

# Trinity Tidings

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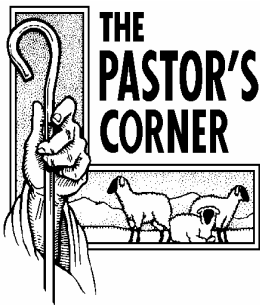
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## OCTOBER

- Oct. 4th - 6:30pm Oktoberfest
- Oct. 5th - LWML Sunday
- Oct. 13th - Church Office Closed  
7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting
- Oct. 14th - Pastor attending Conference
- Oct. 15th - Pastor attending Conference
- Oct. 21st - November Tidings Articles Due
- Oct. 27th - Reformation Day
- Oct. 29th - Pastor's Vacation
- Oct. 30th - Pastor's Vacation



## Don't Give up Praying

True prayer is an act of faith. It is a struggle with God, in which the believer denies what he knows about himself, namely that he is a sinner, and what he knows about God who hears prayer: that He is holy. Imagine the arrogance of wrestling with God until you get an answer! Think of the courage required to cast your prayers in His midst day after day demanding of Him what you desire. Who would have the confidence to do this? Only those who have full faith and confidence in their Savior, that He can be approached by us with noisy and constant petitions. Only if we have the faith that clings to the promise that God would hear our prayers and answer them will we have the courage to repeat our claims.

Jacob of old had that boundless confidence, which is itself a gift from God, when he wrestled with God before crossing the ford of the Jabbock (Gen 32:22-32). He would not let go even though he was well aware that he was wrestling with God. He demanded a divine self-revelation: "What is your name?" (Gen 32:29) and, although the text does not explicitly say that Jacob received the name, he knew after that he needed to call the place where he wrestled "the face of God." He had a "smack down" with God and demanded His grace, which God has promised to Him through His father, Abraham. This story is included in Scripture for our instruction that we might ever be as bold as Jacob in demanding what God has so graciously promised to give us in the first place.

Often God declines to answer our prayer with the speed we require either because of our mortality (we have a limited shelf life) or because of our impatience ("I want what I want right now!"). We are often like the man who prayed, "Lord, please give me patience. And uh, if you could give it to me right now, that would be great! Amen." To force us to do what we ought to do by faith, God makes us

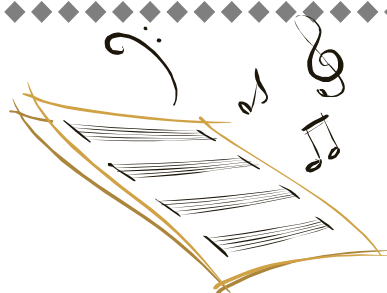
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wait so that we would more faithfully pray as He desires. We may even begin to suspect that God is our enemy or that we are praying for that which is a sin, it takes so long for God to respond to our petitions. We may even pray a lifetime only to have God fulfill our request years later or even after we are long gone. We must pray in faith because we may never see on earth that for which we prayed. Martin Luther extolled St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, because she prayed for her whole lifetime that her son, Augustine, would become a Christian. The Lord answered her only near the end of her life, but in a way that was far greater than anything she had prayed for or hoped. Augustine became not just a Christian, but a pastor and bishop, and finally the greatest teacher of the post-apostolic Christian church in its first millennium. So don't give up praying.



*Thank you to the following people and families who have recently made donations to Trinity's Memorial Fund:*

Mr. & Mrs. Mennecke (Alfrieda Bruce Memorial)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lemon (Mike Springer and Alfrieda Bruce)



## Christmas Choral Celebration

with the choirs and Sunday School children will be December 13 at 5:30pm.

This year we will be singing some of our favorites and would like to include yours too. If you have a favorite Christmas song, please let Heather Greubel or Dahlas Gregory know the title by October 31st.

## 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.

**BAPTISMAL  
ANNIVERSARIES  
IN OCTOBER**

Thomas Matejka-Chrome	1
Amber Zelman	7
Elizabeth Balla	7
Eleanor Wheeland	9
Autumn Rosedale	10
Noah Kotke	15
Dahlas Gregory	15
Audrey Smith	21
Edward Bruce	21
Eric Latham	22
Amanda Conrad	30
Jana Peters	31



**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

*Look Who's Having a Birthday!*



OCTOBER

SharonLemon	1
Jaiden Behrends	5
Trevor Bartels	5
Randi Gresher	6
Kimberly Olson	7
Erika Dauber	7
Leon Zarate	9
Autumn Rosedale	10
Grant Weaver	15
Lois Kovarik	15
Gregory Olson	15
Steven Rolseth	17
Marvin Boorsma, Jr.	19
Sarah Bicchinella	21
Andrea Rosedale	23
Michael Bicchinella	23
Wilbert Withaeger	23
Tony Bodie	24
Jennifer Grobe	26
Arlene Zarate	27
Darlene Friese-Staddler	28
Harmony Morris	28
Wesley Zinser	28
Geoffrey Wagner	29
Jasmine Bee	30
Edward Dierking	31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kathy and Harold Blenkle, Jr.	10/09/1971
Jeni and Peter Siekmann	10/15/1983
Jill and Craig Witt	10/16/2004
Arlene and Leon Zarate	10/18/1952
Anne and Gilbert Wagner	10/30/1999

# From The School

We are excited to announce our Fall Fundraiser. This year's fundraiser will be the famous Auntie Anne's! Auntie Anne's offers a delicious variety of soft pretzels, pizza knots, cinnamon buns, etc.



The fundraiser will begin Monday, September 29th and end Friday, October 10th. Order forms will be sent home with school children on Thursday, September 25th. Congregation members may pick up order forms in the church Narthex beginning September 27th. Payments will be due Friday, October 10th with your order. Please have checks made payable to TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

Funds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase a portable sink for Room 2. Remaining funds will be used to purchase supplies for the classrooms.

If you have any questions please call the school office at 630-231-5849.



*SAVE THE DATE!*

*Trinity Lutheran School will be having an  
Open House and Ice Cream Social*

*Tuesday, October 14*

*7:00pm to 8:00pm*

# Assistant Schedule for October 2008

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
October 4 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Ron Benes	David Zarate	Eldra Rakow	Emylie Latham		
October 5 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Sue Matejka	Sara Jensen & Sarah Balla		
October 5 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Weaver	Clark Weaver Melissa Garcia	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
October 11 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Greg Garcia	Richard Rolseth Sharon Garcia	Eldra Rakow			
October 12 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen & Sarah Balla		
October 12 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Wayne Gregory	Doug Schmidt			Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
October 18 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow	Paige Hennessy		
October 19 Communion	8:00 a.m.	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen & Sarah Balla		
October 19 Communion	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Weaver	Heather & Dan Greubel	Dan Greubel	Logan & Lindsay Bruce	Hosanna Choir Little Lambs	Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels
October 25 Communion	5:30 p.m.	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
October 26 Communion Reformation Day	8:00 a.m.	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen & Sarah Balla		
October 26 Communion Reformation Day	10:30 a.m.	Doug Schmidt	Dennis & Clark Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Jack Fillo	Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>2</b> 4:30pm Little Lambs 6:45pm Hosanna 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>OKTOBERFEST</b> 6:30pm 5:30pm Divine Serv.
<b>5</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday Schl Bible Study 10:30am Divine Serv. <b>LWML Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Sunday Schl Teacher Mtg. 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>8</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am DCC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Divine Serv.
<b>12</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday Schl Bible Study 10:30am Divine Serv.	<b>13</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>Pastor Attending Conference</b> <b>No Confirmation</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Pastor Attending Conference</b>	<b>16</b> 4:30pm Little Lambs 6:45pm Hosanna 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Divine Serv.
<b>19</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday Schl Bible Study 10:30am Divine Serv.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>November Tidings Due</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>22</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>23</b> 11:00am WC Terr 4:30pm Little Lambs 6:45pm Hosanna 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30pm Divine Serv.
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