

May 2018



Trinity Times

Newsletter
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Experience God. Find Community.
A Community Following in the Footsteps of Christ.

Wednesday Cafe

Wednesday Cafe will be held on **Wednesday, May 16th, at noon**. Come for worship, lunch and fun. We will be celebrating birds! Sign up on the glass table in the sanctuary so we know how many to plan for. Please invite friends to come with you!



Memorial Day Prayer

On Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. Amen

Summer Giving

Giving during the summer has been traditionally low as people vacation. The church is as busy if not busier in the summer. We have summer lunch, children's events, youth events, and more. Something is happening most of the day and a lot of evenings. If you can pay your offering forward before vacationing or sign up for Simply Giving to keep it consistent, that will be a great help! Thanks for your support!

Day of Renewal

Save **Saturday, June 30th**, and watch for more information coming in late May about the exciting "Day of Renewal" here at Holy Trinity. We're looking for volunteers of all ages for a day of service involving home projects and visitations with those who would enjoy the company. After working in and around the homes of our members in need that day, we will come together at the Saturday evening worship service to celebrate the renewed spirit brought on by demonstrating our commitment to being a Community Following in the Footsteps of Christ.



Live Streaming

We are live streaming our 9:30am Sunday worship services! Go to our website at holytrinityelgin.com and press the button labeled "livestream" on Sunday mornings at 9:30am to see the service live or during the week to see previous weeks.



Where two or three are gathered, there I am among them. Matthew 18:20

Youth Gathering News

Global Farm Challenge: Our youth are participating in the ELCA's World Hunger Global Farm Challenge at the youth gathering in Houston. They are inviting you to help by donating \$20 for honey-bees. For every \$20 received, a honeybee will be placed by the hive on the wall. Write your checks to ELCA World Hunger and include Global Farm Challenge on the memo line.



In gathering of books: We are collecting specific children's books to take with us to the gathering. The books titles were given to us by the school system in Houston. From our two churches we are taking: any of the *Bad Kitty* books (a series), *Matilda* by Ronald Dahl, *Wonder* by Raquel Palacio, and *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Day-walt. Books can be new or gently used. If you would like to donate some, bring them to church and place in the basket marked for the books.



We are getting close to our fundraising goal of \$10,000!! Upcoming fundraisers include a candy sale for the whole month of May, t-shirt sale, and a giving tree upcoming in June.



Youth & Children's News

Upcoming dates:

- May 5th – No Saturday night youth group.
- May 6th – Deaconess Andrea's Installation at Christ the Lord (youth meet afterwards)
- May 13th – Last Confirmation at Holy Trinity (after music)

May 19th – We will hold our first Children and Family event for Holy Trinity and Christ the Lord at Christ the Lord.

June 8th-9th - Youth overnight at Elgin Fire Museum. Dinner is \$5 per person. We need chaperones! Children and their parents are invited from 6:00 – 9:00pm. Watch our Facebook page for more updates.

August 5 – Interfaith Youth Gathering...join other youth from around the Elgin area for food, games, and more! Organized by Kristin Delaney

August 12 – ELCA back to school youth gathering! All 4 ELCA youth groups will get together!!

Watch our Facebook group page and upcoming newsletters for future activities!



1st Children and Family Event for Holy Trinity and Christ the Lord Lutheran Churches

The event will be held on **Saturday, May 19th**, from **10:00am – 1:00pm** at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, 12N465 Tina Trail, Elgin. Come for a morning of food, games, and planning! Bring a dish to share! Hot dogs and drinks provided. Besides eating and playing outside games we will spend some time getting to know each other and planning future events for our elementary kids!

This activity is centered around elementary age children and their parents/grandparents but siblings (either younger or older are welcome). Sign up at deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com

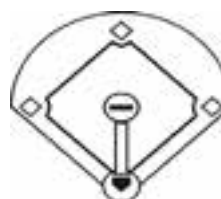
Baptism

Noah Robert Murray, infant son of Quinn & Chris Murray, will be baptized on May 6th. His godparents are Page & Matt Streb and Meghan & Dean Hazen.



Marriage

Emily Voss & Ryan Brick will be married on May 19th.



Kane County Cougars Game We're taking ourselves out to the ballgame on **Wednesday, July 18th**! Game time is 6:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Ushers

We need ushers on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be an usher, please email the church office at holytrinity@holytrinityelgin.com and let us know what Sunday of the month you would like to volunteer.



Nourish Fellowship Hour

On May 6th were celebrating carbonated beverage day! We'll have some interesting sodas for you to try!



From the Finance Desk ...

... A Financial Snapshot as of March 31st, 2018:

Year To Date Income	\$72,030.71
Year to Date Expenses	\$87,339.26
Line of Credit Principal	\$61,597.06
Imagine Fund	\$15,682.56

The **newsletter** is given by Jean Goodwin in honor of Pastor Mikyska, of loved ones celebrating May birthdays and in honor of loved ones who had May birthdays.



We need donations of paper towels.

Thanks

Thanks to the Property Team for spending a Sunday afternoon installing new rubber floor tiles in the Division Street entryway. It looks great!



Thanks to all our volunteers who spent their Tuesday and Thursday afternoons helping with our After School Program. The neighborhood children benefitted from your nourishment of homework help and food!

Council

- President:** Jordan Wildermuth
- Vice-President:** Jackie Kutina
- Secretary:** Bruce Woerner
- Scott Kolakowski Bob Jones
- Bob Langlois Kim Stancl

Worship Times

- Saturday:** 5:00pm
- Sunday:** 9:30am

From the Pastor

The month of May often serves as a month of transition for us. It is a month that begins with us marveling at the beauty of God's creation springing to new life, and ends with us joyously anticipating the summer ahead. It is a month that begins with us still focused upon resurrection and new life (Easter season), and ends with us celebrating the Holy Spirit swirling into and through us (Pentecost). May is a month that begins with our youth in school, and ends with the beginning of summer break and the excitement of the upcoming Youth Gathering! We have much to ponder.

When you look deeper at what May represents to us, it is ultimately a time of Hope! The creation is coming to life all around us, as flowers begin to bloom and trees sprout. The world is a rainbow of colors glorifying God! It is beautiful and represents the promise that God is ever focused upon new life. That promise is what leads us to better understand Pentecost. God did not send Christ into the world to briefly minister here and then withdraw again. God intends to stay by our side every moment of everyday through the good and the bad. Thus, the Holy Spirit rushes into our lives like a strong blowing wind, capable of moving us in any and all directions. The Holy Spirit hovers over us like a sphere of fire representing the passion with which God loves us. The Holy Spirit descends upon us like a dove, with grace and peaceful intentions. And so, we hope for what is to come, knowing that God is ever-present and ever-creating around and even through us.

In the coming months here at Holy Trinity, we will begin our next course of Bible Studies! We will gather for days of service and special times of worship! We will send our youth off to Houston for the Youth Gathering, where they will join 30,000 other youth in a time of worship, learning, and serving!!! We will follow with these youth and participate in their experiences from a distance! We will resurrect our summer lunch and other outreach ministries to serve our neighbors! We will hold educational programs for our children and plant gardens with them as well! All the while, we will continue to host soup kettles and breakfasts, sew quilts for refugees, knit prayer shawls for the ill, and serve in a myriad of other ways as is our culture! **WE WILL DO ALL OF THIS – AND MORE – BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS EVER MOVING IN THIS PLACE!!!**

We, here at Holy Trinity, are children of Hope and Love! And now a new season begins! Thanks be to God! Amen!

-Pastor Jeff Mikyska

Shop & Share

The Shop & Share program has a good start earning \$536.45. Thank you to all who participate by donating clothes, shoes, linens, purses, jewelry, and household items. Spring has sprung. Time to clean out closets and drawers. Currently we are accepting only summer clothing.