

Newsletter of  
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# The Messenger

July/August 2015

## July

### **Ushers**

Brian Crotty – Captain  
Larry Thomas  
Bill Hutchinson  
Sandy Hutchinson

### **Greeters**

5 Bruce & Char Sladek  
12 Mike, Jen, Moira, Jake, & Aven  
Davies  
19 Michelle, Mary, Connor, Elizabeth  
West  
26 Pam Polcar, Chuck Havel

### **Nursery**

5 Karen McShane, Megan McShane  
12 Lorraine Weszely, Heidi Weszely  
19 Barb Mateer, Elizabeth Byland  
26 Judy Kurzweil, Ariel Kurzweil

### **Counters**

Pam Polcar  
Chuck Havel  
Paula Cassady

### **Birthdays**

2 Lori Cavallone  
3 Gary Kozak  
3 Kaylen Torres  
6 Henrik Torling  
7 Sarah Jones  
8 Anakin Schroeder  
8 Michael Devine  
9 Connor West  
11 Kay Shannon  
13 Emmanuel Ajide  
13 Jean Smith-Woodruff  
14 Rick Ferrell  
18 Ryan Panush  
19 Lois Jaderholm  
19 Sharon Parney  
21 Greg Goetz  
27 Arthur Raines  
28 Elizabeth West  
28 Pat Anderson  
28 James Sandberg  
29 Pam Romano

## August

### **Ushers**

Harry Persson – Captain  
Matt Panush  
Melissa Panush  
Clarence Rosengren

### **Greeters**

2 Pat Anderson, Rhea Maurer  
9 Lois Flaws, Denise Krueger  
16 Greg, Janice, Kendra & Cameron  
Goetz  
23 Diana Eigenbauer, Ray Lewis  
30 Sara & Charles Jones

### **Nursery**

2 Melissa Panush, Matt Panush  
9 Angela Panush, Geoff Panush  
16 Pat Anderson, Rebecca Hanson  
23 Kristine Schroeder, Shannon Lee  
30 Janice Goetz, Kendra Goetz

### **Counters**

Bruce Sladek  
Matt Mateer  
Dick Erickson

### **Birthdays**

1 Kelly Ford  
3 Andrew Byland  
3 Angela Panush  
4 Kent Keller  
5 Bruce Sladek  
6 Jon-Anders Mateer  
9 Mel Mueller  
14 Lynne Gustafson  
15 Kellie Lee  
18 Cathy Gardner  
19 John Nordstrom  
20 Marian Zeise  
21 Jeff Blust  
24 Geoff Twigg  
27 Hannah Sullivan  
29 Elizabeth Byland

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



## Over the Pastor's Shoulder

<sup>19</sup>“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

(Matthew 18:19-20)

Drawing upon the prophet Isaiah, Jesus declares, “My house shall be a house of prayer”. Who doesn’t want our church to be a house of prayer? I am afraid that prayer often takes a backseat to our busyness in the church. I say this with sorrow, for I believe it saddens the heart of God. True, we need to have our committee meetings, and our business meetings, and our Bible studies, and our fellowship groups, and our CHIC and camp fundraisers, and let’s not forget VBS, Jul Fest, and the now yearly Rummage Sale, but if the fire is not hot at the center, these things are only ashes in our hands.

Prayer is the necessary work of the church that keeps the fire hot. Sometimes we just need to be reminded of the importance and power of prayer. Sometimes we simply need to be encouraged to pray.

It is God’s desire to bring individual and families into saving faith. It is God’s desire to deliver people from racism, sexism, nationalism, and consumerism. It’s God’s desire to deliver people from addiction to drugs, sex, money, and power. It is God’s desire to bring whole communities into Gospel fidelity. It is God’s desire for the church to be salt and light in the world. It is God’s desire for each one of us to make a positive difference in Oak Lawn and the surrounding communities.

Prayer is a crucial means for the fulfillment of these yearnings in the heart of God. When we come together in prayer, there is no limit to what can be accomplished for the sake of God’s kingdom. Never forget that all that God does is in answer to prayer.

I invite you to join me for an evening of prayer on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Please don’t ever underestimate the significance of our joining together in prayer. Prayer might just be the most important thing we ever do together in the church.

See you on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Jim*



## Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study

These thoughts are usually addressed in my February column as I thank my “Valentines” by name for participation on Bible Study Tuesday mornings.

This year time and study had another agenda which now prompts a fast forward by acknowledging this group for faithfulness, support and interest as we individually anticipate a summer of continued /active growth and blooming based on the personal design God has planned for us.

What an awesome God to specially design thirty-two plans to strengthen our September return as our personal quiet times and walk with God will enable a sharing of renewed riches as we re-group for further study and growth.

This July-August column gives opportunity and privilege to respond to a double “pay-back blessing” – Thanking God for our years, months, weeks of knowing of Him and knowing Him personally and thanking my “Valentines” as they enter His House each Tuesday for strength and fellowship while journeying with others during times designed for His children. His guarantee – His plan – His purpose – our mission with His tools.

Virginia Almer	Anita Gonzales	Arline Mueller
Patricia Anderson	Stephanie Grayson	Joyce Olson
Yvonne Brady	Carol Hughes	Grace Persson
Nancy Clemens	Lois Jaderholm	Patricia Petersen
Barbara Dorl	Barbara Johnson	Rita Quaid
Joan Erickson	Cora Johnson	Florence Rhoads
Dawn Ferrell	Dorothy Karner	Dolores Rosengren
Norma Fisher	Elsie Koler	Queen Scott
Lois Flaws	Denise Krueger	Gloria Vitro
Virginia Fulton	Marion LaVine	Linnea Wimpenny
Edna Garcia	Rhea Maurer	

Barbara Johnson  
Micah 6:8

### *Stewardship Alert*

*Try your best to remain faithful and current in your giving over the summer months. Bills will still come due and payrolls will still need to be made. The Treasurer noted that at our last executive board meeting, the checking account balance was \$3148.46...this is precariously low, especially so going into the summer. Gifts above and beyond your regular offerings are always appreciated. Thanks in advance for your generosity.*

## Worship Schedule

Just a reminder that our morning worship and nursery for infants and toddlers begin at 10 A.M. Plan to join us immediately following worship in Peterson Hall for Coffee and...



Trinity raised close to \$4500 at the rummage sale held at the end of June. The proceeds received will go to support our Every Kid a Camper Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated items and volunteered their valuable time to help in this annual fundraiser.

Pastor Jim

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the cards and telephone calls I received while in the hospital. They really cheered me up.

Also, thank you to Pastor Jim for the visits – good to see a friendly, familiar face!

God bless all -  
Marian Zeise

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On Sunday, June 28, we welcomed Olayemi (Emmanuel) Ajide's wife, Olayemi Elizabeth, and children Ayomide Esther, daughter, and Olawale Joseph, son, to Trinity Church.

It was a celebratory day in the life of the church. Thank you for all you've done to make the Ajide family part of our church family. When Emmanuel looked at all the gifts that you brought for the "Pounding" he said, "Praise God, that's love."

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. The available dates during the summer are: July 12, 19, August 2, 19, 16, and 30. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.

## Sunday, July 5 and August 2 Together We Cope Retiring Offering

### With Sympathy

A memorial service for David Olsen, Nancy Keller's grandson, will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 18, at Covenant Church South Bend, Indiana, 3025 E. Edison Road, South Bend, Indiana, 46615. Peace be to David's memory.

### CHIC 2015

The following high school students will be attending CHIC 2015 at the University of Tennessee on July 12 – 17:

Elizabeth Byland	Arthur Raines
Paul Kozak	Anakin Schroeder
Megan McShane	Emily Sullivan
Thaddeus Przybylowski	Hannah Sullivan

The students will be chaperoned by Carol Byland and Ryan Jones.

Please keep them in your prayers.

### Coffee and...Sign-up Sheet

A reminder that our summer Coffee and.. started on June 7. The morning worship and nursery for infants and toddlers is at 10 A.M. Plan to join us immediately following worship in Peterson Hall for Coffee Hour.

The Coffee and... sign-up sheet is posted outside the kitchen door. Plan to sign-up with a friend for one of the available Sundays: July 26, August 2, 16 and 30. We usually expect 75-100. Be ready to make coffee, bring creamer, have a cold drink for the children, and some type of late morning coffee cake. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends following morning worship.

## Church Chuckle:

A Sunday School child's comment:  
Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.



**Don't let the biggest discovery  
of the summer pass you by!**

**JULY 27th – 31st 9:00 - 11:30 am**



**Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church in Oak Lawn invites all the children in the community to join us at SonSpark Labs.**

“SonSpark Labs creates a fun and engaging discovery lab where children will have a great time singing fun songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll discover that God's plan for everyone is Jesus! We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in our neighborhood. We hope they will all join us at SonSpark Labs.”

**This is a FREE program for the community.  
Children age 3 thru children entering 6th grade.**

**For information or to register go to our website [www.trinitycovoaklawn.org](http://www.trinitycovoaklawn.org) or call 708-422-5111 or fill out the registration form in this newsletter and bring it with you on July 27.**

## VBS Workdays

Contact Linda Kozak if you are able to volunteer your time to help:

**Thursday, July 9 – 9:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

Craft Assembly, Backdrop Painting

**Thursday, July 23 (and Friday, July 24, if needed) – 9:30 A.M. -?**

Final preparations putting up decorations.

Evening or Saturday options for those not able to make a weekday or let Linda know and she can give you a project!

## 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Roger and Kay Shannon will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday, July 10. Best Wishes to Roger and Kay.

## Wedding Congratulations

Judy Kurzweil and Isaiah Gilbert were married Saturday, June 27. The service was held in the backyard of Judy's parents' home. It was a beautiful ceremony and a picture-perfect day. Judy and Isaiah honeymooned in Michigan. Many blessings on Judy and Isaiah as husband and wife.

## Engagement Congratulations

Nancy Mondry's son, Kevin Mondry and Christine Nolte were recently engaged on June 24. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

## New Email Address

Brian Crotty:  
[bcrottyr@gmail.com](mailto:bcrottyr@gmail.com)



## Pryme Tymers

The new season for 2015 starts on: **Thursday, September 10, at 11 A.M.**

Entrée: Beef Stew

Program: Stars and Stripes with the singing cowboy – Rick Pickren. One day

before 9-11, we are introducing a new performer to Pryme Tymers that will make us PROUD to be Americans. Make your reservation by Friday, September 4.

The cost per meeting is \$7. Be sure to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The need continues to be great.

Have a great summer. See you in September....



## Thought to Ponder

Trouble is like a weed – once it grows it covers everything.

# July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## On-going Ministry

### Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Nursery for Infants and Toddlers

11:00 AM Coffee and...

Noah's Ark Preschool - Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 8, 9 AM

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Pryme Tymers – Fall 2015 Meetings resume Thursday, Sept. 10, 11 AM

## Notes:

### 4: Fourth of July

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Jedi Garden (8 AM)

5: Baby Bottle Campaign Collection Day

8: Evening Night of Prayer, Fireside Room (7 PM)

9: VBS Work Day (9:30 AM-12 PM)

12 - 17: CHIC 2015, University of Tennessee

23: VBS Work Day (9:30 AM-12 PM)

24: VBS Work Day (9:30 AM-12 PM)

26: Baptism of Clara Serene Panush

27 - 31: Vacation Bible School, SonSpark Labs (9 – 11:30 AM)

# August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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Bruce Sladek's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Peterson Hall (11 AM)

11: Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)

Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)

14: Noah's Ark Preschool Open House, 6:30-7:30 PM

16: Pacesetters gathering at Grace & Harry Persson's (12 PM)

**Articles for September Messenger due**

20: Church Board meeting (7 PM)

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church VBS Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
                  date month                    year

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone\_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) work phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

School grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church, if any \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby GRANT or DO NOT GRANT (please circle one)

permission for Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church to use pictures of my

child \_\_\_\_\_(name of child) on their website for  
informational or promotional purposes.

I hereby release Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, its staff, employees and officers,  
from any and all liability in the event of injury or incident while participating in VBS. I  
also give consent for emergency medical care in the event of an injury while participating in  
VBS.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Senior Pastor

**Reverend Zachary Lovig**  
Assoc. Pastor: Minister to Youth and Families

**Betty Aardema**  
Organist

**Stuart Seale**  
Pianist

**Christina Palazzolo**  
Director – Noah's Ark Preschool

**Karen Christakos**  
Secretary

**Phil Cavallone**  
Custodian

**Articles for September  
Messenger are due  
August 16**