

Trinity Weekly Tidings For August 14, 2016

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

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Trinity Cares about Back to School



It's that time of year to be thinking about how blessed we are with a school district that offers the best education for our kids. Now it's our turn to do our part to give our brothers & sisters in Christ the BEST start to a new school year! Grab a t-shirt off the clothesline & fulfill that need by dropping off your donation in the labeled bins found outside of the narthex by **Sunday, August 21**. Please check the Sparta school lists at any of the area stores and pick up paper, pencils, rulers, tissues, folder, scissors and more. **Every** little bit is important to some child. Gift cards & monetary donations are also welcome, and our Trinity youth will do the shopping for the supplies. As Jesus tells us that whatever we did for the least of these we did for Him. Let His kingdom come to earth through us in the way we reach out with His love to those in need.

Sunday School

Please don't forget to register your child/children for Sunday School! **Sunday School begins on September 11**. Please fill out registration form and then drop it off in the church office! Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers/Helpers

There will be a teacher and helper meeting on Monday, August 15 at 6:30 pm in the Shalom Room

Mark Your Calendar...Feeding the Hungry

The first Sparta Hunger Walk will take place on **October 9**. This replaces the annual Crop Walk. The Sparta Ministerial Association has invited all Sparta congregations to join us in this walk. Please mark your calendars and plan to walk or support those who do.

Sunday, September 18

Calling all past and present bell ringers...we are having a special performance on **September 18** to honor Joan Cook. Please contact Becky Anderson to participate or if you have questions, 608-487-3556.

Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry

The Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry is delivering food on Monday, August 15th 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!

Blood Drive

Good Blood Drive! Thank you to our wonderful donors and volunteers! A special thank you goes out to Rita Bernette, Ardel Muehlenkamp, MaryAnn Bolstad and Diane Dammen! Thank you for your continued support!

S.O.S. Soap On Sunday

TRINITY MISSION PROJECT in SEPTEMBER

We are asking members to bring bars of new, 4-5 oz. wrapped soap every Sunday to help families in need. Thank You for remembering others!

Soap-4 to 5 oz. bars of any brand soap, in its original wrapping. \$Donations Cost to handle and ship a box of soap -\$13.00 for about 18#. Checks made out to Trinity/Write SOAP on memo line.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROGRAM

People in many parts of the world cannot buy soap because it is unavailable or too costly. Soap helps to maintain cleanliness to help reduce disease and infection.

HISTORY: In the 1950's Rev. Ove Nielsen, an LWR staffer saw a newspaper article from a Wisconsin town entitled, *"Lutherans in a Lather"* stating how they were collecting soap to send around the world. With the help of LWR Lutherans across America mobilized to gather and ship soap to places in need.

DEMAND: Soap used overseas includes schools, hospitals, clinics, households, and refugee camps. They NO LONGER accept USED or HOMEMADE soap as it is inappropriate for surgical scrub and other medical uses. **The health officials ask that all soap be new and wrapped.**

- *Let us all continue to be "Lutherans in Lather" and reach out to others with the warm and willing hands of Christ...and with fresh bars of soap.*

Those for whom we are praying...

*Ida Helgeson, Roger Thorsen,
Ormy Mack (Uncle to Andy and Michelle Hyatt),
and Joanne Dexter.*