

September 2023

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

We were all once darkness, but now we are light in the Lord Jesus. We have received the Gospel promises of the revealing of Jesus Christ as crucified, risen, and ascended to glory. He has glorified us as members of his body, the Church.

We have this treasure in jars of clay— brittle, broken, and fallen. But that is how the light is discovered within us by others. The best way to be a jar of clay is to help and lift up other jars of clay in their need. We lift up each other, serving for each other's well-being. It is to see everything through the lens of the cross that we bear. It isn't always pleasant, but it does show us that we are in need of redemption. That redemption has been provided through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ and distributed to us in the Means of Grace.

Jesus will continue to shine through us! Let all of us trust and have confidence in all of what God has done for us!

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Hoag

"Revitality" Was a Successful Workshop!!! The Church Council had four meetings. Our focus for this project was: "Engaging Non-Churched People in Our Community". We have the ball rolling BUT now we need the congregation's help. Our first outreach project is: Single Parent Family WITH Children. We have many ideas geared towards leading this demographic into our church. We will be talking with all of you in more detail, very soon. Please Remember - We Are Open to Ideas AND The Sky is the Limit!!!"

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

**COMING SOON: "Back Home With Jesus Sunday" - Sunday October 15th 9:00am Service
- MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!!!**

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

An update from Church Council President, Gary Purnell:

President's Note:

Because Church Council did not meet during the month of August, I do not have any new news to report. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2023, at 7pm.

Many of our church organizations have already started planning fall activities. Please watch for dates in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

Wishing you God's Blessings.

Gary

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 08/14/22
- Alessi Anastasios Zarnos 08/21/22
- Persephone Mae Sheffer 08/21/22
- Roan Roy Seville's 11/26/22

2023 Baptisms:

- Beckett Jeffrey White 05/18/23
- Mattie Nicole Casagrande 07/30/23



2022 Weddings:

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

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

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

***BLOOD DRIVE*: Tuesday September 19th from 2:00pm-7:00pm (in Church Parking Lot)**



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:

-December 9 - Gusto's 9pm-1am

all new dates will be posted in the weekly bulletin.

Trinity Youth Group (Confirmands and High School):

Join us for a fun evening of tailgating and football on Friday September 8th at 5:00 pm. We will meet at Providence High School, park/drop off at the west end of the field. Food will be provided, then we will watch Coach Jacob in action for the varsity game! Please rsvp to Christina at 815-546-3201 by Wednesday, September 6th






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 order deadline will be September 3rd. Orders will be ready for pick up the following Sunday.

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



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Bible Study News: Bible Study Resumes September 6th and 7th



Trinity Preschool News:

Registration for 2023-2024 Is Open!

Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

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

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old, Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00-11:30 - \$120.00

-3 Day, 4-Year-Old, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:00-11:30 - \$150.00

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

Preschool Begins: September 5th and 6th (contact Jeanine at 815.485.6973 for additional details)

Next Preschool Board Meeting: See You in September



Sunday School News:

The Sunday School staff has been busy this summer making plans for wonderful new family and outreach activities! Stay tuned for details about these events! We are also adopting new curriculum updates as we work on continuous improvement in our mission to educate our young people on the Truth that our God shares with us through the Bible! We have so many exciting things ahead, and we encourage you to join us! Bring a friend or family member, too!

Our first session will be Sunday, September 10th. We meet at 9:00-10:00 am every Sunday during the school year! This year our focus will be to "Be the Light" as we share the Truth of God to our family, friends, and community!"

Sunday School Begins: September 10th @ 9:00am

Children's Sermon: September 17th @ 9:00am

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 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!!!



Chancel Guild News!

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 September:

September 2 / September 3: Rita Larson / Janice Prospero
September 9 / September 10: Janice Prospero / Carol Oldendorf
September 16 / September 17: Carol Oldendorf / Robin Krol
September 23 / September 24: Robin Krol / Debbie Crawford
September 30 (Saturday – no worker needed)

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.

September Altar Flower Sponsors:

- Sept 3 Mom and Dad (Kim & Brian Burbank)
In Honor of Amelia & Liliana's 8th and 6th Birthdays
- Sept 10 Pat Fuerst Family
In Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings
-Sharing with -
Sandy and Chuck Peters
In Celebration of Their 55th Wedding Anniversary
- Sept 17 Jackie and Rich Rohner
In Celebration of Their 73rd Wedding Anniversary
- Sept 24 Janice and Al Prospero
In Celebration of Their 64th Wedding Anniversary
and In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings

Social Ministry Announcements:

2023 CRAFT FAIR: will be on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We are accepting applications for new crafters and vendors. If you have questions, please email Jan T. @ trinitycraftshow@gmail.com" (or call the church office at 815-485-6973)

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:

- September 3- Sandy Peters
September 10- Denise Buchanan and Rita Larson
September 17- Kay Purnell
September 24- Sharon MacFarlane

Next Social Ministry Meeting: Social Ministry will resume meetings on **Monday, September 11.** This committee sponsors service projects for our congregation and the community. It also directs social programs and events of the congregation. We have a small, dedicated group but would welcome new members to be able to expand our programs. Please consider joining us!

Next Food and Fellowship: The next Food and Fellowship gathering will be **Tuesday, September 12.** Please note that starting in September the group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. All adults are welcome to attend! Please join us for lunch and an afternoon activity. September will be hosted by the Social Ministry.

USHER SCHEDULE

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 cqm964@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

10:30 AM

- Paul Krol 815 575 1315 p.krol@sbcglobal.net
- Diane Sewing 815-592-3911 dianesewing@hotmail.com

A minimum of two ushers are needed for each service. **Please call the reserve usher to take your place if you are not able to serve on your Sunday, also call your counterpart to make them aware.**

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!

Other Alternates: Zack Horn 630 664 9224 zacharyhorn@gmail.com, Bob Jackman 815 933-3864, Robert Stark 708 307 4069



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 Doerrer @ tammydoerrer@gmail.com . If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

*****IMPORTANT NEWS:** Offering Envelopes will be Renumbered for 2024. If anyone wants to keep their old number, Tammy can make that happen! Please contact her directly at: Tammy Doerrer @ tammydoerrer@gmail.com. Thank You***

Are there any photographers in our congregation, who would be willing to help update some photos on the Trinity Website ... Sunday School / Children's Sermon / Sunday School Gym Night / 9:00 or 10:30 Services / Craft Fair / Food & Fellowship / so on and so on ... if so, email the Church Office at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

Mini Scripture Cards in Each Pew: you may have noticed in the last couple of months that there is mini-Scripture Cards located on either side of each pew. they are there for you to read and enjoy. if one of them is very meaningful to you personally, please keep it.

JUST A NOTE ... The Lincoln-Way Area Chorale (LWAC) is looking for new members. LWAC is a community choir that was formed in 1995. Each year there are two main concerts, at Christmastime and in the spring. Rehearsals start Monday, August 21st. For more information, visit www.LWAC.com or contact LWACBiz@gmail.com.

Church Office Hours:

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