

Trinity Weekly Tidings For August 13, 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!

Baptism – This morning little Maggie Mae Seamans is being baptized. Maggie Mae is the daughter of Brent and Anna Seamans, the little sister to Jeanine, Patryce and Mariah and granddaughter of Linda Von Ruden. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Maggie and her family.

Wednesday Worship – We will **not** be having our Wednesday Worship on **August 16 or 23**. We will meet again on Wednesday, August 30 for our final Wednesday Worship.

Praise and Prayer - Keep Anna Moorhead, Young Adult in Global Mission from our church, in your prayers. She starts a weeklong orientation in Chicago August 15th, then leaves for her year in South Africa on August 23rd. Anna is very near her goal of raising \$5,000! Thank you for your generous support!

Loose Change- Our offering on August 20 will go to these programs within the Sparta School District that provide food for children. The Sparta Area School District **Meadowview Food Pantry** is for families who have children (one or more) enrolled in the Sparta Area School District. The School Food Pantry at Meadowview is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month from 4:00-6:00 pm. Gospel Baptist Church & Second Harvest are the non-profit partners. The Food Pantry is operated with members from the church, School District staff and some student volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Trinity member Cindy Thesing. The pantry has served over 1,700 families and over 7,600 family members since opening October 7, 2015. **"Southside Elementary Nutrition for Children and L.L. (Lawrence Lawson) Cares"** Each Friday, elementary students at Southside and Lawrence Lawson leave school with a backpack filled with food for the week-end. Lawrence Lawson also includes personal hygiene products such as a toothbrush, shampoo, or toilet paper in the backpacks. Teachers and staff identify children who appear to be in need of nourishment and then send home groceries with those students on Friday in a backpack with hopes to curb their hunger through the weekend. Additional food is sent home on long weekends, holiday breaks or other extended times away from school. This program is SOLELY funded by the Lawrence-Lawson and Southside schools staff and families. Each backpack contains 1-2 items from each of the food groups. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the schools. Your generous loose change offering in August will help families in our community.

Thank You So Much – I would like to thank Pastor Mark and everyone who sent cards, called, visited, prayed and showed concern while I was going through radiation and chemotherapy. Thank you to Phil and Diane Dammen for doing the set up and clean up on July 16 for communion. You are all a blessing! Thanks to everyone – Alma Beranek

Get Together – Some activities are better done alone, like brushing your teeth or playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others. Stephen Ministry is one of those get-it-done-together ministries. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide care. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things! Is God calling you to get together with this team? For more information, contact Pastor Mark, Nancy Sikorsky or Jan Jenkins.



Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry Delivery - Next event: **Monday August 21 at 1800 block of Milwaukee Ave.** For anyone still wishing to volunteer or if you are looking for more information, please call the St. Patrick's rectory at 269-2655. Many thanks for your dedication to ending hunger in our community!

Family Camp – Remember that today from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm is our Family Camp! We hope that you can join in the fun!

Baby Care Kits – We are still collecting items for our Baby Care Kits. Right now we are in need of mild soap, gowns and sleepers with no feet (6-24 months). Please make sure that your donations are delivered to by August 20. Baby Care Kits will be assembled on Wednesday, August 23 at 8:30 am in you are interested in helping. For questions please contact Adell Morton.

Favorite Hymn -The Worship and Music Committee is interested in knowing what your favorite hymns are. In the narthex (back of the church) you will find a box and some paper. Please feel free to write down your favorite hymn, along with its hymn number, and place the paper into the box. Worship and Music Committee will collect these and will try to work your hymn choices into worship services throughout the year.

Family Band - Worship and Music Committee would also like to know who has an old instrument hiding in their closet that hasn't been touched on a while. Would you like an opportunity to play it again? The committee would like to try to put together a Family Band. This is in its very beginning stages and participants could help formulate exactly how we practice, play and use the Family Band for worship. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those who are willing to give it a go again! Also welcome are those who are currently playing an instrument! All levels of talent are welcome!

Birthday Celebration - Join us today for this special birthday celebration hosted by Mary Circle immediately following the 9 am Service. We will be celebrating the birthdays of our Trinity members who will be turning or have turned 90 years or older this year. Please join us for this VERY special birthday celebration!

Member in Need – We have a member who is need of someone to come by their home 3 times a day, Monday-Friday for 10 minutes each time while she takes her medication. If you are able to assist please call the church office. Thank you!

Bell Choir - Bell choir rehearsals will begin on **August 30 at 6:00 p.m.** In the Shalom Room. We are in need of a couple new players. If you have ever wanted to try please feel free to show up on August 30 or contact Ann Kvale at 608-633-7643.

Special Guests August 20 - With the Vietnam War ended, Trinity and other area churches sponsored two Laotian families, helping them resettle in Sparta, beginning in 1976. “Since 1976, 50 to 60 Laotians have received help from Sparta church people of various denominations.” Next Sunday, August 20 we have the honor of having the Vu Thao family with us during the Fellowship Coffee time. The Thao family was sponsored by Trinity in 1976. They have since relocated to Minnesota but wanted to come back to Trinity to connect with the members that helped them during this time of transition. We hope that you will be able to join us in welcoming them!

Those for whom we are praying...

*For the Fahning family as Todd's mother Pam passed away this past week. Also for Shirley Vandervort, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Joyce Swiggum, and Michelle Clark.
Altar flowers were picked up by Dennis and Carol Glaman.*

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of August 13, 2017

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

You are BeYOUtiful because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

You are enough! You are loved!

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

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our most recent Mathew's Lunch fundraiser. We really appreciate it! Over \$600 was raised in our efforts to get to the Houston Youth Gathering!☺

Trinity Cares about "Back to School"!

Grab a tag off the clothesline, & fulfill that need by dropping off your donation to the same area by Sunday, August 20. Gift cards & monetary donations are also welcome, & those can be given to Lori in the office. Thank you for giving a "hand up" to help our brothers & sisters in Christ.

SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, August 27

Join us for our End-of-the-Year, Back-to-School Celebration on Sunday, August 27. We will have a cookout following our 9:00 a.m. worship filled with food, fellowship, games, & FUN!! Brats, hot dogs, burgers, & drinks will be provided by JAM. Please bring a dish to pass for the cookout. We hope to see ALL of you there!

Save the dates for Trinity Family Camp – All are Welcome!

TODAY & Sunday, August 20th

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. (meal included)

The theme is "Passport to Peru." Many fun things are being planned, so don't miss out on this faith building opportunity for all with God leading the way!

We will come together with a big celebration cookout on Sunday, August 27th, following our 9:00 worship! Brats, hot dogs, burgers, & drinks will be provided by JAM. Everyone is asked to please bring a dish to pass. Mark your calendars now to make plans to join us!

SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, September 10

Houston Gathering Kick-off Fundraiser

Tailgate Party & Silent Auction (more details to follow)

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Camp Update

It was an **AMAZING** week for our Trinity athletes! Their stories & favorite memories are featured in the August Tidings.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp has been a great place to be throughout the summer! Our campers will share highlights of their experiences in the September Tidings!

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Check out this devotion for today! Control the Conversation

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

You may have heard the phrase, "If you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." This statement gives us insight into the power of our thoughts to determine our direction in life.

The Bible tells us that if we can control the conversation in our head, we can experience a different result. God gives us a simple 3-step process to control the conversation and gain victory:

1. **CAPTURE** – As we start to pay attention to our “self-talk”, it becomes easier to take captive all the negative, pessimistic, untrue, or defeated thoughts so they don’t do any more damage.
2. **CRUSH** – Once we capture them, we need to crush them. The easiest way is to simply say “that’s not true, that’s trash.” Anything that condemns you is simply a lie.
3. **CREATE** – After we’ve captured and crushed negative thoughts, we need to create godly “go-to” affirmations. We do this by using God’s truth about us from His word. Go-to statements like “I’m strong and courageous” or “I’m more than a conqueror in Christ” or even “I turn obstacles into opportunities” help to create a positive and optimistic outlook.

So, let’s control the conversation. Philippians 4:8 gives us a great place to start!