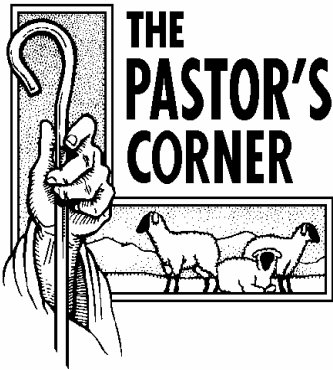


Trinity Tidings

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

MARCH

- 9 - 5:00pm Spanish Worship
6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm English Worship
- 16 - 6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship
- 17 - Pastor attending Circuit meeting
- 22 - April Tidings articles are due
- 23 - 6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship
- 30 - 6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship



God's Unconditional Love

What can we say about God's love? We can say that God's love is unconditional. God does not say, "I love you, if ..." There are no ifs in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love is from eternity to eternity and is not bound to any time-related events or circumstances. Does that mean that God does not care what we do or say? No, because God's love wouldn't be real if God didn't care. To love without condition does not mean to love without concern. God desires to enter into relationship with us and wants us to love God in return.

Let's dare to enter into an intimate relationship with God without fear, trusting that we will receive love and always more love.

As we enter Lent, we focus upon that relationship. Yes, there is concern that is why God invites us to call upon His name through His Son Jesus Christ. Here at Trinity we will focus on prayer during the mid-week service.

God speaks to us in Word and Sacraments and we speak back through prayer. Join us on Wednesday starting March 9th, because God does indeed love us and is concerned about us.

Pastor Balla

Adapted from Henri J.M. Nouwen's Bread for the Journey

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

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

In Memory of Ed Dierking: Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Mennecke, Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Gaede, Mr. and Mrs. Matejka, Ms. Marecek, Ms. Deutsch, Mr and Mrs. Rolseth, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Mathieu, Mrs. Blum, Mrs Dettmann, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dierking, Mr. and Mrs. Westrom, Mrs Muilenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Krauspe, Mr. and Mrs. Kerner, Mr. Ed Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Rakow, Mr. and Mrs. Cohn, Mrs. K. Swanson, Mrs. Ronen, Mr. and Mrs. Kovarik, Mr. and Mrs. Zarate, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Tinnes, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver

In Memory of Arlene Zarate: Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson

Please help us keep your records up to date!

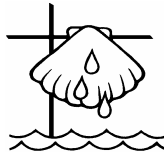
If you have recently had a change of address or telephone number or if you notice a discrepancy in an anniversary, baptism or birthday date, please send your updated information to Lisa, in the church office.

Email: secretary@trinitywc.com

Phone: 630-231-1175



Daylight Savings begins March 13th
Remember to change your clocks!



**BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES**

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Annette Voss | 1 |
| Aaden Rosedale | 7 |
| Shirley Rolseth | 8 |
| Logan Bruce | 9 |
| Heather Greubel | 11 |
| Jessica Schmidt | 12 |
| Dorthea Rakow | 22 |



| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Paul Cavanaugh | 1 |
| Dorthea Rakow | 1 |
| Dennis Weaver | 2 |
| Patricia Thieda | 4 |
| Kathleen Perkis | 6 |
| Jeni Siekmann | 8 |
| Glen Fry | 8 |
| Morgan Schar | 8 |
| Deryl Deringer | 9 |
| Aaron Hollen | 9 |
| Benjamin Cavanaugh | 9 |
| John Jensen | 10 |
| Julia Anderson | 10 |
| Harold Blenkle, Jr. | 14 |
| Daniel Rakow | 19 |
| Michael Bicchinella | 19 |
| Kari Schmidt | 25 |
| Jason Wiedow | 30 |
| Roberta Gregory | 31 |

WEDDING  ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Ronald and Barbara Keller | 3/8/1985 |
| Thomas and Darlene Friese-Staddler | 3/15/1986 |
| Michael and Dian Cracraft | 3/19/1983 |
| William and Karla Bruce | 3/21/1992 |
| Glenn and Carolyn Hansen | 3/25/1979 |
| Andrea and Nathan Gustafson | 3/26/2006 |
| Santo and Darcy Lee | 3/29/2003 |

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!



WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

We seem to have lost touch with the following people. If you have a current address that we may contact them at, please email the church office at: secretary@trinitywc.com or call 630-231-1175.

Jasmine Bee
Daryl D. Deringer
Daryl Deringer
Samantha Deringer
Shirley Elton
Morgan Grimaldo
Julie Hattula

Mary Hattula
Ted Hattula
Laura Kellogg
Harmony Morris
Shannon Nelson
Amanda Nottingham
Amie Nottingham

Gregory Olson
Kimberly Olson
Jessica Rowlett
Matthew Schmidt
Jason Wiedow
Jeremy Wiedow
Joshua Wiedow

***Fundraising for the front steps and
handrails at the church has been completed!***

Thank you!!!

Gifts from the Heart

LWML 2011 convention will be held in Peoria, IL. We will be able to reach out with care and compassion with Gifts from the Heart. Agencies in Peoria, as well as Orphan Grain Train, have been chosen to receive the gifts from you heart. One of the goals is to fill a trailer with quilts, in any size, for Orphan Grain Train (please make sure they are packed in a clear plastic bag).

Other ways you can help, include:

New Bath Towel/Hand Towel/Washcloth

(packed in a clear plastic zip lock bag)

- 1 Bath Towel
- 1 Hand Towel
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

Men's, Women's and Children's Underwear in the Original Packaging

(labeled correctly)

- 1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (securely taped to the package)

New Children's Picture Bibles (English) or Arch Books

Kits - Men, Women and Children (Mark which one. All items are to be NEW and regular size, not travel size. Pack in clear plastic zip lock bag.)

MEN

- Men's Socks
- Stick Deodorant
- Disposable Razors
- Toothbrush
- Bar of Soap
- 1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

WOMEN

- Women's Socks
- Stick Deodorant
- Hand or Body Cream
- Toothbrush
- Bar of Soap

CHILDREN

- Children's Socks
- Box of 8 Crayons
- Safety Scissors
- Christian Coloring Book
- Christian Story Book
- Toothbrush

Items may be left in the church narthex and will be delivered to the convention.

Assistant Schedule for March 2011

| DATE | TIME | PREACHER | LITURGIST | WORSHIP AST. | USHERS | LAY READERS | ACOLYTES | CHOIRS | COUNT TEAM |
|---|---------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| March 6 Communion | 8:00am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Mike Cracraft | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Eldra Rakow | Sara Jensen | | |
| March 6 Communion | 10:30am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Doug Schmidt | David Zarate Nancy Planek | Doug Schmidt | Ben Cavanaugh | Sunday School | Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt |
| March 9 Ash Wednesday <i>Spanish</i> | 5:00pm | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Ron Benes | | Vicar Gaede | | | |
| March 9 Ash Wednesday <i>English</i> | 7:00pm | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Wayne Matejka | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Nancy Planek | Sarah Balla | Joyful Noise | |
| March 13 Communion | 8:00am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Wayne Matejka | Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik | Sue Matejka | Sarah Balla | | |
| March 13 Communion | 10:30am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Dennis Weaver | Richard Rolseth | Nancy Planek | Trevor Bartels | Joyful Noise | Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg |
| March 16 | 7:00pm | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Jim Grobe | Dick Kovarik | Eldra Rakow | Rebekah Balla | | |
| March 20 Communion | 8:00am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Ron Benes | Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke | Ron Benes | Kayla Jensen | | |
| March 20 Communion | 10:30am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Greg Garcia | Dan & Heather Greubel | Dan Greubel | Symantha Berzynski | Hosanna | Greg & Sharon Garcia Cheryl Perkis |
| March 23 | 7:00pm | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Ron Benes | Richard Rolseth | Lois Kovarik | Symantha Berzynski | | |
| March 27 Communion | 8:00am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Mike Cracraft | Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik | Lois Kovarik | Rebekah Balla | | |
| March 27 Communion | 10:30am | Vicar Gaede | Pastor Balla | Jim Grobe | David Zarate Nancy Planek | Nancy Planek | | Joyful Noise | Laura Grobe Jeni Siekmann |
| March 30 | 7:00pm | Pastor Balla | Vicar Gaede | Wayne Matejka | Dick Kovarik | Sue Matejka | Sarah Balla | | |

