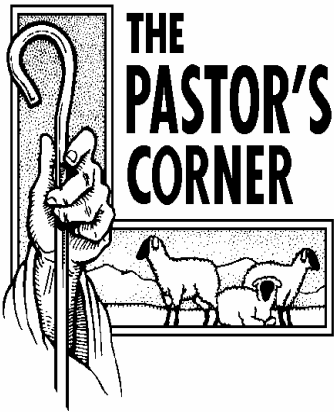


Trinity Tidings

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

FEBRUARY

- 8 & 9 - Pastor attending Conference
- 13 - 11:30am Voter's Meeting with Potluck
- 20 - Fundability Orders Due
- 27 - Fundability Orders Available



How Important Is The Church

We won't really learn the Christian faith until we realize that Jesus did not come to be the big deal but to make His church the big deal. St. Paul is clear, that while the church loves Christ, HE came to save HER. She is the object of His love. It is for His Bride that His side was pierced to create and sustain her, just like Adam's wife came from his rib.

We won't really learn the Christian faith until we realize that when Christ sees us, He doesn't see our sins, our faults, our spots and our blemishes. St. Paul says that Christ gave Himself up for His bride and so washed her and made her to be without spot or stain or blemish. That means that by the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary and by His washing us at the baptismal font, our sins are wiped out. He doesn't see them. We are surrounded by churches who either don't take sin seriously, as something we need to be saved from, or else make Jesus into an overbearing judge who is just watching you to catch you when you make a mistake.

This is the great joy of the Christian faith as God's Word teaches it: It is not a burden to be borne. Jesus is not a God to be "put up" with. He is a Lord and Savior who rescues us from sin and death and prepares an everlasting wedding feast for us to enjoy with Him forever. The essence of the faith is not that we put Jesus first but that He has put us first and always puts us first.

Now apply that to marriages and our Christian life. Husbands should always put their wives above themselves. Christians should always put others above themselves. When it comes to asking who is more important, we ought always to live as if the other person is, for that is how our Lord sees us. And His putting us first, to save us from sin and death, is what makes Him our Savior. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

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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

Thank you to the following individuals and families who have recently made memorial donations to Trinity.

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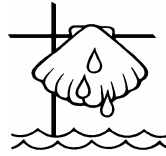
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Paul Bartels	24
Karla Bruce	24
Louis Blacksmith	24
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Sharon Garcia	27
Janet Pautler	27
Glen Fry	28



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald Benes	1
Kathy Bartels	1
Gerry Tunaitis	10
Susan Matejka	11
David Zarate	12
Martha Tipper	12
Laura Naill	13
Jamie Schmidt	14
Nancy Planek	14
Autumn Adams	15
Melissa Nutall	20



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

James and Laura Grobe 2/25/1978



Manna Group (Fundability) – Gift Card Program

Gift Cards order sheets will be **due**: Sunday, February 20th
 Gift Cards will be **delivered** to you on the following Sunday, February 27th,
 unless you need them sooner.
 The next time to place and order will be in April.

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.



Collections and Recycling

- ~ Please remember to save your used greeting cards.
 - ~ Gently used prayer books.
 - ~ 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!

We would like to say thank you to Pastor, Vicar Gaede, and members of Trinity. Your visits, phone calls, thoughts, prayers, cards, and other expressions of sympathy gave comfort and strength to us during the recent loss of our loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. We will miss the Christian involvement and dedication that she had in our lives, and she will always be in our hearts. She also had love and concern for Trinity and it's members, and you too were in her thoughts and prayers quite often. Thank you again.

The family of Arlene Zarate

A Letter from Voice of Care

THE TOUCH by Vic Both 12/5/2010

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| <p>1. <i>What shall be said
By the side of the bed
When one looks down on the need;</i></p> <p>3. <i>The answer is not
In the words that you've got,
But the love in your hands when you touch.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Words that will cope
With the need for hope
So the reason we've come will succeed?</i></p> <p>4. <i>There's nothing to say
That's new to the day
But they'll know that Christ loves them so much.</i></p> |
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Dear Friends,

The poem reminds me of our Lord's work as a visit is made in His Name by workers of Voice of Care. Recently, Dorothy, the deaconess student with us at GlenBridge Nursing and Rehab Center told me of a man I'll call Art, who is there to recover from an injury. She suggested I visit him. Though our mission is primarily to those who are developmentally challenged, we also seek to care for anyone at the nursing home. When I introduced myself at his bed-side, Art quickly said, "But I'm Jewish!" I welcomed that information and gave him our devotion folder where the words of a Jewish prophet Isaiah (35:4 - "Behold, your God will come...He will come and save you.") told of the Messiah whom we want to share as we visit. We talked. Then Art said, "You're Lutheran aren't you?" "Yes," I replied. "I love Lutherans," he said. "Every Lutheran person I talk to is so helpful." He then told me of a Lutheran Church where he and some others with alcohol problems can meet and talk. The next week when I looked in on Art, he again quickly said, "But I'm Jewish!" I'm sure it will take time, but the love of our Lord Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, the Christ, has the power to help him say more of who he is in that love.

Your donation of \$ 75.00 enables such visits to carry God's Word and Christ's love. I thank God for "Art" (Not his name) and for the Christ love your gift shows.

In Christ,


Pastor Don Kretzschmar

Assistant Schedule for February 2011

DATE	TIME	PREACHER	LITURGIST	WORSHIP ASST.	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
February 6 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Eldra Rakow	Sara Jensen		
February 6 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Doug Schmidt	Richard Rolseth Nancy Planek	Doug Schmidt	Symantha Berzynski	Joyful Noise	Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt
February 13 Communion	8:00am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Ron Benes	Sarah Balla		
February 13 Communion	10:30am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Dennis Weaver	Richard Rolseth	Vicar Gaede	Trevor Bartels		Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg
February 20 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Kayla Jensen		
February 20 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Greg Garcia	David Zarate	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Greg & Sharon Garcia Cheryl Perkis
February 27 Communion	8:00am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Sue Matejka	Rebekah Balla		
February 27 Communion	10:30am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Jim Grobe	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel		Hosanna	Laura Grobe Jeni Stiekmann

FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2 – 4pm POBLO in FH 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	2	3 6:30pm Joyful Noise	4	5
6 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Hosanna 6 – 9pm AA in F. H.	7	8 2 – 4pm POBLO in FH Pastor attending Conference	9	10	11	12
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