

Trinity Lutheran Church

AUGUST 2017

TRINITY CONNECTIONS

A NEW CREATION EDUCATION

Recently I was reading about the growing trend in churches for the concept

"Wednesday is the New Sunday." It wasn't that long ago that Wednesday night and Sunday morning were seen as church times. In today's fast paced, activity filled lifestyles those two days are now surrounded and crowded out by some many other choices. The vision in the years ahead for Trinity is to become the community center for faith and life in Hammond.

As we look toward that future we will launch a new Christian Education program for all ages on Wednesday evenings beginning in September.

5:30 - 6:00 pm - will be a simple supper with a minimal charge (\$2 per person)

6:00 - 6:45 pm - Wednesday school for children pre-k through 5th grade

7:00 - 7:45 pm - Confirmation Classes for grade 6-7-8

8:00 - 9:00 pm - Adult Education – 5-week study on Love, Forgiveness and Connecting

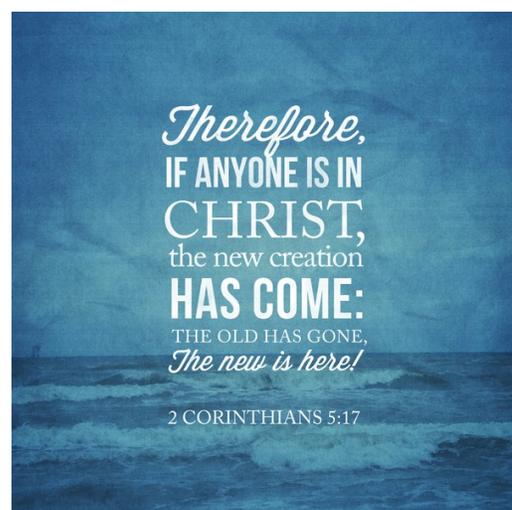
with God based on the movie the Shack. Study guides are available for \$5.

This will allow families to worship together on Sundays and a Children's Choir will sing in worship one Sunday a month.

II Corinthians 5:17 - " So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away, everything has become new."

Watch for ways you can participate and be involved! See YOU and your GUEST in church!

Pastor Ralph



Coffee Chat with the Treasurer – Rachel McHenry

Summer is here and things are holding steady at Trinity. June was tight this month with expenses vs. offering, but still manageable. Thank you to those who have been faithful and generous in helping taking care of Trinity needs.

Please continue to keep Trinity Lutheran Church in your prayers for the rest of the summer if you are busy and on the go.

Again, thanks for all of your generous hearts and financial gifts that keep Trinity going. Until next month, take care and God Bless!



Your Treasurer,
Rachel McHenry

"SHAPED BY GOD'S HAND"

Pastor Ralph has written and published a memoir of his life which is available for purchase for \$10. Learn how he overcame a challenging childhood through faith, family and friends to become a highly respected pastor locally and globally. He firmly believes the heart of a congregation is known by what it shares with others.

Fellowship-Deb Henry, Chair

Do you ever wonder what is happening at Trinity?

Do you drive by and there are a ton of cars in the parking lot and wonder what is going on?

We are in the process of getting new quotes for an electronic sign out front at Trinity! It is going to go where the existing sign is located. It will be able to display events, date temperature and time. In order to make this a reality, we are coming up with creative ways to fund this project!

If you feel it in your heart to donate to this wonderful project, please see Deb Henry! You can contact her by phone: 715-781-1934 or email: debhen54017@yahoo.com.

President's Corner -Marti Peterson

I came across the following on Facebook and decided to share it with Trinity members:

- It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.
- It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.
- It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at church.
- It's strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it is easy to repeat gossip.
- It's strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

So often we as a Council hear about concerns from Trinity members via rumors. I would like to invite Trinity members who have a concern to attend our Council Meetings beginning in September. I am setting aside the first 10-15 minutes (longer if need be) for you to bring your concerns directly to the full Council. Please feel free to bring your concerns so we can hear from you personally about the direction you would like to see the Congregation take.

WELCA-Lois Worbes, Chair

Greeting Ladies! So many blessings have been provided by fundraisers! I just want to express a gratitude-attitude for all hands that help in this area!

Many hands make for light work! Excited for the Ice Cream Social/Meal coming up soon! What fun it is to join together with the joy of serving!

Please keep an eye out for a meeting soon after the 26th. Excited to see where we can go from here!

Joy in Serving,
Lois

Education-Kelly Browning, Chair

Hello Sunday School Families –

We are so excited for VBS 2017! It is just around the corner, July 31-August 3. Every night we will be serving a meal for the entire family starting at 5:30 pm and VBS begins right at 6:00 pm and goes until 7:45pm. In this VBS, our children will look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explored four Bible accounts where that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So, raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won! If you want to help with VBS, please let me know.

God's Blessings to all!

Trinity Sunday School Team

Register your children here:



<http://www.myvbs.org/trinityvbs2017/>

Youth-Darla Feyereisen, Chair

The Garage Sale will begin accepting items from July 30 to Aug 9, no electronics please.

Next Houston meeting is Aug. 6th after church, will finalize garage Sale and make some crafts. The meeting will last about 2 hours with craft making.

Pancake Breakfast on Sat. Aug 12 from 7-11. Planning a trip to Wakanda Waterpark in August, more details to come.

Mission & Human Needs Marti Peterson, Chair

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Please Remember our Food Shelf. Sunday, August 13th is Food Shelf Sunday. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to church with you. Thank you.

School will be starting soon. When you are back to school shopping please throw a couple of pencils, etc. into your shopping cart. We will be donating them to SCC for children who are short of supplies.

Thanks for all you do! Trinity is a very generous congregation.

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND CRIBBAGE

Join Pastor and others on the FIRST Thursday of the month from Noon – 1:00 pm for fellowship and cribbage.

All ages are welcome; especially people who would like to learn to play. You bring your lunch and we will provide the beverage. Open to members and the community.

QUILTER'S CORNER

The Trinity Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, August 8th and Tuesday, August 22nd at 9 AM in the Quilting room. New workers are always welcome. A thank you to everyone that has been leaving fabric donations in quilt room. They are really appreciated.

On July 12th, Arnie and Bev Jacobson took a road trip to Luther Point Bible Camp to deliver the Trinity Quilter's donation for the August 6th Quilt Auction at Luther Point. The camp looked very nice and there have been many changes and improvements since they both camped there in the 1950's. It was a very nice trip.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

100 pounds of food was delivered to the Food Shelf this past month.



Day: Thursday's
Time: 10am-12pm

It will be at a local mom's home(rotating), bring the kids and dish to pass for potluck after.

Questions?

Contact: Jamie McCulloch
(themccullochs2008@gmail.com) or Rebecca Fowler (fowlerra@frontiernet.net)

CALLING EVERYONE! L.I.F.T. IS LOOKING FOR YOU

LIFE IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER or L.I.F.T. will be happening on Thursday's from 6:30-8:30pm. It is open to all ages! OPEN HOUSE STYLE! Join us for outdoor games (volleyball, badminton, basketball, bean bags and ladder golf). If it is raining, we will play games indoors. Come ready to have fun and meet new people!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry has been resurrected in the last few months. And for those of you who do not know what a prayer shawl is, it is a shawl that is given to a person that is ill, lost a loved one. or just to remember them if going thru bad times. They do not have to be a member of Trinity to receive one. Since January 2017, 21 prayers have been given out. If you know of anyone that you think should get one, please talk to Lenore Moll, Glenda Pratt or Betty Johnson. If you are interested in making prayers shawls, please get in touch with Glenda Pratt or Lenore Moll. *Gods Work Our Hands...*

Want to know what is going on at Trinity?

Like **Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI** on Facebook to get updates on what is happening and see photos of the great things happening here!



Trinity is hosting a FREE FAMILY FUN FEST AFTER THE PARADE from 2-4pm. There will be free popcorn, lemonade, music, games and prizes! There is also be a DUNK TANK! (3 tries for \$1.00)



We need lots of help to make this **SUCCESSFUL!!**

What can **YOU** do?

- Donate a 2 liter Bottle of pop for the ring toss.
- Sign-up to work a 1 hour shift at the FUN FEST! (Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall)
- Join the Set-up or Clean-up team!
- PRAY for this event!



TRINITY COFFEE MUGS ON SALE

Buy a mug and help support the new Life in Fellowship Together (LIFT) ministry for the youth of all ages at Trinity. We have 100 mugs and when they are gone there are no more. Mugs are 11oz., white with red lettering that says Trinity Lutheran Church - "In Hammond for Hammond" Cost is \$5. See Pastor Ralph to purchase one or more mugs.



Sunday, August 13, 2017

2:00-9:00 PM (after Hammond Heartland Days parade)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1250 Broadway Street, Hammond, WI

Dunk Tank
3 tries for \$1.00



Enjoy free Food, fun, games for the whole family!

August Ministry Calendar

Please consider how you might do God's work with your hands. Sign up at the Communication Corner or call the church office. Instruction available for every role & a reminder call or email a few days before your commitment.

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 27
GREETERS	Thompson's	Jane Christianson	Bev Medes	Kathy Gustafson
Adult Ushers (2)		Arnold & Bev Jacobson	Harold & Lenore Moll	
Youth Ushers				
Reader	Wanda Hodnefield	Bev Jacobson	Lenore Moll	Jane Christianson
Acolyte				
Power Point				
Communion Helpers	Deb Henry & Houston Youth	+ +		+ +
Communion Set Up	Worship Team	+ +	Worship Team	+ +
Bread Baker		+ +		+ +
Offering Counter 1	Marti Peterson	Marti Peterson		
Offering Counter 2				
Bulletin Sponsors	<i>☞ To Sponsor a Bulletin, please see Betty Johnson ☛</i>			
Sunday School Sponsors				
Fellowship Servers	Team B-Todd & Deb Henry	Team C-Lance & Cindy Olson	Team D-Chris & Judy Larson	Team E-Travis & Laurie Posey
Exterior Property Team	Team #11-Chris Koss & Cub Scouts	Team #12-Michele Fowler & Family	Team #12-Michele Fowler & Family	Team #13-Myke LaVenture & Family

August Bulletin Sponsors

See Betty Johnson to sponsor a bulletin! Just \$8.00!

August 6th BULLETIN: Lillian Jorgenson in celebration of family and friends.

August 13th BULLETIN: Kirk Lyksett and Jill Foster in celebration of Samantha Foster's birthday on Aug. 15th.

August 20th BULLETIN: WELCA

August 27th BULLETIN: Roger and June Lindquist wishing the kids God's Blessings as they start school. Lois Koosmann in honor of Jamison Koosmann's Birthday.



August Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*Church summer office hours will be 9am-1pm.		9am SCV Pastors @ Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	12(noon) Brown Bag Lunch & Cribbage 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Vacation Bible School NO L.I.F.T.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am Worship w/Communion † 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Youth Meeting	Youth Garage Sale Set-up	9am Quilting Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111 Youth Garage Sale Set-up	9:00am Jumpstart! 10:30am Evangelism Team Youth Garage Sale Set-up	8am-3pm Youth Garage Sale 6:30pm L.I.F.T. WELCA-Summer Retreat-Zion, Woodville	8am-3pm Youth Garage Sale	7-11am Youth Pancake Breakfast 8-12(noon) Youth Garage Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Worship † Food Shelf Sunday 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 12(noon) Hammond Parade 2-4pm Family Fun Fest		10am Heritage Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	10-4pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Council Meeting at Pastor Ralph's House	9:30am Hope Bible Study 6:30pm L.I.F.T.	Newsletter items due	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
9:30am Outdoor Worship † at Village Park 10:45am Potluck after worship	11:00am Newsletter Folding & Treats	Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111		7:00pm St. Paul Saint's Baseball Game NO L.I.F.T.		

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal Life. ~ John 3:16

Trinity Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2017

Present: Pastor Ralph Olsen, President Marti Peterson, Treasurer Rachel McHenry, Deb Henry, Kelly Browning, Darla Feyereisen, Betty Johnson, Lois Worbes, Office Secretary Sarah Pommerening, Financial Secretary Bob Bodelson and guest Rick Kuebker

Absent: Mark Iverson, Scott Post, Sue Frank

Call to Order: President Marti Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.

Devotion: Pastor Ralph Olsen led with prayer.

Approve minutes from May 8th & June 7th meeting: Motion by Betty Johnson. Second by Deb Henry. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph informed the Council that he has been here about 8 months now. Things are improving and getting better. SCC School District will be utilizing the downstairs again this fall for the 4k program. It will be a one-year contract with quarterly meetings to touch base to make sure things are going well and there are no issues. At the end of the year the school District and Trinity will meet to talk about renewing the contract for the next year. The School District and Trinity Council agreed on rent of \$14,000 for the year.

1. Review current budgets and talk about future budgets

- a. **Pledging-** A letter from Pastor Ralph will be sent with the 6-month Financial statements.
- b. **Stewardship Campaign-** Pastor Ralph will be looking 3 people to help Scott with the Stewardship Campaign. Ron Pratt is one of those people that will be assisting on the team.

2. Review Treasurer's reporting:

- a. **Memorial Fund-Organ Fund:** A letter will be drafted and sent out to the individuals who contributed to the organ fund asking what other fund, mission or project within the church they would like donation to be moved to.

CAT Assessment Next Step-The Council decided to let Pastor Ralph recruit 5 people by our next Council meeting to become part of a group that would help review/develop a new mission/vision statement for our Church/Council.

Motion to adjourn by Deb Henry, Betty Johnson second.

Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Pastor Ralph's House

*Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Office Administrator
Subject to approval by full Council on August 16, 2017*

TRINITY MARCHING KAZOOS

Be part of this history making event by joining the Kazoo band. We will march in the Heartland Days Parade led by Kazoo Major, Pastor Ralph. Kazoos and t-shirts are yours as a thank you. Practices will be Saturday, August 12th, 9 - 10 am and Sunday, August 13th following worship. Please sign up on the poster at church. And **YES**, you can always invite a friend or friends to join the Marching Kazoos. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Blood Drive at Trinity



Date: Wednesday, August 16th, 2017

Time: 10:00am until 4:00pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Sign up to donate blood at:
<http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp>

We are looking for a couple people to volunteer their time during the blood drive. If you are able, please contact Deb Henry at 715-781-1934 or debhen54017@yahoo.com

Exciting things are brewing here at Trinity!

Christine Pommerening is working on her Gold Award through Girl Scouts. She has been approved to start her project and is looking for others to help assist her! She is super excited! Christine is looking for people to help assist her in building Pantry Cabinets and designing flyers to put out in the community! If you are interested in helping her, please text or call: 715-441-8286 or email her at: neenerbeaner23@gmail.com.

A NOTE OF



Dear Ladies of the church,
Thank you for the beautiful quilt.
Hunter Brady

Dear Members of the scholarship board & Claire Yurek,
Thank you for the scholarship.
Hunter Brady

Dear Trinity,
Thank you so much for the kind letter and candy. Also, Thank you for the awesome quilt! This church helped me grow up to be the man I am today. It helped me see the glory of God in everyday life. Thank again for all that you did!!
Noah Carlson

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,
Thank you for supporting my higher education goals by providing me with a \$1,000 scholarship. I am eager to start the next chapter of my life at North Dakota State University.
Thanks again,
Mallory Miles

Dear Friends of Trinity Lutheran,
Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and gift cards as we were dealing with the tornado damage to our home and property. We feel so blessed in many ways. God is Good! With all Our Love,
Jeff & Joan Forsythe

Dear Trinity Quilters,
Thank you so much for the lonely outreach you give to our graduating kids! Your gift of a homemade quilt, thoughts & prayers are much appreciated.
Sincerely,
Kelly Carlson-Gazelka

Thank you for the wonderful luncheon! It was an amazing meal and really pepped up the library camp kids! We really appreciate it! Destiny, Henry, Olive, Isaac, Tori, Abby-Thank you so much ♥Kiera ● Alexis. **Thank you for an amazing lunch!** Michelle Johnson & Library Kids!



Pastor Ralph has 19 tickets left for the St. Paul Saints game on Thursday, August 31st. The game starts at 7:00pm. It is the last game of the season and it is Fan Appreciation Night with Fireworks! Tickets are \$20.00 each and money is due to Pastor Ralph by August 15th! What a great way to end the summer! See Pastor Ralph for more information! Sign-up is in the entryway at church!



Sunday, August 27
9:30 am
Outdoor Worship
at the Hammond
Village Park

We will be having an outdoor worship at the Hammond Village Park instead of Trinity and having a potluck picnic after service! Bring your family and a dish to pass!! **Watch the bulletins for more information!!**



Getting Ready for Worship

By Christy Huffman

Needed: Cloth bag, children's Bible story books, pencils, spiral notebook for each child, crayons, quiet toys

Getting out the door to make it to worship on time can be a trying experience for parents and children. Create a preparation ritual to help your family get ready to worship at your church, whether on Sunday morning, Saturday night, or during the week.

Activity Plan

1. The night before worship, gather family members. (Or, if worship is in the evening, gather in the morning on that day.) Say this prayer to begin:
Good and gracious God, we are your people and we want to worship you. Thank you for helping us get ready to worship you with the people at our church. Amen.
2. Being mindful of the weather, have each family member set out a complete outfit to wear to worship including socks, underwear, and shoes. Help younger children as needed.
3. Have each child, with help as needed, pick out a Bible story book and a quiet toy to place in the cloth bag. Make sure there are crayons, pencils, and a spiral notebook for each child in the bag. (If your family includes a baby, be sure the diaper bag is packed with essentials, including a favorite blankie or toy.) Set the cloth bag by the door.
4. Plan the meal you will eat before you leave for church and set the time you will eat it. Assign each family member a role in the meal preparation, such as setting the table, preparing the food, getting drinks, or clearing the table after eating.
5. After these preparations are complete, gather family members and do one or both of the following:
 - If your church follows the lectionary of Sunday scripture readings, use these links to find and read aloud the Gospel reading for this Sunday: Revised Common Lectionary or Catholic Lectionary (see below).
 - Invite family members to tell what they like most about worship at your church.

Teamwork Tic-Tac-Toe

By Julie Filby <http://vibrantfaithathome.org/item/teamwork-tic-tac-toe>

Teach your children the two most important commandments—love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself—by completing any three good deeds in a row (across, down or diagonally) on a Tic Tac Toe board.

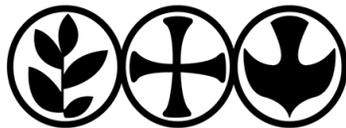
Activity Plan

Needed: Teamwork Tic Tac Toe template, pen or pencil, Bible

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.
O God, help us follow your two greatest commandments—loving you and loving others—by remembering to do good deeds every day. Thank you for showing us that when we share with others, we show our love for you. Amen.
2. Designate someone to read Matthew 22: 34-40 aloud, either a parent or a child who is comfortable reading from the Bible.
3. In this story, Jesus relays which commandments are most important: first, to love God with all your heart, and secondly, to love your neighbor as yourself. Discuss these questions:
 - In what ways can we show God our love by loving our neighbor?
 - What does God mean by "neighbor"? Is that limited to the people who live in the house, apartment, or building next door?
 - Can loving our neighbor start within our own family? What are some ways we can show others in our family that we love them?
 - Do small, every-day tasks show love? What are some examples?
4. Give each child a copy of the Teamwork Tic Tac Toe template and a pen or pencil.
5. Instruct them put an "X" on each good deed they have completed recently; perhaps they will have more than one Tic Tac Toe. If they do not complete a Tic Tac Toe, review the choices (or make up some of your own) to see how quickly a Tic Tac Toe can be completed.
6. Variation: Try to "X" out all good deeds listed on the sheet. Make it a competition. See who can fill up the sheet first.

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NEWSLETTER



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