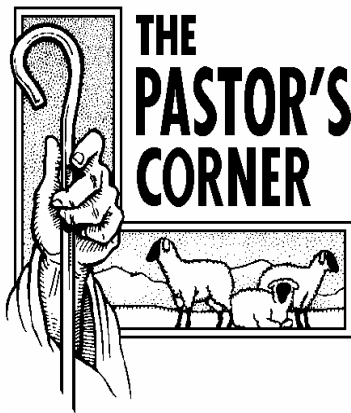


Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
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MAY

- 1 - 10:30am Confirmation
- Voter's Meeting w/Potluck
- 17 - Tidings articles due for June
- 19 - Pastor attending Circuit meeting
- 22 - Sunday School Party
- 30 - Memorial Day - Church office closed



Doing Nothing Is Hard Work

Our God is the God of the hopeless cause. Indeed, He often allows the trouble we are in to become worse, just so that His salvation is the more obvious and the more obviously attributable to His gracious care. Jesus dallies in Galilee while Lazarus was dying knowing full well that His delay would be fatal to Lazarus. He only goes to Bethany when it is time to show "the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (Jn 11:4). He wants to demonstrate that He is the master of life and death and that through Him come into existence the things that do not exist (Rm 4:17).

Just when things become hopeless for us, do we then finally dare to hope in God's rescue. This is what Paul means by hoping against hope (Rm 4:18). Only when God reduces his force to three hundred warriors does Gideon's victory become a matter of divine rescue. What choice did Gideon have but to trust the victory to God when he struck an army with a few platoons? He, like Abraham, had to hope against all hope. Abraham was reduced to old age and Sarah to barrenness waiting on God to fulfill His promise. Then Abraham could not claim that Isaac was his project, his creation. If Sarah had conceived in her youth in the normal course of nature, like many a father, Abraham could have crowed about his fathering of a child and how he had brought about the fulfillment of the promise. Of course, both Abraham and Sarah plotted an end run around God's demand of patience through the birth of Ishmael; with lamentable results. What a mess we make of things when we try to help God out.

Waiting patiently on God's promised rescue can be a painful experience. It is a cross of suffering. We suffer ridicule from those who counsel action. We struggle with doubt, because we fear that God has abandoned us. God has simply declined to work on our timetable. He is demanding the hard work of hope. Hope is audacious, yes. Especially if it remains hope, it remains walking by faith and not by sight. It means letting God gain the glory by doing that which reason claims is impossible. It takes considerable courage to let God gain the glory. It is not mere self-control, but allowing God to be in control. That letting God is hard work; doing nothing is great labor. Paul said about Abraham: "He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God" (Romans 4:19-20).

Trinity Lutheran Board of Directors

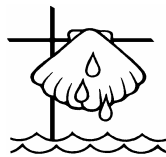
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Please call the church office for contact information for a specific director.

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.



Kelli Klug	2
Sonja Ciolino	3
Christopher Rosedale	4
Jonathan Bartels	5
Sara Rupp	5
Melissa Garcia	7
Paige Hennessy	10
Zachary Bayor	12
Jenelle Bayor	12
Jenna Bodie	14
James Grobe	15
Angelina Hubert	17
Symantha Berzynski	21
Brady Lee	21
Shannon Nelson	22
Cathy Weaver	23
Anne Wagner	25
Jacqueline Leeseberg	26
Karen Swanson	27
Hayley Macko	28
Kenneth Nienow	30
Samantha Deringer	30
Kristina Kuhn	30



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Rowan Gregory	4
Benjamin Cavanaugh	11
Kari Schmidt	13
Julia Lesch	13
Jonathan Bartels	21
Richard Kovarik	28
Sharon Garcia	28
Gregorio Garcia	28
Philip Zelman	28
James Grobe	30

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Gregorio Sharon Garcia	5/1/1982
Michael and Melinda Bicchinella	5/3/1985
Edward and Cheryl Perkis	5/7/1977
Michael and Janet Perso	5/9/1980
Ronald and Eldra Rakow	5/12/1961
Kenneth and Jaclyn Latham	5/13/1989
Marvin and Beverly Boorsma	5/20/1978

Trinity's Youth, attending the Higher Things Conference we will be participating in a servant project helping Lutheran World Relief. Trinity is able to participate by collecting items for this project. Here is what we need to collect:

- One bath-size towel (approx. 52" X 27"), dark color recommended*
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping*
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging*
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging*
- Yarn or Ribbon (for binding kits)*

LWR has made the following requests about the items donated so that kit distribution is safe and fair to all recipients: Please give new items only, except where noted otherwise. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or with your congregation's name. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Vacation Bible School will take place July 25 - 29, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Children preschool age through 6th grade are welcome to attend! The cost is \$10 for the first child, \$5 for each additional sibling with a family cap of \$20.00.

Please Join Us for the Next VBS Planning Meeting – The meeting will be Monday, May 2nd at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We are still looking for a few teachers.



GIVE HEIFER GIFTS AND KISS HUNGER GOODBYE

Our Sunday School is starting the last mission project for this school year: Heifer International. Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide by offering programs that alleviate hunger and poverty.

For more information and to make a donation, please see the table in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - Our last day of class will be Sunday, May 22nd, and on that day, we will have a Sunday School party, with a big inflatable in Parsonage Park and picnic food for lunch. The congregation is invited too! The festivities will start following the late service. There will also be information and pre-registration for VBS. Please contact Heather Greubel with any questions. Hope you can join us!

Assistant Schedule for MAY 2011

DATE	TIME	PREACHER	LITURGIST	WORSHIP AST	USHERS	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	CHOIRS	COUNT TEAM
May 1 Communion	8:00am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Sue Matejka	Sarah Balla		
May 1 Communion	10:30am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Doug Schmidt	Nancy Planek	Doug Schmidt			Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt
May 8 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Jim Grobe	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Lois Kovarik	Sara Jensen		
May 8 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Dennis Weaver	David Zarate	Nancy Planek		JN & H	Kathy Bartels Judy Leeseberg
May 15 Communion	8:00am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Rebekah Balla		
May 15 Communion	10:30am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Greg Garcia	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel			Greg & Sharon Garcia Cheryl Perkis
May 22 Communion	8:00am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Kovarik	Eldra Rakow	Kayla Jensen		
May 22 Communion	10:30am	Vicar Gaede	Pastor Balla	Jim Grobe	Nancy Planek	Nancy Planek		Joyful Noise	Laura Grobe Jeni Siekmann
May 29 Communion	8:00am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Ron Benes	Dan Rakow Carl Mennecke	Ron Benes	Sarah Balla		
May 29 Communion	10:30am	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Dennis Weaver	Dan & Heather Greubel	Dan Greubel			Nancy Planek Doug Schmidt
June 2 Ascension	7:00pm	Pastor Balla	Vicar Gaede	Wayne Matejka	Dan Rakow Richard Rolseth	Sue Matejka	Sarah Balla		

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service <i>Confirmation</i> Voter's Mtg w/Potluck <i>6-9pm AA in FH</i>	2	3 2-4pm CLMMA in FH 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	4	5 6:30pm Joyful Noise Hosanna	6	7 Pastor attending continuing education
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15 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service <i>6-9pm AA in FH</i>	16	17 Tidings Articles Due 2-4pm CLMMA in FH 7:00pm Elder's Mtg. 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	18	19 Pastor attending Circuit Meeting 6:30pm Joyful Noise	20	21 Pastor attending continuing education
22 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service Sunday School Party <i>6-9pm AA in FH</i>	23	24 2-4pm CLMMA in FH	25	26 11:00am WC Terrace	27	28
29 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service <i>6-9pm AA in FH</i>	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31 2-4pm CLMMA in FH	