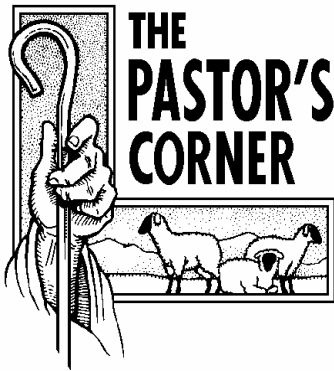


Trinity Tidings

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

APRIL

- 6 - 6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Lenten Divine Service
- 10 - Easter Flower Orders are Due
- 13 - 6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Lenten Divine Service
- 19 - Tidings Articles are Due
- 20 - Parish Planning Council Nominations are Due
- 21 - 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- 22 - 7:00pm Good Friday Worship
- 23 - 5:30pm Easter Vigil - Spanish
- 24 - 7:00am Easter Divine Service
10:30am Easter Divine Service



Discerning the Presence

The Gospels are filled with examples of Christ's presence in the word. Christ Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth, reads from Isaiah:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
for he has anointed me
to bring good news to the afflicted.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives,
sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord.
(Luke 4:18-19)

After having read these words, Jesus said, "This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening." Suddenly, it becomes clear that the afflicted, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed are not people somewhere outside of the synagogue who, someday, will be liberated; they are the people who are listening. And it is in the listening that Christ becomes present and heals.

The Word of God is not a word to apply in our daily lives at some later date; it is a word to heal us through, and in, our listening here and now.

The questions therefore are: How does Christ come to me as I listen to the word? Where do I discern the healing hand of Christ touching me through the word? How are my sadness, my grief, and my mourning being transformed at this very moment? Do I sense the fire of Christ's love purifying my heart and giving me new life? These questions lead me to the sacrament of the word that takes on flesh and blood and given to us with bread and wine. It is offered every week as we gathered to be healed by Christ Himself, here at Trinity.

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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

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

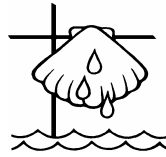
Collections and Recycling

- ~ 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!





BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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



Rowan Gregory	1
Clarence Hughes, Jr.	2
Bonnie Rosedale	3
James Siekmann	4
Robert Thieda	4
Lizet Calderon	5
Jenna Ciolino	7
Anna Fortelka	10
Rita Dauber	10
Jason Rosedale	11
Richard Kovarik	12
Susan Brown	12
Lindsay Bruce	13
Amy Thieda	13
Gavin Lee	14
Barbara Hughes	15
Hailey Kellogg	20
Richard Rolseth	20
Scott Rolseth	22
Debra Gregory	27
Gino Karns	28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

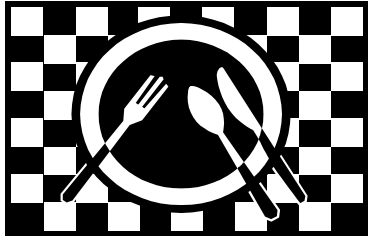


EASTER BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH 8:00AM - 9:30AM

Breakfast will be served (buffet style) in the Fellowship Hall. Scrambled eggs with bacon, pancakes, homemade breads, coffee cakes, juice, milk and coffee will be served.

A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex for volunteers to set up, clean up and donate baked goods. Please pre-slice your baked goods.

A Free Will Basket will be at each breakfast table - Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Kane/DuPage County Chapter has been asked to match these funds. The funds will be sent to: LCMS World Relief and Human Care for Disaster Relief in Japan.



Progressive Dinner

Would you be interested in attending a Progressive Dinner the evening of Saturday May 14th? If there is enough interest, the dinner would be held in the Fellowship Hall instead of driving to people's houses. If you are interested, please contact

Bell Tower Window Repair

Need volunteers to scrape and paint Bell Tower louvered windows. All work shall be done from inside standing inside Bell Tower. It is safe and a wonderful view on a sunny day. Space is limited so first come; first serve on the volunteer list. Let Doug Schmidt know if you want to help. 630-327-9736 cell



Manna Group – Gift Card Program



You will be able to purchase gift cards right here at Trinity. Gift Card order sheets will be due: Sunday, April 10th. Gift cards will be delivered to you on the following Sunday.

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.

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
1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

CHILDREN

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

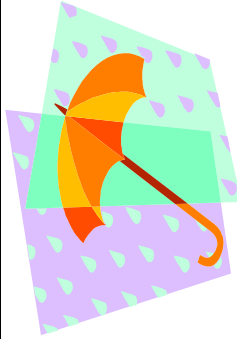
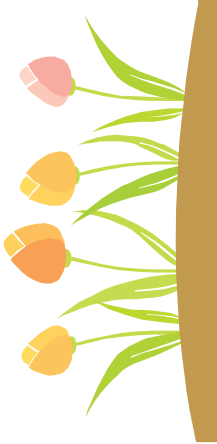



Items may be left in the church narthex and will be delivered to the convention.

Assistant Schedule for April 2011

DATE	TIME	PREACHER	LITURGIST	WORSHIP AST	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
April 3 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen		
April 3 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Doug Schmidt	Nancy Planek David Zarate	Doug Schmidt		Joyful Noise	Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt
April 6 Communion	7:00pm	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Pastor Balla	Rebekah Balla		
April 10 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Ron Benes	Sarah Balla		
April 10 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Greg Garcia	Nancy Planek	Nancy Planek	Trevor Bartels		Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg
April 13 Communion	7:00pm	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow	Pastor Balla	Sarah Balla		
April 17 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Sue Matejka	Kayla Jensen		
April 17 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Dennis Weaver	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel	Symantha Berzynski	Hos- anna	Greg & Sharon Garcia Cheryl Perkis
April 21 Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow	Eldra Rakow	Rebekah Balla	Joyful Noise	
April 22 Good Friday	7:00pm	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Greg Garcia	Dan Rakow	Nancy Planek	Sarah Balla	Joyful Noise	
April 23 Easter Vigil Spanish	5:30pm	Vicar Gaede	Vicar Gaede	Greg Garcia		Vicar Gaede			
April 24 Easter	7:00am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Dick Kovarik	Lois Kovarik	Rebekah Sarah-Crucifer	Joyful Noise	
April 24 Easter	10:30am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Doug Schmidt	David Zarate	Doug Schmidt	Symantha Trevor-Crucifer	Joyful Noise	Laura Grobe Jeni Siekman

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Hosanna 6-9pm AA in FH	4 7:00pm Elder's Mtg.	5 2-4pm CLMMA in FH 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	6 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship	7 6:30pm Joyful Noise	8	9
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24 Easter Sunday 7:00am Divine Service 8:00am - 9:30am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Divine Service	25	26 2-4pm CLMMA in FH 6:30pm Confirmation	27	28 11:00am WC Terrace 6:30pm Joyful Noise	29	30 5:30pm Easter Vigil - Spanish