

October 2021

Dear Friends,

I absolutely love the change of the seasons, especially this time of year. The air gets a bit crisper; the sun is lower in the sky, day and night are about equal in length (although the days are getting shorter), and the leaves on the trees start to show different hues.

The natural world shows us patterns of life that reflect even greater patterns of Scripture, especially of birth and rebirth, overlap and transition, life and death to life again. It only goes to show that our reality is shaped by and patterned after the cross of Christ. And that's why Jesus often talked about the natural world as a way of talking about his own ministry.

Death is like a seed that contains life within. And so, Jesus compared his death with a seed being planted. If a seed dies it produces fruit. Jesus' mortal death will produce life immortal.

As we head into the winter season we anticipate spring. As we experience death in many different ways, we anticipate resurrection to life. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! A blessed Autumn to you!

In Christ,

Pastor Hoag



## 2021 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.

We will continue to broadcast our service live on Facebook and YouTube on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.

We will also be having an Outdoor Service each Sunday at 9:00 am weather permitting. If it is raining, we will move inside to the church. Once the weather has changed, we will move indoors but the time will remain at 9:00 am. Any Sunday School children will be dismissed at 9:15 am to attend Sunday School. **Masks must be worn at any indoor service.**

Join us on October 17<sup>th</sup> between the two services for a special coffee hour to say goodbye to Ginny DeCarlo.

### Church Member Updates during the month of September 2021



#### **Baptisms:**

Sofia Delilah Varju, birth date March 24, 2021, baptized September 5, 2021



**Church Council Elections are approaching on the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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 2022. 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 Ministry
- Council President

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



**Church Keys** – Trinity has gone from keys to key fobs for entry into the building. If you have a key and still need access to the building at times when the church is not open, you will need to bring your key to the church secretary and exchange it for a new key fob.

If you still have a key and no longer need it, please bring it into the church secretary. The keys will no longer work.



**Chancel Guild's Annual Fall Salad Luncheon – Has been cancelled for this year.**

***Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.***



**Chancel Guild has two open Sundays on the 2021 altar flower calendar they would like to fill.** Fresh flowers are placed on the altar every Sunday 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. The 2021 flower chart showing those open Sundays is posted in the cabinet across the general church office. The flower order forms are hanging on the cabinet. If you would like to sponsor flowers on one of those remaining Sundays, 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 office. Your flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 service. Contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017 if you have any questions. Thank you to all who sponsor!

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017.

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

**Altar Flowers for the month of October:**

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| October 3, 2021  | Tom & Wendy Kaun in Memory of Their Parents                                                                  |
| October 10, 2021 | Jim & Jennifer Mudrock in Celebration of Their Wedding Anniversary                                           |
| October 17, 2021 | Denise Buchanan & Family in Memory of Bob Buchanan and John & Jan Buell in Memory of Cathy, Debbie, and Lori |
| October 24, 2021 | Judi Donovan in Memory of Her Mother, Helen Sullivan                                                         |
| October 31, 2021 | Doug & Jan Schlak in Memory of Their Parents                                                                 |

**Chanel Schedule for October:**

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| October 3, 2021  | Sally Jackson / Lois Dobbs |
| October 10, 2021 | Lois Dobbs / Robin Krol    |

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October 17, 2021 Robin Krol / Jan Prospero

October 24, 2021 Jan Prospero / Kay Purnell

October 31, 2021 Kay Purnell / Rita Larson



### **Trinity Pre-School**

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.



Sunday School re-opened on September 13<sup>th</sup> and we will meet from 9:15 am till 10:15 am.

Some things to remember:

- Our opening will be held downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- Students will be socially distanced within the classroom.
- Parents will not be allowed in the classroom, except for parents of preschoolers if needed.
- All attending will be required to wear a mask.
- We will follow CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines.
- Further procedures will be shared with parents once you have registered.

Sunday School will be doing something special for Reformation Day so watch for further details!!



**Social Ministry News** – we will be collecting yarn donations for Vitas Healthcare. They have a group of people that use the yarn to make blankets, prayer shawls, and such for hospice patients.

We are also looking for any donations of fleece material that can be used to make no sew lap blankets for their memory care unit.

If you have any of the above, we will have a collection box here at Trinity.

Also, please watch for more details for a date and time when we can get together as a group to put together some of the lap blankets here at church

Join us on October 17<sup>th</sup> between the two services for a special coffee hour to say goodbye to Ginny DeCarlo. Ginny will be moving to Wisconsin on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our next meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church library. All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us!



**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 the 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"!!



**Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in person in the church gym and on Google Meet. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join. If you would like to join this group online, please email Pastor Hoag and he will send you the link.

**Thursday night Adult Bible Study** will begin on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in person in the church gym and on Google Meet. It is a very interesting group and everyone is welcome to join. If you would like to join this group online, please email Pastor Hoag and he will send you the link.



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Craft and Vendor Fair** – Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Craft and Vendor Fair is **INDOORS** this year! Bring a friend and do some early holiday shopping. Shoppers should wear a mask and practice social distancing as much as possible.



**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. 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](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or (815) 467.2537. **Deadline for turning in orders, along with payment is Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Pre-ordered gift cards will be available for pick-up the weekend after the order is placed.



# USHERS

## **October Usher Schedule:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Tom Kaun / Larry Wennlund  
10:30 am Brett Carr / Paul Krol

October 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Ed Tatro / Tim King  
10:30 am Tom Buell

October 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mike Gardner / Gary Purnell  
10:30 am Jeff McDonald

October 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Steve Tomany / Randy Varju  
10:30 am John Buell / Phil MacFarlane

October 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Rex Toepke / Jeff Lorenz  
10:30 am Paul Krol / Diane Sewing

**If anyone is interested in being an usher, please contact Ed Tatro or the church office.**



**Prayer Chain:** Please feel free to contact Beth Parker if you have a prayer request. You may call Beth at 815.485.6842 or email her at [elizabemarie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabemarie@sbcglobal.net). You may also contact Pat Fuerst at 815.485.6441 or email her at [ppfuerst@gmail.com](mailto:ppfuerst@gmail.com).

A big Thank You to Ginny DeCarlo for the many years she has been a part of the Prayer Chain Group.

**Church Council Meeting, Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

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