

Trinity Tidings

SEPTEMBER 2006: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pre-school, Childcare, Kindergarten 331 W. George St. West Chicago, IL 60185
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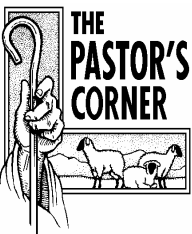
September 3rd Worship Times change back to 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

September 10th Sunday School Starts

September 17th Rally Day & Church Picnic

September 24th Voter's Meeting

October 1st Fiesta to start the English as a Second Language Program



BAPTISM: The washing of regeneration.

Titus 3:5 (ESV) "he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,"

Baptism works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. When a Christian who is not well grounded in the Word of God hears this, he is astonished and doubtfully asks: How can water do such great things? You know the answer. It is not mere water, indeed, that does them, but the Word of God which is in and with the water; this puts these things into Baptism. And faith, which trusts such Word of God in the water, takes these great things out of Baptism, and appropriates them. Do you fully understand this, my dear Christian? Without the Word of God the water is simple water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism: a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost. Through His Word God has placed into the water of Baptism forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, and the Holy Ghost for kindling faith in us. You are baptized. You believe. And so you are regenerated. You are a child of God that possesses forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, and the Holy Ghost. And the Holy Ghost creates within you a new mind. You rejoice in the possession of the great gifts of the grace of God; you do

fear, love, and trust in God; you possess new life. Thus Baptism is a washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom God has shed on us abundantly in Baptism through

Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life, as St. Paul teaches, Titus, chapter three. This is a faithful saying.

PRAYER. – Lord, my God, my gracious God, I thank You for what You have done to me in Baptism! You have regenerated me. You have given me forgiveness of sins, and thereby that righteousness which is valid in Your sight. You have delivered me from death and the devil, and given me eternal salvation. You have granted to me the Holy Spirit, who works and sustains faith and a new spiritual life within me. O my God, in the possession of such grace let me live and die, and awaken and live forever. Amen, for Christ's sake! Amen.

The LMWL would like your support for the following project.

A brief background: There are two grade schools in the Dominican Republic with whom LCMS World Relief/Human Care is working with LCMS World Mission along with Bethesda, Central American Lutheran Mission Society, several Florida LCMS congregations and several agencies in the Dominican

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English as a Second Language



English as a Second Language classes will start up again in October 3rd. We need you help, with publicity and planning. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Balla.

We are also having a FIESTA on October 1st. All members of Trinity are invited. You don't need to be part of the ESL program, you don't even need to know how to speak Spanish. Just come and have FUN!! (Yes, Lutheran are allowed to have fun) Your help is also needed for planning, setup and take down.



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Republic. One school is in the city, one is in the country. There are missionaries at the school who work with the children in the community. The missionary pastor there also serves a Lutheran congregation. Currently there are 350 students between the two schools, but now that construction of the schools is complete, those numbers may go up.

The project we have been asked to consider is providing health kits similar to the Katrina kits that were done last fall. The health kits are needed for the area around where the students are going to school as there is a great need for basic health care instruction and supplies. These health kits meet a great need and will be given to children along with a prayer or devotion by the Pastor or a church member.

Use gallon-size zip-lock bags.

5 toothbrushes, 1 tube of toothpaste, Washcloth, 1 bar of soap, 1 bottle of Children's vitamins, 1 tube of anti-bacterial cream, Band-aids, Q-tips, Bottle of shampoo and A hairbrush or comb.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please see Lois Kovarik for more details.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Nicholas Henrici	4
Dahlas Gregory	5
Mark Beutke	6
Wayne Matejka	7
Daniel Matejka	7
Ashlee McLeod	12
Elisabet Dauber	13
Sarah Balla	15
Jill Grobe	15
Eric Latham	15
Christopher Fagalde	17
Audrey Smith	18
Laura Grobe	19
Peter Conrad	20
Cheryl Perkis	23
Kelly Siekmann	23
Amanda Conrad	27
David Balla	28
Aaron Rosedale	30

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Gilbert Wagner	1
Karla Bruce	1
Brenda Behrends	7
Lonna Schmidt	14
Aaron Cracraft	17
Dolores Mennecke	18
Carl Mennecke	20
Julia Behrends	22
Rebecca Lemon	24
Sarah Balla	27
Troy Malay	28
Courtney Hargreaves	29

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

John & Janet Pautler	9/1/1979
Barry & Sandy Turnquist	9/1/1984
Roy & Rosemarie Paeth	9/7/1963
Wayne & Susan Matejka	9/14/1963
John & Judy Leeseberg	9/20/198
Greg & Donna Kuhn	9/28/1985

From the School

Preparing to Start the School Year

Ann Strobel, Director

Do you remember your first day at pre-school or kindergarten? You were probably nervous and excited and a bit lonely and lost when your mom or dad left. Even when returning to a familiar setting after summer vacation, children usually feel a bit intimidated. They may have a new teacher, there are new kids in the group, and maybe that special friend is gone. It's a big deal!

We want to do everything we can to make your child's beginning here as happy as possible. If you haven't yet visited the program with your child, we encourage you to come in before his or her first day (if possible). Usually a visit when the program is not in session is less overwhelming; the child can look around the room, get acquainted with us, and just get the feel of the place. Otherwise, please feel free to come at any time, so your child feels a connection with the school he/she will be attending.

Before the program starts, you may want to read your child a few books with a starting-school theme. Such stories can help your child get in touch with his/her feelings about going into a new place and separating from you. Reading also gives your child an opportunity to talk about feelings or ask questions about what to expect.

It's also a good idea to go over our daily schedule with your child, talking about some of the things he/she will be doing in the course of the day. Some children feel a little less alone and adrift in a new place if they bring something familiar from home, such as a family photo or a kiss from mom (kiss a tissue they can keep in their pocket.)

On the first day, be sure to arrive in plenty of time. In fact, if your child tends to have a tough time in new groups, make a point of coming early the first few days so we can help him/her get involved in something fun, perhaps with one or two other children, before the crowd arrives.

Finally when it's time to leave, don't slip out when your child isn't looking. Children need to know

when you're going and be able to say goodbye, and hear from you that you are coming back. Don't worry. We'll take it from there.

2006-2007 School year Room Assignments

Center Director- Ann Strobel

Room #1- Kindergarten

Teacher- Dahlas Gregory

P.M. Enrichment Activities

Teacher- Dahlas Gregory

Room #2-

Preschool w/Childcare (Ages 3-5)

A.M. Teacher- Ann Strobel

P.M. Teacher- Chris Rakow

Room #3- Preschool

MWF- 4/5 year Preschool/Preschool Plus

TTh - 3/4 year Preschool

Teacher- Nancy Mansfield

Room #7- Mom's Day Out (for 2 year olds)

Wed - 9:30am - 12:30pm

Teacher Carrie Zaccaria

Camp Got Better each Week!

As we bid farewell to our summer campers, it was DIFFICULT.. Many of them were shedding a tear, others refused to leave, and others just dragged out their going with their parents. It was sad for the staff as well. All had a great time.

Wow the kids had a ball and learned too! Let's see, besides the weekly swim lessons,

July 10th started our camping week. We had a beautiful camp; each group pitched their tent in a different country. The countries we selected were Italy, Germany, Greece, Canada, Nigeria and Japan. We brought our sleeping bags, blankets, slippers, an animal friend and a book. Each team researched the country they camped in and then shared what they learned with the other teams. We had mail-boxes and mail delivery. We now have many pen pals. We

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also had water day at the camp sites. While the older group camped in faraway places, the younger group camped closer to home. We pretended that we were lost and after following many many clues later we saw the schools flag. Home at last! We were all very excited as we yelled and cheered that we were safely home.

We had Animal Week. Each of the older group children identified a wild animal, made a mask, learned about it and told the others. Then the older children went into the younger group room and played charades. As each animal mimed the younger children had to guess what the animal was and what it was doing. Wow!! They got each animal and its actions correct.

We visited the DuPage Children's Museum and discovered many things from machines we could operate, building things, learning about aerodynamics and erosion; and learned about shadows and eclipses.

Even during the hot hot weather, there was fun to be had. Our weekly water day kept us cool; we had an athletic day and a day with a moon jump. During the summer the older children went to the library each week, discovering new books and new area of the library.

Can Recycling Program

We want aluminum (soda) type cans to recycle

Please bring your cans in a plastic bag so they will stay together and be easy to handle. Try to bring them Friday thru Sunday. Leave the cans next to the garage door (the garage is next to the church parking lot).

We ask that you crush them so they take up less space.

Students for School Year

We are still looking for students. Childcare and Kindergarten are filling up so enroll now... Preschool for 3 and for 4 year olds still has several openings. You can begin Kindergarten after the start of the year.

One thing to remember about Trinity Childcare; it is not traditional childcare. Trinity's program is to have Preschool and Kindergarten. Then we

provide childcare for the students who require a place to stay for the remainder of the day.

After School Care.

We are currently exploring After School Care. We are taking a survey of families in West Chicago School District who would like their children to attend Trinity after their normal school. Currently we are trying to determine the cost of transportation to safely move the children from their school to Trinity. Call Mike or Ann. (231-5849). We will take the survey over the phone. Hopefully, we will have much more information in the next Tidings. Also, call at any time after September 1 and we will be happy to give you an update.

We are Looking for an Aide:

The school is currently looking for a school aide. We need to fill one full time position. We will entertain job sharing with one aide working from 9AM to 1PM and the other from 1PM to 6PM. Contact Ann Strobel at 231-5849

Help needed:

We need your help with making some banners for 2 of our classrooms. If you have skill in making these and can help, please contact Mike or Ann at school 231-5849.

On Deck:

Center CLOSED for Labor Day Sept 4th

Kindergarten Classes Began August 28th

Extended Kindergarten Began August 28th

Preschool Classes begin Sept 5th and 6th

Mom's Day out Begins Sept 6th

Preschool with Childcare Began August 28th

Class Pictures Days Sept 25th and 26th

CHOIR

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His Holy Name." Psalm 103:1

Trinity's Choir will resume practices in September.

Joyful Noise will practice on Thursdays at 7:30 PM beginning Sept. 7th.

Hosanna Choir from Grades 3-8 practice on Thursdays, 6:45-7:15 PM, beginning Sept. 14th.

Little Lambs Choir for Grades K-2 has practice on Thursdays, 4:30-5:00 PM beginning September 21st.

See you there!

Assistant Schedule for September 2006

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
SEPTEMBER 2 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
SEPTEMBER 3 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
SEPTEMBER 3 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Mark Beutke		Mark Beutke	Noelle Fillo & Emily Cavanaugh		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
SEPTEMBER 9 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
SEPTEMBER 10 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Carl & Dee Mennecke	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
SEPTEMBER 10 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Hargreaves	Dennis Weaver Doug Schmidt	Doug Schmidt	Logan Bruce		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
SEPTEMBER 16 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
SEPTEMBER 17 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
SEPTEMBER 17 Communion	10:30 a.m.	John Pautler	Chris Fagalde Dennis Weaver	Chris Fagalde	Aaron & Megan Fagalde		Martha Tipper Judy Leeseberg
SEPTEMBER 23 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
SEPTEMBER 24 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Carl & Dee Mennecke	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
SEPTEMBER 24 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Hargreaves	Dennis Weaver Doug Schmidt	Dennis Hargreaves	Jonathan Bartels	Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
SEPTEMBER 30 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
OCTOBER 1 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
OCTOBER 1 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Mark Beutke	Dan & Heather Grubel	Dan Grubel	Amber Matejka		

SEPTEMBER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8am Divine Service 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service	4 Labor Day: Church and School Offices Closed	5 7pm Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	6 9 am Worship	7 7:30pm Joyful Noise	8	9 5:30pm Divine Service
10 8am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service	11 7 p. m. Parish Planning Meeting	12	13 9 am Worship 12 Telecare Meeting	14 6:45-7:15 PM Hosanna Choir 7:30pm Joyful Noise	15	16 5:30pm Divine Service
17 8am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service RALLY DAY	18 9am LWML Meeting	19 News Articles are Due 7p m Jr. High Confirmation	20 9 am Worship 10 am DCC	21 4:30-5:00 PM Little Lambs Choir 6:45-7:15 PM Hosanna Choir 7p m Elder's Mtg 7:30pm Joyful Noise	22	23 5:30pm Divine Service
24 8am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service 11:30 Voter's Meeting	25	26 7p m Jr. High Confirmation	27 9 am Worship	28 11a WC Terrace 4:30-5:00 PM Little Lambs Choir 6:45-7:15 PM Hosanna Choir 7:30pm Joyful Noise	29	30