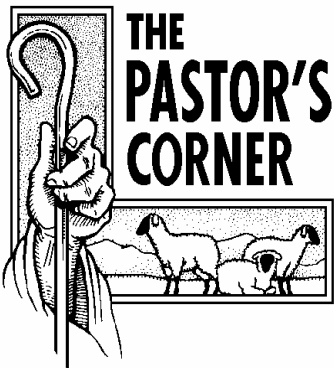


Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
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JANUARY

January 1 - Youth Lock-in Ends 10:00am
January 4 - 7:30pm Women's Bible Class
January 12 - 10:00am DCC
January 18 - 7:30pm Women's Bible Class
January 27 - 11:00am WC Terrace
January 30 - 11:30am - 3:00pm Fun Sunday



Suffering or Its Appearance

Remarkably, the first heresy about Christ was not the denial of His full divinity, but the denial of His full humanity. The denial of His divinity would be left to Arius in the fourth century A.D. Long before Arius, heretics denied that Christ was man born of the Virgin Mary. John, the Apostle, already recognized this attack on the catholic truth: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already" (1Jn 4:1-3). This is remarkable to us because in our day the most common heresy in regard to Christ is the denial of His full divinity. The long project of liberal western Christianity was to strip Jesus of the divine nature and reduce Him to an opinionated religious philosopher and do-gooder. In this liberal make-over, He bears an astonishing (or maybe not so much) resemblance to the very self-regarding architects of His demotion from divinity. This is recognizable as a form of self-deification. If God can be dethroned, that leaves the position open for other applicants.

Ignatius of Antioch was fully aware of the Gnostic attack on the humanity of God's Son, born of Mary. Although it is hard to say that one heresy is worse than the next, because the Word of the Lord is a completely united whole, the denial of Christ's humanity may be the worst heresy ever to arise and be foisted onto Christians. It makes our liberal heretics look like pikers in comparison. For if His humanity could be painted as a mere appearance, a phantasm, or a ghost, then it calls into question whether our human nature has been cleansed and redeemed by the incarnation of the Word. If the incarnation was a bit a play acting, then in what way could we who have real human natures be sure of our redemption? If He bore only an appearance, He would have only rescued an appearance from death and decay. What benefit is there for those of us who, not only appear to be human, but also truly are human?

If Christ has not born truly humanity we would be left alone in the world. If He maintains the full majesty of His divinity and has not our human flesh, but only an appearance of it, then how could we approach Him certain of His hearing and subsequent intercession for us. He would only be an majestic potentate, not our brother, our friend, and our fellow sufferer. Appearing to sympathize with those who suffer, is far different than suffering with them and for them. So it is for the Messiah who bears our flesh; He knows how to treat those who are suffering, because He suffered in our flesh.

Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors

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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.
- ~ 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!





BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
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| Donna Brothers | 1 |
| Louis Blacksmith | 1 |
| Emily Cavanaugh | 8 |
| Eldra Rakow | 14 |
| Marissa Bartels | 14 |
| Seth Beutke | 15 |
| Loane Dierking | 19 |



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| Caroline Planek | 6 |
| Matthew Smothers | 6 |
| Susan Matejka | 7 |
| Ronald Benes | 7 |
| David Zarate | 7 |
| Travis Matejka | 7 |
| Douglas Schmidt | 8 |
| Dale Zarate | 10 |
| Jessica Schmidt | 11 |
| Philip Zelman | 12 |
| Beverly Boorsma | 13 |
| Glenn Hansen | 13 |
| Joel Beutke | 15 |
| Martha Tipper | 15 |
| Brandi Bodie | 17 |
| Susan Rolseth | 17 |
| Gerry Tunaitis | 18 |
| Anakin Hughes | 19 |
| Dana Fry | 19 |
| Jenny Zinser | 20 |
| Aaden Rosedale | 22 |
| Shirley Rolseth | 22 |
| Greg Kuhn | 25 |
| Jeremy Wiedow | 28 |
| Clark Weaver | 28 |
| Cynthia Macko | 31 |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| Jerry and Caroline Planek, Jr. | 1/17/2004 |
| Michael and Janet McCarten | 1/19/1985 |

Thank you to the following individuals and families who have recently made donations to Trinity's memorial fund

Deb Wilcox in memory of Bernice Bergquist

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.


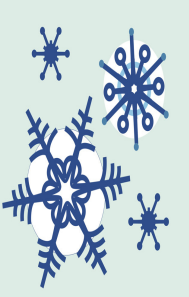
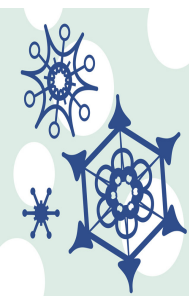


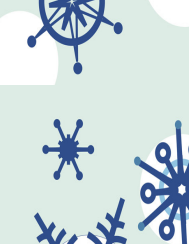

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Assistant Schedule for January 2011

| DATE | TIME | PREACHER | LITURGIST | WORSHIP ASST. | USHERS | LAY READERS | ACOLYTES | CHOIRS | COUNT TEAM |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| January 2 Communion | 8:00am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Wayne Matejka | Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik | Eldra Rakow | Sara Jensen | | |
| January 2 Communion | 10:30am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Greg Garcia | Nancy Planek | Nancy Planek | | | Laura Grobe Jeni Siekmann |
| January 9 Communion | 8:00am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Wayne Matejka | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Lois Kovarik | Sarah Balla | | |
| January 9 Communion | 10:30am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Doug Schmidt | David Zarate Richard Rolseth | Doug Schmidt | Symantha Berzynski | Joyful Noise | Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt |
| January 16 Communion | 8:00am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Ron Benes | Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik | Ron Benes | Kayla Jensen | | |
| January 16 Communion | 10:30am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Dennis Weaver | Nancy Planek | Nancy Planek | Trevor Bartels | | Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg |
| January 23 Communion | 8:00am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Wayne Matejka | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Sue Matejka | Rebekah Balla | | |
| January 23 Communion | 10:30am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Greg Garcia | David Zarate Richard Rolseth | Vicar Gaede | Symantha Berzynski | Joyful Noise | Greg & Sharon Garcia Cheryl Perkis |
| January 30 Communion | 8:00am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Ron Benes | Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik | Ron Benes | Sara Jensen | | |
| January 30 Communion | 10:30am | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Jim Grobe | Dan & Heather Greubel | Vicar Gaede | Ben Cavanaugh | Hosanna | Laura Grobe Jeni Siekmann |

January 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | |  | |  | | 1 Youth Lock-in ends at 10:00am |
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