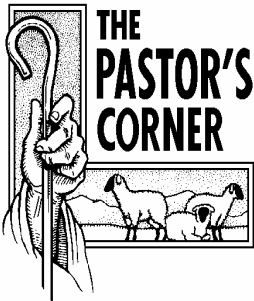


Trinity Tidings

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FEBRUARY

- 2 - Pastor attending Refocus
- 9 - Pastor attending General Pastors Conference
- 16 - Articles for March Tidings are Due
- 17 - Ash Wednesday
6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Divine Service
- 19 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm Youth Game/Movie Night
- 21 - Voter's Meeting/Potluck immediately following late service
- 24 - 6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Divine Service



It Has To Be That Way

After the incarnation there is no time when Christ can be said to be divine and not human, or human and not divine. Christ's two natures are undivided and indivisible, although never mingled into a mixture. He remains always human and divine in one person. What He works, he does as the God-man, a single united person. Thus it is impossible to separate His "human works" from His divinity or His "divine works" from His humanity. He uses His human nature to touch, embrace, and show compassion to humans, but He does so by granting divine gifts and blessings in the united activity of His person.

Such a unity of action by Christ does not derive from some abstract philosophical necessity, but from the divine desire to work salvation for fallen humanity. Christ, the God-man, is always working toward the goal of giving us eternal fellowship with Him. What He suffers is suffered to redeem us from our sins. The Bible's teaching of the person of Christ is shaped by the divine desire to save us. His humanity did not demean His humanity, but raised it, that we who share human nature with Him might by Him be elevated.

What He suffers He suffers as the God-Man; as a single person. There is no "outside" of His person to which He slips away to avoid suffering. Otherwise, the certainty of our salvation would always be suspect. Who dies on the cross? Who slips away? Christ dies. There is no Houdini-like disappearing act performed by Christ on the cross. The nails pierce the hands of God's Son, because there is no dividing the two natures in Christ. God's blood trickles down over his temples from His thorn-pierced brow. To this person is attributed all the actions of the incarnate Christ. Christ, the God-man undergoes suffering and death and also rises triumphant over these same foes. He vanquishes our every enemy that way. Such a one is alone worthy of being invoked; for He is not merely a man. It has to be that way - for us.

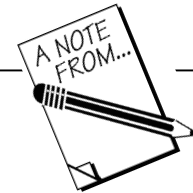


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Michael Salamone	1
Joan Nienow	2
Lynda Benes	5
Bonnie Zahn	6
Suzanne Nitz	8
Kathy Bartels	9
Brian Turnquist	11
Milton Taxis	12
Henry Rosedale	15
Logan Bruce	15
Sally Brown	18
Heather Greubel	20
Evan Scherden	21
Julia Lesch	21
Jaclyn Latham	22
Jessica 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

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Ronald Benes	1
Kathy Bartels	1
Matthew Smothers	10
Gerry Tunaitis	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



...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.

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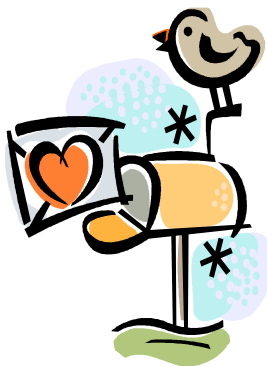
Secretary hours:

9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday



James and Laura Grobe 2/25/1978



Collections and Recycling

~ Please remember to save your used greeting cards and stamps.

~ We can also recycle your old cell phones and ink cartridges, iPod Nano, Shuffle or Mini and Zune players.

They can all be left in the collection box at the usher's station in the Narthex.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

PAPER RECYLING UPDATE - In January the paper recycling bin was removed from Trinity. This was 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.



Movie & Game Pajama Party



The Youth Group will be having a movie and game pajama party on Friday, February 19th from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All Trinity's youth, and their friends are welcome to drop in for a pizza dinner, followed by games and a movie. We will have plenty of board games to play, but if you have a favorite, bring it along. We will end the evening with a movie, so bring along a pillow to sit back and relax on. Also remember to wear your favorite PJs! Parents and congregation members are welcome to come, but parents are not required to stay.

Please call or e-mail Brenda Behrends if your children will be attending. I need to have a rough idea of how much food I need for that evening. 630-762-0335 or bbehrends17@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!!

Do you know a child who would like to come to Sunday School?

Our doors are always open! Sunday School meets every Sunday, from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the school. Currently we have classes for nursery through 6th grade. Please spread the word about our Sunday School so we can spread the Word about Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year to my Trinity family!

I am still living in Cochabamba in the same house where I started. School ended for summer break in November and will start again in February. While school is out I have been working at Yaykuna, the day center, full time. There I am working primarily with boys younger than 13 who do not have supervision at home so they spend their days at the center. Unfortunately many of them also have no supervision at night, but they have older sibling to help take care of them. I am also working with the older kids who live and work on the street. Most of them get along really well with me, many claiming me as their honorary Mom. Since I have been here for 6 months there are many volunteers who are returning home. But I'm very glad that while everyone else leaves, I am able to stay and be another consistent person in the lives of the kids. My parents were able to come visit me for Thanksgiving, and I am very grateful for all the support they received and all the wonderful presents they were able to bring for me and my boys. I also want to thank you for keeping Andres Duran in your prayers. He is a very special boy with a tragic story, and knowing that he has an army of friends praying for him has seemed to make a difference in his disposition. He has been much happier lately, but he is also moving to the next step in the program, which means he will no longer live with me. So continue to keep him in your prayers, as well as Mario, one of my boys from Yaykuna who is currently in jail. Due to the commonplace bribery involved in the Bolivian justice system, he is currently awaiting trial for attempted murder even though he just got into a fight with the neighbor trying to defend his younger brother. Because the prisons here have one public defender per jail, he will quite possibly be locked up to 5 years before he even gets to trial. Please keep him and his brother Antonio in your prayers as well. On the plus side, there is not a doubt in my mind that this is exactly where God wants me to be, and I'm trying my best to do the work he has for me here. Again, I truly appreciate your support and prayers. I miss home, but my work here isn't done yet and I'm excited about continuing for another year and a half.

Muchas bendiciones para todos ustedes!

Melissa Garcia

If you would like to send Melissa a note or card, her address is:

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Assistant Schedule for FEBRUARY 2010

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
February 7 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Eldra Rakow	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 7 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	David Zarate Aaron Cracraft		Logan & Lindsay Bruce	Joyful Noise	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
February 14 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Sue Matejka	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 14 Communion	10:30 am	Greg Garcia	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel		Hosanna	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
February 17 Ash Wednesday Communion	7:00pm	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Nancy Planek	Sarah Balla	Joyful Noise	
February 21 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 21 Communion	10:30 am	Jim Grobe	David Zarate Dennis Weaver	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
February 24 Communion	7:00pm	Ron Benes	Carl Mennecke Richard Rolseth	Ron Benes	Sarah Balla		
February 28 Communion	8:00am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Sarah Balla		
February 28 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	David Zarate Nancy Planek	Doug Schmidt			Doug & Jamie Schmidt Nancy Planek

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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