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The Good News

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FROM THE PASTOR

Something to Think About this July... And August, too!

When you think of July, what comes to mind first? The 4th of July, right? It is a time of celebration of the birth of our country, Independence Day. We enjoy hotdogs and fireworks. It's a national holiday. Somewhere along the line you will sing or hear someone sing the National Anthem – "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Many of us remember that Francis Scott Key wrote the poem recalling the defense of the battle of Ft. McHenry as the British ships bombarded the fort during the War of 1812. It was a poem of four stanzas, although we sing but the first stanza as our national anthem.

Aside from being a lawyer and an amateur poet, Francis Scott Key was a committed Christian. He taught Sunday School and would be known to write a devotional verse too. In 1832, the Protestant Episcopal Church, elected him to a committee that was charged with putting together a new hymnal. For the July 4th celebration in 1832, Key penned a strongly worded national hymn. The name of that hymn, Before You, Lord, We Bow. We can find that in our hymnal, #966.

1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

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The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

Consider the words Key penned... "Before You, Lord, we bow." Key shows his faith. Considering this, there are times we need to recognize as a nation, that those who have gone before us were indeed believers, committed to Christ. They understood that our God reigns above and that God has blessed this nation. "Our thanks we pay" to God is something we should do, not only when we sing this hymn, but daily and throughout the day for that matter.

For Key understood the importance of that faith as He wrote about it verse 5.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

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"And when in pow'r He comes", Key is referring to Jesus coming back on Judgment day. What did Key want to see? "From this our native land, from all its rending tombs, Send forth a glorious band, a countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song."

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Key wanted to see a whole nation of believers rising from their graves joining in song to our Savior Jesus Christ.

That my friends is certainly something worth celebrating and giving thanks to the Lord for all His blessings this July 4th and every day!

Have a blessed July...and August too!

Serving the Lord with you, *Pastor Hopkins*



United Veterans of Hicksville New York

Annual Memorial Day Parade Committee

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June 13, 2018

Reverend John Hopkins
Trinity Lutheran Church
40 West Nicholai Street
Hicksville, NY 11801

Dear Reverend Hopkins:

On behalf of the United Veterans of Hicksville I would like to thank you, The Trinity Lutheran Church, The Trinity Lutheran School Band, and the School members for participating in our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies on Monday, May 28, 2018.

Your Opening Prayer and participation in our ceremony meant so much to those present.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely yours,

William G. Walden

William G. Walden, Chairman
Hicksville Memorial Day Committee



If all goes according to plan, Trinity will have its first new organ since 1971 installed in November of this year. A contract was signed with the Walker Organ Company of Zionsville, PA. The Walker company is considered by many to be the finest builder of digital (what we used to call electronic) organs in the world. They have built organs for many famous places including Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center and the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

If you were to ask questions of me or members of the organ committee about this new instrument, you might hear some strange jargon. Here are some words you will need to know. First of all, what most people call "the organ" is really known as the console. This is the place that the organist controls the organ from, but the organ is really the pipes and the chests they sit on in a pipe instrument, or the samples of the pipe sounds, amplifiers and speakers in a digital organ. You will often hear "how many manuals do you have?" The keyboards of the organ are called manuals, we currently have three, our new installation will have four. Why do we need so many keyboards when the piano only has one? Unlike a piano, the organ keys are not pressure sensitive, in other words, you can touch them as hard as you can and it will not make a difference in the sound that you are hearing. Each keyboard has different sounds available on them. To play a melody with a different sound than the accompaniment, you need to use two keyboards or manuals. Increasing the number of manuals, increases the flexibility given to the organist to control the sounds. Most of the time the lowest notes are played on the pedals, which is really just another keyboard played with the feet, with different sounds available to use on it.



Like an orchestra, the organ has many different sounds, the majority imitating orchestral instruments. The organist learns to combine them in different ways, to get the sounds that we hear in services. Even in soft pieces, there may be ten or twelve sounds combined together. Each of these sounds is called a stop. They are controlled by the drawknobs that are on the sides of the organ. Curiously, they are called stops but really should be called starts, since you pull them out to start the sound. The name stop came from the medieval organs where every sound was on all the time, and you needed to pull a knob to stop the sound.



Henry DeVries,
Minister of Music



Articles and submissions for the
September 2018
newsletter are due no later
than noon on
Thursday, August 23!



We are happy to report that in our first year of this three-year capital campaign, we have already received pledges and donations from 112 individuals and families. We have pledges/donations of more than \$194,800 toward our \$210,000 goal. Of that amount \$113,500 is now in house ready for use.

We are looking forward to celebrating Trinity Lutheran School's 65th anniversary this coming school year. A variety of events are being planned beginning with the "Back to School Barbecue" on Thursday August 30. We will begin with a service in church at 5:00pm followed by the barbecue from 6:00-8:00pm. We hope both church and school families will join together for this significant event.

As for the timing of our capital campaign projects:

- the church carpet is scheduled to be installed in early July.
- repairing broken glass on the church and school will begin shortly as bids have come in and have been awarded.
- much needed work on our heating system will be completed during these warm months.
- also scheduled during the summer is the renovation of the school science room.
- increased safety and security for our church and school will see additional high intensity lighting in the church parking lot and a new intercom for the school's main entrance.

We will continue to update you on the progress of the projects as updates become available.

As a result of the *Honor, Serve, Provide* capital campaign, scholarships and financial aid for our school were provided. We were also able to purchase additional services from the Lutheran Counseling Center which will expand counseling opportunities for church and school families.

In addition to thanking you, our donors, we must thank the Board of Properties for overseeing each of these projects as well as their constant attention to all of Trinity's grounds and buildings. It requires a tremendous amount of volunteer hours from each of them. We could not accomplish anything without their hard work and dedication.

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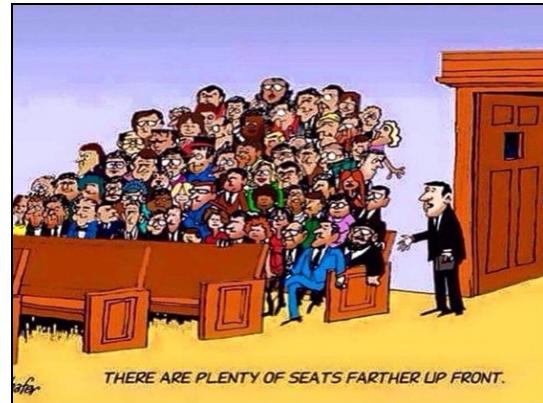
FULL OR PART TIME

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

WILL TRAIN

Must be friendly, able to give direction
and handle large sums of money ☺

If interested, please contact the church office
or email: John Haines at John961@aol.com



The Good News

Board of Stewardship

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

This month we celebrate the freedoms and liberties our country has granted us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties especially for the freedom to worship and live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But the definition of freedom and liberty in our age has changed and not for the better. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness: a license to do what we want, when we want.

Yet this license is a submission to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires, slaves to our passions. Christ died to set us free from our sinful desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit. Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the church.

God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves.

God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel as well as repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Deacon Anthony Cavaliere



Trinity had a smooth end to the school year. Our ECC, Kindergarten, and 5th Grade celebrated their moving up with beautiful ceremonies in the Sanctuary. Our Music Department performed in the Memorial Day Parade with the Hicksville Fire Department. They also were thrilled to put on a Talent Show for all to see.

Our church member students were honored to receive scholarships at the Baccalaureate service. I am thrilled to share with everyone that our 8th Grade Honors Class had a 100% passing rate on both the Algebra and Earth Science Regents.

As we move forward into summer, our school will be filled with children during the **Celebrate Summer** program. At the same time, tours of Trinity, including our Day Care, will occur and scheduling and planning for the new school year will be underway. The school will be 65 years old this coming September! We look forward to all of you joining us in many events throughout the 2018-2019 school year to celebrate this important milestone. Wishing all of you a blessed summer.

Ms. Tammy Mazza,
Principal

The Good News
Early Childhood Center News

This past month was a very exciting one in Trinity's Early Childhood Center. All of our children Toddler through Pre-K were able to sing about the love of Jesus for their families and friends. Each class had a closing program and we were so happy to welcome parents, grandparents, as well as so many others to see the children as they showed their families all they had learned during this wonderful school year.

The children said goodbye to their Early Childhood Center teachers and friends for the summer. We are so proud of our Pre-K children and wish them the best of luck in Kindergarten. We are already looking forward to welcoming back our Toddler and Nursery students in September.

If you know of anyone looking for a Christ based Preschool education please call the Early Childhood Center Office at 516-931-2211 extension 224.

SUMMER



The Good News Sunshine Circle Ministry



I would like to remind the congregation that the Sunshine Circle and LWML are not the same ministry. They are two completely different, distinct organizations. LWML is strictly a mission outreach. However, many of our members are in both groups.

The shut-in calls were made long before LWML was conceived and was, and still is, run by the Sunshine Circle, as is the Nursing Home Devotion Program. The Love Feast and Prayer Line Ministries were both started over 40 years ago and are under the same umbrella of Sunshine.

If you desire to be part of any of the above ministries, we can always use more help, especially the Prayer Line. Please contact Helen Peter at 516-938-6914 for more detailed information.

Helen Peter



9th Annual Trinity Lutheran GOLF OUTING



Overall
Golf Outing
Winners!



Gift of Service Award Honorees
Warren Breuer, John, Haines,
Carl Osmundsen, Carl Probst

The Charles J. Connick Window

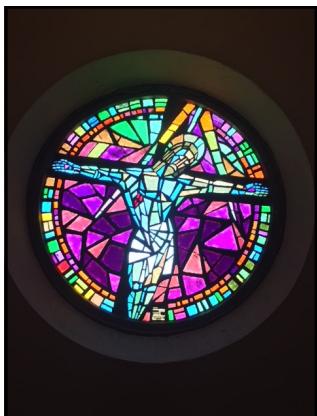
Charles J. Connick Associates, of Boston, designed and executed *The Good Samaritan* stained glass window. This window, located in the **east wall of the Chapel**, was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry G. Eisemann by his wife Florence.

Charles Connick was renowned as a stained glass artist and is considered one of the greatest craftsmen in the United States. Among Connick's many works is the west rose window in the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, considered to be a perfection in this art form. In addition, Connick's windows can be viewed at Princeton University Chapel, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and elsewhere throughout the United States.

The Good Samaritan window is in two parts. The left panel shows the Good Samaritan going towards the injured man with his cup of wine and cloths to bind up his wounds. The donkey he was riding is in the left hand corner and in the upper right side are the thieves running away. The other panel shows the injured man lying in the road and above his figure you can see the Levite and the priest walking away, ignoring him.



The Leonard Rodier Windows



Leonard Rodier Company of New York City, responsible for the execution of the round windows in the **stairways of the narthex**, has works of religious art represented in five continents of the world. The faceted glass window located in the **east** stairway portrays the crucifixion and was given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ludwig Hebeler by his wife, Evelyn. *The Ascension Window* located in the **west** stairway is another beautiful example of faceted glass and was given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lt. Carl Noel Kosma by his wife, family and friends.

Though executed in Spain, these windows were designed by Miriam Stefan. Miriam Stefan, a professional designer, was born in Vienna. After completing her formal education she entered the local art institute. She studied for four years under the renowned professors Friedrich and Jirasek. Upon arrival in this country she continued her art studies at Cooper Union in New York City. Miriam illustrated several children's books and designed art needlework as well as embroideries on dresses for Saks Fifth Avenue and Bergdorf Goodman. Miriam Stefan is also known for her beautiful fused glass showcased in the Wedding Chapel at the Municipal Building in New York City, and her stained glass window designs in over fifty houses of worship throughout the United States.



by Ellen Kerwin



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Summer is right around the corner! Register your child in Vacation Bible School (VBS) for a week full of fun! At VBS, your child will learn about Biblical "Superheroes" and how they can be a hero for Jesus!

Who? All children age 4 to Grade 5

When? Monday, July 23 to Friday, July 27
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where? Trinity Lutheran Church and School
40 West Nicholai Street
Hicksville, NY 11801

For more information, e-mail Laura Morrisey
at lauradenning14@yahoo.com

**VBS is funded by free-will offerings.*

*Please consider donating to offset the cost. Any amount helps!**

Want to volunteer? We'd love to have you! Volunteers are needed to lead music, crafts, games, snack and classrooms. Please e-mail lauradenning14@yahoo.com.



BEACH DAYS

Beach Days are our weekly trip to the Beach. We meet most Tuesdays in the YSR at 9:30am, pick up is at 3:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person and includes, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Water, Soda, and Dessert.

Beach Day will occur on the following dates:

6/26	7/3
7/10	7/17
7/24	8/7
8/14	8/21

*No Beach Day on 7/31 due to Summer Mission Trip

SUMMER EVENTS

7/13: FUEL Goes to Mini Golf

- 6:30-9:00 pm
- Cost: \$15

7/20: FUEL

- 7-9 pm
- Cost: \$2

7/26: Bronx Zoo Trip

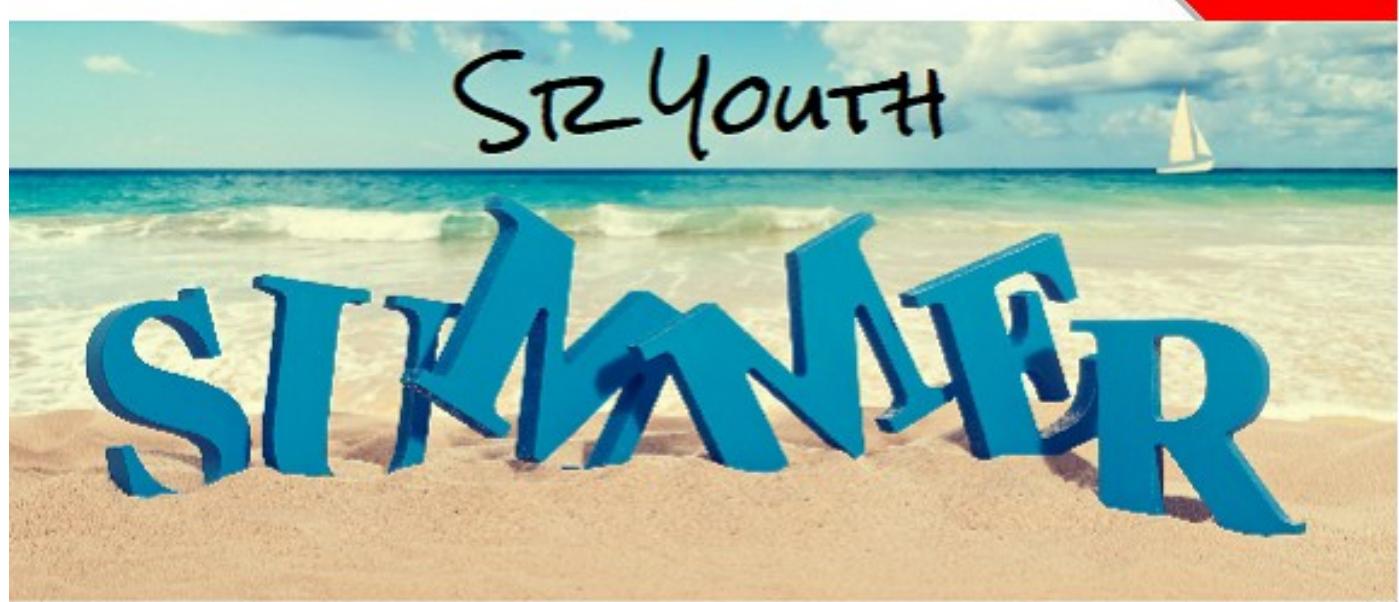
- 12:30 - 5:30 pm
- Cost: \$20 plus Lunch (\$20)

8/10: FUEL After Dark

- 7-11 pm
- Cost: \$5

8/17: Kayaking in Oyster Bay

- 6-8:30 pm
- Cost: \$25



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6/23: Mets Game Fundraiser

- 7:00 pm Citi Field

7/14: Car Wash Fundraiser

- 10:00 am: Town Parking Lot

7/28 - 8/4: Logan, West

Virginia Mission Trip

8/15: Giving Back Event

- Meet at 4:30pm at Trinity

- Wear Painting Clothes

8/20: Splish Splash Trip

- 9:00am - 3:00pm

- Cost: \$40 plus Lunch