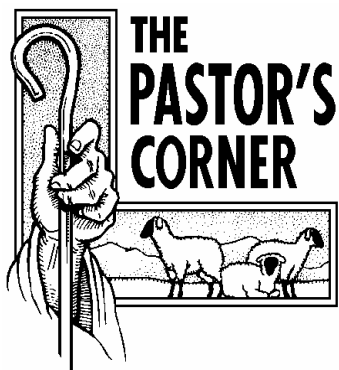


Trinity Tidings

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

DECEMBER

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| 1 | 6:00pm | Soup Supper | 15 | 6:00pm | Soup Supper |
| | 7:00pm | Worship Service | | 7:00pm | Worship Service |
| 4 | 12 - 4:00pm | Youth Group Meeting | 21 | 7:30pm | Women's Bible Class |
| 7 | 7:30pm | Women's Bible Class | 24 | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve - English service |
| 8 | 6:00pm | Soup Supper | | 8:30pm | Christmas Eve - Spanish service |
| | 7:00pm | Worship Service | 25 | 10:00am | Christmas Day - English service |
| 9 | | Pastor Attending Circuit Conference | | 12:00pm | Christmas Day - Spanish service |
| 11 | 5:30pm | Christmas Choral Celebration/Potluck | 26 | 9:00am | Divine Service |
| 12 | | Gift Card Orders are Due | 31 | 7:00pm | New Year's Eve - Worship Service |
| 13 | 7:00pm | Parish Planning Committee Mtg | | | Youth Group Lock-in (following service) |



The Joy of Your Salvation

Tis the season of joy and celebration. Our world is getting ready for Christmas, with its decorations, parties, and gifts of course. But in the midst of the external decorations of our home, work and even church, what about the internal joy within us. Usually we want to cover up the inner pain that is within us and that usually feeds our motivation for the external distractions. So we tend to get wrapped up in the season, instead of facing what is inside.

However, God through the prophet Jeremiah has a different plan. God knows our heart and knows our pains and struggles. He tells us, "For thus says the Lord: Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous. There is none to uphold your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you." (Jeremiah 30:12-13)

God isn't going to focus our attention to our pain just to make us feel worse in this season of joy, but He unwraps our defenses so that He can bring healing. "For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord," (Jeremiah 30:17)

The healing of our brokenness from the Son He sends on Christmas, Jesus the Christ. It is Christ who takes our brokenness and pain from the manger to the cross, and becomes pain and brokenness for us. As a result we are healed. We are healed when we receive His broken body and blood shed we receive Him in the Lord's Supper. We are healed when His precious Word is spoken to us.

For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
all our ills of flesh and soul. (Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332 stanza 6)

So we put on the decoration and prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, and we trust in His healing that bring to us the "Joy of our Salvation" (Psalm 51:12), where trust and joy is given.

Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors

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| Dir. Board of Stewardship | Santo Lee |
| Dir. Board of Youth | Patricia Jensen Elizabeth Balla |
| Dir. Board of Fellowship | Donna Brothers |

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

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



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Jaclyn Latham | 1 |
| Patricia Jensen | 1 |
| Jill Grobe | 7 |
| Jennifer Grobe | 7 |
| Trevor Bartels | 7 |
| Rita Dauber | 9 |
| Edward Dierking | 10 |
| Grant Weaver | 10 |
| Sara Jensen | 15 |
| Ronald Rakow | 19 |
| Jessica Leeseberg | 25 |
| Ashlee McLeod | 30 |



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| Sara Jensen | 2 |
| Carolyn Hansen | 2 |
| Brooke Hennessy | 3 |
| Barbara Keller | 3 |
| Janet McCarten | 4 |
| Autumn Adams | 5 |
| Donna Brothers | 12 |
| Santo Lee | 12 |
| Mary Turnquist | 17 |
| Nancy Planek | 18 |
| Tyler Ballard | 20 |
| Noelle Fillo | 23 |
| Seth Beutke | 24 |
| John Pautler | 24 |
| Caterina Fry | 24 |
| Jamie Schmidt | 25 |
| Andrea Gustafson | 29 |
| Melissa Nutall | 30 |
| Darcy Lee | 30 |
| John Siekmann | 30 |

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 Lisa, in the church office.

Email: secretary@trinitywc.com

Phone: 630-231-1175



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.

Thank you to the following individuals and families who have recently made donations to Trinity's memorial fund in memory of Phyllis Hoffman:

Mr. Jack Bohy, Mr. and Mrs. Vogt, Ms. L. Guenther, Mr. and Mrs. R. Guenther, Ms. Midred Rossmann, Mr. J. Guenther, Mr. D. Guenther, Mr. and Mrs. V. Guenther, Mr. R. Steil

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.



Manna Group – Gift Card Program

The program is back and you will be able to purchase gift cards right here at Trinity. Gift Cards order sheets will be due: 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.

Women's Bible Class

Hope to see any and all ladies at our Women's Bible Classes in December in Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm. On Tuesday, December 7th, our Bible Study will be on Giving and Receiving using God's model of giving. The "Heart" Matters: A Look at Mary will be our study on Tuesday, December 21. We know we'll all be Martha's as we prepare for Christmas, but please take the time to be a Mary.

DECEMBER YOUTH NEWS

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Noon to 4:00pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to make Christmas cookies.

Friday, December 31, 2010 - Saturday, January 1, 2011

After the New Year's Eve service till 10:00 am

New Year's Eve Lock-in

Join us for worship and then spend the night having some fun ringing in the new year. Bring your sleeping bags, pillows, and wear comfy clothes. We'll be having pizza, snacks, games, movies and more. We are looking for a gaming system we can borrow for the night. If you have a Wii, X-box, or other gaming system we can borrow, please call the church office or contact Elizabeth Balla. Otherwise we will be enjoying the Balla's Classic Nintendo.

Permission slips, youth agreement forms and emergency/medical forms will be available in the church office or at the usher's station in December. All youth must turn in a permission slip, youth agreement form and emergency/medical form by Sunday, December 26 in order to participate.

Youth Bible Study

We are continuing with our Bible Studies of That's in the Bible?

Sunday, December 5: Elisha: Tough Love for Tough Hearts

Sunday, December 12: Jezebel: What Goes Up Must Come Down

Sunday, December 19: Hezekiah: So Sorry, Assyria

Bring your Bible and see it as you've never seen it before!

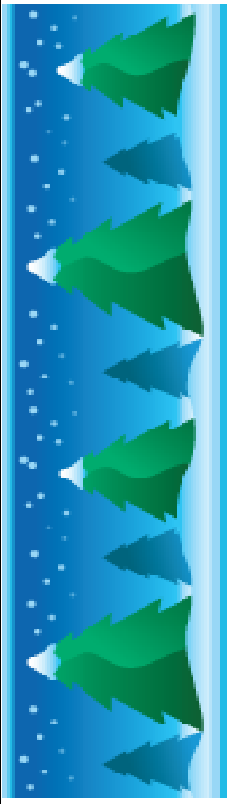

Higher Things

If you are interested in going to Higher Things July 12-15, 2011, please contact Pastor or Elizabeth Balla asap. Registration forms and deposits are due Sunday, December 12.

Assistant Schedule for December 2010

| DATE | TIME | PREACHE | LITURGIST | WORSHIP ASST. | USHERS | LAY READERS | ACOLYTES | CHOIR | COUNT TEAM |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| December 1 Communion | 7:00pm | Balla | Gaede | Ron Benes | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Vicar Gaede | Sarah Balla | | |
| December 5 Communion | 8:00am | Balla | Gaede | Mike Cracraft | Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth | Lois Kovarik | Sara Jensen | | |
| December 5 Communion | 10:30am | Balla | Gaede | Jim Grobe | Dan & Heather Greubel | Dan Greubel | Symantha Berzynski | | Laura Grobe Jeni Siekmann |
| December 8 Communion | 7:00pm | Gaede | Balla | Greg Garcia | Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik | Susan Matejka | Rebekah Balla | | |
| December 11 Christmas Choral | 5:30pm | | Balla | Mike Cracraft | Dennis Weaver Richard Rolseth | | | ALL | |
| December 12 Communion | 8:00am | Balla | Balla | Wayne Matjeka | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Eldra Rakow | Kayla Jensen | | |
| December 12 Communion | 10:30am | Balla | Balla | Doug Schmidt | Nancy Planek | Nancy Planek | Trevor Bartels | | Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt |
| December 15 Communion | 7:00pm | Balla | Gaede | Wayne Matejka | Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik | Vicar Gaede | Sarah Balla | | |
| December 19 Communion | 8:00am | Balla | Gaede | Mike Cracraft | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Vicar Gaede | Sara Jensen | | |
| December 19 Communion | 10:30am | Balla | Gaede | Dennis Weaver | David Zarate | Vicar Gaede | Ben Cavanaugh | | Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg |
| December 24 Christmas Eve | 7:00pm <i>English</i> | Balla | Gaede | Doug Schmidt | Dan Rakow David Zarate | Doug Schmidt | Kayla Jensen | | |
| December 24 Christmas Eve | 8:30pm <i>Spanish</i> | Gaede | Gaede Balla | Greg Garcia | Wayne Matejka | Vicar Gaede | | | |
| December 25 Christmas Day | 10:00am <i>English</i> | Gaede | Balla | Jim Grobe | Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik | Lois Kovarik | Sarah Balla | | |
| December 25 Christmas Day | 12:00pm <i>Spanish</i> | Gaede | Gaede Balla | Greg Garcia | Ron Benes | Vicar Gaede | | | |
| December 26 Communion | 9:00am | Balla | Gaede | Ron Benes | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Ron Benes | Rebekah Balla | | Greg & Sharon Garcia Cheryl Perkis |
| December 31 Communion | 7:00pm | Gaede | Balla | Dennis Weaver | Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik | Eldra Rakow | Sarah Balla | | |

DECEMBER 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Hosanna 6 – 9pm AA in F. H. | 6 9–12pm Headstart in Fellowship Hall |  7 7:30pm Women's Bible Class 2 – 4pm POBLO in Fellowship Hall | 1 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship Serv | 2 11:00am WC Terrace 6:30pm Joyful Noise | 3 10 Pastor attending Circuit Conference | 4 9:30am – 10:30am Hosanna Choir Practice 12 – 4:00pm Youth Group Meeting |
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| 26 9:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 6 – 9pm AA in F. H. | 27 28 2 – 4pm POBLO in Fellowship Hall | 28 2 – 4pm POBLO in Fellowship Hall | 29 30 | 30 6:30pm Joyful Noise | 31 New Year's Eve 7:00pm Worship Serv Youth Group Lock-in (immed. after service) |  |