

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church, Childcare, Pre-school, Kindergarten
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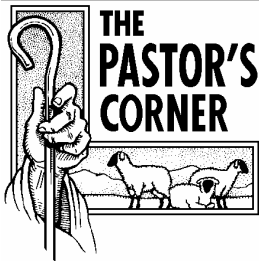
Church Office: (630) 231-1175

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NOVEMBER

- 1 - Daylight Savings
- 6 & 7 - Refocus at Good Shepherd in Des Plaines
- 11 - 7:00pm Refocus Meeting
- 14 - 9:00am - 2:00pm Christmas Sale
- 15 - Voter's Meeting/Potluck (immed. following late service)
 - Fundability Orders Due
- 17 - Pastor attending Refocus
 - December Tidings Articles Due
- 19 - Pastor attending Circuit Meeting
- 25 - 7:00pm Divine Service
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day



Are You Good Without God? Millions Are.

Someone sent me an email about this. The website describes their purpose as:

The purpose of Chicago CoR is to connect, support, organize, and strengthen the non-theistic Chicagoland community. Individuals who do not believe in a god or gods are not alone! Various recent polls indicate that approximately 15% of Americans do not believe in a god(s) and/or identify themselves as "not religious." Chicago CoR is a coalition of organizations which give these individuals information, support, and a sense of community. Together we are working to move society forward with a firm reliance on reason and humanity.

What really struck me was under their member groups was this listing:

Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation celebrates Humanistic Judaism, honoring Jewish culture and tradition while empowering independent, human-centered choices. Imagine the satisfaction of truly saying what you believe and believing what you say, living your personal beliefs and Jewish culture in one voice--that's Humanistic Judaism and Kol Hadash.

This begs the question: How many Christians are doing the same thing, honoring the Christian culture and traditions while believing what they want?

We need to realize that Christianity is not my faith, determined by what I think, or what I can rationalize. Instead Christianity is trust in what God has done through Jesus Christ.

In the Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism there are two related questions and answers:

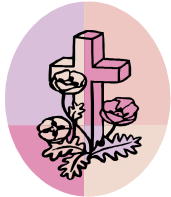
177. What is the visible church? A: The visible church is the whole number of those who use the Word of God and profess the Christian faith, but among whom, beside the true Christians, there are also unbelievers.

178. Are there then two churches, one visible and the other invisible? A: There is only one church--all believers in Christ. The visible gathering is called church because of the believers gathered around the means of grace in an assembly in which there are also hypocrites. Believers gather around Word and Sacrament, because of God's promises. If you are worried about if you are a Christian, please talk to me directly, but let me ask you, Luther's question and answer regarding the sacrament.

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament? A: To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

Pastor Balla

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



Tim Matejka Memorial - Wayne and Sue Matejka

Elwald and Selma Kroning Memorial - Floyd and Shirley Brown

Eleanor Wheeland Memorial - Mike & Dian Cracraft, Carl & Dee Mennecke,

Leon & Arlene Zarate, Dahlas Gregory and Wayne and Bobbi Gregory,

Howard Strong, Walter and Judy Turman, Bonnie Zahn.

****Correction to last months Tidings:** Elmer & Marlene Nelson Memorials - David Zarate



NOVEMBER

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

NOVEMBER

James and Arlene Salvatore	11/4/1950
Daniel and Laura Kellogg	11/9/2002
Richard and Shirley Rolseth	11/11/1961
Gary and Victoria Bersynski	11/16/1985
John and Cynthia Macko	11/17/1990

**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



...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
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Christmas Choral Celebration

Saturday, December 12, 5:30pm.

Join the choirs and Sunday School children as we praise and worship our King of Kings and Lord of Lords! A Potluck will follow in Fellowship Hall - please bring a dish to pass.

"It Takes a Village..."

Well, maybe, but not quite. It just took a few dedicated volunteers and a couple of years of planning to bring Trinity's 125th anniversary celebration to fruition. I would like to give these people a big thank you for all the work they did to make this such a memorable occasion.

First of all, we give thanks to our gracious God without whose Grace and Blessings we would not have been able to rededicate ourselves to prayer, word, and sacrament in the years to come. We also remember those saints who have gone before us and all the work they have done in this congregation in Christ's Name to help form a fellowship of believers whose history is rich in reaching out to the community. The following is a list of people who took an active part in our anniversary planning:

Ron Benes---for printing the announcements and envelopes and the magnets

Dahlas Gregory---for overseeing the mailing lists and updating them (a very big task)

Eldra Rakow and Donna Brothers---for arranging the brunch at St. Andrew's, the Sweet 'n' Savory get together, and the flowers on the tables

Kristi Gregory, Donna Brothers, Dahlas Gregory, Wayne Gregory, Cheryl Perkis, Dave Zarate, and Lois Kovarik ---for decorating, setting up, cleaning up, and arranging the history tables in the church fellowship hall

Cathy Weaver---for publicity as well as tasks listed above

Wayne Gregory and Sharon Lemon---for being our official photographers

Jeff Gregory---for videotaping the church service (if anyone would like a copy, please let Wayne Gregory know)

Ron Rakow, Jeff Gregory, Dahlas Gregory, Donna Brothers, and Heather Greubel---for our new banners (in case you didn't know what they stand for, they represent the fruits of the Spirit)

Lisa Warren---for taking reservations and phone calls

To all of those who did such a wonderful job in our worship service; it was truly inspirational seeing a full choir in the chancel.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you who cooked, baked, and prayed for us. We are so grateful for your support.

If I have missed anyone by name, please forgive me; it definitely was not intentional. Looking forward to our 150th!

Bobbi Gregory



**Christmas Sale and Luncheon
Trinity Lutheran Church
331 George Street, West Chicago
Saturday, November 14th
9am - 2pm**

**Lunch 11:30am - 1pm
\$6.50 Adults - \$3.00 Children 10 and under
Sloppy Joes, Salad, Chips, Dessert and Beverage**

Vendors: Cookies by Katie, Mary Kay, Shaklee and Tastefully Simple

Tables: Bake Sale, Ceramics, Christmas & Everyday Cards,
Clothes for 18" dolls, Fashion Scarves, Gift Tags, Hand Painted Items,
Handmade Jewelry, Origami & Vinyl Art, Ornaments,
Pinecone Fire Starters, Scrapbooks and Used Treasures.

Donations of bake sale items, salads (see sign up sheet in narthex)
and items for sale can be dropped off on
Thursday, 11/12 at 9:15am - 11:15am
Friday, 11/13 at 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday, 11/14 at 8:00am
In Fellowship Hall
(please label your bake sale item with what it is and if it contains nuts)

NEW CHURCH BASEMENT WINDOWS FUND DRIVE - We are in desperate need of replacing 11 basement windows with new high efficiency, insulated, maintenance free vinyl windows. Total cost of windows is \$2300 of which \$1000 was recently donated and dedicated to building improvements. Installation of all windows shall be done by a team of church members. A fund raising progress chart shall be posted in the Narthex. Please make a note on envelopes or checks "Church Windows". As always may God bless us with these funds and reduce our heating costs this winter.

SNOW REMOVAL - Doug Schmidt will be forming a Command Snow Removal Team this winter. We shall be responsible for keeping walks & steps around Church clear. This is an effort to try and reduce our plowing expenses that in the past years have been becoming a major line item for the Church. If interested in joining and sharing this task please let me know. Sign up sheet posted in Narthex.

Assistant Schedule for NOVEMBER 2009

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
November 1 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 1 Communion	10:30 am	Jim Grobe	Wayne Gregory	Nancy Planek	Logan & Lindsay Bruce		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
November 8 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Eldra Rakow	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 8 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt		Joyful Noise	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Wayne & Kristi Gregory
November 15 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 15 Communion	10:30 am	Greg Garcia	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Logan & Lindsay Bruce	Hosanna	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
November 22 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 22 Communion	10:30 am	Jim Grobe	Wayne Gregory	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
November 25 Communion	7:00 pm	Dennis Weaver	Richard Kovarik Carl Mennecke	Sue Matejka		Joyful Noise	
November 29 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
November 29 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel			Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
December 2 Communion	7:00 pm	Wayne Matejka	Richard Kovarik Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik			

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Sunday School Teacher's Mtg. F/H	2	3 7:00pm Confirmation	4 5:00pm Hosanna	5 6:30pm Joyful Noise	6 Refocus @ Good Shepherd DesPlaines	7
8 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service Fellowship Hall Reserved	9 7:00pm Parish Planning Meeting	10 7:00pm Confirmation	11 10:00am DCC 5:00pm Hosanna 7:00pm Refocus Mtg	12 AM Christmas Sale Set up Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Joyful Noise	13 PM Christmas Sale Set up Fellowship Hall	14 Christmas Sale 9:00am – 2:00pm Fellowship Hall
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