

Trinity Tidings

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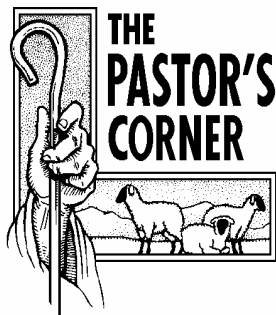
FEBRUARY

February 4 - 6:00pm School Board Meeting

February 10 -11 Pastor will be attending General Pastoral Conference

February 15 -11:30am Voter's Meeting/Potluck

February 25 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service



The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus is baptized. What an odd thing! Why does Jesus need to be baptized? Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins, but Jesus was the sinless Son, so baptism seems rather strange. St. John the Baptist says to Jesus, "No, no, no, You shouldn't be baptized by me but I by You! John recognizes that

if baptism is for forgiveness, Jesus certainly does not need baptism. John could not possibly baptize Jesus, but rather needs to be baptized by Him.

So why then does Jesus insist? The answer is a kind of reverse osmosis. In other words, Jesus is putting something into baptism by being baptized, not getting something out of it, as we do. Jesus is demanding to be baptized precisely for the forgiveness of sin, but not that he has it. He is baptized for forgiveness, that we might receive it in our baptism into Him. Jesus goes into baptism to do the reverse of what we get out of it. He is putting something into it. He is filling it full of all righteousness. He says to John, "Let it be so for now, for it must be this way to fulfill all righteousness" (Mt 3:15). Our Lord Jesus comes to the verge of Jordan to place Himself into our baptism today and put into it everything that we get out of it. He steps down into our font by Jordan's stream. He has washed from Himself the very righteousness that He bears in His own person.

If Christ's righteousness is in baptism, then baptism must be God's work and not ours. How many people think that baptism as our effort, work, or sign of obedience to God when in fact the obedience that is there is Christ's and it is given as a gift? That is why St. Paul, speaking of baptism in Galatians, says, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27). That putting on began when it was washed off of Christ in Jordan's holy stream. The clothing is Christ's. Therefore we should not look at it as our own work or activity. Baptism not something we do to satisfy God or to appease his wrath. But one sinless Son of God places himself in that

water and we ourselves, by being baptized, are placed into that one perfect sinless life. Now when our heavenly Father looks at us we are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. We are cleansed and have the holiness and righteousness of Jesus Christ; that wonderful cloak covering up all of our sin and filth. We are like the prodigal son who is received again by his father; embraced and loved and given the robe of righteousness. The robe is Christ's and so our heavenly father sees us as nothing but holy and righteous for Christ sake. Baptism is full of Jesus.

- Pastor Balla

The next 125th anniversary meeting is on
Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 10 a.m.

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES
IN FEBRUARY**

Ronald Benes	1
Kathy Bartels	1
Matthew Smothers	10
Gerry Tunaites	10
Susan Matejka	11
David Zarate	12
Martha Tipper	12
Laura Naill	13
Jamie Schmidt	14
Nancy Planek	14
Autumn Planek	15
Daniel Matejka	16
Dale Zarate	17
John Siekmann	23



February

Michael Salamone	1
Joan Nienow	2
Lynda Benes	5
Bonnie Zahn	6
Suzanne Nitz	8
Kathy Bartels	9
Brian Turnquist	11
Milton Taxis	12
Henry Rosedale	15
Logan Bruce	15
Sally Brown	18
Heather Greubel	20
Evan Scherden	21
Julia Lesch	21
Jacklyn Latham	22
Jessica Herlien	22
Kevin Grobe	23
Karla Bruce	24
Paul Bartels	24
Louis Blacksmith	24
Kimberly Cracraft	26
Sharon Garcia	27
Janet Pautler	27
Glen Fry	28

ANNIVERSARIES

February

James and Laura Grobe 2/25/1978
Charles and Eleanor Wheeland 2/26/1949

Treasurer's Report

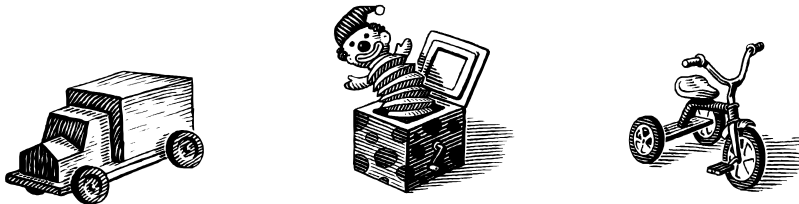
Income	142,086.58
Expenses	125,963.74
	<u>16,122.84</u>



FROM THE SCHOOL

Beginning February 2, 2009

Trinity's new hours will be 6:30am-6:00pm!



Start saving your old toys!

Trinity will be hosting another used toy sale in the spring.



Stop writing those checks week after week. Trinity offers automatic withdrawal from checking, savings and credit cards. We also accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.

Trinity has joined the TerraCycle, Capri Sun™ and Honest Kids™ Drink Pouch Brigade and Cookie Wrapper Brigade Sponsored by Nabisco®

Please save your **empty and flat** Capri Sun and Honest Kids Drink pouches and turn them into Trinity. A bin will be provided for your recycling. We are also collecting empty cookie wrappers including individual packs, large packs, etc. (Chips Ahoy, Nutter Butter, 100 Calorie packs, Fig Newtons, Oreos, Oreo Cakesters and Mallowmars) Trinity will earn money for all of these recycled items and it costs us nothing to ship them to their designated locations. Please help us recycle and earn money for Trinity. If you have questions, please go to terracycle.net.

Assistant Schedule for FEBRUARY 2009

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
February 1 Communion	8:00am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Paige Hennessy		
February 1 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	Wayne Gregory Clark Weaver	Doug Schmidt		Joyful Noise	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
February 7 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
February 8 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 8 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan and Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel			Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
February 14 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
February 15 Communion	8:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 15 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Wayne Gregory Melissa Garcia	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
February 21 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia David Zarate	Eldra Rakow			
February 22 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 22 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Wayne Gregory Clark Weaver	Dan Greubel	Emylie Latham	Hosanna Little Lambs	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
February 25 Ash Wednesday	7:00pm	Wayne Matejka	Carl Mennecke Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes		Joyful Noise	
February 28 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow			
March 1 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Paige Hennessy		
March 1 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Dennis Weaver Clark Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Emylie Latham		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory

FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 9:00am Worship	5	6	7
8 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service	9	10 7:00pm Sunday Schl Teacher's Meeting Pastor att. General Pastoral Conference	11 6:00pm School Board Meeting	12	13	14 5:30pm Divine Service
15 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Voter's Mtg. & Potluck	16	17 7:00pm Confirmation 3:00pm Baptism 7:00pm Confirmation	18 4:30pm Hosanna 9:00am Worship 10:00am DCC	19 4:30pm Little Lambs 7:30pm Joyful Noise	20	21 5:30pm Divine Service
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