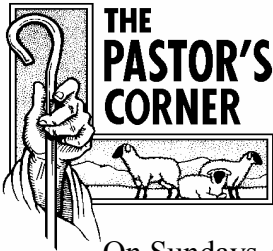


# Trinity Tidings

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

**April 1** - 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service  
**April 2** - 7:00pm Good Friday Divine Service  
**April 4** - 6:30am Easter Divine Service  
7:30am - 9:00am Easter Breakfast  
10:30am - Divine Service  
**April 11** - 10:30am Confirmation  
**April 12** - 7:00pm Parish Planning Committee Meeting  
**April 15** - Pastor attending Circuit Meeting  
**April 20** - Tidings articles for May due  
7:00pm Bible Study  
**April 21** - 10:30am Bible Study  
**April 27** - 7:00pm Bible Study  
**April 28** - 10:30am Bible Study



## “Excel in the Grace of Giving”

On Sundays April 18, April 25, and May 2, our worship theme will be “Excel in the Grace of Giving.” I hope you will make every effort to be present on all three Sundays. During the second Sunday service, we will introduce a giving challenge titled “Give Plus One.”

As your pastor, I hope and pray that the messages offered will help us in our journeys as faithful and generous stewards. By the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are molded and transformed into stewards who follow God’s ways and become more Christ-like in our giving. As Christians, we are motivated to give by the gift of God’s grace through His Son. With hearts filled with God’s love and grace, we can give faithfully.

Giving is our faith response to God’s gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives. We also give out of obedience because God’s Word directs us to give. The Apostle Paul said, *“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving”* (2 Corinthians 8:7). Just as Paul urged the people in Corinth to give, we are urged to *“excel in this grace of giving.”*

In addition to Sunday Bible studies, there will be Bible studies held on Tuesday evenings (April 20, 27 and May 4) at 7:00pm and also Wednesday late mornings (April 21, 28 and May 5) at 10:30am. The themes for these Bible studies will be: “Why Christians Give”, “Outrageous Giving”, “Principles of Giving”. Please R.S.V.P. the church office for these additional Bible study dates.

Please bring your commitment forms to church on Commitment Sunday, May 2, or return it to the church office at your convenience.

May God bless and keep us in His peace and joy as we give to Him!

Pastor Balla



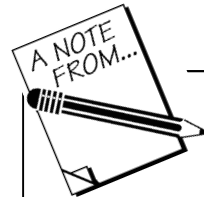
Rowan Gregory	1
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Bonnie Rosedale	3
James Siekmann	4
Robert Thieda	4
Jenna Ciolino	7
Anna Fortelka	10
Rita Dauber	10
Jason Rosedale	11
Richard Kovarik	12
Susan Brown	12
Lindsay Bruce	13
Amy Thieda	13
Lawrence Kraus	14
Gavin Lee	14
Barbara Hughes	15
Wayne Gregory	16
Hailey Kellogg	20
Richard Rolseth	20
Scott Rolseth	22
Debra Gregory	27
Gino Karns	28

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

John Jensen	1
Karen Swanson	1
Jerome Planek	4
Daniel Greubel	6
Wilbert Withaeger	9
Daniel Rakow	11
Clark Weaver	11
Bonnie Zahn	17
Richard Rolseth	19
Josephine Kotke	21
Lynda Benes	22
Kevin Grobe	24
Clarence Hughes, Jr.	25



Douglas and Lonna Schmidt	4/4/1981
Kenneth and Lucinda Klug	4/17/1971
Timothy and Susan Brown	4/21/1990
Mark and Suzanne Nitz	4/21/2001
Aaron and Andrea Rosedale	4/30/2000



### ...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.

**Phone:** 630-231-1175

**Email:** secretary@trinitywc.com

**Secretary hours:** 9:00am-2:00pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

### Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors

<b>Congregational Executive Officer</b>	Dennis Weaver
<b>Asst. Congregational Officer</b>	Ron Benes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cathy Weaver
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<b>Dir. Board of Lay Ministry</b>	Wayne Matejka
<b>Dir. Board of Parish Education</b>	Heather Greubel
	Kristi Gregory
<b>Dir. Board of Public Relations</b>	Dian Cracraft
<b>Dir. Board of Stewardship</b>	Santo Lee
<b>Dir. Board of Youth</b>	Brenda Behrends
<b>Dir. Board of Fellowship</b>	Cheryl Perkis

**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**

## Easter Breakfast, Sunday April 4th



Easter Breakfast will be served (buffet style) at 7:30am – 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Scrambled eggs with bacon, pancakes, homemade breads, coffee cakes, juice, milk and coffee will be served. A Free Will Basket will be at each table. A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex for volunteers to set up, clean up and for baked good donations. Please pre-slice your baked goods.

## Give Heifer Gifts and Kiss Hunger Goodbye

Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. In its first 65 years, Heifer assisted more than 10.5 million families in more than 125 countries. In areas where hunger and despair once prevailed, Heifer programs have reinvigorated communities through livestock, training and Passing on the Gift. (Heifer International Catalog)

Heifer International works in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty. Our Sunday School project for the Lenten Season is to assist Heifer International in purchasing animals.

If you would like to make a donation here's what you do:

Choose an animal. (More than one family may purchase an animal)

Sheep(1) - \$120

Honeybees(1 package + box and hive) - \$30

Trio of Rabbits(3) - \$60

Flock of Chicks(10-50) - \$20

Pay by cash or check.

Checks should be made payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church*.

Take a slip and designate which animal you would like to purchase. Insert payment and completed slip into the Heifer International Box.

**This will continue through Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information please contact Kristi Gregory and Heather Greubel.

## 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!

## Many Thanks to All Volunteers!

The following is a list of volunteer opportunities and how to get involved:

Parish Planning Council

Choir

Altar Guild

Cleaning/Vacuumping church

Communion Assistant; Usher; Readers

Special events (painting, yard cleanup, etc.)

Snow Removal

Sunday school teachers

VBS helpers

May elections; 2 year term.

Contact Dahlas G. or Heather G.

Contact Loane Dierking

Signup sheet in Narthex.

Contact Pastor

Sign-up/ Show-up

Contact Doug Schmidt

Contact Heather Greubel

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The Church-cleaning crew needs additional volunteers. Currently only 4 families are cleaning the Church (the same 4 families for the past few years). The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Can you Spare 1 to 2 hours every 5 or 6 weeks? Basic cleaning involves: Vacuum carpets; empty trash cans; clean bathrooms; clean kitchen (counters and sink); light dusting.

Please consider signing up for a week.

There is no obligation.

No salesman will call.

## 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.



### 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!**



### *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Sale and Luncheon*

*at Trinity will return in November. As last year, we will be looking for vendors, crafters and donations of baked goods. More information to come at a later date.*



In Christ with Persons Developmentally Challenged

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Deaconess Jana Peters  
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February 25, 2010

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Dear Friends,

Lights, Camera, Action!!!!

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Voice of Care, Bethesda Lutheran Communities and Lutheran Special Education Ministries put together a workshop to help train all types of teachers about using drama to teach God's Word. Marybeth Fox-Grimm, from Washington DC, led us through Mark 8:27-37. Those with parts for Jesus, Peter, and Jesus followers did a wonderful job acting out their parts and everyone looked great in their costumes. We learned that Jesus is not John the Baptist, Elijah, or just a prophet. At the end of the lesson we all knew that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God. The actors were asked what they enjoyed most about the performance and many of them said they just enjoyed being part of the group and learning more about Jesus.

Drama is a wonderful teaching tool. There are many types of learning styles and drama helps bring stories to life through concrete learning. Drama makes the experience of the lessons more real. A story is easier to understand when you are going through the motions and learning about each character. When using drama it can be helpful to practice the lesson a few times. Repetition is important for all of God's people when it comes to learning and memorizing His Word. When the performance night comes around the students will probably have the lesson memorized and there is a good chance they will never forget the story throughout their lives.

Voice of Care is able to have events like this drama workshop because of donors like you. **Thank you for all your support to this ministry with your donation of \$ 75.00.**




God's Blessings

Pastor Don Kretzschmar  
Executive Director/Chaplain

## Assistant Schedule for APRIL 2010

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP ASSIST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
April 1 Communion	7:00pm	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	
April 2 Communion	7:00pm	Greg Garcia	Richard Rolseth Richard Kovarik	Eidra Rakow		Joyful Noise	
April 4 Communion	6:30 am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Orland Houlihan	Joyful Noise	
April 4 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	David Zarate Dennis Weaver	Doug Schmidt	Orland Houlihan	Joyful Noise	Kathy Bartels Karla Bruce
April 11 Communion	8:00am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Ron Benes	Symantha Berzynski		
April 11 Communion	10:30 am	Greg Garcia	Nancy Planek Dennis Weaver	Nancy Planek	Orland Houlihan		Cheryl Perkis Greg & Sharon Garcia
April 18 Communion	8:00 am	Mike Cracraft	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Eidra Rakow	Rebekah Balla Sarah Balla		
April 18 Communion	10:30 am	Dennis Weaver	David Zarate	Nancy Planek	Nathan Houlihan	Joyful Noise	Jeni Siekmann Laura Grobe
April 25 Communion	8:00am	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sara Jensen Kayla Jensen		
April 25 Communion	10:30am	Doug Schmidt	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Ben Cavanaugh	Hosanna	Doug & Jamie Schmidt Nancy Planek
May 2 Communion	8:00am	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Sue Matejka	Rebekah Balla Sarah Balla		
May 2 Communion	10:30am	Dennis Weaver	David Zarate Nancy Planek	Nancy Planek	Logan Bruce Lindsay Bruce	Joyful Noise	Karla Bruce Kathy Bartels

# APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>***With the increasing use of Fellowship Hall, we ask that you please call the church office for any scheduling requests or inquiries. Thank you!</p> 						
<b>4 6:30am Divine Service</b> <b>7:30 – 9:00am Easter Breakfast</b> <b>10:30am Divine Service</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 8:00am Divine Service</b> <b>9:15am Bible Study</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Divine Service</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 11:30am Sunday School Teachers Meeting PPC Nominations Due	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	5:00pm Hosanna <b>14</b> 10:00am DCC	6:30pm Joyful Noise <b>15</b> Pastor attending Circuit Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25 8:00am Divine Service</b> <b>9:15am Bible Study</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:30am Divine Service</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	5:00pm Hosanna <b>28</b> 10:30am Bible Study	6:30pm Joyful Noise <b>29</b> 6:30pm Joyful Noise	<b>30</b>	