

## **Trinity Weekly Tidings For September 10, 2017**

***"God's Love – Our Hearts – God's Work – Our Hands"***

**Trinity Lutheran Church – 612 N. Water Street – Sparta, WI 54656**

**Church Website: [tlcsparta.org](http://tlcsparta.org) Phone: 608-269-5081 Office Email: [office@tlcsparta.org](mailto:office@tlcsparta.org)**

**Pastor Mark Kvale / Email: [pastorkvale@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkvale@gmail.com)**

**Youth and Family - Michelle Hyatt / Cell & Text 608-343-0324 / Email: [thehyattfive@gmail.com](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com)**

*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!*

**Logo Contest** - The Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) are in need of your help. We need a logo to represent us in advertising our craft fair, on correspondence, etc. Get your creative juices flowing and submit a design. Please incorporate the initials TLCW in the design. One gifted person will receive a \$25 gift card of their choice! All entries must be received by SEPTEMBER 29. Please submit them to either [pconrth@yahoo.com](mailto:pconrth@yahoo.com) or [morton49@charter.net](mailto:morton49@charter.net).

**Altar Team** – The Altar Team will be meeting between services TODAY in the Shalom Room. All those who serve on the team and those who are interested in what we do are encouraged to attend.

**Looking For Crafters** - If anyone is interested in getting together to make craft items for the Fall Festival, please contact Linda Winterton at 269-7214.

**Fellowship** - Fellowship at the Fireplace will be hosted by Jan and Al Jenkins on Monday, September 18 at 5:30 pm. Baked meatballs will be served along with dessert. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish if they are able. Please RSVP directly to Jan via phone at 269-6875. The Jenkin's address is 10773 Gage Ave.

**Sunday School** -YAY! Sunday School starts today! We are asking that children meet in the sanctuary before Sunday School begins. Thank you to all of the teachers and directors who have put a lot of time and energy into our Sunday School program. May God bless the students and teachers alike!

**S.O.S. Soap On Sunday – Trinity's Mission Soap Project** - We are asking members to bring bars of **new**, 4-5 oz. **wrapped soap every Sunday** to help families in need.

Monetary donations for shipping are being accepted. Cost to handle and ship a box of soap -\$13.00 for about 18#. Checks made out to Trinity/Write SOAP on memo line. Thank you for helping those less fortunate!

**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 was produced by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. It was written primarily by Todd Green, professor of religion, at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Topics include: "What are the Five Pillars of Islam?", "What does the Qur'an Say about Jesus?", "What does the Qur'an Say about Jews and Christians?", "What is the Islamic Understanding of Charity?", "What does Islam teach about Violence?", "What is Islamic Finance?", "What is an Islamic State?"

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, beginning on September 17 – November 5 at 6:30 in the Shalom Room.** Study materials will be provided.

**Hunger Walk** – Join us **Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 pm** for our Sparta Area Hunger Walk. This is an opportunity for you to participate with your church family and other church families in Sparta area to raise money for fighting hunger in our local area and overseas.

As last year, 25% the money raised goes to the Food Pantry. It is our hope that each church designate a world hunger mission where their other 75% should go.

Hunger Walk packets are available on the Information Tables in the entryway or in the church office.

**Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry Delivery** -Next event: **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** 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!

*Those for whom we are praying ... for the family and friends of Harley Jenkins.*

*Also for Kenneth Smith, Lois Harr, Joyce Swiggum, Deb O'Rourke, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug.*

*The flowers today were purchased by Sharon Amundson.*

*Altar flowers were picked up by Cora Aschwander.*

## **Youth & Family Announcements for the week of September 10, 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: [thehyattfive@gmail.com](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Join us TODAY!!**

**Houston Gathering Kick-off Fundraiser!**

Tailgate Party with brats, hot dogs, & all the fixings plus a Silent Auction with awesome, themed baskets! It will be held outside following 10:30 worship  
We hope to see ALL of you there!!☺

JAM (4 years – grade 5) meets this Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us in this special time of sharing in a meal; digging into God's Word; & worshipping together. See you there!

Faith Formation (grades 7 – 9) continues this Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See you then!

High School Youth Group (grades 10 – 12) is going to kick off this Wednesday, from 7:00 – 8:30 in the Youth Room. It's a time of getting to know each other; have snacks; & dig into God's Word. Feel free to bring a friend! Hope to see you there!

**D365 Devotional Reminder** (check out [d365.org](http://d365.org) for a daily devotion)

*"There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." –1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

*When we pack our backpacks, we're trying to be self-sufficient. We each need pencils, paper, books, maybe a protractor, goggles for chemistry lab, and that tuba mouthpiece for ban class. Although we try to be ready for every situation, we can't pack everything we could ever possibly need in our backpack. Sometimes we forget something important! Luckily, there are some items that we can share. Your classmate can loan you a pen. You probably won't need that entire bottle of liquid paper.*

*The same is true with spiritual gifts. God has filled each of our "backpacks" with gifts. We might be tempted to see which gifts we have and then try to pack our bags with all those other gifts, too. We want them all, for every situation.*

*In the spiritual life, we're not supposed to be completely self-sufficient. If one person held all spiritual gifts, what use would he or she have for community? In our incompleteness we need one another, and God is gracious to bless our communities with what we need. –Ben Brown*

*God who created me, thank you for the things that I can't do alone. In the moments of being incomplete or needing help, I'm reminded of the need for community. Help me to offer my gift to help someone else today. Amen.*

*Perhaps nothing helps us make the movement from our little selves to a larger world than remembering God in gratitude. Such a perspective puts God in view in all of life, not just in the moments we set aside for worship or spiritual disciplines. Not just in the moments when life seems easy.*

*Go today in gratitude. Go today with God.*