

# Trinity Tidings

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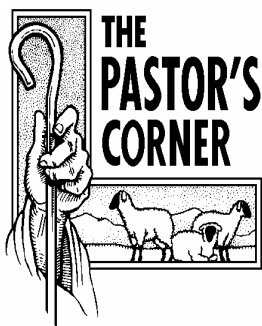
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## JULY

July 7 - 11 Vacation Bible School

July 14- Parish Planning Meeting

July 22 - Tidings Articles Due for August



Faith is impossible. Theologians used to babble on about the "leap of faith," as though it was something we Christians did. Sure, let's give it a try. Let's leap into the chasm where we can see neither the bottom, nor the other side, nor any help or rescue, like Indiana Jones leaping to his destiny. If faith is such a leap, faith becomes an act of sheer terror. Like standing at the edge of Niagara's gorge watching the water leap over the falls; our palms begin to sweat as we think about flowing over the precipice into the rolling waters below. Such a leap is but death. God does ask such a deadly leap. We can never bridge the chasm between unbelief and faith. We would be left spiritually exhausted, palms still sweating, upon the edge of faith if this is all we know about faith, as though it were a leap into the unknown.

Faith's impossibility is a divine requirement. However, with God nothing is impossible. The gorge between faith and unbelief is traversed by Christ, who is not constrained by the terrors of death, but can rise triumphant from death's roiling depths. He can span the gap between faith and unbelief as He did suspended between heaven and earth. On the cross He was stretched out between the unbelieving world and the faith granted to it by a gracious God and Father. He teaches us of the doubt and fear that we will know standing on the precipice of God's heart gazing at nothing but our sin and weakness and the impossibility of bridging the gap. He cries out in the forsakenness of dying for sin: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk 15:34), yet, unlike us, He remains absolutely certain that His Father will rescue Him. He knows His God will not let His holy One see decay (Ps 16:10) and so He abandons Himself to the will of His father leaping into the chasm of death supremely confident of rescue and in His rescue winning our own.

So we look not into the unbridgeable chasm by faith, but into the heart and mind of Christ who in His life, death, and resurrection disclosed the fully gracious attitude of God toward poor sweating sinners like us. The chasm is bridged by His suffering and death. We leap not into the great unknown but into the arms of Christ stretched out in death, full of life-giving blood. We step up onto

Calvary's quake cracked hill. We stand upon the immovable cross that is the only passage across the gorge of faith, and see only God's love for the world in the death-dimmed sight of His only-begotten Son. We leap not into the great unknown, but in the arms of Christ who has reconciled us to God through His death. Faith itself remains God's gift to sinners, not our leap from a cliff. This is why St. Paul can say, "I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day" (2Ti 1:12). That faith is always in Christ in whom we see the mercy of God. Faith is always in Christ.

Pastor Balla

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The individuals listed below have been elected to the Board of Directors.

Congregational Executive Officer - Dennis Weaver

Board of Youth - Brenda and Jason Behrends

Board of Lay Ministry - Wayne Matejka

Church Properties - Doug Schmidt

Board of Christian School Education - John Leeseberg

Evangelism - Sue Matejka

Board of Parish Fellowship - Cheryl Perkis and Lois Kovarik

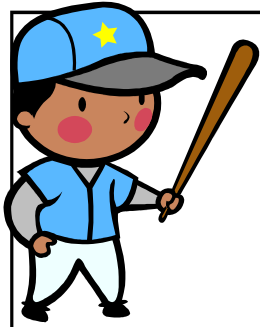
## **ALTAR GUILD IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Here is what we do:

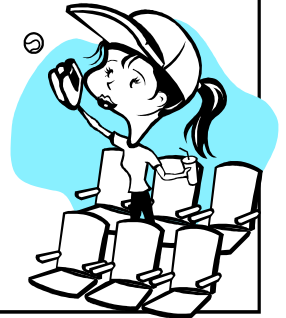
- ~ Hang banners relating to the church season
- ~ Dust the chancel area of the church
- ~ Change candles and check oil in altar candles and eternal light  
\*please see pastor if you do not want to handle candle oil\*
- ~ Prepare communion ware for each service
- ~ Clean communion ware after each service
- ~ Straighten kneeler cushions
- ~ Change altar and pulpit paraments as well as eternal light globe to coordinate with appropriate church season

If there are any questions, please contact the church office at (630)231-1175.

# Save the Date!



The Annual Kane County Cougar's  
Game will be August 18th at 6:30pm.  
\$5.00 per ticket.  
Let's have some fun!  
Call the church office to reserve your  
tickets, now!  
(630) 231-1175



## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

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

## Look Who's Having a Birthday!



### JULY

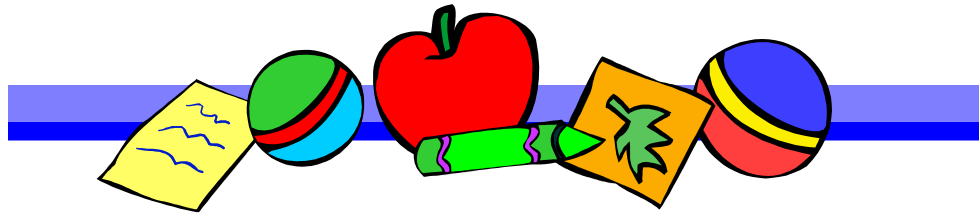
Janet Perso	2
Alfrieda Bruce	4
Stuart Nottingham	10
Shannon Koehring	13
James Jensen	13
Michael Cracraft	14
Aaron Cracraft	14
Arlene Salvatore	15
Nalani Jensen	16
Edward Bruce	18
Joshua Wiedow	19
Harry Bruce	20
Lisa Bodie	29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Aaron and Katherine Hollen	7/2/2004
Wayne and Roberta Gregory	7/12/1970
Tony and Lisa Bodie	7/23/1983
Daniel and Heather Greubel	7/26/2002

### Treasurer's Report as of May 25, 2008

Received	\$57,913.13
Expenses	\$59,584.53
Difference	\$1,005.23



# From The School

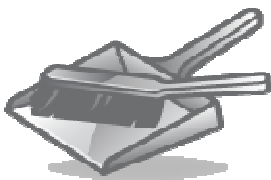
**THANK YOU TRINITY FAMILIES** for your support of our Golf Outing-Dinner-Auction Fundraiser! We raised over \$11,000.00 for our school. The baskets that each classroom contributed to were a big hit!

It is time to start thinking about fall enrollment! We are currently enrolling for Full and Part-time Childcare, Full day and Half day Kindergarten, Preschool and After-school care. Enrollment forms are now available in the school office.

Trinity is now searching for a part-time preschool teacher for this fall. A teacher must have at least 2 years of college and at least 6 hours of child development or early childhood classes. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Jackie Lesch @ 630-231-5849.

## Summer Camp Parents

Please Note that we will be closed August 11 - 12 - 13 for Summer Cleaning of the School.



# Assistant Schedule for JULY 2008

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
July 5 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
July 6 Communion	9:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Dan Rakow		Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
July 12 Communion	5:30 pm	Ron Benes	Richard Rolseth	Ron Benes			
July 13 Communion	9:00 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan and Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
July 19 Communion	5:30 pm	Ron Benes	David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
July 20 Communion	9:00 pm	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Doug Schmidt	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
July 26 Communion	5:30 pm	Ron Benes	Richard Rolseth	Ron Benes			
July 27 Communion	9:00 am	John Pautler	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Nancy Planek	Lindsay Bruce		Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels

# JULY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> Wedding
<b>6</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>						
<b>13</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Parish Planning Mtg.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am DCC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>20</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> August Tidings Articles Due	<b>23</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>24</b> 11:00am WC Terrace	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>27</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>31</b>	<b>Pastor on Vacation thru August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	