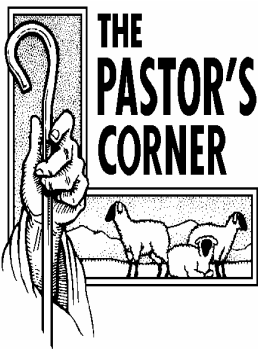


# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church, Childcare, Pre-school, Kindergarten  
331 W. George St. West Chicago, IL 60185

Church Office: (630) 231-1175 Website: <http://www.trinitywc.com> School Office: (630)231-5849

- May 6-8** - Pastor attending Continued Education in Wheaton
- May 12** - Parish Planning Meeting 7:00pm
- May 14** - Pastor at District Office
- May 17** - Voter's Meeting 6:30pm
- May 20** - Tidings Articles due for June
- May 30** - Trinity's 1st Annual Golf Outing, Dinner and Auction



## The Alchemy of Anger

Practitioners of the ancient art of Alchemy worked long and hard to transform base metals into precious ones. The ancient alchemists studied old texts, consulted astrological charts, added new raw materials and experimented with burning away that which was not of use to try to find the formula to change lead into gold.

Alchemy is fictional, but there is a transformation of people that is very similar to Alchemy. This transformation of humanity is done by Jesus the Christ, especially through Baptism.

Titus 3: 4-7 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 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, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

God's gift of Baptism transforms us from useless lead to precious gold. Through the Holy Spirit the Alchemy of Baptism transformation from impatience to understanding, impulsiveness to consideration and from anger to forgiveness. The power of transformation doesn't reside in the human spirit, or we would be able to read some sort of self-help book and be changed. The pain of broken relationships, abuse, neglect, betrayal and loss can hurt you so badly that you have developed a habit of getting angry to keep the pain at bay. But Thanks be to God who renews us through His Holy Spirit and changes us through baptism.

Repentance is the daily return to baptism. This is to be the practice of the Christian life given in baptism every day. If we fall from faith, giving in to anger, impatience, impulsiveness, baptism remains a gift from God to which we may return for forgiveness upon repentance. Baptism is never abandoned by God, for He is the one who changes us. Our weakness, sin, and unbelief cannot undo the gracious favor which God grants to us in our baptism. Thus repentance returns us to baptism and all the gifts which God grants in it.

Even if we fall from faith (God forbid!), our baptism will always stand as God's gift of grace to which

we may return in repentance. In the same way that a wayward child is always welcome home after leaving for life of dissipation and folly, when he returns brokenhearted and contrite for his life of sin, so those who have fallen into unbelief and other great shame and vice may always return to the home and safe haven which is baptism. Our gracious Lord's call to repentance is a call to return to God's work of Alchemy of baptism.

Alchemy in a physical form may be fictional, but Baptism does change us, and repentance is a return to the Grace given to us in our Baptism.

Pastor Balla

### TRINITY ALUMNI – WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

*If you know mailing information for any of these names, please call 630-231-5849 or send e-mail to: [eph51920@att.net](mailto:eph51920@att.net). Thank you!*

Altvater – Jane, Richard	DeVries – Jeff, Joel
Anderson - Tom	Diebold – Jerri, Cecelia, Ann, Bambi, Michael, Mark
Arnold – Tony, Eric	Dirr – LuAnn, Kim, Kathy
Baese - Aaron	Dropp – Laurie, Diane
Backus - Richard	Evrard – Rex
Barnes – Susan, Gary	Falish (or Falisch) - Bobby
Basel – Kris	Fazio – Dawn, Lori, Nancy
Beardsley – Doni, Vera	Filis - Scott
Bendler - Heather	Fry (or Frye) – Billy, David
Berger – Stephanie	Gaede – Bruce
Bergmann – Philip	Gebhardt – Mike, Robert, Jim, David
Berquist – Debbie, Gary, Carla	Gent – Carol, Jim
Bertram – Scott	Gilzmer - Robert
Blazak – Alberta	Golchert – Kurt, Kent
Bockstege - David	Gradberg – Don, Debbie, John
Boers – Louis, Bill	Harty – August, Janice
Boersma – June, Ken	Hattendorf – Shirley, Don
Borders – Mark, John	Heiss – Laurie
Bower – Elaine Petusky, Judy, Susan, Larry, Janet	Holloway – Michael, David
Boynton - Jeffrey	Israel – Phyllis, Doris, Paula
Brandt – Scott, Carrie	Iverson – Diane
Bremberg – Renee, Mark, Krista	Jay - Karen
Brodie - Terri	Jensen – Sharon, Sheila
Brown – Richard, Ronald (Mickey), Wendy, Bambi	Jentsch – Brian, Lynn, Cynthia
Bruce – Jim, Tim, Terry	Johansen - Paul
Bryant - Ginny	Johnston - Willy
Bytner - Mike	Jolls – Mike
Carlock – Carol, Mike, Linda	Kaskisko - Judy
Clark (or Clarke) – Todd, Steve	Kautz – Arnie, Donald
Clark – Rex, Lance	Kehoe - Kevin
Clark - Willis	Kennedy - Scot
Cohrs – Darlene	King – Cordell, Gene, Ron, Bob, Donna, David
Dantos - Billy	Kiiskila – Jerri
Davids – Eileen (Dolly)	Klaeren – Patti, Sharon, Margie
Daw – Juanita Gunn	Knop – Ronald, Edward
Delzer - Dorelle	Kretlow – Kathleen, Linda

Kretschmer – Lenny  
 Kroning – Scott, Spencer, Sheryl, Susan  
 Lambert – Susan  
 Lange - Ginger  
 Lawrence - Sarah  
 Lindsey - Kevin  
 Lorman – Tom, Tim, James  
 Lyle – Brad, Deborah  
 Mahoney – Charles, Clifford  
 Marlowe – James  
 Matthews – Mark  
 McLennan – Patrick, Jeff  
 Melon – Faraday (or Fairaday)  
 Mercer - Rory  
 Messner – Paul, John  
 Metcalf – Lisa, Kim  
 Mezo - Jackie  
 Miller – Joseph, Mike  
 Mitz – Garry, Susan, Cheryl, Melissa, Michelle  
 Mix – Barbara, Charles  
 Mosier - Fred  
 Mueller - Debbie  
 Mueller – Ronald  
 Mueller – Tom, Robert  
 Naill – Mike, John, Diana Streadwick  
 Neely - Terri  
 Neuman – Tom  
 Neumeister – Bill, Kathy Kautz  
 Nichols - Robert  
 Nielsen – Martin  
 Norcutt – Barbara, Bonnie, Joan  
 Nottingham – Gary, Larry, Teresa, Jeff  
 O’Connell – Daniel, Sherri  
 Oehme - Clifford  
 Olson, Brian  
 Parrish – Matthew, Lorraine  
 Pearson – Eileen, Gary  
 Penton – Steve, Phil, Kim, Lisa  
 Peters – Rick, Marian, Curtis, Ralph  
 Prechodko – Donald, Darla  
 Pratt - Bari  
 Punter – George (Butch), Emil  
 Ramsden – Linda, Mike, Mark  
 Ratcliff – Vicki, Gail, Robin

Rens (or Rentz) – Victor, John  
 Rensner – Russell, Forrest, Carl  
 Rex – Jennifer  
 Robards – Joan, James, Gayle  
 Ronzheimer - Richard  
 Rowland – Matthew, Christopher, Jeremy  
 Schaefer – Sandra, Shirley  
 Schick - Sandra  
 Schingoethe – Sheryll, Brian  
 Schlegel – Walter, Jean, Frank  
 Schmidt (or Schmitt) - Dick  
 Schroeder – Dale, Eileen, Joyce  
 Schroeder – Ronny  
 Schultz – Terry, Cindy  
 Schulz – Jeff, Kathleen  
 Schwirian – Kim, Karl, Kina  
 Smith – Leslie, June  
 Sorenson - Gary  
 Spandikow – Sharon  
 Stange – Donald, Catherine, Christopher  
 Starck – Mark  
 Swanson – David  
 Todd – Laurie, Bryan, Nancy  
 Uhrhammer – John, Lynn  
 VanAbbema – Wesley, Lawrence, Mark, Ilene  
 Van Cleve – Brian, Gayle  
 Venema – Shellie  
 Volbrecht - Karen  
 Voss – Edward  
 Waage – Randi  
 Warner – Rick  
 Watanabe – George (Butch)  
 Waugh – Kimberly, David  
 Weber – Mark, Thomas, Phillip, David  
 Weber – Josef, Eric  
 Wehman - Valerie  
 Willes – Mike, Michele, Tina, Patricia  
 Williams – Don  
 Wilson – Scott, Sheila, Shawn  
 Wilson - Tim  
 Winter – John, Kari, Kris  
 Winterstein – Lisa, Russell  
 Wood - Francis  
 Young – Rosalinda



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Annual Kane County Cougar's  
Game will be August 18th at 6:30pm.**

**\$5.00 per ticket.**

**Keep the date open and let's have some fun!**



# FUNDABILITY

The last Fundability order for the school year will be placed the weekend of May 16th. Be sure to stock up on all your Graduation, Father's Day and summer gift card needs!  
 School families' orders are due on Friday May 16th and congregation member's orders will be due on Sunday, May 18th. Orders will be delivered on Wednesday, May 21st. All families that have earned tuition credit this year, will receive it at the end of May instead of having to wait until the fall. Thank you for supporting this ongoing fundraiser for our school! If you have any questions, please contact Karla Bruce at (630)293-4571.

## A Special VBS Announcement

We appreciate your prayers for *Friendship Trek*, our Vacation Bible School being held on **July 7-11, 2008**. Please ask God to bring children to meet Jesus, our Forever Friend! Volunteer recruitment is starting now. Anyone interested in leading or helping this important mission should visit the VBS info booth in the narthex. Thank you for your prayers and support!



### MAY

Kelli Klug	2
Sonja Ciolino	3
Christopher Rosedale	4
Sara Rupp	5
Jonathan Bartels	5
Melissa Garcia	7
Katherine Hollen	9
Jenelle Bayor	12
Zachary Bayor	12
Jason Behrends	13
Jenna Bodie	14
James Grobe	15
Angelina Hubert	17
Brady Lee	21
Symantha Bersynski	21
Shannon Nelson	22
Cathy Weaver	23
Anne Wagner	25
Jacqueline Leeseberg	26
Karen Swanson	27
Hayley Macko	28
Anna Malay	28
Kenneth Nienow	30
Samantha Deringer	30
Kristina Kuhn	30

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MAY

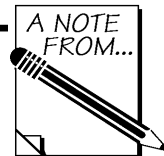
Gregorio & Sharon Garcia	5/1/1982
Michael & Melinda Bicchinella	5/3/1985
Cheryl & Edward Perkis	5/7/1977
Janet & Michael Perso	5/9/1980
Ronald & Eldra Rakow	5/12/1961
Jacklyn & Kenneth Latham	5/13/1989
Karen & Larry Swanson	5/18/1986
Beverly & Marvin Boorsma	5/20/1978
Jason & Brenda Behrends	5/29/1999

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Aaron Hollen	4
Joel Beutke	5
Lon Beutke	5
Benjamin Cavanaugh	11
Jason Behrends	12
Wayne Gregory	12
Kari Schmidt	13
Timothy Matejka	19
Wesley Zinser	19
Jonathan Bartels	21
James Siekmann	22
Jerry Planek, Jr.	25
Debra Gregory	26
Sharon Garcia	28
Richard Kovarik	28
Gregorio Garcia	28
Brian Turnquist	29

### Treasure's Report as of March 30, 2008

Received	\$36,108.49
Expenses	\$47,634.06
Difference	(\$11,088.79)



### THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you have an article you would like placed in the Tidings or bulletin or need to update your contact information etc., please contact Lisa, in the church office.

Phone: 630-231-1175  
 Email: secretary@trinitywc.com

Secretary hours:  
 9:00am-2:00pm  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and  
 Thursday

1<sup>st</sup> Annual

# Trinity Lutheran School

331 George Street - West Chicago, IL 60185

**Golf Outing, Dinner & Auction Fundraiser**

Friday, May 30th, 2008

**St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club**

3N441 Route 59 West Chicago, IL

**Great Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

**Get your Name Out in Front of Your Community!**

- **Sponsor a Hole!** For \$150 dollars, your corporate emblem or promotional sign will be displayed at your hole. You'll also receive advertising on multiple websites and ad space in the official event program.
- **Auction Donations!** Your contributions will be auctioned off and recognized as donations from your business or organization. No donation is too small, too large and remember, all donations are tax deductible
- **Sponsor Yourself or a Group for the Outing!** Join us for a fun day at beautiful St. Andrews. Join us for a relaxing meal with fellow members of your community and enjoy the chance to win great raffle prizes and bid on exciting auction items!

Please submit form below by May, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsor at \$150 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

Golf & Dinner per person \$120 = \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Only per person \$80 = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Only per person \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Player Names:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Unable to golf, but would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

Goody Bag Donation of \$25.00 will give you an opportunity to put your business card, brochure, or token gift in a bag that will be given to each golf participant and dinner/auction attendee. Make check payable to – Trinity Lutheran School

Any questions please e-mail [director@trinitywc.com](mailto:director@trinitywc.com) or call Jackie Lesch 630-231-5849



**1<sup>st</sup> Annual**  
**Trinity Evangelical**  
**Lutheran Church & School**  
**Golf Outing, Dinner & Auction**  
**Fundraiser**

**Friday, May 30th, 2008**

**St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club**

3N441 Route 59  
West Chicago, IL

*Longest Drive  
Closest to The Pin  
Straightest Drive  
Lowest Score  
Highest Score*

**Golf Begins Around Noon**  
**Dinner Begins at 6:30 pm**

*Silent Auction  
50 / 50 Raffle*

**Golf & Dinner \$120.00 per person**  
**Dinner Only \$40.00 per person**



Please send this completed registration form along with your payment to:  
Trinity Lutheran Fundraiser - 331 George Street - West Chicago, IL 60185  
Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Childcare

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Beef Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, or if you or your company would like to donate auction items, please contact Jackie Lesch at 630-231-5849**

# From The School

## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Check out the exciting field trips we have planned for the Summer:

- ~Adler Planetarium
- ~Mini Golf
- ~Lincoln Park Zoo
- ~Morton Arboretum
- ~DuPage Children's Museum
- And More!!

We would like all registration forms returned by Friday May 16th. Summer Camp Vacation forms will be coming soon. Those who indicate their non-attendance weeks by May 31st will not have to pay for those weeks.

## ABITIBI PAPER RECYCLING/FUNDRAISING

Remember, we all win when you put it in the bin! Here is a quick reminder of what should and should not go in the bin:

### We Want Your:

Newspapers  
Magazines  
Catalogs  
Workbooks  
Paperback Books  
School Paper  
Spiral Notebooks  
Junk Mail  
Hard Cover Books  
(with covers removed)

### We Don't Want Your:

Phone Books  
Trash  
Glass  
Plastic  
Anything from Kitchen  
Anything from Bathroom  
Cardboard

## WE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUBSTITUTE LEAD TEACHERS.

We are looking for subs to work during the school year and/or for summer. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a childcare/preschool substitute teacher, please contact Jackie Lesch in the school office (630) 231-5849.

## CHILD REFERRAL PROGRAM

PARENTS, MEMBERS AND STAFF OF TRINITY...

The Child Referral Program will run until further notice. Remember, all staff, church members and families enrolled at Trinity will receive \$100 for full time and \$50 for part-time children they refer! New enrollees must be enrolled for at least 30 days to receive credit.

# Assistant Schedule for MAY 2008

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
May 1 Ascension Day	7:00 pm	Wayne Matejka	Carl Mennecke Dick Kovarik	Sue Matejka		Joyful Noise	
May 3 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
May 4 Communion	9:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Lindsay Bruce		Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels
May 10 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
May 11 Communion	9:00 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sara Balla		Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
May 17 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
May 18 Communion	9:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dennis Weaver	Nancy Planek	Dan Rakow	Joyful Noise	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
May 24 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
May 25 Communion	9:00 pm	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Sara Jensen Sara Balla		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
May 31 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
June 1 Communion	9:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Lindsay Bruce		Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels

# MAY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 5:30pm Divine Service
4 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School	5	6 7:00pm Sunday School Meeting	7 12:00pm Telecare Meeting 8 7:30pm Joyful Noise		9	10 5:30pm Divine Service
11 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School	12 7:00pm Parish Planning Mtg.	13	14 Pastor at District Office	15 7:30pm Joyful Noise	16	17 5:30pm Divine Service 6:30pm Voter's Mtg.
18 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School	19	20 June Tidings Articles Due	21 9:00am Worship	22 11:00am WC Terrace 7:00pm Elders Mtg.	23	24 5:30pm Divine Service
25 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School	26	27	28 9:00am Worship	29	30 Trinity's 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Dinner and Auction	31 5:30pm Divine Service