

# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church  
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## JANUARY

5 - 7:00pm Confirmation continues  
11 - 7:00pm Parish Planning Council Meeting  
13 - Pastor attending refocus  
17 - Gideons  
10:30am 3rd Graders receive Bibles  
19 - February Tidings Articles Due  
21 - Trinity Hosts Circuit Meeting  
24 - 11:30am Funday Sunday

**February 1-3** - Pastor will be attending Refocus Retreat



## The Name of God

We miss the lively sense of the power in the name of God, who is Christ our Lord. In Scripture, sometimes the term "the name of God" refers to the divine speech on the lips of the prophets and apostles, such as in [1 Tim 6:1](#), in which Paul requires us to honor authorities "so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled." Yet, even here there is more than a hint that the name of God is none other than God Himself. To attack God's teaching is to attack God. This is why the second commandment forbids us to misuse the name of the Lord our God. To misuse the name of God is to abuse God Himself because He is His name. The worst misuse of the divine name is when it is used to cover false teaching with the pious sounding, "God has said..."

The divine name is none other than the second person of the holy Trinity. Christ is the divine name that does the work of God in the world. The Psalmist says, "We trust in the name of the LORD our God" ([Ps 20:7](#)). To trust in the name is to trust in Christ Himself. The Psalmist also says, "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving" ([Ps 69:30](#)). First, to praise the name, if it is not God, would be blasphemy. Second, the parallel of the Hebrew poetry makes Him equivalent to His name. The apostles baptized in the name ([Acts 19:5](#)), cast out demons in the name ([Acts 16:18](#)), preached in the name ([Acts 9:28](#)), suffered in the name ([Act 5:41](#)), called the gentiles into the kingdom of God in the name ([Acts 15:17](#)), and were willing to be put to death for the name ([Acts 21:13](#)). Of this name the apostle Peter says, "There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" ([Acts 4:12](#)). This name does what Christ Himself does, because He is His name.

This name is the eternal Word of the Father, who spoke light out of darkness ([Gn 1:3](#)). This is the same name who for a season bore all human woe by being born of the Virgin. He condescended to our desperate need. He had no need of our human nature, but He assumed it for our good. He does not arrive at His divinity by some labor or work, but is the living name of God who was humbled at His incarnation taking the form of a servant. Because He is God of God, He could not be exalted any higher than to be God, so He chose to be humbled for us men and our salvation. Here is the true word of the Name in the world. He needs not to make a name for himself like our celebrities and politicians. He has the name above every name. No other could be named like it. He hides the glory of His name, so that the glory of His name might become ours through faith in Him.

Thank you to all those who have recently contributed to Trinity's Memorial fund.

Ruth Bisterfeldt in Memory of Eleanor Wheeland



**JANUARY**

Caroline Planek	6
Matthew Smothers	6
Susan Matejka	7
Ronald Benes	7
David Zarate	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 Tunaitis	18
Anakin Hughes	19
Dana Fry	19
Jenny Zinser	20
Aaden Rosedale	22
Shirley Rolseth	22
Greg Kuhn	25
Jeremy Wiedow	28
Clark Weaver	28
Cynthia Macko	31

**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



Jerry and Caroline Planek 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

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

**ATTENTION PARENTS:**

If your child is currently in 3rd grade, he/she is eligible to receive a Bible in church on Sunday, January 17th. Please plan to attend the 10:30 service that day. More information soon.

**ATTENTION KIDS:**

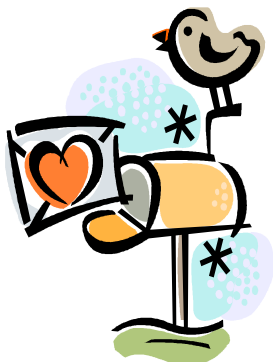
You are all invited to our 2nd annual

*Fun*day *Sun*day

on January 24th.

It will take place from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All kids are encouraged to bring a friend to receive a special treat! Lunch, games, videos, crafts, etc. will be provided. We also hope to build snow sculptures in Parsonage Park (weather permitting) so please dress appropriately. Hope to see you there!

**Collections and Recycling**



**Please remember to save your used greeting cards and stamps during this holiday season.**

**We can also use your old cell phones and ink cartridges!**


**They can be left in the collection box at the Usher's station in the Narthex.**

**PAPER RECYCLING UPDATE** - In January the paper recycling bin will be removed from Trinity. This is being done for a few of reasons: The City of West Chicago is requiring us to put a fence around the dumpsters, more room to push the snow, and one less truck on our parking lot. The next closest recycling bin is at the High School. Recycling is part of being a good steward of God's blessings, so please continue.

**BOARD of DIRECTORS** – when submitting receipts please be sure to complete a Check Request Form. They can be found in the mailbox marked ‘Check Request forms and Tax Exempt forms’ in the school building. Please, also remember to pick up a Tax Exempt form if you are making any purchases on behalf of the church.

## Assistant Schedule for JANUARY 2010

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
January 3 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Eidra Rakow	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 3 Communion	10:30 am	Doug Schmidt	Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt		Joyful Noise	Doug & Jamie Schmidt
January 10 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 10 Communion	10:30 am	Greg Garcia	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Logan & Lindsay Bruce		Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
January 17 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Eidra Rakow	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 17 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Aaron Cracraft	Nancy Planek	Jack Fillo	Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
January 24 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 24 Communion	10:30 am	Jim Grobe	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Ben Cavanaugh	Hosanna	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
January 31 Communion	8:00am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
January 31 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt			Doug & Jamie Schmidt

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3 8:00am Divine Service</b> <b>9:15am Bible Study</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Divine Service</b> 11:30am Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:30pm – AA – Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Confirmation	<b>6</b> 10:00am DCC 4:45pm Hosanna 7:00pm Elders Mtg	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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