

Trinity Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER
2017

TRINITY CONNECTIONS

Excitement is in the air as we look to the start of fall with school, sports and a whole new lineup of ministry opportunities for all ages. A couple of weeks ago in my message I asked the congregation if the church of Jesus Christ today was more like a lawnmower or a motorcycle. It seems the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ has been slowly taking a backseat to the myriad of activities which we can participate in.

That won't be the case this fall at Trinity, especially as it relates to education opportunities for all ages as our focus is "*Wednesday is the new Sunday.*" Wednesday school for 3-year olds through 5th grade will now be called, "**BOLT**," which stands for Building Our Love and Talents. Children in BOLT will find it to be Bible centered, outreach focused, life skills and transformation and "FUN!"



Confirmation will be called "*Ignite.*" Large group presentation led by Pastor with a time of small group discussion, service projects and relational activities will fan the fire God has placed in the hearts of our youth to become the amazing teens he has created them to be.

Adult Small Group study will be offered on Wednesday evenings. We kick off the fall with a 5-week video/discussion series based on the movie, "The Shack."

More details on these exciting new opportunities can be found in this newsletter. As if this is not enough our worship life will be enhanced with more music, variety of worship styles, more lay participation and a deeper sense of prayer throughout Trinity's ministry.

God's Holy Spirit is alive and moving at Trinity and you won't want to miss it.



One more thing, fall is the third most popular time to invite someone to worship besides Christmas and Easter. Who do you know that you could invite? Your invitation has the possibility of changing a life and even a family.

THANK YOU for all you are doing and for all you will do to bring more honor and praise to God for all God has blessed us with in our lives.

Pastor Ralph



**President's Corner
-Marti Peterson**

Where has the summer gone?

Soon we will be doing exciting things on Wednesday nights with our Education program. See Kelly's postings under Education. Youth will continue to fund raise for their next mission trip. The number attending grows with each year. See Darla's posting under Youth. With Fall comes our Fall Bazaar. See Lois's posting under WELCA. Deb Henry and Betty Johnson also have happenings around Trinity. Want to be involved? Come, join a committee, volunteer for an event. You are needed to make Trinity a success.

Evangelism-Betty Johnson, Chair

THANK YOU to all who supported the 1st Hammond Heartland Days Fun Fest at Trinity on Sunday, August 13th. Whether you were in on the planning stages, worked it or supported it with prayers. It was appreciated. It was well attended and had MANY positive compliments. Families with small children were glad there was something for them to do after the parade. It was a learning time for us, but we know we need to do some changes and do some tweaking for next year. Yes, I said next year. We had a vision as to what we wanted to accomplish. And that was accomplished. It's like THE FIELD OF DREAMS. Build it and they will come.

Blessings from The Evangelism Team.

Fellowship-Deb Henry, Chair

Save the Dates for upcoming events:

October 21: Trunk or Treat at Hammond Library
5-8:00p.m.

We'll be looking for helpers to hand out treats.

November 9: "Thank you" Dinner for Police, EMS, and Firefighters. 5:30-7:30p.m. at Trinity.

We will be looking for people to help make and serve the food and greeters. Anyone interested, please contact Deb Henry-715-781-1934.



**Coffee Chat with the Treasurer
- Rachel McHenry**

The June 30th ending balance is \$11,407.64. Total offerings received is \$11,480.30. Total expenses were \$12,197.14. Deficit of \$716.84.

Here is an update of the Building fund as of July 31st: Beginning balance is \$5,258.32. Deposits were \$2,612.00. Payments are \$2,612.89 and the ending Balance is \$5,257.43.

The Gift of Tithing

Tithing isn't an obligation, but a *gift*. A lavish gift. That my God, who *needs nothing*, would offer *me* the opportunity, the freedom, the privilege to give, to join with Him in providing for His people is remarkable.

That He would trust me that much is amazing. And humbling. Deeply, perfectly, beautifully, *only God*, humbling.

For only God could extend such grace — a gift that blesses the giver perhaps even more than the receiver.

www.breathedeeply.org

**Mission & Human Needs
-Marti Peterson**

We are now going to have three areas of need that we support on a monthly basis.

When shopping and coming to church on Wednesdays or Sundays, please remember those less fortunate. We have totes for Grace Place, the area Food Shelves, and the SCC Backpack program.

Thank you for your support.

WELCA-Lois Worbes, Chair

WELCA Ladies!

This is to let you know, if you are a lady coming to church with us, we would like to encourage you to join us in supporting each other, as we enjoy serving, in so many areas. It is such a pleasure to be Blessed as we Bless others.

We have been able to help throughout the community by fund raising.

Many hands make for light work.

See you soon!

JOY IN SERVING TOGETHER,
Lois

Education-Kelly Browning, Chair

Hello Families –

VBS 2017 was “majestical!” In this past summer’s VBS, our children learned that Jesus gathers us together! They looked 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!***

Thank you to all the families who brought their children every night, they all had a great time. Thank you to JumpStart for serving our meal on Thursday night, the kids loved the grilled cheese sandwiches. I would also like to thank all of you who donated food for our meals and those who volunteered their time in this year’s VBS, we couldn’t do it without you.

Now for exciting news, on Wednesday September 13th we are starting our new education program “BOLT”. We will no longer be having Sunday School prior to worship on Sunday mornings. All families should come on Sundays and worship as a family and we also will be having the children sing once a month. We invite your children to join us Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15pm for BOLT, Building our Love and Talents. We will be sharing more information soon to all the families, but please make your calendar for our Kick-Off BBQ event on September 13th starting at 6:30pm.

Also, please mark your calendar for our “Welcome Home” event on Sunday September 10th as we will bless the children for the upcoming year during service.

If you are interested in helping with BOLT in anyway, please let me know.
God’s Blessings to all!



Pictures from Vacation Bible School



Tim Haugen kept the children entertained during Bible lesson.

Youth- Darla Feyereisen, Chair

Saturday, September 23rd, we will have a Youth Olympics starting at 5:00pm. We will have games, food and fellowship. This will be an overnight at Trinity.

Houston Youth are raffling off an item on Sunday, September 10th after service.

Our next Houston meeting will be on September 24th after church. Please plan on 2 hours as we need to work on crafts for the fair in October.

Trinity Lutheran Church

BOLT

Building Our Love and Talents

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

61 pounds of food was delivered to the Food Shelf this past month. 340 pounds so far, this year!

Awesome!

QUILTER’S CORNER

The Trinity Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, September 5th and September 19th at 9:00 am.

All are welcome!



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 (fowler@frontiernet.net)

CRIBBAGE CLUB

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.

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!



Music & Worship-Sue Frank, Chair

Greetings!

Trinity's Music & Worship team consists of: Bob Bodelson, Sue Bork, Kathy Gustafson, Rose Kuebker, Karen Riley and Amy Thorsen.

Starting in September, the first Sunday of the month, Communion will be "Intinction." On the third Sunday of the month, Communion will be "kneeling at the altar."

There has been a lot talk about worship start time. 9am or 9:30am? This is the time to start thinking about it. This will be brought up at the Annual Congregation meeting in January and there will be a discussion and vote!

Blessings to you all,

Sue Frank and the Music & Worship Team



The Bells are ringing at Trinity!

The Moola for Milk Campaign is COMING!! Listen for the cowbells! Moola for Milk is a fundraiser to provide Milk vouchers for families in the Hammond & Roberts Area. The vouchers will help purchase milk to supply families in need with added nutrition to the foods they receive at the local food pantry. Please support this valuable program. Donations will be collected at Trinity on September 10 & 24. Checks should be made payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church. In memo line: Designated to Moola for Milk. Please contact Darlene Sittlow at 715-220-0455 with questions.



September 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.

	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24
GREETERS	Dixie Dilley	Dorothy Hage	Kathy Jensen	Kathy Gustafson
Adult Ushers (2)	Daryl & Sue Frank	Arnold & Bev Jacobson		
Youth Ushers				
Reader	Wanda Hodnefield	Bev Jacobson	Kathy Jensen	Wanda Hodnefield
Acolyte				
Power Point				
Sound Tech				
Communion Helpers		++		++
Communion Set Up	Worship Team	++	Worship Team	++
Bread Baker	Rose Kuebker	++		++
Offering Counter 1	Marti Peterson	Sarah Pommerening	Deb Henry	Marti Peterson
Offering Counter 2		Lois Worbes/Sue Frank		
Bulletin Sponsors	<i>☞ To Sponsor a Bulletin, please see Betty Johnson ☛</i>			
Sunday School Sponsors				
Fellowship Servers	Team F-Steve & Vickie Holzer	Team G-Dave & Becky Fowler	Team H-Steve & Jean Peterson	Team I-Sue Bork
Exterior Property Team	Team #13-Myke LaVenture & Family	Team #1-Kirk & Susan Hodnefield	Team #1-Kirk & Susan Hodnefield	Team #2-Dylan & Rachel McHenry

September Bulletin Sponsors

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

September 3rd BULLETIN: WELCA

September 10th BULLETIN: Happy Birthday Bruce and Lauren. Love from your family.

September 17th BULLETIN: WELCA

Sunday School: Blessings to all of the children and Sunday School staff of Trinity. From the Bruce Moll family.

September 24th BULLETIN: Charlie and Vera Grant celebrating 50 years of marriage. Kirk Lyksett and Jill Foster in celebration of Shaylyn Lyksett's Birthday on September 28th.

Sunday School: Lance Olson's family



September Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
New office hours starting September 1st: 9-11am and 2-5pm						1 Callaghan Wedding rehearsal	2 Callaghan Wedding
3 9:30am Worship w/Communion † 10:45am Coffee Fellowship	4 Labor Day <i>(Office Closed)</i>	5 9am SCV Pastors @ 9am Quilting Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	6 12(noon) Band Set-up 3-9pm Band Practice	7 12(noon) Brown Bag Lunch & Cribbage	8	9	
10 9:30am Worship † Food Shelf Sunday <i>"Moola for Milk"</i> 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 10:30-1:00pm Chicken Feed	11 7:00pm Church Council	12 10am Heritage Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	13 9:00am Jumpstart! 6:30-7:15pm BOLT 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation	14 9:30am Hope Bible Study	15	16	
17 9:30am Worship w/communion † <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 10:45am Coffee Fellowship	18 Newsletter items due 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop Formation Night	19 9am Quilting Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	20 6:30-7:15pm BOLT 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation 8-9pm Adult Bible Study	21	22	23 5pm Youth Olympics and overnight	
24 9:30am Worship <i>"Moola for Milk"</i> 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 10:45am Houston Youth Meeting	25 11:00am Newsletter Folding & Treats 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop Leader Orientation	26 Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	27 9:00am Jumpstart! 6:30-7:15pm BOLT 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation 8-9pm Adult Bible Study	28	29	30	

“Arise for it is your task, and we are with you; Be Strong and do it.” ~ Ezra 10:4

Trinity Council Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2017

Present: Pastor Ralph Olsen, President Marti Peterson, Deb Henry, Kelly Browning, Darla Feyereisen, Betty Johnson, Lois Worbes, Mark Iverson, Sue Frank, Office Secretary Sarah Pommerening, and guests Rick & Rose Kuebker

Absent: Treasurer Rachel McHenry, Scott Post

Call to Order: Secretary Darla Feyereisen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Welcome Guest/Open Forum: No comment.

Approve minutes from July 10th meeting: Motion by Deb Henry. Second by Mark Iverson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah handed out monthly financials to council members. Motion to approve by Deb Henry. Second by Lois Worbes. Carried.

Ministry Event Highlights

WELCA Pie/Supper Social: Lois reported the event was Fantastic! Ran out of some of the food items.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Kelly reported there were about 30 kids who attended VBS. It was great and 1/2 of the kids were not members here.

Youth: Darla reported there was lots of help for the Garage Sale. The Youth served about 175 at the pancake breakfast. Update on Houston: Darla is going to be scheduling a burger night, meat raffle and grocery bagging soon! 4th Saturday in September the youth will be holding a Youth Olympics and overnight.

Evangelism: Betty reported Heartland Days events went well. Thank you to Kelly for having the VBS kids in the parade. The Funfest went great! \$200 for the rental of the dunk tank. Betty wants to thank everyone who supported and sent prayers. Betty reported that Ron Pratt took a family around the church. \$50 to pay for advertising from Central St. Croix News.

New educational opportunities: BOLT is starting on Wednesday, September 13th. BOLT is Building our Love & Talents. It will be for Preschool through 5th grade. The time will be from 6:30-7:15pm. 30 minutes is not an adequate amount of time to have kids learn. Confirmation will be starting on Wednesday, September 20th. It will coincide with BOLT. The time will be from 6:30-7:30pm. Adult education class will be offered from 7:30-8:30pm on Wednesday nights.

Motion to adjourn by Deb Henry, Mark Iverson second. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm. The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Trinity.

Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Office Administrator

Subject to approval by full Council on Sept. 11, 2017



Date: Thursday, October 5

Time: 4:00-6:30 pm

Join us for our Hot Turkey over Biscuits, corn, coleslaw, pickles, homemade desserts, coffee and milk.

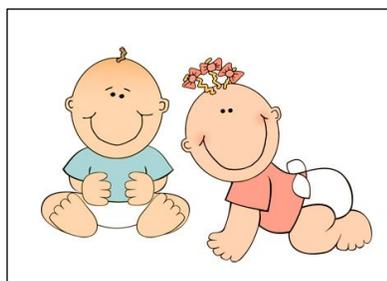
Check out our craft tables, baked goods, produce & preserves.

Interested in having a craft table?

Please contact Joan Ramberg @ 715-977-2160.

The cost is \$10.00 to have a table.

Layette items needed!



Items needed:

Sleepers, blankets, cloth diapers, sweater or sweatshirts, washcloths, gentle bar soap(4.5oz) and diaper pins.

Each December the layettes are brought to Lutheran World Relief in South St Paul for distribution around the world.

We have some of the above items, but the more we have the more we can make.

Thank you for your help!

Exciting things are brewing here at Trinity!

Christine is setting up a Small food pantry here at Trinity. She will also be partnering with the Hammond Library and together they are going to combat hunger here in Hammond.

Christine will be assembling cabinets at Trinity on Monday, September 4th. She is looking for about 4 people to help assemble and move the cabinets. If you are interested in helping her, please text or call: 715-441-8286 or email her at: neenerbeaner23@gmail.com.

Watch for more information!



A NOTE OF



THANK YOU to the kazoo band and the Sunday School/ Vacation Bible School and Youth and Adults for representing Trinity Lutheran in the Heartland Days' parade!

Betty and The Evangelism Team



THE SALVATION ARMY



August 11, 2017

Trinity Lutheran Church
1250 Broadway Street
Hammond, WI 54015

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church;

On behalf of The Salvation Army and the families that pass through Grace Place, we wish to thank you for your generous donation. We want you to know that your gift will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate in your community.

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations, we certify that the Salvation Army is registered with the state of Wisconsin and Minnesota and with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation. An internal audit is available upon request for your review. We attest that you received no goods or service in return for your contribution. Your contribution is tax-deductible as provided by law.

It is through the generosity and efforts of friends like you, especially during this financially difficult time, that we are able to provide a safe haven and a fresh start to the residents of Grace Place. Your support is a blessing to this ministry! Again, we thank you.

In Christ,

Lori
Lori Scheder
Shelter Manager

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"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.

LIMITED SPECIAL EDITION TRINITY COFFEE MUG

WE HAVE 100 TRINITY "IN HAMMOND FOR HAMMOND" COFFEE MUGS. SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5.00 PER MUG OR PAY AS YOU ARE ABLE. MUGS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAYS. ALL PROFITS FROM THE MUGS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE YOUTH TO HELP IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GO TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION NEXT SUMMER IN HOUSTON.

**Trinity
Chicken-palooza**

Join us for our
**annual Chicken
Feed!**

September 10th from
10:30-1:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
1250 Broadway Street
Hammond, WI 54015

\$8.00 for ¼
chicken

\$10.00 for ½
chicken

Moving forward with Change

Needed: Bible, a 25-cent coin for each family member

By Jolene Roehlkepartain

Life is full of changes. From starting school to moving to a new home, the way we adapt and move forward with change makes a difference.

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, remind us how you are always with us, no matter where we go. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud Genesis 28:15

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Talk about how God promises to be with us wherever we go.

3. As a family, talk about the types of changes you're facing at the moment:

- Going to a new school or child-care center
- Starting a new school year with a different teacher and classmates
- Physical growth spurts
- Moving to a different home
- A parent changing jobs
- A change in a family member's health
- A new family member or a new pet
- The loss of a grandparent or other family member
- Separation, divorce, or blending families
- Another change

4. Give each family member a 25-cent coin. Have family members practice tossing the coin into the air, catching it, and placing it in his or her hand without looking at it, and then seeing whether the coin shows "heads" or "tails."

5. Have one family toss the coin into the air, catch it, and place it in his or her hand. If it shows "heads", have that person name one thing he or she is looking forward to (what's ahead) with the change. If it's "tails", have the person name one thing he or she is sad about the change (what's being left behind). If you have preschool children, have "heads" represent something that makes them happy about the change and have "tails" represent something that makes them sad or mad about the change.

6. Each family member takes a turn. Depending on the type of change you're facing, consider having family members repeat the process. Embrace each person's feelings about change. It's okay that some family members are more open to change while others are more resistant.

7. If your family is going through more than one change, repeat the game with a different change that your family is facing.

8. When you finish, have someone read aloud the scripture passage (Genesis 28:15) again. Remind family members that not only is God always with us but that family members are also there to support each other through change.

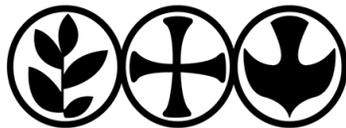


The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy. ~Psalm 126:3



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