

Trinity Tidings

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

August 1 - 7 Pastor Balla will be on vacation
August 3 - 7:00pm 125th Anniversary Meeting
August 18 - Articles for September Tidings are due
7:00pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting
August 19 - 7:00pm School Board Meeting
August 26 - Pastor attending Refocus
August 27 - Pastor attending Circuit Counsel Meeting at NID



Wages

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

In the Name + of Jesus. Amen. Do you like your wages? Is it a “minimum wage” job, the kind that maybe gives you some spending money but hardly pays your bills? Still, nothing says you've worked hard like that paycheck at the end of the week! Your wages are what you earn. You work. You get paid. You clock in. Clock out. Collect the big bucks! St. Paul calls death the wages of sin. We've worked for death. Our unbelief and hostility to God; our lack of love and concern for others. The very sin we're conceived and born with added to all the sins we've actually done. What have we earned? Death!

How to get away from death? How to get forgiveness? Well, it doesn't work the reverse way. You can't do enough good to earn something other than hell. You can't do nice things to other people and go sit in church every week to earn something on the plus side. They can dock your pay at work to pay for the equipment that you broke, but you can't have any earnings deducted to get you into heaven. No, all your sin earns is death and your good works don't earn anything at all.

But God is not in the business of paying you for what you do. He's in the business of paying His Son for what you have done. Jesus, on the cross, gets what you earned. He cashes the paycheck of your sins by His death on the cross. And you? You are given a gift. Salvation. Eternal life. You didn't earn it. You didn't work for it. You didn't deserve it. But it's yours because Christ has claimed your wages!

Instead you get life. Forgiveness. Salvation. A heavenly Father. You get the water of Baptism and the words of absolution and the body and blood of the Son of God. These are gifts. They aren't yours because you're qualified or worked hard. They're yours because you are loved in Jesus Christ and because He gives them freely as a gift. That way, you'll never think those silly thoughts that somehow you could earn God's love. It is given to you freely as a gift. That's the difference between us and the Lord. We earn what we've got coming. But the Lord doesn't give us that. He gives us as a gift what Christ has accomplished and earned for

us. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me to be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free! Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim that they were won by Christ and cling to His strong name. (LSB 602:1)



AUGUST

Judy Leeseberg	1
Gabriel Hubert	2
Andrea Jensen	2
John Jensen	3
Dorothy Michael	6
Gretchen Planek	8
Jessica Rowlett	8
Gilbert Wagner	11
Matthew Schmidt	12
Grace Greubel	14
Kristina Dauber	14
Andrew Brueck	14
Kayla Jensen	15
Shane Koehring	16
Eleanor Wheeland	16
Elizabeth Balla	17
Valerie Hargreaves	18
Rebekah Balla	22
Sandy Turnquist	23
Melinda Bicchinnella	23
Carl Mennecke	25
Courtney Hargreaves	26
Amber Zelman	26
Jeffrey Hansen	26
Lon Beutke	27
Dolores Mennecke	28
Lonna Schmidt	31
Robert Fortelka	31

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES
IN AUGUST**

Nalani Jensen	1
Lindsay Bruce	1
Anna Fortelka	6
Robert Fortelka	6
Kevin Klug	7
Jacqueline Leeseberg	9
Kayla Jensen	12
Rebekah Balla	13
Brady Lee	20
Melissa Garcia	21
Michael Cracraft	25
Cathy Weaver	26
Janet Perso	31

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

Carl and Dolores Mennecke	8/6/1949
Edward and Loane Dierking	8/14/1954
David and Elizabeth Balla	8/16/1986
Sharon and Robert Lemon	8/17/1979
Clarence and Barbara Hughes	8/22/1964
Kenneth and Joan Nienow	8/22/1970
Paul and Kathy Bartels	8/29/1987



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

Diane Beardsley in Memory of Arthur and Hulda Nelson, The Rolseth's in Memory of Audrey Smith, The following made donations to the Luella Danda Memorial: Carolyn Schmidt, Jannett DHoffman, Ren & Barbara Hughes, LWML, The Matejka's, Charles Rogers, Charles Matze

Correction to July Tidings, "those elected to Trinity's Board of Directors":
Kristi Gregory and Heather Greubel were elected to the Board of Parish Education.
Congratulations to all!

Changes in DIVINE SERVICES Begin this Fall

Beginning September 1st, 2009 worship times will be as follows:

Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am

There will no longer be Divine Services on Saturday evenings.

TEACHERAGE ROOF UPDATE - Special Thank You to all that contributed to this very urgent repair on the Teacherage roof. Once again Trinity members have come to the call when a situation arises that needs attention. May God continue to bless our church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED!

As Melissa Garcia departs for Bolivia, we are happy for her opportunity to teach in other parts of the world, but at the same time, sad she will be leaving us here at Trinity. With grateful hearts, we wish her all the best. With her departure, there is a vacancy in our Sunday School staff. We are currently seeking a teacher for grades 4-6. All materials are provided, and support is given. Please prayerfully consider the gift of teaching our youth about Jesus Christ. Contact Heather Greubel or Kristi Gregory for more information.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF: We will be having our first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 in the school library. Please come to receive your materials for the fall and get other needed information. Sunday School classes will start on Sunday, September 13th, at 9:15 am in the school.

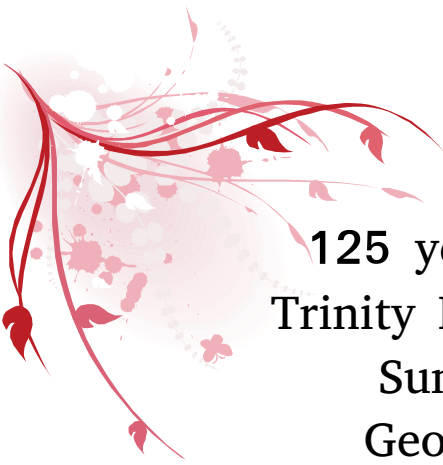
OUR GARAGE SALE WAS A SUCCESS! We raised over \$1,000 for our church and school. Thank you to all who donated, worked, and bought items during our sale. Special thanks goes to: Donna Brothers, Mike and Dian Cracraft, Loane Dierking, Bobbi Gregory, Dahlas Gregory, Kristi Gregory, Heather Greubel, Ren and Barbara Hughes, Lois Kovarik, Sharon Lemon, Cindy Macko, Dennis Weaver, Pam Weiler, Amber Zelman. Items left over from the sale were donated to Christ Our Savior LC - Winfield for their garage sale and Wayne Township "General Assistance" program.

LAST CHANCE TICKETS for 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 AUGUST 2009

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	COUNT TEAM
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	Dan Rakow	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
August 8 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow		
August 9 Communion	9:00 am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
August 15 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow		
August 16 Communion	9:00 am	Doug Schmidt	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Doug Schmidt	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
August 22 Communion	5:30 pm	Greg Garcia	Sharon Garcia Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow		
August 23 Communion	9:00 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan Rakow Wayne Gregory	Nancy Planek	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
August 29 Communion	5:30 pm	Mike Cracraft	Aaron Cracraft David Zarate	Eldra Rakow		
August 30 Communion	9:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia

AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 VBS Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
***** Pastor Balla will be on vacation *****						
9 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study	10 7:00pm 125 th Anniversary Meeting	11	12 10:00am DCC	13	14	15 5:30pm Divine Service
16 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Bible Study Fellowship Hall reserved	17	18 July Tidings Articles Due 7:00pm Sunday School Meeting	19	20 11:00am WC Terrace	21	22 5:30pm Divine Service
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