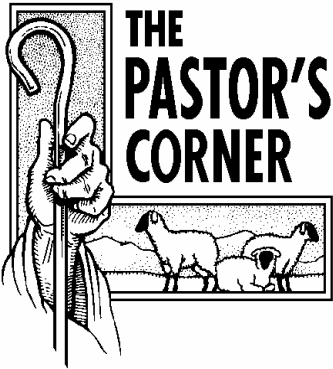


Trinity Tidings

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

NOVEMBER

6 - Remember to set the clocks back!
13 - 9:00am - 2:00pm Christmas Sale
15 - Tidings Articles Due for December
18 - Pastor attending Circuit Conference
21 - 11:00am Voter's meeting with Potluck
24 - 7:00pm Divine Service
25 - Thanksgiving Day
28 - Last Day to Order Poinsettias



What Needs to Change in The Church?

On October 31st we will celebrate Reformation Day, the day when Martin Luther nailed 95 theses for discussion on the church door in Wittenberg. For Luther there was a problem, it wasn't how many were in attendance in pews, it wasn't the activities of the youth group, it wasn't who left the lights on or who didn't clean up after the last event, but it was about how the church thought and taught about salvation.

Luther didn't post the 95 theses to break away from the church or to start his own church, but to stimulate academic debate to the teachings of the church. For Luther this was the most important item for the Church. For salvation for us sinners can only come from Christ alone, and not by our works.

That being said, how quickly do we compare churches not based upon matters of salvation, but upon others things? So for this Reformation Day let us remember the grace that comes from Christ Jesus given to us sinners. Noting that we are the sinners and we will grumble and complain about many different things, but as Jesus said to Martha, there is one thing needful, and it will not be taken away.

Pastor Balla

Side note taken from the book *Lutheranism 101: Are Lutherans Protestant?*

By definition, Lutherans are the only "Protestants." In 1529 at the Diet (Imperial Assembly) of Speyer, legal restrictions were placed upon the Evangelicals that restricted their ability to spread Evangelical teaching, and the right to assembly, among others. The Evangelical delegation filed a formal protest. When the protest was rejected, the delegation at Speyer filed an appeal with the emperor. Historically, then, to refer to the "Protestants" come this specific protest, one lodged only by the Lutherans.

Later reformers tried to strengthen their cause by joining themselves with this historic protest. Because so many people taught differently from the Evangelicals, the "Lutherans" ended up largely rejecting the title for themselves.

Advent Season

December 1 - 7:00 PM (Soup Supper at 6:00pm)
December 8 - 7:00 PM (Soup Supper at 6:00pm)
December 11 - 5:30 PM Christmas Choral Celebration
December 15 - 7:00 PM (Soup Supper at 6:00pm)

Christmas Season

December 24 - 7:00 PM Christmas Eve - English
December 24 - 8:30 PM Christmas Eve - Spanish
December 25 - 10:00 AM Christmas Day - English
December 25 - 12:00 PM Christmas Day - Spanish
December 26 - 9:00 AM Divine Service
December 31 - 7:00 PM New Years Eve

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.

**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 little more than half way to our goal. Please note "Church Steps" on your designated contribution.

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!



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

**BAPTISMAL
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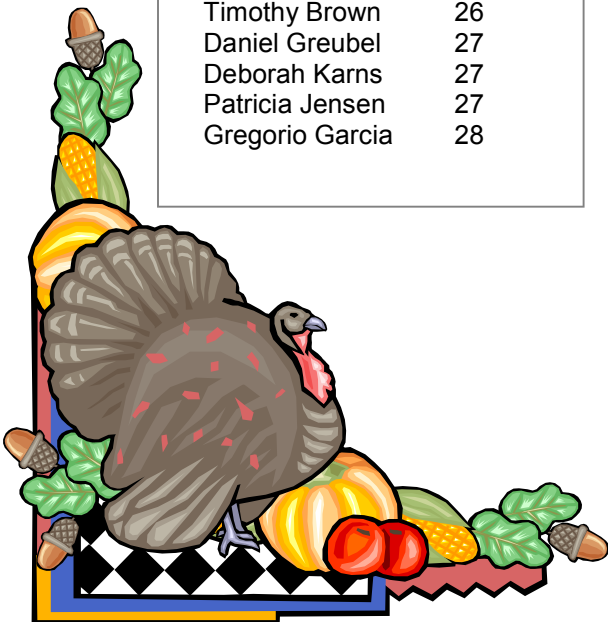
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Leon Zarate	1
Sharon Lemon	1
Lois Kovarik	3
Harmony Morris	5
Wayne Matejka	7
Gretchen Planek	13
Cheryl Perkis	13
Harry Bruce	21
Dian Cracraft	26
David Balla	29

Please help us keep your records up to date!

If you have recently had a change of address or telephone number or if you notice a discrepancy in an anniversary, baptism or birthday date, please send your updated information to the church office.

Email: secretary@trinitywc.com

Phone: 630-231-1175



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

IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

Join Trinity's choirs for an evening filled with praise and thanksgiving for the Promised One - Immanuel. Through word and song be assured that God is with us at all times.

This special Christmas Choral Celebration will be on Saturday, December 11, at 5:30pm. There will be a Potluck Dinner and Christmas Carol Sing in Fellowship Hall following the celebration. Please bring a dish to pass.



We are Looking for Volunteers for Fall Landscape
Cleanup Day

Saturday 11-20-10

- ~ Pull weeds and trim bushes at Church, School & Teacherage
- ~ Clean drains on top of school roof

Please consider donating 3 hours. The more "hands" we have the more we accomplish. Bring your own gloves and hand clippers. Start 9am and done by 11:30 am. We will have coffee & fellowship at 10:15am.

Sunday School Mission Project: College Care Kits

This month, we are planning to send each college student from Trinity a special care package at the end of November. Our purpose for this project is to let our college students know that Trinity cares about them and is thinking of them during finals time. We will be collecting items to be put into kits from November 1st - November 28th. These items may be dropped off in the school or church narthex. For a list of what is needed, please contact Heather Greubel. Congregation members are welcome to help too!

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Sale and Luncheon
Trinity Lutheran Church
331 George Street - West Chicago
(corner of Sherman and George)

Saturday, November 13th, 2010
9am - 2:00pm



Christmas/All Occasion Cards
Gift Tags
Handmade Crafts and Cards
Bake Sale - homemade baked goods
Tastefully Simple Products
Clothes for 18" Dolls
Dried Flower Pictures
Holiday Bear Candy Pots
Country Western Wooden Trees
Shaklee Products
Origami Jewelry
Used Treasures



Fused Glass Jewelry, Plates and Pottery
Bow Maker - Bring ribbon and she will make bows for a fee.

Luncheon

11:30am - 1:00pm

Sloppy Joes, Salads, Chips, Dessert and Beverage

\$6.50 per person

\$3.00 children ages 10 years and younger

Manna Group – Gift Card Program

The program is back and starting in November you will be able to purchase gift cards right here at Trinity.

Gift Cards order sheets will be due: Sunday, November 21st and Sunday, December 12th. Gift cards will be delivered to you on the following Sunday unless you need them sooner.

Order forms will be available in the narthex. When the orders are due you will put your form with your check (made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church) in the designated box.

Dian Cracraft will be handling the gift card program but welcomes your help. If you are interested in helping please contact her at 630-231-9554.



November Youth Activities

Higher Things Information Meeting

November 7, 2010

After 10:30 service (about 11:30 am)

Any confirmed (or to be confirmed this year) youth who is interested in going to the Higher Things Youth Conference next summer should attend with a parent. We will be giving information about Higher Things Youth Conference to be held July 12-15, 2011. What to expect, costs, youth commitment, and registration procedures will be discussed.

Youth Group Meeting

November 7, 2010

12:00 -2:00 pm

Meet in room 7 of the school to finish making ornaments and crafts for the Christmas Sale.

Trinity's Christmas Sale

November 13, 2010

We need youth to take shifts selling the ornaments and crafts we have made. The money we earn will go towards youth activities and Higher Things.

Ice Skating

November 21

2:30 - 5.30 pm Meet in the school parking lot.

All Seasons Ice Rink in Naperville


Admission \$6.00 Skate Rental \$2.50

And don't forget Youth Bible Study:

That's in the Bible?: Bizarre Biblical Accounts

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us on Sundays for a NEW Youth Bible Study. We will delve into some bizarre, unusual, and just plain gross accounts of the Bible. Learn about accounts such as where a donkey speaks, a dude gets killed while hanging by his hair in a tree, and a woman drives a tent peg through a guy's head. We meet on Sundays at 9:15 am in the school. Bring your Bible and see it as you've never seen it before!




Any questions contact the church office at 630-231-1175 or youth@trinitywc.com . And check out all the latest youth news on our youth page on the Trinity website at <http://trinitywc.com/youth-group/>



Assistant Schedule for NOVEMBER 2010

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
November 7 Communion	8:00am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Lois Kovarik	Sarah Balla		
November 7 Communion	10:30am	Greg Garcia	Aaron Cracraft Dennis Weaver	Nancy Planek	Symantha Berzynski	Joyful Noise	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
November 14 Communion	8:00am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen		
November 14 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	Nancy Planek David Zarate	Doug Schmidt	Ben Cavanaugh		Doug & Jamie Schmidt Nancy Planek
November 21 Communion	8:00am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Eldra Rakow	Rebekah Balla		
November 21 Communion	10:30am	Dennis Weaver	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Trevor Bartels	Hosanna	Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg
November 24 Thanksgiving Eve	7:00pm	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Susan Matejka	Symantha Berzynski	Joyful Noise	
November 28 Communion	8:00am	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Vicar Gaede	Kayla Jensen		
November 28 Communion	10:30am	Greg Garcia	David Zarate Nancy Planek	Vicar Gaede	Ben Cavanaugh	Joyful Noise	Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 2 - 4pm POBLO in Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Confirmation 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	3	4 6:30pm Joyful Noise	5	6 Remember to set the clock back 
7 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Hosanna 12:00pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 - 9pm AA in F.H.	8 7:00pm PPC mtg	9 2 - 4pm POBLO in Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Confirmation	10 10:00am DCC	11 6:30pm Joyful Noise	12	13 Christmas Sale 9am - 2pm 
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28 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Hosanna Last Day Poinsettia Orders 6 - 9pm AA in F.H.	29 9 - 12pm Headstart in Fellowship Hall	30 2 - 4pm POBLO in Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Confirmation	<p>Join us for midweek Advent services beginning December 1st & Christmas Chorale Celebration on December 11th at 5:30pm</p> 