

Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 8, 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!

Raffle Tickets - Faith in Action is once again selling raffle tickets for a chance to win two tickets to a Packer game. Included with the tickets is: a 2 night stay at the Tundra Lodge with water park passes, Packer player autograph party, Hall of Fame admission, and game day tailgate party (all you can eat/drink), worth over \$1600, 2nd prize/\$200 cash. 3rd prize/\$50 cash. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and only 350 have been printed. The tickets being raffled are for the December 23 game against the Vikings. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please see Michael Bonello, Bill McClain, or Ann Kvale who are all on the Faith in Action Board. Support Faith in Action - a local volunteer organization dedicated to helping the elderly of Monroe County remain independent.

"Soap Time" Final Chapter – As of October 5 we have collected 563 bars of soap, weighing well over 100 pounds! The church can accept soap until October 10 when it will be boxed for shipment; any last minute donations will be appreciated.

To give something (soap) to someone you don't know and will never see speaks well of your kindness and consideration for the needs of others. Thank you, Mr. Clean

The Hidden History of Racial Disparities in La Crosse and Wisconsin – On Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 am – Noon at English Lutheran, Reggie Jackson will present a fascinating look at the national, state and local policies and customs that have led to current conditions. How did Wisconsin go from being the leading state in protecting fugitive slaves pre-Civil War to being one of the most hazardous places in which to raise a black child today? This event is open to the public.

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!

Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry - Delivery will be on **Monday, October 16** at 1800 block of Milwaukee Avenue. 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!

Fellowship at the fireplace - will be back at Jakes north woods on **October 19 at 5:30 pm**. We hope you can join us! Everyone is welcome!

Loose Change Offering, October 15 - Brighter Tomorrows is a Monroe County crisis intervention center with offices in Tomah and Sparta. "We are in the business of providing hope for a Brighter Tomorrow for women and men facing domestic violence and sexual assault. The organization relies solely on grants and contributions to provide advocacy, support, and safe housing. Helpful donations also include toiletries, cleaning supplies, art and school supplies, and gift cards for gas, food, clothing, or other needed items. Please remember to bring your change on Sunday, October 15 for our Loose Change offering. *Domestic violence crisis hotlines: Brighter Tomorrows: 608-269-7853 or 608-374-6975~ Monroe County Crisis Line: (888) 886-2327 ~ National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)*

Altar Team - Attention Altar Team and ANYONE ELSE who would like to help! Altar Team will be cleaning the chancel area on **Monday, October 23 at 6:00 pm**. We will also be tasting some samples of communion bread that we would like to use on special Sundays. Hope to see you there.



Mary Circle - October 16 at 6:30 pm in the Shalom Room

Shalom Circle - October 12 at 1:30 pm - MaryCrest Activity Room

Joy Circle - October 12 at 9:00 am - Shalom Room

Those for whom we are praying ...

for Eleanor Mull, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Matke, and Michelle Clark.

Altar flowers were picked up by Cora Aschwander.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 8, 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: theyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.

Wednesday Update: JAM & Communion Class meet from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. starting with a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Faith Formation meets from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

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! The menu will include egg bakes; pancakes; sausages; fruit; coffee; juice; & milk. 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 BBO; 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, worshiping 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)