

Newsletter of
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The Messenger June 2017

Over the Pastor's Shoulder

"Be transformed by the renewal of your mind"

(Romans 12:2)

June

Ushers

Bill Hutchinson – Captain
Sandy Hutchinson
Bill McShane
Megan McShane

Greeters

4 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil
11 Emmanuel & Elizabeth Ajide, Esther, Joseph
18 Geoff & Angie Panush, Lucy, Ryan
25 Phil & Lori Cavallone

Nursery

4 Melissa Panush
11 Grace Persson, Carol Strickland
18 Hannah, Emily and Denise Sullivan
25 Heidi Weszely

Counters

Diana Eigenbauer
Denise Krueger
Bill Hutchinson

Birthdays

3 Thomas Eustace, Sr.
4 Joan Erickson
4 Thad Przybylowski, Jr.
9 Arnold Rodstrom
12 Edna Garcia
13 Barbara Mateer
13 Julie Przybylowski
17 Justin Lee
17 Alyssa Jones
19 Tom Panush
20 Brian Crotty
22 Richard Larson
26 Jennifer Davies
28 Joyce Gorney
29 Harry Persson

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know so that it will be listed in the future.

My June newsletter article has often provided you with a list of books you might enjoy reading over the summer months. This June I'm sharing a list of one: The Holy Scriptures. One of the great things "the Good Book" does is to help align our minds with the mind of God. There is so much confusion and negativity in the world, God wants our mind to be clear-thinking and positive.

I must confess, the older I've grown the less positive I've become. My mind doesn't always, at first instinct, go towards the positive. Perhaps I've seen too much of the world's ugliness, been disappointed by too many people, and seen how cruel human beings can be to one another.

Our culture is so cynical and skeptical and it's easy to get sucked into that. All these reasons are why it's so important to align our minds with the mind of God. As Christians we are called to be people of possibility who are filled with hope. The Bible invites us over and over again not to be gloomy, not to lose ourselves in thoughts about worst case scenarios, but to trust in God and to fill our minds with positive thoughts. Here are a few examples:

Psalm 118:24 The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Matthew 21:22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Ephesians 4:31, 32 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Over the summer months, I encourage you to fill your mind with thoughts of God. Spend time each day thinking about things that are good and true and noble and right and you will become good and true and noble and right.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jim*



Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or honor someone on a given special date, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.

Our Sympathy

As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Mildred "Millie" Andreasen, 100, of Gibson City, IL, who entered the life eternal on Saturday, April 29. A graveside service was held on Thursday, May 4, at Oak Hill Cemetery, Alsip.



As a church family we extend our sympathy to the family of Pam Polcar on the death of her son Frederick Daniel "Danny" Polcar who died suddenly on Sunday, May 7. A Memorial visitation and service was held on Saturday, May 13, at Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood.

Peace be to the memory of Millie and Danny.

Dear Trinity Covenant Church,

David and Deborah Oyelowo are using this opportunity to say thank you to the entire congregation for their love, well wishes and gift to the welcoming service of our baby Emily. We appreciate every smile, hugs, kisses and prayers that came with the gifts. Thank you and God bless. Amen



I would like to thank Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church for the generous donation to Covenant Harbor in memory of my son Frederick Daniel "Danny" Polcar. I would also like to thank the church family for their cards and prayers at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Pamela Polcar

Dear Deacon Board,

Thank you ever so much for the lovely flowers in memory of Ray Lewis. They were just beautiful and I really appreciate the caring thought.

Sincerely,
Diana Eigenbauer

To my Wonderful Trinity Family,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my entire Trinity Family. Since my injury you have taken such great care of me and my family ~ thank you all. Thank you for your prayers and for the flood of encouraging words and thoughtful cards you have sent. Thank you for the flowers and plants and meals you have brought over. Thank you for the magazines and books so I don't go stir crazy. A special thanks to the Deacon Board for their constant attention making sure I was well taken care of. I am truly blessed to be a member of such a thoughtful and caring Community.

"Happy are those hearing the Word of God and keeping it!"
(Luke 11:28)

Thanks be to God ~ Truly,
Kristine Schroeder

**Vitality
Corner**



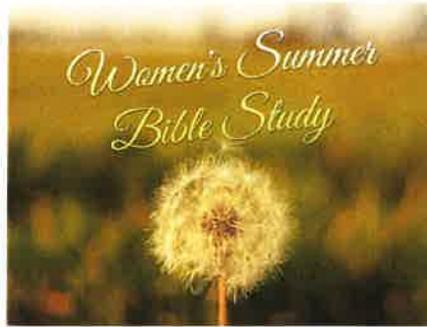
Please join the Vitality Team for an hour of prayer on June 6, 7 P.M., in the Fireside Room. We will be sharing with you some of what we've been doing in laying the ground work for congregational transformation and renewal. We will also talk about the many things happening (and have yet to happen) in the church that need our prayers. You'll not want to miss this hour of prayer — it promises to be a spirit-filled night that will re-energize us as we make our way along the Vitality pathway.

Our hour of prayer will be followed by 12 Hours of Prayer on June 13. We'll be asking people to sign up for ½ hour segments of prayer from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. Prayer suggestions and Bible readings will be made available to you in the Prayer Room. Even if you are unable to make it to the Prayer Room — you're encouraged to pray during one of those ½ hour segments at home. We want to faithfully pray for 12 hours straight. Remember, all the hopes and dreams of our church hinges on prayer.

Grace and Peace,
Your Vitality Team

Coffee And...Sign up Sheet

Coffee and... starts on June 4 and continues through August 27. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall outside of the kitchen. Plan to sign up with a friend for one of the Sundays through the summer. We usually expect 50-60 for coffee hour. Be ready to make coffee, bring creamer, and have a cold drink for the children and a late morning pastry/ cake. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends following morning worship.



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Our studies this year defined further insight as God gave privilege and opportunity by incorporating His message in our daily schedules.

Trust, faith, His will, patience and obedience cement the foundation as our personal relationship with Him experiences the joys of blessings, promises, and claims.

The older we become, the more visible and vibrant our daily passage and acceptance is evidenced and welcomed. So with this preface, it is obvious we conclude our scheduled Tuesday mornings during July and August with the on-going work of the third person, The Holy Spirit, as He sees all, knows all and enables His children to continue His work using tools given of His choosing.

Our anticipated return on September 12 will continue our 21st year of on-going growth welcoming new studies given His group of disciples (learners) and apostles (messengers). We will continue to be "ever so basic" as we learn, question and receive. We run with the baton and gently pass it to others as we acknowledge what God has entitled to share with family.

Our four Tuesdays this month will be the highlight of our year as Pat Petersen leads an in-depth study on Angels – who they are, what they do and why we continue to seek more about them. Join us for insight, answers and understanding.

Barbara Johnson

P.S. To my ladies –
Thank you for partnering
in the plan set before us.

Trinity – Fireside Room
Bakery: 9 am - 9:30
Study: 9:30 - 10:45
Lunch: fellowship



Pryme Tymers

Join us for the last Winter & Spring 2017 meeting :

June 8, 11 A.M.:

Program: *Vito Zatto – Vegas Style Singer & Entertainer.*
Introducing Vito to our Pryme Tymers stage. He is a singer, impersonator, comedian and dancer. If you close your eyes, you may even hear Elvis and Dean Martin!

Entrée: Pizza and Veggie Trays

Make your reservation by the Friday BEFORE the event. The cost per meeting is \$7. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. There is always a great need.

Have a great fun-filled summer. We'll see everyone back in the Fall starting on September 14 with James Libera. Returning by popular demand, James presents Broadway, light opera and pop with his captivating voice and charismatic charm.

Congratulations 2017 Graduates

Emil Erickson, grandson of Dick and Joan, is graduating from Sacramento Country Day school with high honors. He will start CAL Poly Technical University in the fall majoring in engineering.

Michael Latek, son of Tracy and James Latek, grandson of Dave & Arlene Sladek, and great grandson of Bruce & Char Sladek, graduated May 30 from Lincolnway West High School in New Lenox.

John Farano, grandson of Gloria Vitro, graduated from Brother Rice High School on May 26, and will attend Illinois State and then law school.

Congratulations to all the graduates and best wishes for a bright and successful future.



Flag Day Wednesday, June 14



Father's Day Sunday, June 18



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

Summer Childcare Sunday School

Summer Childcare Sunday school is from May 28 through September 3, 10-11 A.M. during the worship hour for children up to 2nd grade. As always we are looking for volunteers; there is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex. Materials for teachers to use with the children will be provided each week. This is a marvelous way to get to know and interact with Trinity's children. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share in God's work with our children.

First Day of Summer Wednesday, June 21



Deacon's Crisis Fund Special Offering Sunday, June 4



SAVE THE DATES AND GET READY FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATES: JULY 17 – 21

TIME: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 – 11:30

PROGRAM AND DINNER THURSDAY EVENING

WHERE: TRINITY COVENANT CHURCH

9230 S. PULASKI, OAK LAWN

VBS is a fun place for children who are 3 years old through 6th grade. At *Kingdom of the Son*, children of all ages will take a walk on the wild side through the grasslands of Africa and will learn to talk to God. Children will learn that God listens, provides, forgives, protects and rules! Bible study, games, crafts, music, snacks, friends and more await the "safari explorers" as they learn the Lord's Prayer and study the life of Jesus.

REGISTRATION:

- ❖ NOW OPEN ON-LINE AT www.trinitycovoaklawn.org
- ❖ Drop off/mail form to Trinity Covenant Church
- ❖ Stop by the church and complete a paper registration form.



God Listens



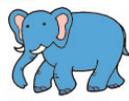
God Forgives



God Provides



God Protects



God Rules!

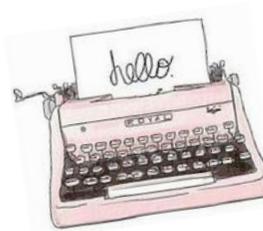
For more information about VBS contact
the church office at 708-422-5111

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

BRING A FRIEND FOR THE WEEK AND GET A PRIZE!

Covenant Missionaries Update

Barb and Steve Swanson, 2 of the 4 missionaries Trinity supports, announce their departure date is Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from Chicago to Sweden. They are happy to share that they are now at their goal of 100% pledges for the next year ... "When people get together and pray, God really shows up and hears our prayers. We are uber excited (that's really excited!) to see God answer our prayers! We are so thankful as we watch our financial and prayer support continue to come in, as we begin to look critically at what is currently in our house and what we can bring back with us to Europe. Though our departure is scheduled for June 27, there is still a bit of work to do. We're enjoying the last of our visits with our ministry partners in Michigan."



Church Ladies with Typewriters

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

New Email:

Joyce Karlson

joyceakarlson@gmail.com





Summer Fun!

The Webb family was trying to plan their summer activities but they got all mixed up. Can you help them unscramble all of their ideas of things to do and places to go this summer?

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MHETE RPAK

RFIESORWK

ARDPEA

KBIE IDRSE

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JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants/Summer Childcare Sunday School for Children up to 2nd grade.

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon – Fri, 9 AM – 12 PM (school resumes Sept. 5)

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, 9:30 AM, Fireside Room(resumes Sept. 12)

Pryme Tymers – 2nd and 4th Thursday, 11 AM (resumes Sept. 14)

Notes:

4: Deacons Crisis Fund retiring offering
Coffee and... begins today

6: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Ronald McDonald House supper (4:30 PM)
Cottage Prayer Service, Fireside Room (7 PM)

8: Pryme Tymers (11 AM), (Spring finale, resumes Sept. 14)

13: 12 Hours of Prayer (8 AM – 8 PM)
Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)
Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)

14: **Flag Day**

15: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

18: **Father's Day**

Articles for July/Aug Messenger due

20: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)

21: **First Day of Summer**

22-24: 132nd Covenant Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI

27: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
(resumes Sept. 12)

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL – KINGDOM OF THE SON – JULY 17 -21

Don't
Monkey
Around



Join
Our
Prayer
Safari

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Stuart Seale
Pianist
Christina Palazzolo
Director – Noah's Ark Preschool
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