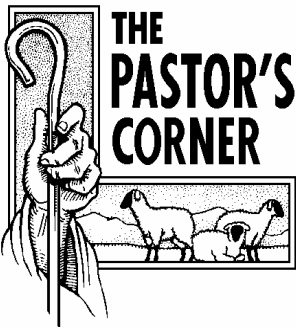


# Trinity Tidings

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

## AUGUST

- 3 - 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 8 - 10:15am Hispanic Ministry Informational Meeting
- 9 - 7:00pm Parish Planning Committee Meeting
- 14 - 8:00am to 12:00pm Landscape and Garage Clean up
- 17 - 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 23 - Tidings Articles are due for September
- 29 - 10:15am Voter's Meeting w/Potluck Brunch



## Alone

Elijah was an inveterate whiner: "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away" (1Ki 19:14). "Oh, poor me, I am the only one left." When we feel alone how easily we presume that we are also abandoned by God. But what

would make us sure that God is present with us just because the crowd agrees with us? Should we have such confidence in either the crowd or our love of them? Should we have such confidence in our ability to read the times? A swiftly moving river gives an exciting ride, like the crowd sweeping all before it, but sometimes there is a waterfall at the end. Sometimes the mob plunges over the cliff, like the legend of the Lemmings. How could we know how many faithful Israelites God has secretly preserved for Himself? Why is God's Word alone not sufficient? What more could we want?

Sometimes a lone voice is enough. It brings the faithful out of hiding and leads them to sing joyous hymns. The Lord Jesus was all in all, and yet alone. He was abandoned (Mk 14:27) and was a lone man before the onslaught of wickedness absolutely certain of the divine will. But He trusted Himself into the hands of the One who judges justly (1Pt 2:23). To be right and to be alone is to be God's alone. Christ goes alone to die, as a single seed, to draw together a great granary of the faithful (Jn 12:24). The one alone makes many righteous (Rm 5:18-19). The one alone dies to give many life.

If left alone, and if protected by God, the lonely prophet is a majority of one. Elijah learned. Sometimes God reduces our forces so drastically that we have no choice but to attribute the victory to His intervention in our lives. That is well, because the crowd might try to convince us otherwise. But when we are going against the crowd, the victory must be the Lord's. We may whine like Elijah, but perhaps we too will learn. "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness" (Ps 115:1)!

## Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors

|   |                                   |
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| <b>Congregational Executive Officer</b> | Dennis Weaver                     |
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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**



### **Fundraiser for New Steps and Handrails in front of Church**

This project cost \$4,000.00. A progress chart is posted in the Narthex. We are about half way to our goal. Please note "Church Steps" on your designated contribution.

## **Thank you to all the people that helped on Sunday, July 11th with the Rail Road Days Parade!**

Over 400 flyers about Trinity and up coming events, 6 huge bags of candy and 240 small packages of crayons (donated by Greg & Sharon Garcia) were handed out. The TLC Float had, in the center of a snowmobile trailer, the cross that Jeff Gregory made for Trinity a few years ago, draped on it was purple cloth (donated by Eldra Rakow), a crown of thorns and two banners with our name on them. Out front of the float Dan Rakow and John Houlihan carried the large purple banner with our name on it. Volunteers were: Cory, Sean, Donna Brothers, Ron Benes, Mike & Dian Cracraft, John, Nathan, Orland, Edward and David Houlihan, John & Judy Leeseberg, Dan Rakow and Cathy & Dennis Weaver.

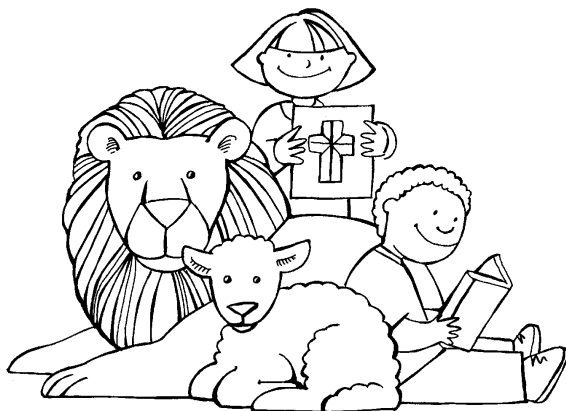
**"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!"**

Joyful Noise choir will begin practicing during the upcoming school year on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the church. We hope to see you there! ~ Heather and Dahlas

**Hosanna Choir**

will begin practicing Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am – 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hosanna Choir will now be comprised of children of all ages. If you are interested and need more information, please contact Dahlas Gregory.

**Women of All Ages: a New Bible Study has been formed** - We will meet on Tuesday, August 3 and 17 in the Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm and will finish at 9:00pm. We will be using Bible Studies prepared for Lutheran's Women's Missionary League. We hope to meet twice a month and the dates, times, material and location are open for discussion so that this Bible Study will meet the needs of the women interested in our group study. Sorry guys you're not invited but if one of you would like to start a study of your own just call Eldra Rakow at 630-231-1265 or email me at erakow4@comcast.net and I will be the facilitator for your study.



**Sunday School**

**Attention Parents:**

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 12, from 9:15-10:15 am in the school. Please encourage your children to attend. Classes are offered from nursery through 6th grade. This year, we are in need of a teacher for the 4-5 year old children. All supplies are provided. Please contact Heather Greubel if you are interested.

# GARAGE SALE AT TRINITY – West Chicago

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

9am – 2pm

**Trinity Members Donation Dates:**

Sunday, 9/12 (after each church service)  
 Monday 9/13 - 3:30pm – 5pm  
 Tuesday 9/14 - 5:30pm – 8pm  
 9/15 – 5:30pm – 8pm  
 Thursday 9/16 – 5:30pm – 8pm

**Volunteer Hours to Price and Organize:**

Monday 9/13 - 3:30pm – 5pm  
 Tuesday 9/14 - 5:30pm – 8pm      Wednesday  
 Wednesday 9/15 – 5:30pm – 8pm  
 Thursday 9/16 – 5:30pm – 8pm

**Volunteer Hours DAY OF GARAGE SALE:**

Saturday 9/18 – 8am – 11am  
 11am – 2:30pm

**DONATIONS**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR – **Quality, Clean and in Good Working Order**

Large Items should be put in the garage.

Books, kitchen items, crafts, tools, toys, games etc.

**NO ADULT CLOTHING!**

***DONATION LETTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE!!!***



|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| 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 |
| Elizabeth Balla     | 17 |
| Valerie Hargreaves  | 18 |
| Rebekah Balla       | 22 |
| Sandy Turnquist     | 23 |
| Orland Houlihan     | 25 |
| Carl Mennecke       | 25 |
| Edward Houlihan     | 25 |
| Courtney Hargreaves | 26 |
| Jeffrey Hansen      | 26 |
| Amber Zelman        | 26 |
| Lon Beutke          | 27 |
| Dolores Mennecke    | 28 |
| Lonna Schmidt       | 31 |
| Nathan Houlihan     | 31 |

**BAPTISMAL  
ANNIVERSARIES**

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Nalani Jensen        | 1  |
| Lindsay Bruce        | 1  |
| Anna Fortelka        | 6  |
| Robert Fortelka      | 6  |
| Arlene Salvatore     | 8  |
| Jacqueline Leeseberg | 9  |
| Symantha Berzynski   | 9  |
| Kayla Jensen         | 12 |
| Rebekah Balla        | 13 |
| Brady Lee            | 20 |
| Melissa Garcia       | 21 |
| Michael Cracraft     | 25 |
| Cathy Weaver         | 26 |
| Janet Perso          | 31 |



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| 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 |
| John and Gigi Houlihan      | 8/24/1991 |
| Paul and Kathy Bartels      | 8/29/1987 |

## Assistant Schedule for AUGUST 2010

| DATE                   | TIME   | WORSHIP ASSIST. | USHERS                       | LAY READERS  | ACOLYTES                 | CHOIRS | COUNT TEAM                            |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| August 1<br>Communion  | 9:00am | Wayne Matejka   | Dan Rakow<br>Richard Kovarik | Lois Kovarik | Sara & Kayla<br>Jensen   |        | Kathy Bartels<br>Judy Leeseberg       |
| August 8<br>Communion  | 9:00am | Mike Cracraft   | Heather & Dan<br>Greubel     | Dan Greubel  | Symantha Berzynski       |        | Cheryl Perkis<br>Greg & Sharon Garcia |
| August 15<br>Communion | 9:00am | Greg Garcia     | Dan Rakow<br>Nancy Planek    | Nancy Planek | Edward Houlihan          |        | Jeni Siekmann<br>Laura Grobe          |
| August 22<br>Communion | 9:00am | Doug Schmidt    | Dan Rakow<br>Carl Mennecke   | Doug Schmidt | Ben Cavanaugh            |        | Doug & Jamie Schmidt<br>Nancy Planek  |
| August 29<br>Communion | 9:00am | Ron Benes       | Dan Rakow<br>Richard Rolseth | Ron Benes    | Sarah & Rebekah<br>Balla |        | Kathy Bartels<br>Judy Leeseberg       |

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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday  | Thursday                        | Friday    | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>1</b><br>9:00am Divine Service<br>10:15am Bible Study                          | <b>2</b>                                       | <b>3</b><br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>                        | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00am Divine Service<br>10:15am Hispanic Ministry Informational Mtg. | <b>9</b><br>7:00pm Parish Planning Com. Mtg.   | <b>10</b>                               | <b>11</b><br>10:00am DCC   | <b>12</b>                       | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>8:00am – 12:00pm Landscape & Garage Clean Up |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00am Divine Service<br>10:15am Bible Study                         | <b>16</b>                                      | <b>17</b><br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00am Divine Service<br>10:15am Bible Study                         | <b>23</b><br>Tiding Articles Due for September | <b>24</b>                               | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>11:00am WC Terrace | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29</b><br>9:00am Divine Service<br>10:15am Voter's Meeting w/ Potluck          | <b>30</b>                                      | <b>31</b>                               | <b>Coming in September:</b><br>September 5 - 8:00am and 10:30am services will begin<br>September 10 – 7:00pm Movie Night: Amazing Grace<br>September 12 – Sunday School Begins<br>September 18 - 9:00am – 2:00pm Trinity Garage Sale |                                 |           |   |