

Trinity Weekly Tidings For September 3, 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!

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 or morton49@charter.net.

Altar Team – The Altar Team will be meeting between services next Sunday, **September 10th** in the Shalom Room. All those who serve on the team and those who are interested in what we do are encouraged to attend.

Loose Change – As a church we collected \$172.61 for programs within the Sparta School District that provide food for children.

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.

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.

Chancel Ringers schedule - Wednesday, September 6 first rehearsal 6:00 pm in the Shalom Room. Any new members interested in joining us are welcome!! Questions, contact Ann Kvale at 633-7643.

Family Camp – Thank you to all of the individuals who helped make Family Camp possible! We know that it took a lot of work to ‘pull it off’ and we appreciate you!

Office Closed – Our church office will be closed on September 4 in observation of Labor Day. We will open again on **Tuesday, September 5**.

JAM (Jesus and Me for 4 years old – grade 5) – On **September 6** JAM will kick off with a picnic in the courtyard for you & your family. It will be from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. There will be more details to follow, but please save the date so you can join us!

Faith Formation (grades 7 – 9) - On **September 6** Faith Formation will start at 7:00 p.m. with orientation & a look at what our year will be together. This time is for our students & parents (or another caring adult). There will be more details to follow, but please save the date so you can join us!

Those for whom we are praying ... for the family and friends of Corinne Wold who passed away (Karen Wall’s Mother) and for Pastor Amanda Schultz (pastor in Cashton) and her son Carter as her husband and Carter’s father, Steve passed away this week. Also for Dan Mikkelson (brother of Edie Habegger) Lois Harr, Bert Anderson, Joyce Swiggum, Deb O’Rouke, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug. The flowers today were given in honor of Larry and Lana Zwiefel’s 45th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary! Altar flowers were picked up by Cora Aschwander.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of September 3, 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 for additional information.

JAM (4 years – grade 5) kicks off this Wednesday, September 6, from 5:30 – 7:00, with a family potluck. There will be fellowship, games, & a walk through of our year together. Please bring your favorite main dish. Dessert & drinks will be provided. Hope to see all of you there!

Faith Formation (grades 7 – 9) kicks off this Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your parent, guardian, or another caring adult with you. We look forward to walking alongside you on your faith journey!

Join us next Sunday, September 10!!

Houston Gathering Kick-off Fundraiser!

Tailgate Party (brats, hot dogs, & all the fixings plus a

Silent Auction with awesome, themed baskets!

(talk to Michelle if you would like to donate towards a basket)

It will be held outside following 10:30 worship (weather permitting)

We hope to see ALL of you there!! ☺

d365.org (check it out for a daily devotional)

I close my eyes and breathe, inviting peace. I open my heart and breathe, inviting love. My soul rejoices, knowing God is with me.

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. –Romans 12:9-15

Most of us have people in our lives who challenge us and know exactly which buttons to push to frustrate and confuse us. They are the ones who remind us of our own imperfection, because that's what they notice and bring out in us. When I am around people I love, it's easy to bless others and not curse them. But for those people who know my weaknesses, it is much harder. I have found that when I take the time to prepare myself for encountering those challenging people, I can appreciate them differently and engage with them in a healthier way. If I enter with suspicion, that's what I'll find; so why not enter with love and happiness? Think of God's love for you as the invisible force field that will deflect any slings and arrows, and ask not what the other person will do to you, but what you will do for them.

How will God's love for you sustain you as you encounter difficult people in your life? Heidi J. Kim Good and Gracious God, give me strength to remember that I will see what I expect to see. Open my eyes and heart to the good in others who challenge me. Help me to love them as you have loved me. Amen

Let peace remind me to enter with love. Let love remind me to make space for God. May God's grace help me to see and be seen!