

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church, Childcare, Pre-school, Kindergarten
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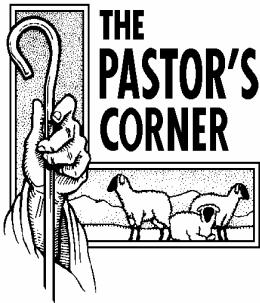
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NOVEMBER

- 2nd - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5th - 6:00pm School Board Meeting
- 9th - 1:00pm Leadership Summit in Winfield
- 10th - 7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting
- 13th - Pastor at District Office
- 18th - Articles Due for December Tidings
- 20th - Pastor attending Circuit Conference
- 23rd - Last Sunday of the Church Year
- 26th - 7:00pm Divine Service
- 27th - Thanksgiving Day
- 30th - 11:30am Voter's Meeting



Right Tools?

Have you ever noticed that duct tape is not used to tape duct work anymore? Therefore, duct tape must be for fixing things. So, like every handy man I keep duct tape with all my tools (just ask my wife). If it can't be fixed with a hammer and duct tape, it just needs to be replaced.

The right tools need to be used the right way. A hammer and duct tape can be useful tools. But they will not repair the ice dispenser in your freezer. The law and the gospel are tools used by God for radically different purposes. The law kills and destroys, like a sledge hammer shattering old concrete. The hammer of the law smashes our pretense to righteousness in the presence of God.

Yes, we can put on a good public face for our community and pretend holiness before the law by external show. This external show is necessary for the maintenance of peace and good government in the world. We could use a few more pious hypocrites in worldly matters these days. The law does not make right with God, as much as it might and should justify us within the community of humans.

Only the gospel can mend the destruction the hammer of the law works in the presence of God. God speaks and unlike duct tape, which is just a partial and temporary fix (as hard as that is for you handymen to believe), the gospel makes whole because it is not the partial, groping holiness of the law, but it is the complete and glorious righteousness of the Son of God. Your standing before God

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is not some duct-taped-together fix, but being a new creation in Christ. And so if you are anything like me, before the law you're neither handsome nor handy. You expect the full replacement value of the death of Christ. He does all. The tools of the Christ include a hammer, but not one he lays on you, but one that He places in the hands of His executioners. While He meekly waits for the place of execution to be readied, He Himself stoops to place all the law's power into the calloused hand of the Roman guard. And so the hammer of the law works His death that He through it might work my life.

Join us at Trinity as the Law and Gospel are proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered.



Oktoberfest 2008

Another successful event! The attendance was 90 adults and 6 children ages 3-16. West Chicago Sister Cities sold 34 tickets and Martha Tipper brought 14 from the senior center she lives in St. Charles. Some of our members brought friends and family with them, which is always nice to meet new people. Everyone had a great time and many are already talking about NEXT YEAR.

We are showing a profit of \$387.00, which will be matched, up to \$250.00, by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. West Chicago Sister Cities also presented a \$200 check (not included in profit) to Trinity for the appreciation of the Pot Luck dinner we hosted for their guests from Germany back in August.

Thank you to the Cracrafts, Mike, Dian and Kim – Leesebergs, John, and Judy – Dahlas Gregory, Donna Brothers, Cheryl Perkis, Ron Benes, Sharon Lemon, Cathy and Dennis Weaver. Three from our Youth group and one guest helped serve the meal Jackie Leeseberg, Jack Fillo, Sabrina (guest) and Andrea Jensen. The servers made the decision that the tips the Youth Group earned, from the Tip Jars, would be donated to the church to help offset some of the costs. Please be sure to thank them the next time you see them for their help and making that decision.

On Friday, the day before the event, 3 ladies from West Chicago Sister Cities spent the afternoon in our kitchen baking 3 German Chocolate cakes and 2 cheesecakes.

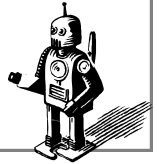
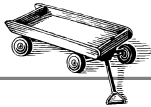
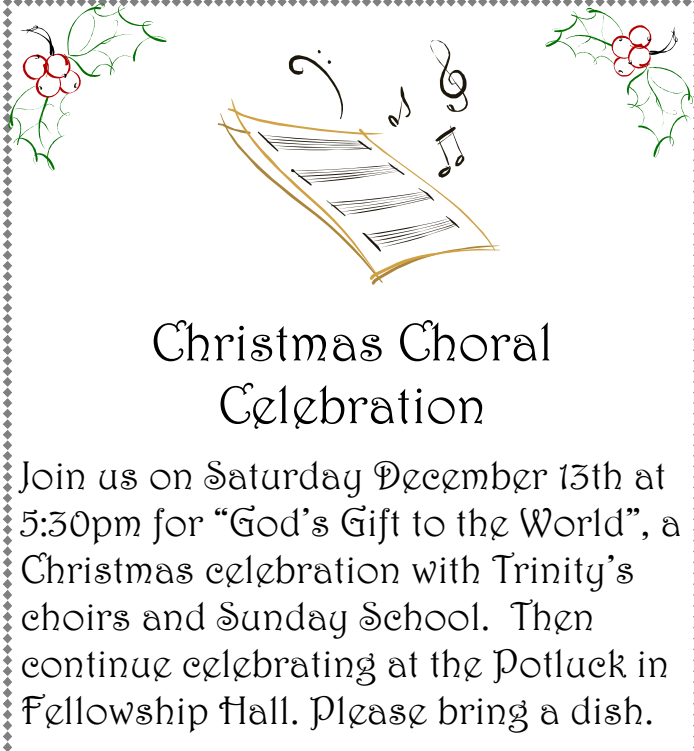

One final note I need to stress. This event took place with only a few volunteers. Our hope for the future is this; if you are not able to attend please try to volunteer a few hours to either set up or clean up. Trinity only hosts a few events each year (Easter breakfast, VBS, potlucks, Rally Day, Oktoberfest, Christmas Choral etc.) please consider helping in the future.

Trinity Preschool and Childcare will be hosting a **TOY SALE** on Saturday, November 15th at 9am – 2:30pm in the school library. Donations of *gently used* toys will be accepted *for all ages, must be clean and in working order*. The donations can be dropped off at the school on Wednesday, November 12th and Thursday November 13th from 5:30pm to 8pm. Stuffed animals will not be accepted. The proceeds from the sale will go to Trinity Preschool and Childcare.

Flyers regarding donations and sale date are located in the narthex. To increase our donations/sales please give the flyers to friends and family.

Volunteers will be needed for pricing on Wed. and Thursday and selling on Saturday. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

Suggestions: Put related small toys in zip lock bags. Puzzles should be taped closed to prevent pieces from getting lost. **THINK CHRISTMAS** – what a great way to save money by purchasing perfectly good toys that have been tried out by other children.

Christmas Choral Celebration

Join us on Saturday December 13th at 5:30pm for “God’s Gift to the World”, a Christmas celebration with Trinity’s choirs and Sunday School. Then continue celebrating at the Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish.

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.

Memorial Fund



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

- Mr. & Mrs. Stan Lemon (Mike Springer and Alfrieda Bruce)
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rolseth (Alfrieda Bruce)
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kovarik (Alfrieda Bruce)
- Mr. & Mrs. Ron Schroeder (Alfrieda Bruce)
- Ms. Geraldine Bruce (Alfrieda Bruce)



Sunday, November 2nd



**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES
IN NOVEMBER**

Leon Zarate	1
Sharon Lemon	1
Lois Kovarik	3
Harmony Morris	5
Wayne Matejka	7
Gretchen Planek	13
Cheryl Perkis	13
Harry Bruce	21
Kelly Siekmann	25
Dian Cracraft	26
David Balla	29

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Laura Naill	1
Jessica Leeseberg	5
Dian Cracraft	5
Julie Hattula	6
Marissa Bartels	8
Daniel Perkis	10
Ronald Rakow	19
William Bruce	19
Ruth Bisterfeldt	20
Loane Dierking	20
Phyllis Hoffman	21
Sean Pautler	21
Jerry Planek, Jr.	23
Jessica Hansen	23
Donna Kuhn	24
Timothy Brown	26
Daniel Greubel	27
Deborah Karns	27
Patricia Jensen	27
Gregorio Garcia	28
Kristi Gregory	28

ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & Laura Kellogg	11/09/2002
Richard & Shirley Rolseth	11/11/1961
Gary & Victoria Bersynski	11/16/1985
John & Cynthia Macko	11/17/1990



.....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 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Treasurer's Report

Income	\$107,622.01
Expenses	\$102,782.57
	<u>\$4,839.44</u>

Ways You Can Help Raise Funds for Trinity School

Abitibi Paper Recycling

Remember to bring your paper and drop it in the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bin. This bin is free to use, just bring us your paper! We accept: Newspaper, Magazines, Shopping Catalogs, Office/School Papers and Mail. **We Do Not accept:** Cardboard of any kind or phone books. Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week. You will be helping our school and the environment!

CC for Cash

Recycle your old cell phones, inkjet and toner cartridges! Please place them in the collection boxes located in the church and school buildings. Make sure inkjet and toner cartridges are wrapped in plastic to avoid leakage. Damaged phones and cartridges cannot be recycled.

General Mills Box Tops 4 Education

There are several ways to participate in this fundraiser. First by cutting the Box Tops 4 Education logo off of participating General Mills products. Secondly, if you have computer access, you can visit www.boptops4education.com and sign up to receive special offers, coupons and enter sweepstakes that will allow chances for the school to win bonus Box Tops.

Campbell Soup Labels

Clip the UPC codes off of participating Campbell Soup, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, V8, Prego, Franco American and many other products to help earn points for Trinity School. To find a full listing of qualifying products visit www.labelsforeducation.com.

Tyson Labels

Clip and save Tyson Project A+ labels from participating Tyson products. For a full listing of participating products visit www.tyson.com/projectaplus/. Each label earns the school .24

Used Postage Stamps

Save used postage stamps – it is as easy as tearing the stamped corner off an envelope and bringing them to the collection box!

Target Visa Card

Did you know that you can have your Target Visa Card linked to a program that will earn funds for Trinity Lutheran School? Just call the customer service number on your card or ask about it next time you visit Target. Every Target store purchase earns the school 1% and every non-Target purchase earns the school .5% of your purchase. For more information visit www.redcard.target.com

Fundability



Fundability is a program through which you can purchase gift cards to many different retailers. Order forms are sent home with school children or are available in the Narthex of the church on a monthly basis. Consider purchasing Fundability cards to make purchases at stores you shop regularly like Jewel, Dominick's, Wal-Mart, Ultra Foods and Walgreen's, too! Did you know that you can also use them, in store, to pay your Kohl's credit card bill? Save yourself some running this holiday season and buy your gift cards through the Fundability program!

All of these fundraisers run throughout the year, with the exception of Fundability which will run October to May.

Assistant Schedule for November 2008

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
November 1 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	David Zarate Aaron Cracraft	Eidra Rakow	Emylie Latham		
November 2 Communion All Saints' Day	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 2 Communion All Saints' Day	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Melissa Garcia Wayne Gregory	Nancy Planek	Paige Hennessy		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
November 8 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Richard Rolseth Sharon Garcia	Eidra Rakow			
November 9 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Sue Matejka	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 9 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Wayne Gregory Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Logan & Lindsay Bruce	Joyful Noise	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
November 15 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eidra Rakow			
November 16 Communion	8:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 16 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel		Little Lambs Hosanna	Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels
November 22 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eidra Rakow			
November 23 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Sue Matejka	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 23 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Melissa Garcia Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Jack Fillo	Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
November 26 Thanksgiving Eve	7:00 pm	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	
November 29 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eidra Rakow			
November 30 Communion	8:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 30 Communion	10:30 am	Ron Benes	Wayne Gregory Clark Weaver	Ron Benes			Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe

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