

# Trinity Tidings

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## JANUARY

January 6 - 7:00pm Confirmation resumes

January 7 - 6:00pm School Board Meeting

January 10, 11 - Pastor Balla is on vacation

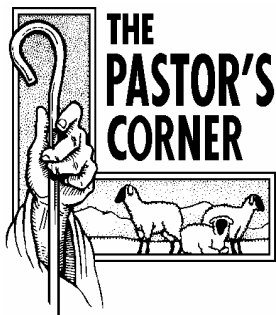
January 11 - 11:30am Special Voter's Meeting

January 12 - 7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting

January 15 - Pastor attending Circuit Meeting

January 18 - Third Graders to receive Bibles

- 1:00pm Building Healthy Congregations at Christ Our Savior/Winfield



## Glory in Weakness

God has glory in weakness. How different the God of Jesus Christ is from every other so-called god and lord. They all claim that their glory is in their power, external majesty, and temporal triumph. Islam claims that their so-called god desires to conquer the world by the sword. The God of Jesus Christ also desires victory over the world, but He has long ago accomplished that victory through His humiliation in His incarnation, life, suffering, and death. His humiliation is His victory over the world at the cross.

Despite the signs of weakness and death that mark His ministry there is more there than can be seen by human sight. This weak God is also creator. The Child who cries, is sung into glory by the angelic host. The Child who is wrapped in rags, receives the worship and gifts of the Magi. A peasant girl gives birth to her first born Child and He is the Only-begotten Son of God. Under the signs of weakness hiding His glory is God of God who comes among poor sinners. Let us not then be disturbed, but encouraged, by the signs of weakness in Christ. For so He conquers.

St. Paul applies this weakness to himself:

2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

We thank God, for bringing Glory in Weakness, in our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank God, for bringing Glory in Weakness in our own lives, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our world may think that "only the strong survive," but true glory is only from the weakness that Christ Jesus brings.

- Pastor Balla



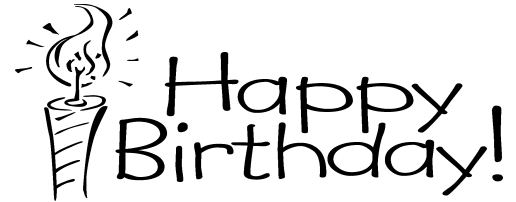


Thank you to the following people and families who have recently made donations to Trinity's Memorial Fund:

Ms. Dahlas Gregory (Charlotte Dropp)

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Caroline Planek	1
Donna Brothers	1
Louis Blacksmith	1
Emily Cavanaugh	8
Eldra Rakow	14
Marissa Bartels	14
Seth Beutke	15
Jaiden Behrends	16
Loane Dierking	19
Kristi Gregory	21
Daniel Perkis	29
Jessica Herlien	31



### January

Caroline Planek	6
Matthew Smothers	6
Susan Matejka	7
David Zarate	7
Ronald Benes	7
Travis Matejka	7
Douglas Schmidt	8
Dale Zarate	10
Jessica Schmidt	11
Philip Zelman	12
Beverly Boorsma	13
Glenn Hansen	13
Joel Beutke	15
Martha Tipper	15
Brandi Bodie	17
Susan Rolseth	17
Gerry Tunaites	18
Dana Fry	19
Anakin Hughes	19
Jenny Zinser	20
Shirley Rolseth	22
Greg Kuhn	25
Jeremy Wiedow	28
Clark Weaver	28
Cynthia Macko	31

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### January

Jerry and Caroline Planek, Jr.	1/17/2004
Michael and Janet McCarten	1/19/1985

#### .....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](mailto:secretary@trinitywc.com)

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



#### Treasurer's Report

Income	\$129,769.71
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$125,963.74</u>
	\$3,805.97



# FROM THE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who purchased items for the school from the Giving Tree, we greatly appreciate your help.



Stop writing those checks...

Trinity is now able to accept automatic bank withdrawals from checking and savings accounts. This program is FREE. Please see the office for authorization forms.



Trinity is now able to accept credit card payments! You can sign up to have all tuition payments drafted from a credit card or you can do selected payments with the credit card. Additional fees for this service apply. Please see Jackie Lesch for more details.

## Assistant Schedule for JANUARY 2009

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
January 3 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	David Zarate Aaron Cracraft	Eldra Rakow			
January 4 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 4 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Dennis Weaver Clark Weaver	Doug Schmidt			Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
January 10 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
January 11 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow		
January 11 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Wayne Gregory Melissa Garcia	Melissa Garcia		Joyful Noise	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
January 17 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	David Zarate Aaron Cracraft	Eldra Rakow			
January 18 Communion	8:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 18 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Melissa Garcia Clark Weaver	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
January 24 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Richard Rolseth Sharon Garcia	Eldra Rakow			
January 25 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sarah Balla		
January 25 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan and Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel		Hosanna Little Lambs	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
January 31 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	David Zarate Aaron Cracraft	Eldra Rakow			
February 1 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Sue Matejka			
February 1 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Wayne Gregory Clark Weaver	Doug Schmidt			Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory

# JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday school Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>5</b>			<b>7</b> 9:00am Worship  4:30pm Hosanna 6:00pm School Board	<b>8</b> 4:30pm Little Lambs 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>9</b>	<b>10**</b> Pastor Vacation***
<b>11</b> ***** 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Special Voter's Meeting	<b>12</b>  7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Confirmation Sunday school Teachers Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am DCC	<b>15</b> Pastor attending Circuit Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>18</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders Receive Bibles 1:00pm Building Healthy Congregations at Winfield	<b>19</b>  7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>21</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>22</b> 4:30pm Little Lambs 7:30pm Joyful Noise  11:00am WC Terrace	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Epiphany Staff Party	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
<b>25</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>28</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>29</b> 4:30pm Little Lambs 7:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Divine Service
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