

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church, Childcare, Pre-school, Kindergarten
331 W. George St. West Chicago, IL 60185

Church Office: (630) 231-1175

Website: <http://www.trinitywc.com>

School Office: (630)231-5849

JULY

- 2 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- 13 7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting
- 15 7:00pm School Board Meeting
Pastor attending Refocus
- 21 August Tidings Articles Due
Pastor and Youth attending Higher Things Conference thru July 24
- 27 - 31 9:00am - 12:00pm Vacation Bible School



One for All and All for One?

We are counted guilty by God because of the fall of Adam. We suffer a collective or shared guilt in Adam. Collective guilt is hardly a popular concept today, except when it suits the political elites to charge disfavored groups with some collective crime. Uwe Siemon-Netto, a German national, felt the burden of the crimes perpetrated by the Nazis against the downtrodden peoples of Europe during the Second World War, even though he was a child at the time and certainly never sympathized with the Nazi eugenics program. Siemon-Netto understands that there is a collective guilt accruing to the German people. How quick we are to reject this as hyper-sensitive moral nonsense. Of course, we say, no one could be guilty for the sins of another. Yet the Old Testament reminds us of our common guilt when God threatens that the sins of the fathers are visited on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him (Ex 20:5). Collective guilt is a bone chilling moral reality cemented in the nature of Adam's fall. We are in Adam and share his fall.

We struggle not just with collective guilt, but collective anything! We are so radically individualistic that nothing ties us any longer to society, community, God, or any other person. We feel we are freed to redefine anything to fit our need. We have no responsibility to family, community, future, past, children, God or moral value. We do as we please to others. We have no responsibilities to others, nor can what we do affect anyone else. This too is moral nonsense, but hyper-callous and solipsistic moral nonsense. All human relations have a moral dimension to them. What we do affects everyone else. What everyone else does affects us. Throw a pebble into a still pond and watch the ripples race from the epicenter. They may get smaller as they travel, but they shiver the surface a long way.

God, who is arbiter of a greater reality than what we can see or understand, created the world with its collective relations: Adam and Eve were not created for themselves, but for fellowship with their Creator and

with each other and to govern and serve the creatures God placed in the world (Gn 1:26-28). They were responsible to God for the world God gave them. If there is no collective guilt and responsibility there could be no collective imputation of the divine righteousness in Christ (Rm 5:18-19). Collective blessings and collective penalties are equally collective. We are truly blest living in the Western Suburbs of Chicago. The greatest collective blessing which God showers on sinners is that He justifies us by sharing the gift of righteousness which is both earned by Christ and is Christ. If we cannot be counted guilty as part of a collective whole, we cannot be counted righteous or reputed to be just by God's verdict either. The apostle to the Gentiles considered this a truism in:

Romans 5:18-19 ESV

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES
IN JULY**

Joan DePauw	1
Nancy Zinser	3
Andrew Greubel	4
Barbara Hughes	9
Emylie Latham	23
Jeffrey Gregory	25
Amber Matejka	30



JULY

Janet Perso	2
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

JULY

Aaron and Katherine Hollen	7/2/2004
Thad and Annette Voss	7/5/2008
Wayne and Roberta Gregory	7/12/1970
Tony and Lisa Bodie	7/23/1983
Daniel and Heather Greubel	7/26/2002

SUMMER HOURS for DIVINE SERVICES

Beginning June and continuing thru
the month of August.

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

*Thank you to all who have
recently made donations to
Trinity's Memorial Fund.*



*David Zarate
Leon & Arlene Zarate
In Memory of Leon Kroning*

**Congratulations to the following members who have been elected to
Trinity's Board of Directors!**

Asst. Congregational Exec. Officer - Ron Benes

Treasurer - Cathy Weaver

Board of Parish Education - Heather Greubel and Darcy Lee

Board of Public Relations - Dian Cracraft and Annette Voss

Board of Stewardship - Santo Lee

Board of Evangelism - Eldra Rakow

Board of Christian School Education - Jason Behrends

THANK YOU!

to all who helped out with the Baseball Family Night. The food donations were GREATLY appreciated. We raised \$150 for the school.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



There will be a VBS meeting on Monday, June 29th at 7:00pm in the church basement. There will also be a VBS craft night Monday, July 20th at 7:00pm in the church basement. Anyone wanting to help is welcome!

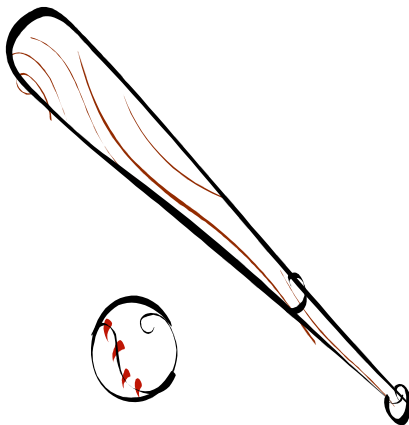
Gadget's Garage, our Vacation Bible School will be held July 27 - 31, 2009. Anyone interested in leading or helping this important mission should call the church office 630-231-1175. Registration forms are available online at www.trinitywc.com and also in the church office. Thank you for your prayers and support!

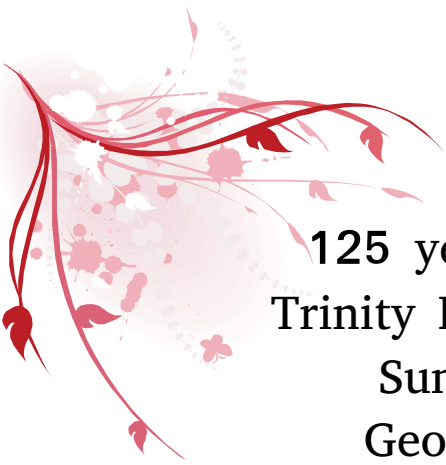
COUGARS GAME

Monday August 24th at 6:30 pm.

Reserve your tickets now by calling the church office at 630-231-1175 or filling out a reservation form (located in the Narthex at church)

Tickets are \$5.00 each.





**125 years of Grace and Blessings at
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on
Sunday, October 11, 2009, at
George and Sherman Streets in
West Chicago, Illinois**

11:00am - 1:00pm **Brunch at St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club**
3N441 Route 59, West Chicago, IL 60185
(630)231-3100

Menu

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Hashbrowns,
Fruit.

Milk, Orange Juice, Tea, Coffee

Adults: \$15.00 each

Children(3-10yrs): \$12.00 each

Children(2yrs and under): No Charge

Tax and Gratuity Included

2:00pm **Divine Worship Service**

3:30pm **Gathering in Church Fellowship Hall**
(Sweet and Savory Table)

RSVP: (630)231-1175 by September 15, 2009

Checks for the brunch payable to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
331 George Street
West Chicago, IL 60185


*Please include your phone number on your check.



Assistant Schedule for JULY 2009

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	COUNT TEAM
July 4 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow		
July 5 Communion	9:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
July 11 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow		
July 12 Communion	9:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
July 18 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow		
July 19 Communion	9:00 am	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Wayne Gregory	Doug Schmidt	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
July 25 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow		
July 26 Communion	9:00 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Nancy Planek	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
August 1 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow		
August 2 Communion	9:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia

JULY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pastor's Vacation ends	2 7:00pm School Board Meeting	3	4  5:30pm Divine Service
5 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	6	7	8 10:00am DCC	9	10	11
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