

Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 1, 2017

“God’s Love – Our Hearts – God’s Work – Our Hands”

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Welcome Guests! We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary and/or fill out the yellow card in the pew rack located in front of you, so that we can know who you are. Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!

Hunger Walk – Join us **TODAY at 1:00 pm** for an opportunity to participate with members of Trinity and other church families in the Sparta Area to raise money for fighting hunger in our local area and overseas. Please pick up a registration form at the information tables in the foyer.

It’s “Soap Time” – Our original goal was 250 bars, and in a feverish moment, I mentioned a 1,000 bars. Where are we at? As for September 27, we have 500 bars! Trinity members can be proud that they meet or exceed goals and expectations when the need arises and they do this on their own initiative because it needs to be done, good job, good heart. We will close out our soap collection on October 8 and I will be, as they say in the movies, “all washed up”. Mr. Clean

Blood Drive – We had another successful blood drive. Thank you to our workers, Rita Bernette, Joanne Benning, Julee Hopkins, and Diane Dammen. Thank you to Morrow Home for the good cookies and thank you for our church and our community donor for the best blood drive ever. We collected 102 pints!! Thank you!

Young at Heart has an immediate opening in our infant room and an infant opening on October 9. There is also an opening for before and after school care for ages 5-9 years. Check them out! They are located at Morrow Home. Please call Mary Ellen at 366-6280 if you have any questions!

My Neighbor is Muslim- *Recent statistic studies show that there are 3.3 million Muslims in the United States, and 1.6 billion Muslims in the world, second only to the number of Christians in the world. And yet, what do we truly know about the Islamic faith?*

Join us for a study called, *“My Neighbor is Muslim: A Small Group Study Exploring the Muslim Faith.”*

This study is an unbiased, objective view of Islam that will help us grow in our understanding of the Muslim faith, while at the same time, help us grow in our understanding of our own Christian faith.

We will meet on **Sunday Evenings at 6:30 in the Shalom Room**. Study materials will be provided.

Those for whom we are praying ...

For the family and friends of Kenneth Smith. Also for Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, and Michelle Clark.

Flowers today were given in Honor of Kevin and Andrea Peterson’s fifth wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

Altar flowers were picked up by Cora Aschwander.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 1, 2017

God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good

You are BeYOUtiful because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call or text at 343-0324; or by e-mail at: thehyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.

JAM & Faith Formation are back in session this Wednesday, October 4. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

SAVE THE DATES!! Sugar Creek Fall Retreats

6 - 8th Grade Retreat, October 6 - 8

7:00 p.m. Friday – 1:00 p.m. Sunday

Do you miss camp? If you’ve been missing camp and can’t wait to come back, these retreats are for you! Come hang out at camp with your favorite camp friends and staff for 3 days of games, hiking, Bible study, worships, campfires, and all your other favorite camp activities.

In March you will get a taste of the summer theme and in October you will study topics related to confirmation. Retreats start at 7:00 PM Friday and end at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost : \$85 (includes 5 meals – Trinity will offer \$40 scholarships)

Consecration Brunch, Sunday, October 22nd

Join us between services in the Fellowship Hall as our Houston Youth Gathering Families host a delicious brunch for you in the Fellowship Hall! The final menu is still being planned, but it promises to be a scrumptious one! We hope to see ALL of our Trinity family there! God is good all the time, & all the time, God is good!

Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat!

Help us scare away hunger in our community!

Our Middle & High Schoolers will be out on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31st, during trick-or-treat hours collecting canned goods & non-perishable food items to support our ecumenical food pantry. Let's all do our part so no one goes hungry!

Fall Craft Fair 2017 - Saturday, November 4th

The annual Fall Craft Fair is fast approaching, and plans are underway for our youth's biggest fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, November 4th, at Sparta High School. EVERYONE is invited to help, and there are numerous ways for YOU to get involved: donate baked goods; donate BBQ; sign up to volunteer for a 2-hour shift; make posters on 11/4; help with clean-up; come up and have lunch to support our youth; & keep our youth in your prayers. If you do plan to donate baked goods, please drop them off here at Trinity by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd, or bring them up to the high school food court the morning of Saturday, November 4th. If you'd like to be a part of this AWESOME day, see the sign-up sheets posted outside of the Youth Room. Please help us continue to be God's hands & feet as we serve others. Money raised helps support our Houston Youth Gathering & Student Discipleship Conference. If you have any questions, please talk to Michelle.

Student Discipleship Conference (grades 6 – 12)

Mark your calendars now for Friday, December 1 – Sunday, December 3, as we venture to Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN, for the annual Student Discipleship Conference. This conference has impacted the lives of teens across the country & is passionate about empowering students to become thinking, growing, authentic followers of Jesus Christ in today's world. It is designed to challenge you as middle & high school students to dig deeper into the Bible & see your world from God's perspective. You will hear teaching you can relate to. You'll have opportunities to reflect & engage—as a group & independently—using your own journals to guide you more fully into the Bible. Picture yourself laughing, learning, & worshiping with hundreds of other students your age. Join us as we worship through comedy and drama with our favorite **Skit Guys**©. Laugh hard & return life-changed. Discover God's Word & know Him better with Heather Flies & Fred Lynch as 2 of the featured speakers. Experience non-stop, God-honoring, powerful worship. Build new friendships & rekindle old ones. We will be traveling by coach bus & stay in a hotel. Final details are still being worked out, but if you want to secure a spot for yourself, get your **\$50.00 DEPOSIT** turned in right away to Michelle. Checks can be made payable to "Trinity Youth." **The deadline is Sunday, October 29th**, so grab a friend & get signed up! Fundraising opportunities (Fall Craft Fair-11/4 & Cookie Decorating Day-11/26) are available to offset the remaining costs of the trip as well as limited scholarships. If you've attended this conference before, we are excited to have you go again! If this is something you have never experienced, we encourage you to join us on this incredible journey! As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle at church at (269-5081), her cell (call or text at 343-0324), or by e-mail at: theyattfive@gmail.com. It's exciting to see how God is at work in & through our lives!

3 – 5th Grade Retreat, October 28-29

1 p.m. Saturday – 1 p.m. Sunday

Come join us here at Sugar Creek for a time of fun and faith exploration. Enjoy time away with your favorite camp friends and Sugar Creek counselors playing games, singing songs, worshipping together, and studying the Bible. The April retreat is a taste of the summer to come and the October retreat is filled with fun, fall activities! Retreats start at 1:00 PM on Saturday and end at 1 p.m. on Sunday. **Cost : \$40 (includes 3 meals – Trinity will offer \$20 scholarships)**

Talk to Michelle if you would like to go to the retreat!

D365 Devotional Reminder (check out d365.org for a daily devotion)