13th at 7:00 pm



Church office hours are **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-2 PM.**

