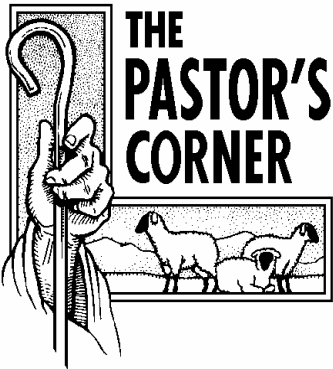


Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
331 W. George St. West Chicago, IL 60185
Church Office: (630) 231-1175 Website: <http://www.trinitywc.com>

May 1 - 8:00am Work Day
May 2 - 9:15am Bible Study
May 4 - 7:00pm Bible Study
May 5 - 10:30am Bible Study
May 9 - 10:30am Youth Participation Service
May 11 - 13 Pastor attending Conference
May 13 - 7:00pm Divine Service
May 15 - 8:00am Landscape Day
9:00am - 3:00pm Trinity at Blooming Fest
May 18 - Articles Due for June Tidings
May 20 - Pastor attending Circuit Meeting
May 23 - Voter's Meeting w/Potluck
Sunday School Spring Planting



Giving: an Obligation or Opportunity

As the Apostle Paul traveled to churches, he collected offerings for the Christians in Jerusalem who were experiencing hard economic times. When Paul was speaking to the Corinthians, he used the Macedonian believers as an example of people who, in spite of their own economic troubles, gave joyfully to the people in Jerusalem. The Macedonians' love for Christ and their concern for their fellow believers moved them to give beyond their ability. They **excelled in the grace of**

giving. The Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord, and then, Paul said, they "*urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints*" (2 Corinthians 8:4). In Christ, they saw their giving as an opportunity to help other believers in need.

Does someone who views giving as an obligation plead for the opportunity to give? Probably not. When giving is an obligation, we will give, but giving as an obligation will not give us the joy or the attitude of pleading for the privilege to give as the Macedonians had. As God's people, we have both an obligation and an opportunity. Scripture is clear that we are called to give. Paul said, "*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made*" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Giving is an obligation, but, just as God changed the hearts and minds of the Macedonian people, He changes us so we view our giving as an opportunity rather than an obligation. As renewed and transformed people, our attitudes toward giving change from a "got to" to a "get to" attitude. We stop giving grudgingly, and we start to **excel in the grace of giving** by giving willingly and cheerfully. We want to give, because giving is an expression of our love and gratitude to God for Who He is and what He does for us. The more we give of ourselves and our gifts the closer our relationship with Christ becomes and the more we want to give, and the more God blesses us, enabling our continued giving. "*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God*" (2 Corinthians 9:11). We thank God that He fills us daily with His love so that we as members of His Body here at our church see giving as a privilege and an opportunity to praise and thank Him.

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Being attached to Christ through His Word is always essential in everything we do. This is why there is an expectation that Trinity's members will attend one of the 3 week Bible Studies, "Excel in the Grace of Giving". Your option for the Bible Study times are:

Sunday (April 18, 25 and May 2) at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Evening (April 20, 27 and May 4) 7:00pm in Pastor's Office or Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Morning (April 21, 28 and May 5) 10:30am in Pastor's office or Fellowship Hall

Please R.S.V.P. to the church office if you will be attending Tuesday or Wednesday so that we may plan for location.



Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors

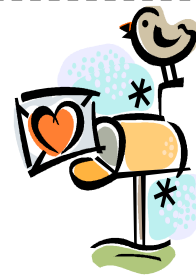
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Please call the church office for contact information for a specific director.

The agenda for Voter's meetings are set by the Parish Planning Council in the month prior to the Voter's Meeting. This includes New and Old Business. If you wish to add anything to the agenda, please see the director of the board for which it pertains

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!



Fundraiser for New Steps and Handrails in front of Church

This project will cost \$4,000.00. A progress chart will be posted in the Narthex. Please note "Church Steps" on your designated contribution.



Kelli Klug	2
Sonja Ciolino	3
Christopher Rosedale	4
Sara Rupp	5
Jonathan Bartels	5
Melissa Garcia	7
Katherine Hollen	9
Jenelle Bayor	12
Zachary Bayor	12
Jason Behrends	13
Jenna Bodie	14
James Grobe	15
Angelina Hubert	17
Brady Lee	21
Symantha Berzynski	21
Shannon Nelson	22
Cathy Weaver	23
Anne Wagner	25
Jacqueline Leeseberg	26
Karen Swanson	27
Hayley Macko	28
Kenneth Nienow	30
Kristina Kuhn	30

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Aaron Hollen	4
Rowan Gregory	4
Aimee Beutke	5
Joel Beutke	5
Lon Beutke	5
Benjamin Cavanaugh	11
Wayne Gregory	12
Jason Behrends	12
Kari Schmidt	13
Wesley Zinser	19
Jonathan Bartels	21
James Siekmann	22
Jerry Planek, Jr.	25
Philip Zelman	28
Gregorio Garcia	28
Sharon Garcia	28
Richard Kovarik	28
Brian Turnquist	29
James Grobe	30



Gregorio and Sharon Garcia	5/1/1982
Michael and Melinda Bicchinella	5/3/1985
Cheryl and Edward Perkis	5/7/1977
Janet and Michael Perso	5/9/1980
Ronald and Eldra Rakow	5/12/1961
Jaclyn and Kenneth Latham	5/13/1989
Marvin and Beverly Boorsma	5/20/1978
Jason and Brenda Behrends	5/29/1999

Kids zip, zap, and zoom at *Planet Zoom*.

They ZIP into Vacation Bible School and ZAP into God's Word. They help each other learn with memorable activities, confess that they BELIEVE in Jesus, our Savior, and then ZOOM out to share Jesus' love in the world.

Planet Zoom registration is open for ages 3–12 who will attend VBS from **June 14 to June 18, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Kids meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. We expect a great response, so enroll your child today.

Costs are \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional sibling. For more information and registration, call 630-231-1175 or visit <http://www.trinitywc.com/vbs.html>.

Trinity Lutheran Church at Blooming Fest

Date: Saturday, May 15th

Time: 9am – 3pm

Location: City of West Chicago blocks off Main Street.

Purpose: Trinity will sell plants to the community to raise funds for projects around the church. We are asking for outside plants to be donated. We will also have a children's bean bag game with small prizes and literature about the church. At the event the city will have crafts, activities, food and music. The Garden Club along with Trinity will be selling plants. There will be a sign up sheet to volunteer at the booth and to donate plants. If you would like additional information please contact Dian Cracraft at 630-231-9554.

Volunteers Needed for Work Days

Please consider donating a bit of your time on either of these days:

Saturday, May 1st at 8:00am – items to be completed include; trimming trees around school roof area, installing 3 replacement windows at church building and installing 2 storm doors at the Teacherage.

Saturday, May 15th at 8:00am – items to be completed include; cleaning up winter debris around plant areas, spreading mulch, pruning and trimming.



All Faiths Night at Cougars Stadium

Trinity is going to the Cougars Game!
Come enjoy fellowship, fun, and some good food, too!

When: Monday, July 12th

Time: 6:30 pm

This is one of the All Faiths Night games so tickets are only \$5.00 – that's a 50% savings off the regular ticket price! We only have 50 tickets available this year so make sure you reserve yours early.

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.





In Christ with Persons Developmentally Challenged

Pastor Don Kretzschmar
Executive Director/Chaplain
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Deaconess Jana Peters
Assistant to the Chaplain
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March 31, 2010

Trinity Lutheran Church
331 George Street
West Chicago, IL 60185

Dear Friends,

Hurricanes destroy - God repairs!

Voice of Care headed south to Long Beach Mississippi for year number five. We had an amazing trip. In the mornings we served the South Mississippi Regional Center, a home for adults who happen to have developmental disabilities. During the Vacation Bible School there, we talked about how we are all connected in Christ. How we are one in Him. To show this connection we used yarn to connect the students, teachers, and volunteers all together. We made a large spider web. When we belong to God's family, we're all bonded together much like a spider web connects what was separate. The Holy Spirit connects our hearts together to make us one family, God's church.

The staff who serves at the SMRC were thankful that we came again. One man thanked us for coming and reminding him why he serves the people at SMRC. Another worker told us that many of the students that come to VBS have behavioral issues and are not allowed to attend church in the community. He went on to say, "This is the only Jesus they get all year".

Voice of Care's mission is taking God's Word to those who can not make it to church. Even though Katrina destroyed so many lives in Mississippi and Louisiana God has been repairing their brokenness. **Thank you so much for your support of \$75.00 so that we can continue to spread God's word to those who are not hearing the gospel.**

Thank you for your gift,

Pastor Don Kretzschmar
Executive Director/Chaplain



Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. 1Corinthians 12:12

Gratitude beyond words fills us as we think of all that our place and partnership with Trinity, WC has given to our mission in Christ. Easter Joy! Pa Don

Assistant Schedule for MAY 2010

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
May 2 Communion	8:00 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Sue Matejka	Rebekah Balla		
May 2 Communion	10:30am	Dennis Weaver	David Zarate Nancy Planek	Doug Schmidt	Logan & Lindsay Bruce	Joyful Noise	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
May 9 Communion	8:00am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Eldra Rakow	Sara & Kayla Jensen		
May 9 Youth Participation Service Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	Sunday School w/ Heather & Dan Greubel	Sunday School	Sunday School		Cheryl Perkins Greg & Sharon Garcia
May 13 Communion	7:00 pm	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Acolyte: David Houlihan Crucifer:		
May 16 Communion	8:00 am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Ron Benes	Sarah & Rebekah Balla		
May 16 Communion	10:30 am	Jim Grobe	Aaron Cracraft Nancy Planek	Nancy Planek	Ben Cavanaugh		Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
May 23 Communion	8:00am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Symantha Berzynski Sarah Balla		
May 23 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	David Zarate	Doug Schmidt	Acolyte: Edward Houlihan Crucifer:	Hosanna	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Nancy Planek
May 30 Communion	8:00am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Ron Benes	Sara & Kayla Jensen		
May 30 Communion	10:30am	Greg Garcia	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Acolyte: David Houlihan Crucifer:		Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels

MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>With the increasing use of Fellowship Hall, we ask that you please call the church office for any scheduling requests or inquiries. Thank you!</i></p>						
2 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service Sunday School Teacher Mtg.	3	4 7:00pm Bible Study	5 10:30am Bible Study 5:00pm Hosanna	6 6:30pm Joyful Noise	7	8
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