

# Trinity Tidings

JULY 2007: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pre-school, Childcare, Kindergarten 331 W. George St. West Chicago, IL 60185  
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**Beginning in June and continuing thru August, Sunday worship will be at 9:00am and Saturday at 5:30pm**

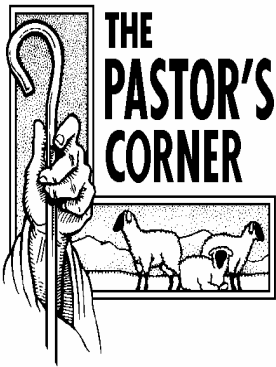
**July 4th - Church Office Closed**

**July 9th - Parish Planning Committee Meeting**

**July 16th - News Articles are Due**

**July 14-19 - Pastor attending LCMS Convention**

**July 30-Aug 3 - Pastor & Youth attending "Higher Things" Conference**



## Proselytize?

Dictionary.com states the definition of the word Proselytize as to convert (someone) to another religion, belief, etc. This definition should cause us to stop and say, "That is not right."

To be honest, I have never proselytized anyone, at least according to that definition. Before you gasp thinking that I must be the worst pastor in the world, let me explain it this way. Conversion; and there is a better

term for it, is done by God, otherwise I would mess it up some how. Martin Luther explains it well in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed:

### **The Third Article: Sanctification**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### *What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

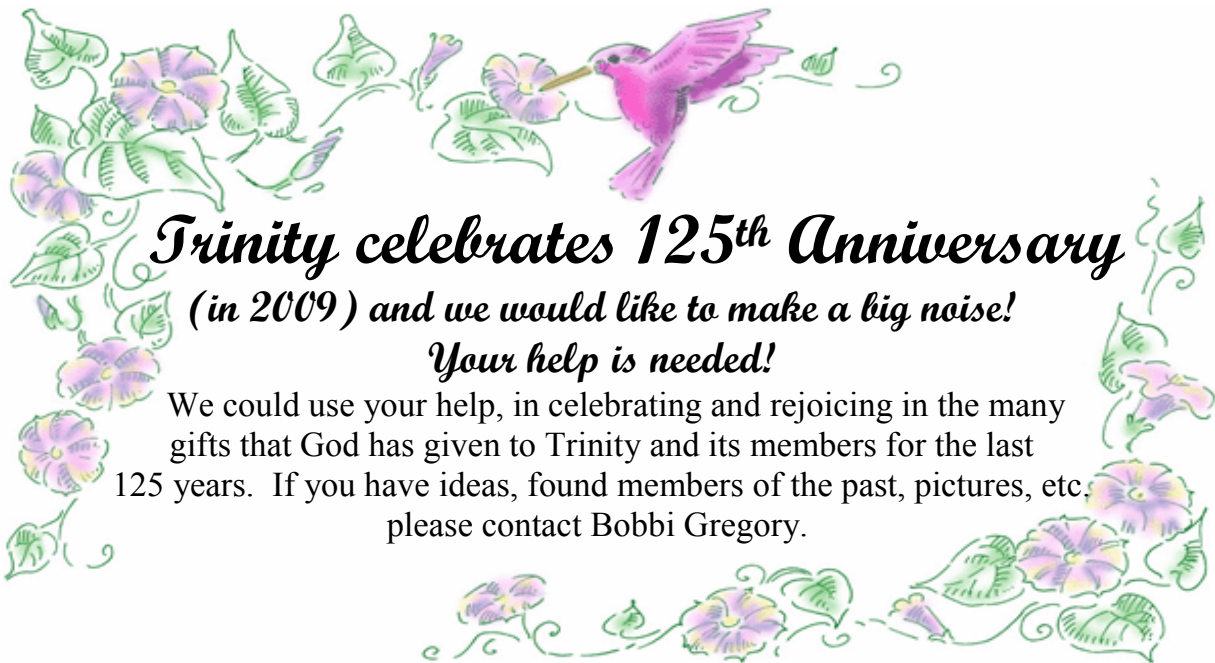
Please note that it is God who is doing the action, I am not. The other interesting thing to note is that it is not really conversion. Actually, restoration would be a better word for it. We were initially created by God in relationship with Him. Sin ruined that relationship and us. Jesus, the Christ, had to die to pay the price of our restoration. So, there is no "other" religion, just restoration with the creator; restoration which leads to life vs. brokenness which leads to death.

In our disposable society we now would rather throw out things instead of fixing them. We see many people throwing out God's grace and mercy and trying something else, instead of allowing God to restore them. Call it what you want, "other religion", but it is still brokenness.

Our goal, for those who are restored through Christ Jesus, is not to proselytize, but to tell others that Jesus the Christ, came for their restoration. He came to restore humanity with its creator. **John 10:10 ESV**; the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

So we give thanks God, through Jesus Christ, that by God's grace we are restored. If you hear anyone accusing Christians of proselytizing please let them know, it is God who restores, I do not.

Pastor Balla



## **BINGO!**

Can you help? We are looking for Bingo prizes for our summer campers, ages 6-12 years old. If you have any items, please mark them "Bingo Prizes" and put them in the church Narthex or outside room #1 in the school or you can give them to Dahlas Gregory.

Thank you!!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY

Janet Perso	2
Alfrieda Bruce	4
Heather Coakley	4
Larry Karns	7
Stuart Nottingham	10
Shannon Koehring	13
James Jensen	13
Michael Cracraft	14
Aaron Cracraft	14
Arlene Salvatore	15
Nalani Jensen	16
Edward Bruce	18
Joshua Wiedow	19
Harry Bruce	20
Anthony Malay	20



### We Could Really Use Your Junk Mail and Other recyclable Papers!

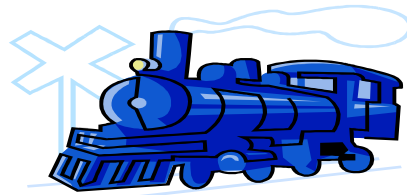
Please bring your newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers as well as mail! It can all be recycled at the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever® bins located in the school parking lot.

Our recycling collections have dwindled a bit since last year but with your help, we can increase collection and save landfill space.

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Joan DePauw	1
Nancy Zinser	3
Andrew Greubel	4
Barbara Hughes	9
Anna Malay	23
Jeffrey Gregory	25
Amber Matejka	30

## Railroad Days Parade is coming!



Trinity needs to defend its title after winning last year's float competition! The Parade is less than a month away, so your help is **desperately** needed; there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

Katherine & Aaron Hollen	7/2/2004
Nicole & Aaron Carpenter	7/5/2002
Wayne & Roberta Gregory	7/12/1970
Lisa & Tony Bodie	7/23/1983
Heather & Daniel Greubel	7/26/2002
Joyce & Mark Beutke	7/28/1979



**Prayers and (e)mail for Katherine Hollen.** The recent news notes that the U.S. is sending another Air-Craft Carrier into the Persian Gulf. This carrier is carrying a member of Trinity. So please keep Katherine in your prayers. Also if you wish to send her a card or an email you may do so at the following address: SK3 Hollen, Katherine, Box #55, USS John C. Stennis CVN74, FPO AP 96615-2874 Email:

[katherine.hollen@cvn74.navy.mil](mailto:katherine.hollen@cvn74.navy.mil)

# FROM THE SCHOOL

## Summertime Fun II

School is **OUT** and camp is **IN!** **Wow!** Summer Camp has taken off with a bang. We started out the 3rd day of Camp with a trip to Wheeler Park and a **Mini-golf picnic lunch** outing. I'd like to report out of the 30 children attending we had 30 holes in one, but nobody kept track. We just had a lot of fun.

Each week we start and end with our **swimming lesson program**. We are all beginning to grow fins. **YOGA is every Tuesday**. We learned the bear and tiger and positions.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip stayed at home. We were visited by that **most famous clown; Ronald McDonald!** He got us rockin' with "Ronald Says" and the "Limbo" and the "Ronald Dance". The best part was the "Ronald treat Coupon". Our next exploit was to learn how **teddy bears were stuffed**. We were up to our elbows in stuffing as each of us picked an animal (teddy bears, unicorns, moose, and horses) and stuffed it. It was really neat to do! Then, because our animal was now stuffed we named him, decorated a shirt with his/her name on it, and completed a birth certificate.

Each Thursday some of us (6-12 camp) **go to the library**. Miss Strobel and Mr. Mike said how cool it is that we are all walking around reading books.

So stay tuned!

## Summertime Fun II ~ NEXT!

July is a big, no **HUGE**, month for TLC. As you all remember, last year we were awarded the Grand Marshall's award for our parade float.

**Wouldn't it be great to repeat?**

Well, our school staff is ready. We think we have a good design and plan.



This year's theme is **The World of Possibilities!**

NOW, what does that leave? **We need kids, grandkids, school alumni, other people's kids under the age of 12.** We want them to dress in what they think they want to be in the future:

Policeman	Fireman	Astronaut	Nurse	Doctor	Scientist	Preacher	Pastor
Teacher	Carpenters	Judge	Lawyer	Business Men	Soldier	Veterinarian	
Farmer		Ballerina	Actor	Sailor etc...			

Then, join us in the parade,  followed by a party back at school.



*TLC's mission is to bring children to know Jesus and to prepare them to continue forward in life. "Go forth and teach..." (matt 28:18), "we must be like children.... (Mark and others)*

## **VOLUNTEERS**

It is important that we have volunteers from the congregation and the school family in order to help sustain and grow our school. This is an outstanding opportunity to raise our awareness in the community.

The Railroad Days Parade Float This year's theme is "A World of Possibilities" We will **Defend** our title!! (Yes, it is back to Railroad Days))

A Booth at Railroad Days ~ We have the booth! We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex with times when we need help.

Please volunteer to help our school become more visible and known in the community! Call Mike or Ann at 630-231-5849.

**REGISTER NOW**

*The Doors are Open; The Classes are filling! We are accepting registration for our Fall Program (Childcare ages 3,4,5 and the **NEW 2 year old program**, Preschool, After School, Kindergarten, and Mom's Day Out).*

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- July 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Moon Walk Day
- July 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Prairie Oaks Water Carnival for Older children (**Volunteers Need**)
- July 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Movie at Charlestowne Mall for younger children (**Volunteers Need**)
- July 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Sci-Tech Museum (**Volunteers Need**)
- July 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Mad Science Program (at School)
- August 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Lincoln Park Zoo (**Volunteers Need**)
- August 8<sup>th</sup> ~ DuPage Children's Museum (**Volunteers Need**)
- August 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Blackberry Village (**Volunteers Need**)
- August 29-21<sup>st</sup> School Closed for Cleaning
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Walk to Fire Station and visit Fireman Lee

## Assistant Schedule for July 2007

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
July 7 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
July 8 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		Jeni Stiekmann Laura Grobe
July 14 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
July 15 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Jonathan Bartels		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
July 21 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
July 22 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Jeff Gregory	Doug Schmidt	Amber Matejka		Judy Leeseberg Karla Bruce
July 28 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
July 29 Communion	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Weaver	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Nancy Planek	Logan & Lindsay Bruce		Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia

# JULY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Parish Planning Committee Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am DCC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30pm Divine Service <b>Pastor attending LCMS Convention</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>16</b> News Articles Due LWML Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>22</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>26</b> 11:00am WC Terrace	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>29</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
	<b>Pastor &amp; Youth attending</b>	<b>“Higher Things” Youth Conference</b>				